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Park Players

The Park Players of **Plymouth-Canton Educational** Park present the musical, "Guys and Dolls," Thursday through Sunday, April 10-13, at the Salem High School Logan Auditorium

"Guys and Dolls" revolves around gambler Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York. Nathan bets fellow gambler Sky Masterson that he (Sky) can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him. Enter Miss Sarah Brown, a pure-at-heart Salvation Army type reformer, and the stage is set for a series of hilarious complications as Sky tries to win her over.

Shows for Thursday-Saturday start at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale March 17. All tickets are \$8 (cash or check; no credit cards). There are three ways to buy: 1) in person in the upper auditorium 2:30-5:30, Monday-Friday; 2) reserve tickets by phoning (734) 416-7723; and 3) one hour before show time at the auditorium. For information, call director Kristen Quesada, (734) 416-7723.

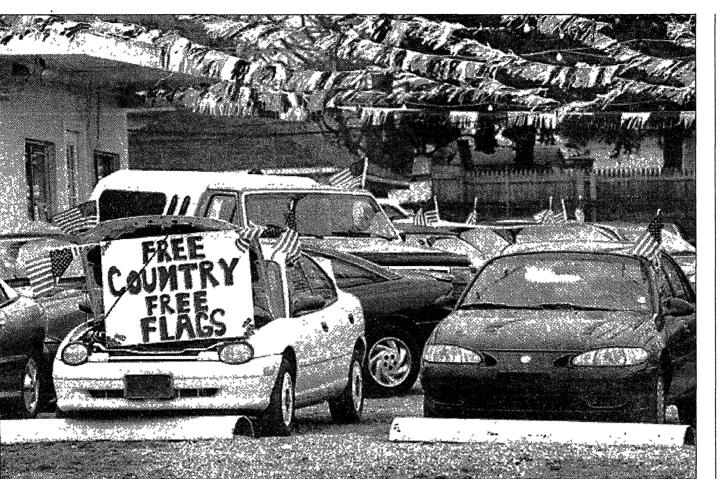
Composting

Seasonal compost collection starts March 31 in Plymouth.

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A makeshift sign reading, "Free Country, Free Flags," offers passersby a little token of patriotism at Tyme Auto Sales on Plymouth Road in Plymouth

Support is strong for war

Local veterans, residents think the time has come

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When President George Bush went on national television Monday night and warned Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein that the Americans were coming, he drew a largely favorable response from the people in Plymouth.

And when he accused the United Nations Security Council of "not living praise from local veterans. "I think the U.N. is a joke," said Navy

veteran Dave Cade of Plymouth Township, who served as a mechanic from 1974-1978. "We pump a lot of money into the U.N., and we get nothing out of it. This is long overdue. It's been going on for 12 years, and it's time to be done with it."

President Bush gave Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq, warning him military con- Diane Kummer of Plymouth Township, right, and



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Students learn kitchen isn't such a

scary place. Observer Life, C5

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City eyes tighter hold on liquor licenses

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Restaurant and bar owners who own liquor licenses will need to be more accountable if they plan to do business in Plymouth.

City commissioners are expected to approve a liquor management ordinance, which establishes a policy for the issuance and transfer of liquor licenses and permits, at their April 7 meeting. Commissioners unanimously approved the first reading of the new ordinance Monday night.

"This ordinance ... sends a message that if you want to open a bar in the community of Plymouth, the community has a stake in what kind of establishment you run, and how well you run it," said Dan Dwyer, one of three city commissioners on a subcommittee that studied the issuance of liquor licenses in Plymouth. "We're not only going to look at it on the day you bring the liquor license into our town, we're going to review it annually." Mayor Bill Graham appointed a

three-member committee - commissioners Dwyer, Ron Loiselle and Phil Pursell – last October to determine whether the city should limit the number of liquor licenses. It was a response to the increasing number eating and drinking establishments locating in Plymouth, mostly downtown.

The ordinance allows the city administration to take into account such factors as health department reports and on-time payments of city taxes and water bills, as well as ordinance and law enforcement violations, as determining factors for an owner to

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up to its responsibilities" and vowed the U.S. "will rise to ours," it drew particular

her 16-year-old daughter, Kristin, support PLEASE SEE WAR, A10 President Bush's decision to go to war with Iraq. keep a viable liquor license.

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start of collecting composting material," said Scott Cabauatan, the city's **Neighborhood Services** Coordinator. "Residents must place all compostable materials into a yard waste bag or a can labeled 'yard waste.' Every year, we have people rake old leaves and yard waste into the street for collection.

That type of bulk collection is "only available in the fall," Cabauatan said.

Cans must be 32 gallons or less in capacity and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Compost collection will occur weekly along with solid waste and recycling collections. Yellow tags are not required, and it does not cost extra.

Residents should separate their trash, recycling and composting materials by a small space between each of the different collected materials. Cabauatan said the city is "still chipping brush like we do all year long." Brush cannot exceed four inches in diameter and must be stacked in the same direction at the curb. Questions can be directed to Cabauatan via email at scabauatan@ ci.plymouth.mi. us or by phone at (734) 453-7737, Ext. 108.

Former Canton student earns presidential teaching honor

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Former Plymouth resident Heidi (Brandt) Capraro gets a special joy out of teaching her sixth graders at Hillside Middle School in Northville, mainly because being a kid at heart allows her to be as mesmerized as her students in the classroom.

"I love working with kids, and I understand how a sixth grader learns, how to keep them interested," said Capraro. "You have to put yourself in the place of a 12-year-old,

and I'm one at heart ... I feel 12 most of the time."

Then, with a chuckle, Capraro, 36, said, "I think I have maturity issues.'

Capraro's love for teaching has been noticed. She and her family are in Washington, D.C., this week, where Capraro will receive the Presidential Award for **Excellence in Mathematics and Science** Teaching on Friday.

Capraro, a 1984 graduate of Canton High

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

In response to state budget cuts that have forced Plymouth-Canton Schools to do some belt-tightening, district administrators have decided to take the gloves off and become more aggressive in attracting new students. The result: Making certain the district receives the \$7,025 state foundation grant that follows each student and increasing rev-

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"We can't assume that just because we're a public school, and we're the biggest supplier, that people will automatically choose us," said Sharon Hill, Plymouth-Canton's director of elementary education. "We have to let people know ... we have an excellent program and an excellent teaching staff."

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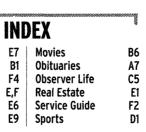
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Back in time Plymouth Community Arts Council Board treasurer Chuck Avis and advisory board member Jo Hulce whooped it up with vintage polyester and accessories straight from that most embarrassing of fashion decades, the '70s, for the annual PCAC dinner/auction held Friday at St. John's Convention Center. For more, please turn to page A3.



LOOKING AHEAD Spring into parties

In Sunday's Taste section: Read about springtime parties and what foods to serve your guests, whether it's a brunch or a simple gathering.





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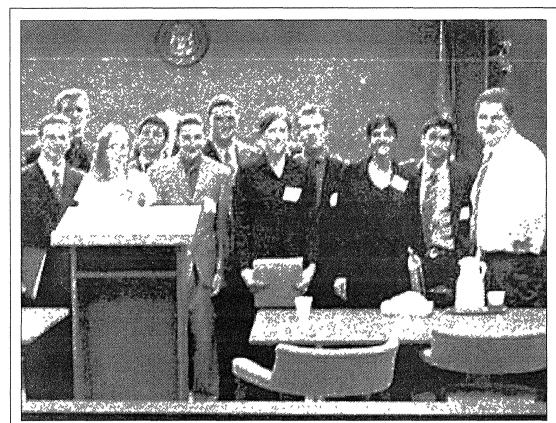
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Teacher Tim Nadon had his Plymouth-Canton students ready for trial during the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament.

P-C students earn courtroom honors at state mock trial tourney

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton high school students received an award for finishing in the top 10 at the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament held earlier this month at the Oakland County courthouse in Pontiac.

"Students were required to follow all court rules and regulations," said coach and Plymouth High School teacher Tim Nadon. "Some attorneys told me it was a case that would have been a challenge for them to try."

Each team was given a case last October, and students spent more than 100 hours preparing arguments on both sides for the contest.

The scenario involved a school district that wanted to expel a student for attacking another with a nail file. The child to be expelled was a special education student, whose parents claimed the incident was a manifestation of the child's disorder, and therefore the child couldn't be expelled. The school district argued otherwise

"This tournament was special because it allowed students to see first-hand the skills needed to become a successful trial attorney," said Nadon, "such as discipline, logic, reasoning, speaking and debate."

Nadon said 25 teams competed in the regional competition for a chance to move on to the state finals.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students earned honorable mention during the Michigan High School Mock Trial tournament.

AROUND TOWN

ed at North Territorial and Ridge. For more information, call the church, (734) 414-7777, Ext. 225.

"Measure for Measure," concludes the musical season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 celebrating the installation of the Father MacKinnon Memorial Organ at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township.

Dr. Leonard Riccinto, conductor, has assembled a 60voice male ensemble, that will entertain the audience with a wide variety of selections, some featuring organ accompaniment.

Features will be O Sing unto the Lord by Normal Dello Joio. The grand finale will be a patriotic medley of songs. OLGC's own choir and organ will join the group for the hymn, Mine Eves Have Seen the Glory of the coming of the Lord.

Measure for Measure appears

The city of Plymouth Beautification Committee, building department and Department of Municipal Services sponsor the city's annual Home Improvement Expo from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The expo features area businesses sharing their expertise and provides residents the opportunity for information and advice on such home improvement topics as how to apply for a building permit; electrical and plumbing repairs; kitchen and bath remodeling; fireplaces, heating and air conditioning systems; decks and landscape design; and wallpaper, paint and decorating ideas.

Workshops will be held throughout the day and will include faux finishing techniques, landscape design, drywall repair, architect selection, wood flooring and circuit breakers and electrical problems. For more information, call (734) 453-1234.

SPRING CLASSES

The City of Plymouth is accepting registration for its Spring 2003 recreation classes. Youth programs include Jump-A-Rama, gymnastics, dance, tae kwon do and ceramics. Adult and senior programs include gardening, creative writing, hammer dulcimer and fitness programs.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

ACTIVITY NIGHT

Plymouth and Canton police teams are joining forces to host an annual activity night for Plymouth-Canton students.

Plymouth's DARE team and the Čanton Police Teaching, Educating and Mentoring program members are sponsoring the activity night from 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at Skatin' Station II in Canton.

DARE/TEAM is an educational course conducted in the classroom by police officers to all fifth-grade students in the district. The program equips the students with the necessary life skills to resist peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

All students are eligible to participate in the activity night. Since the activity night is the program's major fund-raiser. DARE/TEAM officials are asking students to collect \$30 in pledges, to be presented at the door.

Prizes will be awarded based on pledge amounts raised. All proceeds remain in the DARE/TEAM program.

Complimentary pizza and pop will be provided. Questions should be directed to the DARE/TEAM office, (734) 354-3213 or (734) 394-5433.

COACHES NEEDED

Plymouth High School is looking for candidates to fill coaching positions with its pom pon and cheerleading teams. Interested candidates should submit resumes to athletic director Terry Sawchuck, 8400 N. Beck Rd., Canton, MI 48187. For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

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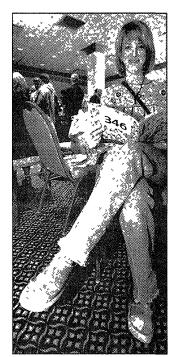


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Morning programs hours: 7 a.m. until afternoon kindergarten start time. Afternoon program hours: Morning kindergarten dismissal until 6 p.m. Locations at designated sites throughout the district. Children are transported by Plymouth-Canton Community School buses. For information regarding fees and locations, please call: Extended Day Program at (734) 416-6194



Nancy Conzelman of Plymouth donned some flower power pants and some wild socks for the '70s theme.



Michelle Kelly of Northville, left, talks with Paul and Traci Sincock of Plymouth during the PCAC's annual auction Friday.

Annual auction raises money to help ease state cuts to arts council funding

BY SUE ROSIEK STAFF WRITER

More than 350 guests showed their passion for the arts Friday raising \$40,000 to support the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Sports and vacation packages seemed to draw out the passion and the wallets of auctiongoers. A weeklong getaway to Puerto Vallarta, a vacation home in South Haven and a University of Michigan football game and tailgate party for 10 netted the arts group nearly \$4,500. They were just three of some 22 items featured in the live auction by Joe Carli of J.C. Auction Services.

Businesses and individuals throughout the area contributed live and silent auction items for guests to bid on. The successful bidders left the auction with art, jewelry, vacation packages, furniture, sports memorabilia and gift certificates for food and services.

Stella Greene, PCAC interim executive director, told auctiongoers that these are tough financial times for the arts with deep cuts expected from Lansing. "But PCAC has always

"But PCAC has always viewed challenges as an opportunity to find a better way to reach you in new and innovative ways. PCAC is Music in the Park, the art volunteer program in every school, Members First concerts and countless exhibits.

"No matter how tough the times, PCAC is right here in your community committed to making sure everyone has the opportunity to explore and embrace the arts and the artist within him or her," said Greene, who also serves as the group's director of development.

Plymouth Canton Community School principals Jerry Ostoin (Salem High School) and George Belvitch (Tonda Elementary) helped to raise nearly \$700 for PCAC with their rendition of the Blues Brothers. Guests were asked to raise their bid numbers and pledge \$25 each to help ease the cuts recently made by the state.

Friday's event, "Passions of Past: A 70s Bash" at St. John's Conference Center, was the 12th-annual dinner and auction held to support the Plymouth-based arts group. Co-chairs of the event were Diane Harrison and Sandy Stephan. Committee members included Susan Motley, Emily Sherman, Therese Gall, Pat Oldford, Leslie Greeneisen, Nancy Hillegonds, Sandy Wright, Joyce Costanza, Nancy Pilon,

Jennifer Tobin and Kathy Ny. **Plymouth Community Arts** Council, 774 N. Sheldon, is a 501c3 organization. Memberships are available at \$30, student; \$50, individual; \$80, family; \$100, business; \$150 contributing; \$500, patron; \$1,000 sponsor and includes one month free art rental for new members, class, workshop and performance discounts and advance notice of exhibit openings. For more on the group visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278. srosiek@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2100

Novel is quirky May-December romance

She dug at the dirt beneath her, mounding more of it up under her head. In the year and half she had been alone, she had yearned for this property, but she hadn't considered what she'd do with it if it were really hers. She supposed she'd want bees to make honey, and Jonathan apple trees, and even more blackcap raspberries. She'd grow tall grass near the river for lightning bugs.

Rachel Crane's thoughts, from *Q* C *Road*, by Bonnie Jo Campbell

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Michigan writer Bonnie Jo Campbell doesn't stray far geographically in her first novel, *Q Road*.

The action all takes place on a short stretch of road in rural Greenland Township (fictional) along the Kalamazoo River (real) during autumn.

Campbell lives near Kalamazoo. Her ferocious heroine, Rachel Crane, marries a much older man "because I want his damn land" near the river.

Campbell will be this year's speaker at the Friends of the Library Luncheon noon Thursday April 10, at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township. Her appearance is being sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, and by the Friends volunteers from the Canton, Plymouth, Novi and Northville libraries.

"Teenagers are really important in American literature," Campbell said about her lead character, Rachel, who is 15 and marries George, a farmer who owns nearly 900 acres of prime Michigan ground.

"Teenagers are less predictable, a little more dangerous ... especially a teenage girl with a gun," she said. Rachel packs a long rifle for much of the story.

The third main character is 12-year-old David, who

admires the older man and wants to grow up to be a farmer like he is. "The most important

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George, David) had created a family where other families had been unsuccessful," Campbell said.

Two central events - a killing and a fire – move the story along. Added in are a few eccentric characters like a window and siding salesman who is a nonstop Lothario, and his wife whose thoughts alternate between a new bedroom and killing her hubby. At one point she wonders "... which of the six knives in the knife holder above the sink would most easily slice the fabric of his (her husband's) sports shirt and the connective tissue between two of his ribs before penetrating his heart ..."

Campbell adds in David's could-care-less mom, an agoraphobe who likes the tabloids, a Bible-toting bar owner, and the local cop.

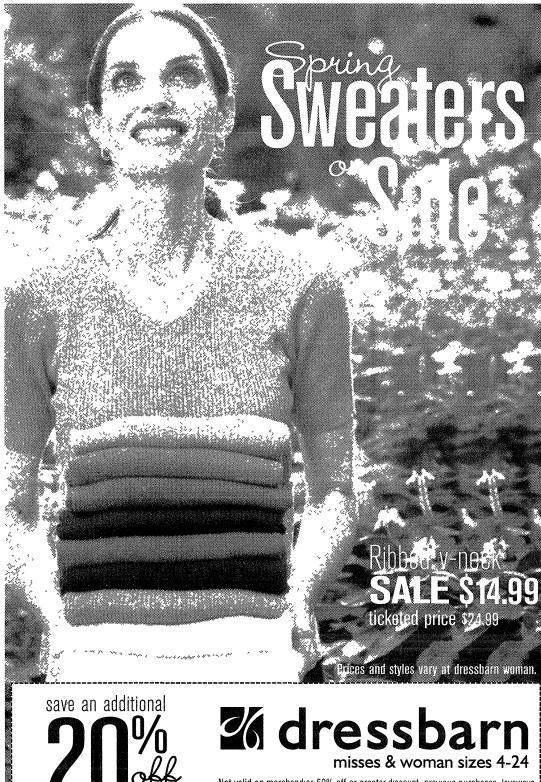
Author Campbell likes the humorous idea of a "bar for Jesus," and even takes a swipe at romance novel writers and urban sprawl along the way.

"Rachel is made up completely, but a local farmer was partly inspiration for George. For Rachel, I asked myself what would it be like for a half-American Indian girl to rise up out of the soil."

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Tickets are \$25 and are available at all four libraries or can be ordered by mail by writing the libraries. If you wish to sit together, the tickets should be ordered together. Seating will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch promptly at noon. Contact the library in your community for tickets. Cash bar will be available. Web site: bonniejocampbell.com. djohnson@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700





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Banks often unload these repos to car dealers at rock bottom prices allowing dealers to resell them for retail value. But bargain seekers can take heart: This week **Auto Liquidators of North America** has selected **North Brother's Ford Used Cars** in Westland, Michigan to be the official liquidation site for 228 of these incredible bargains.

This Thursday & Friday March 20-21, North Brother's Ford Used Cars of Westland, Michigan will have 228 bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and will pass those savings on to their customers.

"These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," **Brian Leon, Used Car Sales Manager of North Brother's Ford** said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other preowned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments. "It's just that simple," said Leon. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range will be available, from luxury, to 4x4's, to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Leon said. Auto Liquidators of North America has flown in extra financial staff from three states to assure North Brother's Ford Used Car's customers prompt, courteous service and the best financial terms possible. Leon said, "we will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

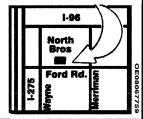
All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2000 guaranteed value and customers are encouraged to bring their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

"The opportunity bargain hunters have been waiting for is here. **Thursday & Friday in Westland.** Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Leon said.

After the mega-sale ends at 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 21st, North Brother's Ford will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to 1-734-524-1263. North Brother's Ford Used Cars is located at 33300 Ford Rd., between Wayne Rd. & Venoy in Westland, Michigan. The hours of this sale will be Thursday 9 am-9 pm, & Friday 9 am-6 pm. "We hope to see everyone there and ready to drive away with the deal of a lifetime," said Leon.

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Historical perspective

The Plymouth Historical Society's meeting on Thursday, titled "Don't Spit on the Sidewalk," featured guest speaker John Thomas. Thomas was a teacher in Plymouth for years. In his presentation, he talked about how good intentions often become bad or unfair laws, and cautioned that good citizens do not take a "bandwagon approach" to legislation.



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WSDP airs music appreciation show

WSDP, 88.1FM, will air *Musical Kaleidoscope* on Tuesday, March 25 at 5:45 p.m.

The show is produced in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Discovery Middle School.

Musical Kaleidoscope is a 20 minute show that uses recordings from classical to contemporary to broaden students' musical appreciation. It also subtly promotes social studies and language arts skills in a "Top 40" radio format.

The theme of the show is sports and Discovery Middle School students Ryan Harrison, Nick Feria, and Christina Lozier will host it. The show will feature music from Chris Thile, Queen, Dr. John, the Beach Boys, and John Fogerty. Three student announcers

from Discovery Middle School

are selected for a two-month commitment. They work with the production team from 88.1 FM to write and record the show. The station's team includes Bill Keith, station manager and Ryan Alloway, Salem sophomore.

The show is based on a program produced in Georgia called *Music In The Morning*.

Joann Hulce from the Arts Council, found the program and approached WSDP to help develop a local version. "It's a great way for students to become more familiar with the radio station," said Keith. "I also enjoy the wide variety of music and I get excited when students are exposed to all kinds of new music."

Radio 88.1 FM is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from March 12-18.

■ Tuesday, March 18 — Residential rescue runs on Northville, Maple, Lakeland Court, and Newport; rescue run on Greenview Place.

run on Greenview Place. ■ Monday, March 17 — Residential rescue run on N. Holbrook; commercial rescue runs on Beck and Penniman.

■ Sunday, March 16 — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Northville, and Green Valley Court; and public building/school rescue run on N. Territorial.

■ Saturday, March 15 — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan and N. Evergreen; commercial rescue run on Eastside Drive; and carbon monoxide detector rescue run on Finch.

■ Friday, March 14 — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Garling; public building/school rescue runs on Ann Arbor Rd.; and a vehicle accident rescue run at Plymouth and Eckles.

■ Thursday, March 13 — Residential rescue runs on S. Sheldon, Northville, Margurite, and Medford Ct.; commercial rescue run on General and Ann Arbor Rd.; and industrial rescue run on Port.

■ Wednesday, March 12 — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, Drury Lane, Butternut, Newporte, Mayflower Ct., and Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Rd.; industrial rescue run on Keel, Plymouth Oaks, and two on Sheldon.



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School, met with First Lady Barbara Bush at the White House, and will accept a \$7,500 award to put toward her classroom.

"I love kids, and science is fun," said Capraro. "Geology is my number one passion. I've always liked studying rocks."

Capraro, who also won the Michigan competition, said it doesn't matter what subject you teach, it's really all in the presentation.

"Students get it if the teacher loves what they're teaching and is having fun," she said. "It's

making the subject matter appropriate at that level." Capraro knows first-hand how a teacher can be a special influence in the life of a student. She credits a Plymouth-Canton music teacher for her enthusiasm and dedication as

a teacher. Diane Brady taught Capraro at East.

"She did more for my self esteem and love of teaching," said Capraro. "She was such an influential person in my life, and is what a teacher should be.'

Brady, who has taught in Plymouth-Canton Schools for 26 years (currently at Hulsing and Dodson), remembers

Capraro well.

"Heidi was a very positive, happy and responsible student, the type of person you could count on getting things done," said Brady. "I knew music did a lot for her self esteem and helped build her confidence. Singing made her very happy."

Brady said having an impact on students and their futures is always rewarding for a teacher.

"It's a very rewarding feeling to know that what you do on a daily basis makes a difference,' she said. "It invigorates you ... gives you new energy."

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft, who will be at Friday's award ceremony in Washington, said he's not

totally surprised Capraro is a national award-winning educator.

"She's an outstanding teacher, a real star," said Cracraft. "She's committed to kids, very creative, and represents the true spirit of what middle school is all about."

As for girls and science, Capraro said it's "myth and baloney" that girls can't learn as well as boys. "That's why I try to make science upbeat and fashionable," said Capraro. "I really try to watch the girls, because I don't want to lose them. They are just as bright."

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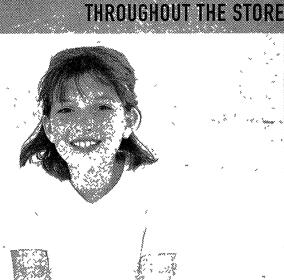
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Dwyer said the ordinance was written with feedback from various groups, including the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Committee. According to information presented to the city commission, the PCYAC recommended the commission "maintain the sense of community and family atmosphere in the city ... that additional licenses be restricted to restaurants and to limit the number of 'bar only' type of establishments."

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce was concerned about maintaining the high standard of businesses locating within the city and avoiding the kind of redevelopment that has taken place in Royal Oak, an older community in southern Oakland County.

"The history of Royal Oak, or the inability to maintain high quality when businesses change owners, are at the forefront. If these issues can be addressed in advance it will lead to a bright future," said the report by a chamber committee.

Tony Belli, who manages E.G. Nicks on Forrest Street, agrees that Plymouth shouldn't become another Royal Oak, which, he said, has become a "food and beer court."

"I don't have a problem with

the new ordinance, knowing how people in Plymouth care for Plymouth," said Belli. "We all have an interest that Plymouth be a nice area for families."

Some commissioners see the new ordinance as a way to make certain establishments are operating responsibly.

"This is a city management tool," Pursell said. "If the place gets too out of hand, or gets too many police calls, too many fights or underage drinking (violations) ... "

Tom Guina of Plymouth Township, owner of 336 Main, said he doesn't have a problem with the new ordinance.

"If a bad apple comes to town, the ordinance allows the city to do something," he said. "There are always potential problems when you are dealing with liquor. It only takes one person to get out of hand."

However, Guina has a different view when it comes to restrictions on café, or outdoor, seating. New regulations passed by city commissioners Monday call for the minimum clearance on the sidewalk to be increased from four to five feet from the curb, with the closing time for outside liquor sales 10 p.m.

"In the summer, it doesn't get dark until 9:30 or so," Guina said. "It kind of defeats the purpose of being out on a nice. summer night." tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700

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The school district is spending \$4,500 for mailings and newspaper advertising to market next week's preschool and kindergarten registration programs to parents in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township who have children up to 5 years old. Community relations director Frank Ruggirello said the new mentality of Plymouth-Canton is to look at areas where the district can capitalize on revenues.

"One of the areas that makes a lot of sense is kindergarten and preschool, especially preschool because it's a moneymaker for the district," said Ruggirello. The district's preschool programs make \$40,000 a year, he said.

"There's always been the theory 'build it and they will come," he said. "Now, we're looking to target parents who have young children. We offer an excellent program, and once we get them here, we want to keep them here. Our figures show a good retention rate through high school once we get them here."

Traditional public schools are under increasing competition for state money from private and charter schools. At Canton Charter Academy, Principal Claudia Williamson said competition has been good for parents looking for a solid educa-



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Susan Justice explains symmetry by using a clover project with her kindergarten class at Smith Elementary.

a lottery in which there were 725 applications for 40 open spaces at the three-year-old school.

metic, then they'll look for better schools.

"The main thing about competition is that parents have a choice now," she said. "Before, only parents who had money could send their children to parochial schools. Now, the

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foundation grant goes with the student. With competition comes improvement."

Elaine Yagiela, executive director at New Morning School in Plymouth Township, doesn't view the choices as competition.

"Each of us has our niche," she said. "We are always looking for families that want what we do at New Morning School. If a family is looking for something different, I tell them about other schools."

Yagiela said her marketing consists mainly of summer school programs, open houses and word-of-mouth advertising. "You never can get your name out there enough," she said. "You can't get too cocky and say you are full. You have to continue (with summer school and open houses) to encourage enrollment." Ruggirello said it all comes

down to the bottom line. "Our funding isn't secure anymore. We've seen this year you can't count on that, so there's got to be alternate ways to meet our budget," he said. "Districts that aren't thinking along these lines will be in trouble." Hill warns that while

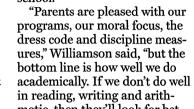
Plvmouth-Canton is looking for ways to generate revenue, and will be looking for input from district residents on what programs are important, administrators must not forget the core goals.

"We need to take care of our business, and that's serving the students we have here," she said. "We are of the community climate, but we help shape that community climate, and we have a special responsibility in doing that."

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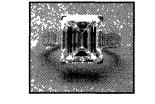
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Fairy M. Rusch

Services for Fairy Rusch, 95, of Canton were held March 17 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Crowder officiating. Burial was at Flint Memorial Park in Mt. Morris

Mrs. Rusch was born Sept. 4, 1907 in Boone, Mich. and died March 14 in Plymouth. Previously from Flint, she lived in Canton for 12 years. She was a graduate of Flint Central High School, was a long-time member of Flint Central Church of the Nazarene.

She previously co-owned a roofing company in Flint. She loved to tend to her plants and do crafts, especially needlepoint. She loved fishing and traveling. She enjoyed a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit that continued right until her last days. She faithfully served the Lord through-

Mrs. Rusch was preceded in death by her husband, E. Dave

Survivors include daughter, Loretta E. Simpson of Canton; grandson, David S. Simpson of Canton; and several nieces and nephews.

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Services for Dorothy Ritzler,

20, 1919 in Detroit and died March 14 in Chelsea. She was a homemaker. She moved to the Chelsea community from Livonia in 2000. She was a member of the Newburg Methodist Church. Mrs. Ritzler was active in each of her husband's ministry churches. She was a former president of the United Methodist Women. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in home economics. She loved to cook and was an avid reader. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Ritzler was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev.

Survivors include sons

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be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Mother Angelica.

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Services for Joseph Toth, 82,

He came to the Northville community 13 years ago from Plymouth. He was a member of the S.L.P., loved bowling and golf, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II.

Mr. Toth was preceded in death by his daughter, Jo-Anne Toth; brother, Carl Biro; sister, Rose Bodnar; and parents, Rose and Julius Toth and Katie and Joseph Horvath.

Survivors include wife Marianne Toth of Northville; daughter, Lisa Toth of N.Y.; grandchildren, Yasmine Qazi and Jahangir Qazi; brother, James Horvath of Arizona; and sister Rose (Frank) Papp of Lincoln Park.

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18 at St. John Neumann George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

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Fritz, 81, of Plymouth.

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Survivors include daughters, Charlene L. Barringer, Susan E. (Lawrence) Temerowski, Lois E. Fritz, Laura J. (Scott) Frazier, and Elizabeth C. (Timothy) Hadjis; son, Charles W. (Rita) Fritz, Jr.; one brother; three sisters; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Share a "Memorial Tribute"

with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Thomas Roberts Rowe, II

Services for Thomas Rowe, 52, of Farmington Hills, were held March 20 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Sutton officiating. Burial was at Southfield Cemetery.

Mr. Rowe was born July 1, 1950 in Detroit and died March 17 in Farmington Hills.

He was employed by the Meijer store in Northville as a bagger. He attended the Southfield United Presbyterian Church.

He has been affiliated with the community living centers since 1970. He loved his parakeets, Power Rangers, and Star Wars.

Mr. Rowe was preceded in death by his mother, Florence.

Survivors include father. Raymond Rowe of Plymouth; sisters, Sharon Rowe of Southfield, Nancie (John) Janitz of Plymouth, and Michelle Rowe of San Francisco, Calif.; and nieces, Elaine (Chris) Wildy of Detroit and Ellie Janitz of Plymouth. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Community Living Centers, 33235 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336. Arrangements made by

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OUR VIEWS P-C board needs viable candidates

Matters such as a war, and the economy, and budget troubles dominate the international, national and state news

But if you asked us to pick the top local story of 2003 so far, it would be the schools.

And if you asked us what has generated the most reader interest based on letters to the editor every week, it would be the schools.

Budget shortfalls and possible layoffs. A dispute between a school principal and some members of a parent-teacher organization. A BB gun brought to school that momentarily shuts down the P-CEP campus.

Your response to these stories confirms what we already suspected - that in the city of Plymouth, and in Plymouth and Canton townships, there is tremendous interest and concern about all the schools.

That's why an approaching deadline 15 days from now is so important. Monday, April 7, is the deadline to file nominating petitions to run for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Both Marcy Staley's and Mark Slavens' terms will end. Staley will not seek re-election, but Slavens will. Others need to join Slavens in the race for the two, four-year terms on the board.

Two six-year terms on the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees are also on the ballot. Schoolcraft's in-district area includes anyone living in the Plymouth-Canton school district, as well as Northville, Clarenceville, Livonia and Garden City.

To get on the ballot for the Plymouth-Canton board, you need 40 signatures on a nominating petition; the signatures must come from valid, registered voters of the district.

Candidates must be registered voters in the district but if the 40-signature rule doesn't appeal to you, you can also just pay a \$100 fee.

We are hoping for a full slate of candidates for the June 9 election, filled with dedicated men and women from all three communities.

There is plenty on the board's plate, not the least of which is the state budget crunch and its local impact on such things as staffing, books and supplies, and athletics and activities for students.

Then there is the need for new schools, especially an elementary school for the Cherry Hill area of Canton, and the wish for a swimming pool at the new Plymouth High School.

Take the plunge, and make a run for the school board. Just last year, 11 people were on the ballot for three seats, giving voters what we all ultimately want: viable choices.

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Salem High School seniors Greg Angel (first place) and Chris Jagalla (second place), broadcasters at student-run WSDP 88.1, received sports broadcasting awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation, a testament to the quality of work being done at the station, staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Insensitive comment

With two children in the Plymouth-Canton Schools, I've been following the direction of possible budget cuts coming our way. I read with interest your article in the March 6 Observer regarding the cuts. That interest quickly turned to outrage at the insensitive and, frankly, contemptible statements made by Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

When he states, "If you ask me, the answer is no, not a dime" when questioned about possible concessions by the union in our latest budget crunch, I was astonished. Perhaps it was the "not a dime" part of his comment that pushed me over the edge.

The audacity of this teacher's representative to make such comments when people are being laid off left and right, unemployment in our country is at a high and our country looms on the edge of war.

Not a dime huh, Mr. Portelli? You made that statement with such authority that I had to investigate this a little further. Perhaps you can answer a question for me. The average teacher's salary in 2001 in our district was \$55,892 (my figures were obtained from Standard and Poor's), and let's remember that salary is based on 9.5 months of work. Within these 9.5 months, teachers receive four weeks of vacation plus numerous other holidays off and umpteen halfdays. That salary is equivalent to a yearly salary of \$70,600, well above average. Back to my question, I'm wondering why then, with our teachers being paid on average more than 92 percent of the other districts in the state of Michigan, our MEAP scores aren't indicative of such quality? Within the state, there are 46 districts (approximately 10 percent) reporting higher MEAP scores. Of those 46, only 12 have higher salaries. Of the 46 districts performing better, the average teacher's salary is \$51,525, considerably less than our average. It would appear to me, and quite possibly to others, that we aren't getting what we're paying for. It would appear that our teachers should give back to our schools based on job performance. Do I honestly feel that way? Not really. It's just about as absurd as Mr. Portelli's comments and thoughts. I apologize to all the wonderful teachers I've met over the years my children have been in Plymouth-Canton Schools. This man, however, is, I'm assuming, elected to his position as president of your union and with attitudes expressed like that, do you expect us parents/taxpayers to sit idly by? I don't necessarily object to teachers being fairly paid but I DO object to the union viewing our school system as a "job's entitlement program" with little or no regard for our children's education and future! You may have done a huge disservice to the very teachers you represent, Mr. Portelli. You can bet there will come a day when times are better and you'll be holding your hands out asking for a bigger piece of the pie. Come that day, you should hope that the parents and board members offended by your comments made in these "lean"

LETTERS

times aren't still around to defeat that request and remind everyone of your unwillingness to work with us now.

Robin Wilson

Charge was ridiculous

I am writing in response to the article you wrote on March 9, "Teen learns expensive lesson with park pen prank." First of all, I would like to say this is ridiculous. The same kid, Charles Savino, was in an accident New Year's a year ago with my best friend, Eric Dodsworth.

They were driving down Warren Road between Haggerty and Lilley when a drunk driver, Joseph Paul Bandy, crossed over the lines and struck them head-on, killing Eric and severely injuring Chaz.

Bandy was charged and convicted of four felonies. The sentencing date was Friday, March 7. Joseph Paul Bandy received three-15 years in prison, but is out free on a personal bond until the appeal. Appeals take years. Why is it that someone plays a stupid little joke over a pen and gets \$300 in court fines and possibly goes to jail when Joseph Paul Bandy can drink and drive and kill someone and not have to pay anything and not even go to jail? In the article on March 9, 2003, (Chief Wayne Carroll) said, "From behavior, I don't think this young man has any respect for law enforcement." Would you? Law enforcement wonders why people dislike the police so much. The way the law is carried out is not fair! In the article, (Chief Carroll) said "I think we would have lost respect if we had taken any other action." No, you are wrong. People who knew of the accident that took Eric Dodsworth's life and severely injured Chaz, and are familiar with this ink cartridge incident, NOW have lost respect for the police. The Plymouth police are saying that a \$1 pen is more important than a human life. It is so stupid to charge Chaz over it, and it's stupid for you to write that article like you did. You did half of the investigation. You don't know the whole reason why people distrust law enforcement. If you knew all that about the accident would your article be different? I bet a lot of people who read that story agreed with you thinking it was a punk teenager messing around, but print this article and I bet it will change their minds, too. In the article, you stated that Chaz went to talk to this officer because Chaz thought that this officer related to the younger people. Chaz thought this officer was a friend, and with good friends you can joke around. After this incident, the police have ruined their relationship with the younger people. Any hopes of the police ever gaining a relationship with the young adults in this community has been eliminated, all because of this stupid and ridiculous charge against Chaz.

Fiegel is fine

Plymouth

I would like to respond to an article "Fiegel principal and PTO clash" (Observer, Feb. 20). Four of the six members on the PTO board resigned over disagreements with the principal. I guess when you have "friends" at the Observer that story is considered "front page news."

I've been a parent at Fiegel for 11 years and an employee (paraprofessional) for five years. I'm not one to complain or make a scene. I am not a public speaker. I tend to stay at the sidelines. I just like to do my job (which I love) and volunteer in my children's classrooms (when I can). After seeing that article, though, I could not keep quiet anymore. I feel I have to write in support of the Fiegel staff and principal.

In response to the comment "about providing input and action to improve the educational environment at Fiegel." Well, for the past six months the majority of the PTO complaints have been about the lunchroom rules. So what do the playground and lunchroom have to do with the "educational environment" at Fiegel? All we've been hearing for the past six months is ... "we have too many rules, it's the kids' free time and they should be able to do as they wish." At least that's how it's come across to me and I know the other aides feel the same way. Why do we have rules on the playground and in the lunchroom? The No. 1 reason ... for the safety of the children and that will never change! Another comment was, "how much violence there is on the playground at recess." That sounds like our Fiegel playground is a war zone! I agree there is hitting, punching, kicking, but these actions are addressed each and every day. Yes, the children are disciplined for their inappropriate behavior. Yes, it's not always the same discipline because each situation can be different. Also, the majority of these "physical scuffles" are normal elementary children's behavior. Now speaking only as a parent, I have nothing but respect and admiration for the teaching staff and the principal. I've come to know many of them through my children, as well as working as a staff member. The principal and teachers truly care about our children's education. I see and witness it every time I walk into the school building. So, in my opinion, there doesn't need to be any changes in the "educational environment" at Fiegel. Sharon Przytulski Canton

council good idea

Comedians would likely suggest the only thing stopping Detroit and southeast Michigan's development sprawl is Ann Arbor, Brighton and Port Huron.

The issue of smart land use has caught the attention of several governors, including ours. Jennifer Granholm has convinced her fellow Democrats and the Republicans across the aisle that - on this issue, at least - their interest can coincide.

She has appointed a 26-member Michigan Land Use Leadership Council. Their first meeting is Monday in Lansing, and more meetings will be held in our area in late April. Co-chairs are former Republican Gov. Bill Milliken, and former Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley, both strong politicians with real-world savvy.

"The ... Council will be instrumental in developing a cooperative, common sense approach to how we use our land. There is a tremendous need to protect our forests and farms, prevent the unplanned and unwise growth that chokes suburban communities and threatens our water quality, and to breathe new life into our cities and older suburbs," Granholm says.

There have been some pluses in our suburbs, projects like the redevelopment in Redford at the Volney Smith school site, and the denser housing planned in downtown Plymouth for the Wilcox and Daisy building projects. Cherry Hill Village in Canton has owners of pretty expensive homes swapping bigger yards for parks, and for a "small town" feel with unobtrusive shops and a community theater.

We will watch with interest as the council takes up this issue. To what extent are they willing to take part in dispelling the American myth that "all growth is good?" The larger myth may well be the very idea that government can stop sprawl at all, because the real discipline will start there.

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"Air Force and Navy pilots are going to have a turkey shoot," and when it's all over, we've antagonized everyone. We've got to get rid of Saddam Hussein, but we do all of this and then we're kissing up to North Korea, and they have more proven nuclear weapons than Irag."

- Albert Stanwood, Plymouth Township World War II vet

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Universities or prisons – which are more important?

Which is more important: educating young people or warehousing criminals? Most people, I believe, would say the return on investing in young minds far outstrips the costs of jailing felons. Indeed, for many years, the state of Michigan spent more on universities

than on prisons. But if Gov. Jennifer Granholm's budget proposal for the 2004 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 is adopted by the Legislature, for the first time Michigan will spend more on the corrections system than on our universities. The difference may be small, but the symbolism is enormous.



Phil

Power

Granholm's proposed budget for state prisons totals \$1.723 billion, while her spending plan for the 15 public universities in Michigan (plus various scholarship programs) comes to \$1.715 billion.

How has this happened? In part, it's because appropriations for higher education have been cut by almost 12 percent over the past two years, while spending for the corrections system has held steady. Five years ago, for example, state spending on

higher education was \$1.6 billion, while outlays for prisons totaled \$1.4 billion.

To her credit, Granholm's budget proposals for the corrections system include a number of cuts. She calls for improvements in the parole system, so once released on parole inmates don't go back to prison. She wants a system of drug courts for drug or alcohol addicts who commit crimes, on the idea that treatment programs are cheaper than prisons. And the governor wants to change the law so that non-violent prisoners would be placed in lessexpensive community placement facilities several months before their scheduled release; she says this step alone would free up 1,400 prison beds.

Make no mistake about it. Prisons in Michigan are expensive. Some authorities say that it costs the state \$80 a day per prisoner. Others say that the annual cost of the system runs at more than \$25,000 per inmate.

Peter Luke, the Lansing columnist for Booth Newspapers, points out in a column last weekend that Michigan locks up enormous numbers of nonviolent offenders who are sentenced to two years or less. He cites statistics from Corrections Department Director William Overton, that 56 percent of new inmates were sentenced to 24 months or less. Last year, the state's prisoner intake jumped by 15 percent to 11,047 new inmates.

Legislators have for years argued that a public sick and tired of increasing crime rates is insisting on spending whatever it takes to lock 'em up. But crime rates are down, costs to run the corrections system keep going up, and even legislators How has this happened? In part, it's because appropriations for higher education have been cut by almost 12 percent over the past two years, while spending for the corrections system has held steady. Five years ago, for example, state spending on higher education was \$1.6 billion, while outlays for prisons totaled \$1.4 billion.

are beginning to realize it makes little sense to keep people who commit non-violent crimes in very expensive prison cells.

On the other hand, Gov. Granholm's 2004 budget cuts another 6.7 percent, or \$154 million, for state support for the 15 public universities and 29 community colleges, plus reduces merit scholarships from \$2,500 to \$500. This is on top of last year's cut of 3.5 percent across-the-board reduction for higher education.

According to Michael Bolus, executive director of the Presidents Council of the State Universities of Michigan, state universities now receive around the same funding they got in 1998-99, without any adjustments for inflation. "How can you not have higher tuition when we're being cut like this?" he asks, while pointing out that Michigan universities get about \$1,000 less per student from the state than universities in neighboring states.

MSU President Peter McPherson says his school has 6,000 more students than it did 10 years ago, yet the same number of faculty. U-M President Mary Sue Coleman says she wants to save money, but she is also aware that merely cramming more kids into a classroom is not necessarily what either the kids or their families want. When I was a regent at U-M, I kept pointing out that the university was doing all kinds of things to save money — privatizing services, cutting non-academic staff — but it wasn't emphasizing cost containment in its PR.

Be that as it may, the core of the debate over Gov. Granholm's budget will be whether it's more important for the state to spend money on warehousing felons or educating young people. As far as I'm concerned, college beats the slammer every time around.

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

LETTERS

Cop wasted effort

Thanks for the great story in the *Observer* ("Teen learns expensive lesson with park pen prank," March 9). This just shows what a joke the Plymouth (police) are.

They act like it was up to the court to go after the kid. Well, why did the cop waste the time to write the report in the first place? Had a bad day? How many people were shot, raped or had a car stolen while he wrote this? It sounds like they place this right up there with real crimes.

No wonder this country is looked at so badly. It's a circus paid for by our tax dollars. Send these cops off to a place with real crimes. Maybe they could actually make a difference.

Michael Lavander

Canton

Thanks to police

On Monday, March 17, at approximately 7:15 p.m., I had a problem with my vehicle on Ann Arbor Road. Several people stopped to assist me and I never got the opportunity to get their names or to personally thank them for their assistance. I would like this opportunity to recognize those caring citizens.

To the lady with two small children driving the Chevrolet Camaro, you are extremely kind and caring. You disrupted your schedule to offer assistance and drove to the car dealership to notify them of my need for assistance. I cannot thank you enough.

To the young couple, who used their vehicle to redirect traffic and made the street safer for myself and other motorists, who allowed me to use their cell phone to make some necessary calls, who also disrupted their evening plans to assist me – to you I am very grateful.

To Plymouth Police Officer Matt Stoops and his sergeant. These men responded to the location, remaining there until the tow truck arrived and then repeatedly made offers to provide me with a ride home. I do not know if this is normal procedure, but I cannot imagine that many police departments would have gone the extra mile as these men did.

The Plymouth Police Department certainly earned my respect and appreciation for their professionalism. They took the motto "To Protect and To Serve" to a new level, in my opinion. To Officer Matt Stoops: Thank you very much, you are a credit to your department and to your profession. May you always be safe from harm in the performance of your duties.

There were a few other people that offered assistance; however, these particular individuals were exceptional. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured and my vehicle will be repaired, but the kindness and caring attitude of these people, their willingness to assist a person they did not know, turned an unpleasant experience into a wonderful evening.

I have only been a resident of Plymouth and the state of Michigan for two years; on Monday evening, my family and I were thankful we chose to reside in the Plymouth community.

Robert E. Schaeffer Plymouth

Saddened by pastor

This is in reference to the article regarding the principal at Our Lady of Good Counsel ("OLGC principal removal angers parents," March 13).

As a parent of three children who graduated from OLGC in 1991, 1992 and 1996; as a parent who has a kindergartner at OLGC presently; as a parent who intends to send her youngest to OLGC in two years and, finally, as a parishioner at OLGC for the past 20 years, I feel I must speak out and protest the removal of Ted Behn, principal of OLGC.

Mr. Behn has been a profound and positive influence on the students as well as the parents who attend and volunteer at OLGC. He has helped the school move forward and remain a top-notch school throughout the years; he has the respect of his staff and the love of his students. He has been thoroughly professional in regard to various issues that have presented themselves over the years, some quite sensitive.

The uproar and upset regarding his contract not being renewed is testimony to the high regard all those who are involved with the school have for this very kind and giving man. It is general knowledge that Ted Behn would like to remain as principal at OLGC.

Father John Sullivan has a right to make decisions regarding his staff. I must wonder, however, at his insensitivity to the parents, students, teachers and especially to Ted Behn. After attending a parish council meeting on Monday, March 10, after hearing what Father Sullivan had to say in regard to Ted Behn's contract not being renewed, I came away very saddened by the situation and with a definite loss of respect for our pastor.

At this time of crisis in our nation, with the incidents regarding priests in the Catholic church so fresh in our minds, with a constant search for people with integrity to continue to lead in all walks of life, this is indeed a bad time to come up with virtually no reason for Father Sullivan not renewing Ted Behn's contract.

Although sticking to the status quo is not always in the best interests of those involved, sometimes it is the RIGHT thing to do. Going forward, as Father Sullivan suggests is happening here, should not mean one has to negate the good that is already in place.

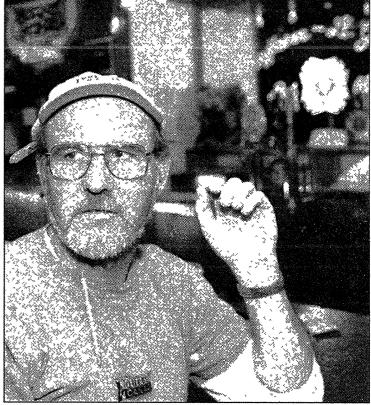
Although it is difficult to believe that Father Sullivan would ever step back, switch gears and rethink his position, I beg him to do so. There are so many who want Ted Behn to remain as principal of OLGC. I fervently hope that pride does not blind our pastor to the needs of the parents, students, and teachers of OLGC.

> Joanne La Forest-Clor Plymouth



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PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Veteran Dave Cade thinks battle with Iragi dictator Saddam Hussein is "long overdue."

Darlene Dybas is a flight attendant who worries the war may spark terrorist activity similar to that of 9/11.

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war, Bernier thinks Bush should be supported because of his position.

frontation would occur "at a time of our choosing." The 48hour clock ran out at 8 p.m. Wednesday; there was no word at press time whether any action had been taken. decision) or not."

STRONG SUPPORT

But it was clear from responses received from people around Plymouth that support for Bush's stance was strong.

"I agree with it," said Dan Butka of Plymouth. "I think (Hussein) needs to be put out, and let the people have their peace. If they could do it without firing a shot, that'd be great, but Saddam Hussein and his family have to go."

Veteran Larry Bernier of Plymouth Township is among those who think the United Nations Security Council backed away from its responsibility.

"The U.N. has kind of outlived its usefulness," Bernier said. "They need to enforce their rules."

While he doesn't necessarily support the idea of going to

"I'm not for any war, but you

have to support your government," Bernier said. "You can't send those guys over there and not support them. You have to support the (armed forces) whether you agree (with the

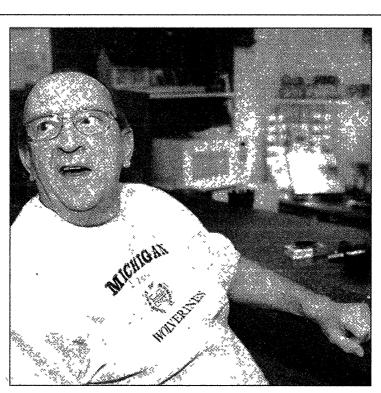
NO CONTEST

Not everyone agrees, of course. In April 1942, Albert Stanwood of Plymouth Township was fighting in the jungles of New Guinea.

Now, he thinks the idea of calling a conflict with Iraq, which most observers is far outmatched by the American military, a war is ridiculous. He's also not sure the United States should go it alone, without the backing of the United Nations.

"It's going to be a slaughter," said Stanwood. "Air Force and Navy pilots are going to have a turkey shoot, and when it's over, we've antagonized (allies).

"We've got to get rid of Hussein, but we do all of this with him, and we're kissing up to North Korea?'



Veteran Larry Bernier of Plymouth Township calls for support of the government in this situation, whether you agree with the decision or not.

There are people who support the idea of going to war as a means of liberating the people of Iraq, who reportedly live with a variety of terrors under Hussein's rule.

"We need to go to war," said 16-year-old Kristin Kummer of Plymouth Township. "We can't

Stanley

let this go on because people are living in terror."

The reasons for going to war aren't clear to everyone. Plymouth native Joe Herman isn't sure what the war is about and doesn't feel like he's got a part in the decision to begin with.

"Obviously, it's up to the government, not us," said the 27year-old Herman. "What's it about? Oil? Geographic boundaries? I'll say this, though: Nothing better hit the homeland, though."

Before making his Monday speech, Bush raised the terror level in the U.S. to orange, the second-highest level it can reach.

He warned during his speech that terrorist activity in the United States and against U.S. interests abroad could escalate in the wake of any military action.

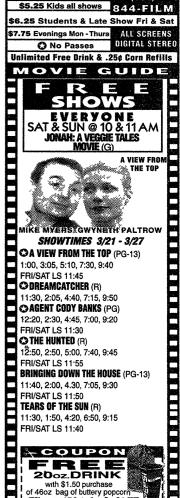
That's a very real fear for many, but especially for airline personnel in the wake of 9/11. Darlene Dybas of Grass Lake, Mich., was in Plymouth Tuesday to pick up her son, who attends the Bacinski Institute.

Dybas, a flight attendant, is clearly worried about the potential for terror.

"I'm kind of shook up with the turn of events," Dybas said. "It's dangerous for me to go to work ... we're doubly affected because my husband is a pilot. I don't want to go to war, but I guess we don't have much choice any more."

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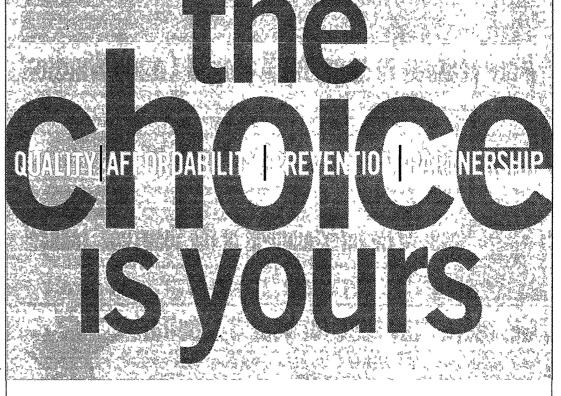
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Motown

Oakland Community College presents The **Optimistics and The Fabulous** Motown Entertainers at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Smith Theatre on the OCC Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$15, call (248) 522-3667.

CD releases

Join the Twistin Tarantulas at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, to celebrate the release of their third CD, El Destroyo, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Admission \$7, call (248) 544-



3030 or visit www.themagicbag or wwwtwistintarantulas.com for details.

Book signing

Stop by Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester, at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29, for an open house reception honoring Ballet Master lacob Lascu. He'll be signing copies of his new book, Two Lives in Two Worlds, which highlights his life in Romania, and as a ballet master. For more information, call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.



Swing is among the numerous ballroom and Latin dance styles performed in 'Burn the Floor.'

Burning ever brightly Ballroom dancing entertains on stage and inside local studios

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

vocal track suggestively asks "Do you want to dance with me?" bouncing off the polished wood floor inside Dance Elite Ballroom Studio in West Bloomfield.

It's standing-room only. For there are at least 75 onlookers, amateur ballroom dancers from all over metropolitan Detroit, gathered around the chandelierlit dance floor. They expect to see, rather than hear, the answer to the question and they're right.

The reply is a hip-gyrating, quick-stepping, heart-pounding, applause-inspiring



KC still full of sunshine

'Shake Your Booty' with disco king

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE STAFF WRITER

Harry Wayne Casey known to fans as simply KC is still shaking his booty.

"Yes, I'm still shaking it. It's a little bigger now," laughed Casey, who formed KC and the Sunshine Band in the '70s. "I was 150 pounds back then.

"It's a 190-pound booty now but it's in proportion," said Casey, 52, from his home in Miami, which he shares with golden retrievers Boston and Candy.

These days "get down" may be more of a command for each pooch to stay put than '70s disco jargon and a line from one of his classic hits, Get Down Tonight. The infectious party song is one of four number one singles the Sunshine Band had in the span of one year - the only group to have done so other than The Beatles. Others include, of course, Shake Your Booty, That's the Way (I Like It) and Boogie Shoes.

Though he retired in 1985 - following recuperation from a head-on collision and his father's death - Casey decided to return to the music scene a few years ago after a gig on the former Arsenio Hall show gave him the motivation to do so.

"I just started doing it again. I just put my mind

🖉 Guitarist

Brook Williams will be at Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, at 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, to celebrate the release of his new CD Nectar. Recorded in Nashville, the CD features some of the city's finest roots musicians, Williams' buttery voice and rockin' guitar playing. Lisa Papas opens the show. Tickets \$10, call (734) 464-6302.

💹 Just for kids

Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville, presents The Emperor's New Clothes at 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23. Tickets \$7.50, call (248) 349-8110.

Fairy tales

Can an orchestra really sound like Cinderella's clock striking midnight; depict a beautiful Firebird saving a young man from evil monsters; or evoke scurrying rats following a pied piper through the streets of Hamelin? When they're playing music written by worldfamous composers, it can. Audiences will hear works inspired by fairy tale favorites written by Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, Stravinsky and more at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Michigan Theatre in downtown Ann Arbor. The hourlong concert by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra is preceded by an "Instrument Petting Zoo." Recommended for children ages 5-8, and all ticketholders are welcome. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children. Call (734) 994-4801 or online at www.a2so.com.

salsa from four Burn the Floor cast members.

A handful of the 32 internationally acclaimed dancers have stopped by to judge a competition of local dancers and preview their upcoming Detroit performances, Friday-Sunday, March 28-30, at the Fox Theatre.

The exhibition turnout goes to show ballroom dancing is still burning, not a fad on the way out.

The preview goes to show Burn the Floor is no ordinary two-hour showcase of ballroom and Latin dance. Yes, it's rhumba, samba, cha cha cha, waltz, jive, jitterbug, swing, mambo, salsa, tango and quickstep.

But it's theatrical, extravagant and sultry in a way grandmother could not have imagined.

"It's ballroom spliced with a more modern flavor," says Rebecca Sugden, a cast member judging the dance competition and Australia native. "It has more edge."

Enhancing the 32 dancers' hot moves are stylish costumes from the likes of Gucci and Versace and lighting and sound on par with big-time rock 'n' roll concerts.

'Burn the Floor,' opening March 28 with five performances at the Fox Theatre, takes ballroom and Latin dancing to sultry, sensational heights.

So enrapturing is the show, audience members have been known to jump on the stage, Sugden says, adding, "We do try to get people on their feet by the end of the night. Ballroom dancing is great fun and anybody can do it. It's like a secret society, but we're bringing it out into the public."

FEELING FREE

Susana Cieslinski of Clinton Township, who along with partner Rich Jaramillo of Farmington Hills won the night's local competition, is already convinced ballroom is for her. She says she's addicted and loves Burn the Floor.

"I've seen Burn the Floor twice. I even have the videotape," she says. "Watching it inspires me. I want to get the feeling they get."

Cieslinski learned Latin dance several

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BURN THE FLOOR

What: A theatrical ballroom and Latin dance presentation featuring championship dance couples.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 28; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30.

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$15-60, at Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices or any Ticketmaster outlet. Ticketmaster can be reached at (248) 433-1515 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For group tickets. call (313) 471-3099. For event information, call Olympia Entertainment at (313) 983-6606 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com.

back into the mode," he said. KC and the Sunshine Band are set to shake at Dearborn's

PLEASE SEE KC, B7



Harry Wayne Casey is known to fans as KC.

FIND

What: Treasures of the Institute Collection

When: Through May 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday

Where: Science Institute at Cranbrook, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: Free with museum admission \$7, \$5 ages 2-12 and seniors. No charge for children under 2, (877) 462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

Related event: Archaeology Day 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 29

Cranbrook science museum shows off treasured collections

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Boys and girls swarm a glass case at Cranbrook Institute of Science for an up close look at a snake submerged in a jar of alcohol. The Southfield Christian Academy students seem spellbound as they listen patiently to Mike Stafford then flood him with questions. This was the reaction the Bloomfield Hills museum director was hoping for.

Before long he'd lead them like a pied piper through the

PLEASE SEE CRANBROOK, B3



Mike Stafford tells the story of King Tut's throne at the front of the Treasures exhibit. Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth (pictured on camel back) were in Egypt when the tomb was discovered in 1922 and tried unsuccessfully to purchase it. Later, they commissioned the repro-



duction shown here.

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LOCAL ARTS

Kids invited to 'Fiddle Around' with DSO musicians

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE STAFF WRITER

It's tot time for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra - which believes children are never too young to discover the joys of music.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra re-introduces its "Tunes and Tales for Tots" concert series – Saturday, March 22, at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

Basic musical concepts, an introduction to orchestra instruments, and lots of spectacular music are featured during the concerts designed for children age 3-6. Younger and older children, and adults are welcome.

Kicking off the series, in Beverly Hills, is Fiddlin' Around featuring the DSO Ambassador Quintet, which invites kids to "string along" for a ride on the Orange Blossom Special.

The quintet - consisting of two violins, viola, cello and bass - will also perform Old MacDonald, Vivaldi's Spring movement from The Four Seasons, Copland's Hoedown from Rodeo, Rodgers and Hammerstein's My Favorite Things from The Sound of Music, and Strauss' The Laughing Song from Die Fledermaus (The Bat).

Larry Hutchinson, bass player for the Ambassador String Quintet, said Fiddlin' Around will introduce children to string instruments, "one by one. The other themes are using your imagination, and using music to guide your imagination."

Another plus is an introduction to the instruments as soon as tots arrive. Members of DSO's Civic Orchestra, composed of high school and col-

lege students, will be on hand in the lobby. They'll let kids experience the instruments up close.

"So it's an intimate connection for these kids before they even walk into the auditorium. They can touch (the instruments), pull the bows," said Hutchinson.

"We've done this program a couple of times already in other places. All humility aside, it's a great show," he said, laughing. "We also spend a lot of time working out the narration and how it's presented, which is extremely important when you're dealing with young children. We're real proud of it."

CutTime Players, an eightmember ensemble from the DSO (violin, bass, flute, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, trombone and percussion) will perform at Pack Your Bags on April 12 in Wyandotte, and

Peter and the Wolf in Grosse Pointe Woods, April 26.

Pack Your Bags, written by Rick Robinson, DSO string bass player and a CutTime Player, features each instrument in a composition that depicts different parts of the world. For example, the flutist plays the Japanese folk song Sakura.

Peter and the Wolf tells the story of Peter and his pets - a bird, duck and cat. A wolf invades his menagerie and tries to escape with the animals. Peter organizes a hunt to find him. Each character - including a hunter and Peter's grandpa – is performed by a different instrument.

Robinson arranged the original production so CutTime Players could participate. For instance, "the duck is normally done by an oboe but we had a bassoon," he said.

Peter and the Wolf is a popular tale, "but we are blessed with children from the Grosse Pointe Academy joining us and it's really cute," Robinson said, explaining there will be "visual" characters as well.

The musical tale works "because the music portrays the characters so well. And every little musical phrase portrays the action very well," Robinson said. "I think, especially in these times, when it's hard to bring people into orchestra concerts, visual stimulation becomes as important as good music.

"I should add that, in all the concerts, we always demonstrate the instruments one at a time, how they make sound. But we tend to get some older children (youngsters from the DSO's youth orchestras to demonstrate), especially if the families have mixed age groups."

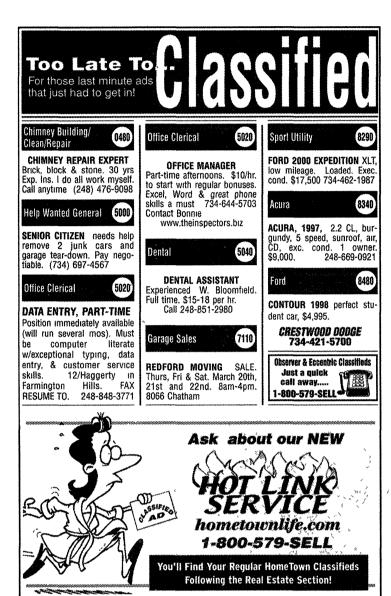
'TUNES AND TALES FOR TOTS

What: A concert featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ambassador Quintet

When: 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22

Where: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills

Tickets: \$7, "babes-in-arms," ages 2 and under, free, (313) 576-5111. Tickets will also be sold at the door if they are still available.



Schoolcraft revives 'Lend Me a Tenor'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

Jim Hartman can't stop laughing even after sitting through seven weeks of rehearsals for Lend Me a Tenor, the Schoolcraft College Theatre production opening Friday, March 21.

Hartman decided to revive the Ken Ludwig comedy after it was such a hit with audiences the last time around.

"It's hysterical," said Hartman, director and head of the theater program. "We did it six years ago and it sold out before it was cast and we had to add a show. I just love the play, the zaniness. It's a play of mistaken identity, very fast paced, almost a farce. It's a funny show, an adult show with adult themes and some cursing. It's going to make audiences laugh until their

sides hurt."

Hartman's relying on the actors to deliver the color and fast-paced punch lines. Unlike the 1997 production, he's designed a stark white set as a neutral backdrop for the eight-member cast.

"I'm looking for the costumes and actors to add color," said Hartman. "They're bringing color to the performance through characterization. At rehearsals I'm constantly telling them to bring up the energy. They're learning if you're not tired when you go home you haven't done your job here."

Brian Taylor knows the amount of energy it takes to play the Italian tenor superstar Tito Morelli. He was cast in the same role six years ago. A graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Taylor's performing in his 16th show at Schoolcraft College.

"I spend a whole act knocked unconscious," said Taylor. "It's so fun to do. The play's set in the 1930s at the Cleveland Grand Opera Company. Tito Morelli has a lot of lady fans and brings his wife with him to the performance. They argue off and on and there's a mix-up with medication and alcohol and he's thought to be dead. Another actor takes over as Othello and wears his costume. My character comes around and goes and gets another costume and starts running around. People think they're talking to him and they're not. It's hilarious.

"It's really fun, a fast, fun evening. You've heard the saying 'it's a laugh a minute.' It really is."





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Carol Lipinski (left), Jessica Duffey and Joseph Fournier rehearse a scene from "Lend Me a Tenor."



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'LEND ME A TENOR'

When: 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, and 28-29 (dinner theater), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5 (performance only)

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exhibit of usually hidden objects. For the first time in decades, visitors can see Treasures of the Institute Collection, which spotlights the rare and mysterious wonders of 12 areas of scientific study from anthropology to geology, ornithology, entomology, mammalogy, and paleontology.

The exhibit continues to Sunday, May 4. On Saturday, March 29, Stafford will give an in depth tour of the collection as part of Archaeology Day.

"It's our first major exhibit in three decades, the first time in 72 years we've focused on the collection," said Stafford. "We have 5,000 square feet here and generally rotate traveling exhibitions. Treasures showcases our primary interest and

makes a statement about the breadth and depth of our collection.

"The founders of Cranbrook, George and Ellen Booth were dedicated students of Egyptology. They were in Egypt in 1922 when King Tutunkhamun's tomb was discovered. That's a photo of them on camel back. George tried to buy King Tut's throne from the British government and when they turned him down he had the replica at the front of the exhibit done."

A timeline shows the history of the institution and the Booth's 1926 trip to purchase 277 minerals in Denver.

"Minerals were one of the founding collections of the Institute," said Stafford. "George Booth collected them world-wide."

Hundreds of objects tell the history of cultures and nature through artifacts and specimens. A birch bark canoe hung

from the ceiling demonstrates the skill of the craftsman who created it from a single piece of bark. There's a 1890 bear totem from Vancouver, British Columbia, an Arapaho Bison headdress from the late 1800s, gold jewelry from 1000 A.D., Roman glass, a tusk from the toothed whale known as the Narwhal, an African sword, and Japanese Samurai Armor.

Want to learn more about the botany of Michigan? In addition to looking at dried plants in the exhibit, visitors are welcome to use the resources of the museum for research.

The exhibit only tells a portion of the story. Stafford is quick to point out highlights an extinct passenger pigeon from 1900s, and large elephant bird egg from Madagascar that belonged to an emu-like species hunted to extinction at beginning of the 1700s.

The ornithology collection

'We're a learner's museum. We're all lifelong learners. We have stuff if you're 6 foot 2 inches or 3 foot 2 inches. **Mike Stafford**

Cranbrook Institute of Science

tells the story of how the natural world is disappearing from certain areas," said Stafford. "The Carolina parakeet was the only parrot native to the U.S. and is now extinct. We can only show 1 percent of the collection. The idea is to get people interested in natural history, draw them in with objects and specimens. They're blown away by the size of the elephant bird egg and it makes them want to learn.

"Many objects are too fragile or to valuable to bring out.

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The ability to see nature and the rocks Mandy Maitland is learning about at Southfield Christian School is the reason her mother Holly agreed to chaperone the field trip to the museum.

"They're enjoying it," said Maitland of Bloomfield Hills. "They're curious, asking a lot of questions. It's fun seeing things through kids' eyes, to see their excitement about a basket."

Stafford points to baby turtles in a glass case and

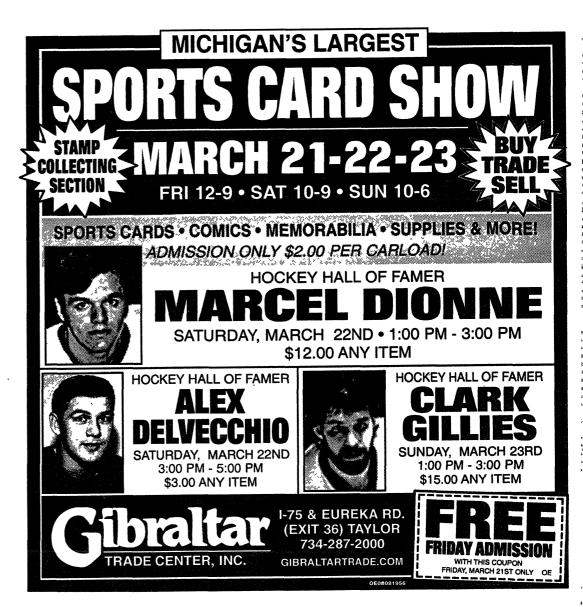
explains the jagged edges on their backs warn passersby of snapping tendencies. It's apparent this father of six loves spending time with the children.

"I feel a degree of frustration as head of science," said Stafford who was appointed director in November after seven years as a curator. "I knew what was here. I saw kids of this age, their excitement, taking them into the collections and decided to do the exhibition. The Institute is headed in an exciting new direction. We want to appeal to kids tuned out to the natural world. We're in the science and learning business. As a father I see the impact of the museum on my own children. We're a learner's museum. We're all lifelong learners. We have stuff if you're 6 foot 2 inches or 3 foot 2 inches."

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Mike Stafford looks at some ancient baskets with Mandy Maitland (left) of Bloomfield Hills and Hannah Morris of Southfield.





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The Ball & Chain Gang, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, continues to March 30, 2357 Caniff Ave. Hamtramck. \$15/\$10 students. (313) 365-4948x1

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Clarkston Village Players Run for Your Wife, a comedy by Ray Cooney, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through March 22, Depot Theatre. \$10, Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday. (248) 625-8811 or ww.clarkstonvillageplayers.org Main Stage Theatre Guild

The musical Two by Two 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt. \$8, \$5 students and seniors. (586) 344-7774



Farmington Players present the fast-paced comedy "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, March 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the new Barn Theater on 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$13, \$10 students, \$10 seniors for Sunday matinee. Call (248) 553-2955. Part of the new Hayloft Series, the production raises money for the purchase of curtains for the new stage. Pictured are Rita Montpetit (left), Tim Timmer and Tony Castellani.

Oakland University

Anything Goes, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 20-22, March 27-29, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 23 and 30, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 25-26, Varner Studio Theatre, on the Rochester campus, \$12 general, \$6 students, all seats \$5, March 25-26, (248) 645-6666, or one hour before performance at the door.

(248) 349-0522

charge, the public is welcome. (248) 596-9667.

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Motor City Casino, Detroit. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, Mesquite Creek Steakhouse, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, with Matt Michaels Trio at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt.

Larry Nozero Jazz Quintet 8 p.m. to midnight Monday at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520, www.

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West Bloomfield Barnes & Noble Elliot Feldman will be doing a signing/reading of his novel. Sitting Shiva, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 6800 Orchard Lake Road.

WORLD

Dance recital Polish Centennial Dancers and the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt north of Seven Mile Road, \$8, (734) 266-9109, www.pnacentennialdancers.org

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Detroit Science Center Digital Dome Planetarium Show, weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400,

www.detroitsciencecenter.org Detroit Zoo

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Bloomfield Players

The Wiz, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. March 21-22; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Bloomfield Hills Lahser High Theatre, (248) 433-0885 **Village Players**

Cyrano De Bergerac, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, \$15. (248) 644-2075

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre Breaking Legs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. select Sundays, through March 29, 21517 Kelly, Eastpointe. \$14 (810) 771-6333

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Charlotte's Web 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23. 1169 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, \$8/adults, \$5/students/seniors (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151

North Rosedale Park Players Inside Out: Park Players Celebrates 50 Years of Musical Theater, a play by Sarah Hedeen, March 28 to April 12. For reservations, call (313) 538-2336

CAPA

A Chorus Line, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 20-22, Churchill High School, Livonia, \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors, (734) 744-2650.

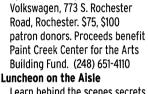
COLLEGE THEATER

Oakland Community College

Orchard Ridge Theatre presents A Company of Wayward Saints 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 9-12, Smith Theater on campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$7, \$5 seniors and students. (248) 522-3422



Yanni book signing The Foundation for Modern Greek Studies welcomes Yanni to the Royalty House, 8201 E. 13 Mile Road at Van Dyke in Warren, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. He will be signing copies of his new book In Words. There is no



Learn behind the scenes secrets about professional theater and watch a portion of a rehearsal for the play Meshuggah Nuns 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 25, Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. \$75, \$30, \$28 seniors over age 62 and aroups of 10. Proceeds benefit the theater. (248) 375-0850



Cecil Cilek (left), Topper Pennington (standing), Jim Teegarden (seated) and Anthony Marsalese rehearse "Side Man," a play about the turmoil in the family of a jazz musician as his career falters at the dawn of rock n' roll. The St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook production runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the playhouse 400 Lone Pine, west of Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$13, \$11 students and seniors. Call (248) 644-0527 or order online at www.stdunstanstheatre.com. Because of the use of cigarettes and mature language the production is intended for ages 18 and older.

Spring concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium, corner of Crooks and Normandy (13 1/2 Mile). \$8, \$5 seniors and students. (248) 988-6991

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www.blindpigmusic.com Barbara Ware 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20,

and 4 p.m. Monday, March 31, at

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Please submit items for publication in Going Places to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

Sklar Brothers, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-22. \$7-\$13 Joev's Comedy Club Chas Elstner, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20, \$8, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, \$15, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, www.joeyscomedyclub.com

SOCIAL DANCING

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Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50. \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free;Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

Did you miss the deadline for Thursday's Classifieds?

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Oakland University's Music, Theater and Dance Department present "Anything Goes," a musical comedy with songs by Cole Porter through Sunday, March 30, in Varner Studio Theatre on the campus in Rochester. Curtain 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23 and March 30, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 25-26. The March 29 performance will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. Tickets \$12, \$6 students except for matinees when all seats are \$5. Call (248) 370-3013.

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A Day to Discover and Dream about Mars

BY ALICE RHEIN

The Atkins and Zone diets may be chic among celebrities, but did you know that on Mars, a 150 pound person would only weigh 57 pounds? See, it's gravity that weighs you down, it couldn't possibly be all those paczki you ate earlier this month.

And you know how you're always wishing there were more hours in a day? A Mars day is 24.6 hours – more than half an hour extra to get things done.

Lots of facts about Mars will be revealed Sunday, March 22 when the Exhibit Museum of Natural History on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor hosts "Journey to Mars Discovery Day." The all ages event features talks by former astronaut Tony England and NASA educator Jim Fitzgerald. A quarter-scale model of a Mars Habitation module will be parked outside the museum, and a live feed from the Michigan Mars Rover Team test site in Utah will be viewable in the museum's rotunda.

Students from the U of M College of Engineering will have hands-on activities, and there is also a planetarium show narrated by Star Trek's Patrick Stewart that is recommended for children in grades four and up. Families also have the opportunity to enter a contest to win a trip with the Michigan Mars Rover Team. "Kids are always interested in the unique aspects of weightlessness," says Fitzgerald, an aerospace education specialist who provides NASA workshops and presentations in Michigan and Ohio. "They are fascinated by the details of daily life such as eating, sleeping and, of course, going to the bathroom in space. Students always ask about going to the bathroom and get a big laugh out of the description of the astronauts' waste management activities."

Well, kid or not, who hasn't wondered about that? The Discovery Day is one of several events and lectures centered around the red planet (which is actually butterscotch in

color, the red comes from the rust in Martian rocks and dust). Through April, the Museum has a photography exhibit in the rotunda featuring many photos taken using Viking Orbiter data and facts about Mars and its moons, Phobos (meaning "fear" in Greek) and Deimos (meaning "panic").

The "discovery day" has become a popular annual event at the museum and drew more than 1,200 visitors last year. Washtenaw County libraries also have activities to coincide with the "Journey to Mars" theme. Though the transdu of the

Though the tragedy of the Space Shuttle Colombia is still fresh with NASA, and all Americans, the space program is also known for moving forward. "Inspire the next generation of

explorers...as only NASA can," is one of its stated missions. For NASA's mission to Mars,

the next launch is expected by

this summer, and will land in January 2004, if all goes as scheduled. "NASA is in the business of developing technologies and doing research that will enable humans to expand their presence away from the Earth," says Fitzgerald.

And that often begins with a child's fascination with space. So what advice does Fitzgerald give for children who dream of traveling in space?

"Keep dreaming. This is where motivation, aspiration and determination begin," he says. "We have built our dreams of spaceflight on the shoulders of the dreams of others in the past and our own. Exploration and innovation are both seated in the realm of the possibilities that we consider in our dreams."

DISCOVERY

What: Journey to Mars Discovery Day

Where: The Exhibit Museum of Natural History, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor 1

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When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 22

Information: Call (734) 764-0478 or on the Internet visit

www.journeytomars.org

Admission:

No charge, planetarium shows are \$3 per person

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DANCE

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years ago in local nightclubs. Today, it's her primary source of entertainment; she dances every Friday and Saturday night. A few years, she danced three and four times a week. "It's my release, my therapy, it's my chance to let it all out and feel free," she says.

While traditional dance clubs offer patrons the same type of recreational and social release, Cieslinski says, at 35, she's too old for the bar scene.

"I need to have a more mature scene," she says. "This is social, but it's not a booty

'Here, you have people who actually know the steps. At a club, it's booty shaking.'

Cheryl Hackett ballroom dancer

bar where people are dancing by themselves and getting picked up."

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS, TOO

Perhaps not surprisingly, Cheryl Hackett, a competition contender and 21-yearold University of Michigan student from Northville,



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appreciates ballroom dancing for the same reason.

"It's different from the clubs. It's something you can do to be social," says Hackett, who donned a white ball gown for the competition.

"Here, you have people who actually know the steps," she says. "At a club, it's booty shaking."

Once more, women and men can dance together without feeling it means something more, Hackett says.

NEVER TOO OLD TO DANCE

The oldest *Burn the Floor* cast member may be 35, but today's ballroom boom draws older, as well as younger, generations. And many in the older crowd are beginners, too.

Among those who turned out for the *Burn the Floor* preview and competition were 70-year-old Bill Zorney of Northville and his partner, 61-year-old Bobbie Kahlbaum of Westland. The two have been dancing regularly for about three years. Recently, they began classes at Dance Elite Ballroom Studio.

"We dabble in all styles," Zorney says of the couple's ballroom odyssey.

"Some day we hope to be able to do all the styles," Kahlbaum adds.

Neither are inclined to describe their progress on the dance floor, but both regularly take classes and attend open dances Friday and Saturday nights. Zorney frequently turns out for a Wednesday morning senior class followed by open dancing, as well.

"We like the music and the physical activity," he says. "It's challenging, but it's enjoyable."

"It makes you feel elegant and graceful," she says. Who could ask for more?

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Lights, camera, Oscar! Even Detroit adores the Academy Awards

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

There may be no official red carpet downtown, but Oscar night is more than idle television-viewing in metropolitan Detroit.

In its 75th year, the Academy Awards generates as much buzz and excitement as the Super Bowl. This year's show, Sunday, March 23, with local telecast on WXYZ-TV Channel 7, has local movie fans, film experts and theater managers talking, planning and guessing.

"Part of the attraction of the Academy Awards is its lure as a media event. It's right up there with the Super Bowl," said Lawrence Jeziak of Southfield, a local film expert who teaches film studies at Oakland Community College. "It's part and parcel of the American fascination with watching."

REALITY WORKS

David MacGregor, a screen writer who teaches at Wayne State University, agrees that the Academy Awards ceremony is a major media event, but goes a little farther on why the public feels compelled to watch.

"Because it's real," he said. "It's about genuine human emotion, and it doesn't matter who it is. If an actress is surprised she won an Oscar, that's real."

Indeed, Hollywood stars in trueto-life action seems to be the latest in reality television; just consider the popularity of ABC's *I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here.*

PICKS AND THE PICKING

Although MacGregor and Jeziak are fairly cynical about the award part of the Oscars — both said the most deserving nominees frequently don't win – they relish making predictions and talking up their favorites.

Jeziak picks Chicago to win for best picture, "The first musical to win a best picture Oscar since Oliver in 1968," he said.

For best actor, he predicts Adrien Brody's performance in The Pianist, will win, and for best actress, he's pulling for Julianne Moore in Far From Heaven. In the best supporting actress category, Meryl Streep is sure to win, he said.

For best director, he had much

to say and a popular belief about the fate of director Martin Scorsese to dispel: "Roman Polanski deserves the Oscar. He won't get it. Martin Scorsese deserved the Oscar in 1991 for Goodfellas. The Academy gave the Oscar to Kevin Cosner for Dances With Wolves — the greatest Oscar injustice of the decade. However, the Academy will not attempt to redeem itself by giving an Oscar to Scorsese this year."

Sorry Mr. Scorsese, Jeziak picks Rob Marshall, director of Chicago, to win.

But if you think Jeziak spends too much time in movie land, consider MacGregor's pre-Oscar rituals. MacGregor, a Livonia resident, annually participates in an Oscar pool. Apparently, his predictions annually win the pool, too.

His strategy is a sure-fire mix of up-to-the-minute research and a killer attitude: Keep tabs on current events, surf Internet sites — oscarwatch.com is the best one — and turn a very cold shoulder on films close to the heart.

"I'm brutal," he said. "You have to pick who you think will win, not who deserves to win."

So far, MacGregor is leaning toward *Chicago* for best picture and Meryl Streep for best supporting actress. Everywhere else, he's undecided.

"It's early yet," he said. "The odds change daily."

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Creative Artists Grant deadline and workshops announced

Applications for the 2004 Creative Artist Grant program are available at ArtServe's offices by mail or online. Workshops will be held in Rochester, Ann Arbor and Detroit in March and April.

Visual arts, traditional arts, dance, theater, opera & musical theater and inter/multidisciplinary are eligible disciplines.

The Creative Artist Grant supports the creation of new works of art or the completion of a work of art in progress by individual artists residing in Michigan with funding provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The application is a two-step process. The first step includes a simple form and submission of samples of artwork and resume. The second step is by invitation of the review panel and includes the proposed project, budget and public service.

The Creative Artist Grant program features alternating year discipline eligibility. For 2003 grant applications will be accepted in visual arts, traditional arts, dance, theater, opera & musical theater and inter/multidisciplinary categories. This brief initial application carries a deadline of 6 p.m. Friday, May 9, (this is NOT a postmark deadline). Following a peer panel review, artists meeting certain criteria will be invited to submit the more detailed Step 2 application for their project.

To receive a Step 1 application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope 9-by-12-inch or larger bearing 57 cents in postage to CAG FY03, ArtServe Michigan, 17515 W. Nine Mile Road, Ste. 1025, Southfield, MI, 48075-4426. The application may be downloaded from the library at www.ArtServeMichigan.org. Questions may be directed to Christine Schefman, Director, Artist Services, at (248) 557-8288 Ext. 14 or artists@ArtServeMichigan.org.

held in Rochester on Wednesday, March 26, and Ann Arbor on Tuesday, April 29. See schedule below for details.

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An RSVP is required for all workshops. Call Christine Schefman (248) 557-8288 Ext. 14 or send e-mail to artists@artservemichigan.org.

■ 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI.

■ 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Ann Arbor Public Library, Multi-purpose Room, 343

Workshops for the Step 1 application will be

South Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor.

Play raises many questions about freedom of speech

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Evelyn Orbach's still struggling with the dilemma Peter Sagal poses in Denial. But that's OK with the West Bloomfield director who brought the emotionally-charged play to the Jewish Ensemble Theatre stage. Presenting controversial issues is what good theater is all about; it's just that as a Jew this one strikes closer to home.

Set in contemporary times, the play, which continues through March 30, follows a professor whose book denies the Holocaust ever happened, denies the Nazis ever murdered 6 million Jewish men, women and children in concentration camps during World War II. When the government indicts Bernard

Cooper (played by Aaron Alpern of Chicago) for inciting violence, he seeks the help of ACLU attorney Abigail Gersten (Rebecca Covey of Chicago).

"I always thought the issues it raises are important yet difficult," said Orbach. "Since 9-11 it's become so apparent all of our First Amendment rights in this country - freedom of speech, freedom of the press are all very important to us. Even if we disagree with what they say, they have a right to say it. But what if they say something dangerous and bring other people to their way of thinking. Being Jewish I'm aware of denying people their rights. The time was right to have this discussion. I don't know what the answer is but I want this discussion."

Walonda Lewis's character thinks the right to free speech should have boundaries, but Sagal's play has left the actress wondering. It's a question she

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

What: Peter Sagal's Denial, a drama focused on defending the First Amendment rights of a professor who writes a book denying the Holocaust

When: Through Sunday, March 30. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: Aaron DeRoy Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield

Tickets: \$18-\$30, discounts for seniors and students, call (248) 788-2900

Talkbacks: After every Thursday performance with ACLU and Anti-Defamation League representatives and various Stop Hate campaign partners.

never had to deal with while studying acting at Franklin High School in Livonia or Wayne State University from which she graduates this spring.

HEARING THE OTHER SIDE

"I play Stefanie, secretary to Abby. She's Abby's conscience," said Lewis. "At first she's torn about First Amendment rights. Abby's someone who she looks up to, but then certain things she can't tolerate. She can only go so far protecting the rights of others. It forces me to try to answer that question how far are you going to protect the rights of Nazis and terrorists. I'm still thinking but what I've come up with is it depends on the situation to discover the right thing to do. I hope the Thursday night Talkbacks after performances clarify this. I want my friends to come for the discussions, assert views and listen to others because this

play is about listening. It's about hearing that other side that you never want to hear."

Sol Frieder knows the importance of First Amendment rights yet it's still hard for him to listen to the lies spread by Cooper through his writings. So when the opportunity arose to play a supporting role in the premiere of Denial at Long Wharf Theatre in Connecticut in 1995, Frieder couldn't say no. Like his character Nathan, the 83-year-old actor lived through the Holocaust. The horror of it has remained with him throughout his 45 years in professional theater.

"It's still alive in my mind," said Frieder, who was born in Germany and now lives in New York. "My parents perished in Poland. It's a good play but also well documented. It shows weakness and strength under any terrible condition. That it could happen anywhere."

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FILM BEAT

Film Beat lists what's playing at alternative film theaters, special movie events and local flicks. Offerings and movie schedules may change after press time, so be sure to call ahead. Film beat listings and movie information can be submitted to : Nicole Stafford, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 801 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or e-mail nstafford@oe.homecomm.net.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit

Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft. Adult admission, \$6.50, senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening.

March 21-23, Chihwaseon (South Korea), director Im Kwon-Taek shared the prize for Best Director at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival for this saga about renowned 19th century artist "Ohwon" Jang Seung-up, his wild lifestyle and struggle to define the border between profitable and true artistry.

March 24, Tosca (France), 2001, director Benoit Jaquot's film translation of the famous opera.

REDFORD THEATRE, 17360 Lahser in Detroit, call (313) 537-2560. Regular admission, \$3.

March 21-22, The Picture of Dorian Gray, 1945, a haunting Oscar Wilde story about a Victorian gentleman who stays eternally young but has an aging

portrait of himself in his attic. starring Donna Reed, George Sanders, Hurd Hatfield and Academy Award nominee Angela Lansbury - in black and white. BREW AND VIEW AT THE MAGIC BAG. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.magicbag.com, movie nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays in small theater setting with full bar, must be at least 21, doors open at 8 p.m., films start at 9:30 p.m., box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$2. Call theater for schedule.

MAIN ART THEATRE, 118 North Main at 11 Mile Road, downtown Royal Oak, (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is alwavs \$6.

March 28, Bend it Like Beckham, a comedy about bending the rules to reach your goal that explores the world of women's soccer. Set in Hounslow, West London and Hamburg, the film follows two 18-year-olds with their hearts set on a future in professional soccer.

OSCAR NIGHT PARTIES

March 23, An Academy Awards Evening, 7 p.m. Uptown Palladium 12 film theater. 250 N. Old Woodward. downtown Birmingham, \$30, call (248) 644-FILM or visit the box office. March 23, St. Dunstan's Red Carpet Party, 7 p.m., Star Southfield Entertainment Centre, 25333 W. 2 Mile Road, Southfield, general seating, \$30, reserved seating, \$40, to benefit St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook call (248) 644-0527 or visit www.stdunstanstheater.com to order tickets.

FROM PAGE B1

KC

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center on Saturday. The event is part of their 30th anniversary tour. The group exploded into the

music scene in the mid-'70s after a successful reign in Europe. They became one of the leading forces in pop music with sales of more than 100 million records. KC and his Sunshines have captured three Grammys, nine Grammy nominations and the American Music Award for Best R&B Artist.

Casey said he first broke into the biz at age 17-18, writing songs with his musician pal Richard Finch, the band's bassist who now lives in Europe. His biggest influences were rhythm and blues artists like the (Young) Rascals, Blood, Sweat and Tears, Joe Cocker, and the Motown artists he listened to as a teenager.

He was, generally, a solitary listener. "I was the only white boy listening to this stuff," he

said. "All my friends were making fun of me."

HEART AND SOUL

As a white guy, who sounded black, he was told by a record company that "I would never have a shot at it (fame)" but that didn't deter him. "I didn't see it as a color thing. I just did it my way, with heart and soul."

It was during that time that Casey picked up the keyboard. He'd already had a few piano lessons. "I took some piano lessons as a kid until the teacher thought I knew more than her," he quipped. "That was the end of that." He admits to playing well by ear, and now relies on his DX-7 keyboard to plunk out tunes.

Though KC and the Sunshine Band had their first R&B hits with Blow Your Whistle (1973) and Sound Your Funky Horn (early 1974), they didn't hit their stride until their numberone smash, Get Down Tonight. A history on the band says the Sunshines realized "they'd caught lightening in a bottle." Thus began a string of hits

and their trademark funky sound. "We were the forerun-

I LIKE IT What:

KC and the Sunshine Band

Where:

8 p.m. Saturday, March 22 Where: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center,

Dearborn

Tickets: \$45 -\$55, available at the box office, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. To charge tickets by phone, call (313) 943-2354.

Visit KC online at www. kcandthesunshineband.com

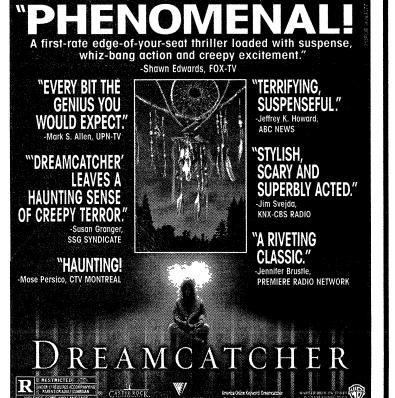
ners of disco," Casey said. There was "no mirror ball" until the film Saturday Night Fever was released, but the band was already firmly entrenched in disco, and could rest a bit on their laurels and record some laid-back ballads. However, KC and the

Sunshine Band are best remembered for their funky, upbeat thumpers. Figuring out their name was easy. KC sounded like Casey and the group was named the Sunshine Band in honor of their native Florida, the Sunshine State. "That was the proper name," Casey said, for their sunny, catchy music.

Today, those happy thumpers - which are a mainstay of many commercials and movies these days – are needed more than ever, he said. "People are ready for it, with all these bad things going on in the world. It really lifts people."

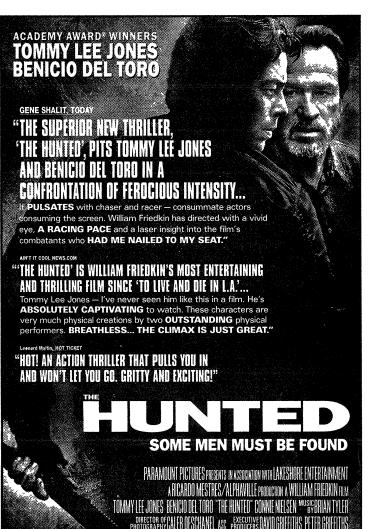
He's looking forward to being back in the Detroit area. Last time was two years ago at Pine Knob (DTE Energy Music Theatre). "I just love what I'm doing and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Michigan."

The hairline has receded a bit, and Casey no longer wears his trademark shag. But it's still "dark brown," although some thought it was lighter during the band's heyday. The lighting in those days - much of it looming orange and yellow onto the disco stage - "made it look auburn." he said.





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What a difference a fine glass makes!

EATING OUT

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Do you enjoy wine to accompany an eating out experience? If that answer is yes, does the wine glass used by the restaurant make a difference? It should.

In 1973, Claus Riedel discovered that glass shape had a dramatic effect on the aroma and taste of wine. On this account, Riedel, the maker of the finest Austrian wine glasses, introduced its Sommeliers line of wine stemware. Slowly and controversially over time, the Riedel philosophy caught on.

Now nationwide, wine drinkers are literally forcing restaurateurs to pay attention. In their homes for years, consumers have been using Riedel glasses for their wines. They realize that they don't want to spend upwards of \$30 for a bottle of wine in a restaurant to drink from glasses that don't maximize pleasure.

Since the debut of Riedel wine stemware, Claus Riedel's son, Georg, significantly expanded the line. Yet, it was not until Georg's son, Maximillian, moved to the U.S. two years ago that he recognized the inroads Riedel's competitors were making in restaurants. Riedel therefore designed a new range of glasses, dubbed the Restaurant Series, specifically for use in restaurants and bars.

The new series is based on Riedel's acclaimed Vinum bowls. Produced with non-lead glass, suitable for restaurant dishwasher racks, they have a slightly wider base and a stronger, round, seamless stem, affording both elegance and durability.

MORTON'S COMMITS

Recently Morton's, The Steakhouse made a corporate commitment to improve an overall dining experience by using the new Riedel stemware in all its restaurants. At Morton's Southfield location, 'it has met with diner enthusiasm.

"As a recognized leader in the steakhouse category," said Southfield Morton's General Manager Steve Salmon, "Morton's partnered with Riedel for the obvious reason that they make the best wine glasses in the world. Morton's believes the wine experience is greatly enhanced by using the best stemware and this translates into an overall dining experience, taken to a new level.

"Morton's chose a white wine glass that was crafted to enhance the enjoyment of Chardonnay and another for Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and other Bordeaux varietals. This is a correct fit for Morton's sales mix and guest profile. The company did exhaustive testing of different stemware styles and these were the choices that our guests made."

REPEATING THE TEST

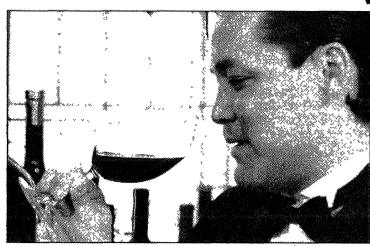
As the Observer & Eccentric wine columnists, Morton's invited my husband, Ray, and me to try some red wines in the new Riedel restaurant stemware. We expanded the "test" to include other glassware, such as the beaded rim balloons, formerly used by Morton's, and thin-rimmed balloons from our home collection.

Hands down, the Riedel Restaurant Series significantly enhanced the following wines: 1999 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Merlot \$80, 2000 Gaja Ca' Marcanda Magari \$123, 1996 Charles Krug Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$60 and 1989 Chateau Gruaud Larose, St. Julien \$189.

Each wine tasted from Morton's former wine glasses had a low aromatic profile. Swirling wine to increase aroma perception in that glass

Restaurants, churches, clubs offer Lenten fare

BY MARY QUINLEY CORRESPONDENT lighter appetite \$4.95). Lenten specials feature grilled trout,



JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Morton's Steakhouse General Manager Steve Salmon takes in the aroma of a 1999 Crystal Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

was impossible without wine overboard. Even though the glasses were squeaky clean, our balloons made each wine smell slightly stinky. The Riedels brought out high-toned aromatics and in the case of the Charles Krug, it was difficult to determine whether this wine was corked until we tried it in the Riedel. One whiff; no debate; corked. The multiple layers of flavors revealed by wines in the Riedels were simply amazing.

We wondered then, do elevated wine characters also improve the impression of Morton's steaks? While sampling Morton's top-seller, the 14-ounce Double Cut Filet and the New York Strip, we repeated the wine tasting in the various glassware. The steaks were also enhanced by the wine in the Riedel glasses.

We never recommend a Merlot with a great steak. Cabernet is the best fit. We'll not say that again! Yes, some Merlots are a lot like Cabs and the Riedel glass proved that with the Stag's Leap Merlot. It was a gorgeous, sumptuous

MORTON'S, The steakhouse

Where: 1 Town Square, Southfield (248)354-6006. Open: 5:30-11p.m. Monday-Saturday, 5-10 p.m. Sunday Food style: USDA prime aged beef and lobster, among other specialties.

Cost: A la carte menu with entrees \$20-\$34.

Reservations: Advised.

wine with the filet.

Why? Riedel wine glasses with fine, thin, polished-rim bowls direct wine precisely to the palate's correct zone and dramatically enhance perception.

Riedels are recognized among professionals as finelytuned instruments, shaped to deliver the best possible bouquet and wine taste.

Morton's, The Steakhouse has taken a corporate lead in providing its guests, who order wine (and the plurality do) with an enriched wine and food experience. The next time you order a \$30 or higher bottle of wine in a restaurant and are obliged to drink it in other than a fine, thin-rimmed glass, such as the Riedel Restaurant Series, ask management why.

Wine markup in restaurants can support the purchase of the best, durable glassware. High-end restaurants that are not using the latest high-tech glassware for expensive wines should ask, are we really interested in offering the best dining experience? Without top wine stemware, that answer must be "no."

Although Riedel Restaurant Series glasses are available solely to restaurants, the company's other collections, including Sommeliers (\$55-\$89), Vinum Extreme (\$28-\$30), Vinum (\$10-\$30), Wine (\$11-\$12.50), Overture (\$10), and Basic (\$10, designed to fit in a dishwasher), are available at fine wine merchants. For local retailers and more information, visit Riedel's Web site,

www.RiedelCrystal.com. Prices in parentheses represent the range per stem in the various series.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.



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If you're searching for a meatless meal during the Lenten season, you might want to head to a local pub or eatery, a neighborhood church, or a fraternal organization's meeting place to dine.

Here's a sampling of what's available:

RESTAURANTS/PUBS

■ Hope's Fish & Chips – 28370 Joy, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, (734) 427-2130. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. A variety of fried, baked and broiled fish dinners, average price \$7.95.

■ Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant - 578 Starkweather, Old Village, Plymouth, (734) 455-2630. Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Shrimp, fish & chips, scallops, ocean perch and more than 20 other fish selections (prices vary). On Mondays, all-you-can-eat grilled or fried cod (\$8.43).

■ Page's Food & Spirits -23621 Farmington Road, one block south of Grand River, Farmington, (248) 477-0099. Open: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. All-you-caneat fish & chips (\$10.95); baked or broiled cod, sautéed lake perch and Friday fish specials.

■ Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center - 8768 N. Territorial, near Plymouth, (734) 453-7272. Open: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays. All-you-can-eat fish or pasta dinners (\$8.75).

■ Red Robin Restaurant -36350 Warren, Westland, (734) 421-4081. Open: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Fish & chips (\$8.99), clam strips and fries (\$7.99) and seafood pasta (\$10.99).

■ Johnson's Family Restaurant - 42400 Ford., Canton, (734) 981-6877. Open: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. All-youcan-eat fish & chips (\$7.95, ■ Senate Coney Island & Restaurant, 34359 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 422-5075. Open: 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Fish & chips (\$7.25), baked salmon (\$8.45) Fridays only.

CHURCHES

Unless otherwise noted, dinners will be served at these locations on Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday, April 18.

■ Our Lady of Good Counsel - 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 453-0326. Serving: 5:30-7:30 p.m., excluding Good Friday. Fried and baked fish (adults \$6.50, seniors \$5.50, children \$4).

■ St. Raphael - 31530 Beechwood, west of Merriman, two blocks north of Ford, Garden City, (734) 427-1533. Serving: 4:30-7 p.m. except on Good Friday 3-7 p.m. Fish, shrimp and fish-shrimp combo dinners (\$7), fish sandwich plate (\$5.75).

■ St. Kenneth – 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, (734) 420-0288. Serving: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fish & chips (\$5), fisherman's platter (\$6), fried shrimp (\$6.75), kids' dinners (\$2.50). Dinners include salad, fries and beverage. Vegetable lasagna and clam chowder soup available.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

■ Monaghan Knights of Columbus – 19801 Farmington, Livonia, (248) 476-8385. Serving: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8:30 p.m. every Friday throughout the year. Fish & chips with coleslaw and roll (\$7.25); broiled haddock, perch, shrimp and frog legs available.

■ Elks Lodge - 31117 Plymouth, one block east of Merriman, Livonia, (734) 425-2246. Serving: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. Fish dinners (\$7-\$8.25), fish & chips (\$5.50), fish sandwich (\$4.25) and kids' fish dinner (\$4.25).

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about food and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

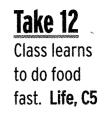
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Builders Home Show hits Cobo this weekend

If the 60-degree temperatures this week has given you a little get-upand-go for the spring weather, then take in the 85th annual Builders Home Show at the Cobo Conference Exhibition Center, Friday-Sunday, March 21-23.

More than 300 exhibitors will be offering the latest technology, products and services for spring home and garden projects at the show, sponsored by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), with presenting sponsor Standard Federal Bank.

Cobo Center is the place to be if you have a home or garden project planned for the spring, said Steve Perlman, BIA president. This show is the granddaddy of all home shows in Michigan.

Hundreds of the area's top experts will be on hand to answer consumer questions.

[^] Making an appearance is Teresa Van De Veere Pratt, an award-winning faux-finish artist and muralist, who will demonstrate innovative painting approaches to revitalizing interior decor including walls, furniture, ceramics and picture frames.

Demonstration times are: Friday, March 21, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 22, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

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BUILDERS HOME SHOW

What: 85th annual Builders Home Show, part of the National Home and Garden Show series, featuring more than 300 exhibitors offering the latest products and services for the home. When: March 21-March 23: noon to 9 p.m., Friday, March 21; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 22; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, March 23 Where: Cobo Center Tickets: Adults, \$7; seniors, \$6, children under 12 will be admitted free Features: The latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, furniture, arts and crafts, home office, decorative accessories, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

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Rose whispers

How does a rose become an All-America winner? Not easily, if you review the process of All-America Rose Selections. The winners emerge after two year's of review in 27 test gardens

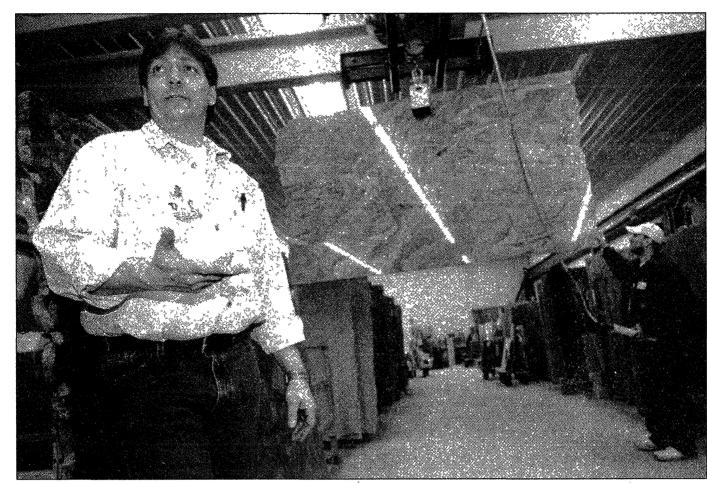


around the country. The 2003 winners include two colorful floribundas (Eureka and Hot Cocoa), a showy grandiflora (Cherry Parfait) and a sophisticated hybrid tea (Whisper, pictured here).

According to the All-America Rose Selections of Chicago, the copper-apricot flowers of Eureka are spectacular when fully open and will attract rose growers.

The roses will be available online, through mail order catalogs and at garden centers, nurseries and home centers for the 2003 growing season.

Rose lovers can learn more about rose gardening by attending a meeting of the Rose West Rose Society of Novi. It meets 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road (west of Novi Road). The society will present "City Rose Gardens." Diane.Schrift of Birmingham will present a slide program of rose gardens. The meeting is free and open to the public. For details on meeting



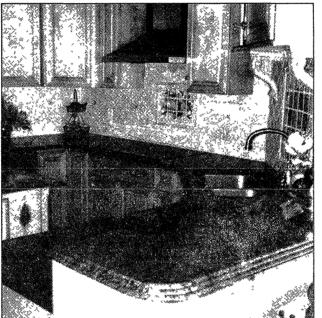
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Thaddius MacKillop, shop superintendent of the granite and marble shop of TJ Ceramic Tile Sales in Southfield, stands in the warehouse where hundreds of slabs of granite are kept, while Cliff Krupp moves a colorful slab.

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soon it will be cut into thin slabs, either two or three centimeters thick, then shipped to the United States, where it will end up in a warehouse where customers can pick out a slab, probably for the kitchen.

Granite has grown into one of the hottest commodities in home remodeling and new construction.



Creating beauty from rough edges

Once granite slabs end up at Phil Mularoni's warehouse at the Marble and Granite Shop inside TJ Ceramic Tile Sales in Southfield, they sit and wait for a customer to select one of them for a long-lasting and durable piece of beauty in their kitchen or bathroom.

American Rose Society members and about the program, .call (248) 449-4626.

Make impact

Homeowners often wonder whether to start a small and inexpensive project or undertake a project requiring a major financial commitment.

"Even a small change can deliver a large visual improvement and give your spirits a boost," said Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Co. of Southfield.

The following are some popular, yet smaller, home improvement ideas courtesy of Fairway that may be considered by homeowners:

Painting is a common home improvement. Use colors that work with the overall scheme on the walls. Lighter colors can be used to highlight the more attractive features of a home.

Colors can be used to set moods (what colors can make you feel happy, peaceful or energized?), change space perception or give the illusion of light.

Paint one wall a different ordinating color than the others for an ont.

Dull rooms can spring to life with the addition of wood molding.

Moldings add depth and interest to walls, ceilings, doors and cabinets and can be adapted to just about any area of home.

Housing additions don't need to be costly and timeconsuming. Enclosing an existing patio

to make a garden room can provide additional space.

ADDING ELEGANCE

Julie Kudzia-Serilla, interior designer at Genesee Ceramic Tile at the Michigan Design Center in Troy, said granite adds "a classy look" to the home.

"It's classy and elegant-looking," Kudzia-Serilla said. "People are using it in bathrooms, kitchens and around fireplaces."

Black and green with gold are popular colors, Kudzia-Serilla said. When compared to Corian, it "isn't much more to do a granite countertop."

"Demand has increased for granite and the market is more competitive," she said. "People usually want to do a kitchen countertop, but they might do a backsplash. Some are doing powder rooms or bathroom vanities.

"It's very hard. With quartz in it, it's very strong. It's a natural look."

Bob O'Brien, general sales manager for Kurtis Kitche as & Bath Centers in Livoria and Farmington. said granite has a high-end appeal, or, as he puts it, "snob" appeal. "But the price is now affordable," O'Brien said. MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER

Granite can bring a touch of elegance while providing durability in any kitchen.

And you don't have to live in a rich neighborhood to afford it, O'Brien said. More granite is available, he said.

"More is being quarried, more and more quarries are accessible in more countries," O'Brien said. "It's a natural stone, so no two stones are exactly the same. It has an aesthetic value and each slab is unique."

Phil Mularoni, owner of Ceramic Tile Sales in Southfield, Rochester and Farmington, called granite "the fastest growing commodity at the expense of Corian and synthetics. You always see a granite statue. It's impervious to any type of acid." Lemon juice and vinegar can create spots if left on other kinds of countertop materials, Mularoni said. "The main component of granite is quartz," he

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Once workers know the dimensions, they can cut the granite by using a template in the shape of the counter in the customer's kitchen.

Mistakes cannot be made in the creation of the granite countertop. The machinery that fabricates the countertop and sinkholes are engineering marvels and highly specialized.

Florin Hrenic, a sawman and shop foreman who emigrated from Romania, operates a diamond-bladed saw at the shop. Water sprays on the blade where it strikes the granite, cooling it and

PLEASE SEE **GRANITE, C3**

Other features:

Master painter/faux finisher Teresa Van De Veere Pratt presents faux finishing for home decorating "Hollywood style"

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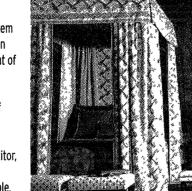
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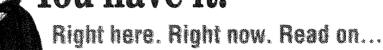
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AT HOME

HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

Easy gardening

Janet Macunovich, a master gardener and newspaper columnist, will discuss "Making Gardening Easier" at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Presbyterian Village Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, in Westland, at a free gardening seminar and open house. Refreshments will follow the lecture. For reservations, call (734) 728-5222.

Pruning

Classes offered by the Michigan School of Gardening include the three-session Pruning Trees and Shrubs, beginning Monday, March 24,

at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Fee is \$92.50. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Customer appreciation

Ethan Allen will present Customer Appreciation Days Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23, at area stores, including Livonia (phone (734) 261-7780), Novi (phone (248) 380-7900) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 995-5585). Special events and promotions will be featured.

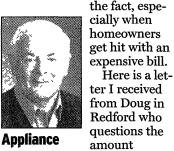
Home improvement

The Builders Home Improvement Show will run Friday-Sunday, March 21-23, at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show will have more than 300 exhibitors, who will display products and services for kitchens, baths, windows, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.



Before repairs, ask about labor charge

 onsumers sometimes have problems with contractors
 that can't be resolved after



Doctor amount a heating com-

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pany. "My furnace went out Monday afternoon," Doug

writes. "I called the company that installed the furnace at 7 p.m. on Monday. We decided over the phone that the draft inducer needed to be replaced. "Since the parts warehouse

"Since the parts warehouse was closed, he scheduled my repair in the morning. They arrived at about 9 a.m. and had the part installed and the cleanup completed in less than an hour. The part was under warranty so I was responsible to pay for the labor only. The charge was \$235. My wife called me, because she thought the charge too high.

"I spoke to the repairman and disputed the cost but he stuck to his guns and stated the charges were fair. I reluctantly agreed to pay the bill and my wife wrote the check. The charges seem about \$100 too high. In your opinion, was I overcharged?"

EXPENSIVE LABOR

Well, Doug, if you took this case to court, you would have a difficult time proving your case. Even if you removed the service call charge (trip charge) from the total of \$235, it still would show an expensive hourly labor rate. Some heating companies use a book rate per part and I've always believe that this method is a ripoff.

Apparently this is the same company who installed the furnace which makes me wonder whether you paid too much for the furnace when you bought it. The only thing you can do now is what any company doesn't want you to do: Tell all your family and friends not to use this company that you no longer trust.

The draft inducer that was replaced was not a tough job to do for a qualified heating technician and it certainly shows their hourly labor rate to be extremely high. Your letter points to an important fact that consumers should ask whenever calling for any kind of service: What is your hourly labor rate?

DRYING TIME

Jim and Kerry write ... "I have a Hotpoint gas dryer that is about 10 years old. It seems to take a lot longer to dry the clothes now. Is it worth repairing? Can I do it myself?"

Jim, I hope this answer saves you about \$400 and that you take Kerry out for a nice dinner on me. A great majority of service calls on dryers are related to the vent line on the back. Any time a consumer has a problem with slow drying, they should go directly to the vent line and check it. The air must move through the dryer and get to the outside. If you slow down this air movement, you've got a problem. (The service industry across this country is getting rich off calls like these.)

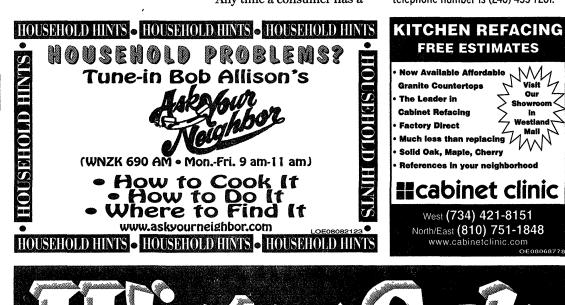
There is nothing difficult about taking the vent line off and cleaning it. You should also know that a dirty vent line can be responsible for starting a fire, which occurs over 15,000 times a year in the United States.

While doing this simple job, go outside with a toothbrush and clean the hinges on the trap door where the air is propelled to the outside. You would be surprised at how many service calls are performed by technicians to remove a dead squirrel looking for a new home.

The animals will crawl down the vent line and either walk right into the fan blade or bite on a red or blue wire at which point they expire rather quickly. Now after a few weeks you begin to smell an offensive odor in your clothes that just went through the dryer.

I strongly suggest that if this should ever occur with your dryer, that you not be looking over the service technicians shoulder when he corrects the problem. It is not a pretty sight.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His telephone number is (248) 455-7281.





KITCHEN

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said. "On the MOHS scale, which is the scale of hardness to minerals, it is second only to diamond. It is very difficult to scratch and resistant to heat, so if you set down a hot pan, you're not ruining the countertop.

"It has an intrinsic beauty, it's practical and it's virtually indestructible."

Jeff Klein, controller with Architectural Stone in Troy, agrees.

"People like the durability, it's unique and now it's come down in price the last three years," Klein said. "The materials and supplies are cheaper, and we can pass that along. The demand has increased."

The granite countertop market exploded in the last few years. Mularoni believes granite countertops became more affordable when the price of diamonds declined.

Granite is second only to diamonds in hardness, so diamond blades are used to cut granite.

That decline in diamond cost made the blades more affordable, thus the cost of manufacturing granite also fell and the process of cutting the granite shortened with the availability of more blades. "It made the availability go up geometrically, so the price went down," Mularoni said.

Homeowners also sought more natural themes in their homes, whether it was natural stone or materials. Granite prices can range from just under \$40 a square foot to \$70 a square foot, depending on the color. "The scarcity of a material also determines the price," Mularoni said.

Greens and golds are the two most popular colors, Mularoni said. "And 90 percent of our sales are for kitchen countertops," he said. About 70 percent of sales are for kitchen remodels with the remaining in new homes.

Customers should look at their slab before buying it, Kudzia-Serilla said.

"You get veins and varying blotches of color you won't get from other countertops," Kudzia-Serilla said. "Sometimes people are never comfortable with that. "They definitely want to look

at their own slab. Every piece of slab is different. Each piece will be different. There's so many types of granite and marble, there's a huge range of colors.

Customers look for lots of variations in granite, whether it is earth tones or the darker colors. "They like the blacks, browns and grays," Klein said. "These are popular with our customers.'

A basic kitchen remodel can cost about \$5,000, but that can increase dramatically depending on the size of the kitchen.

The cut of the granite also varies, depending on personal taste. Some like the waterfall

look, as the granite looks thicker: others like a beveled edge. Ogee and bullnose are two of

most popular edges, Kudzia-Serilla said. "An ogee edge is a little more formal than the straight edge, and the bullnose is a little more contemporary," she said.

Many new homes use granite. "It's a good-selling point," Kudzia-Serilla said. "It's kind of cool to see how many different ones they have. It's neat. You have a lot of different options if you want to do something different."

Granite also adds value to the home. "Most of the time if the house has it, it is mentioned right in the real estate ad," Mularoni said. "It's a luxury item. It's perceived as a luxury item and perceived as a practical item, so it's the best of both worlds."

Granite obtains its beauty as an igneous rock formed with magma.

When the surge of magma melt the boulder or minerals, it becomes part of the flow," Mularoni said.

O'Brien said kitchen remodels should cost about 10-15 percent of the home's value. Homes with minimum value of \$150,000 to \$180,000 can probably get the return on the granite investment.

"If you have a home valued at \$350,000, you'd better put granite in," O'Brien said

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preventing chips in the granite surface. The water also prolongs the life of the \$500 blade. "He'll use templates to meas-

ure it up and determine the seam, cut it and get a matchup of the vein and get it ready to polish," said Thaddius MacKillop, the shop superintendent. "He'll get all the cuts in sequence. He tries to minimize the waste factor and determines where the seams are."

Across from Hrenic, Ketan Sompura, who came to the U.S. from India, operates a CNC (computerized numerical control) machine that cuts sinkholes in the counter, similar to a router.

Sompura inputs the coordinates of the sinkhole into the machine. A hole is bored into the granite, then the router blade continues running to the sink's outer edge, then the hole is cut and completed. The process takes about a half hour to cut a sink hole.

"This machine will do architectural design," MacKillop said. Nine different end cuts can be performed by the "router" bits, such as a quarter bevel, quarter bullnose or half bullnose. "This machine can do in two hours what two men can do in a 10-hour shift."

Some customers use granite remnants to do a bar, small bathroom sink or another

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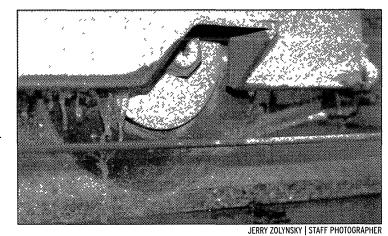
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A diamond saw blade is cooled by water as it rips through a piece of granite.

small area.

On the other side of the shop, Ketan Sompura's uncle, Krishna Sompura, hand-polishes the sharp edges on another piece. "A saw can cut them, but when you have a shape or design with no seams, it has to be done by hand," MacKillop said. Small strips of backsplashes sit nearby, while Ahmad Alsaheri runs shaping machines on smaller pieces. Faruk Karasuljiz, who came from Bosnia, helps retrofit and repair machines as the

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mechanic on the machines. Three common slabs are Baltic brown, uba tuba gold and verde butterfly. "We have probably 300 different kinds of granite marble," MacKillop said.

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The slabs begin as a roughedged piece of rock, but are hewn by craftsman from all over the world who work to create countertops of beauty and durability.

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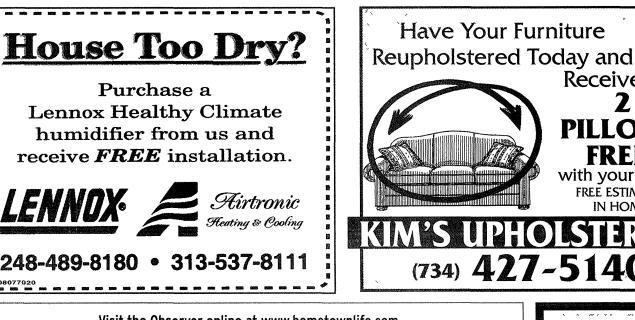


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Van De Veere Pratt has conducted projects in theaters, arenas and museums across the nation. Her works include projects for the MTV Music Awards and the Microsoft Catch the Wave Conference. Pratt has also appeared on The Home Shopping Network.

Show attendees can also see the Garden Marketplace, featuring blooming and flowering landscaped gardens. A Parade of Homes display will be on hand featuring a pictorial array of new homes.

Other highlights include appearances by local radio personalities and a Dear John contest where homeowners can enter to win a free bathroom makeover, courtesy of The Bath Shoppe at Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton.

Additional show features include advice, ideas and innovations for yard and garden projects, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Show hours are Friday, March 21, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

For more information on the show, call (248) 862-1019, or visit www.builders.org

BIA also sponsors other home improvement shows, including the Spring Home & Garden Show, April 4-6 at the Novi Expo Center; and the Fall Remodeling & Furniture Show, coming this fall at the Novi Expo Center.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,200 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 210,000 individuals and companies.

Clothing storage system should fit you Q: I have too many clothes and not enough space. My clothes are crammed in the closet and drawers won't close. A: Clothes take up a lot of

space. We tend to accumulate clothes quicker than we get rid of them. We all have



clothes "just in case" we can wear them Diana again. Koenig These extra

clothing items end up stuffed in our drawers and crammed into our closets along with the clothes we want to wear. It is difficult to find the outfit you want to wear if you have to dig through a closet or drawer that is too full.

The best way to get more space for your clothes is to create a clothing storage system. In your system you need to make your accommodations fit your needs. Periodically evaluate your system. You may become pregnant and have a different set of clothes to wear. You may also discover better ways to organize.

Your system should include ways to do the following: Keep closets and dressers

from becoming overcrowded. Put like clothing articles

together. Keep clothes in separate categories.

Here are some tips to get, and keep, your clothes organized.

To keep closets and dressers from becoming overcrowded: Sort through each article of clothing and make a deci-

sion to keep it or remove it from your closet or drawer. If there are clothes you

haven't worn in a long time but aren't ready to part with, put them in a box and store it in the basement. You can make a decision on the items at a later time. Meanwhile, they don't take up valuable space.

Donate the other articles to charity or other family members.

Hang your clothes in the

closet so they aren't touching. When clothes are bunched together in a closet, they wrinkle.

Store shoes in the original box on the closet floor or on shoe racks. You can store offseason shoes in their box on the closet shelf.

Buy plastic drawer containers from your local discount store. Use these in closets for extra drawer space. They are ideal for socks, stockings, tights, handkerchiefs and underclothing.

Allow for extra space in each drawer and closet. It will be easier to access items and there will be room for additional pieces.

Buy containers for storage under the bed. You can store the children's clothes that don't yet fit in a breathable canvas under the bed bag.

Vou can rotate seasonal clothes from bedroom closets to a basement closet or less accessible storage area. I store off-season clothes in two dressers in the basement.

To put like clothing articles together:

Arrange your dresses, blouses, shirts, slacks or suits together.

dress. You can just look through the section in your closet where the dresses hang.

Clip hair bows on a long ribbon. I have attached this ribbon to a hanger in the closet so the bows don't take up drawer space.

Hang hair ribbons from a hanger so they won't wrinkle and you will be able to find the one you want.

Separate socks by color and style into plastic containers in the dresser drawers. You can put white socks in one basket and dark socks in another. When you divide items, you conquer the messy problem.

To keep clothes in separate categories:

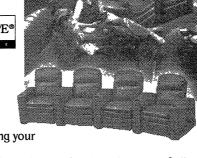
Arrange clothes in separate drawers. Dressers with small drawers are great because they are easier to maintain. If your dresser has large drawers, add small plastic containers to separate items.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: Keep your closets and drawers partly empty to separate clothing and keep them neat!

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Loop America is music to hearingimpaired ears

Uring one of my Monday night moderated chat sessions at www.hearingexchange.com one of my online friends shared news of new technology helping hearing impaired individuals called Loop America — an assistive listening system that broadcasts sound directly through hearing aids.

Being a very curious person, I decided to research this new concept.

People with T-coil hearing aids (most behind-the-ear and in-the-ear hearing aids routinely come with telecoil sensors) have settings that can be adjusted in different hearing situations. For example, when I use the phone I switch to a setting that allows me to hear on the phone more clearly.

The loop system transmits magnetic energy to telecoilequipped hearing aids through a wiring system that can be installed in any venue including a home, church, theater, etc. This technology is predominantly used throughout the United Kingdom. In fact the UK **Disabilities Discrimination** Act says by the year 2004 any business or organization providing a service to the general public must put in place the Loop system.

The American Disabilities Act requires only businesses and government offices to offer FM headsets. Individuals wear the headsets to block out background noise and focus on the intended speaker. However, many individuals choose not to use the headset because it draws attention to their disabilities. Also, FM systems operate on differing frequencies, requiring receivers for each venue.



Class teaches the difference between food fast and fast food

ow many cooks does it take to put together a simple meal of risotto with mushrooms, baked and/or breaded grouper and spinach with pancetta? At the first cooking class

sponsored by new business Bella Cucina last week, the answer was 12. It was great turnout for a class Bella Cucina



owner Beth Savastano didn't even advertise, which shows you the power of word of mouth. Brad Most of

Kadrich the students in the class were

women, with one male journalist also on hand. They were there for various reasons, either because they knew Savastano or they wanted to learn a little more about cooking or simply because the class sounded like fun.

Or because his wife signed him up. Debra Elsholz, for instance,

was walking down Ann Arbor Trail and saw Savastano's new store, with the mention of the cooking class in the window.

"I thought her store looked classy," Elsholz said. "The class sounded like something fun to do."

No matter the reason, the group that came together for Savastano's maiden cooking class since opening Bella Cucina a few weeks ago did the two things Savastano was hoping they'd do: 1) have fun: 2) not burn Our Lady of Good Counsel to the ground. The first was accomplished because Savastano made it fun for those who took part. She divided the group into three groups, one for each part of the meal. However, all the students had a hand in making all the dishes. But grouping them was a way to start.



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Elke Ruf stirs the risotto (above). Mary Anne Napolitano (below, left) adds spinach to the pot as Mary Beth Soignet holds a tray loaded with the leafy vegetable. Sheryl Yee (bottom) works her magic on the pan-fried fish.

switching easily between the hot pan in which the risotto was cooking, the pan where cooks were frying breaded grouper and the hot oven where more grouper baked

where more grouper baked. The second objective — not burning OLGC to the ground — was basically accomplished by not letting the male journalist near anything with a flame. Although he did help cook the risotto and fried the last few pieces of pan-fried grouper, the journalist's major responsibility – and one which he felt he handled nearly flawlessly - was slicing tomatoes and fresh buffa lo mozzarella. He did get a hand from Elke Ruff, who rescued the cheese. The journalist also got a lesson in cheese. "The mozzarella you put on pizza isn't fresh," said Annemarie Gilbertson, who has been Savastano's friend for some 30 years and who showed up in class to help out. "This is fresh; that's why it tastes so much better." The class was designed, obviously, for its students to learn something. Aside from my lesson in cheese, I also learned fish other than deepfried cod can taste pretty good, as the grouper did at the end of this class. Other students learned other lessons. Gilbertson taught Pam Cook a trick to breading the fish — keeping one hand dry. It was a lesson





SUCCESS

David Meyers, a social psychologist at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, who is also hard of hearing, experienced the loop system in Scotland. While touring the 800-year-old Iona Abby, he changed the T-coil setting on his hearing aid and was amazed at how clear the speakers and musicians sounded. After experiencing this new technology first hand, he decided to bring it to the United States starting with his hometown of Holland.

Premotivation Audio in Michigan offers the same technology as its counterpart in England that manufactured the Loop system. It takes approximately two weeks to install the system and to train soundboard operators on its use. The Loop retails for \$1,100 (plus installation) for the system, which covers 5,400 square feet of space.

At the end of 2002 the Holland-Zeeland community was considered a model loop community. Many individuals, businesses, churches and public venues in Holland have installed the Loop system, including Hope College. Organizations like the Michigan Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People support this new and exciting technology. They take the position that all public places should be equipped with the Loop technology to help keep the hard of hearing public informed.

I am very impressed with this new technology because I see the potential it has to help so many people. Personally, I have always struggled to hear in crowded

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Once they headed for the kitchen, though, confusion reigned — at least for a little while.

"There are too many women in the kitchen," laughed Janet Olson. "There's too much talking and too much heat."

Eventually, the cooks fell into a routine and began

Amber Talaski and Claire Wolfe enjoy outside recess.

Cook learned well, until she got a little distracted.

"I started talking to someone, and it was like walking and chewing bubble gum," Cook said, laughing. "I never would have used one hand for wet and one for dry." Mary Anne Napolitano fin-

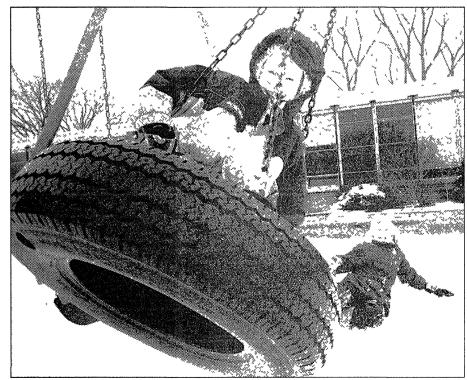
ished the class with the hope of stemming the tide of her teenager's complaints.

"My son says to me, 'Please,

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Gibson celebrates 30 years of meeting needs



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BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Vivienne Lucksom knew there was something different about her son, Joshua.

It was his first year in school and he wasn't fitting in. He threw tantrums. He was already reading but he clammed up in the classroom. He didn't want to stand out from the other 25 children in class. He became withdrawn.

"I started out reading books on what is wrong with my kid. Slowly I began to realize that he was gifted," Lucksom said.

The realization was a "rude shock," as it is for many parents who often mistakenly think they have a child with a discipline problem.

Lucksom of Southfield started looking for a school where Joshua, now 7, would be more comfortable.

Since coming to Redford's Gibson School, Lucksom has noticed a transformation.

"The change was instant," she said. "He got his self-esteem back. He was happy with who he is. He said the other kids get his jokes. He doesn't have to explain himself."

A NEW APPROACH

Gibson has been the answer for many parents with gifted children since the school was founded 30 years ago by educator Walter Gibson.

Gibson was a downriver elementary principal who became curious about the children who were repeatedly sent to his office for discipline.

"The only thing they had in common was that they were bright," said Suzanne Young, director of Gibson School.

He began working with counselors, teachers and parents on a curriculum geared to gifted children, who were often being disruptive because of boredom and frustration.

In 1972, he started his own school with 30 students in a church basement in Dearborn. The school's curriculum was experience-based with an emphasis

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on hands-on projects, experimentation, student-centered learning and cross-discipline.

"In 1972, it was pretty cutting-edge to do field trips to allow students to have more experiences," Young said. "It was cutting-edge to have classes with multiple ages. It was cutting-edge to have an integrated curriculum with teachers teaching around a topic, every teacher teaching about dinosaurs or space exploration. It's more common now but not in those days."

In 1975, Gibson began leasing its current building on Fenton Road from South Redford schools. The former Will Rogers Elementary became a haven for children with a special need.

The school currently has 67 students in the K-8 gifted program and 40 children in a child-development preschool, which is not intended for gifted children.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

To have a child admitted to Gibson's school for the gifted, parents are required to have their child take an IQ test with a licensed psychologist. The child needs to have a tested IQ of 130 or above, with some exceptions made for the youngest children. Parents are also required to bring their child to the school for a visit before a decision is made.

"We get to observe the child's interaction with students we have already and parents get to see how their child fits," said Young. "One woman came with her daugh ter and she saw her daughter skipping down the hall, and the mother started to cry. She said, 'She's happy."

Kelli Dade Haines of Livonia was well aware of the problems faced by a gifted child. When she was 2 years old, her parents had her tested when she said a polysyllabic word that no one knew.

Her parents were educators who knew something was special about their daughter. They sent her to Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills.

Haines noticed the same qualities in her son Blake, 8. She spent a sample day at Gibson. She and Blake visited some classrooms. "He said, 'Mom, I really like it here, can I stay?" she said. Before Gibson, Blake was

acting out his frustration.

"If you talk to any parent, it's the nightmare story of not fitting in," Haines said. "Blake was reading but he had trouble making friends because he knew the answers and the other kids think of him as a smart aleck."

At Gibson, Blake has been able to make friends. His best friend is Joshua Lucksom.

"He gets more involved. He puts himself into his projects. He's working up to his potential," Haines said.

Getting involved is an important part of the Gibson philosophy. "We're sure to cover cur-

riculum that the state requires, but deepen and broaden it and have integration of various disciplines," Young said.

When Margaret Mayer of Westland was looking for a school for her son, Christian, 6, she already knew a lot about Gibson. She attended the school in the late '80s and early '90s. In 1991, her eighth-grade graduating class had just 10 students.

"It was structured like other schools but you were more free to learn at your own pace and abilities," Mayer said.

She said the school gave her a chance to go "above and beyond."

Her son had been attending a Montessori school when she moved him to Gibson's preschool program. She began to notice that he was working above his age level and had him tested for admission to Gibson. She said he has been adjusting well to her old school.

RELATED THEMES

The school has five homeroom teachers; children are grouped together by age but can work with older children in areas where they have a special gift. In addition, the school has five special teachers for computer science, art, music, Spanish and physical education.

In the spring and fall, the school selects themes around which teachers can build a curriculum. Themes have included dinosaurs, oceans, the space program and this year's theme, "soaring into the future."

Field trips are another big part of the program, including two trips a year to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The recent Columbia

tragedy will be the focus of debates for the middle school students.

A popular interactive pro-gram is called "mini society," in which the children create their own community. One day they were creating products for sale, setting their prices in "shenanigans."

The school's library was recently renovated. A computer lab has 22 functioning computers but, as of yet, no Internet access. Young said that is a top priority.

The annual tuition is \$8,500 a year and is expected to go up slightly next fall. About 20 students are attending on scholarships based on financial need.

"We have an endowment fund for scholarships. We don't want to be a school just for people of means," Young said.

The school has a \$500,000 endowment.

The school's board comes from a cross-section of the community's business and educational leadership but does not include parents. Parents, however, are an important part of Gibson. They serve on subcommittees and volunteer their time. Students come from 23 different communities throughout metro Detroit, including Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Canton and Westland.

Jeanne Nance of Bloomfield Hills works in admissions for the school. She brought her son, Bill, now in high school, to Gibson when he was in the sixth grade.

"Everything was a debate with him. I had him evaluated, tried to work with a psychologist," she said. "We found Gibson when he was in sixth grade. Within a week he was anxious to go to school, excited. The whole family relaxed."

Nance said one thing her

son learned at Gibson was that girls can be bright and be friends.

Young said it has been a challenge to attract girls to the school. The school sponsors an annual Girls' Conference (Girls are Gifted Too!).

A DIVERSE GROUP

The open, accepting environment of Gibson was important to Rocco Foggio as well.

Foggio, 24, of Farmington Hills, played football at Purdue, in the 2001 Rose Bowl and is now an National Football League free agent.

'The biggest thing was that black, white, Asian everyone got along," he said. "There were no racial issues. There was a commitment to teach children and help them get along. There was never any disruption at the school."

Foggio was attending a parochial school and feeling "ostracized" because he was so far ahead of his classmates in reading and math. His parents checked several schools and decided on Gibson.

"The classes were a lot smaller. You got extra attention, because everyone is gifted in their own way," he said.

Adam Chalom remembers that when he was a student at Gibson in the '80s his two best friends were a Korean boy and the son of a Nigerian father and white American mother.

"I found it a supportive environment that allowed you to pursue what you were more interested in," he said.

He remembers doing detailed research papers on complex subjects when he was in the middle school years.

Chalom of Farmington is a rabbi at the Birmingham Temple.

For the parents, Gibson is a place for their children to be normal, to develop with other children like themselves and to grow at their own pace with strong support.

"It's a myth that gifted children learn on their own," said Lucksom. "They need as much help as a special ed child."

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Smith-Mueller

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith of Pasadena, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Louise, to John William Mueller, son of Virgil and Carolyn Mueller, formerly of Plymouth and currently residing in Henderson, Nev.

Carolyn is a graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles and received her master's degree from UCLA.

John is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Western Michigan University.

He has lived in southern California for 12 years.

The wedding is scheduled at First Congregational Church, UCC in Pasadena, Calif., on April 26, 2003.

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places due to the loud noise and confusion. Background noise makes it difficult to focus on the person who is talking to me. As a society we need to investi-

gate and find new ways to improve

CLASS

not your hamburgers again," Napolitano said. "I'm not a big cook. I'm trying to be a better cook."

Mostly, though, Savastano and Gilbertson wanted people to learn that just because you need to eat fast doesn't mean you need to eat fast food.

"That's the point," Savastano



Williams celebration

Douglas and Frances Williams of Plymouth celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 20, 2003. The celebration took place at the Olive Garden Restaurant for about 50 or more of the family on March 16, 2003.

They were married on March 20, 1943, at Holy Rosary Church in Detroit. Because it was during Lent, they had to have special dispensation from the priest. After a series of mix-ups, including losing the marriage license, the priest agreed to the ceremony but only after the promise of getting a duplicate license on Monday was made.

Today, the happy couple enjoy their eight children (seven surviving), Nancy (Larry) Ray, Sharon (Joseph) Willerer, Patricia (Robert) Dicks, Mary (George) Wolfe, Barbara (Shawn) Tipton, Daniel (Roberta) Williams, and Mark Williams; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

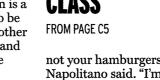
the quality of life for people with disabilities and I think the Loop system is a great solution. For more information visit www.hearingloop.org.

Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia. She writes a column for the Observer Newspapers on disability issues. Contact her by e-mail at carriewrites@yahoo.com or her Web site, http://clix.to/writer-fiction.

said. "You don't have to settle for hamburgers just because you need it fast."

Bella Cucina's cooking classes are filled through May, but you can talk to her about possible openings in future classes by calling (734) 455-4232.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer, and will never be confused with the Galloping Gourmet. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700.



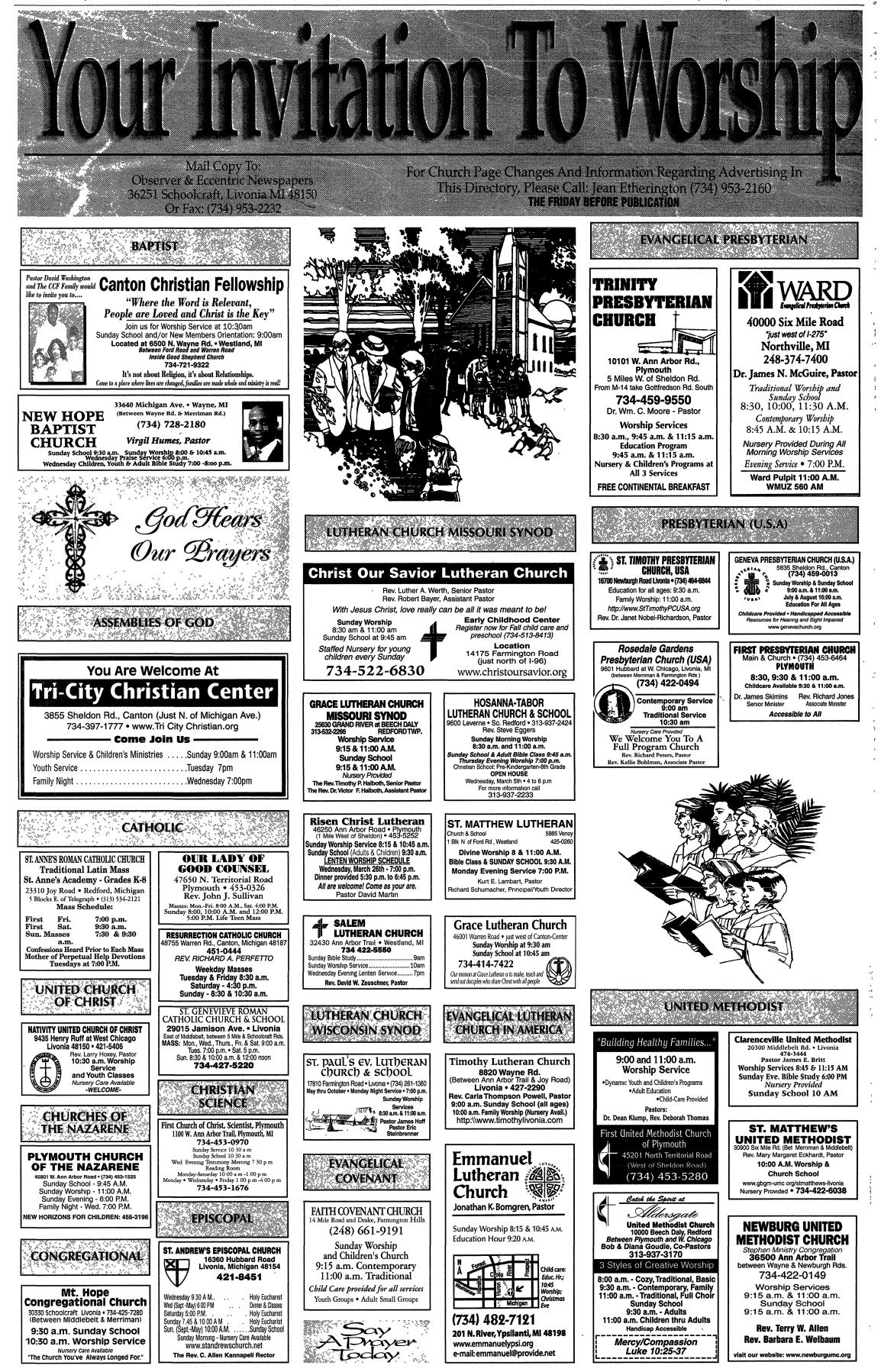


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Make Someone's Day!

When is the last time you told someone that they made your day? When we give someone an honest, well-deserved compliment such as this, it is also a blessing to us. It makes us aware of those who have been a positive influence in our daily lives. Ironically, the best way to "make someone's day" is to tell them how helpful they have been to you and that you appreciate their friendship. It seems we often forget to tell those who are closest to us that we value and enjoy their company. When it comes to praising people, there is usually nothing wrong with doing it in the presence of others. People don't usually like to "toot their own horn," so if we can do it for them by praising their actions, it usually will give them encouragement. Conversely. If you must criticize someone, it is almost always best to do that in private, making sure that the other person knows that you still value them despite your criticism. God wants us to use kind words which validate our fellow human beings, and to practice His Golden Rule of doing for others what you want them to do for you.

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:18





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Examine what you did to regain trust

Dear Jen,

About 2 months ago I snuck around and did some things that I was not supposed to do. Because of this, I lost my parents trust. Now 2 months later I have done everything to try and get it back,

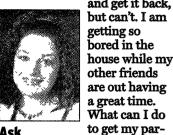
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Trust

Breaker, 17



Ask Jen

Jennifer Sawalha

Many teens experience this and struggle to regain the trust of their parents. Once you break someone's trust, especially an authority figure, loved one, or a parent it can take months to regain it. Trust is almost always given out freely, but also the hardest thing to regain within any kind of relationship. Usually if you have broken someone's trust: one, you have made a really bad choice; or, two, you were only thinking of yourself when you proceeded to do what you were not supposed to do. I suggest you take a long and hard look at the things you did and figure why you did them.

Did you do them to be cool? Was it peer pressure? Then sit down with your parents and explain to them why you did these things, as well as let them know that you understand trust is something that is earned over a long period of time. Voice to them how you have thought long and hard about what you did and have grown from the entire experience. Ask them to please give you a chance to just do a couple things at first to help rebuild the trust. Remember, when you are about to break the rules always think about the consequences and whom else your actions are going to effect.

Dear Jen,

I know this question probably seems weird, but can two people of the opposite sex be

opposite sex without being involved in an intimate manner. A matter of fact, I have many friends who are the opposite sex. It is perfectly natural and healthy to have friends who are not the same sex as yourself. You can learn a lot about life, relationships and friendships by having a diverse social circle. Friendship is very sacred and it is one of the most beautiful gifts in life that can be shared with people of all races, creeds, religions, and yes ... gender. Enjoy your friendships and learn to respect the limits of friendship. It will help you to become a more well rounded individual!

Dear Jen,

I have this friend who keeps losing weight. She is already so skinny and refuses to eat when she is at school. I am not sure if she is eating at all. Should I tell her parents? Do you think she has anorexia?

Concerned in Garden City, 17

Your concern for your friend's well being is valid. Anorexia can be extremely dangerous, and seems to be a growing problem among teenage girls and boys. It is definitely an issue that needs to be dealt with, immediately. I suggest that you talk with your school social worker about your friend and your concern for her health. The social worker can then assess the situation and talk to your friends' parents.

Anorexia is a very scary disease that can take complete control of one's life. It can cause many medical issues as well as mental health issues. Your friend will probably get very defensive about the issue when it is brought up, and may even be mad at you for bringing it to the others' attention. That is normal for someone suffering from this condition. Once she gets help and begins feeling better, she will realize your concern for her, and what a great friend you have truly been ... you could save her life. The following number is the National Eating Disorder Crisis Number for any further questions or concerns: (800) 382-2832.

Jennifer Sawalha of Livonia is a school psychologist for the Michigan



Bergeron-Meikle Renee Kelly Meikle of Wayne

and Jay Bergeron of Wayne were married March 15, 2003. Renee is the daughter of

Linda and the late Rod Meikle of Westland. She is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School. She works at Domino's Pizza headquarters in the transportation department.

Jay is the son of Terry and Nancy Bergeron, and Relicia and Bob Barck. He is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He is a journeyman plumber.



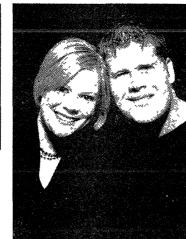
Webb-Jones

Briana Michelle Webb of Westland and Stephen Robert Jones of Westland announce their forthcoming marriage.

Briana is the daughter of Stuart Webb of Lexington, Ky., and Terry Lenhart of Toledo, Ohio. She is a 1999 graduate of Swanton High School, Swanton, Ohio. She is employed as a dental assistant with Preferred Dental Group of Livonia

Stephen is the son of Jim Jones of Westland, and Jean (Mobley) Jones of Novi, formerly of Redford. He is a 1988 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 2002 graduate of Lawrence Technological University where he received a bachelor of science degree in technology management. He is a senior engineer at Midway Products Group of Monroe.

The couple is planning an April wedding in Christ Lutheran Church, Monroe.



McLean-Shinkonis III

Richard and Mary McLean of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen McLean of Garden City, to Frank Shinkonis III of Garden City. Kristen is a senior at

University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed with Mutual of Omaha.

Her fiancé, Frank, is the son of Frank Jr and Marilyn Shinkonis of Farmington Hills. He is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. The couple is planning to

wed in July at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. They will be making their new home in Garden City.



Kimberly Ziegler and Jason Voigt were married recently in Las Vegas. "Elvis" serenaded at their marriage and also served as the entertainment DJ at a reception following the ceremony. Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ziegler of Pennsylvania.

Jason is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Voigt of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The couple went on a honeymoon cruise to Key West, Mexico and Belize.

Attending the wedding were guests from Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, California and Germany.



Pobur-Garner

Edward and Margaret Pobur of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen M. Pobur of Sterling Heights to Matt Garner of Sterling Heights.

Kathleen attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Kmart Headquarters as a corporate manager in loss prevention.

Her fiancé, Matt, is the son of Ronald and Judy Garner of James Creek, Pa. He graduated from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed at Kohl's Department Stores as a store manager.

The couple is planning an August wedding in St. Blase Catholic Church, Sterling Heights.



riends without being intimate? Friends or Mates, 16 Canton

There is never a question that is weird. You can definitely have friends who are the

Automotive Academy with a master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies. She can be reached by e-mail at JGSKarma@aol.com.

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- Irving Berlin

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lady in the Easter Parade. The Observer Newspapers is planning a special article on Easter bonnets for its Sunday, April 13, edition. Contact Renee Skoglund, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; (734) 953-2128; fax: (734) 591-7279; e-mail: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net. Contact her by Friday, March

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

EVENTS

Family rosary

St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia, will offer the Family Rosary 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Call (734) 421-5240. Marriage encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekend is April 11-13 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524, or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

Crop circles

Mystery of the Crop Circles, an awardwinning investigative video, will be shown 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760 or e-mail: UofLivonia@aol.com. Mighty man

John Jacobs, founder of The Power

Team and a motivational speaker, will present his program at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Jacobs - who stands 6'4", weights 320 pounds, can curl 350 pounds, and bend 3 inches of steel with his teeth - encourages people to live a life of excellence. Call (734) 421-0472. **Parish mission**

St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host a mission 7:30-9 p.m. Sunday, March 23, through Thursday, March 27. The Rev. Wally Hyclack of the St. Joseph Christian Life Center will present "Christian Challenged." Babysitting available for third grade and younger. Call (734) 464-1222.

Friendly service

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Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, will host a Friend and Family Sunday on March 23. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. A children's Bible program available for children ages 2-10. Call (734) 453-7630. Family event

"Jillybean," the energetic and inspiring Jill Bryan, will perform at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia, 6:30 pm. Wednesday, March 26. Bryan rededicated her life to God after finding herself "broken" at age 27. Call Cindy Korpela at (734) 422-1470. Reservations for groups of 10 or more available.



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Great start Schoolcraft opens NJCAA Tournament with a win. D7

Whalers

ready for

a title run

Open OHL playoffs

against the Attack

There are a couple of good reasons to think this year's postseason won't

be like last year's for the Plymouth

Remember that one? A lot of

Whalers fans don't want to. After

completing the regular season on cruise control, finishing with the

Ontario Hockey League's best record,

the Whalers were shockingly eliminated in the first round of the playoffs

On Saturday, the Whalers will renew their quest for an OHL cham-

Cup, starting with a best-of-seven series against the Owen Sound Attack.

Whalers were not the OHL's best

team in the regular season this year.

They were second to Kitchener in the

Western Conference and third overall

For another, they probably *don't*

Hey, after all, four guys from last sea-

And don't forget — since they aren't

have the talent they had last season.

son's squad are currently playing in

No. 1 in the conference, they won't

have to go up against the No. 8 (and

So where are the positives in all

pionship and a shot at the Memorial

The differences between this year's

team and last year's? Well, for one, the

by the London Knights.

BY C.J. RISAK

STAFF WRITER

Whalers.

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In-line champs

The Mullet Hunters 14-andunder in-line hockey team finished last weekend with a 6-2 victory in the



NHL Rules Tournament championship game against the

Hyper Hawks at the Skateplex in Sterling Heights.

The Mullet Hunters were undefeated, with two wins and a draw in three games played Saturday. The team had a well-balanced scoring attack and sound defense, backed up in goal by Scott Ozog, who allowed only eight goals.

The Mullet Hunters team includes Ozog (Novi); Ryan Lammers (Rockwood); Mike Hargreaves (Hartland); Kevin Etzel (Northville), Lee Downs (Commerce Township); Corey Perdue (Livonia); and Jeff Loos, Brandon Egglesfield, Nick Pesant and team captain Kevin Tollison (Canton). The team is coached by Jay Pesant; the assistant coach is Jerry Lammers and the team manager is Justin Pesant.

The NHL Rules Tournament is a regional qualifier tournament that stops in all NHL team cities. The National Championship for all regional winners will be June 27-29 at Total Roller Hockey in Wixom.

Pistons clinic

Boys and girls in grades 3through-5 in the Plymouth-Canton school district are invited to attend a Detroit Pistons Basketball Clinic, scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m.



Chad LaRose busted the Whalers' team record for goals in a season with 61 and led the OHL in power-play goals (23) and plus/minus rating (plus 51).

LaRose has other 'goals' in mind

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

It was a special night, a special feeling for the Plymouth Whalers' Chad LaRose.

Actually, his record-setting 61st goal was overdue, according to LaRose. "I should have had 61 the night I got my 60th," he said, referring to a win over Saginaw the previous Sunday. "I could have had it plenty of times that night plenty of times."

It didn't come, however. So a threegame weekend to end the regular season awaited LaRose, three chances to get the

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Whalers' record for goals in a season held by Sean Haggerty since 1995-96 until LaRose tied it.

Of course, one must remember records are only a part of the game, an interesting sidelight. Which is why, last Friday, when LaRose skated toward Sault Ste. Marie goalie Joey Biasucci with an open shot at the goal in the first period, he instead slid the puck across to a more wide-open Chris Thorburn for an easy tip-in and a 1-0 lead. Get the victory first. Records should come as part of that quest, not the other way around.

On Friday, he got another chance in the last few seconds of the second period. This time it was Thorburn getting the puck to an open LaRose on the right wing, and LaRose rifling a shot past Biasucci and into the lower left corner of the net.

"I had thought about it," he admitted Tuesday of his pursuit of the record. "I was glad it came early in the weekend."

PLEASE SEE LAROSE, D2

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, D2

Poor-shooting Ocelots ousted by Rebels again

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Saturday, April 5 at East Middle School, located at 1042 South Mill St. in Plymouth.

The object of the clinic is to improve fundamental basketball skills, such as ballhandling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. The clinic will be conducted by Steve Morland and the Pistons staff.

Space is limited; cost is \$20. Pay cash at the door; register 15 minutes prior to the start of the clinic.

Included in the clinic are trophies for the Pistons free throw championship, a free Pistons ticket, contests and prizes.

To confirm a spot on the sign-up sheet, call the clinic hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave your name and phone number.

CYO meeting

A meeting for parents of boys in grades 3-through-8 who are interested in playing football in the Catholic Youth Organization is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel's gym. The school is located at 1151 William St., Plymouth.

The meeting is for boys in the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann.

For more information, call Joe Hamp at (734) 432-0031.

Correction

In the March 13 issue of the Observer, a wrestler in a photo on D3 was incorrectly identified as Salem's Mike Goethe. The chance slipped away.

The retribution Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team had sought, against Dixie (Utah) CC, the team that ended the Ocelots national title hopes by four points last season, never materialized.

The Rebels hit 13-of-23 second-half floor shots (56.5 percent) to pull away from SC for a 65-52 victory in the quarterfinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament Wednesday in Hutchinson, Kan.

Dixie, now 29-5 and ranked 13th in the last national poll, advances to the NJCAA semifinals Friday against the winner of the Monroe (N.Y.) CC-vs.-San Jacinto (Tex.) CC game. SC, 31-3 overall and ranked seventh in the last NJCAA poll, plays the loser of that game tonight.

While the defending NJCAA champ Rebels were making 56.5 percent of their second-half floor shots, the Ocelots were making just 8-of-35 (22.9 percent) of theirs. The game was tied at 28-all at the half, thanks to a running three-pointer at the

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

buzzer by the Ocelots' Dion Sherrell.

"Dixie deserved to win," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "They executed well and exposed a couple of our weaknesses. They have a tradition and played with passion, something our team didn't do.

"We did not do a good job with ball reversal and did not get penetration. In my six years coaching at Schoolcraft, I think this is the lowest point total we've had. It was a combination of bad offense (by SC) and good defense (by Dixie)."

SC trailed 43-41 with 11:48 left in the game when the Rebels put together an 8-0 scoring run, pushing their lead to 10 points. The Ocelots never got closer than eight after that.

"It was a grueling game for both teams," said Dixie coach Jeff Kidder, whose team ruined SC's NJCAA title hopes last year with

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLCRAFT, D7

Madonna keeps streak alive, wins Shawnee State tourney

Three more games, three more wins, and the Madonna University softball team is beginning to look every bit as good as coach Al White had hoped.

At the Shawnee State (Ohio) Tournament last weekend, the Crusaders knocked off Walsh University (Ohio) 6-5 in eight innings on Friday, then defeated host Shawnee State 7-0 on Saturday and Huntington Forrester 22-1 on Sunday.

The victories improved Madonna's record to 13-3.

Against Walsh on Friday, Jennifer Tenyer pitched all eight innings, allowing five runs (three earned) on eight hits, walking none and striking out 14. Aubrey Oliver took the loss for Walsh.

Jamie Bobrowski slugged a solo home run 3-for-3 with a double and a home run, drivfor the Crusaders, collecting two hits and

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

scoring three runs. Emily Cunningham and Krystle Shina (from Farmington Hills Mercy) each had two hits, one of them a double, and drove in two runs apiece, and Mary Warchuck had three hits.

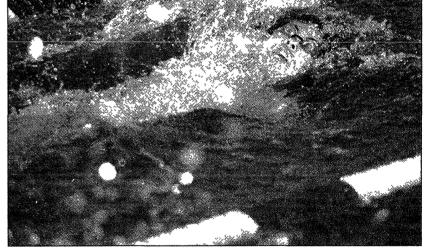
Katie Foltz went 4-for-4, with two triples, and drove in two runs for Walsh.

On Saturday against Shawnee State, Sarah Golob improved her record to 4-2 by tossing a three-hit shutout. She walked five and struck out three.

Molly Binz took the loss for Shawnee State.

Arin Fowler led Madonna's attack, going 3-for-3 with a double and a home run, driv

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, D4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Yuhei Uno qualified for state meet in both the 100-yard backstroke and the 100yard butterfly.

Rocks, Chiefs top swimmers

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER

Jeff Shoemaker builds brick patios during his summer vacation. And during the winter months, he's laying a solid foundation for the 39-member Livonia Stevenson boys program, which showed marked improvement this season, as the Spartans finished fourth in both the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays and season-ending WLAA meet.

"Five-and-5 is not the greatest dual meet result, but we don't have an easy schedule either," said Shoemaker, who was named by his colleagues Observerland Coach of the Year. "We swam Salem three times (sixth in Class A) and (Ann Arbor) Pioneer twice (the state champion).

"The boys stepped up quite well and did the best they could. They overachieved."

Shoemaker, in his second year,

guided the Spartans to a respectable 358-point, fourth-place showing in the WLAA meet behind champion Salem, runner-up Canton and third-place finisher Northville.

"The league meet was special, they got excited and swam extremely well," Shoemaker said.

Shoemaker, 33, served six seasons as Doug Buckler's assistant before taking the head coaching job last season. He teaches math at Stevenson.

A native of Grandville, Shoemaker placed sixth in the 50yard freestyle and seventh in the 100 breaststroke in the state meet as a high schooler.

He went on to earn All-America honors as Eastern Michigan University where he swam the 100 and 200 breaststroke, and the 50 freestyle. His senior year, he competed in the NCAA Championships.

Shoemaker resides in Redford with his wife, Erin. They have two

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Attribute it to lessons learned. "On last year's team, guys already had their pro contracts and we weren't playing particularly well down the stretch," Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci said. "This (year's) team has been playing very well down the stretch.

"This is a different makeup of kids. These guys are hungry."

Last year's disappointing finish should make them famished. This year's Whalers weren't expected to do much ---they'd lost nearly all their top scorers, half of their defensemen and their starting goalie but with the help of a few good moves and the development of

some other players, they have. Still, even though they won their fifth straight West Division title, the Whalers aren't likely to look past Owen Sound, their first-round opponent.

Not after last season's debacle. Besides, the Attack beat Plymouth in three of four meetings this season.

They're well-balanced," Vellucci said. "They think they match up well with us. They're hard-working, they have some speed, and they're a disciplined, well-coached team."

Owen Sound finished fourth in the Midwest Division with a 27-30-7-4 record, scoring 206 goals while giving up 243. The Attack are led by Miguel Delisle with 35 goals and 44 assists (79

points), Brad Richardson with 27 goals and 40 assists (67 points), Matt Passfield with 36 goals and 30 assists (66 points), Pat Jarrett (brother of Plymouth defenseman Čole Jarrett) with 16 goals and 39 assists (55 points) and Mark Giordano with 18 goals and 30 assists (48 points).

John Ceci, obtained in a trade with Ottawa, has been solid in goal. He had a 25-13-4 overall record with a 2.77 goalsagainst average and a .908 save percentage. Among his wins was a 2-1 victory Feb. 22 over Plymouth at Compuware Arena.

Vellucci believes his current team is ready for the challenge, more so than last season's squad. "We have more balanced scoring," he said. "Scoring's never been our problem.'

The Whalers, 43-14-9-2 overall, tied for third in the OHL in goals scored with 259 and were first in goals against with 174 ("For the fifth-straight season," Vellucci pointed out).

Chad LaRose helped make up for the loss of last year's leading scorers — Stephen Weiss, Damian Surma, Kris Vernarsky and Brad Yeo — by scoring a team-record 61 goals and leading the OHL in power-

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LaRose has led the Whalers in goals scored the last two sea-League, totaling 117 points with a league-leading 23 power-play plus/minus rating of plus-51.

Quite a remarkable career for a guy from Fraser who wasn't even drafted by an OHL team, instead playing in the USHL and verbally committing to play college hockey at Miami (Ohio) before he was spotted at the Top Prospects Tournament at Compuware Arena.

"I had a really good tournament," LaRose recalled.

The Sarnia Sting and the Whalers showed the most interest. LaRose knew some of the players on the Whalers, and



OHL PLAYOFFS

First round **Plymouth Whalers vs. Owen Sound Attack**

Records: Whalers (No. 2 seed in Western Conference), 43-14-9-2; Owen Sound (No. 7 seed), 27-30-7-4.

Game schedule: 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena; 7 p.m. Sunday at Owen Sound; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Compuware; 7 p.m. March 27 at Owen Sound; 7:30 p.m. March 29 at Compuware (if necessary): 7 p.m. March 30 at Owen Sound (if necessary); 7:30 p.m. April 1 at Compuware (if necessary).

Other first round OHL matchups - Western Conference: Kitchener Rangers (No. 1) vs. Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (No. 8); Sarnia Sting (No. 3) vs. Guelph Storm (No. 6); Windsor Spitfires (No. 4) vs. London Knights (No. 5). Eastern Conference: Ottawa 67s (No. 1) vs. Mississauga IceDogs (No. 8); Brampton Battalion (No. 2) vs. Barrie Colts (No. 7); Peterborough Petes (No. 3) vs. Oshawa Generals (No. 6); Toronto St. Michael's Majors (No. 4) vs. Belleville Bulls (No. 5).

Teams are re-seeded for second round.

play goals (23) and plus/minus rating (plus-51). He totaled 117 points.

But unlike last year, when just one Whaler surpassed 30 goals (LaRose with 32) and four had 20 or more, this season's Whalers featured four players with 30 or more goals. Seven players collected more

with them as a free agent.

Without doubt, it's worked out

than we thought he would this

Vellucci said. "I knew he'd get

"He's such a hard-working

player, tireless. He had so many

LaRose, who will undoubted-

ly sign a pro contract at the end

of the season, believes his suc-

answered when asked what his

greatest strength was. "I try to

create open ice for myself. And

I've always been a good skater.'

He's been skating, he said,

since he was 2 years old. And

while his goal-scoring skill is

obvious, there are other abili-

lier this season when LaRose

had a chance to get 50 goals in 50 games. Playing at Owen

Sound, the Whalers were up 2-1

Vellucci recalled a game ear-

ties that aren't.

cess is linked to his ability to

"Finding open ice," he

chances, he could have scored

year," Whalers coach Mike

50 (goals), but 61 ...

"Point-wise, he's done better

than 50 points this season; five had that many last season.

So the Attack won't be able to concentrate on LaRose alone, not with Ryan Ramsay (33 goals, 55 assists), Karl Stewart (35 goals, 50 assists), Chris Thorburn (30 goals, 41 assists), John Mitchell (18 goals, 37 assists) and John Vigilante (15

goals, 24 assists) on the prowl. Also dangerous are defensemen Cole Jarrett (14 goals, 41 assists) and Canton's James Wisniewski (18 goals, 34 assists).

Another Whaler strength is goalie Paul Drew, who was surrounded by uncertainty entering the season simply because he had never been a No. 1 goaltender in the OHL before. He responded, however, leading the OHL in goals-against average (2.49) while posting a 29-12-7 record with three shutouts and a .911 save percentage.

Vellucci believes this season's team won't stumble. "They know," he said. "You can finish 50 points ahead of someone (in the regular season) and it won't matter. It all starts over again. "I told them if we play our

game, we'll be fine."

Vellucci then repeated the catch phrases his coaching staff has used all season: sticking to our system, keeping it simple, pay the price, etc. It all comes down to sacrificing for the good

run in the playoffs should last a

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Whalers top Kitchener in OT, then tie Windsor

Understand, Sunday's final Ontario Hockey League game of the regular season at Windsor Arena against the Windsor Spitfires really meant little to the Plymouth Whalers. Several top players, including 61-goal scorer Chad LaRose, defenseman Cole Jarrett and Ryan Ramsay, the team's second-leading scorer, sat the game out.

So a 1-1 draw wasn't too bad. The Spitfires got the game's first goal from John Scott Dickson at 1:37 of the third period; the Whalers tied it at 18:14 on a goal from Tim Sestito, with Brent Mahon and Mike Letizia assisting.

Jeff Weber turned away 36 shots for the Whalers in the tie. Ryan Ashaber had 23 stops for Windsor.

Plymouth finished the season at 43-14-9-2, first in the OHL's West Division with 97 points.

Compuware Arena. Kitchener was 46-13-5-3 after the overtime loss.

Two power-play goals in the first period gave the Whalers a 2-0 lead. John Mitchell converted a pass from LaRose to score the first goal at 3:27 of the first period. Plymouth got its second power-play goal with just :15 left in the opening period from David Liffiton, who also assisted on the game-winner. Jonas Fiedler and Nate Kiser assisted.

The Rangers got two powerplay goals to knot it at 2-all, the first from David Clarkson at 10:23 of the second period and the tying score from Rafal Martynowski at 7:18 of the third.

Weber turned away 35 shots to earn the win. Carlo DiRienzo was in goal for Kitchener. Plymouth opens the OHL Playoffs against the Owen

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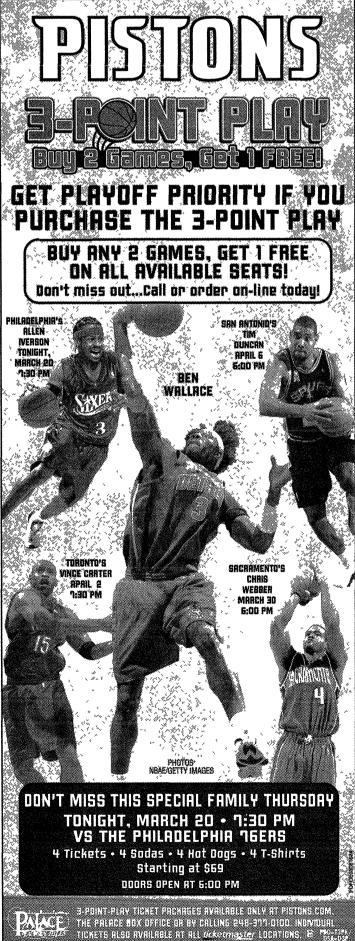
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sons. He finished this year as one of the most dangerous scorers in the Ontario Hockey goals and a league-best



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late in the game when LaRose and Jimmy Gagnon broke in on

an empty Owen Sound net. "He didn't just shoot it," Vellucci said. "They kept passing the puck back and forth. LaRose had a chance to get his 50th, but he said he wanted Gagnon to get his second of the year. I just wanted someone to score and give us a two-goal

lead." Which says something about LaRose, whose attention Tuesday wasn't on last week's accomplishments, but on the upcoming seven-game series against Owen Sound in the first round of the OHL playoffs. 'We have to match their work ethic and capitalize on our opportunities," LaRose said.

Thus far this season, he's done both extremely well.

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On Saturday against the Kitchener Rangers, the topseeded team in the OHL's Western Conference, the Whalers got a goal from John Vigilante 2:43 into overtime to claim a 3-2 triumph in front of a sellout crowd at Plymouth's

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IN-LINE HOCKEY

Sound Attack at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena. The Whalers play the second game of the best-of-seven series at Owen Sound Sunday, then return to Compuware for the third game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

10 games, a jersey, championship shirts and referees.

Youth evaluations will continue March 29 and 30, depending on league. Ages are determined as of Jan. 1, 2003. Adult 17-and-over leagues

begin April 1. Individuals are welcome as well.

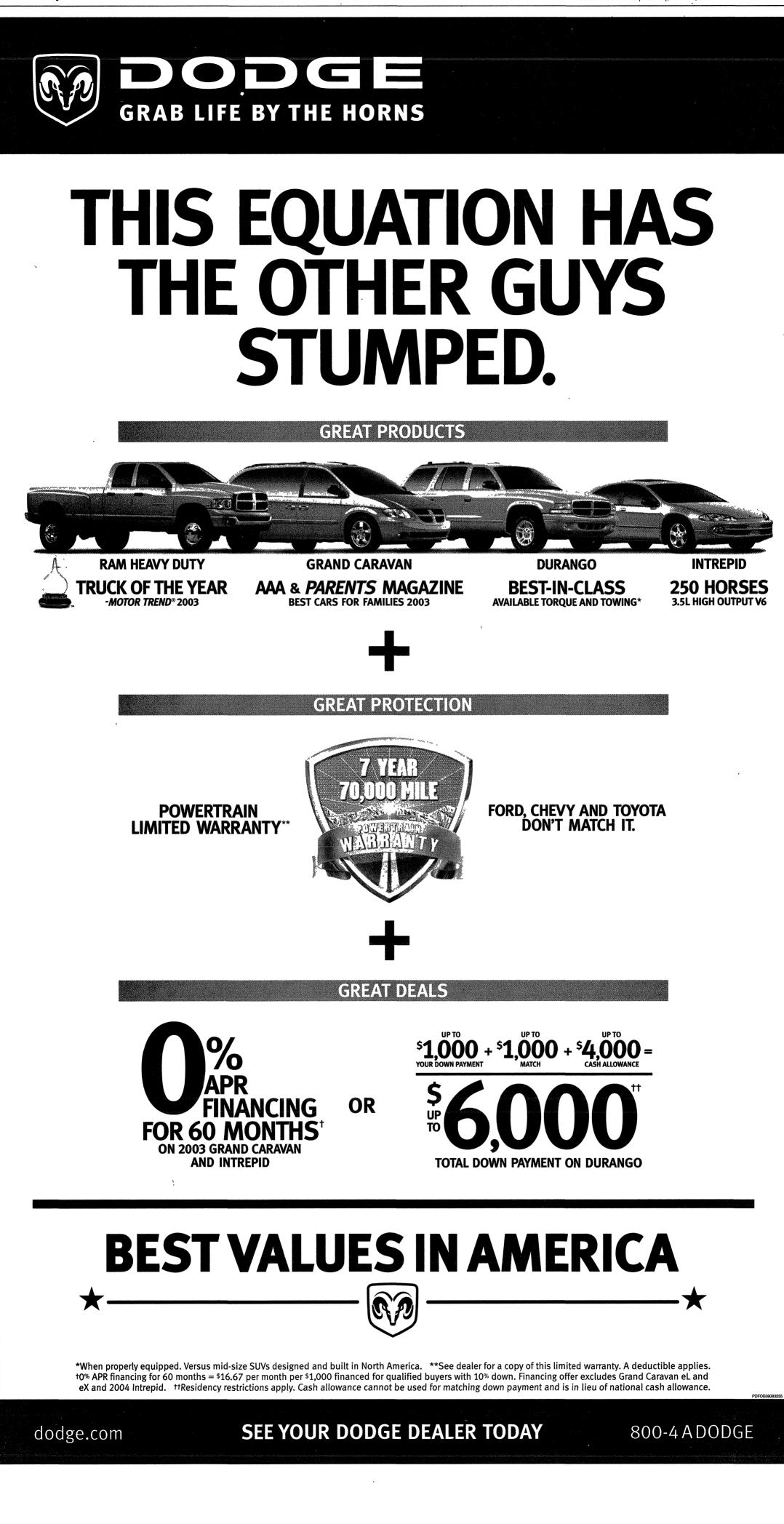
For adult information, call Tonia on Tuesdays or Thursdays at (734) 459-6401, or visit the Web site at www.skatinstation2.com. Skatin' Station II is located at 8611 Ronda Dr., Canton.



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ing in two runs and scoring two. Bobrowski had a double and two RBI, and Stacey Sexsmith and Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) each had two hits, Sexsmith getting an RBI.

Sunday's rout of Huntington Forrester was stopped by the mercy rule after five innings. Tenyer ran her record to 7-1, allowing one run on six hits, walking none and fanning two. Michelle Skibbe took the loss for Forrester.

Little and Tara Turner led the SWIMMING 22-hit Madonna attack with three hits, three RBI and three runs scored; one of Little's hits was a triple, one of Turner's was a double. Golob also had three hits and three RBI; Kathryn Day (Livonia Ladywood) added three singles, two RBI and four runs scored; Tenyer, Elaine Rowe and Warchuck each had two hits and two RBI, with

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goal."

children, Zachary, 18 months

With Stevenson moving up

three places from a year ago in

three-place jump seems possi-

ble for next year. A promising

"If they do the off-season

more in the league, maybe even

compete for a championship,"

he said. "That's the ultimate

WLAA champion Salem,

coached by Chuck Olson, domi-

nates this year's All-Area squad,

putting all three relay teams on

first team. Four individuals also

Observer Boys Swim Team (as

selected by the area coaches):

First team

freestyle: The junior finished third in the

Western Lakes meet in both the 200 freestyle

and 100 freestyle. Grant, a state gualifier in

Andy Grant, Livonia Churchill, 200-yard

Introducing the 2002-03 All-

earned first-team honors.

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the Western Lakes, another

freshman class could help.

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Rowe slugging a triple. Madonna is scheduled to open the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season with a double-header at Tri-State Saturday.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3rd, 2003 for the following:

CANTON CABLE TELEVISION STUDIO MECHANICAL UNIT REPLACEMENT

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

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PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB IRRIGATION ADD ON / EXPANSION

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VICTORY PARK - DIAMONDS RESTAURANT NEW ROOF -ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES

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been a great season and he can't wait until next year.

Rob Cyrek, Catholic Central, 200-yard individual medley: Cyrek had the kind of sophomore season that a lot of seniors would dream about. He finished fifth in the state in the 200 individual medley (1:57.31) and was the Catholic League champion in that event. And he also swam on the 400 free relay team that finished 16th in the state. Cyrek is also a seven-time United States Swimming champion and a six-time YMCA national qualifier.

"We spend less time refining his strokes and more time training him," said CC coach Jeff Baker. "He's technically sound in all of his strokes, compared to other swimmers. He's a phenomenal talent I hope will go higher on the state stage in the future."

Matt Vivian, Salem, 50-yard freestyle: A senior, Vivian splashed to a second-place finish in the 50 free (22.91) at the WLAA Championships, and he placed seventh in the 100 free (51.59). At the state finals, he was part of three Salem relays that placed in the top 12, and he finished 25th in the 50 free in 22.59.

"Matt proved to be the fast, dependable freestyle sprinter that was necessary for the success at the WLAA and state meet for Salem," said Rocks' coach Chuck Olson of Vivian, who carries a 4.3 grade-point average and is headed to Michigan next year.

Dan Rais, Livonia Franklin, diving: A Class | gymnast, Rais also proved his worth as a diver by finishing 10th in the Division I state meet and fifth in the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional. Rais is a three-time state qualifier who fin-

the Western Lakes.

His state meet total was 328.35 points (11

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 11, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly / Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin

Also Present: Students from the Canton Youth Leadership Government Awareness Program: Colleen Harder, Zachary Fairchild, Rachel Koelzer, Kelly Behr, Tim Kwiecien, Lauren Patterson.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda with the deletion of G-7 from the General Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Regular Board Minutes of February 25, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the regular study session minutes of March 4, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills: Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unani-

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General Fund	101	\$	362,859.30	
Fire Fund	206		56,218.58	
Police Fund	207		80,440.00	
Summit Operating	208		52,300.26	Expenditure
Street Lighting	219		15,729.93	Recap for
Cable TV Fund	230		6,132.36	3/11/03
Twp Improvement	246		1,737.90	
E-911 Utility	261		1,263.50	
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		3,966.24	
Federal Grants Fund	274		6,807.88	
Auto Theft Grant	289		201.54	
Downtown Dev Auth	294		58,576.29	
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		218,335.80	
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		74, 144.85	
Golf Fund	584		11,772.10	
Water & Sewer Fund	592		824,214.33	
Construction Escrows	702		160, 193.51	
Post Employ Benefits	736		548.51	
Total - All Funds		1	,935,442.88	

One," Churchill coach Keith Niedbala said. "It's dives), while he scored 337.50 at the regional and 351.25 in the WLAA. He broke the Franklin pool record for six dives with a total of 249.05 (vs. Churchill). The junior placed first in five meets and was second fourth times. He also swam the 50 freestyle and on Franklin's 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams.

"Dan's got a lot of coordination, he's confident and has pretty good flexibility," Franklin coach Kevin Hafner said. "He'd like to be All-State (top eight) next year."

Ben Dzialo, Salem, 100-yard butterfly: Dzialo made his senior season a special one indeed. The Observer area's best swimmer, Dzialo - who made the state qualifying cut in six individual events - tied for second at state in the 100 butterfly (50.64) after placing second in the 50 free at state (21.52).

At the WLAA Finals, Dzialo was first in the 100 fly (53.10) and second in the 200 freestyle (1:47.04). He also swam in two conferencechampion relays and, at state, was part of two top-12 relays. His time at state in the 100 fly earned him All-American honors, and he is All-American consideration in the 50 free (21.52) and 100 free (46.77).

"Ben is truly a coach's dream," said Olson, "being highly respected by teammates and the opposition throughout the state and country."

In addition to his earning eight All-American and eight All-State awards, Dzialo is a 4.1 student who will attend Yale University in the fall

Joe Le, Canton, 100-yard freestyle: The junior from Canton proved to be one of the best sprinters in both Observerland and, indeed, the state. At the WLAA Finals, he finished first in both the 50-yard freestyle (22.44) and the 100-vard free (48.55).

"He had his mind focused on those events

all year," said his coach, Ed Weber. "And when it came to state meet, I was surprised how well he did.He tapered extremely well."

That he did. Le improved his best time in the 100 free by .86, eventually finishing seventh. In the 50, Le was .12 faster, missing the top 16 by .09.

According to Weber, a faster year is already being planned. "It all depends on what kind of shape we can keep him in," he said.

Nick Dixon, Salem, 500-yard freestyle: Dixon's accomplishments over the past two seasons are remarkable indeed, but the best is yet to come, since he has just completed his sophomore season. Dixon won the 200 IM at the WLAA finals (2:02.54), then placed 10th in that event at state (1:58.84). In the 500 free, Dixon was second at conference (4:56.48), then shaved nearly 11 seconds off that time to finish sixth at the state meet (4:45.81). He was also part of two top-12 relay teams at state.

"Nick has continued to excel in every stroke and at any distance," said Olson. "Nick has a great workout mentality which is displayed in his competitive success. The next two years should be exciting for Salem, as Nick has many goals yet to reach.'

Dixon is a 4.0 student.

Yuhei Uno, Canton, 100-yard backstroke: Uno's performance at state must've left him all tied up.

In a sport with touchpads that make timing accurate to within one-hundredth of a second, Uno (and the guys he was swimming against) managed to swim to a dead heat at state meet. And not just once, but Uno did it in both his events - the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. In the 100 fly - "That's his love," said Canton coach Ed Weber, "the fly. The 100 back is second with him" - Uno, a senior, tied Mike

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described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Consider Changes to Entrance Landscaping for Hampton Ridge North (Formerly Heron Ridge North). Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Jeffrey H. Brown, to approve the modified entrance landscape plan for Hampton Ridge North, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached to the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Purchase of One Vehicle - Building & Inspection Services. "Removed from the agenda."

Item 8. Consider Extending the Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. 2001 Engineering Contract Through 2003 for the Sidewalk Gap Program. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to extend the Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. contract for the 2001 Sidewalk Gap Program through 2003 and authorize an additional amount not to exceed \$31,204.26 for the design and construction engineering necessary to complete the 2003 Sidewalk Gap Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Consider Award of Bid to Pro-Video Systems, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Audio/visual Equipment for the Public Works Training Facility. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the bid for the audio/visual equipment to Pro-Video Systems, Inc. for \$48,628.53. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Request Approval to Purchase 17 Stinger Spike Strips. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase of 17 Stinger Spike Strips from Federal Sign for a cost of \$7,170.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Purchase of 2003 GMC Envoy. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of a 2003 GMC Envoy, using the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program, not to exceed \$27,843.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Approval to Purchase Hose for the Canton Fire Department. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a rubber hose for the new pumper tanker from Halt Fire, Inc. for the bid price of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Consider Request to Award the Design and Construction of Community Splash Playground Facility at Heritage Park. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of a Community Splash Playground to Engan-Tooley-Doyle & Associates, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$135,000 from

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the 200 freestyle, posted a season-best ished runner-up in diving two straight years in 1:48.92. He clocked a 50.74 in the 50 freestyle. "Andy has been eager to win from 'Day

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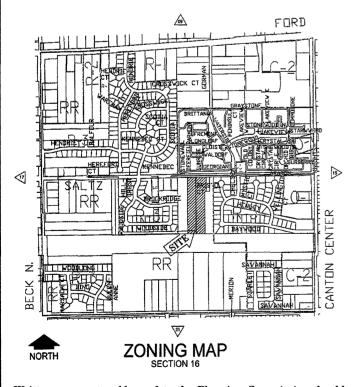
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, April 7, 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:

SCHAAR/GLASS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 064 99 0003 000 AND 064 99 0004 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Saltz between Beck and Canton Center Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 3, 2003. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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RECOGNITION: Presentation of the 2002 Margaret Whitehead Senior of the Year Award to Ronald Lieberman was made.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Special Community Event Status and the Installation of Signs for Henry Ford Hospital Support Group H.E.A.R.T.'s (Heart-Transplant Emergency Assistance Relief Team) Classic Car Show. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special community event status for H.E.A.R.T.'s annual classic car show and permission to install signs advertising the event to be held on May 18, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Special Community Event Status and the Installation of Signs for the Tri-city Christian Center Mops (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom 2 Mom Sale. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special community event status for the Tri-City Christian Center MOPS Mom 2 Mom Sale and approval to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Enforcement of Township Ordinance No. 68. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the resolution, effective immediately, to allow enforcement at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, for traffic enforcement on private property, in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance No. 68. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Budget Amendment - General Fund - Traffic Signal Costs. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate additional funds for school crosswalk maintenance costs.

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$16,600; Increase Appropriations: Utilities-Crosswalks #101-316-920-0000 \$16,600; This budget amendment increases the Public Safety Division budget from \$73,500 to \$90,100 and the General Fund budget from \$23,588,009 to \$23,604,609. Motion carried unanimous-

Item 5. Budget Amendment - Fire Fund - Capital Equipment. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund for the purchase of a remote server computer for Fire Station 2: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #206-000-699-0000 \$ 5,488; Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Computer Equip. #206-336-977-2580 \$5,488. This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$9,099,822 to \$9,105,310. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Canford Park Final Planned Development District. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Bryan Amann, to approve the site plan for the proposed Canford Park Final Planned Development District subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached to said resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Consider Amendment to the Cambridge Planned Development District. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to grant approval of the Cambridge Amended Planned Development District, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommen dation included in the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Consider Site Plan For Dearborn Federal Credit Union (Part of The Cambridge Planned Development District). Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to approve the site plan for the proposed Dearborn Federal Credit Union subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached to said resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Consider Arctic Rentals Rezoning. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request to rezone parcel #131-99-0010-000 from RR, Rural Residential to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Consider Rainbow Rascals Learning Center Site Plan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Rick Hirth, to approve the site plan for the proposed Rainbow Rascals Learning Center, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as

the Community Improvement Fund #246-750-970-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Request to Award Contract for Fertilization and Weed Control Program for Canton Township Site. Motion by Bennett. supported by Shefferly to award the contract for three applications of fertilizing and weed control of Canton Township sites for \$25,980 to TruGreen Chemlawn. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Award Contract for Goose Control at Pheasant Run Golf Course and Park Facilities. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to waive the bidding procedure and award the Goose Control Contract to Gooseworks in the amount of \$14,250. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. Request to Create and Fill Two Irrigation Technicians. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to create and fill two Irrigation Technician positions within the AFSCME bargaining unit for the Leisure Services Department. Motion carried unanimously

Item 17. Award Housing Rehabilitation Contract. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the contract for housing rehabilitation on Hannan Road to Environmental Maintenance Engineers, for a contract price of \$28,956 plus a ten percent contingency of \$2,896 for a purchase order total of \$31,852. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 18. Approve Request to Attend NPELRA 2003 Annual Training Conference. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the conference registration fee, transportation, hotel accommodations, and meal allowance request for David Medley to attend the NPELRA Annual Training Conference in Newport Beach, CA on April 6-10, 2003 at a cost of not to exceed \$1,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 19. Consider Purchase of Ricoh Aficio 1035 Combination Copier/fax Machine and HP Laser Jet 4200TN. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Afficio 1035 copier with fax option at a cost of \$6,887.00, a 12 month maintenance contract at a cost of \$1,350.00 and purchase of an HP LaserJet 42000DTN printer at a cost of \$1,999.00. Total purchase is \$10.236.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 20. Consider Blanket Purchase Orders to Hire Rose Moving & Storage, Ferndale Electric Company, Van Buren Electric And Allied Communications And The Purchase of Additional Computer Hardware Components in Connection With The Administration Building -Public Safety Expansion/renovation Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following Purchase Orders in the amount of \$20,000 each for Rose Moving & Storage, Ferndale Electric Company, Van Buren Electric, Allied Communications, and the purchase of additional computer hardware components associated with the relocation of departments throughout this phase of the construction/ renovation project at the Canton Township Administration Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 21. Proposal for 4540 Morton Taylor Rd., Canton, MI. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to deny the proposal made by the Luther Petty Estate, through Mary Jo Ball, Red Carpet Keim Viking, Inc., 14600 Pennsylvania, Southgate, MI 48195 for the purchase of Lot 259 (#133-01-0259-000) and lot 260 (#133-01-0260-000) located in eh Dye Brothers Subdivision. The purchase price being offered is \$5,000.00 for both lots. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 22. Approve Purchase of 2003 GMC Envoy. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a 2003 GMC Envoy, using the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program not to exceed \$27,843.00. I further move to approve the following fund transfer and budget amendment in the General Fund to provide funds for this purchase: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance

#101-000-699-0000 \$21,343 / **Increase** Appropriations: Transportation-Supervisor's Office #101-171-860-0000 \$ (6,500) / Capital Outlay-Equipment #101-171-977-0000 \$ 27,843 = Total \$21,343. This budget amendment increases the Supervisor's Office budget from \$281,946 to \$303,289, and the General Fund budget from \$23,604,609 to \$23,626,952. Motion carried unanimously.

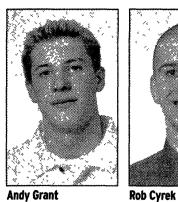
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK- Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk LOE0808283

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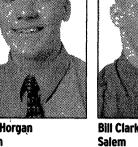
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Andv Grant Churchill









Armour of Birmingham Brother Rice for 16th,

both clocked at 54.45. Since that was the final

qualifying spot, a swim-off was necessary.

He also tied for 21st in the 100 back ("His

mind was in his fly swim-off," said Weber) with

Roy Thompson of Monroe at 57.01. At the WLAA

Finals, Uno was first in the 100 back (57.12) and

was second in the 100 fly (55.36) to Salem's

said Weber. "He was our captain. He has great

"He's the hardest worker on our team,"

Matt Showalter, Salem, 100-yard breast-

stroke: A senior, Showalter had a superb WLAA

Conference meet, finishing third in the 100

breast (1:04.20) in a time that narrowly missed

the state qualifying standard. However,

Showalter was an integral part of a 200 med-

and a state meet in the medley relay, being

able to go a personal best time in the breast-

stroke and pushing the relay to exceed all

Showalter will attend Michigan State in the

Salem (Dixon, Showalter, Mike Horgan,

Vivian), 200-yard medley relay: Three seniors

and a very talented sophomore made this

team, as Olson put it, "exceed all expecta-

tions" at state. All four did very well, but the

biggest surprises were supplied by Showalter,

whose 27.5 split in the 50-yard breast was a

personal best, and by Horgan, who swam the

Finals (1:42.19), then placed seventh at the

* "These four swimmers started the confer-

ence meet and the state meet with outstand-

ing performances that led to success for

Salem (Vivian, Bill Clark, Horgan, Dzialo),

The foursome won this event at the WLAA

50 fly instead of Dzialo and was excellent.

'Matt had a great WLAA Conference meet

ley relay that finished seventh at state.

Armour won it, although Uno did well: 54.48.

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Dzialo.

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state meet (1:39.90).

Salem." said Olson.

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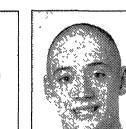


Catholic Central

Matt Jurcak Salem

Matt Vivian

Salem



Dan Rais

Franklin

Joe Aumiller Salem

single-minded when it came to training. He

His best six-dive total was 209.55 points.

Stevenson diving coach Michelle Kain said.

"He just missed making it to 'states,' but

divers. I am very proud of him and of his sea-

hopefully he will make it next year.

"Cody did a great job this season,"

"He worked hard and helped out the new



Dan Jones Catholic Central

Ben Dzialo

Salem

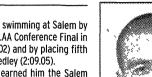
Cody Stafford

Joe Le

Canton

Stevenson

Garrett Baringhaus



Coaches' Award. "Jeff had an outstanding WLAA Conference

meet in both of his individual events, which was what had to happen for Salem to win its 11th title in a row," said Olson.

State in the fall.

Andy Knisely, Plymouth, 100-yard breaststroke: In circumstances that were at best difficult, Knisely turned in a superb freshman season for a first-year school - Plymouth that featured an all-freshmen team. And that means Knisely will be a big part of their

future. Although the Wildcats had few competitions available to them. Knisely still managed to qualify for the Division II state final in the 100 breaststroke, where he swam his best time (1:04.13). At a meet at Ann Arbor Huron. he had times of 59.61 in the 100 butterfly and 2:13.13 in the 200 IM, both drops of more than

"We worked hard all season on technique." said Plymouth assistant coach Tonia Schade "He bought into our philosophy and it paid off

Canton (Uno. Steve Reasor, John Faraoni, Le). 200-vard medley relay: It was a transitional year for Canton in this event, and it didn't quite turn out as well as hoped. Last year's Chiefs' team qualified for state: with three new members, this year's team narrowly missed the state cut - by 06 to be exact

junior Faraoni and Le placed second (to Salem) in 1:44.15.

Uno." said Canton coach Ed Weber. "Actually, Something even better is expected for next seasor

Catholic Central (Jones, Joe Zatkoff,





Canton

Catholic Central

Plymouth

Joe Zatkoff

for next year, losing Carlin and Jones to grad-

uation. They finished 16th in the 400 free

relay and just missed making the consolation

Zatkoff hadn't hurt his arm earlier in the sea-

coming obstacles thrown at him," said Baker

They might have had more success if

"He was the epitome of hard work over-

finals in the 200 free relay, coming in 17th.

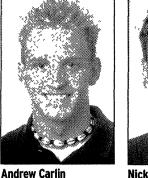
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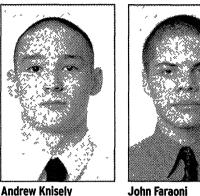
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Matt Showalter Salem





Nick Stone John Glenn



John Faraoni Canton



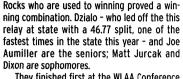
Jeff Shoemaker Coach - Stevenson

'He was out with a broken arm, but trained his lower body. He was in shape, more than swimming shape. And when he came back, he just dropped times."

HONORABLE MENTION: Redford Union Dale Donahue, Scott Jankowski, Ken Petty, Matt Thielman (200 freestyle relay - Division 2 state qualifier.)

Staff writers C.J. Risak and Paul Beaudry contributed to this story.

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meet in 3:21.24, then placed 12th at state in 3:18.06, their best time of the season.

'The teamwork by these four was typical of the cooperation and effort of the 2003 Salem swim team," said Olson, which led to "an 11th consecutive WLAA championship and a sixth-place finish in the Division I state meet '

Matt Jurcak, Salem, 200-yard freestyle: On a team that featured 13 seniors, Jurcak - a sophomore - represents the future for the

And a promising one it is. Jurcak qualified for state in the 200 free with a fourth-place finish and a best time of 1:50.02 at the WLAA Finals. He also placed 10th at conference in the 100 backstroke (59.38) and was part of the conference-winning 400 free relay team, which also placed 12th at state.

during the season, in all strokes," said Olson. "The next two years Matt will be an even more important swimmer for Salem and Matt has shown he is up to the challenge." Jurcak is also a 4.0 student.

Joe Aumiller, Salem, 200-yard individual edley: Aumiller's performances improved dramatically when they were needed most at the end of the season. A senior, Aumiller dropped 5.55 seconds off his previous best time in the 200 IM at the MISCA meet to qualify for state, then splashed to a third at the WLAA Finals (2:04.64).

He also finished eighth at conference in 12th at state.

200-yard freestyle relay: It was one success after another for these four seniors, the cess every year," said Olson, Aumiller also carried a 3.0 GPA

would get in his yards and just go. It worked really well for him. It was gratifying to see a kid like him get a state cut. He was a competitive force." Cody Stafford, Livonia Stevenson, diving:

son.'

They finished first at the WLAA Conference The sophomore just missed going to the state meet after finishing 13th at the regional. He also took fourth in the WLAA (328.15 points).

Second team

Rocks.

"Matt improved every time he competed

the 500 free (5:11.27) and was part of the WLAA-winning 400 free relay, which placed

"Joe had an outstanding high school career and contributed more to the team suc-

Garrett Baringhaus, Livonia Stevenson, 100-yard butterfly: The sophomore state qualifier finished third in the WLAA meet with a time of 55.36. He also placed fourth in the 500 freestyle at the Western Lakes meet with a time of 5:08.91 after going 5:07.96 in the pre-

Baringhaus also competed in the MISCA meet.

"Garrett's excellent dedication and work ethic paid off with a state cut as a sophomore." Shoemaker said. "There is more to come from Garrett the next two years."

Andrew Carlin, Catholic Central, 100-vard freestyle: Carlin capped four years of All-Catholic honors by making the state cut in the individual medley and also finishing third in the Catholic League in the 100 free.

The team's captain also was a state qualifier in the for all four years on the team.

"He had the ability and put in the hard work and it paid off," said Baker. "He's a tremendously talented athlete. He can get himself in shape in no time and he's ready to

go. He has a lot of talent.' Nick Stone, Westland John Glenn, 500-yard freestyle: Only a ninth-grader, Stone earned a third in the WLAA meet with a time of 5:08.55 after going 5:06.66 in the prelims.

He also took fourth in the Western Lakes

nine seconds off his previous season-bests.

for him.'

Steve Reasor Canton Carlin, Cyrek), 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard freestyle relay: The team was one of the most talented in the area, but will have to replace half the group

At the WLAA Finals, Uno, junior Reasor,

"Next year, we're replacing just one guy, they had an exceptional swim at conference."

Stevenson

Jeff Nevi

Salem

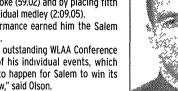
Nick Dixon

Salem

Nevi's performance earned him the Salem

Nevi, a 3.8 student, will attend Michigan

finishing third at the WLAA Conference Final in the 100 backstroke (59.02) and by placing fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:09.05).



capped his final year of swimming at Salem by

Rocks splashed to a first place at the WLAA Conference Finals (1:30.80), then placed eighth at the state finals (1:28.76). They also earned an All-State award and

biggest coming at the end of the season. The

All-American consideration at the MISCA meet. "It was an outstanding season that concluded at the Division I state meet," said

Olson, "where all four seniors had personal best swims. Salem (Działo, Jurcak, Joe Aumiller, Dixon),

400-yard freestyle relay: This mixture of the somewhat new talent with the experienced

Dan Jones, Catholic Central, 50-yard freestyle: Jones finished his senior year on a high note, earning all-Catholic honors, finish-

ing third in the Catholic League in the 30 freestyle in 22.73. Jones was also a state qualifier in the 50

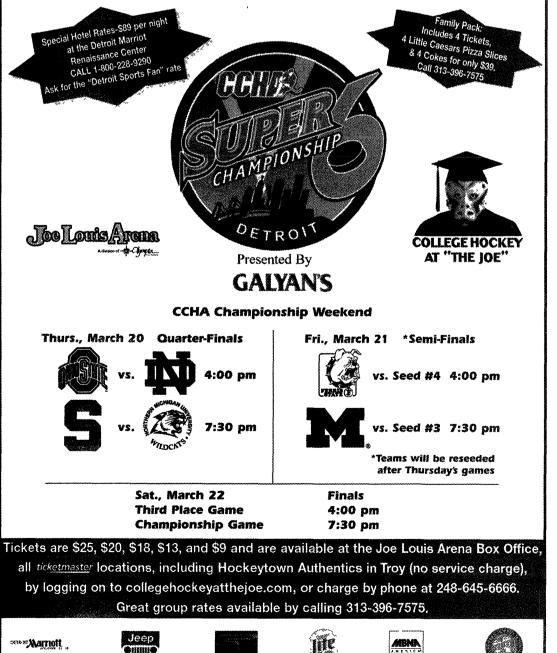
free and the 200 and 400 free relays and was a three-year letter winner. "This is a case of hard work overcoming technical inefficiency," said Baker. "He was

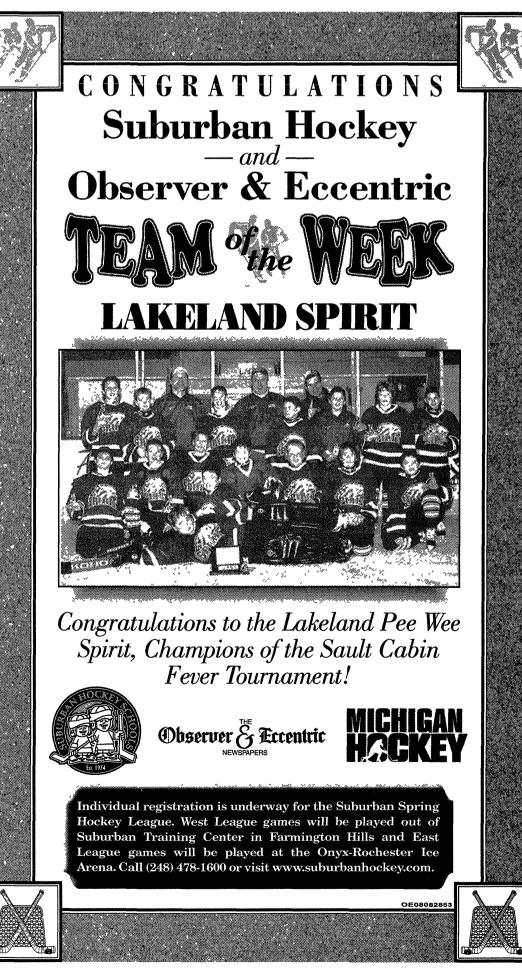
neet in the 100 backstroke with a clocking of 59.05 after going 58.65 in the prelims. He missed going to the state meet in the 100 backstroke by only one second.

'Nick opened his high school career with an outstanding season," Glenn coach Jim Daniel said. "Nick is a very determined and hard-working swimmer. He will be at the state meet next year and we expect him to be very successful as he continues his high school swim career."

Jeff Nevi, Salem, 100-vard backstroke: Nevi

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 13, 2003

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Thursday, February 13, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Minghine

Others Present: Joel Piell, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: ITEM 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION SALE OF \$23,000,000 CAPITA L IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR ADMINISTRATION/PUBLIC SAFETY EXPANSION AND PERFORMING ARTS THEATER.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve sale of \$23,000,000 Capital Improvement Bonds for the Administration/Public Safety Building Expansion and the Performing Arts Theater. Motion carried 6-1, (McLaughlin absent).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003

Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), held on March 13, 2003, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack and Shefferly.

ABSENT: Members: McLaughlin

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter:

WHEREAS, the Issuer does hereby determine that it is necessary to acquire and construct certain capital improvements in the Township, consisting of additions, extensions and improvements to the Township's Administration and Public Safety Buildings, and the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipment of a theater arts building together with necessary and related appurtenances and attachments (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is estimated to be not less than Twenty Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000), and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems it necessary to borrow the principal sum of Twenty Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000) and issue capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 ("Act 34") to pay the cost of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, notices of intent were published in accordance with Act 34 which provide that the capital improvement bonds may be issued without a vote of the electors of the Issuer unless a proper petition for an election on the question of the issuance of the bonds is filed with the Township Clerk within a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of publication and no petition was filed within said time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Authorization of Bonds: Bond Terms. Bonds of the Issuer designated GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed Twenty Three Million Dollars (23,000,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including the cost incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The issue shall consist of bonds in fullyregistered form of the denomination of \$5,000, or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, numbered consecutively in order of registration, dated as of March 1, 2003 or such other date as may be determined as the time of sale. The Bonds shall bear interest at rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof. The Bonds shall mature and be payable on October 1st of each year as follows:

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
2004	\$350,00	2014	1,150,000
2005	400,000	2015	1,250,000
2006	450,000	2016	1,400,000
2007	550,000	2017	1,500,000
2008	600,000	2018	1,600,000
2009	700,000	2019	1,700,000
2010	800,000	2020	1,800,000
2011	850,000	2021	1,900,000
2012	900,000	2022	2,000,000
2013	1,000,000	2023	2,100,000

In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or in principal amounts as follows: obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defaced and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein.

5. Construction Fund; Proceeds of Bond Sale. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a separate depository account with a bank or trust company designated by the Township Board, to be designated GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 IMPROVEMENT BONDS CONSTRUCTION FUND (the "Construction Fund") and deposited into said Construction Fund the proceeds of the Bonds less accrued interest and premium, it any, which shall be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund. The moneys in the Construction Fund shall be used solely to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Bond Form. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following 6. form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT BOND (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 Maturity Date of

Interest	Maturity	Date of	
Rate	Date	Original Issue	CUSIP
	October 1,	March 1, 2003	

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

The Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township" or "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date specified above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on October 1, 2003 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable at the designated office of Bank One Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to any interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by check or draft mailed to the registered owner of record at the registered address. For prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating the principal sum of \$23,000,000, issued for the purpose of paying the cost of certain capitol improvements for the Issuer. This bond is issued under the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, the Issuer's Charter, and a duly adopted resolutions of the Issuer.

Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2004 to 2014, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds of its issue, or portions thereof in multiples of \$5,000, maturing in the year 2015 and thereafter may be redeemed may at the option of the Issuer, in any order of maturity and within any maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after October 1, 2014 at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption the transfer agent presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond of the same maturity and in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by transfer agent to the registered owner of any bond or portion thereof to be redeemed by mailing of such notice by first class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the transfer agent. No further interest payable on any bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption whether presented for redemption or not, provided that funds are on hand with the transfer agent for such redemption.

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2009	700,000	2019	1,700,000	
2010	800,000	2020	1,800,000	
2011	850,000	2021	1,900,000	
2012	900,000	2022	2,000,000	
2013	1,000,000	2023	2,100,000	

PRIOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS: Bonds of maturing in the years 2004 o 2014, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds of both issues, or portions thereof in multiples of \$5.000. maturing in the year 2015 and thereafter may be redeemed at the option of the Township, in any order of maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after October 1, 2014 at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of outstanding bond is called for redemption the transfer agent upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond of the same maturity and in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the transfer agent to the holders of any bond or portion thereof to be redeemed by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township" in "Issuer"). No further interest payable on any bond or portions thereof called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided that funds are on hand with the transfer agent for such redemption.

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS: The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, to be fixed by the bids thereafter, expressed in multiples of 1/8 of 1/20 of 1% or both. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rate on the bonds shall not exceed two percent (2%) per annum. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 98.5% of their par value will be considered.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY: The bonds will be issued in book-entry only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the same name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, DTC will act as securities depository for the bonds. Purchase of the bonds will be made in book-entry only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificate representing their interest in bonds purchased. The book-entry-only system is described further in the preliminary official statement for the bonds.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRATION: Principal shall be payable at Bank One Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to any interest payment date. Interest shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the person or entity who or which is the registered owner of record as shown by the registered books of the township as of the 15th day of the month preceding any interest payment date. The bonds will be transferable only upon the registration books of the Township kept by the transfer agent.

The Bonds are issued for the purpose of paying the Township's share of certain capitol improvements in the Township. The Bonds will be first budget obligations on the Township, payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the Township including the collection of ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Township subject to applicable constitutional, charter and statutory tax rate limitations

The rights and remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditor's rights generally now existing or hereafter enacted and by the application of general principles of equity including those relating to equitable subordination

GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company or a financial surety bond, in the amount of \$230,000 and payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Issuer, must accompany each bid as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid be accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. If a check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, it must accompany each bid. If a licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Michigan and such Bonds must be submitted to the Issuer's financial advisor prior to the opening of the bids. The financial surety bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is

The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity in the manner and at the times and prices set forth in Section 6 hereof. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The record date of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding the payment date for each interest payment. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable at Bank One Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan which is hereby selected to act as the transfer agent for the bonds (the "Transfer Agent"). The Treasurer of the Issuer is hereby authorized to execute one or more agreements with the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Issuer.

The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry only form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC").

2. Execution of Bonds. The Bonds of this issue shall be executed in the name of the Issuer with the facsimile signature of the Supervisor and Clerk of the Issuer and shall have the seal of the issuer, or a facsimile thereof, printed or impressed on the Bonds. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized officer or representative of the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent to the purchaser of other person in accordance with instructions from the Treasurer of the Issuer upon the purchase price of the Bonds.

3. <u>Transfer of Bonds.</u> The Transfer Agent shall keep the books of registration for this issue on behalf of the Issuer. Any Bond maybe transferred upon such registration books by the registered owner of record, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond of Bonds, for lake aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice or redemption shall be given by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Issuer. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: Original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers (and in the case of partial redemption) the called amounts of each certificate; the place where the Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

In addition, further notice shall be given by the Transfer Agent in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption of notice thereof is given as prescribed herein.

4. Limited Tax Pledge: Debt Retirement Fund; Deference of Bonds. The Issuer hereby pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, each year budget the amount of the debt service coming due in the next fiscal year on the principal of and interest on the Bonds and shall advance as a first budget obligation from its general funds available therefor, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all taxable property in the issuer subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and character tax rate limitations, such sums as may be necessary to pay such debt service in said fiscal year.

The Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a depository account with a bank or trust company designated by the Township Board, to be designated GENÊRĂL OBLIGATION CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the moneys to be deposited into the Dept Retirement Fund to be specifically earmarked and used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered owner of record in person, or by registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

This bond, including the interest thereon, is payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the Issuer, and the Issuer is required, if necessary, to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Issuer for the payment thereof, subject to applicable constitutional, charter and statutory tax rate limitations.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done, precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the Issuer, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional, statutory or charter debt limitation.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WHITENESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Canton, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of the Township by the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

County of Wayne, State of Michigan

7. Said notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON,

COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

GENERAL OBLIGATION - \$23,000,000 CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX) SERIES 2003

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the office of the Township Clerk located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2003, until 11:00 o'clock a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids will also be received simultaneously and publicly opened and read at the offices of Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226, or by fax at (313) 961-8200.

The Township Board will meat no later than 7:30 o-clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on that date to consider the award of such bids.

ELECTRONIC BIDS: Electronic bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by Bidcomp/Parity as agent of the undersigned. Further information about Bidcomp/Parity, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Bidcomp/Parity, Anthony Leyden of CLIENT SERVICES, 395 Hudson Street, New York 10014, (212) 806-8304. NO ELECTRONIC BID WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE BIDDER HAS SUBMITTED A FINANCIAL SURETY BOND IN THE AMOUNT DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION CAPTIONED "GOOD FAITH" BELOW.

Bidders may choose any means or location to present bids but a bidder may not present a bid in more than one location or by more than one means.

BOND DETAILS: Bonds of both issues will be registered of the denomination of \$5.000 or multiple thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of each maturity, dated March 1, 2003, numbered in order or registration, and will bear interest from their dates payable on October 1, 2003, and semiannually thereafter.

The bonds will mature on the 1st day of October of the years and

guaranteed by such bond. If the bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a financial surety bond, then that purchaser (the" Purchaser") is required to submit its good faith deposit to the Issuer or its financial advisor in the form of a cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount) as instructed by the Issuer or its financial advisor in the form of a cashier's check not later than Noon, Eastern Time, on the next business day following the award. If such good faith deposit is not received by that time, the financial surety bond may be drawn by the issuer to satisfy the good faith deposit requirement. The good faith deposit will be applied to the purchaser to the purchase price of the bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the good faith deposit will be retained by the Issuer. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned. The good faith check of the successful bidder may be deposited immediately by the issuer and payment for the balance of the purchase price of the bonds shall be made at the closing.

AWARD OF BONDS TRUE INTEREST COST: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest true interest cost determined in the following manner: The lowest true interest cost will be the single interest rate (compounded on October 1, 2003 and semi annually thereafter) necessary to discount the debt service payments from their respective payment date to April 1, 2003 in an amount equal to the bid price, excluding accrued interest.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving opinions of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. P.L.C., attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, copies of which opinions will be printed on the reverse side of the respective issues of bonds, and the originals of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Miller. Canfield. Paddock and Stone. P.L.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinions are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue its unqualified approving opinions as to validity of the above bonds, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements, or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the bonds, and accordingly will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or materials.

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TAX EXEMPTION: In the opinion of bond counsel the bonds will be exempt from taxation in the State of Michigan and from Federal income taxation subject in both cases to certain exceptions described in bond counsel's opinion. The bonds will not be "private activity bonds."

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Township will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser Detroit, Michigan, or such other place as may be mutually agreed upon. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds, will be delivered at the time of the delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, of the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw his proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the Township shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Payment for the bonds shall be made in immediately available funds. Accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery. Unless the purchaser furnishes the transfer agent with a list giving the denominations and names in which the purchaser wishes to have each issue of the bonds issued at least five business days prior to the date of delivery of the bonds, each issue of the bonds may be delivered in the form of a single certificate for each maturity registered in the name of the purchaser.

CERTIFICATE REGARDING ISSUE PRICE: The successful bidder will be required to furnish, prior to the delivery of the bonds, a certificate in form acceptable to bond counsel as to the "issue price" of the bonds within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

CUSIP NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on said bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to the Continued on page D7

Ocelots beat Redlands in NJCAA opener

In what could only be described as a game of spurts, Schoolcraft College outlasted No. 3-ranked Redlands (Okla.) CC 67-60 in the opening round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I **Basketball Tournament** Tuesday in Hutchinson, Kan.

"I take my hat off to Redlands," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "They were like everyone said they'd be. They play tough defense and they get after you.

"But we never quit. We kept fighting.

Defense proved to be the decisive factor for the Ocelots. Certainly they started playing it well at the start, bolting to a 17-4 lead by the 12:45 mark of the first half. SC held Redlands (32-2 for the season), the defending NJCAA Division II champions, scoreless for the

The 12th annual Orothopaedic 8-kilo-

meter run, 5K walk and half-mile Teddy

Post-race breakfast will be at Kuhl's

iting www.AthleticVentures.com.

The registration fee is \$10 (by April 4).

For a printable online registration, vis-

REHAB 8K RUN

April 12, in Jackson.

Bell Tower Market.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

game's first 5:38.

After that, however, the Cougars took control, outscoring SC 25-10 in the rest of the half to take a 29-27 lead at halftime

They picked up in the second half where they'd left off in the first, outscoring the Ocelots 11-3 in the first 3:22 for a 40-30 lead.

That's when SC took a timeout and Briggs switched his team to a variety of zone trap defenses.

It worked. The Ocelots went on a 12-0 run, with a Ron Dorsey basket putting them up 42-40 with 10:30 left.

When back-up point guard Aaron Squirewell came off the bench to score their next five points, the Ocelots were ahead

to stay.

"We decided to change up our defenses, depending what personnel they had on the floor," explained Briggs. "Everybody was on the same page. We did a real good job recognizing who they had on the floor."

Marcus Bennett, SC's leading scorer during the regular season, was limited to seven points but he got five when it counted most, down the stretch. His three-pointer with 2:39 left and his short basket with 1:57 to go pushed SC's lead to 56-49.

After that it was a free-throw shooting contest, and SC made 9-of-12 — with James Holmes, who led the Ocelots with 20 points, hitting seven-straight. Gary Johnson, from Wayne

Memorial, added 13 points and Tovoris Baker finished with nine points and 12 rebounds.

Andre Scott had eight points, six boards and two blocks.

Redlands got 20 points and 10 rebounds from Taj Gray, 14 points and 10 boards from Yaphett King and 10 points from Jonathan Patton.

"Redlands played hard the whole game," said Johnson. "We had a little stretch offensively where we didn't score, but we also like to score off of our defense and our defense got us back in the game."

Cougars' coach Steve Eck wouldn't argue with Johnson's assessment. "It was a physical game and unfortunately, we weren't the physical people," he said. "That hurt us.

"If you don't rebound, don't defend, don't guard their threepoint shooters (SC was 8-of-18 from beyond the arc) and turn it over, you're not going to win."

True enough.

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a 72-68 win. "We wanted to control the tempo as far as our half-court game.

"We don't have the troops to run up and down the floor. We've (played a half-court game) all year long. We can't run with teams like (SC). We only allow 63 points a game.

"We did a terrific job rebounding and recognizing their shooters."

Andre Scott and James Holmes led SC with 11 points apiece. Scott, Tovoris Baker and Marcus Bennett had six rebounds each. Sherrell scored nine points and Gary Johnson (from Wayne Memorial) had eight. Baker and Bennett, the Ocelots' top scorers all season,

had six and four points, respectively.

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Dixie was paced by Terren Harbut with 19 points and 12 rebounds, Nick Hammer with 17 points and Chris Huber with 15 points.

The Rebels outrebounded SC 45-37 and made 23-of-47 (49 percent) floor shots. SC hit 20of-66 from the field (30 percent).

"We couldn't create easy baskets," said Briggs. "We couldn't get (big) games from any of our key guys.

To win a game like this, the margin of error is slim. You have to knock down shots."

In the Ocelots' first two NJCAA Tournament games, they just didn't do it. The first time, a 67-60 win over Redlands (Okla.), they survived; against Dixie, the defending NJCAA champs, they didn't.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, the Board of Trustees will consider:

SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND/LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF A PATH SYSTEM/NATURE TRAIL ALONG THE EDISON CORRI-DOR THROUGH FLODIN PARK WEST TO SHELDON AND SOUTH TO THE WAYNE COUNTY LOWER ROUGE RECRE-ATION CORRIDOR.

The Summit on the Park Community Center is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Requests for information should be directed to Ann Conklin, Leisure Services Director, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, 48188 (734) 394-5460.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3rd, 2003 for the following:

FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE MTS STACK CHAIRS

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Electrical Improvements for Fiegel, Isbister, and hoole Ea and Schools, and Salem High School. Specifications and bid forms will be available on March 10, 2003 by phoning TMP Associates at (248) 338-4561. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Electrical Improvements Bid, PCCS E. J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bob Gilmore at (517) 788-1121 (days) or (517) 782-2071 (evenings); or email rgilmore@voyager.net Bear run (11-and-under) will be Saturday,

MU VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will host a series of summer volleyball camps. Cost is \$120 (\$90 for youth camp). Morning sessions will be from 8:30

For more information, call race director a.m.-noon – June 29-July 2 (Elite); July 7-10 (Setters); July 13-16 (Hitters).

Afternoon sessions will be from 1-4 ---June 29-July 2 (General Players); July 7-10 (Youth); July 13-16 (Defensive Specialty).

For more information and registration, call MU head volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham evenings at (734) 254-0698 or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the District-Wide Bathroom Tissue. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Jerry York in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:30 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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Friday, March 28, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. Bid Opening: Resolution Due: Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Board Review: Tuesday, April 8, 2003 Publish: March 13 and 20, 2003

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **District-Wide Paper Towel**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Jenny York in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Bid Opening: Board Review: Publish March 13 and 20, 2003

Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Resolution Ready for Board: Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2003

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purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on said bonds shall be paid for by the Township; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: As described more fully in the Official Statement, the Township will agree in the resolution awarding the Bonds to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, (i) on or prior to the last day of the sixth month following the end of the fiscal year of the Township commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds unaudited financial statements, or in the event audited financial statements are unavailable, (ii) respect to the Bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: A copy of the Official Statement may be obtained by contacting Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, at 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3206, telephone 313-961-8220. The Official Statement is in a form deemed final as of its date by the Township for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)1, but is subject to revision, amendment and completion of a final Official Statement. The successful bidder shall supply to the Township, within twenty-four hours after the award of the bonds, all pricing information and any underwriter identification determined by the Township to be necessary to complete the Official Statement.

The Township will furnish to the successful bidder, at no cost, two hundred (200) copies of the final Official Statement within seven business days after the award of the bonds. Additional copies will be supplies upon the bidder's agreement to pay the cost of the Township for those additional copies.

The Township shall deliver, at closing, an executed certificate to the effect that as of the date of delivery the information contained in the Official Statement, including revisions, amendments and completion's as necessary, relating to the Township and the bonds is true and correct in all material respects, and that such Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

BOND INSURANCE AT PURCHASER'S OPTION: If the Bonds quality for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of the bidder/purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the purchaser of the Bonds. Any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting from such purchaser of insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, except that, it the Issuer has requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a rating agency, the Issuer will pay the fee for the requested rating. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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purchaser. FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURER TO **ISSUE THE POLICY AFTER THE BONDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED** TO THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR FAILURE OR REFUSAL BY THE PURCHASER TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE BONDS FROM THE ISSUER.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS. **ENVELOPES** containing the bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for Capital Improvement Bonds". Terry G. Bennett, Clerk, Charter Township of Canton

8. Defeasance. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier options redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

9. Disclosure. The Township covenants it shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and exchange Commission (the "Rule") regarding continuing disclosure and herewith appoints the Director of Finance and Budget (the "Director") or his or her designee as its "Disclosure Representative" for purposes of complying with the Rule. The Director be and is hereby directed to provide annually a continuing disclosure undertaking pursuant to the Rule.

10. Useful Life of Project. The estimated period of usefulness of the Project is hereby declared to be not less than twenty five (25) years.

11. Tax Convenant; Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, buy not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditures and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. The Township hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Code

12. Authorization of Other Actions. The supervisor is authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and to make such other filings with any parties, to enable the sale and delivery of the Bonds as contemplated herein.

13. Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly NAY: Members: None ABSENT: Member: McLaughlin **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

ITEM 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF BONDS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION/PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING EXPANSION AND PERFORMING ARTS THEATER. Motion By Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award sale of \$23,000,000 of Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax), Series 2003 Bonds to April 3rd, 2003 for the following:

RENTAL OF TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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UPS/Paine Webber, Inc.; the lowest interest qualified bidder at a true interest cost of 4.177330%. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AWARD OF BONDS AND RATIFICATION OF BOND TERMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF

CANTON, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Minutes of a special meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Country of Wayne, Michigan (the "Issuer"), held on the 13th day of March, 2003.

PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly

ABSENT: Members: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter;

WHEREAS, March 13, 2003, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Eastern Standard Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of the Issuer's Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax), Series 2003;

AND WHEREAS, said bids have been publicly opened and read; AND WHEREAS, the bids attached hereto and made part hereof have been received.

AND WHEREAS, the bid of UBS/Paine Webber, Inc. has been determined to produce the lowest interest cost to the Issuer. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT.

1. The bid of UBS/Paine Webber, Inc., as above stated, be and the same is hereby accepted.

2. Checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to each bidders' representative or by registered mail.

3. The Issuer hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the interest of the Bonds from adjusted gross income for general federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds.

4. All changers respecting the Bonds set forth in the notice of sale published in connection with the sale of the Bonds, including the increased principal amount of the Bonds, maturity schedule and other details relating to the Bonds be and are hereby approved and ratified. The Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds be and is hereby approved and ratified.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly NAYES: Members: None **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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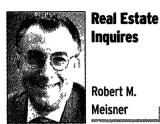
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Retaining records, and conversions

I am wondering if you can discuss the importance of a record retention policy for an association and how it may impact on future liability.

Accounting irregularities are not unheard of in professionally managed and selfmanaged associations. Record retention policies may be critical if an association is faced with possible embezzlement issues.

Premature destruction of financial information may leave an association without documentation of accounting irregularities. On the other hand, associations may have reason to adopt a policy calling for certain records to be destroyed as soon as possible.

For example, if the secretary of the board tapes all board meetings to facilitate preparing the minutes, the board may consider a policy providing that such tapes will be erased by the secretary immediately upon the board's approval of the minutes.

Each association should adopt a written documentation retention policy for the board and managers to follow, including any physical evidence that may be result of any personal injury claim brought against the association.

We are thinking about buying a condominium converted unit in Detroit that was an apartment complex. Is there anything that we should be looking out for in connection with that purchase?

Garden City? Or why does the same kind of house sell at different price

Why does a home in

Birmingham cost considerably

more than a similar house in

BY DOUG FUNKE

STAFF WRITER

This large home built by Toll Brothers is at Northville Hills Golf Club. And the sales price is 'It's the highest a buyer will go, the lowest a seller will go.

Gary Jones

Where those two points meet, that's the price.'

associate broker, RE/MAX in the Hills

Workman said. "Condition is an issue. Another way of saying that is updates."

But don't confuse routine maintenance with upgrades, Jones said.

"I've had people say, 'I just replaced the driveway, put on a new roof and replaced the fur-

Mortgage Bits Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Discounted rates help seniors, others

here's a big difference between doing the right

thing and doing the popular thing. In fact, I often argue that opposing the masses is a key to success. We probably all agree, however, that it is always proper to make life decisions based on appropriate thought processes that are relevant to each of our individual situations.

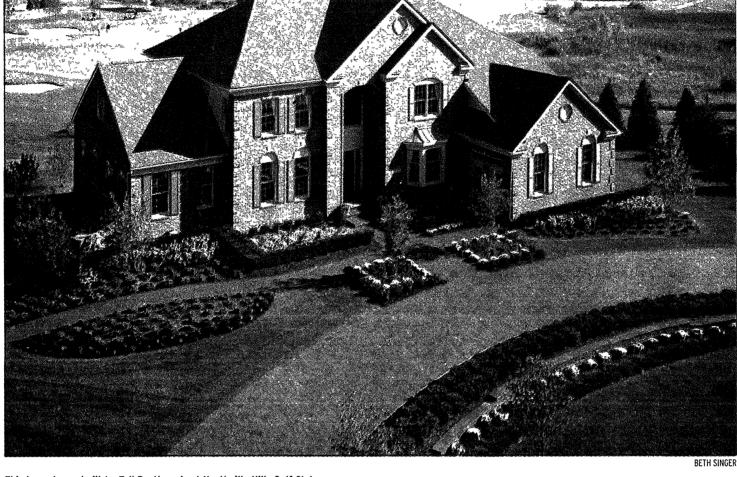
Accordingly, it is not categorically correct to assume that you should not pay points to discount your fixedrate mortgage. There are actually times when using discount points makes great sense. Right now may be of those times. With mortgage rates at historical lows, discounting your loan's interest rate with the judicious use of discount points can yield some profound financial results in the long run, and more cash in the short term.

In the mortgage world, one point equals one percent of the loan amount. Thus, a discount point for a \$90,000 mortgage would cost \$900.

One discount point will typically reduce the interest rate of a 30-year fixed rate mortgage by about onequarter percent. Accordingly, a borrower paying zero points at 6.0 percent should expect to pay about 5.75 percent after paying one discount point.

Using discount points is a long-term strategy. Borrowers will save about \$25 per month by discounting their \$150,000 mortgage by one point.

It will take them 60



As in any conversion, be sure that you clearly understand that you probably are buying the apartment "As Is," with no warranties.

Moreover, in the city of Detroit, there is no specific ordinance directed to condominium conversions. You should contact a condominium lawyer to ensure you are protected against any abusive activities that may be taking place by the condominium converter.

Also, keep in mind that there should be adequate reserves established to take care of what is "used property."

You are likely to have substantially increased assessments once the conversion takes place since many developers tend to underestimate the costs of operation of the conversion property after it becomes a condominium. One should be advised to determine whether your local suburban municipality has any particular ordinances regarding condominium conversions, but that is generally not the case.

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points within Canton Township? Or different kinds of homes sell at similar prices within Independence Township?

Many variables impact specific selling price, real estate professionals maintain. So many that one plus one doesn't always equal two when it comes to eventual selling price.

"It's not an exact science, as much as we'd like it to become," said Gary Jones, associate broker with RE/MAX in the Hills, **Bloomfield Hills.**

"I really feel it's a combination of everything," said Diane Howard, associate broker with Real Estate One in Plymouth. "It's amenities within a community that will encourage buyers to pay more."

Oxford and Rochester, for instance, offer quaint downtowns. Livonia promotes its parks and recreation offerings. Troy showcases upscale shopping and nearness to corporate jobs. Redford and Southfield are readily accessible to excellent roadway networks.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOLS

"People go after community first," said Pat Smart, Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country in Rochester. "They want goods and services."

Howard added: "Reputation of the schools is higher, I'd say, than reputation of the community. Purchasers tend to look at scores, class sizes."

Canton, for instance, is serviced by three public school districts - Plymouth/Canton, Wavne/Westland and Van Buren — with varying degrees of measurable academic success and perceptions of quality. But that's not all.

"Location within a community," Howard said. "People may pay more for an interior location, a court with low traffic, back to a nature preserve." Take two nearly identical

houses - four-bedroom colonials in West Bloomfield, one in a sub, one on a lake.

"The one on the water will sell for considerably more," Smart said. "People are seeking quiet, privacy when they come home today. Cocooning."

CONDITION

There's still more. "The condition of the property will affect price and speed of sale," Howard said. "I encourage sellers to optimize physical appearance so it will optimize buyers' perception of value." Smart concurs. "If it's in good condition — fresh paint, carpet clean, good general state of repair - it will sell for a higher price, faster," she said. We're not done yet.

"Is it a seller's market or a buyer's market?" Howard said. "More sellers means buyers

have more to choose from. That can result in more time on the market or a lower price, depending on the motivation to

sell. "If they're in a hurry, I might advise them to price in the middle range or lower range," Howard said. "If they have more time, I'd suggest more aggressive pricing, the middle or upper range, if the other factors agree."

Scarcity with high demand usually results in higher prices. "Places like Birmingham, with so little land left to build for housing to expand, prices go up," Smart said.

COMPARABLE SALES

Comparable sales studies determine a selling range.

"In a perfect world, what you would like to do is within the last six months find an identical house in style and square footage that sold in the same neighborhood," said Michael Workman Sr., owner of Keller Williams Realty-Livonia.

"What people have paid in the past creates comps that create value," he said. "But you never get the perfect world. Then you plus and minus finished basement, extra bath." And that's still just a starting

point. "Certainly supply and demand will push up prices at a faster or slower rate,

nace," he said. "The fact is peo ple expect the roof to be in good condition, the furnace to work. Where that affects price is if they're not replaced, it will lower the price."

Said Smart: "When it comes right down to it, if it's the right school district, grandma lives around the corner and the house is perfect, they will pay more. Especially if grandma lives around the corner."

PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

"It boils down to what a buyer is willing to pay," Workman said.

"It's the highest a buyer will go, the lowest a seller will go," Jones said. "Where those two points meet, that's the price."

Listen carefully when a neighbor or family member tells you how much money a home fetches on sale.

Workman explained: "I'll talk to somebody and he'll say, 'Mr. Smith got \$190,000.' Smith was asking \$190,000. Then I'll go talk to Smith and he'll say, 'I got my price.' The actual price was \$180,000. He lied without lying. We run into that a lot."

Actual selling prices show up on multilists a few days after closing, a few months later at registrar of deeds offices, Workman said.

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months to recoup their \$1,500 cost, but over 30 years they will save more than \$8,500 in interest with the improved rate.

Where's the strategy of using discount points? Obviously, if you are quite certain that you will be in your new mortgage well beyond five years, you will probably benefit from one or more discount points.

Discounting adjustablerate loans is generally dumb. If your loan officer advocates it without mathematical proof, run away.

Senior borrowers should consider discounting their mortgage, especially if they do not plan to move ever again. Simply put, discount points convert equity into cash flow. Buying down the interest rate will increase their net disposable income — or their "fun money" every month.

For those on fixedincomes, it may help keep the "gold" in their Golden Years.

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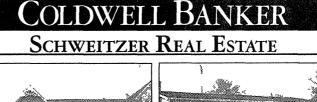
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Keller Williams Realty-Livonia sponsors a free seminar on how to get into the residential real estate sales business and what you can expect 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, at its office, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman.

To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BUILDERS SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Standard Federal Bank present the 85th annual Builders Home Show Friday-Sunday, March 21-23, at Cobo Center, Detroit.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected to participate.

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, no charge for children 11 and under.

For information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit the Web at www.builders.org

PYRAMID AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association hosts its annual Pyramid Awards dinner 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Marriott Hotel Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti.

Cost is \$100 per person, \$175 per couple, \$700 per table for eight. For information, call (734) 662-2570.

GARDE AWARDS

Application deadline for Gender and Race Diversification Excellence awards, sponsored by the Great Lakes Construction Alliance, is Thursday, March 28.

Nominees will be judged on success at increasing the numbers of minorities and women involved in construction while promoting superior professional practices.

For information, call (313) 964-2662 or visit www.glca.cc

WALKWAYS/WIDEWAYS

Oakland Land Conservancy spon-

sors a forum on transportation beyond more concrete, "Walkways and Wideways," 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Oakland Community College Highland Lakes, 7350 Cooley Lake Road at Hospital Road, Waterford.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$12 with registration by March 21, \$15 after; \$6 for senior citizens, free for students. For information, call (248) 601-2816.

BUY HOME CLASS

Debbie Horner of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer and Paul Stutzman of Loanstar Lending co-sponsor a free class for first-time home buyers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. To register, call (248) 675-1256.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute presents a 16-hour seminar, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," at two locations.

The class runs 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 1-10, at the Manley Campus, 2989 VanZandt, Waterford; and 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, April 7-16, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include financing, contracts, codes and permits, bidding materials and the building process.

Cost is \$205 plus \$30 for textbooks at Manley through Waterford Community Education. To register, call (248) 674-3145. Cost is \$207 plus \$30 for textbooks at Riley through Livonia Community Education. To register, call (734) 744-2602.

MORTGAGE SEMINAR

The Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association sponsors a class, "Mortgage Origination 101," 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Novi Hilton, Haggerty at Eight Mile.

Topics include flow charting a loan, lingo, rate sheets, appraisals, prequalification and common mistakes.

Cost is \$75 for members, \$145 for non-members. To register, call (734) 975-4426.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design presents a free lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in the architecture auditorium, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

Speaker: Brigette Shim, whose Toronto firm believes in the full integration of furniture, architecture and landscape.

For information, call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880.

FAIR HOUSING CLASS

A consortium of real estate boards, including Western Wayne/Oakland County and Metropolitan Consolidated, plus Standard Federal Bank sponsor a free fair housing luncheon program 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit.

To register, call Vickey Livernois at (248) 478-1700 or Elaine Gatlin at (248) 879-5730.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit Chapter is accepting nominations in three categories - Construction Woman of the Year, Longevity with Integrity (organizations/businesses in existence at least 15 years) and Distinguished New Constructor (less than 15 years old) - for its eighth annual Construction Industry Night.

Deadline is April 15. For applications and information, contact Marie Miesik at (248) 398-1200 Ext. 207

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CONDO OPERATIONS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and columnist for O&E, teaches a class, "Advanced Condominium Operation: the Essentials of Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22-May 13, in his offices, Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, **Bingham Farms.**

Cost is \$95. To register, contact Oakland Community College, (248) 522-3618, or Meisner's office, (248) 644-4433.

CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of

Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50.

For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance." Cost is \$15 for BOMA members,

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To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail. Contact Rosalie Lamb at the asso-

ciation, (248) 737-4477 for details.

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A book available from the **Community Associations Institute** can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

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"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for 40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www. caionline. org

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Mortgage rates continue to fall

(AP) – For the fourth week in a row, rates on 30-year mortgages fell to a new low, good news for a housing market that has been one of the few bright spots for the struggling economy.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 5.61 percent for the week ending Friday, March 14, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported in its weekly nationwide survey.

That surpassed the previous record low rate of 5.67 percent set the previous week.

The new rate marked the fifth time this year that rates on the benchmark mortgage dipped to a new weekly low.

Last week's rate was the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971. Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Mac's indicate that rate is the lowest since the early 1960s.

Rates for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped last week to 4.93 percent, compared with 5.01 percent. The new rate is the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 15-year mortgages in 1991.

Rates for one-year adjustable rate mortgages also fell last week to 3.68 percent, down from 3.76 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America said refinancing activity the week of March 7 accounted for a record 79.8 percent of total mortgage applications filed.

"People are very aware that (mortgage) rates are at record lows, and they are acting on this," said the association's economist Phil Colling.

Recent mortgage rate declines were spurred by falling rates in the Treasury bond market, influenced by concerns about a war with Iraq, economists said.

Low mortgage rates propelled home sales and home-mortgage refinancing activity to record levels last year. As consumers swap higher-interest rate home loans for lower-interest rate ones, the extra cash has helped to support consumer spending. So have rising home values.

Mortgage rates reported by Freddie Mac don't include add-on fees known as points.

Thirty-year fixed mortgages and oneyear ARMs each carried an average fee of 0.6 point last week. Fifteen-year fixed carried an average fee of 0.5 point. A point is 1 percent of the total loan amount.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 7.08 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.59 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 5.08 percent.



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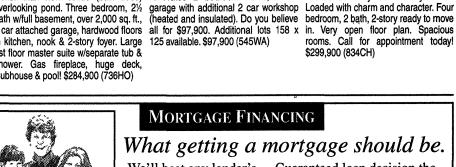
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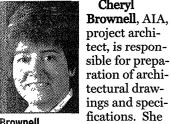
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degrees in architecture from the University of Michigan and is a member of the American Institute of Architects. She lives in Farmington Hills.

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David Tetreau, senior mechanical design engineer, is responsible for the commissioning of building systems.

He has 28 years experience, most recently with Siemens Building Technologies, Livonia, and specializes in temperature controls, building automation systems and fire safety.

Tetreau has an associate degree in electrical engineering technology from Michigan Technological University and resides in Rochester Hills.

John M. Czarnecki, AIA, joins Skanska **USA Building** in Farmington Hills as director of planning for its Michigan Division. Czarnecki

He has 25 years experience in the construction industry, most recently as vice president of project

planning with Barton Malow. Czarnecki has bachelor of science in architecture and bachelor of architecture degrees from Lawrence Technological University. He's

also a graduate of University of Michigan's Management II Program and Advanced Management Program at Duke University.

His memberships include AIA Detroit, Design Build Institute of America and Oakland County Business Roundtable. Czarnecki lives in

Farmington Hills.

Jane Klatt, affiliated with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Royal Oak, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist. An eight-year veteran, Klatt also is a Graduate Realtor Institute and Accredited Buyer Representative. She lives in Berkley.

Lee Hurwitz has been promoted to vice president/ director of development and property management from director of development and property management at Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services in Farmington Hills.

Hurwitz, affiliated with the firm since 1996, has a bachelor's degree in international business from the University of Wisconsin.

He lives in Huntington Woods.

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Henry Harrison estate hits milestone age

(AP) – Grouseland, once the home of former President William Henry Harrison, is celebrating its 200th birthday this vear.

If Harrison were to see it now, he would find the house he built in a grove of Walnut trees much the same as when he left it.

And you can see it, too, in the southwest Indiana town of Vincennes, a not-too-strenuous weekend trip from the Detroit suburbs.

Two high-back gentleman's chairs sit arranged in front of the fireplace in the "council room" where Harrison, then Indiana Territory Governor, awaited Shawnee Chief Tecumseh for treaty talks.

And although the two men ended up having their famous meeting outside on the lawn, Grouseland was the historic scene for the signing of five treaties with area Indian tribes.

In the basement "dependency," where the servants cooked and worked, the spinning wheel and loom await skilled hands to weave rugs and finish quilts.

And in the front hall, where varnished wood floors and antique carpets lead to the

grand staircase, portraits of the governor and his wife, Anna Symes, hang on opposite walls, framing the door.

Built in 1803, Harrison's 300-acre estate was home for his growing family and a refuge against attack.

A bullet hole in the immense dining room where Harrison once entertained guests and visiting dignitaries such as Zachary Taylor serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of frontier living.

A historic Vincennes treasure, Grouseland, named for the abundant game birds once found in the area, will be the focus of a bicentennial celebration and several events including a banquet and tea planned by the Grouseland Foundation, a non-profit organization started in 1999.

We treat this home like a museum because it is a museum," said Donna Klein, house administrator. "This will be the first time we've allowed food to actually be served in the mansion."

And later during the Rendezvous in May, a Saturday evening candlelight tour of the home will be presented by foundation volunteers.

Other events, including a lecture series about Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, will be announced later. Harrison was president for only 30 days. He died of pneumonia on April 4, 1841.

Once threatened with demolition, the home was saved in 1909 when the Vigo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution raised money to buy the home from the water company.

The women began restoration of the home, which had been used at one time for grain storage. They opened it to the public in 1911 and restoration projects have been ongoing since.

The DAR has maintained the building, but after the nonprofit foundation was established, members could apply for preservation grants, member Paula Nossett said.

The first brick house built in Indiana, Grouseland was referred to by many as the "White House of the West."

According to DAR records, bricks used in the home were originally painted white. Time eroded much of the paint, with the rest removed during restoration projects.

Last year, foundation grants enabled the mortar between the original, hand-made bricks to be replaced. Although original to the home, the mortar had turned caustic with age.

Klein, Nossett and other volunteers guide visitors through the home, which is adorned with original pieces of furniture owned by Harrison and his friend, Francis Vigo.

Many rooms have been refurbished with hand-screened, period wallpaper. But Klein points out an upstairs bedroom is in need of wallpaper and repair and said she hopes a membership drive encouraging others to join "Friends of Grouseland" will help with fund-raising.

Though all rooms are blocked with railings to protect quilts, furnishings and fixtures, the tall windows permit a view of the area that was once part of the estate.

"Look out there," said Nossett, pointing out an upstairs window. "You can almost imagine Tecumseh standing there waiting for Harrison to come outside and talk to him in the Walnut grove."

What they lack in size, tiny towns make up in character

BY SHIRLEY DOWNING AP CORRESPONDENT

Sneeze and you've missed this city.

Silerton, about 20 miles south of Jackson and the smallest incorporated hamlet in Tennessee, doesn't have a store or a gas station. The public school closed in 1966, and the sawmills have been gone longer than anyone can remember.

What Silerton has is 60 residents who would rather hear mourning doves than morning radio.

"We don't want a big General

Motors plant sitting next to Silerton," said city alderman Robert ("just call me Bobby") Naylor. "Everybody likes the quiet, and everybody knows everybody," said Naylor, 63.

In Silerton, friendships are forged at church suppers or over dominos. It's where Phyllis Navlor, Bobby's wife, ran a post office from her kitchen until three years ago. Both are descendants of the city's founding Siler family.

Similar tiny cities are found across West Tennessee, with many dating to the first half of the 1800s.

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"A lot of them started off as farm communities, especially in West Tennessee, which is flat and has more wide open spaces," said Jim Finane of the state's Municipal Technical Advisory Service in Knoxville.

At one time, Silerton had several hundred residents, as well as a half-dozen stores, a bank and cotton gin, a gristmill, train depot and a jewelry store.

Such communities thrived until the mid-1900s, when farms became more mechanized, rail service dwindled and interstate highways beckoned rural residents to city shopping and jobs.

Today, 17 of the state's 30 smallest cities are in West Tennessee. Some have antebellum homes, or the remnant of a country store or sawmill.

In Hickory Valley, population 136, the boiler from an old sassafras root mill sits next door to City Hall. From the 1920s to the 1950s, residents dug sassafras roots and sold them to the mill for pennies on the pound. The mill sold the oil for use in flavorings and medicines, said Robert Haralson, a retired school principal and historian of the town 50 miles east of Memphis.

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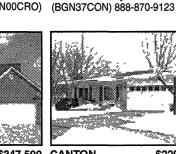
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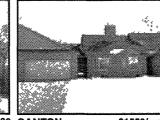
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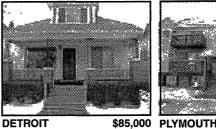
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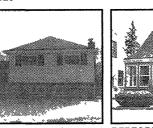
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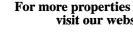
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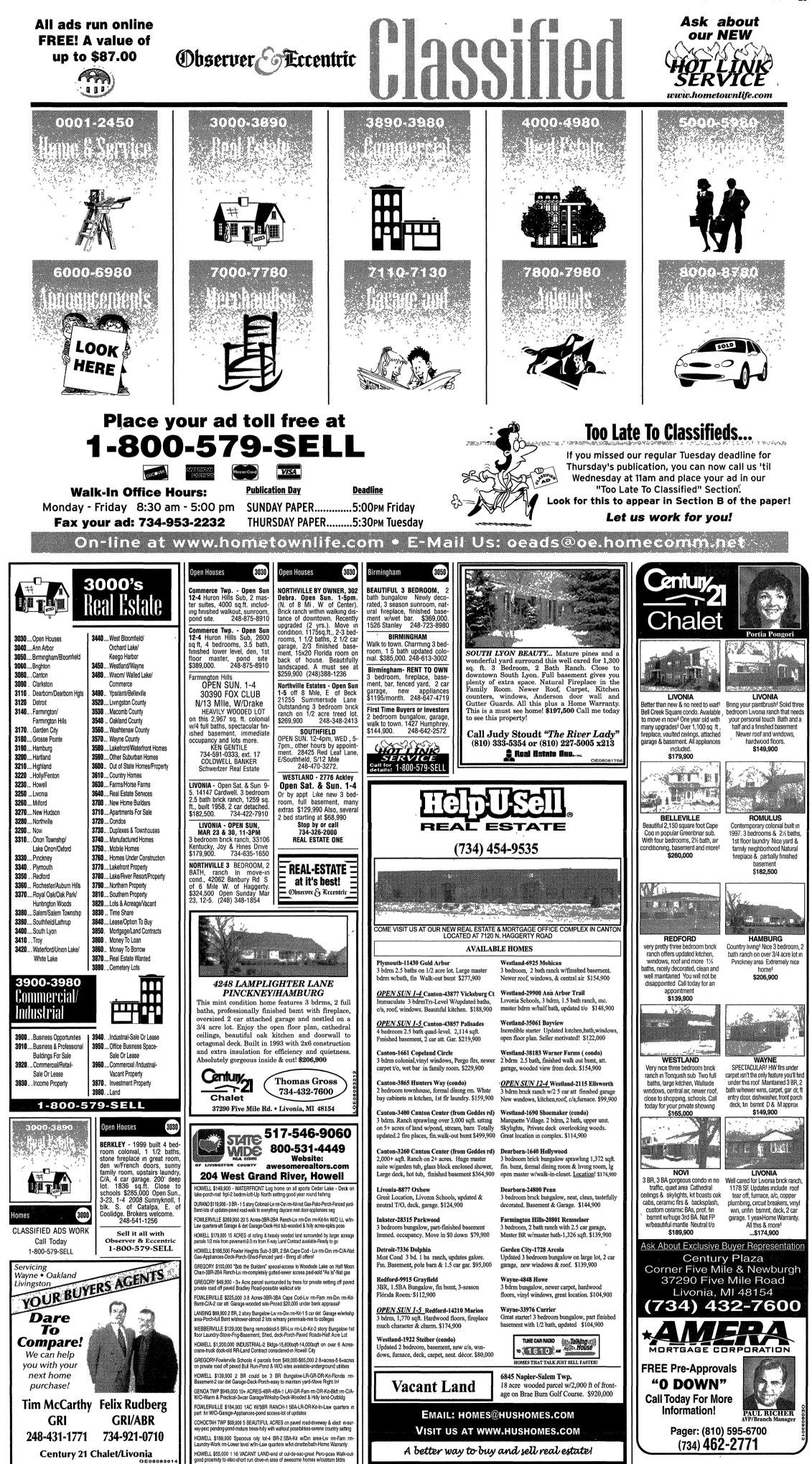
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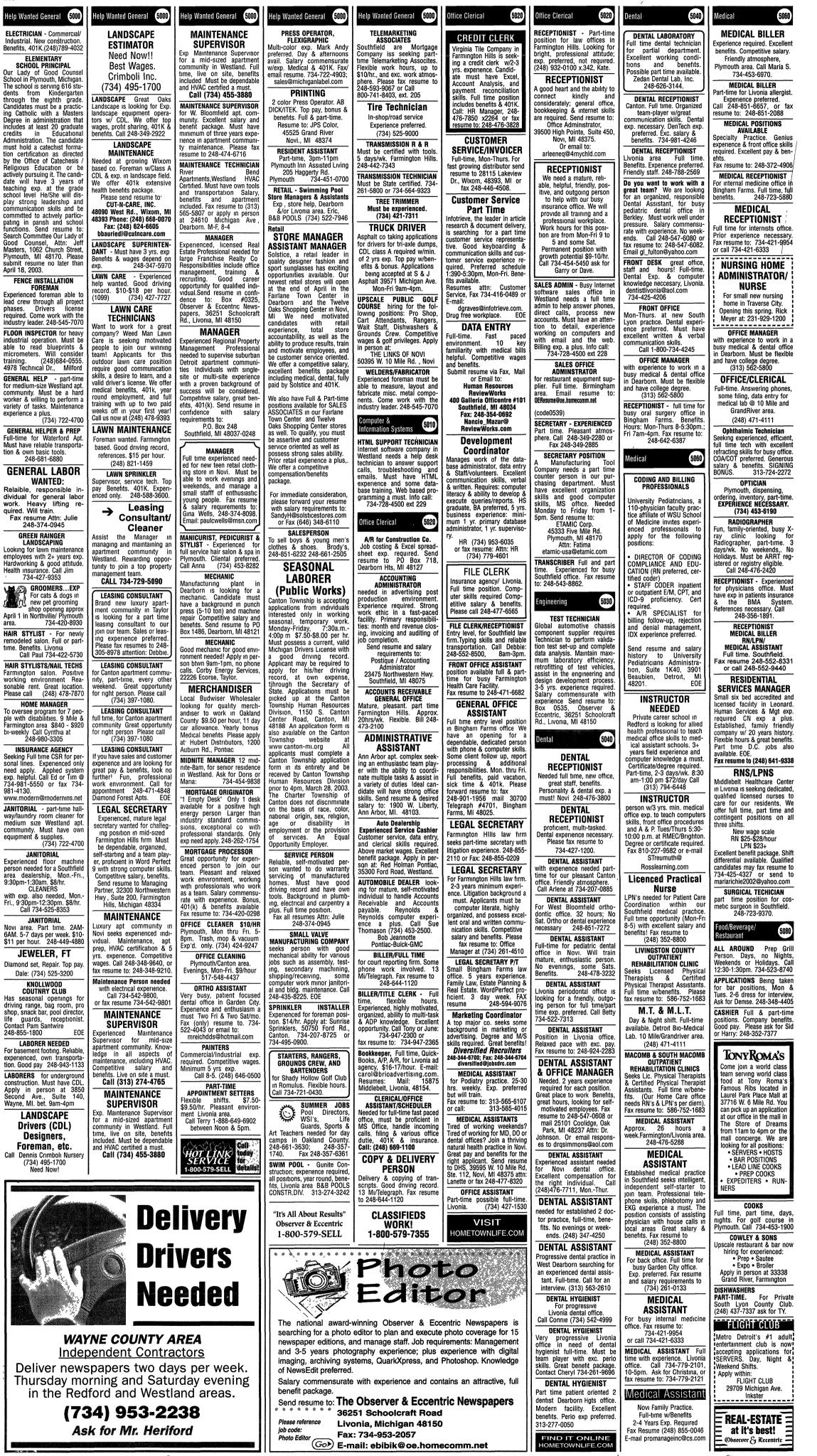
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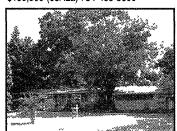


Historical area with old world charm and many updates. Three spacious bedrooms and 2 full baths. Coved ceilings & gorgeous wood work. Cozy fireplace. Mature treed lot. All appliances stay Possible in-law quarters. \$149,900 (11GLE) 248-349-5600



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FARMINGTON HILLS - Well worth taking a look at. Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on approximately 1 acre of total privacy. Home needs a major face lift, but has great potential. Priced well below homes in area. Bring all offers. Immediate occupancy. \$199,900 (25SHA) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Better Homes & Gardens! Three bedroom, 2 bath, estatesized lot overlooking Hines Park with approximately 2,800 square feet of living area. Kitchen with euro cabinets '01, oversized family room with fireplace, library & lower level master with bath. Main floor master! \$259,500 (11ANN) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautiful Townhouse shows like a model. Two bedrooms, bath & lavatory, marble surround gas fireplace and dining area with doorwall to deck. Kitchen with oak cabinets & spice rack, first floor laundry, full private basement & attached garage. \$169,900 (50HUN) 734-455-5600

ter bedroom in this 3 bedroom Ranch with

21/2 car garage, hardwood floors, great

closet space & updated bath, ceramic tile,

roof & gutter, fireplace in family room. \$129,500 (04LAT) 734-455-5600



SOUTHGATE - Immaculate condition. Beautiful 3 bedroom brick Ranch close to schools & shopping. Part finished basement with family room & bar, hardwood floors, appliances and garage. \$135,900 (86TRE) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Cute home. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch is on a large lot. Partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage and covered patio. Family room with doorwall. Oak cabinets in kitchen and ceramic bath. Natural fireplace. Appliances stay. \$220,900 (96KNO) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Move-in ready 2 bedroom, 2 bath raised Ranch Condo. Affordable and adorable with open floor plan. Nice view from balcony. Master walk-in closet & full bath. Carport for snowy days. Appliances stay. Included are: washer/dryer, stove, fridge & microwave. Just painted too. \$112,000 (50MID) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS Sharp entry level ranch condo. Enjoy the wooded view from this end unit in rear of complex with separate entrance. One bedroom, one bath, patio and laundry/storage room. All appliances included. Car port nearby with tons of guest parking. \$82,500 (66MID) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Country living in the city¹ On approximately 1 acre of wooded tran-quility, this 3 bedroom home features hardwood, great room with fireplace.



GENOA TOWNSHIP - Finished dayligh lower level. Three bedroom, 31/2 bath. Great master bath, kitchen with Corian counter tops & back splash. Formal dining room & very large great room. Retractable awning over deck overlooking huge commons area. Bar, kitchen & bath in lower level.



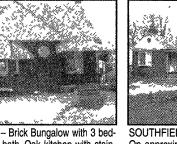


rooms and 1 bath. Oak kitchen with staingarage. \$149,900 (01LAP) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON - Cozy family home. Move right in and enjoy this wonderful home. Hardwood floors, family room with firekitchen, 2 full baths & large lot. All appli-

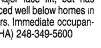




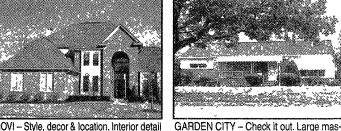
DEARBORN - Brick Bungalow with 3 bedless steel sink with disposal, replacement windows, hardwood under carpet, gas forced air furnace, updated breaker, glass block in basement, awnings and 1 car



place. Newer windows (2002). Eat-in ances stay. Farmington schools. \$289,900 (70WES) 248-349-5600







NOVI - Style decor & location Interior detail makes this home stand out. Four bedroom, 3½ baths with Northville schools, cathedral ceiling in foyer, library, formal dining, kitchen hardwood floors, double oven, island breakfast room to great room & tiered deck, finished walk-out, 3 car garage & paver patio. \$568,000 (40BAR) 734-455-5600



REDFORD – Super clean Ranch! Three bedroom, 1½ bath must see! Central air, newer bath, kitchen, windows, basement with glass block windows, newer garage door with opener, neutral decor, all appliances stay and home protection plan. \$118,900 (65BRA) 734-455-5600



BELLEVILLE - Country living. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial sitting on 1 acre with large family room & master bedroom upstairs. Newer furnace, bath, windows, roof, entry doors, carpet in living room + garage and driveway. \$214,900 (50LEN) 734-455-5600







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WESTLAND – Livonia schools¹ Four bedroom, 11/2 bath Quad-level. Updated windows, siding, gutters, furnace, central air & Berber carcet. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Newer cement drive, screened-in back porch & privacy fence, \$163,900 (75COO) 734-455-5600

GARDEN CITY – Lovely corner lot. Three bedroom Bungalow with 2 car garage, family room with fireplace, updated kitchen with oak cabinets, remodeled bath, sitting on a large lot. \$139,900 (11LEO) 734-455-5600 WESTLAND – Clean, cozy & updated. Well cared-for home. Three bedroom Ranch, neutral decor, 2 car garage, remodeled kitchen Newer roof central air furnace, bot water heater windows carpet, kitchen and laundry room floors, \$124,900 (44WAL) 734-455-5600

LIVONIA Wonderful sub. Fantastic 3 bedroom, 11/2 bath brick home with loads of updates. Newer roof, windows, furnace & central air. Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms. Oversized, heated 2 car garage. \$174,900 (44SUN) 248-349-5600 REDFORD – Fabulous brick Ranch. Three bedroom, 11/2 bath in tree-lined neighborhood. Spacious finished lower level with family room, bedroom, 1/2 bath & laundry area. Roomy breezeway with attached garage. Deck overlooks double lot with fence. Appliances included. \$145,000 (67CEN) 248-349-5600

CANTON - Fantastic Colonial 4 bedroom,

21/2 bath home with a lot of oak & welcom-

ing colors. Master bedroom has cathedral

ceiling, walk-in closet & 2 person whirlpool

tub. Extra large deck in quiet surroundings,

2 car attached garage & so much more to see. \$255,000 (87PAR) 248-349-5600

FARMINGTON HILLS – Warm weather is on its way. Enjoy this spacious 5 bedroom, 2 + 2 bath custom home on an incredible, approximately .85 treed lot with gardens trees & pool. Offers a huge kitchen, great room with fireplace & wet bar. Possible inlaw suite with walk-out basement. \$559,000 (46MIL) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Hard to find approximate .45 acre lot. For all of the home buyers' who want a large lot, this is for you. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch has an open floor plan. Family room with fireplace, formal dining, basement & more. Updated kitchen and

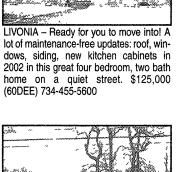


tasteful decor throughout. Too many perks to list. \$249,900 (70MAS) 248-349-5600 Á $\langle \rangle >$

GARDEN CITY - Updated brick Ranch Three bedroom, 1½ bath home on a corner lot with living & family room. Finished basement recently remodeled with tons of storage & a family room. Hardwood floors & ceramic baths. Two car garage. All this & a great yard with privacy fence & perennial garden. \$139,999 (71HEL) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Why rent, when you can own! Move right into this beautiful upper ranch condo unit. Spacious master with walk-in closet, in-unit laundry and all appliances stay. Updated and neutral throughout. Carport and pets allowed Close to everything. \$94,000 (50TWE) 248-349-5600





bath Colonial with large living room and dining room, eat-in kitchen plus home warranty. \$75,000 (92MOR) 734-455-5600

REDFORD - Sharp brick Ranch! Great 3

bedroom, 11/2 bath, family room with fire-

place, deck, finished basement, central air,

newer cement, windows, carpeting, hard-

wood floors, updated bath, some appli-

ances stay, steel entry doors, glass block



NORTHVILLE – Outstanding 3 bedroom, 3 bath Ranch! Ceramic foyer, newer hardwood floors in 2 bedrooms, great room with full brick fireplace, vaulted ceiling with wood beams. Solid oak Kitchen cabinets, breakfast room opens to deck, pro-finished lower level, master opens to deck. Home protection plan!. \$324,900 (24WEA) 734-455-5600

PLYMOUTH - Custom brick Ranch & court

yard entrance! Four + bedrooms, 31/2 baths,

cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors, newer car-

pet in great room, volume ceilings thruout!

French doors to library. Bay windows in dining

& breakfast rooms, master with jetted tub &

walk-in closet, finished lower level walk-out to

LIVONIA - Great location. Walk to park

and school from this 3 bedroom, 2 bath

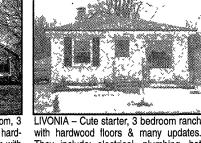
Tri-level with 2 car garage, updated win-

dows & doorwall. Furnace, central air,

driveway + updated bath with ceramic tile

& vanity. Also home warranty. \$184,900

patio. \$597,000 (15WES) 734-455-5600



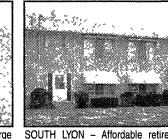
with hardwood floors & many updates. They include: electrical, plumbing, hot water tank, full cement driveway & all but 3 windows. Garage door, 2+ car garage. fenced yard plus one year home warranty. \$119,900 (49ANT) 248-349-5600



HOWELL - Spacious. Looking for a large Condo at a great price? Three bedroom, bath, 1½ story offers a 2 car garage, hardwood floors in living room, kitchen and dining room. Master suites on both levels. Custom blinds. Loads of storage with custom cabinets. \$197,000 (97LIL) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - This maintenance-free home is the cutest on the block. First floor laundry, master bath & double closets, 21/2 car heated garage with front & back doors. Shed & plenty of storage. Roof, furnace, hot water heater, air, sump in the 1990's. Hardwood in eating

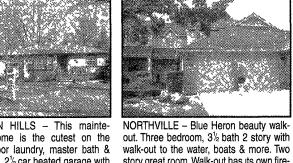


 Affordable retirement. Tired of the hassles of home ownership. Enjoy this lakefront adult co-op for 55+ year olds. \$200/Mo. covers taxes, heat, water, outside maintenance, lawn care & snow removal. New roof in '02. Freshly painted. Newer Pergo floors in dining room. Loads of storage. \$59,900 (94SAN) 248-349-5600



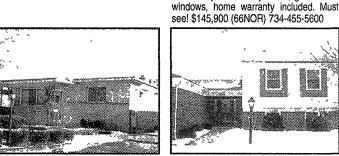
- could be in-law quarters. Newer carpeting. Too many amenities to list. \$419,500 (85BLU) 248-349-5600

rea. \$149.900 (84RUT) 248-349-5600 7125 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield (734) 455-5600



story great room. Walk-out has its own fireplace





WESTLAND - Country living in the city.

Two acres, 3 bedrooms, 21/2 baths,

attached garage, deck, full basement,

newer roof, hot water heater and ceramic

baths. Splittable land. \$335,000 (60GRA)

ALLEN PARK - Clean brick Ranch. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 21/2 car garage with opener, finished basement with sauna & bath, updated windows, beautiful Florida room off master bedroom, large closets, plenty of storage and appliances included. One year home warranty. \$139,900 (27HAR) 734-455-5600



level with 3 bedrooms, 11/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, newer kitchen, roof, windows & central air. On a court yard with great curb appeal. Fenced yard with deck & play scape. Family room with fireplace, formal living & dining room. All appliances 08.900 (24TER) 734-455-5600



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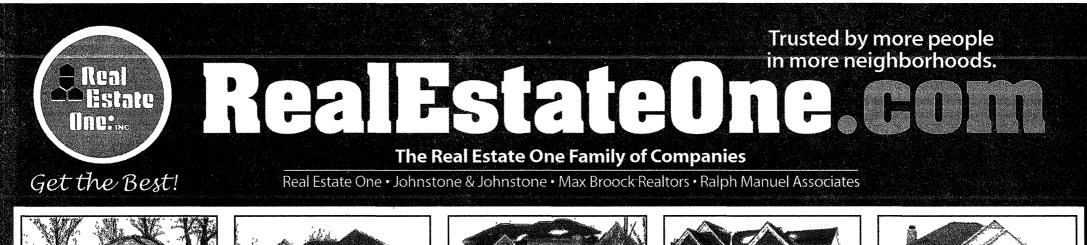




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PLYMOUTH \$389,900 Built 2000 w/3120 square feet this impressive 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial is simply the best deal in Plymouth. Offers great layout w/huge kitchen, 2 FP, 3 car garage, & more!!!(W51159)

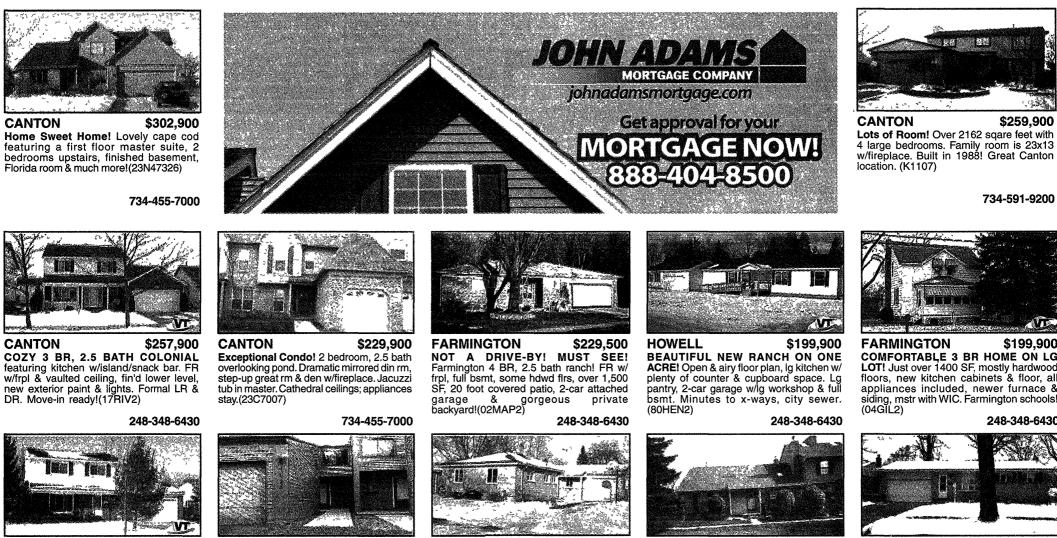
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\$334,900 CANTON Stunning 4 BR, 2.5 Ba brick colonial End of a cul-de-sac in one of the largest lots in the sub. Includes gas FP, 6 panel drs, garden tub & sep shower in mstr, 1sr fir laundry, & part fin bsmt.(W1051)

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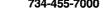
LIVONIA \$199,900 NICE COLONIAL IN LIVONIA! 1,600 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors, new windows, new kitchen appliances & new carpet. FP, fin'd basement with wet bar, CA & more!(26LYN2)

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LIVONIA BELLEVILLE \$194,900 Live At The Lake! 1800 square feet waterfront condo home on all sports Belleville lake, 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Quick occupancy.(23B48225)







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\$194,900 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch! Loaded with updates. All big updates are done. Home shows very well. Call to see!(W20020)



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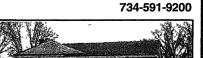
\$199,900

COMFORTABLE 3 BR HOME ON LG LOT! Just over 1400 SF, mostly hardwood floors, new kitchen cabinets & floor, all appliances included, newer furnace & siding, mstr with WIC. Farmington schools! (04GIL2)

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\$174.900 LIVONIA Quality built updated ranch tucked away on quiet tree lined street. 2.5 car attd garage, wide fenced lot, & Ig eat in kit. Clean, neutral, move right in!(L35458)



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FARMINGTON HILLS \$177.900

Great location in this complex! Great

elevation sits back with a view, close to gar

& extra parking. Kitchen has custom cabinets & skylight. Bsmt is prof finished. This condo



CANTON \$174,000 1600 SF, 1.5 bath brick colonial Plymouth Canton schools, has beautiful hardwood floors(2002). See the potential. Seller will look at all offers!(A43608)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$154,999

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OF LOT Beautiful Dearborn Hots home w/

2 full top of the line baths, built-in

appliances, new kitchen, roof, brick

windows, floor, everything new. 1 yr home

warranty.(R442)

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CANTON Wow! Beautiful FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, bit 1998. Deck, bsmt, attd gar, & much more!(H4292)

HUGE HOME, HUGE LOT, HUGE POTENTIAL 1800 Sq. ft, 4 BR, 2 full baths, newer white kitchen, windows, roof, siding,

ceiling fans, wiring, dry wall, top 1/2 added 1995, elec. Needs a little TLC.(F356)

Knockout bungalow in South Redford!

Updates galore in this 3 BR ranch! Oversized 2 car garage, newer kitchen, bath,

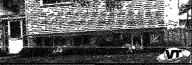
windows, doors, a/c 2002. Come see for

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GARDEN CITY \$159,900 VERY VERY CLEAN HOME & NICELY DECORATED Ideal family home w/lots of great & unique storage. Fam rm, liv rm, & den all in one home. Kit remodeled w/oak cabs & beautiful flr. Newer windows & furnace.(F291)

HERE IS A HOT ONE!! Older Belleville

bungalow. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with full

basement, large 219 foot deep lot, 2 1/2 car

garage. Kitchen and baths remodeled. Walk to town. (E130)

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electrical.(L575)

\$159,900 Model Perfect! End unit- 1.5 story condo-1 car attached garage. Basement, entry level master suite, Corian counter tops, deck- built in 1999! One look and you will say sold!(23H3988)

Condo Living At Its Best! This 3 bdrm 1.5

bath Canton condo is available now! Partly

finished bsmt. Upgrades galore. They include kit, flooring t/o, furnace, windows, deck and more.(23F1951)

EASY LIVING In this well maintained 3

bedroom bungalow with full basement and 2

1/2 car garage. Enc porch to deck with hot tub. C/A. Newer carpeting, furnace &

INVESTORS TAKE NOTE! Quiet

residential setting for nice income property

3 BR, 1 bth ranch plus 1 BR, 1 bath apt over 2-car garage. New furnace in apt/

HWH in house in 2002. Lg yard!(62MAY2)

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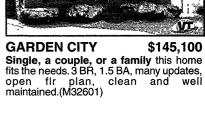
LIVONIA \$156,900

You'll want to call this house your home Extra sf w/4 season heated Florida rm. Newer rf, wndws, furn, elec, hwh. Nice open flr plan, lots of counter space in kit, fin bsmt. Great Livonia area & schools.(C28085)

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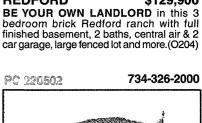


Single, a couple, or a family this home fits the needs 3 BR, 1.5 BA, many updates,











WESTLAND \$82,000 DIAMOND AMONGST THE OTHER **GEMS** this adorable condo has a professionally finished basement. Newer furnace & AC. Bathroom has been newly remodeled. Located on the curve of a private cul de sac. (S252)

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NORTHVILLE BREATHTAKING VIEWS ON 1.3 ACRES¹ Spectacular views bring the outdoors in Spacious 4 BR, 3 5 bath ranch w/huge DR w/p Oversized LR, full find w/o bsmt. Perfect setting for entertaining (53MAI2) \$389,000 2 story, central a more¹(P35588) \$159,900

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STYLISH, AFFORDABLE GROUND

LEVEL CONDO! Move right into this super ranch condo in one of Northville's most

popular complexes w/pool. Neutral carpet

light cabinets, great ceramic flr in kitchen & DR.(14NOR2)

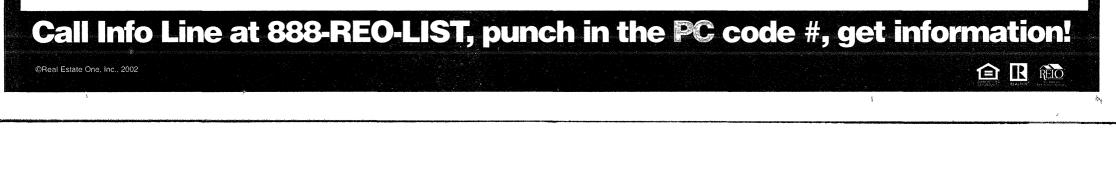
WESTLAND \$125,900 MINT CONDITION, WESTLAND CONDO! 2 BR, 1.5 bath condo has oak kitchen, new carpet, vinyl flooring & freshly painted, vinyl windows, ceramic foyer & huge mstr w/walk-in-closet.(92CAR2)

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REDFORD NICE 3 BR BRK RANCH, READV TO MOVE IN! Neutral decor, updated kitchen, full basement, fenced yard, and garage FHA terms.(F20372) 734-591-9200





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DETROIT \$128,000 JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING BACK YARD BBQ Beautiful custom deck, fenced in back vard. Doorwall from master bdrm to concrete patio living rm has hardwood floors & huge bay window and much more!(A202)

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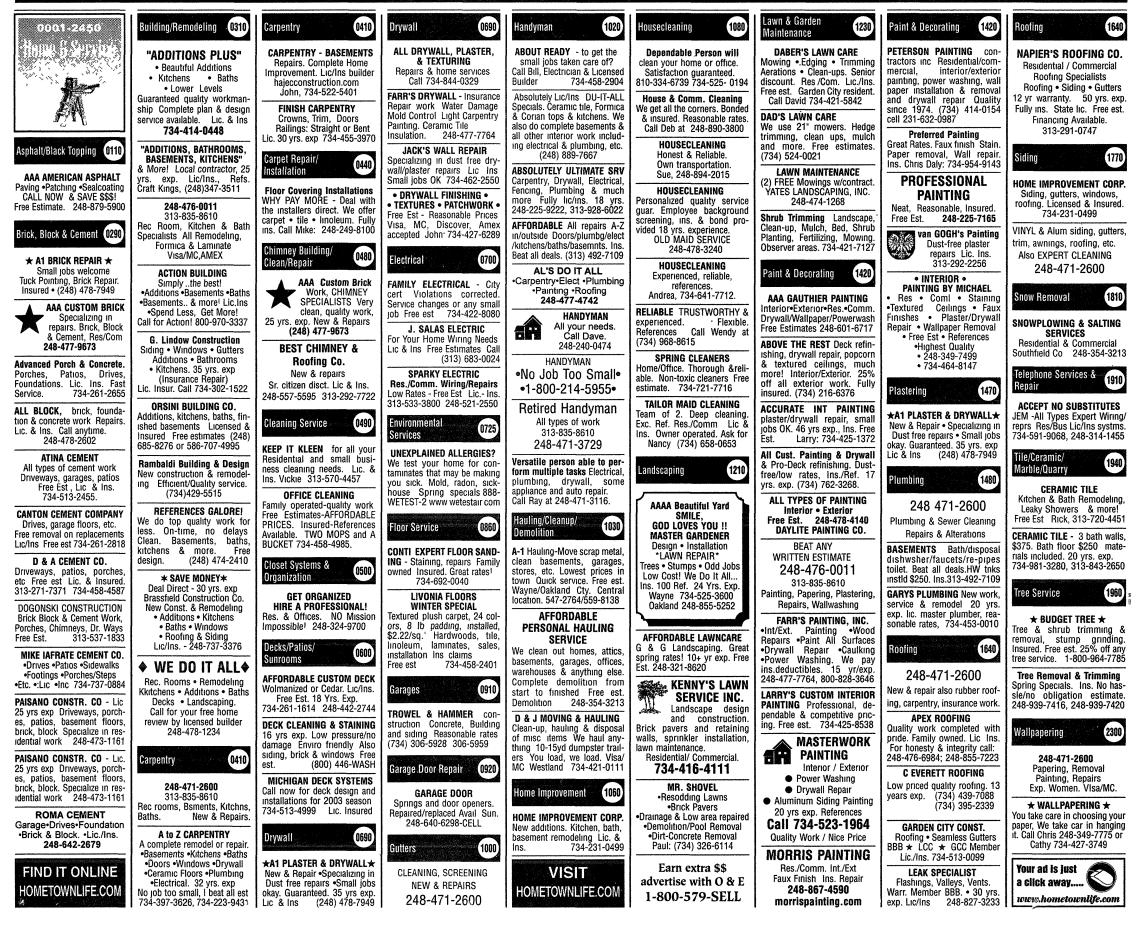
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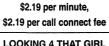
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2003 Honda Odyssey Performs Well

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BY DALE BUSS

The Odyssey minivan is notable because it's only when Honda introduced the model in 1999 that there finally was a credible alternative to the Chrysler minivan that had essentially created and rather easily dominated the market since its debut a decade and a half earlier. It's with that comparison in mind – and because one of the vehicles in my garage is a Chrysler minivan – that I was eager to get me and my family into an Odyssey.

I drove a top-of-the-line 2003 Odyssey EX-L, which carries a sticker price of nearly \$31,000. After a week of everyday usage of the vehicle during a typical Michigan winter, I realized why this is the minivan that finally was able to wrest significant market share from the Chrysler products: Odyssey is much better in some important respects, such as under-hood responsiveness and use of interior space. Yet it had some drawbacks too, meaning it wasn't so markedly superior overall that I wanted to rush right out and swap it for my Town & Country Limited, Chrysler's best minivan.

First of all, we're talking minivans here, a payloadfocused genre that practically prohibits exciting styling. But even in that context, Odyssey disappoints. It has clean lines but is boxy to a fault, almost reminiscent of some of the clunky minivan wanna-bes that cluttered the market in the late Eighties and early Nineties.

Not surprisingly for a company whose lifeblood is engine expertise, Odyssey's strength is the performance of its 3.5-liter, 24-valve, V-6 engine, which produces 24 horsepower and is teamed with a five-speed automatic transmission. Odyssey accelerated quietly, quickly and effortlessly, especially compared with Chrysler's minivans – and even with three passengers inside. When you use a minivan as much as our family does, the importance of this feature can't be overemphasized.



2003 Honda Odyssey's strength is in it's engine performance.

I was similarly pleased by the responsiveness of the four-wheel independent suspension, which was tight on curves and sufficiently damping on rutted dirt roads. However, I found the level of road noise a bit too high.

One area that presented problems was the doors. Upon closing, Odyssey's front doors sounded too tinny to me; I realize I'm the typical American male who likes to hear that heavy "thump" when I close a vehicle door, but my protest stands. The sliding side doors were even more annoying. The automatic-closing feature, of course, was great. But getting in and out is a real chore for passengers who'd rather open and close these doors manually. The Odyssey's instruction manual admits that the doors in this case "will be difficult to move" and says "this is normal" – but why not just change it? The rear hatch, however, opened effortlessly, quite a relief compared with the near-bench-press that it takes to open the hatch of the Town & Country.

Inside, Odyssey's ledger is mostly positive, but with a few significant negatives. Since Chrysler redesigned its minivans a couple of years ago, the driver's and front passenger's area seems pinched and less roomy; by contrast, the cockpit of the more rectangular Odyssey provides ample space. A particularly nifty feature is a tray between the front seats that locks up to provide drink holders and a shallow storage space or folds down to get out of the way. Odyssey also accommodates drivers like me who become two-fisted drinkers on long trips, making a half-dozen drink holders accessible to the driver.

Further back in the vehicle, Odyssey continues its excellent space engineering. The two middle-row bucket seats can be separated or shoved right next to each other, to allow, for example, a parent easy access to a young child strapped into the rear seats. The third row of seats folds neatly back into a cargo well at the very rear of the vehicle. And the well itself lends Odyssey much more luggage space back there than Town & Country has.

The biggest disappointment inside Odyssey is the dashboard screen and navigation system that is a new option for 2003. For one thing, imposing the screen in the middle of the dashboard pushed the controls that previously occupied that space, such as air conditioning and radio buttons, to uncomfortable extremes above and below the screen.

Even more annoying is that climate controls are divided between regular mechanical switches and touch-buttons on the screen. Thus, you can change the temperature by pushing buttons, but you have to proceed through a few menus on the screen just to change the fan speed.

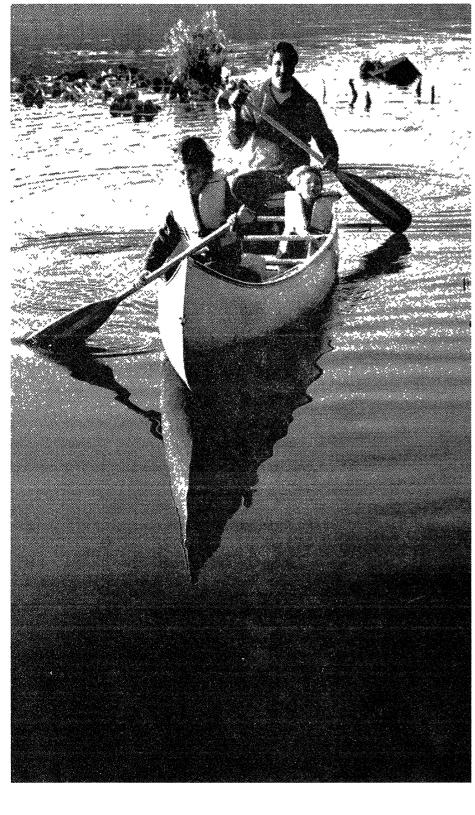
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