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Party time

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Pipeline

Compost

Compost collection in Plymouth Township begins Monday, March 31.

Yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, wood debris and brush can be set out to the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days and no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before collection.

Brush and branches up to 6 inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than three feet in length – no wire or plastic ties.

Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper yard waste bags available from various retailers, or in a maximum 35-gallon container identified with a compost sticker or marked clearly with two large "x's" or "c's" on the container. Yard waste stickers are available at township offices.

Take care to ensure that the label is facing the roadway. Filled containers should not exceed 50 pounds. Compost is collected on the same day as trash and recycling items.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Township Solid Waste Department, (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

Dinner theater

The Educational Excellence Foundation serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools holds its annual Dinner Theater Thursday, April 10, opening night for the P-CEP production of *Guys and Dolls*.



This special evening includes dinner in the Rock Cafe prepared by the award-winning culinary arts students followed by reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the performance. Only 100 tickets are available.

Tickets are \$50 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation. E-mail kodyc@pccs.k12.mi.us for more information, or call EEF, (734) 420-7010, to make a reservation.

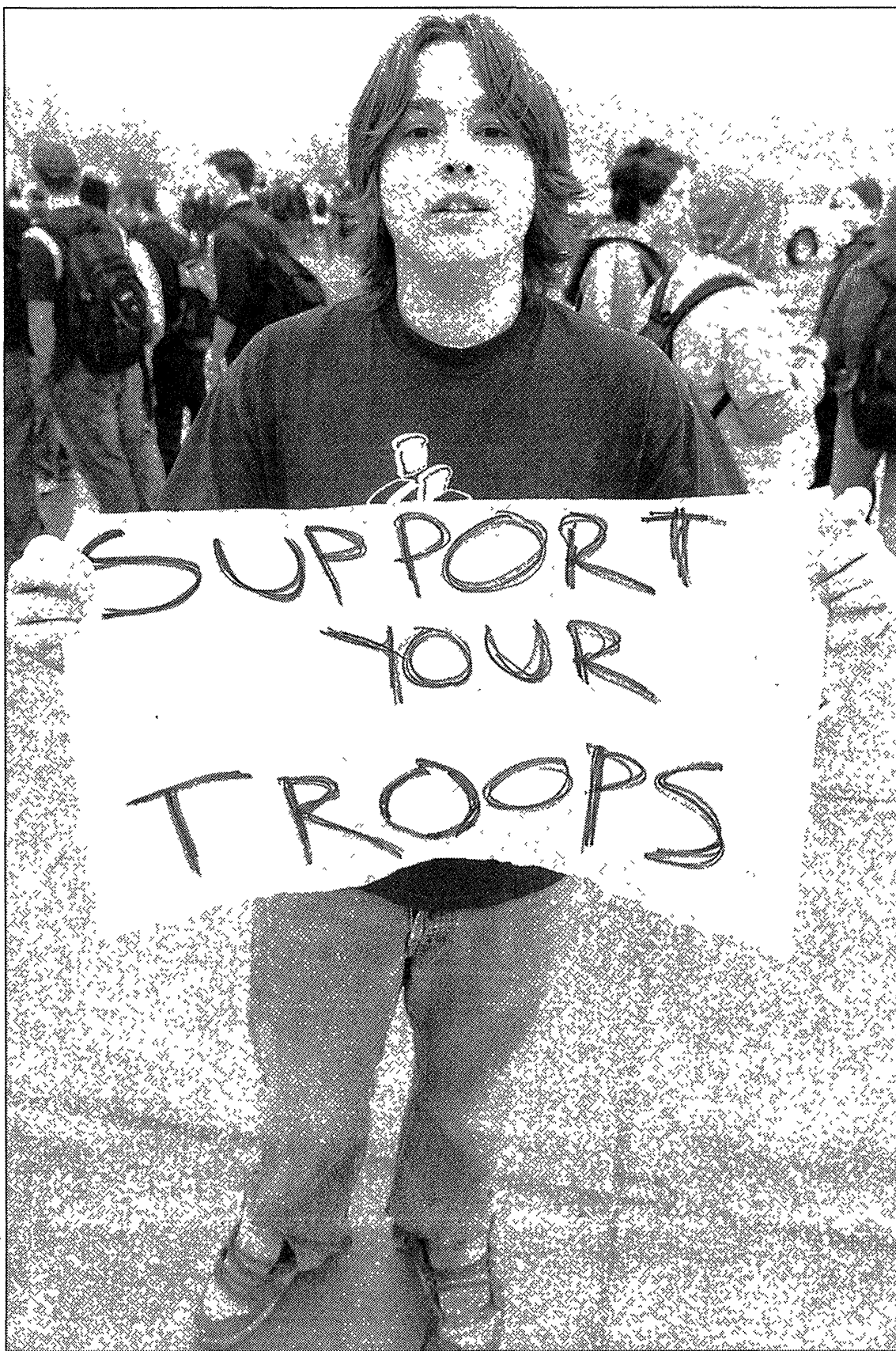
Scholarship

Officials at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are striving to recognize a student who has overcome adversity with the Sandra Sagar-Rotary Scholarship.

Officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The scholarship is named after Sandra Sagar, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived every day with polio.

Deadline for application for the \$500 scholarship is April 1. Applications can be downloaded from www.storytellerdesign.com/SandraSagar-RotaryScholarship.pdf or they're available at counseling offices.



PHOTOS BY DOUG JOHNSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School junior Jeff Kline lets his feelings be known during the student demonstration at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Friday.

Students protest war

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Not since the Vietnam-era has the country seen so many war demonstrations.

On Friday, hundreds of Plymouth-Canton high school students followed suit by staging a protest of their own regarding the war in Iraq.



The groups appeared evenly split, as one contingent walked the Educational Park bus loop with a sign which read "Peace Not War," while another segment gathered outside the Salem High School cafeteria, chanting and carrying a "I Love Bush, Support Our Troops" placard.

"We're here to convey a message that we don't support this war," said Pauly Tamale, 16, of Canton Township, who was marching with fellow students. "Saddam (Hussein) doesn't pose a clear threat."

Rachel Johnson, 16, of Plymouth, also expressed her dissatisfaction with the idea of U.S. troops fighting in Iraq.

"If it's a war on terrorism, then we should be going to war with every country, even ourselves," Johnson said. "This is a war about oil, and proving that we are the most powerful country."

Mike Flavin, 16, of Plymouth Township, disagrees the war is about oil.

PLEASE SEE PROTEST, A5



Students at Plymouth-Canton park sing the National Anthem during their demonstration staged Friday morning.

Township pushes for traffic light

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Acting on the wishes of residents in the area, Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann is working with state officials to try and improve the traffic situation around the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Canton Center.

Mann has asked the state to install a traffic signal at the intersection when work begins next month on the latest improvements to Ann Arbor Road.

The state will reconstruct the road between Baywood and Napier beginning in April. That project is expected to run through early fall.

"It's a perfect opportunity," said Mann. "We've got real congestion problems at Canton Center and at McClumpha." Mann has received both oral and written concerns from residents in the area, which is frequently congested with residential,

PLEASE SEE LIGHT, A3

Support wanes for underpass project

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While Plymouth Township remains committed to the \$9.6 million Sheldon Road/CSX Railroad underpass project, the City of Plymouth may be the cog that grinds the project to a halt.

With a tight city budget, and cuts in state revenue sharing funds, most commissioners don't believe the city should pay a 44-percent increase in costs for the underpass. The original cost estimate was \$8.8 million, and has continued to climb since commissioners approved a half-million dollars for the venture in November

1999. According to the last estimates received by City Manager Paul Sincock from Wayne County, the city's share of the project is up to \$719,000. Plymouth Township, which had agreed to spend

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A7

Walk lets locals help charity

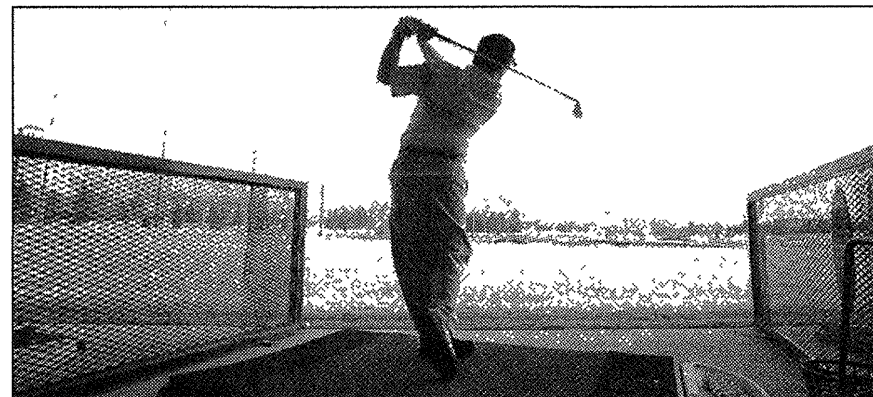
BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of western Wayne County residents will join millions of people all over the United States for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica on April 26 and 27.

The six-mile Plymouth/Hines Drive walk to save babies will take place rain or shine in Hines Park on Saturday, April 26.

Sally Gemignani of the March of Dimes regional office in Southfield is in charge of

PLEASE SEE WALK, A7



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rites of spring

Tim Napier of Livonia (above), owner of Interiors by Napier in Plymouth, hits some balls at Carl's Golf and at St. John's Thursday. The balmy weather brought out a plethora of people to area ranges.

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Stand up
In Thursday's A&E section: Friends laugh at your jokes, but do you have what it takes to make it as a stand-up comic?

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CLARIFICATION

A story in the Feb. 20 Plymouth Observer, "PTO board resigns in clash with principal," incorrectly paraphrased a resignation letter submitted by former Fiegel PTO board members as saying Fiegel principal Jim Johnson failed "to give the PTO a copy of the school budget to see how \$20,000 in PTO fundraising has been spent."

The letter actually reads the board "requested a copy of the school budget as a means of seeing how the \$19,000-plus dollars are utilized. Our request for this information was to gain a clear understanding of how budget dollars are allocated, and thus, form a base for how we can best put dollars to use."

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "State of the Community" breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2 at Station 885 on Starkweather in Plymouth.

Featured speakers include Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann, Plymouth Mayor Bill Graham, Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes and Superintendent of Schools Jim Ryan.

Registration for the \$10 continental breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m.; seating is limited, so reservations must be made by March 28.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

RAISING MONEY

Plymouth-Canton school board member Tom Wysocki used a recent birthday bash to raise money for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

Those who attended Wysocki's party at the Box Bar in Plymouth were asked to bring cash for the EEF, in lieu of gifts for the guest of honor.

Wysocki and his guests raised \$400 for the EEF, which will use the money to fund various projects for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Event gives students a look at potential career choices

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Skills needed to become a model, chef or dental hygienist were among the more than 50 career choices featured at Career Cruising Night, held Wednesday at Salem High School.

More than 350 students and parents took advantage of an easy way to discover what kinds of educational pathways are required to meet the needs of many career and vocational ventures.

"We're trying to expose students to a broad overview of careers and businesses," said Betty Bloch, coordinator of Plymouth-Canton Schools' Steps to Success. "And, we wanted the businesses to give the kids a broad sweep of what kinds of careers are in their fields, and what kinds of training levels are required. Not everyone has to have a four-year degree or master's for what they want to do."

While the event was geared towards students in eighth grade through high school, sixth-grader Danielle McLeay of Canton Township said she attended at the suggestion of her mother.

"My mom wanted me to look around so I could find out early



Salem High School freshman Alexandra Clark, 14, right, listens intently as Kathi Dvorin, center, and Jackie Edginton explain how things work at Zingerman's of Ann Arbor during Wednesday's career night.

what I want to do," said the East Middle School student. "I found a few jobs that seemed interesting, like the police and information technology. I think this helps kids find out what to do with their lives."

Jennifer Matera, a senior from Canton, found something that piqued her interest.

"I was talking to the school psychologist, and so I'm going to job shadow that because it sounds interesting," she said.

The night was also a positive step for parents, many of whom haven't been in the job market for a long time.

"It gave us a broader spectrum of what's out there, because things have changed so much and we really don't know how to direct him," said Carol Marcus of Canton, who perused the careers with her husband, John, and their 14-year-old son, David.

The event was also a way for potential employers to expose students to areas they may never have thought about before.

"Many kids don't know the difference between a dental hygienist, an assistant and a lab tech," said Sue Hosler of Canton, who is a dental hygienist. "I enjoy being in the field of dentistry. You touch people's lives every day."

"I'm a mom and I can work part-time, make a living and still be there for my kids," she

said. "You can make your own hours and get benefits."

Cindy Whelan exhibited her information on hospice facilities.

"A lot of kids don't have a clue what hospice is," said Whelan. "We're always looking for people to go into nursing and the hospice profession."

Bloch said students should be thinking about what they're going to do after graduation while they are still in high school.

"We are trying to get students to be aware of what their interests are; they can spend their high school time exploring and experimenting, so by the time they get out of high school they have an idea of what direction they want to go in," said Bloch.

"We like to tell kids they can be anything they want, but we still have to match their interests with their abilities," she said. "It doesn't mean you can't be in the health profession, but maybe you can't be the doctor."

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Plymouth Township Police Officer Steve Cheston, who partners with the township's K-9, Hogan, explains procedures to 15-year-old Jessi Britten, right, a Salem High School sophomore, and her dad, Don Britten.

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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**

Students show 'imagination'

Plymouth-Canton kids earn honors at regional

After their performance at the March 1 regional tournament, Plymouth-Canton students can definitely say they have "imagination."

Plymouth-Canton kids earned first and second place honors at the regional Destination Imagination tournament. Destination Imagination is an international program that fosters teamwork, creativity and problem-solving, according to Roberta Burdette, one of the P-C coaches.

Student teams meet weekly to practice problem solving, make projects and create a performance based on Destination Imagination requirements.

P-C teams competed against other teams from the eight-county region. Each team performed its long-term challenge, as well as an "Instant Challenge," a problem-solving exercise.

The team from Smith Elementary School placed first in the elementary-level competition of "Theater smArts," which required teams to create a live performance of entertainers, incorporating theatrical elements of playwright, presentation and production. They had to overcome a disruption and create scenery that appeared to move on its own.

Smith team members included Meghann Beaver, Cara Delaney, Kelly Filios, Alyssa Garbarino, Adam Harrison, Rachel Palgut and Brandon



Farrand Elementary team members Hanna Bartlett, Matthew Bugajski, Meagan Bugajski, Catrain Engstrom, Kirsten Engstrom, Lizzie Gatzek and Kristen Johnson finished second.

Udike. The team is coached by Beth Delaney and Karen Palgut.

P-C's Interact Team, made up of high school and middle school students, placed second in the high school competition of "Theater smArts."

Team members included

Kevin Burdette of Canton High School; Meagan Bartlett and Brandon Bunt of Salem High School; Andrea and Kyle Burdette of West Middle School; and Maddy Bartlett and Emily Scrimger of Central Middle School. Coaches are Roberta Burdette and Cindy



Interact Team members Maddy Bartlett, Emily Scrimger, Brandon Bunt, Meagan Bartlett, Kyle Burdette and Kevin Burdette finished second at the Destination Imagination regional tournament.

Bartlett.

Farrand Elementary School's team placed second in the elementary-level competition of "ConnecDId," which challenged them to create a "universal connection creation" that would allow connections between people or nations, according to Burdette. It required the construction of a load-bearing structure made from balsa wood.

Team members included Hanna Bartlett, Matthew Bugajski, Meagan Bugajski, Catrain Engstrom, Kirsten Engstrom, Lizzie Gatzek and Kristen Johnson. The team's coach is Debbie Johnson.

The teams now head for state competition in April.



Smith Elementary team members Meghann Beaver, Cara Delaney, Kelly Filios, Alyssa Garbarino, Adam Harrison, Rachel Palgut and Brandon Udike placed first at the Destination Imagination regional.

Police looking into crime hike

Plymouth Township police are investigating an increase in what they're calling "crimes of opportunity" perhaps brought on by a break in the wintry weather.

Police believe the warmer weather has contributed to the rise in crimes such as breaking and enterings, property damage and larcenies.

"We often find more juveniles out in the neighborhoods in the late evening once the weather gets warmer," said Chief Tom Tiderington. "Open garages, unlocked cars and property left out in yards often create an opportunity some individuals can't pass up."

To help combat the crimes, police are using a recently installed software program called "Crimeview." It's used to access specific information in a

crime database, then create maps, charts and reports. The information is then used to deploy officers to the areas impacted by these crimes.

Township police point out that these "crimes of opportunity" can be prevented. According to information officer Jamie Senkbeil, "security measures such as updated locks, lighting and alarms can make homes less attractive targets for criminals. Residents may even get late-night calls from police, asking them to close garage doors."

Tips offered by police:

- Don't invite a vehicle break-in by leaving packages or valuables (radar detectors, cell phones, CD players, etc.) in sight. Take valuables with you, put them under the seat or lock them in the trunk.

- Whenever possible, park in well-lighted and busy areas.

- On cold mornings, never leave your car running unattended.

- Check to see if garage doors are locked.

- Make sure sliding glass doors have strong, working key locks; doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad; and every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

"We are reminding residents to be diligent regarding home security and we are asking any residents who may have seen anything or anyone suspicious to call our department," Senkbeil said.

Anyone with information about incidents can call Det. Sgt. Bob Antal or Det. Cal Lauria, (734) 354-3241.

LIGHT

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student and school bus traffic.

The school traffic includes students headed to all three high schools, plus Pioneer Middle School and even a day care center. Parents complain the intersection is a serious accident waiting to happen.

According to information compiled by Plymouth Township police, there have been seven accidents at Ann Arbor Road and Canton Center since 2001, two of them result-

ing in injuries. Four other accidents, one resulting in injury, have occurred at McClumpha during the same period. While that might not seem like a lot of incidents, Mann believes the area is still dangerous because of the heavy flow of traffic.

"The potential for accidents is very high," Mann said. "It gets very busy there, with congestion from residential and school traffic and the buses."

Mann said the township has talked to the Michigan Department of Transportation. The state, he said, has committed to making lane improve-

ments, and there is a plan to reduce the speed limit in the area. But Mann wants a signal.

"We're pushing for a signal at either McClumpha or Canton Center," he said. "We believe the number of incidents justifies the installation of a signal."

Mann said he has also enlisted the aid of State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township.

"We've been working on it for well over a year," Mann said. "We've got more and more residents wanting action taken on this."

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Matthew Daniel Staeb

Services for Matthew Staeb, 24, of Westland (formerly of Canton) were March 17 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Cynthia Stengel.

Mr. Staeb was born March 14, 1978, and died March 12, 2003, in Westland. He was a service technician.

Surviving are his parents, Rene Jr. and Peggy Staeb; brothers, Scott Staeb and Kevin Staeb; grandmother, Marion Jones, and grandparents, Rene and Helen Staeb.

Mr. Staeb was preceded in death by his grandfather, James Tennant.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

N.Y. and died March 17 in Northville. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

Survivors include husband, John Worthington of Northville; son, Michael Hach of Commerce Township; daughter, Loren (Rick) Parker of Plymouth; four sisters; one brother; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 or the National Downs Syndrome Society, 666 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10012.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

James Bernard Earl

Services for James Earl, 82, of Dearborn Heights were held March 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Douglas Osborn officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

Mr. Earl was a retired vehicle development engineer at Ford Motor Company and was

a World War II veteran. He lived in Taylor from 1951 until 1989; Plymouth until 1998; and then Dearborn until his death.

Mr. Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Jean Earl.

Survivors include sons, David J. (Ginny) Earl of Berkley, Stephan J. (Sue) Earl of Dearborn Heights, James L. (Ann) Earl of Taylor, William J. (Debbie) Earl of Pinckney, Michael R. (Denise) Earl of Waterford, and Robert D. (Yolanda) Earl of Taylor; daughters, Jackie S. (Jon) Vachow of Plymouth and Kris E. DePaulis of Westland; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

David J. Labon

Services for David Labon, 48, of Plymouth were held March 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic

Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Labon was born April 15, 1944 in Detroit and died March 19 in Superior Township. He worked as a sander in the automotive industry.

Survivors include wife, Kathryn A. Labon; daughters, Patricia L. Toney and Kimberly Labon; son, David J. (Laura) Labon Jr.; brother, Michael Labon; grandchildren, Jacob, Mitchell and Jeremy.

Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Emily Jean Blair

Services for Emily Blair, 78, of Canton were held March 18 at Vermeulen Funeral Home-Westland with the Rev. Neil Swanger officiating.

Mrs. Blair was born Oct. 20, 1924 in Detroit and died March 15 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Blair was preceded in death by son, James Blair; and sisters-in-law, May Prisby and

Margaret Domilici.

Survivors include son, Thomas Blair of Canton; daughters, Pamela Witte and Leslie Blair; brothers, Frank (Diane) Porterfield and Ellis (Shirley) Porterfield; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 26555 Evergreen Road, Ste. 375, Southfield, MI. 48075-2689.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Najarian

Services for Elizabeth Najarian, 96, of Livonia were March 21 in St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield. Burial was at Woodland Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Abraham Ohanesian from St. John's Armenian Church.

Mrs. Najarian was born May 14, 1906, in Lewiston, Maine, and died March 17, 2003, at her home in Livonia.

She was a 1926 graduate of Highland Park High School. She retired from Michigan

Bell Telephone Company in 1968.

After retiring she enjoyed playing cards and going on trips with her friends from the Livonia, Redford and Westland Senior Citizens groups.

Her favorite pastime recently has been eating out and playing pinochle with her family.

Surviving are her children, M. James (Margaret) of Plymouth, Leslie of Livonia, Ronald of Livonia and Jerry (Kathleen) of Collegeville, Pa.; grandchildren, Dawn (James) Russell, Peggy (John Bommarito), Derek (Rebecca), Vicki Longhurst, Robin (Thomas) Mantay, L. Anthony, Sarkis, Duane (Diane), Dryl (Carolyn), Jeffrey and Christopher; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Mrs. Najarian was preceded in death by her husband, Sarkis, and daughter, June Rose.

Memorial tributes may be made to St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, or American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Fred Wood Funeral Home.

Grace H. Worthington

Services for Grace Worthington, 65, of Northville, were held March 20 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Park in Novi.

Mrs. Worthington was born July 3, 1937 in Eastchester,

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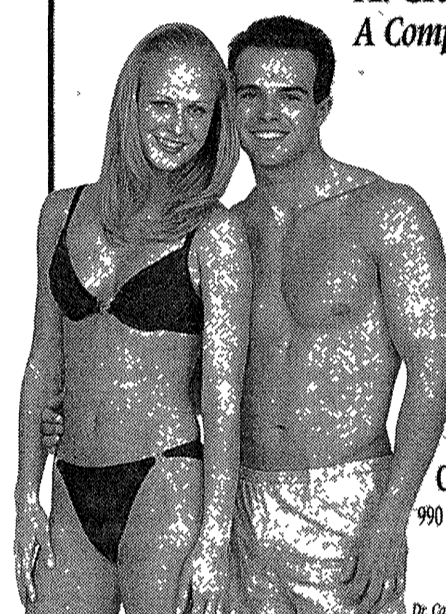
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Friends form 3rd advocacy group to benefit Northville's Maybury park

BY PAULINE LUPERCIO
STAFF WRITER

Maybury State Park has plenty of "Friends," and the Northville Community Foundation's Maybury Farm Endowment Fund is garnering support for the rebuild and upkeep of the barn destroyed in a fire last month.

And now, there's also a "Voice" for those who think they have not yet been heard.

Novi resident Susan Smith is the new president for the fledgling organization now known as the Voices for Maybury Farm. The group formed during the March 8 meeting of the Friends of Maybury held at the Northville District Library.

"This organization represents

a positive enthusiastic effort toward rebuilding and maintaining the farm we all knew and loved," Smith said. "We are absolutely not in conflict with the Friends of Maybury or the Northville Community Foundation. We hope all three entities are working toward the common goal of restoring Maybury as a living historical farm."

According to a statement written by Susan Greenlee, secretary for the Voices group, up to 70 people "walked out" of the Friends meeting after president Ed Pierce announced he did not feel it appropriate for his group to involve themselves with fundraising efforts for Maybury.

Pierce could not be reached for comment by press time, but

Friends vice president George McCarthy echoed Smith's sentiment that no conflict exists between the groups.

"The Friends have supported ongoing programs at the park and will continue to do that," said McCarthy. "The immediate need for the barn and farm restoration is being spearheaded by the Northville Community Foundation and to the degree that the Voices for Maybury can contribute also."

But McCarthy said that the "walk out" would be more accurately described as an "adjournment" for the new group to organize themselves for fundraising activities for the farm and the barn.

"We all have the same objectives," said McCarthy. "We really

see eye-to-eye."

Voices members also expressed "misgivings" about working with the Northville Community Foundation, said Greenlee in the statement describing the meeting. Foundation director Shari Peters was not present at the meeting, though she had been invited to attend, the statement said.

But Smith clarified that any and all concerns were due to a lack of information on the Foundation's future plans regarding the farm.

"There are a lot of different groups that wanted to come together under one umbrella," said Smith. "We don't have much information on the Community Foundation's proj-

ect yet. We are looking forward to hearing from them and having some input in the future plans of the farm."

Smith said that Voices members are concerned that without community input, the character of the farm may change.

"People love the farm as it was. People are concerned that the farm, when rebuilt, may no longer represent what it used to as a fully working historical farm open at all times to any in the Detroit-area community," she said.

"We want to make sure the input and desires of the community at large are taken into account even before plans are finalized for the rebuild of the farm."

Peters said that discussions

with the state concerning the future of the farm are ongoing and no plans have yet been finalized. She also said that volunteers are welcome to donate their time in the foundation's efforts.

"We have been taking down names, addresses, and phone numbers and we have guaranteed each person that we will be contacting them in the not-too-distant future to assist with the project in every capacity," she said.

As for the Voices for Maybury Farm, Peters declined further comment.

Pauline Lupercio is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109 or by email at plupercio@ht.homecomm.net

PROTEST

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"They say it's about oil, but we only get 5 percent of our oil from the Middle East," he said.

While holding high a sign in support of President George Bush, Cameron Schanbre, 16, of Canton Township, said he supports using the troops.

"I'm here to support my country," Schanbre said. "Someone needs to take care of Saddam. He should have been taken care of a long time ago. And, if we don't do something soon, it will only get worse."

Since it was the lunch hour, Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin; Tom George, chief of security at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park; and a handful of teachers and security personnel let the students demonstrate, but watched with a careful eye to make certain the two sides didn't clash.

"Our job is to educate kids, and when situations like this happen, the first thing we think about is the safety of everyone on our campus," said Ostoin. "It's somewhat unruly, and we have to make sure that we monitor the whole situation very carefully."

George wasn't quite as concerned, despite the large crowd of demonstrators and those who showed up just to watch.

"The kids are just expressing themselves," said George. "Obviously, they are upset about the war, as we all are."

After the lunch periods, many of the students lingered outside in their groups. Verna Anible, executive director of educational services, said students were expected to be in class.

"We don't condone any activity that would be disruptive to our educational process," said Anible, "but we do understand this is a sensitive time for our entire country, and it probably affects high school students more than perhaps adults, or students at other levels."

"We do think our role is to model calm, appropriate behavior and to continue with instruction," she said. "That doesn't mean that we ignore the war effort. We do have teachers ... that are having appropriate discussions about war and what's happening with war."

However, several students said the reason for the protest was because of the lack of discussion about the war in the classrooms.

Anible said students have been



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Verna Anible, Plymouth-Canton's executive director of educational services, answers questions from the media about Friday's student demonstration.

given permission to wear black armbands "as an appropriate way to express their feelings about the war." As for students who chose to continue the protest during class hours, Anible said "that would be treated as

an unexcused absence."

According to Frank Ruggirello, director of communications, no students were disciplined.

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Security chief cut from budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As several hundred students were protesting the U.S. war with Iraq on Friday, the head of security at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was being told he would no longer have a job.

Tom George, chief of security at the high school complex, was reportedly told by personnel director Ray Bihun that his position is being eliminated, and his contract would not be renewed at the end of the school year.

The elimination of George's job is part of the \$5.6 million in budget cuts being proposed by Superintendent Jim Ryan. The Board of Education is expected to be presented with the move at Tuesday's meeting. George would only say "no comment" when asked about the decision.

George, who has been employed by the district for 11 years, is in the second year of a two-year contract, which expires June 30. He supervises 10 full-time security staff, and seven part-time employees, at P-CEP.

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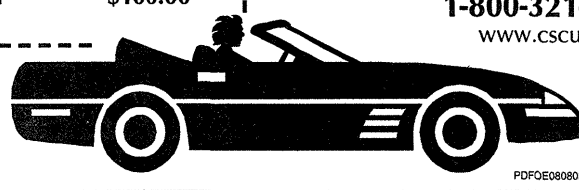
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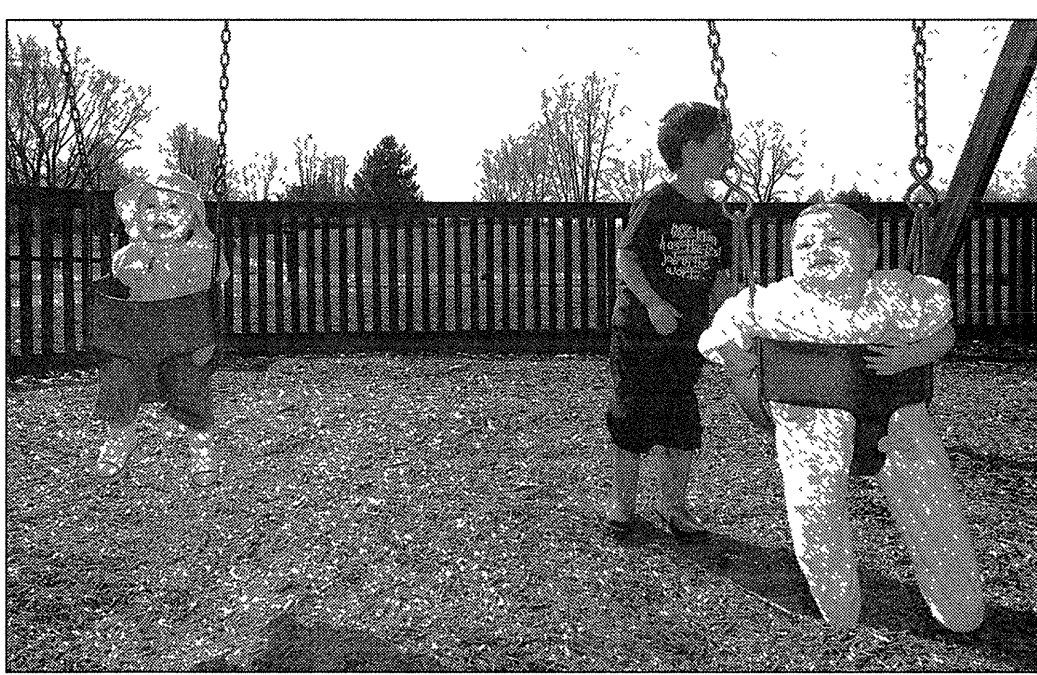
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Swing time

Seven-year-old Caitlin McKee of Canton, right, gets a push from family friend Jacob Levergood, 4, while swinging at Plymouth Township Park Thursday. That's 13-month-old Madison, a Plymouth resident, on the left.

AROUND TOWN

Drug Workshop
This is a two part series. Part One, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know," will be presented on Tuesdays, April 1, May 6, and June 3 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part two is "What To Do," and will be presented Tuesdays April 8, May 13 and June 10 from 7:30-9 p.m. This will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker.
Lenten Retreat
The Bethany Peer Support Group for the Separated and Divorced of the Archdiocese of Detroit hosts its annual spiritual Lenten retreat at St. John's Center in Plymouth the weekend of April 4-6. For more information, call Jane at (248) 548-2765, Patrick at (248) 545-2566, Loretta at (586) 264-0284, Christine at (313) 565-1457, or Angela at (734) 324-2332.

Bingo
Waltonwood at Cherry Hill presents Bingo and lunch every month. The next chance is Monday, March 24 at noon to win money, dinner for two and beautiful baskets. Enjoy lunch with friends, meet new people and tour this retirement community. Call Dodi at (734) 981-7100 to reserve a seat.
Polish Dinner/Dance
Waltonwood at Cherry Hill sponsors a tribute to the Polish-American Heritage with a weekend event March 27-30. Participants will be able to taste savory authentic foods, listen and dance to live music, and learn more about the Polish culture. Call Dodi at (734) 981-7100 to reserve a seat.
Authors' Roundtable
Several authors from Plymouth will welcome and encourage aspiring writers in an Authors' Panel and Roundtable Discussion Saturday, March 29 at the Plymouth District Library from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The cost of the program is \$30 per person, which includes lunch. For more info, call (734) 416-4278.
Pre-School Registration
The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its pre-school programs for Fall 2003. The 3-year-old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.
Concert Choral
The First Presbyterian Church of Northville Fine Arts Series presents the Northville Concert Choral, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 30. Tickets are on sale in the church office during regular business hours. Call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911 for more info.
Friend and Family Sunday
The Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, hosts a special Friend and Family Sunday on Sunday, March 23. Muffins, bagels, coffee and juice will be served at 9:30 a.m. Worship will begin at 10 a.m. A Children's Bible Program will be provided for children who are ages 2 through 10. For further info, call (734) 4563-7630.
Fish Fry
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Nursery Co-op Registration
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Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.
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UNDERPASS

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just over a \$1 million, is now expected to contribute \$1.27 million; Wayne County's share is \$1.9 million; CSX railroad, \$473,000. The federal government is footing most of the bill with a \$5.25 million grant.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann is concerned about the extra costs, but said the township is committed to the project, although he does want to see how the county deals with the higher costs.

"We're in the process of checking with the county to see what their plan is to deal with the overruns," Mann said. "We're committed to the project at a certain level, and this is obviously above that level."

SUPPORT SLOWS

City support, however, appears to be waning.

When asked if the increased cost would kill the project, City Commissioner Dan Dwyer said, "For me it does. I will not support spending any more. They took four years to organize the project and it's a debacle." Dwyer said he might consider spending the original half-million dollars, but noted, "I wouldn't vote for it unless they sign something that said the city wouldn't pay for cost overruns."

Commissioner Michele Potter echoed many of Dwyer's thoughts.

"I'm not convinced all the mechanical issues have been worked out, causing more delays and higher costs," she said. "In these economic times, it's not in the best interest of taxpayers to pay for this. There are other programs within the

city limits that would better serve the majority of our citizens."

Those other programs could be road projects within the city. Sincok, in a preliminary report on cost estimates for possible 2003 street improvement projects, has other ideas where the city could use \$719,000.

LOCAL STREETS

They include three total street reconstruction projects with new water mains: Auburn from Junction to Penniman, \$777,000; McKinley from Maple to Linden, \$657,000; Ross from McKinley to South Main, \$649,000.

Sincok also has put together a list of seven city streets, covering more than 1 1/2 miles, that could be repaved, totaling \$760,000.

And, that's where Mayor Bill Graham would rather the money be spent.

"It's taken them three years to get their act together, and the costs have gone up tremendously. Where do they expect us to get the money?" Graham said. "It's never been a priority of mine, and I'm not going to sell bonds so residents of Canton Township and Plymouth Township can get to M-14."

Commissioner Phil Pursell said he has no problem with the original price tag, but he won't vote for increasing the city's share.

"Not with a 50-percent increase and the way state revenue sharing cuts have been coming," said Pursell. "There's no sense in putting the city in a bind."

"If the county and Detroit Water Board, who dragged their feet on this project, were to pay for the increased costs, then I would go for it," he said.

However, that's unlikely to happen. Vanessa Denha, a spokeswoman for Wayne County, said all the parties involved will be expected to pick up shares of the increased cost estimates. Denha also hinted that CSX hasn't agreed, yet, to paying its share. "There are some unresolved issues with CSX, financial issues, that we hope to resolve so that we can get started with the project by the fall and complete it in two years."

Denha said the delays in constructing the underpass are the result of other road projects, namely the Ann Arbor Road construction in Plymouth Township and ramp reconstruction on I-275.

Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur said, "The reason we looked at this in the beginning was for the public health, safety and welfare. It is still a concern, but this may be a prohibitive cost."

City Commissioners Stella Greene and Ron Loiselle said they would spend the original project cost, and would consider the higher-priced underpass, if the money were available.

"I really believe we need to remediate the traffic problem, but we need to prioritize," said Greene. "In my mind it's not dead, but up for serious evaluation."

Loiselle admits the increase is tough to swallow, but he'd still like to see the project completed.

"I think the underpass is important to the greater community, so if there's a way to come up with the money, I certainly would favor it," said Loiselle.

Commissioners are expected to discuss the Sheldon Road underpass project at the April 7 meeting.

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WALK

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the Plymouth walk.

The "Plymouth" walk got started in Plymouth but moved a bit south and west into Livonia and Westland two years ago when the Haggerty Road bridge over the Rouge was being built.

The honorary chairs of this year's WalkAmerica in Hines Park are Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Kroger president Jon Flora. Ficano, who lives in Livonia, said he expects to take part in the walk.

"This is the biggest fundraiser the March of Dimes has," Ficano said. "Today, their focus is premature births, and the care extended to babies both pre- and post-natal. The tragedy is a lot of moms don't get care until the eighth or ninth month of pregnancy."

Ficano praised the March of Dimes van program for poorer mothers-to-be. "Even the drivers are trained to see how they are doing with their pregnancy," Ficano said. Ficano said that Wayne County's infant mortality rate is "too high." Ficano also serves on the M of D board.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Among other volunteers will be Jeff Siegel and the personal

training staff at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

"We head up the pre-walk warmup," Siegel said. "We will do a five- or 10-minute warmup to get body temperatures up a bit, and to prevent muscle pulls."

"I stand firmly behind the March of Dimes and their goal of healthy babies. We want to see everyone as healthy as possible; healthy babies make healthy teens and healthy adults," Siegel said.

A new WalkAmerica team this year will come from Metaldyne corporate headquarters on Halyard in Plymouth Township.

"We felt this was a great event where all our employees could get involved," Tina Doher, Metaldyne spokeswoman, said. "The whole family can get outdoors for the weekend."

Metaldyne will also sponsor a walkers' checkpoint, Doher said.

Another volunteer will be Susan Engle and her daughter. Engle is an administrator at Visteon's Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township. She hopes to organize some of the 200 salaried employees into a walk team. The already take part in Blue Jean Day, contributing money raised when they pay \$1 each to have casual dress on Fridays.

The walk route goes west from the Nankin Mills recreation area to Newburgh, then

back again. Walkers arriving in cars should come to the Nankin Mills area by entering Hines Park at Merriman Road. Hines Drive will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Newburgh that day.

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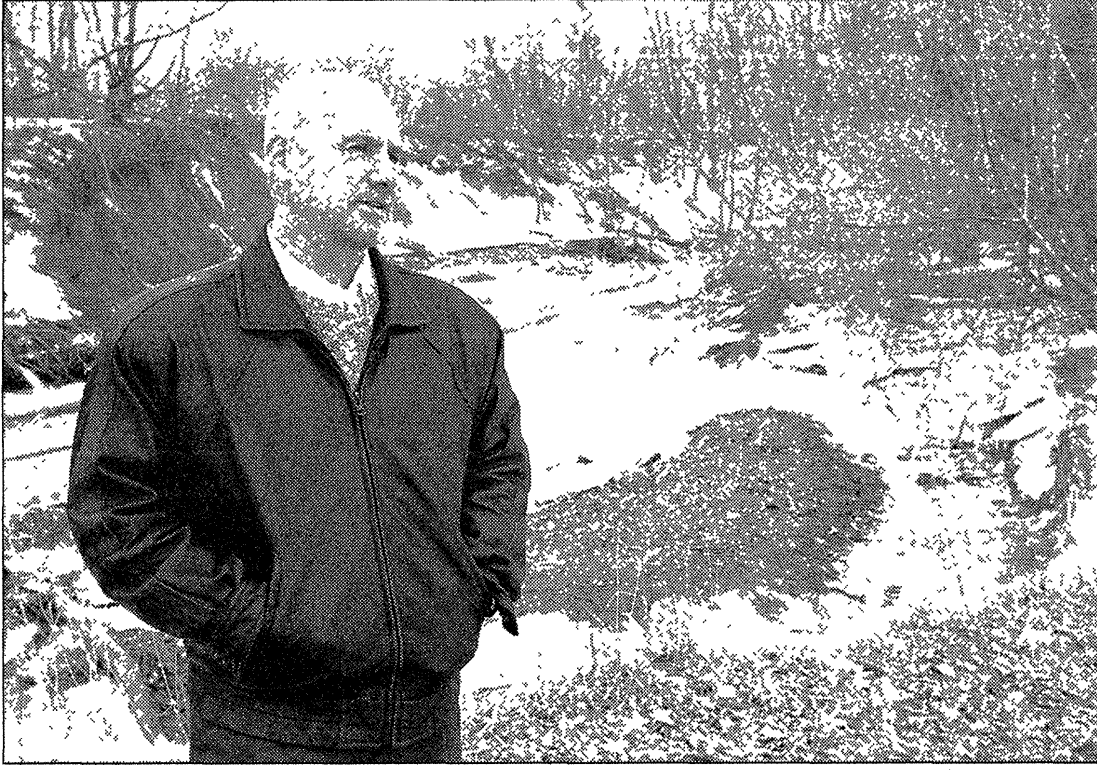
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Jim Murray stands on the bank of the Rouge River in Dearborn Heights. The former Wayne County official is the new executive director of the Friends of the Rouge.

Murray returns to his roots to head Friends of the Rouge

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

You might say Jim Murray's life has come full circle.

As a child growing up in the city of Wayne, Murray played along the banks of the Lower Rouge River, during the days when the river was little more than an open sewer. Years later in 1986, Murray, appalled by the condition of the river, helped form Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit group dedicated to reversing its fortunes.

Last week, Murray became executive director of the organization, which is based in Dearborn Heights and has an office on the campus of the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills. Friends of the Rouge had been without a leader since former director Jim Graham was fired by the group's board of directors eight months ago.

Murray, who most recently served as the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, and has been the drain commissioner in both Wayne and Washtenaw counties, sees the appointment as an opportunity to help maintain the momentum in restoring the river.

"I played along the Rouge flood plain while growing up. I used to raft on it in the summer and skate on it in the winter. So my relationship with the Rouge goes way back. I'm very excited about this opportunity," he said.

ROUGE RESCUE LEADER

Murray, who has helped secure many federal and state

grants to clean up the river, said the river is much cleaner today than it was when he formed Friends of the Rouge and Rouge Rescue, an annual volunteer cleanup of the river. Many sources of pollution have been eliminated, including the sewage overflows that plagued the Rouge for years.

Oxygen levels in the river have also increased dramatically, which is helping re-establish fish and aquatic insect populations throughout the river system. Despite the successes, he realizes there is still a ways to go before the river becomes the recreational resource he envisions.

"The river is 10 times better than it was 15 years ago. We have to take a look at those achievements and remember where we're at. But we still have some obstacles to tackle," Murray said.

Largely an urban river, the Rouge River watershed encompasses 438 square miles, and covers much of Oakland and Wayne counties. More than 1.5 million people live within the area that drains to the river.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Murray, a Livonia resident, became available after being let go by new Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who hired Kurt Heise to take over the department of environment.

"It was the first time I was ever fired from a job," Murray said.

Don Griffin, a Friends of the Rouge board member since 1987, saw Murray's firing as an opportunity. He said the board was desperately trying to find a

leader for the group, so he approached Murray about the job. He believes Murray's passion for the Rouge, as well as his connections with both local governments and the business community will be a boon for the group, which he said has been lacking leadership.

"Jim started Friends of the Rouge. He was really the spark plug behind our organization. We need him now," he said.

"You need a visionary for a leader. And you need an administrator to make sure things get done in an appropriate manner. I feel prouder and more hopeful than I have for several years. If he is half the man he was when he started the group, we will be in good shape."

Griffin said Friends of the Rouge has an annual budget of about \$500,000. Murray, who is on an initial six-month contract, will be paid \$25,000 for the term.

MEMBERSHIP WANES

Friends of the Rouge has gone through some growing pains in recent years. Griffin said membership has waned from about 1,000 members down to about 300. He said it was one of the main reasons Graham was let go.

"We weren't seeing any results. We just weren't standing for anything, or getting anything done," Griffin said. "He (Murray) has the contacts to turn things around. And I think he still has the guts, the heart and the brains to get the job done."

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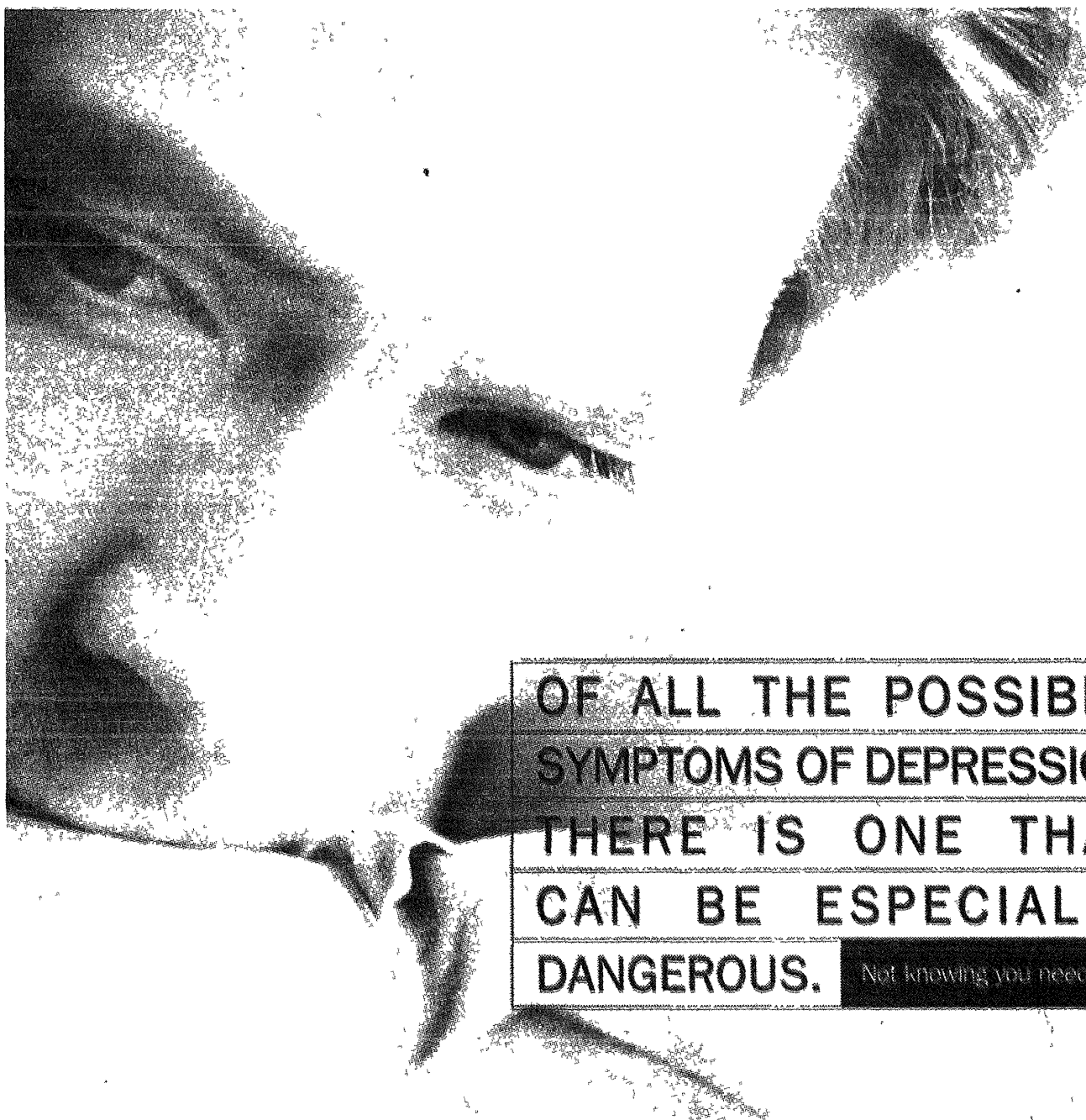
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General chairpersons for the gala auction event are Michael Obloy and his wife, Jo. Michael Obloy is the president of Special Drill and Reamer Corp. in Madison Heights, and is the chairman of Madonna University's board of trustees. Honorary chairs are Madonna University Trustee Barbara and Dr. Luther Rosemond, owners of the Rosemond Chiropractic Health Center in



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At the Tropical Escapes - Wine Tasting and Auction Gala, live entertainment by the Livonia Symphony String Quartet will accompany appetizers and a dinner.

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The drawing will take place at the auction at 10:15 p.m. and you need not be present to win.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction. Dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. and the live auction begins at 8:30 p.m.

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Grilled salmon is paired with a papaya salsa. Green beans with shallots and savory, and orzo with broccoli, carrot and lemon zest, round out the entree.

Spring into a party menu

Welcome your guests with salmon, strudel and strawberries

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Spring has arrived as of Thursday and it couldn't arrive a day sooner.

Gatherings of family and friends soon will be scheduled, even though they'll take on a different tone this year for many people as the war with Iraq takes center stage. Still, party hosts will schedule baptisms, wedding rehearsal dinners and bar mitzvahs, Easter brunches and graduations.

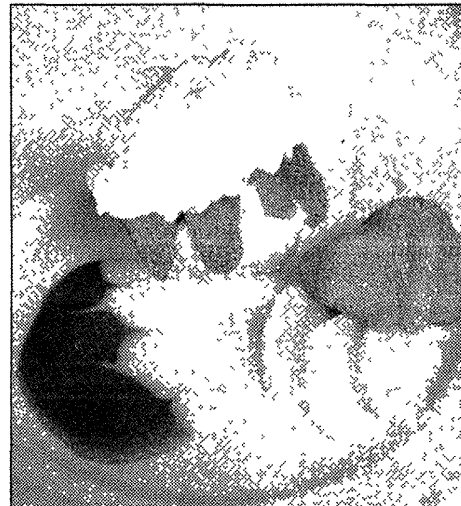
Chefs and caterers alike enjoy the spring and the foods it brings, a warmup to the summer produce season.

Dan Rowson, a chef/instructor at Oakland Community College and a registered dietitian, says party hosts and guests generally look for "fresh, nice and quick ideas" for spring parties. "They want food that's light," Rowson said. "The (Michigan-grown) strawberries we won't get here until June, but we get California strawberries. Of course, we'll have asparagus."

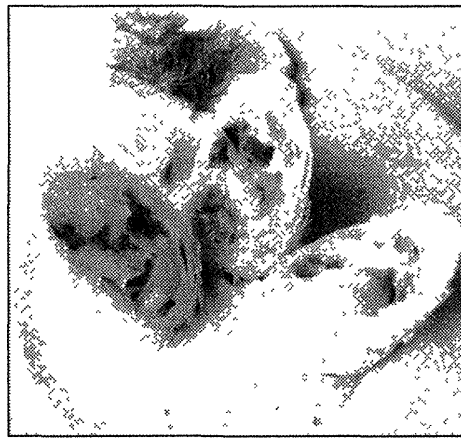
Asparagus. Artichoke hearts. Leeks. Baby greens. Lettuce. Carrots. Roasted beets. They all take their places alongside the main courses in springtime, Rowson said.



Dan Rowson, chef and instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, sets up for a spring party with asparagus chowder, strawberry cream puff with white chocolate, Bavarian cream with Grand Marnier sauce, grilled salmon with papaya salsa.



A strawberry cream puff is filled with white chocolate mousse.



Shrimp and leek strudel makes for a wonderful spring appetizer.

PLEASE SEE SPRING, B2

Lodi wines are California's emerging bargains

Nestled between the San Francisco Bay area and the Sierra Nevada foothills, Lodi wine country has emerged as the source of many California wine bargains.

Following the turn of the 20th century, vineyard development thrived, shipping companies emerged, and wineries slowly began sprouting up in the Lodi area. In the latter half of 20th century, as cooler regions along the north coast of California became "the" place to grow



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grapes, Lodi became known as the source of cheap jug wines made in the many co-operative wineries.

A transition, which began in the late 1960s and climaxed in

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OCC's Dan Rowlson sets up a spring banquet

Warm up your spring party guests with these recipes from Dan Rowlson, chef-instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

ASPARAGUS CHOWDER

- 1/4 cup onion, minced fine
- 1/2 stalk celery, minced fine
- 1/2 leek (white only) minced fine
- 1/3 cup margarine or canola oil
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 bunch asparagus, stems only
- 6 cups chicken stock (48 ounces)

Sauté onion, celery and leeks in margarine until tender. Add flour. Cook three to five minutes.

Add hot stock. Add asparagus stems only. Simmer one hour.

Strain soup. Add garnish as directed below.

Garnish

- 4 potatoes (boiling type or red-skinned), medium dice, skins on
- 1/2 carrot, medium dice
- 1/2 stalk celery, medium dice
- 1/2 leek (white and light green), medium dice
- 1 bunch asparagus tips

- 1/2 cup half and half (optional)
 - 1/4 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, minced
 - Salt and pepper (to taste)
- Simmer potatoes in one quart boiling salted (2 teaspoons salt) water till al dente. Shock in ice water.

Simmer carrots and celery in one quart boiling water with 2 teaspoons salt till al dente. Drain, then shock in ice water.

In one tablespoon of margarine, sauté leeks till just al dente. Simmer asparagus tips in one quart boiling water with 2 teaspoons salt till al dente. Drain, shock in ice water, then cut into spoon size.

Temper in 1/2 cup half and half and add thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Yields: 1 1/2 quart.

WHITE CHOCOLATE BAVARIAN

- 1 cup half and half
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 each vanilla bean, split in half
- 8 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped

- 1 tablespoon gelatin, unflavored
- 2 ounces white cream de cocoa
- 1 pint heavy cream

Combine half and half, vanilla bean, 1/2 cup cream and sugar in a pot.

Combine remaining 1/2 cup cream and yolks.

Bring cream mixture to simmer, temper with yolk mixture, return to pot-stir till mixture coats the back of the spoon, about 185°.

Remove immediately and strain through a fine sieve. (strainer.) Add finely chopped white chocolate.

Stir to melt. Cool immediately with an ice bath. Stir until cool.

Bloom gelatin with cream de cocoa in a stainless steel bowl. Let sit 5 minutes.

Heat gelatin in double boiler until no strains appear. Temper heated gelatin with chocolate-cream.

Whip cream to soft peaks.

Fold heavy cream into gelatin-cream.

Pour into pan and chill until set-about 1 hour.

SPRING

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"And the association with salmon and spring is strong," Rowlson said.

Jack Leone, chef and owner of Cucina Leone in Birmingham, said salmon brushed with a lavender honey and crusted with ground peppercorns is a popular item at parties he caters this time of year.

Primavera risotto and vegetables (zucchini, eggplant, scallions and red, yellow and orange peppers) grilled over oak wood are other foods enjoyed by clients in spring, Leone said. "When people go out to eat or go to events with other people, they want to eat healthy," Leone said.

With the popularity of the Dr. Atkins diet, many still eat a lot of meat and protein, including New York strip steaks, rib eyes and center cut pork chops, according to Leone.

"With fish, salmon is definitely No. 1," he said. "It's a healthy fish, a universal fish." Leone is just starting to pick up reservations for summer graduation parties.

"People are tending to wait until the last minute to book things this year," Leone said. "People are unsure what's going to happen in one month, or three months."

For desserts, Leone said many people enjoy smaller, fresher and lighter foods.

Jerry Vassel, owner of Main Street Catering in Canton, said salads hit the plates at this time of year. "We get the spinach and Caesar salads and potato salad sides — a summertime dish that people sometimes order in the spring — the Maurice salads with mandarin oranges,

SPRING PARTY MENU

- Asparagus Chowder
- Shrimp and Leek Strudel
- Grilled Salmon with Papaya Strudel
- Orzo with Broccoli, Carrot and Lemon Zest
- Yellow Squash, Green Beans and Roasted Shallots
- Strawberry Cream Puff with White Chocolate Bavarian Cream and Grand Marnier Sauce

strawberries and bleu cheese," Vassel said.

Sandwiches are popular foods, too. "We get a lot of vegetarian requests, since more people are eating vegetarian," Vassel said. "We get pastas with light butter sauces with vegetables at this time of year."

Lemon chicken, lawash sandwiches and fresh fruit are some of the other lighter dishes served, Vassel said. A strawberry shortcake cake consisting of a light cake with strawberries and a cream frosting or a lemon cake with lemon filling and lemon sauce can be served for a dessert. "We also get a lot of requests for cookies, brownies and chocolate," Vassel said.

"Besides our corporate gatherings, most of the parties we're getting right now are for baptisms. We're doing quite a few of those."

In the spring, people "start looking at their clothes," Rowlson said. "They go 'carbos crazy' in the winter because of the lack of daylight," Rowlson said. "But now they will start going outside more."

Fiddlehead ferns, which are

CHEF'S TIPS

Dan Rowlson has some cooking tips in preparing the dishes in the accompanying menu: "With a cream puff, you can tell when they're done when they're perfectly golden and light," Rowlson said. "When you lift them, if they feel heavy, they need to be cooked longer." Roasted onions and shallots give these vegetables a taste similar to caramelizing. "Roasting them takes the starch and converts it to sugar," Rowlson said. Vegetables are done when a toothpick can be inserted easily. Rowlson adds that salmon should be cooked to 140-145° internally using an Instant-Read thermometer for the fish to reach a nice texture.

found in Canada and England, are good springtime fare. "You cook it similar to an asparagus," Rowlson said. Dishes with leeks or mushroom ragout are also appropriate.

"I like to get into light sauces," Rowlson said. "At this time of year, you start to get away from the cream sauces. They're not as thick. The sauces have a real lightness to them."

Pasta dishes also make that transition in the spring. You can mix noodles with grilled portabella mushrooms, zucchini, eggplant with olive oil and asiago cheese. Rowlson suggested the accompanying menu because much of it can be prepared ahead.

Rowlson said the orzo can be made early in the day, along with salsa, cream puff and the blanching of the vegetables.

"The white chocolate mousse and the Grand Marnier sauce can be created the day ahead, and the cream puff can be stored in a plastic bag so it won't get soggy," Rowlson said.

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When we started to think up the concept for the Corner Bar here at The Townsend Hotel last year, everyone thought that I was crazy to want to serve appetizer/small plates of Asian style foods. Thankfully the concept was a great success and very well received. With the help of restaur-ant chef Vuong Loc, a native of Vietnam and very talented, we brought the concept to life.

I thought that I would share with you some of the items that we have served in the Corner Bar. These can be served as appetizers or larger as main entrees.

All of these ingredients can be found locally at Asian food stores.

CRAB SPRING ROLL

- Peanut Sauce:**
 1 tablespoon minced lemon grass
 1 tablespoon minced ginger
 1 tablespoon garlic
 2 tablespoons curry powder
 1 tablespoon Sambal paste
 1 cup peanut butter
 1/2 cup coconut milk
 1 ounce fish sauce
 1/2 tablespoon lime juice
 Sugar, salt, pepper (to taste).

Place all ingredients in a sauce pan and cook for 10-15 minutes. Adjust consistency with chicken stock.

- Dragon Sauce:**
 1 cup chicken broth
 1/4 cup sweet Thai chili sauce
 1/8 cup of black bean chili sauce
 Juice of 1 lime
 1 ounce fish sauce
 1 ounce cornstarch water mixture

Bring ingredients to a boil and thicken with cornstarch, allow to simmer for 10 minutes.

- Filling:** 2 "u-15" shrimp or tiger shrimp for each portion.

Mix the following ingredients together.

- 1/2 cup crab meat
 1/2 cup sautéed mushrooms, preferably Shiitake
 1/4 cup bean thread noodles, soaked in cold water
 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 2 shallots, finely chopped
 1/4-inch chopped ginger root
 1 whole egg
 4 scallions, finely chopped
 1 packet or 1/2 cup bean sprouts
 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 Salt and Pepper

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LEMON GRASS BEEF

- 1 pound thinly sliced beef tenderloin
 2 ounce very finely minced lemon grass
 3 tablespoons minced ginger
 4 ounces fish sauce
 2 minced whole jalapeno
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 tablespoons fresh ground black pepper
 2 tablespoons oyster sauce

Slice the tenderloin and pour all ingredients to marinade for at least 12 hours, or the day before would be fine.

In a hot skillet pan-fry the beef quickly for color on each side but keep rare.

Serve with thinly sliced cucumber and your choice of noodles or over salad greens.

Here are two of my favorite dressing for mixed salad leaves. They are both very simple and flavorful.

CARROT AND GINGER VINAIGRETTE

- 1 cup cooked diced carrots
 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
 1/2 tablespoon minced garlic
 2 ounces sugar
 Juice of 1 lime
 2 ounces rice wine vinegar
 1/2 cup blended olive oil
 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

Salt and pepper

Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.

Check seasoning and toss salad leaves just before serving.

WHITE MISO VINAIGRETTE

- 2 ounces white miso paste (Soy-bean paste). (If you cannot find white, then any type of Miso paste would do.)
 .5 ounce Dijon mustard
 Juice of 1 lemon
 1 ounce sugar
 2 ounces rice wine vinegar
 .5 ounce mirin
 1/2 cup canola oil
 .5 oz dark sesame seed oil
 Salt and pepper

Same method as above. (I prefer to do Romaine hearts with this one.)

ASIAN ROCK SHRIMP SALAD

- Oriental Salad Blend**
 1 ounce tat soi greens or baby spinach
 1/2 ounce julienned carrots (fine strips)
 1/2 ounce sliced red onions
 1 ounce Napa cabbage (sliced)
 Chopped cilantro to taste

Mix all items together well.

HOT ASIAN VINAIGRETTE

- 1/2 cup dark balsamic vinegar
 1/2 cup orange juice
 1/4 cup hot sesame oil
 1/2 cup sweet thai chili sauce
 1/2 ounce ginger root, chopped

Emulsify all ingredients with a blender then cook in a saucepan for about five minutes.

Leave to cool.

Soy Reduction: Take 1 bottle of soy sauce and place in a small saucepan. Let boil until it has reduced by 1/2 and leave to cool. It will thicken and become like syrup.

Wasabi Cream: Powdered Wasabi mixed with Sake or water until dissolved, then thicken with sour cream.

- Plate Set up**
 3 ounces fresh rock shrimp or any type of shrimp available, coated in flour, salt, pepper and deep fried
 3 ounces Oriental mix
 .5 ounce hot Asian vinaigrette
 .5 ounce Wasabi cream
 .5 ounce soy glaze, reduced soy sauce until thickened

Dust the shrimp with flour and deep fry.

Season with salt and drain on a piece of kitchen paper. Keep warm.

Toss the oriental salad mix with the Hot Asian dressing and add the shrimp.

Mix well together. Drizzle the soy reduction and Wasabi cream and serve immediately.

GREEN CURRY SAUCE

- 1/2 cup green curry paste
 1/2 tablespoon minced garlic
 1/2 tablespoon minced ginger
 1/2 tablespoon minced lemon-grass
 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
 1 tablespoon chopped scallions
 1 tablespoon chopped mint
 1 tablespoon curry powder
 1 ounce fish sauce
 1 cup chicken broth
 1/2 cup coconut milk

Place all ingredients in a saucepan and cook for 10-15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

This recipe goes very well with chicken or beef and with pork. Just season meats and pan-fry until cooked then pour over sauce.

Serve with sticky rice or noodles of your choice.

Chef **Colin Brown** is Executive Chef of The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. He studied culinary arts at the Glasgow College of Food Technology and has won several awards, including the Scottish Chef of the Year, and was a member of the Scottish Culinary Olympic team, which won seven gold medals, six silver medals and four bronze medals in Frankfurt. Married and the father of four children, Brown and his family reside in Auburn Hills.

Look for his column in Taste on the third Sunday of the month. He welcomes comments and questions from readers. You can e-mail him at www.chef@townsendhotel.com.

WINE

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the thousands of acres planted in the Lodi appellation, vintners from other California wine regions, such as Fetzer, Ravenswood, Kenwood, Beringer and E & J Gallo add to the hundreds of Lodi appellation labeled wines.

NEW LABEL

Ironstone Vineyards, about which we wrote a column in early 1999, recently launched its second label, Leaping Horse Vineyards, with wines from the Lodi area. These wines differ from any made by wineries mentioned above in that Leaping Horse wines, as part of Ironstone Vineyards, is the only one that grows, produces and bottles all of its wines. All the grapes come from one of Lodi's most reputable family vineyards.

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

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■ More guts requires a few more bucks: 2001 Black Opal Shiraz-Cabernet (\$10); 2001 Penfolds Thomas Hyland Cabernet Sauvignon (\$15); 2000 Tait Shiraz (basket-pressed) (\$23); and 1998 Bleasdale Reserve Shiraz (\$28).

Chile - 2002 Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc (\$10); 2001 Caliterra Cabernet Sauvignon (\$9); and 2001 Errazuriz Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12).

■ After-dinner pleasure: Graham's 10-Year Tawny (\$25) and from South Africa, Die Krans NV Tawny (\$11).

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Bear is in the house

New production shows kids there's a first time for everything

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Kids, get ready to jump in the aisles and dance the cha-cha.

Moms and dads, get ready to hear them shout answers to questions asked by a shaggy, gentle, smart, 7-foot-tall bear who expects audience participation.

Bear in the Big Blue House is a live production coming to the Masonic Temple for nine shows March 27-30. It's based on the popular Jim Henson TV series of the same name. The theme of the musical is "A first time for everything."

Bear in the Big Blue House is a two-time Emmy Award winning show that airs three times a day on the Disney Channel. More than 10 million viewers tune in monthly.

A new motherly character, Sarah Mann, was added to Bear's entourage in the live

production.

Rebecca Shubart, University of Michigan School of Dance graduate, is the first person to portray the role.

"It's an amazing experience to be the first person to play Sarah Mann because it means I will be the model for her and I have the opportunity to help shape her personality," Shubart said. "Like Bear, Sarah Mann is a parental figure. We work as peers to teach kids that everything is going to be OK, that it can be a scary world but everything will be OK."

The show also features, of course, Bear, who dances a mean cha-cha. Noel MacNeal is the voice and spirit of Bear.

Other characters include Tutter, a blue, spunky and independent mouse; Pip & Pop, fun purple otters who cause chaos; Treelo, a green lemur who likes to collect feathers; Ojo, a girl bear

'Tutter learns about overcoming fears of the first day of school. Ojo tries to ride a bike without training wheels. ... They all learn that there is a first time for everything and that it's scary, but it can also be exciting.'

Rebecca Shubart
actress

whose imagination takes her to wonderful places; Luna the Moon, Bear's oldest and wisest friend, and Shadow, a friendly girl shadow who loves to sing and tell stories to animals of the forest.

"Tutter learns about overcoming fears of the first day of school," Shubart said. "Ojo tries to ride a bike without training wheels. ... They all learn that there is a first time for everything and that it's scary, but it can also be exciting."

"Pip & Pop spend the whole show trying to figure out what their 'first time' will be. Children can relate to this 'first time' theme."

Kids really participate in Bear shows, Shubart said. They sing and dance in the aisles and roar with laughter.

Bear, of course, doesn't have a "first time." His role is to help the kids. He first meets Shubart when her family car breaks down in front of his big blue house.

The target audience is chil-



Pictured far right is U of M graduate Rebecca Shubart who plays portrays Sarah Mann, one of the "Hugh-Mann's" in 'Bear and the Big Blue House.' Mann and Bear help lead kids through the adventures of life.

dren ages 2-8. Bear's other tour, *Double Dare*, has been on the road for more than three years. It's unknown how long *Big Blue House* will run.

The shows are part of Vee Corporation; the same entertainment team that produces *Sesame Street Live!*

Shubart has hosted several

Nickelodeon programs and says Bear is a highlight. She's looking forward to the nationwide tour.

Her boyfriend is stage manager for a touring production of *Grease*. They visit the same cities, but usually miss each other. So to keep in touch, they tape love notes under

backstage tables when performing at the same entertainment venue.

"Bear is filled with magic on- and off-stage for me," said Shubart. "It's a great show that seems to be gaining momentum."

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AT A GLANCE

What: Bear in the Big Blue House Live: A first time for everything

Where: Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit

When: Thursday-Sunday, March 27-30

Shows: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 27-28; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29; 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30.

Tickets: \$9 to \$24, available at the Fisher Theater Box office and all Ticketmaster locations including Marshall Field's. Call (313) 832-2232 during the week of the show or visit the Web site www.bearinthebigbluehouselive.com

Test your kid's Bear trivia knowledge

What is Tutter the mouse's favorite food?

Cheese!

What is Bear's favorite dance?

Cha-cha

What is the name of Bear's friend, the sun?

Ray

What is the name of the woods where Bear lives?

Woodland Valley

How old is Tutter?

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What is Treelo's favorite food?

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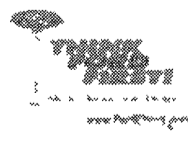
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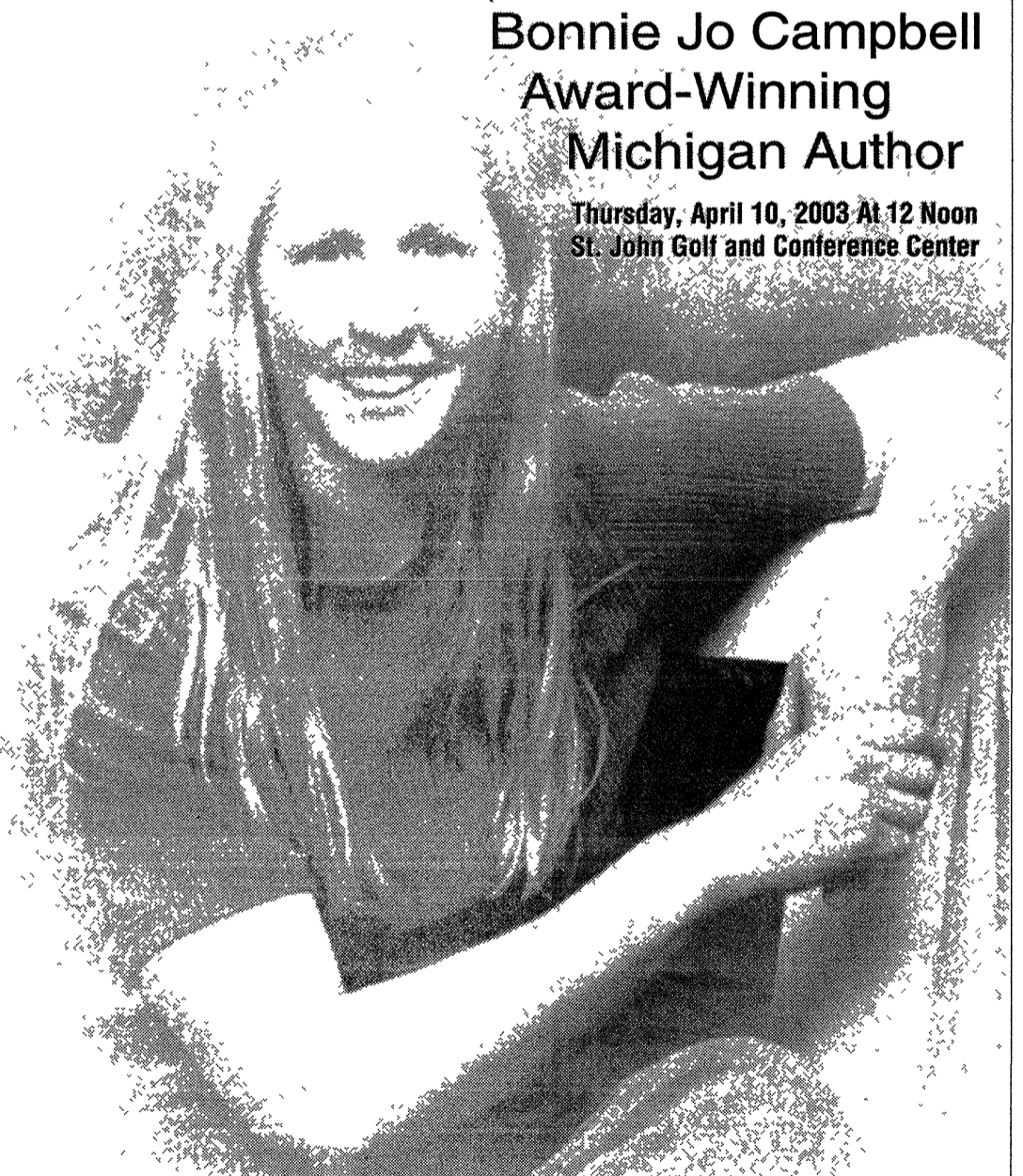


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Cast performs 'Porgy and Bess' as it should be

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

Generations of music lovers aren't familiar with the story, haunting melodies and lyrics of *Porgy and Bess*, George Gershwin's musical that premiered in 1935.

That can be remedied soon.

All music lovers — whether they love hip-hop, rap or rock — have an opportunity to see the treasured folk-opera that grasps the variety of musical idioms popular then and now — from jazz to gospel — in Detroit through Sunday, March 30.

Samuel Stevenson said theater patrons will have a rare opportunity to experience *Porgy and Bess* sung as it should be.

"Gershwin wrote *Porgy and Bess* for classically trained, African-American voices," Stevenson said. "At the time the musical opened, African-Americans were overlooked for the roles because people didn't think they could sing anything but jazz or gospel."

But this cast proves "them" wrong.

The average age of the cast is 40-ish, according to Stevenson, who is one of two professional singers who perform the lead role of Porgy. "Some in our cast are in their 30s, but none are in their 20s," he added.

Stevenson is among the older group. He's been involved in *Porgy and Bess* since the 1970s, when he became a member of the chorus in his hometown of Charlotte, NC. He's since moved up the ranks in terms of the star-quality of his roles.

He's performed on the tour on and off since 1995. He joined the international tour in Hawaii that year. In 1997, he was part of a five-country tour, which proved to him that the music of *Porgy and Bess* transcends language barriers around the world.

"It's amazing to me how well people in different countries are familiar with George Gershwin's music," Stevenson said.

Porgy and Bess is based on a novel by DuBose Heyward. The story is set in Charleston, in South Carolina's famed Catfish Row, where a crippled man, Porgy, witnesses a murder during a dice game and later gives shelter to the murderer's woman, Bess. The story revolves around Porgy's love for the beautiful Bess, and life in Catfish Row.

Gershwin's transformation of the novel into a musical stage production resulted in such famous songs as *Summertime*, *A Woman is a Sometime Thing*, *I Got Plenty of Nuttin'*, *Bess, You is My Woman Now* and *It Ain't Necessarily So*.

Stevenson talked about how difficult it is to play the crippled Porgy, who spends his time on stage on his knees. He moves around the stage on a goat cart.

That's one reason why there are two men sharing the lead role of Porgy. The other performer is Brian Gibson.



Brian Gibson as Porgy and la Rose Saxon as Bess star in the musical now playing at the Fisher Theatre.

"I've tried many different methods of padding my knees over the years," Stevenson admitted. "I've used soccer and baseball knee guards, regular knee pads, Egyptian cotton, duct tape wrapped around regular pants. None of these are really sufficient. It's just not natural to be on my knees. There are so many performances on these road tours. There are too many for one singer to handle."

There also are two stars for the role of Bess. They are Elizabeth Graham and Jerris Cates.

"The roles are tough on our voices, too hard to perform night after night," Stevenson said.

When Stevenson has an opportunity to go home to Charlotte, he resumes his role as vocal teacher and student. He's a graduate from the University of Cincinnati and Manhattan School of Music.

"I didn't start out to be a classical singer. I did summer stock, musical theater, rhythm and blues bands and sang in church," he said. A mentor led him to expand his voice to opera and he's never left the classical field.

"I have 12 students. I believe it is my obligation to pass on to my students what I've learned and what I know," Stevenson said.

AT A GLANCE

What: *Porgy & Bess*

When: Continues through Sunday, March 30.

Curtain 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The Fisher Theater, 3011 W. Grand

Boulevard, Detroit. For directions go to

www.nederlanderdetroit.com

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Theatre box office and at all Ticketmaster

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He also continues to study voice with his teacher, Frances Shaster.

And what does Stevenson hope to do while he's with the show in Detroit?

"I want to visit Hitsville. I'm a real

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Authors set stage for 'A Hot and Sultry Night For Crime'

A HOT AND SULTRY NIGHT FOR CRIME, EDITED BY JEFFERY DEAVER (BERKLEY PRIME CRIME,) \$23.95.

Old man winter might still be hanging around our neck of the woods, but this anthology of crime fiction may make you sweat, nevertheless - and in more ways than one.



Victoria Diaz

Michigan's own Loren D. Estleman takes a typically satisfying turn here with a succinct story titled, Lady on Ice. "Outside, it was eighty-nine degrees at 10 p.m., with percentage of humidity to match, and I was experiencing the early stages of frostbite," the tale begins.

Turns out, Estleman's famous fictional PI, Amos Walker, is flirting with frostbite because he's investigating a case involving a figure skater and a second-rate Detroit hockey player. Snooping around in their world, of course, involves some time spent in ice arenas, which can be pretty frosty places when you're seated rink-side and not properly attired for the occasion. Though John Lutz's El Palacio is set in a tiny oven of a town in Mexico, it also comes up with a Motor City connection, when one fast-talking type named Martin tells another that he "used to play minor league ball for the Detroit Tigers." El Palacio is the name of a washed-up dive in a washed-up place called Port Lios, peopled by shadowy characters like Martin, his friend, Graham Firling, and a "big man in (a)...cream-colored suit" who calls himself Rondo (and who has perhaps seen too many movies). The people are sweaty here, the drinks are sweaty, even the pesos are sweaty. The insects they are a-buzzin' in the heat, as are the overworked electrical transformers in this remote spot at the edge of the jungle. If you're in the right career field, it could be a propitious night for offing somebody via the weapon at hand - a machete.

Deaver is a marvel at bringing readers into this steamy milieu. One of his key players, for instance, gets up to answer the door, and leaves behind "an overstuffed Naugahyde armchair that still glistened with the sweat that'd leached from his skin."

There might be some crime stories in which perpetrators are driven to murder by snowflakes, but I sure can't think of and. ... And so we asked a number of Mystery Writers of America authors to come up with some original stories whose theme is hot and sultry crime. ... The genres ... are as varied as stifling rain forests differ from sizzling deserts.'

imposed on the very young might become a twisting - and twisted - "primary foundation," lasting forever. In Tim Myers' "The Stay-at-Home-Thief," you'll meet a loving father with a rather unusual way of bringing home the bacon. And Angela Zeman, in a little thriller titled Green Heat, takes us to a kind of West Virginia "twilight zone," where Chicago slicker Tyree Garcia, meets up with some rather strange citizens who aren't nearly as dumb as he thinks they are. For an intriguing change of pace, Suzanne C. Johnson's Body in the Pond illustrates how feverish passions run deep on muggy summer nights in 'ole Virginny.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, movies, theater and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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We were almost there, making a turn around a river that borders Angkor Wat, when I saw a woman standing in the river gathering water for her daily use.

It was early in the morning and she was dramatically backlit. Wow, I thought, what a terrific photo opportunity. I jumped out of the car, camera ready, and was able to capture



The photograph here was totally unexpected. Monte Nagler took it near Angkor Wat, Cambodia.

the photograph shown here. It turned out to be one of my favorites of the trip.

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Springtime in the Netherlands and Belgium is awesome. We associate the Netherlands with tulips, and river cruises are a great way to see them. Stops include Keukenhof with almost 80 acres of floral displays in a park-like setting.

We embarked on our 11-day river cruise aboard the Viking Pride in Amsterdam. Before leaving, we visited the Rijksmuseum with its splendid collections of European art, especially Dutch painters from the 15th to 19th centuries. Works by Rembrandt, Vermeer and Franz Hals are stunning and plentiful.

If you like Greenfield Village, you'll love the Open Air Museum. Over 80 characteris-



Windmills are part of the Dutch landscape and history. Kinderdijk has 19 windmills, including this one.

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tic Dutch buildings (barns, farmhouses, windmills and village shops) have been relocated from various regions of the country.

Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands. Located on the Waal River, it was founded by the Romans in the second century. There are ruins of an old church built in O.A.D. with a still-intact chapel built in 1054. St. Stephan's Church, also still standing, was started in 1254 and completed in the early 15th century.

BELGIUM

There are two national languages in Belgium, Flemish and French, although some people still speak German. Every city has a different dialect, which causes lots of "interesting" conversations. They have five governments and fly five flags. It was too

confusing to truly comprehend.

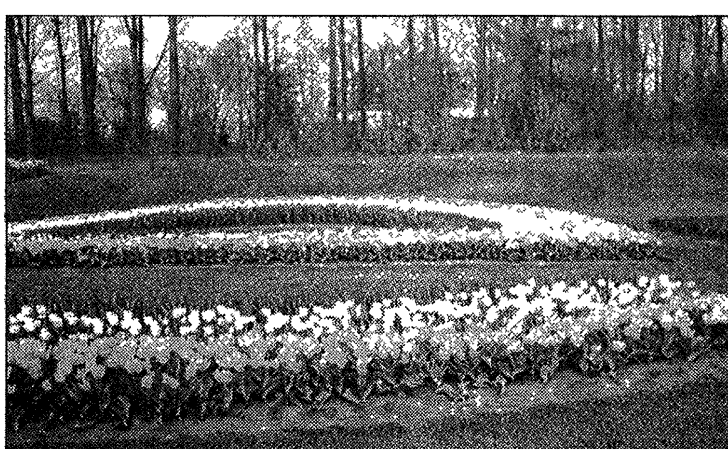
The most famous mascot in Brussels is the 1619 fountain of a little boy, Mannekin-Pis, that attracts tourists from all over the world. Just around the block is Grand Place (City Hall), which is surrounded by baroque-style guildhouses. This light-hearted city is the capital of the European Union and NATO. The narrow old streets are filled with quaint shops overflowing with beautiful, expensive, handmade Belgian lace and Belgian chocolates, pralines and truffles.

Belgians also pride themselves in having the best beer and healthcare system in the world.

Antwerp, home of Peter Paul Reubens and the fifth-largest harbor in the world, is also the site of the biggest Catholic church in Belgium, The Tower Cathedral.

Bruges, founded in the 10th century, and one of the richest cities in the world, is considered "the Venice of the North" because of its romantic canal system. Start your sightseeing at the main square, called the Markt, dominated by a 13th-century cathedral.

Although windmills became obsolete in the 19th century,



Keukenhof is chock full of tulips that will dazzle your eyes.

Kinderdijk, with its 19 windmills, most built around 1740, shows how the Dutch began reclaiming their country from the sea. It was a slow process - damming, then draining off-sea water with windmills.

Rotterdam, one of the busiest ports in the world, is a departure from the quaint old-country charm we encountered on most of the trip. Because it was completely destroyed in World War II everything in Rotterdam is modern. Having no pretense about recreating the past, it sports futuristic bridges and architecture. We stopped in Delft for a tour of the Royal Delft factory, where the famous blue tin-glazed pot-

tery is produced.

AMSTERDAM

Unless your river cruise affords you extra days in Amsterdam it is well worth spending time there before or after. It is a friendly, lively, safe, easy to navigate, city where most of the people speak English.

There are moderately priced hotels away from the center of the city, but near the museum area.

These include breakfast and are very accessible to the tramlines, which are inexpensive and run every few minutes. Buy a strip of tickets to avoid

having to always find the proper coinage.

To truly understand the circumstances and life of Anne Frank, a visit to the house where her famous diary was written is a must. The Anne Frank House draws huge crowds so get there early.

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All-State

Katie Cezat, a 6-foot sophomore forward for Canton's girls basketball team, has been named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-State Team.

Cezat averaged 16.2 points and 10.8 rebounds a game, blocking 24 shots for the Chiefs, who finished first in the Western Lakes Activities Association last fall. Canton reached the regional final before losing to West Bloomfield in overtime. The Chiefs were 22-3 for the season.

Coaches needed

Plymouth HS is now accepting applications for assistant boys soccer coach for the fall season. Those interested in the position should call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 572-5700 to apply.

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Chiefs plan run for title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago it was perfection for Canton's girls soccer team. They rode the strongest senior class in school history to a state championship.

Last year was more of a struggle for the Chiefs and their coach, Don Smith. New players, new problems, new challenges. The end result: Canton was edged by one of the state's top-ranked teams, Northville, in its first state district tournament game after tying the Mustangs during the Western Lakes Activities Association season.

The Chiefs finished 9-5-5 overall, 3-0-2 in the WLAAs Western Division.

So what's next? Where will this season's squad reside, as perhaps a division contender and maybe a team capable of reaching the state district final, or something closer to a state championship contender?

It's still early, no scrimmages have been played thus far, so optimism always runs high. Still, Smith believes this season's team is much improved over last season's.

"We should be competitive this year," he said, at least starting his assessment a bit warily. "We've got some runners. We're almost as young as last year but we have a lot of girls back who are more experienced."

Key losses from the 2002 squad are leading scorer (and all-WLAA selection) Stephanie Johnson, defender (and all-Division selection) Lindsey Lasher and midfielder Ashley Rosaen.

That means there's plenty of good news for the Chiefs, with nine players who have some starting experience.

It begins with all-conference keeper Briana Wolcott, who allowed just seven goals in conference play last season while collecting seven shutouts. For the second-straight year, Wolcott will serve as a team captain.

Also back are senior midfielders Kara Marsh and Danielle Shepard, both all-division selections as jun-



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Players, both Canton and Salem, will be counting on Rachel Perry (left) and Nicole Genrich.

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Rocks seek better finish

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The time is now for Salem's girls soccer team.

In Joe Nora's first three seasons as the Rocks' coach, the team has slipped further away from its ultimate goal: a Western Lakes Activities Association title and a long run in the state tournament.

Now two players who have started for Salem since they were freshmen, who were named to the all-conference and all-state teams as sophomores, are juniors and have been selected as captains.

The Rocks, who were a disappointing 7-6-4 last season, have the talent to realize their goals.

"This is a little stronger team than we've had at Salem," said Nora, who has a 34-14-6 record in his three seasons at Salem. Asked if it is good enough to extend its season longer than in the past three years (no WLAA or district titles), he answered, "That's a team goal, to make it out of districts."

When a team is built around players like Marissa Sarkesian and Jordan Falcusan, those goals certainly seem doable. Both are juniors, both were third-team all-state selections, both were all-WLAA and both play for the Michigan Hawks under-17 state championship club.

Sarkesian, a midfielder, led Salem with 12 goals and five assists last season. Falcusan, who played a variety of positions as a sophomore, had three goals and five assists.

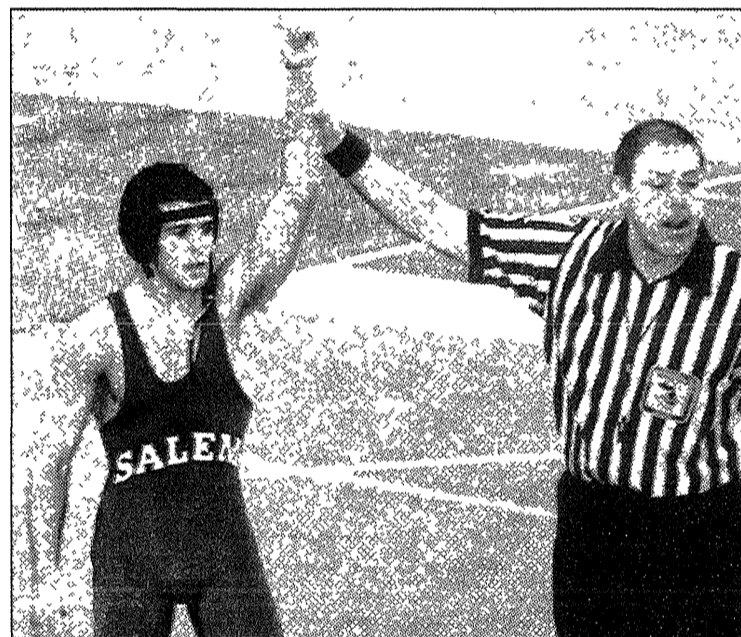
According to Nora, Sarkesian is "more vocal this season. From the get-go, she's wanted to be more of a team leader."

As for Falcusan, "she's high-energy. I think she's faster, stronger and her knowledge of the game has increased."

Indeed, it can be difficult to separate the two standouts. "They play at a very high level during the off-season," said Nora. "The younger kids look up to them and draw from them."

The Rocks did lose six seniors from last season, including all-division picks Natalie Thomas and Sara Schupra.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, C3



Salem's Mike Goethe elevated himself all the way to a state championship.

Salem wrestlers honored

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

One coach has seemingly been around forever, the other wasn't even officially the head coach.

But both Lutheran Westland's Dennis Tuomi and Redford Union's Jim Gourlay did wonderful things with their respective teams this year, and were named as the Observerland Wrestling Coaches of the Year, in a vote of their peers.

Tuomi led the Warriors to a berth in the Division 4 quarterfinals, where they lost to Decatur, 44-27, to end their season at 27-3. Lutheran Westland had four wrestlers finish with at least 40 wins and one finished eighth in the Division 4 individual tourney.

Gourlay didn't lead the Panthers to the finals, instead they lost in the regional opener by a point to Birmingham Seaholm. But Gourlay helped guide RU through a bittersweet season — one that saw the Panthers' most successful season in years with a 19-5 record. But the Panthers also lost the architect of the rebuilding — head coach Jim Carlin — to cancer. And Gourlay, the coach at

Hilbert Junior High and the varsity assistant, filled in for Carlin while he was ill and took over in the last half of the season.

To join the coaches are 18 of the area's best wrestlers. Here's a look at the 2003 All-Observer wrestling team.

Ryan Stump, Salem, 103 pounds: As the season progressed, Stump improved. He reached his peak at the Division 1 state individual tournament, reaching the finals before losing to Anthony Biondo of Chippewa Valley.

Just a sophomore, Stump was first at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament and was unbeaten in dual meets. He was also first at the Wyandotte Roosevelt Tournament, earning MVP honors. For the season, he had a 41-9 match record; he is 62-20 for his career.

"Ryan found out that perseverance is not just the willingness to work hard," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "He has seen a lot of people do that. He learned the more important part — the willingness to be stubborn about your own belief in yourself."

Sean Dong, Catholic Central, 103: Dong's first year as a high school wrestler was a memorable one as the freshman compiled a 52-3 record and placed third in the Division 1 tournament. Dong was also first in tourneys at Plymouth Salem, Toledo St. John's, Catholic Central and the Observerland meet, as well as placing first in the Catholic League, the districts and the regionals.

"He has a very strict work ethic," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, "and it's a joy to have him in the wrestling room for three more years."

Matt Steintrager, Catholic Central, 112: The

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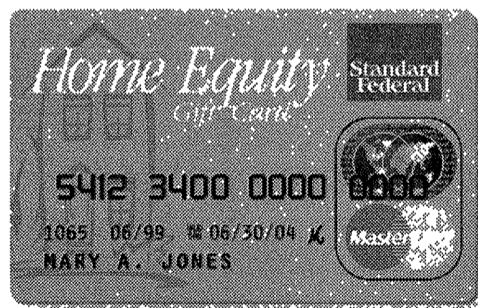
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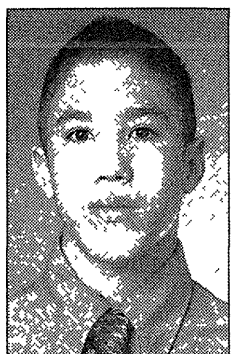
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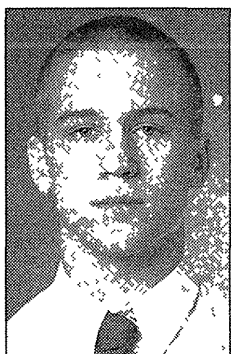
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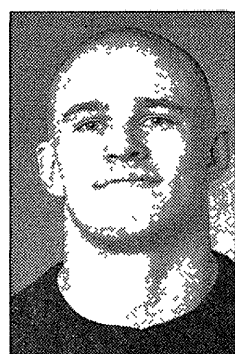
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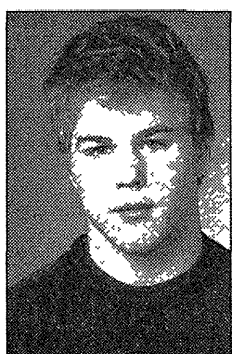
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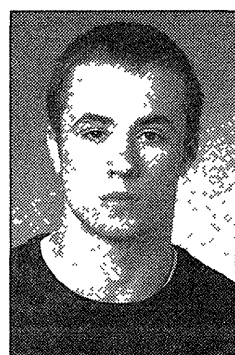
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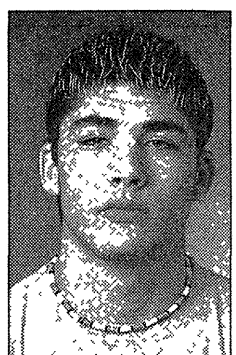
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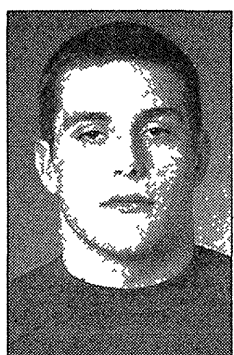
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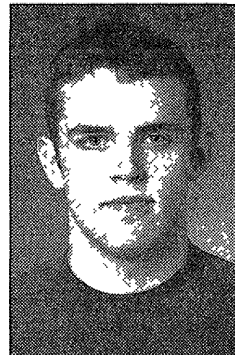
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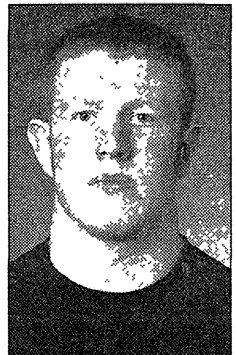
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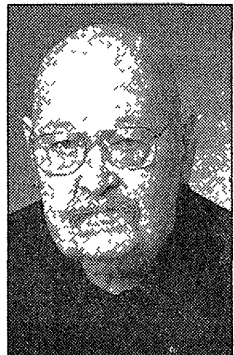
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Dennis Tuomi
Co-coach of the year

WRESTLING

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junior had a season of firsts - which proved pretty solid for someone who's only been wrestling for five years. He won his weight class at the Plymouth Salem tourney, was the tourney MVP at Toledo St. John's, won the Catholic League and the individual district. He capped off a 52-2 season with a 21-15 win in the Division 1 finals over Bedford's Deno Monnett.

"It is great to have a young man like Matt on the team," said Rodriguez. "He is so dedicated to being a champion. Hopefully, it will become contagious."

Charlie Rabaut, Livonia Stevenson, 119: The senior compiled an overall record of 55-3, which set a school record for wins in a season. He took first place in the Garden City Tournament, Catholic Central Invitational and Observerland tourney. He continued his winning ways, taking first place in the league meet, districts and regionals on his way to an eighth-place finish at the state tournament.

"Charlie led by example on and off the mat, not only during wrestling season but throughout the year. His dedication and hard work definitely paid off," said Stevenson coach Bob Moreau.

Brian Clement, Livonia Churchill, 125: Clement won both districts and regionals on his way to an overall record of 50-5. Was also named an Observer champ for the second year in a row. The senior also placed second at the state tournament.

"(Clement) is so impressive as a wrestler and a leader at Churchill," said head coach Marty Altounian. "At times he could have been considered a coach. He was a true champion and competitor."

Mike Goethe, Salem, 130: As a junior, Goethe finished fourth in the state. As a senior, he wanted something a whole lot more, so he went out and got it - a state championship, Salem's first state wrestling champ since 1992.

Goethe compiled a 50-2 match record this season, for his career, he was 158-43. He finished first in five tournaments, finished first in the WLAA (for the third time) and was undefeated in dual meets.

"Mike learned early on that you have to make wrestling and working hard enjoyable," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Mike became grace under pressure, never giving a dull performance. After taking fourth in the state his junior year, he figured out you don't just aim at

the bulls eye, you aim at the center of the bulls eye."

Tim Hammer, Wayne Memorial, 130: Hammer, a junior and three-year varsity performer, improved as the season went on and the result was sixth place at the state meet and third places at the district and regional competitions. Also took first at the Romulus and Wyandotte tournaments en route to a 39-6 overall record.

"It seemed like he had it tough at first, but he realized about halfway through the season that he was an extremely talented wrestler," head coach Tony Venturini said. "He's always had the talent."

Rece Cox, Westland John Glenn, 135: There was no sophomore slump for Cox, who had a season some seniors never have. Was in the finals of every tournament he was in and was the champion at the Ypsilanti and Observerland tournaments. Cox also was runner-up in at the state tournament and racked up a 41-9 overall record.

"It is a pleasure to have such a hard working, talented athlete. We look forward to what future brings. His dedication will make him a champion," said head coach Bill Polk.

Nate Rodriguez, Catholic Central, 140: Rodriguez didn't qualify for the state tourney, he didn't even wrestle in the individual districts. But he saved his best for last, wrestling with a severe ankle injury in CC's regional semifinal over Dearborn Fordson lead in CC to the win.

He was 49-3 on the year and had tourney championships at Plymouth Salem, Toledo St. John's, the CC invitational, the Catholic League and the Observerland. For his career, Rodriguez finished 184-15.

"I'm proud to say it's been a true joy to have watched this 'Naterman,' fly" said his grandfather and coach, Mike Rodriguez. "Once he stepped on the mat, he was outstanding."

Daron Cruickshank, Westland John Glenn, 145: The junior captain led by example, winning leagues and districts. For the season he had an overall record of 42-13 while qualifying for the state tournament.

"Daron lives and breathes wrestling," said Polk. "He is a team captain and is an excellent example for his team. There is no off-season for Daron, his hard work sets the tone in our practices."

Brad Bartram, Catholic Central, 152: Bartram finished 39-7 in his sophomore season, advancing to the state finals after winning his districts while taking first in the Catholic League. In his two years, Bartram is 67-16.

"Most coaches wait for an athlete like Brad - hard working, dedicated and an awesome attitude," said Rodriguez. "He will succeed and join the rest of our Wall of Champions before he ends his career."

Trevor Stewart, Catholic Central, 160: Stewart ended his season on a high note, capping a 43-1 season with a 9-4 decision over Dearborn's Hassan Berr in the finals. His only loss came to Clarkston's Clint DeGain - the runner-up at 171

ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING

103 pounds: 1. Ryan Stump, soph., Plymouth Salem and Sean Dong, fr., Catholic Central; 2. Dan Rabe, jr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Saif Nabers, soph., Westland John Glenn.

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135: 1. Rece Cox, soph., John Glenn; 2. John Gourlay, jr., Redford Union; 3. Ryan Webb, soph., Canton; and Mario Perez, jr., Garden City.

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145: 1. Daron Cruickshank, jr., John Glenn; 2. Jason Fischer, sr., Stevenson; 3. Dan Baseley, sr., Lutheran Westland; and Tony Stott, sr., Salem.

152: 1. Brad Bartram, soph., Catholic Central; 2. Lev Mergian, sr., Churchill; 3. Jeremy Sparks, jr., Garden City.

160: 1. Trevor Stewart, soph., Catholic Central and Brandon Noble, jr., Lutheran Westland; 2. Dario Mainella, jr., Stevenson; 3. Emilio Perez, jr., Garden City.

171: 1. Steve Wallace, sr., Wayne Memorial and Eric Chambers, jr., John Glenn; 2. Dan Haller, jr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Scott Schwarzklose, jr., Catholic Central.

189: 1. Jake Fairchild, jr., John Glenn; 2. Neal Kemp, jr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Eric Vojtkofsky, soph., Catholic Central.

215: 1. Alex Murray, sr., Churchill; 2. Jeremy Henderson, fr., Salem; and John Morasso, soph., Catholic Central; 3. Stefan Bozwan, fr., John Glenn.

275: 1. Pat Clark, sr., Catholic Central; 2. Jeremy Walker, jr., Salem; 3. Jason LeDue, sr., Redford Union.

CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR: Jim Gourlay, Redford Union; and Dennis Tuomi, Lutheran Westland.

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pounds. Stewart also won the district and regional crowns, as well as winning the Observerland, Toledo St. John's, Plymouth Salem and CC Invitational titles.

Brandon Noble, Lutheran Westland, 160: The junior racked up a 45-10 record while taking first place finishes at the conference and district meets.

Noble also placed third at regionals and eighth at the state tournament.

Steve Wallace, Wayne Memorial, 171: Wallace had a dominating year, going 43-2 taking first place in every tournament he wrestled in. The senior took first at leagues, districts, and regionals before a shoulder injury forced him to forfeit out of states after his second match.

"Coaching Steve for the past four years has been an amazing experience," said coach Tim Mitchell. "His natural ability and dedication made him a force to be reckon with. His season

was soured by an untimely injury. In my eyes he is the champ."

Eric Chambers, John Glenn, 171: The junior compiled an overall record of 44-12, while placing second at the Catholic Central Invitational, leagues, districts, and regionals. Chambers also came in eighth place at the state tournament.

"Eric speaks with his actions," said Polk. "He had an excellent state meet and proved that he is among the state's best."

Jake Fairchild, John Glenn, 189: Fairchild's junior season included district and regional championships, and when he was on his game he proved very tough to beat. He placed first at five tournaments and posted a 36-12 overall record.

"Jake had an up-and-down season, but when he was wrestling at his best you could tell. No one could beat him. He's a very determined kid and he works real hard."

Alex Murray, Churchill, 215: Murray established that he is one of the best wrestlers in the area, going 43-6 for the year. He was an Observer champ and went on to take first place in districts and regionals. He came in eighth place at the state tournament.

"Alex was as intelligent as they come," said Altounian. "His class ranks was second in the school and it showed in his ability to correct mistakes and plan strategies in his matches."

Pat Clark, Catholic Central, heavyweight: Clark finished 32-7 this season and posted wins at Toledo St. John's the Observerland tourney and the Catholic League. But his defining moment didn't come with an individual title. It came in the regional semifinal against Dearborn Fordson. The Tractors needed to pin Clark to come from behind and win the match. Instead, it was Clark who put Ameer Kasha on his back in the first period to preserve the win.

"It has been great to watch Pat grow from his freshman year to a man in his senior year and take over the duties of a true heavyweight," said Rodriguez. "I look forward to watching Pat at Toledo next year."

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Returning are all-division defender Janae Bucks, a senior and co-captain who is entering her fourth year on the varsity; senior keeper Heather Jones, a starter last season; senior defender Janelle Miller, who also started last season; and sophomore midfielder Jane Dewitt, who worked her way into the starting lineup before suffering a season-ending knee injury after five games.

Other seniors who came off the bench last season and who will play bigger roles this year are seniors Macy Lepper, a midfielder; Lindsey Stiver, a defender; and Nicole Genrich, a defender. All three were among the first substitutes off the bench last season.

Alicia Hay, a junior forward, played quite a bit last season, as did sophomore forward Amy Gizicki. And Kirsten O'Bierne, a junior, is a qualified keeper capable of starting.

Nora is confident the newcomers he's added to the team will provide the kind of depth last year's team lacked. Among the juniors are midfielders Sara Loewe and Jennifer Murray, defenders Kim Towne and Halle Burton, and forward Jordan McDonald, a transfer from Livonia Ladywood.

The sophomore class includes forwards Megan McCarthy and Kathryn Wheatley and midfielder Kelly Lepper, while freshmen Tara Duncan, a defender, and Kristen March, a midfielder, will also see action.

"Our young kids are very talented," said Nora. "They'll get playing time. We have more depth than last year."

"I like our depth — that's improved. And we're a tougher team, the girls are willing to work hard."

They'll have a chance to prove themselves early. Salem's non-conference schedule includes games against Troy, Troy Athens, Ann Arbor

Pioneer, Novi and Rochester, all teams that have been state-ranked. Then there's Livonia Stevenson, Canton and Northville, all part of the WLAA schedule.

"I like to play a tough schedule," said Nora. "To beat the best you have to play the best."

So the pieces all seem to be in place. The team's top players have elevated themselves into team leaders. Now is the time.

"The skills are there, the work ethic is there," said Nora. "I'm going to push us into being the team we can be."

As for challenging defending WLAA champ Stevenson — the Spartans suffered a severe loss when all-state forward Melissa Dobbyn (20 goals, 12 assists) injured her knee and will be lost for the season — Nora is confident.

"If they're willing to play as a team, they definitely have a shot."

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Monroe CC finishes season for Ocelots basketball team

This game was nothing like its predecessors.

Schoolcraft College displayed solid defense in its first two games at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament, a win over Redlands (Okla.) CC and a loss to Dixie (Utah) CC. The Ocelots surrendered a total of 125 points in those two games combined.

In Thursday's consolation-round game against Monroe (N.Y.) CC, SC left defense out of the equation and lost, 103-97.

The Ocelots, ranked seventh coming into the tournament, finish with a 1-2 tourney record and a 31-4 overall mark. Monroe, ranked 17th coming in, advanced with a 30-4 record.

"We started off the game good, but we had too many peaks and valleys and not much defense," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "After a team loses, they're not having as much fun and they're just going through the motions."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

"You give up 103 points and you're not going to win. There was not much effort on defense."

The Ocelots certainly had their chances, leading 48-35 at the half and 54-37 with 17:28 left in the game. But from that point on, the game belonged to Monroe.

The Tribunes outscored SC 40-22 in the next 12:08, taking the lead 77-76 on a three-pointer by Kevin Bell. The Ocelots never led again, managing to tie it at 80-all on two James Holmes' free throws.

"We wanted to get it under 10 the first five minutes of the second half, but they hit some shots," said Monroe coach Jeff Brustad. "Then we seemed to play with more energy, and Kingsley (Edwards) played with a lot of heart the whole game."

"It was gut-check time and our guys wanted to play another game."

Marcus Bennett led SC with

29 points; he also had six rebounds and five assists. Holmes and Tovoris Baker contributed 15 points apiece, Baker grabbing 14 boards, with Gary Johnson (from Wayne Memorial) scoring 11 points and Ronald Dorsey nine.

Monroe got 27 points and 14 rebounds from Ryan Williams, 26 points (17 in the second half) and 10 boards from Edwards, 19 points from Lashard Duren and 10 from Bell.

SC outshot Monroe, making 38-of-70 floor shots (54 percent), 15-of-21 free throws (71 percent) and 6-of-16 three-pointers (38 percent). Monroe hit 35-of-82 from the floor (43 percent), 26-of-43 free throws (60 percent) and 7-of-24 threes (29 percent).

The difference: The Tribunes enjoyed a wide rebounding advantage (61-41) and forced 21 SC turnovers while committing just 14.

SC also lost its best inside defender, Andre Scott, and Dorsey to fouls.

CHIEFS

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iors. Marsh will be an attacking midfielder this season, while Shepard figures to be the defensive midfielder. They, too, will serve as team captains.

Also returning, although it will be to a different position, is senior Erica Ahrens, an outside midfielder last year who will be at forward this season. She'll also serve as a team captain.

Other players with starting experience who return are junior forward Rachel Perry, junior defenders Katie Esper and Elizabeth Alexander, and a pair of sophomores, stopper Katie Raker and sweeper Andrea Johnson. "She was one of our most reliable players last year," Smith said of Johnson, Stephanie's younger sister. "She's going to be a great sweeper."

Smith likes to use a lot of players, to be sure, and this

season he believes he'll have a great opportunity to do just that. "We're strongly balanced," he said. "We can sub 18 or 19 girls in without losing a beat."

Where the Chiefs often did falter last season was in scoring. Stephanie Johnson was their only reliable option.

"I've got a feeling we should be a whole lot better this year," he said. "We had our opportunities (last season), we just didn't put them away."

"We've got more players who can come in and help us up there this year."

Other seniors who are back include defenders Ashley Dean, Megan Palmer and Christine Tople, forwards Kelli McKee and Amy Drayback, midfielder Mary Malone and keeper Alicia Slone. Drayback didn't play last season after suffering an ankle injury in pre-season.

Defenders Megan Romer and Kelli Schilk, and midfielders Katie Mills and Kristen Helden, are juniors who will

challenge for playing time, as will sophomore midfielders Molly Priebe, Brittany Cervi, Christie Daniels and Bailey Fagan. Priebe played a lot last season while Cervi was called up at the end of the year, and Fagan, and attacking midfielder, figures to see plenty of time this year.

Lisa Ealy, who Smith said "can play anywhere up the middle," and Alyssa Lindow, a defender, are freshmen who will see action, too.

"We should be subbing a whole lot this year," said Smith. "We're a lot more solid all the way across than last year."

Is it enough to battle to a WLAA title and perhaps last deep into the state tournament? "Northville, (Livonia) Stevenson and Salem are always real tough games," said Smith.

The same will be said by those teams' coaches about Canton.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

PISTONS CLINIC

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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.

MEETINGS

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.

REHAB 8K RUN

The 12th annual Orthopaedic 8-kilometer run, 5K walk and

half-mile Teddy Bear run (11-and-under) will be Saturday, April 12, in Jackson.

Post-race breakfast will be at Kuhl's Bell Tower Market.

The registration fee is \$10 (by April 4). For a printable online registration, visiting www.AthleticVentures.com.

For more information, call race director Bob Gilmore at (517) 788-1121 (days) or (517) 782-2071 (evenings); or email rgilmore@voyager.net

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 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.

IN-LINE REGISTRATIONS

Skateland West in Westland is currently accepting registrations for its spring in-line hockey leagues (boys and girls ages

5-17). The \$120 entry fee includes eight games, eight practices, a jersey, party, and trophy. Games start the week of April 28. Register on or by March 30, but there is a \$10 late fee after that date. Call (734) 326-2801 between 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, or visit www.skatelandwest.com on the Internet for more information.

DEVON-AIRE SOFTBALL

Registration for Devon-Aire softball has been extended to Wednesday, April 9. Leagues include Junior Boys (ages 7-12), Junior Girls (7-12) and Seniors Co-Ed (13-18). Ages must be as of June 1, 2001.

Cost is \$35 for one child, and \$30 for each additional child in the same family. For more information, call Tony Perez at (734) 525-2884.

BICYCLE TOUR

Applications are available for the 33rd annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw bicycle tour, which begins either Wednesday, Aug. 27 or Thursday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Aug. 31 at the Mackinaw Bridge.

Over 1,600 riders participated in the 2002 tour.

For more information, call (517) 882-3700.

Applications are also available at local bike shops.

Crusaders edge Comets for 11th win

Chris Woodruff slugged a pair of doubles in a 3-for-3 performance at the plate, and Matt Rigley collected two more hits to help Madonna University improve its baseball record to 11-3 with a 5-3 victory at Olivet College Wednesday.

The Comets slipped to 4-6 with the eight-inning loss.

Madonna coach Greg Haeger used a five-pitcher rotation, with Mark Cole (Farmington/Redford Catholic Central) working the first two innings and getting the win to improve to 4-0. He allowed one hit and one walk, striking out four.

Joel Halliday (Redford Union) also pitched two scoreless innings, giving up two hits and fanning three, and Adam Kline (CC) tossed a scoreless eighth inning, walking one and striking out two to get his third save of the season.

Woodruff (Livonia/CC) and Rigley (RU) each scored a run. Brian Williams (Livonia/CC) had a double and an RBI, and Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchhill), Tony Kern and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) each had a RBI.

Madonna was supposed to

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start its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule Friday, but the game was postponed due to rain.

No makeup date has been set.

All-Americans

For the first time in Madonna men's basketball history, there are two players who received NAIA All-American honors.

Junior point guard Dan Kurtinaitis and sophomore shooting guard Noel Emehiser were both singled out. Kurtinaitis (from Dearborn Edsel Ford) averaged 14.6 points and four assists per game and, despite suffering a knee injury in the final regular-season game of the year, was named to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team.

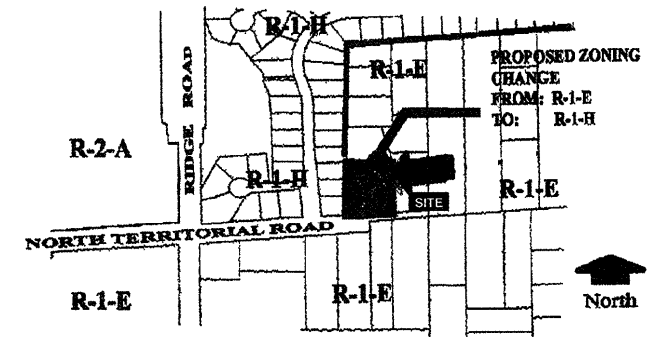
Emehiser (from Monroeville, Ind.) averaged 17 points a game, second-best total in the WHAC, and 4.8 rebounds.

He was a second team selection to the all-WHAC squad.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: R-1-H, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 16, 2003
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel 007-01-0007-324 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-H, Single Family Residential. Application 1778/0203



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 138 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-007-01-0007-324.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

DENNIS CEBULSKI, Chairperson
 Planning Commission

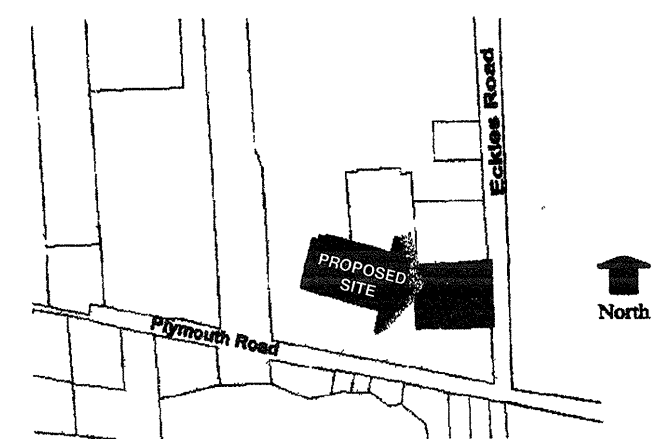
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Publish: March 23 and April 10, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve Use Subject to Special Conditions.
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 2, 2003
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a request to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for Asplundh Tree Expert Co. on behalf of the State of Michigan, Department of Agriculture, for Tree Limb Storage and Wood Chipping for the Emerald Ash Borer Project, on a portion of Parcel 028-99-0004-701, pursuant to Zoning Ord. No. 83, Section 15.2. The property is on the east side of Eckles Road, north of Plymouth Road.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-028-99-0004-701.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined in the Community Development Department located at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI., during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 P.M. Phone No. (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Publish: March 23, 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE WEEDS TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2003, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 32.070 of Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2003, without further notice to the property owners.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
 Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: March 23 and 27, 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 Trash Bags. 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 2:00 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.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary
 Board of Education
 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Bid Opening: Friday, March 28, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
 Resolution Due: Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.
 Board Review: Tuesday, April 8, 2003

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Consolidation plan fails at bowling convention

One of the most prolific of all American Bowling Congress conventions has just taken place March 12-14 in Knoxville, Tenn.

This was the 108th ABC convention, running hand-in-hand with the 100th ABC Championship Tournament.

The very future of bowling was in the hands and ballots of the 1,259 delegates who were there to make the final decision on a Single Membership Organization (SMO) proposal which started up two years ago.

Under the adopted title of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), it would have combined the men's (ABC), the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) and the Young American Bowling Alliance

(YABA) along with USA Bowling into one organization, basically an economic measure.

The leadership wanted it to go through, and they ran some "whistle stop" campaigns nationwide, formed a strong ad hoc committee to study all aspects and submit their findings. The closed ballot vote was 628 for, and 630 against the SMO proposal, but not as close as it would appear, since it would have required a two-thirds majority for passage.

The WIBC will cast their ballots in May and it is expected to follow suit. They voted not so much against the idea of the SMO, but how it would have been constructed and administered. Look for this idea to rebound sometime down the road, but with many alterations.

The Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association was also represented by their delegates at the ABC Convention, along with those of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. The WWMBA recently held their 21st Annual 700 Tournament at Town n Country Lanes in

Westland.

In order to participate, a bowler must have bowled a 700 series in their career and be currently sanctioned through the WWMBA. After several qualifying rounds, the original starting field of 639 entrants was pared down to 120 participants for the semifinals on Feb. 22. The lowest qualifying score was 701, and the highest was 846, with handicap. The stepladder finals were televised locally and the matches were bowled at Town n Country Lanes on Wayne Road.

Doug Ellison was defeated by Yves Szmansky, 237-175. Szmansky then beat Clarence Munding 226-211 to advance.

The third match had lots of excitement, especially in the 10th frame. Chris Dolby had the first 11 strikes and left (you

guessed it) a solid 10 pin on his final ball for a 299, defeating Szmansky, who rolled a game of 193.

Dolby moved onto the final match against David Beck who was the high qualifier with a 743 actual, plus 90 for 833 and earning the top seed position.

Dolby had a spare in the first frame, then clicked off 11 straight strikes for a 290 while Beck fell short with a 210 game. Thus, Chris Dolby was crowned champion of the 700 tournament, earning a plaque, championship jacket and a \$1,500 check. Congratulations to Chris Dolby.

Dorothy Makoweic of Canton called me to let me know that her husband Robert had just rolled his first 300 game at age 68, and after 54 years of bowl-

ing, had finally fulfilled his dream of a perfect game. He recorded it at a "Double Nickel" league at Super Bowl on March 18. Carrying a 189 average, Robert had games of 300, 216 and 205 for a series of 721.

This is a very good family of bowlers, as son Robert E. Makoweic, had a 300 game four years ago in the "Holy Rollers" league, also at the Super Bowl. Since everything is relative, John's brother Dave bowls in the Senior Men's Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Dave's son Mike holds the current all-time Detroit area high series of 899 which he rolled a couple years ago at Cloverleaves in Livonia. I wrote all about the record-setting event at the time.

Mike is a ball fitter/droller at Dave's Rite Liner pro shop in

Cloverlanes. Getting back to Robert and Dorothy Makoweic, these two first met at the old Ritz Lanes back in Detroit in 1963. He even goes back further in time, having earned his spurs as a pinboy. His prior high game was 286 a few years ago.

In his 300 game, he felt a little nervous on the first ball in the 10th frame, but on the next shot, he said "The ball seemed to have gained about 40 pounds."

Having struck number 11, the ball seemingly gained another 30 pounds, but the shot was true in the pocket, just like the rest. And after 54 years, a perfect game.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



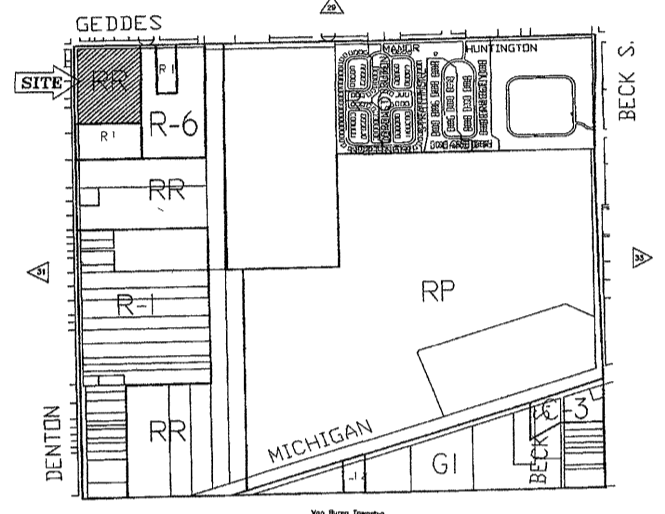
Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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ZONING MAP SECTION 32

WINDMILL INVESTMENTS FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM VERY LOW DENSITY (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE) TO MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY (UP TO 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NO. 126 99 0008 001. Property is located at the southeast corner of Geddes and Denton Roads.

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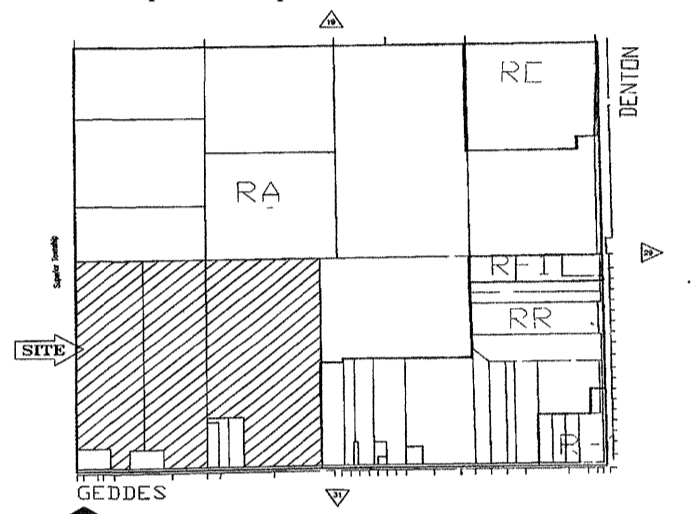
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ZONING MAP SECTION 30

BALBERMAN (WEST TOWN LINE) FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT REQUEST #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM AGRICULTURAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/40 ACRES) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 119 99 0002 001, 119 99 0003 001, 119 99 0001 000. Property is located north of Geddes between Denton and the west boundary of Canton Township.

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Rx briefs

Diabetes

The Diabetes Management Program at Botsford Center for Health Improvement presents "10,000 Steps to Good Health" for people with diabetes and their loved ones 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5. This is part of the "Saturday Sizzler - Diabetes Support Group" program.

Learn how to control your diabetes and optimize your health. Learn weight-loss strategies from a registered dietitian and fitness tips from a personal trainer. The fee is \$10, which includes lunch. To register, call (248) 477-6100. The center is at 39750 Grand River Ave., between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi.

Parkinson disease

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation will sponsor the George and Betty Andrews Memorial Walk-a-Thon and 5K Run on Saturday, May 10, at Maybury State Park, Northville. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; event begins at 10 a.m. Runners: \$13 advance registration; \$15 day of event. Walkers: \$9 advance registration; \$10 day of event. Children 12 and younger: \$5.

Event includes refreshments, T-shirts, mini-massages, prizes. Music provided by The Cats and The Fiddler, a trio of 8 year olds.

Proceeds will support programs offered by MPF throughout the state. Call the MPF at (248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781.

Olga's

The Southeastern Michigan Blood Region of the American Red Cross and Olga's Kitchen have teamed up for Red Cross Month. For the rest of the month, donors at all southeast Michigan Red Cross blood drives will receive a certificate for a free Olga Sandwich, redeemable through June 30 at any metro Detroit Olga's Kitchen.

Call 1-800-GIVELIFE to make an appointment to donate blood this month at any blood drive location in southeast Michigan. To donate blood, you must be in general good health, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Prevent falls

Beaumont Hospital's Fall Prevention Program, now offered at the Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge (north of 14 Mile), teaches that falls are not a normal consequence of aging. It helps people identify environmental and health factors involved in falls, then creates a personalized treatment plan to reduce and eliminate as many of these factors as possible.

The program takes a multidisciplinary approach by incorporating the expertise of both physical and occupational therapists. Some of the goals of the program include dealing with: low vision, imbalance, difficulty walking and overall safety around the home and community.

"This program benefits people who have already experienced a fall or have symptoms of staggering, dizziness or imbalance that causes them to feel unsafe," said Jill Magill, Beaumont physical therapist. "Our only prerequisite is that potential patients visit their physician first to rule out illness or medication problems."

A physician prescription is required to schedule a preliminary evaluation and for treatment.

For more information about the program, call the Beaumont Health Center at (248) 655-5800.

FOREVER FIT!

Find a work out program that's right for you and stick with it

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

In the quest to be forever fit, I - and hopefully you - have found a healthy program to follow to lose weight. I am achieving success at losing weight with Weight Watchers and have lost almost 15 pounds since the beginning of the year. How are you doing?

Following a healthy, balanced diet isn't the only reason why I am losing weight. Exercise is moving me down the road to my goal. And no wonder. The combination of aerobic and resistance exercises and a lower-calorie food plan results in increased energy expenditure, increased fat burning, and decreased fat storage. This means you lose weight faster and better.

I exercise at least five days a week at a health club but, according to Christian Skoglund of Canton, you don't need a fitness club or expensive equipment to get fit. All you need, according to this motivated young man, is determination.

The 25-year-old full-time lifeguard has been involved in exercise for more than 10 years and has used tree limbs - strong ones - and playground equipment for chin-up and pull-up exercises over the years.

"When I really became serious about regular workouts, I put up a steel bar in one corner of the garage so I had a place to do my exercises," he said. "This was an inexpensive way to have what I needed. Money doesn't equal better fitness. There should be no excuse for not exercising."

Although he now has the use of fitness equipment - he works at the Livonia YMCA - he continues to do most of his exercises using only his body as resistance.

"Up until three months ago I was heavily involved in weight training and building lots of muscles. Now I'm into assuring fitness by working out three times a week doing basically a military workout, which is similar to basic training in the armed services. In addition to pull-ups and chin-ups, I do push-ups and crunches and I run." Sometimes Skoglund uses the Y's treadmills for his run, but he prefers to run outdoors.

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Also, we want to report on your weight-loss and exercise success. Send your story and picture to Renee Skoglund, Health and Fitness, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Contact her at (734) 953-2128; fax (734) 591-7279; e-mail rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

"When I was weight-training, I was interested more in how I looked. Now I exercise to keep in shape and to stay healthy." He spends no more than an hour on his workouts. "If you spend more than one hour, you're spending too much time."

Skoglund adds that while there are numerous exercise and fitness classes available at the Y, he likes to exercise alone. "Everyone has to find the best way and the exercises that get good results for them. You have to find what you like or you won't stay with exercise and be successful."

(For locations and information on the programs available at the YMCA, visit its Web site: www.ymca.net.)

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While Skoglund prefers to work out alone, many participants like the support and company of others while they exercise. That's why the health club where I exercise, Beverly Hills Club, offers more than 70 group classes each week.

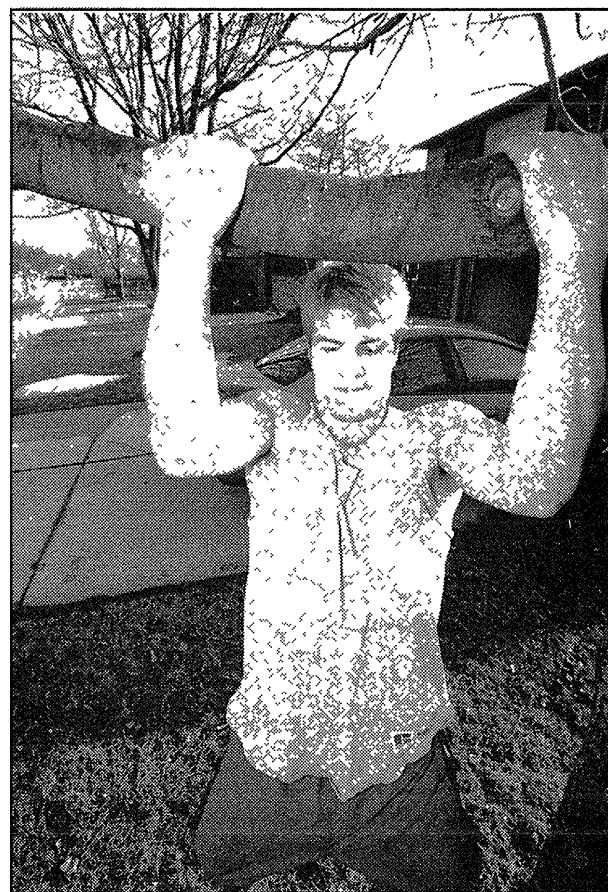
According to Diane Peurach, the club's

group exercise director, exercise has changed over the years (she's been a trainer at the club for 20 years).

"It used to be go hard; go fast. Now we know that successful exercise consists of slower, controlled movements in a full range of motion. No matter what the exercise, however, the desire to work out with others continues to be important to most participants.

"We have found that classes are popular because, according to our members, they provide motivation,

PLEASE SEE FITNESS, C7



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christian Skoglund does chin-ups on the limb of a maple tree next to his house. Skoglund says a good exercise routine can take place in the home as well as the gym.

Oakwood doctor pioneers use of new heart valve

Oakwood physician Dr. Bruce Washington is the first surgeon in Michigan to perform surgery using a new device that replaces a faulty or damaged heart valve.

With superior performance and dramatically fewer complications, the device, the Omnicarbon, is made of a new material that is highly compatible with the human body. That material has been found to be more "body friendly" than previous valves composed of titanium.

Tests have proven that design of the valve is most effective for long-term functioning. The success rate of the valve is remarkable; in 10 years of testing in Europe, there were no reported cases of mechanical failure. The combination of new material and design has created a

valve with significantly lower complication rates.

"The advantages of this valve may include lower stroke rates and fewer cases of hemorrhage," Washington said. "The valve has up to 70 percent fewer complications than any other mechanical heart valve. Using this new valve is an extremely cost-effective way to treat valve replacement. The new valve may also allow the patient to take less blood-thinning medication, which can result in lower risk of hemorrhage or stroke."

Mike Adawai of Westland was the first patient in Michigan to receive the valve. After experiencing serious shortness of breath and visiting his doctor, Adawai discovered he was suffering from a life-threatening leak in his mitral valve.

The valve had been damaged by untreated rheumatic fever he had contracted as a child. "My parents never treated me for strep, which was the cause for rheumatic fever," said Adawai. "My message to parents is to be certain that if your child has a sore throat and fever, they are seen by their doctor."

Once it was determined surgery was urgently needed, Adawai met with Washington, who informed him the new valve was available and the best device for treating valve disorders.

The day after surgery, Adawai said he could feel relief. "Whatever was wrong was fixed, totally fixed," he said. With the addition of this high-tech, new valve, Adawai has a new lease on life for years to come.

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Bruce Washington
Oakwood physician

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camaraderie, the perfect accompanying music and instructors who push them.”
 Peurach recommends that a good exercise program consists of a minimum of three days a week with 20 to 30 minutes for aerobic exercise and another 15 to 20 minutes devoted to resistance training. She, too, believes that you can stay fit with less than an hour devoted to each workout.
 There are a variety of choices for both of these type of exercises, including spinning and aqua aerobics (aerobics) and Pilates, a system of conditioning exercises and fit ball (resistance).
 “There are so many choices that everyone should be able to find something that they enjoy,” said the certified trainer. “You don’t have to kill yourself to get fit. You just have to move your body on a consistent basis and burn at least 1,000 calories a week by exercising. When you do this, you’ll have more energy and better health.”

WOMEN ONLY

Providing a way of acquiring more energy through exercise is one reason why Dorene Weisberg of West Bloomfield opened a fitness center in Southfield in January. Another reason she opened It Figures!

COMMIT TO GET FIT

- Make exercise a priority. Think of physical activity as an essential body upkeep like brushing your teeth, showering, or fixing your hair.
- Find the time. Look at your daily schedule. With some rearranging, you should be able to discover at least 30 minutes each day for exercise. If need be, cut down on nonessential telephone calls or just one half-hour television show.
- Select a specific time. Whether it’s in the morning or later in the day, choose the same time each day to exercise. This way exercise becomes a regular daily habit. (Experts say individuals who work out in the mornings are more apt to stick with their programs than those who leave it to later. Unplanned obstacles often eliminate “later.”)
- Don’t procrastinate. Get rid of excuses. There’s no reason not to do something good for yourself by making exercise one of your daily priorities. Set exercise goals - small ones at first - and then work to achieve them.

was to provide a place for “women only” to exercise.
 “Our facility is in a good location to serve not only local residents but women from Detroit, who have very few exercise facilities available to them, and women of the Orthodox Jewish community,” Weisberg said.
 “This latter group is very modest and would never join a club that allows men.” Many of her other members are also not comfortable in a co-ed club and enjoy the freedom of working out solely with other women,

she said.
 The club’s membership, which ranges from 13 to 64, includes a large group of teenage girls who attend Jewish schools. “Their schools don’t have gyms. We are providing them with a place for a quick workout that is helping them to get and stay fit.”
 The fitness program at this club is based on completion of a circuit of hydraulic-operated machines. Members exercise at each station for approximately 45 seconds and then, prompted

by an audio command, move to another station.
 “The program takes only 30 minutes, which should eliminate the excuse that there’s no time to exercise,” Weisberg said.
 (For more information on the It Figures! program, call 248-569-4668.)
 These are just a few of the exercise opportunities available to you. There are a multitude of other exercise options in the area. To find an exercise program that fits your needs, schedule and pocketbook, contact community education programs, private fitness facilities and clubs, and hospitals in your area.
 There is another good option for exercise, which doesn’t require much more than a good pair of shoes and a good weather day. Walking is one of the best and less-costly exercises, and walking outside and enjoying nature is also an uplifting experience. Walking is also a great way to lose a little weight for the upcoming shorts and bathing suit season. Many malls open early each day for people who prefer to walk indoors.

UPDATE: As part of my quest for fitness, I gave up my one-pack-a-day cigarette smoking habit. My 23-year-old son, Andy Prysby, also chose to kick the habit. We were hypnotized on Feb. 13 by Jim Hoke of Mind Design Inc. in Troy. We have been smoke-free ever since and are enjoying feeling and breathing better ... and we’re saving lots of money.

Exercise is right prescription for heart disease patients

Exercise is good for heart patients — even while they await heart transplantation — according to a new statement from the American Heart Association published in Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association.
 Heart failure is a bit of a misnomer. The heart does not completely fail, but rather its ability to pump blood to other organs is compromised. As a result, patients experience fatigue and can’t exercise without discomfort.
 “It seems counterintuitive, but walking, biking, swimming, dancing — all kinds of aerobic exercises — can help improve the patient’s sense of well-being,” said Ileana Pina, M.D., chair of the writing group from the American Heart Association Committee on Exercise, Rehabilitation, and Prevention that drafted the position statement.
 Heart failure is soaring along with America’s aging population. In the year 2000, almost five million people were living with heart failure.
 The writing group undertook a comprehensive review of medical literature on exercise in the heart failure patient. They conclude that it is safe, beneficial and improves patients’ quality of life. The position paper will guide health professionals to better understand the exercise limitations of heart failure patients and direct them to engage in physical activity.
 According to Pina, exercise can help heart failure patients in several ways:

- It improves the tone and lining of the blood vessels. “That’s important because the lining often does not behave properly in heart failure patients,” she says.
 - It drops levels of neurohormones such as adrenaline that are inappropriately elevated in people with heart failure and can contribute to symptoms. Often, a higher level of such neurohormones means a worse prognosis, Pina says.
- “Patients who exercise report

they can do more before getting symptoms and that they can better perform activities of daily living such as making the bed or getting a newspaper,” says Pina, a professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University and director of the heart failure and transplant program at the University Hospitals of Cleveland.
 Because previous studies do not agree on a universal exercise prescription for heart failure patients, an individualized approach is recommended.
 “The patient should start slowly and build up gradually,” says Pina. “We generally recommend 20 to 30 minutes of aerobic exercise three to five times a week.”
 The most debilitated patients may need a longer warm-up period. Usually a period of 10 to 15 minutes is recommended. A cardiac rehabilitation program can help establish a safe exercise routine she says.
 The most important thing, Pina says, “is never to sit back and do nothing. That’s what patients were told back in the 50s, 60s and 70s, and even now, some doctors tell their patients they should rest. But there is no showing that resting helps a person’s condition.”
 The American Heart Association statement, besides being a first step in getting heart failure patients back on track, also notes areas for future research, such as finding out how exercise impacts survival and if there is any subgroup of heart failure patients for whom exercise is dangerous.
 Pina says a landmark trial to investigate these concerns will begin enrolling patients in March. In the study, 3,000 patients with Stage II to Stage IV heart failure will be randomly assigned either to enter a formal exercise program at a cardiac center or to receive education, including the advice on the need to stay active, without a formal program. Stage IV is the worst type of heart failure, with patients often unable to cross a room without discomfort.

Oakwood offers optimal accuracy in knee replacement

Oakwood Heritage Hospital now offers the leading edge knee replacement technological innovation in metro Detroit. In fact, it’s the first one in the state of Michigan. It’s the Stryker Knee Navigation System — and Oakwood Heritage Hospital (OHH) is one of three hospitals in the nation to own one.
 “We’ve done a half-dozen procedures so far,” said Oakwood orthopedic surgeon Dr. Lawrence Morawa, who is pioneering the procedure at OHH. “This is a very precise and accurate tool that allows us the optimum placement of the new knee. It will revolutionize exist-

ing knee replacement surgery.”
 The Knee Navigation System, which arrived at OHH in October, is the most advanced system in joint replacement. Used prior to total knee replacement surgery, the Knee Navigation System allows surgeons to have a complete understanding of the conditions within the patient’s knee before any bone is cut. The device assists the surgeon in the placement of instruments, location and depth of bone cuts and placement of implant components before surgery.
 Using minimally invasive wireless “pointers” and “trackers” that incorporate infrared

emitters, the surgeon sends knee movement data back to the Knee Navigation System computer. These data points form graphics on a computer monitor in the operating room. The graphics provide the surgeon with real-time images and an accurate survey of key anatomical points, as well as areas of bone deficiency and soft-tissue. Armed with this critical information, the surgeon can accurately judge how to proceed with the knee replacement surgery.
 As the surgeon prepares to remove bone for placement of the knee implant, the Knee

Navigation System also provides data regarding placement of the cutting jig, which enables the doctor to make real time angular adjustments before the first cut. The Stryker Knee Navigation System also provides postoperative data once the implant is in place.
 Potential benefits of the Knee Navigation System include improved accuracy to within 1 percent, joint stability, fewer complications and shorter hospitalizations for OHH patients.
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Anorexia/bulimia

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

Weight control

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

Grief support

Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday. Next meeting is 1 p.m. March 25, and 6:30 p.m. both days. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

Breast feeding

The St. John Health System will hold an open house for the "Breast Feeding Assistance Program" 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Providence Park Medical Center/Novi, Suite C-206, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Call (248) 465-4256.

Quit smoking

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

Colorectal health

A colorectal health presentation will be offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital entitled "Colorectal Health" on March 29 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Registration and a light breakfast starts at 9 a.m. Presenting will be Khalil Nahra, MD, Colorectal Surgery, on topics that include risk factors, prevention strategies, screenings, diagnosis and treatment options of colorectal health. Call (734) 655-8800.

APRIL

Cosmetic surgery

Join Dr. Jennifer Kim, assistant professor of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, in a small group discussion of the risks and benefits of facial cosmetic surgery. The presentation takes place 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 3, at the U-M Center for Specialty Care, 19900 Haggerty Road, Room 103, Livonia. Limited to 12. Reservations required. Call (734) 432-7650 or (800) 493-3223.

Baby fair

Second annual Beaumont Baby Fair, with displays, information, prizes and mini-classes on comfort measures in labor, dad caring for baby, what to do if your child is choking and more. Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Beaumont Hospital, Admin. Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-3887.

Herbs & Supplements

St. Colette's Parish Health Ministry will present Marilyn Dean speaking on "Herbs, Supplements and Vitamins" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8. Learn how to read labels, ingredient safety, vitamins, antioxidants and herbs. St. Colette is located at 17600 Newburgh Road (across from laurel Park Place) between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

AD/HD

CHADD (Children and Adults with AD/HD) will hold its April meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road (between I-275 and Newburgh), Livonia. Dr. Art Robin, professor of psychiatry and neurosciences at Wayne State University and a specialist in adolescent and adult AD/HD, will be the guest speaker. Recorded information line: (313) 438-3099. Call Ken Smith, state director for CHADD, at (313) 438-3763.

Mini-med school

The U-M Medical School is enrolling students in its third annual Mini-Med School, 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday from April 8 to May 13, on the Medical School campus. The tuition is \$75 per person; complimentary parking provided. Program focuses on infectious disease and covers a range of subjects: the microbial world; immunization and vaccination; diagnostic laboratory procedures and the uses and abuses of antibiotics; opportunistic infections in immunocompromised patients and HIV/AIDS; respiratory and gastrointestinal infections; the evolution and ecology of infectious diseases; emerging infections; bioterrorism and biological warfare. Space is limited. Registration forms and payment must be post-marked no later than March 25. For a copy of the registration form, visit www.med.umich.edu/medschool/mini-med or call (800) 742-2300 and enter category 6540.

Thyroid

Michigan Thyroid Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Plymouth Library in downtown Plymouth. Dr. Nusbaum from The Center for Holistic Medicine will discuss

treatment of thyroid disease. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email mithyroid@yahoo.com. Visit Web site at http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid.

Toxins

Arbonne International will sponsor a "Women's Toxin Awareness Seminar" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Canton Summit in the Arts II Room. Learn how toxins in the environment can cause allergies, hormonal imbalance and sickness. Call Colleen Weaver at (734) 397-7789.

Health fair

Attend NorthRidge Church's first ever health fair! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. "Spring into Good Health" is for the whole family. We'll have booths set up throughout our Activity Center and Chapel for things like physical fitness, fire safety, child safety, heart disease and diabetes information. We'll have hearing evaluations and cholesterol testing and smoking cessation information. There will also be a massage table. Call (734) 414-7777 ext. 225.

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, will offer a six-week session of "Gente

Yoga for Beginners" 10-11 a.m. Monday beginning April 28. The fee is \$55. The class emphasizes stretches for strength, flexibility, relaxation and energy enhancement. Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia, anxiety and stress. Includes breathing and meditation exercises. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

ONGOING

Self-help groups

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

Bipolar

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

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a

"Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: Noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30

p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911.

Headaches

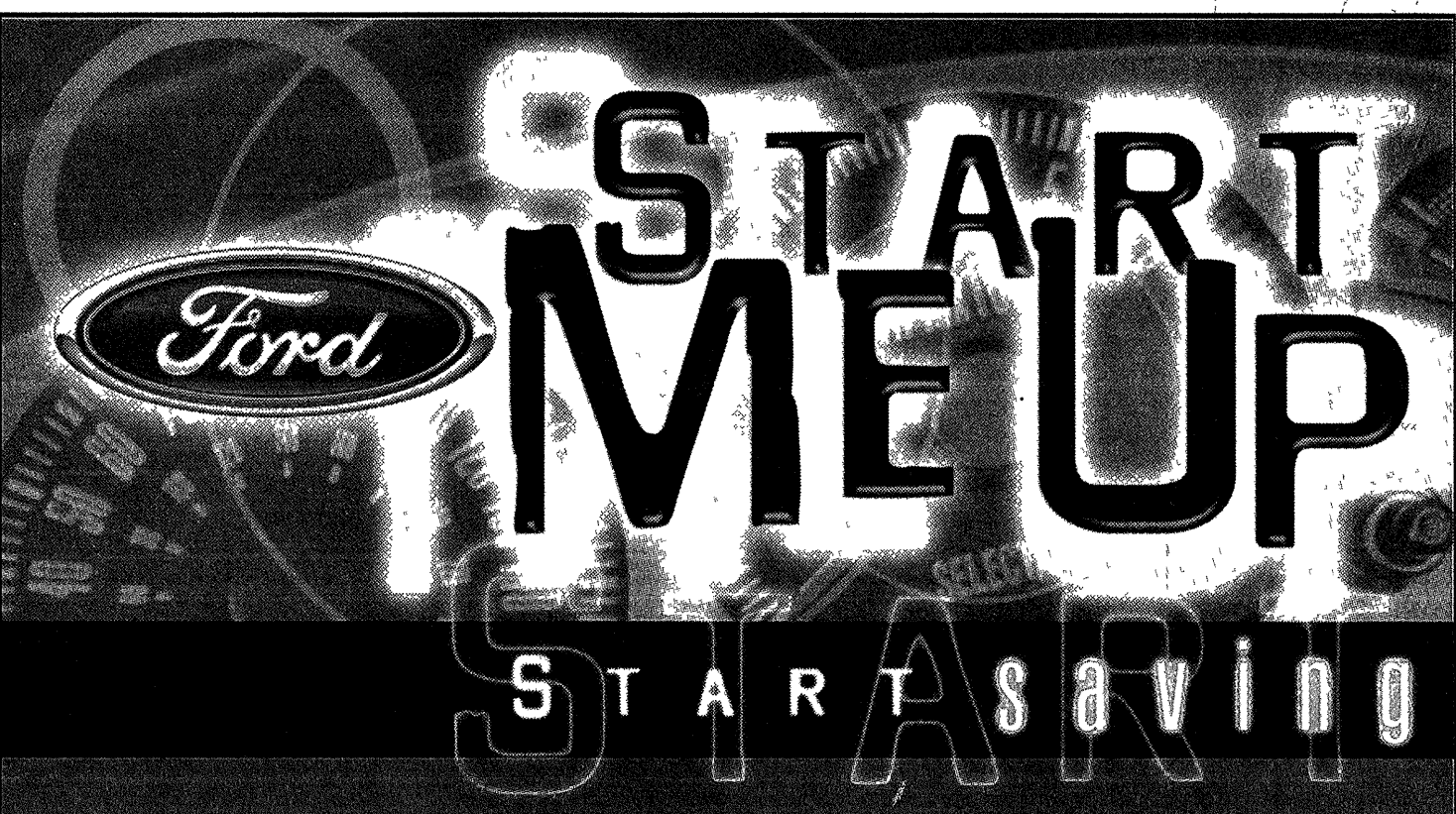
Suffer from constant headaches? Join the Headache Foundation Support Group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Providence Northwestern Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 258-1973. Family members invited.

Gambling

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

Cancer

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



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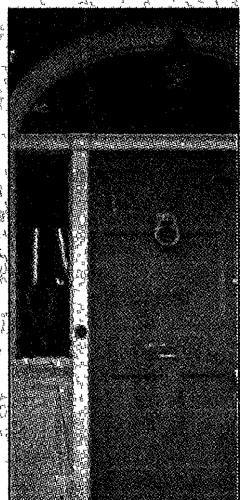
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Story-and-a-half and two-story homes are now available at Fieldstone Village.

Fieldstone rolls out new concept, floor plans

It didn't take the builder or sales manager at Fieldstone Village long to realize last summer that they had made a huge miscalculation limiting buyers to adults at least 55, as allowed by fair housing laws.

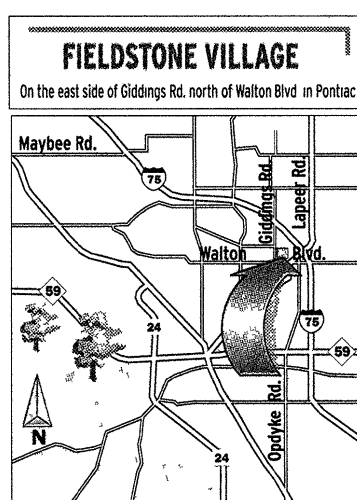
So, they added several floor plans to the four ranches already available, re-packaged some standard features and options and, most important, opened the community to buyers of all ages.

"We were turning away three for every one that was qualified to look," builder Jay F. Joliat said. "We finally decided it was time to change."

"We're so happy now that we found the right formula for everything," sales manager Dean Piekarski said. "We have everything now."

The community, 225 single-family detached condos, is off Giddings Road about a half mile north of Walton in Pontiac.

"We took the two smallest ranches, added an upstairs and



changed the first floor plan to make a larger master suite," Piekarski said.

The two new first-floor master plans, 1,965 and 2,160 square feet, each with three bedrooms and 2½ baths, carry base prices of \$211,900 and \$228,900, respectively.

Optional lofts and additional bedrooms are available.

The third new plan, a two story of 2,100 square feet with three or four beds and 2½ baths, starts at \$221,900.

The larger story-and-a-half, 2,446 square feet with four bedrooms and 3½ baths, will be built as a sales model.

The main floor will contain a great room, den, dining room and master suite with separate tub and shower. Three bedrooms, including a guest suite with its own bath, plus a second full bath, will go upstairs.

Base price is \$247,900, with construction expected to be completed in six months.

All of the new plans include at base price a two-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry, dishwasher, energy-efficient furnace and water heater, wood foyer, vinyl kitchen, nook and laundry and carpeting throughout the rest of the homes.

All of those features also are included at base price in the

four ranch plans. Those prices range from \$189,900 for 1,523 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths to \$233,900 for 2,028 square feet with two or three bedrooms and a pair of baths.

Prices have been substantially reduced from initial offerings. However, some features originally included at base - landscaping and kitchen ranges - no longer are.

A bonus sunroom of 156 square feet is available on all plans for \$15,600. Air conditioning (\$1,950) and fireplaces (\$3,300) also are upgrades.

Vinyl siding and brick are primary exterior materials.

"The location is prime, so close to everything - Great Lakes Crossing, The Palace at Auburn Hills, Oakland University and Meadow Brook, restaurants," Piekarski said. "We're close to the I-75 corridor."

"The beauty of the site is unusual," Joliat added. "Almost

every back yard has full woods in back."

A swim club, tennis court and basketball court are on the drawing board for subsequent phases.

Fieldstone Village is served by city water and sewers, sidewalks and is within the Pontiac school boundaries. Charter and private schools are nearby.

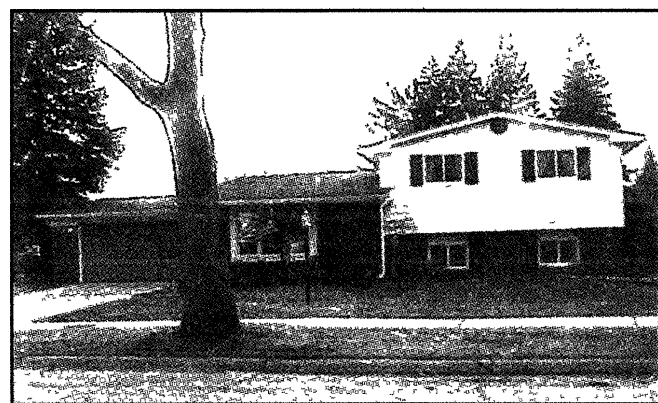
The property tax rate is \$38.60 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$222,000 home there would pay \$4,300 the first year.

Pontiac also has a 1-percent income tax rate for residents.

The monthly association fee, which includes grass cutting and snow removal, has been reduced to \$75, projected to rise when other recreational amenities are built onsite.

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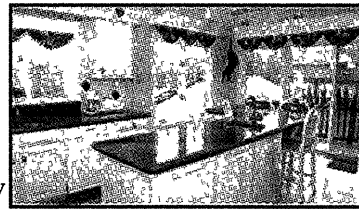


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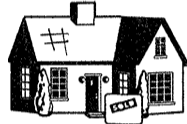


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One of the essential steps in selling a house is the showing. Many factors dictate how many showings a property will receive. Of course, location, price and condition have a major impact. It is also important to make the home available to potential buyers when they want to see it. If the owner is at home to arrange for the buyers to come through, there is no problem.

If the buyer is not available to schedule a showing, Realtors have developed a device called a "lock box". This is a strong metal box that hangs on the front door knob of the home for sale. When a Realtor wants to show the property while the owner is away, a combination on the lock box allows access to the box which contains the key to the front door. Here are some of the advantages to lock boxes:

MORE SHOWINGS Lock boxes help the seller permit access to the house when he or she is away. Those homeowners not using such devices could lose opportunities for buyers to see their property. This is especially true of transferees. They are usually in town for a matter of a few days and cannot wait to see a house only when the seller is available to show it. The transferee is the best prospect because he or she is motivated and financially able to buy quickly.

TIME SAVINGS Lock boxes enable buyers and their Realtor to see more homes in a given time period. Before the introduction of this concept, a Realtor and his or her customer would have to travel to the real estate office which had the property listed in order to obtain the key to the house. After the showing, a return trip was necessary to bring the key back to the office.

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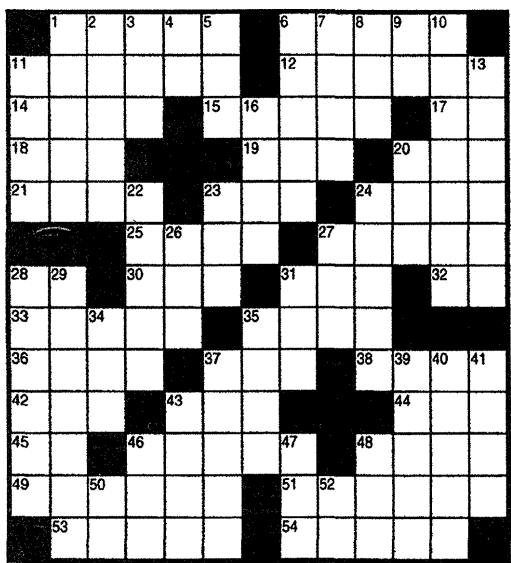
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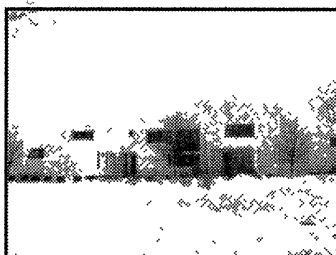
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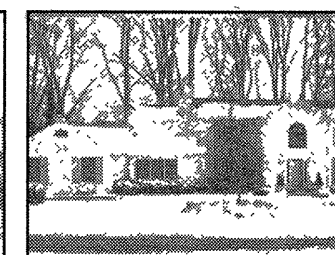
WEST BLOOMFIELD - New Construction. Custom 4 bedroom colonial on beautiful wooded lot w/private bath & WI closets, 2-story entry greets you & custom features keep you. 42' cabs, ceramic flooring & hardwoods. Still time to pick carpet colors. \$529,900 (76IND) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Regal Rural Ranch. Lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick ranch w/oversized 2 car attached garage, sitting on almost .5 acre, + basement, new roof in 2000, built by master carpenter, country kitchen w/dark oak cabinets & loads of counter space. \$274,900 (13EDG) 734-455-5600



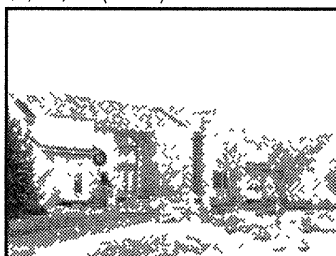
TROY - 1997 built four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on a cul-de-sac. Light oak island kitchen with doorwall off breakfast nook to large deck. Oak foyer with turned staircase. Master with cathedral ceilings, walk-in closet, oversized soaking tub and separate shower. \$399,900 (56RUB) 248-524-1600



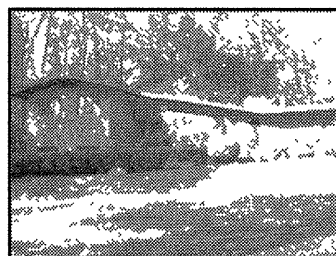
TROY - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath on large corner lot. 2 chefs kitchens, master bedroom with 2 whirlpools and steam shower, hardwood floors and custom wood shutters t/o, dining room w/fireplace and seating area for twenty. \$624,900 (28UPT) 248-652-8000



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OAKLAND TWSP - Sensational, custom estate on approx 10 acres of serene setting. 6 BR, 6 BA, gourmet kit, open flowing floor plan, staircase leading to 2nd level. Large fin w/o w/game rm, exercise room, BR and more. Gentle mans garage holds 16 cars, custom pool w/waterfall and 3 tier deck. \$1,650,000 (01BRE) 248-642-8100



FARMINGTON HILLS - Warm weather is on its way. Enjoy this spacious five bedroom, 2+2 bath custom home on an incredible approx .85 treed lot w/gardens, trees & pool. Offers a huge kitchen, great room w/frp/c & wet bar. Possible in-law suite & w/o basement. \$559,000 (46MIL) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Country Living In The City. 2 acres, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, deck, full basement, newer roof, hot water heater, ceramic baths. Splittable land. \$335,000 (60GRA) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautiful, professionally decorated four bedroom colonial with three baths, family room, dining room and master bedroom with bath and large walk-in closet. Newer carpeting and vinyl flooring. One year home warranty included. \$355,500 (74PAR) 248-524-1600



ORION - Here's A Bargain. Wow house, beautifully priced, way below cost to duplicate. Cul-de-sac lot, dream kitchen, 3.5 baths, finished daylight lower level. Too many upgrades to list. Quality workmanship and excellent location, only five minutes to I-75. \$499,900 (88WES) 248-652-8000



PRICED FOR QUICK SALE - Stunning contemporary 4 bedroom, 3 bath rebuilt '91, appraised in '99 at 500K. Park-like setting w/pond, private inground pool, great room w/Jacuzzi & 18' waterfall. Amenities in dream kitchen unmatched. Close to xways, schools & shopping. Hurry, won't last. \$389,900 (20HIG) 248-363-1200



BLOOMFIELD - Unbelievable tudor with authentic and quality appts t/o. Marble foyer, formal DR & LR, marble trimmed frp/c, library w/oak paneling & built-ins. Kit w/top of the line appls, island & pantry, FR w/fieldstone frp/c, skylights opens to lounge overlooking indoor pool setting. \$1,464,900 (95STO) 248-642-8100



MILFORD - 2002 New Construction. Custom 2-story home on walkout lower level on a 1+ acre cul-de-sac wooded lot. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with granite & maple/dual fireplace/stylish master suite w/large Jacuzzi tub. Many upgrades. \$529,950 (83RAV) 248-349-5600



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OAKLAND - Designer Home. Spectacular 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Full daylight basement, 3 car garage, 9' ceilings, large kitchen w/built-ins, butlers pantry, family room fireplace, library, 1st floor laundry. Community pool, tennis and ball fields. \$414,900 (39WIN) 248-652-8000



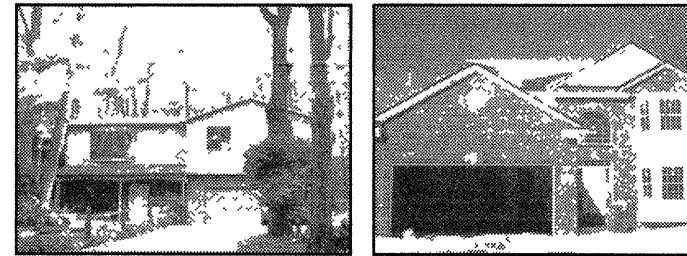
BLOOMFIELD - A great 4 BR colonial. This home must be seen to be appreciated from the astounding curb appeal to the fine details on the inside. Featuring 2 master bedrooms for your pleasure, 1 up & 1 on entry level. The kit is spacious & the laundry is conveniently placed on the FF. \$499,000 (19DEL) 248-626-8800



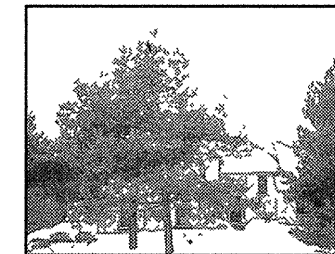
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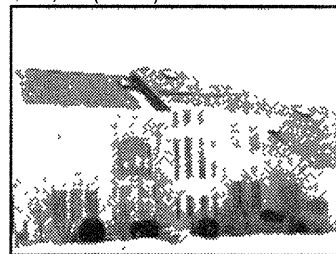
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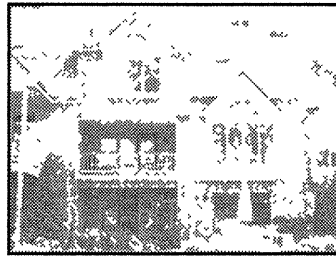
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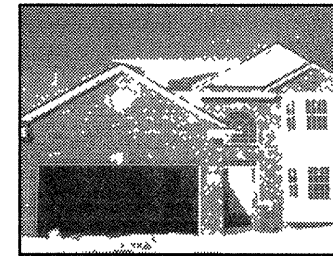
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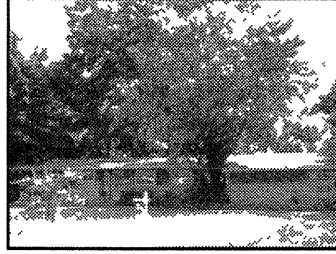
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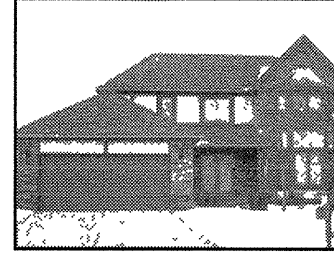
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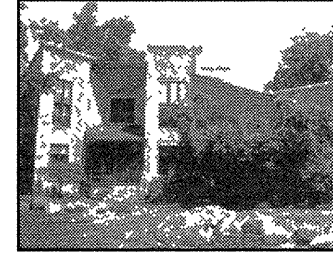
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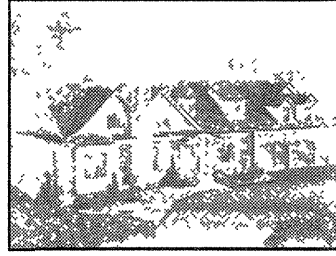
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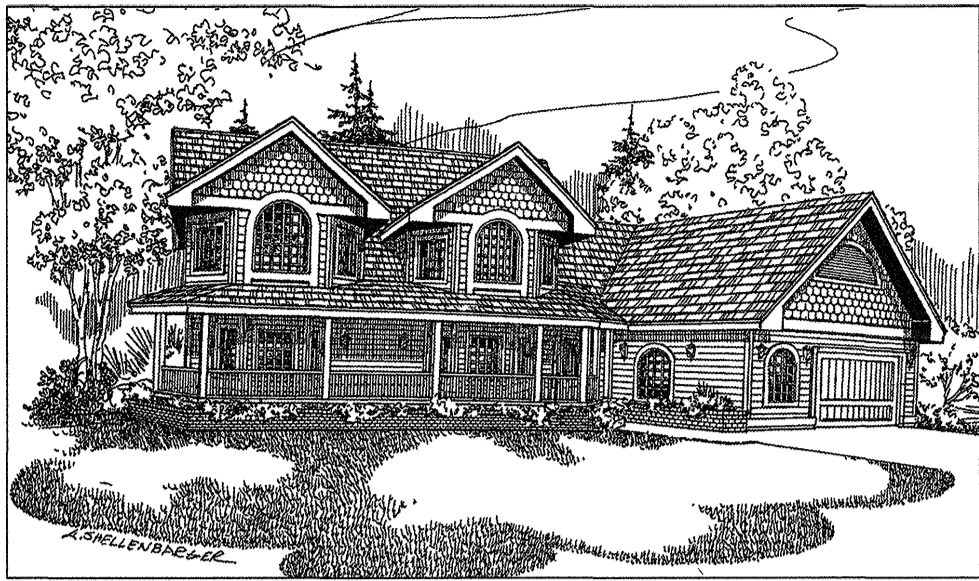
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Log beams separate several rooms in main living area

The facade of the Gardenia (409-41) combines a Tudor look with an old-styled ranch house.

It has a wraparound porch with twin dormers overhead. Shakes have been used to accent the face, as well as arched windows on both the dormers and the two-car garage.

This two-story house has 2,946 square feet of living space as well as an attic with 346 square feet. The angled garage has 878 square feet with a workbench across the back and stairs to the attic on the side.

A brick planter wraps around the covered concrete porch and is adjacent to the garage.

The entry is two French doors opening into the vaulted great room. A gas fireplace is in the front with an entertainment center adjacent to the stairs.

A large log beam separates the living room from the dining room as well as one between the dining room and the kitchen. These add a rustic look to the various areas.

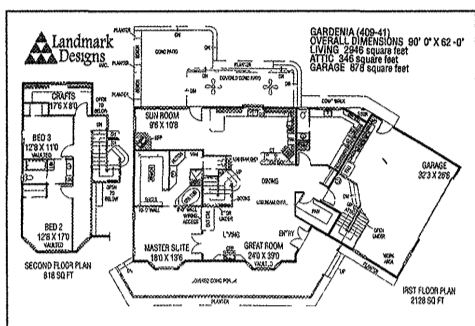
The dining room opens into a large utility room with an extra refrigerator, drying rod, a sink and a long folding area. It also has a half bath.

The kitchen with eating bar is long and open. The cooktop, microwave oven, small pantry, refrigerator, Lazy Susan, dishwasher, and sink run around the wall in C shape.

To the left of the kitchen is a large sun-room with another gas fireplace and numerous windows.

Through a door at the end of the kitchen counters is a large covered concrete patio with ceiling fans, ideal for those evening meals in the summer or the winter. There's also a planter across the face of this area. A patio beyond has built-in seats and planters.

French doors off the great room lead into the master suite. There is a bay window in the front and two windows on the left. An access to the entertainment center is on



the right wall.

The walk-in closet is adjacent to the master bath with a vanity, corner hutch, sink, shower, spa tub, and a private stall.

Upstairs are the other two bedrooms along with a craft room at the end of the hall. Both bedrooms are vaulted. One bedroom has a walk-in closet while the other has a wall closet.

They can access a full bath with two linen closets through pocket doors off each bedroom.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plans, elevation, sections and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Specify plan name (Gardenia) and number (409-41). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95, or save by ordering both \$29.95. For faster processing, call (800) 562-1151 or visit the Web at www.landmarkdesigns.com

Large lot requirements spawn urban sprawl

(AP) - More than half of the land surrounding Washington, D.C., is now protected from traditional urban housing development. But the result has been an accelerated consumption of woods and fields in an ever increasing sprawl.

A review by The Washington Post of land plans in 14 counties in Maryland and Virginia show the Washington area's anti-sprawl measures are pushing developers outward in their search for home sites.

The war on sprawl has had a profound impact on the metropolitan landscape, the newspaper's survey showed.

Restrictions in rural areas limit home builders to no more than one house for every three acres, with several counties curbing development even more.

Limiting construction to one house per three acres, or five or even 25, doesn't necessarily stop development. It just spreads it out, creating enclaves of estates in rural preserves.

Half of the new houses built in St. Mary's County during the 1990s, for example, sit on "rural" lots averaging about six acres, just one of which could have accommodated 30 homes under typical suburban zoning.

In Montgomery County's "agricultural reserve," where rules generally permit one home per 25

acres, more than 700 houses are approved for development.

Another result of the anti-sprawl measures is that even when restrictions are severe enough to halt residential development in one place, Washington's growing population continues to demand new houses, so builders usually go farther out.

New rules in western Loudoun County, Va., for example, have helped push builders into West Virginia. Developers in Montgomery have moved outward to Frederick and Washington counties in Maryland.

The movement to protect land extends outward.

Montgomery has saved 140 square miles, nearly a third of its total area, in its agricultural reserve. Prince George's County has about 170 square miles saved in its "rural tier."

In the 1990s, all of the homes built in counties entirely outside the Capital Beltway could have been accommodated on about a third of the land in Montgomery County's 90,000-acre reserve.

Scientists blame sprawl for some of the region's most persistent problems, including traffic jams, smog days and the decline of the Chesapeake Bay.

"Carving up land into three-acre lots, five-acre lots, even 10-acre lots - these are homes that consume an

awful lot of land," said Lee Epstein of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a leading anti-sprawl group. "They may be prettier, but they aren't saving forests and farmland, they're fragmenting it."

So far, the limits haven't achieved their ultimate goals. They haven't stopped the loss of farmland, they haven't stopped sprawl and, according to real estate studies, they've helped push real estate prices out of the reach of many.

The majority of the land protection plans are supposed to promote farming, but agriculture in the region has continued its steady decline.

Montgomery's agricultural reserve is as a good example, because it was established more than 20 years ago and boasts some of the strictest development limits.

Yet in each of the last four Census of Agriculture reports, the amount of county land in farms has dropped - from 106,000 acres in 1982 to 77,000 acres in 1997, the most recent of the federal surveys.

"These are pastoral landscapes that have more of an emotional than a practical meaning," said Marya Morris, a senior researcher at the American Planning Association. "But if you can't make money farming them, people have a right to ask 'What's the point?'"

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(NAPSI)- Right up there with baseball, barbecues and fireworks on the 4th of July, building decks is a way of life once summer rolls around.

There are an estimated 30 million residential decks in the U.S. and according to the Forest Products Journal, more than 6.5 million decks are constructed on residential structures each year. The average life expectancy of a deck in the U.S. from initial installation is around 11 years - after that, people upgrade, expand, repair or replace the deck entirely.

The deck-building phenomenon is being recognized this year by Skil Power Tools with its first-ever National Build Your Own Deck Week, which runs May 3-10. As part of this national celebration, the company is on a nationwide search for the five best Do-It-Yourself decks.

"People say the kitchen is the heart of the home-well, a deck is the heart of the backyard," said Bob Pjevach, vice president of marketing for Skil. "This contest is a great opportunity for DIYers to show the nation their prized project, as well as assume some backyard bragging rights."

To enter your deck in the contest, visit www.skil.com. To be eligible, contestants must upload one or two deck photographs, along with an essay describing your deck-building experience. Building needs to be completed between now and July 4. Prizes include a complete line of Skil tools, as well as accessories for your new deck.

Here are some tips for achieving successful deck building results:

Survey the deck site prior to building and take an inventory of outdoor furniture, grills and other recreational equipment that might be placed on the deck.

Transform your ideas into reality by sketching a design and diagramming specific elements.

Understand the products and materials you will need to complete your deck.

Resources-Make sure you have all the tools and people to help get the job done right. Skil suggests the following tools to get started: Skilsaw, scrolling jigsaw, hammer drill, belt sander, and cordless screwdriver.

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Sport Trac: A great truck from Ford

Advertising Feature

CAReport



Anne Fracassa

BY ANNE FRACASSA
AVANTI NEWS FEATURES

Dear Anne:

I read with interest your reports each issue of the Observer & Eccentric. You have a good grasp of what people are interested in in a vehicle and after reading the report I feel that I know the car almost as well as if I drove it myself.

However, quite often your enthusiasm comes across as endorsement. This concerns me because my perception is that you often test foreign (especially small Japanese) nameplates and leave the domestics and their far flung divisions out of the picture.

Many of your readers in the Detroit area work on those cars and trucks and would like to see your good words about their products. We also cannot make ours better unless we know what it is people like yourself don't like, and believe me, we listen.

I would hope that your road tests would roughly match with nationwide sales percentages so that you drive the top 10 cars and trucks each year, along with significant new cars. Maybe I am biased (OK, I know I am) but I know a lot about Subaru from reading your reports, but not much about Mercury or Buick, or even Jaguar.

You should try out an X-Type Jaguar (and I apologize if you did and I missed it) since you cannot match the luxury and performance with all wheel drive at that price. And you get to have the leaping kitty on the front. Purrr-fect. I think it would temper your enthusiasm for Subaru and Suzuki to see what real leather feels like.

Keep up the good work, I will keep reading.

Edwin Moses

Keep e-mailing us your letters. We listen when you write us. We'll try real hard to get some Fords, Jaguars and Mercurys for future reviews. Until then, here's a Ford truck road test...

The only thing I didn't like on Ford's new Explorer Sport Trac sport utility vehicle was the available lockable hard tonneau cover. It was hard to open and harder to put stuff in the rear bed.

Back there, you'll find a 51-inch (or 29.6 cubic feet of



2003 Ford Explorer Sport Trac has versatility.

cargo space) pickup box that you can outfit with a swing-over tubular bed extender that considerably extends the bed even farther. The tubular frame locks in place and is very lightweight. Even from outside the truck, it's easy to put in place.

OK. Enough about the pickup box. Let's get into some of the meat and potatoes of what makes the Explorer Sport Trac a very special truck. Inside, it's really not very different from the Explorer, which is still the best-selling SUV.

Interior appointments are very, very nice. Seating is comfortable. The Sport Trac I drove had leather seats that were very soft and comfy. There are two buckets up front and room for three with a rear 60/40 split bench seat. In the back seat are head restraints on the outboard seating positions.

The leather seats up front also feature manual lumbar adjustments and 4-way head restraints for both positions. You can also choose from cloth bucket seats that have a 6-way adjustable recline feature for the driver.

The interior is very nicely laid out for the driver. The only disturbing feature was the center stack that houses the heating/venting/cooling and AM/FM/CD/cassette stereo. You actually have to take your eyes fully off the road to operate the controls. I didn't like that at all. I guess after some time, you'll probably get used to it -- just like typing or something. But I didn't like the placement of both those components.

Everything else is smartly placed and geared totally to the driver's experience. Stalks are within fingertip reach and instrumentation is easy to understand.

The optional overhead console features map lights, a compass, outside temperature and a garage door storage bin. The center storage console is geared toward the rear passengers by allowing them rear heater/air conditioning controls, headphone jacks and audio controls.

The Sport Trac features four full-size doors that allow

passengers in and out very effectively. The interior is very roomy. Large people can fit back there comfortably.

Powered by a 4.0-liter single overhead cam V6, the standard Sport Trac comes with a 5-speed manual transmission that outputs 210 horses. Opt for the 5-speed automatic overdrive transmission for ease of operation. You'll be able to tow a maximum of 5,300 pounds with Sport Trac.

Driving around town and traveling to the upper reaches of Michigan's lower peninsula was a joy. Handling was superb. Ride quality is really wonderful. Sport Trac also features shift-on-the-fly 4-wheel drive system that would be a joy to have off-roading or having fun in the snow. The 4-wheel-drive system is available in both configurations of the Sport Trac, either with the 5-speed manual or 5-speed automatic.

Fuel capacity has been changed to add a little more than 2 more gallons this year, increasing it to 22.4 gallons. That gets you nearly to the top of the mitten from Detroit. Fuel economy ranges from 15 to 21 mpg, depending on transmission and whether you outfit it with 4-wheel-drive or not.

As for the looks of the Explorer Sport Trac, it's beautifully executed in every way. The Explorer series has always had handsome looks -- that's why it sells so well.

I would seriously take a look at Sport Trac as an alternative vehicle that's perfect for a family who needs the versatility of a pick-up truck.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

Ford Explorer Sport Trac
Vehicle class: Sport Utility Vehicle.
Power: 4.0-liter single overhead cam V6 engine.
Mileage: 15 city / 19 highway.
Where built: Louisville.
Price as tested: \$31,400.

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\$200**	\$156**		Ranger's Available

2003 EXPLORER XLS

4 dr, 2WD, aspen gm cc, md pchmnt clth opt chrs, fr mats, CK opt, ar, XLS sport grp, prvty glss, prm cass CD radio, cst alm whls, 4.0L SOHC V6 fx fuel eng, 5-spd auto O/D trns, P235/70R16 AS OWL trns, 3.55 ft reg axle [Stock #31822] WAS \$28,000

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2003 FOCUS ZX3

CD silver cc mtic, med grphite clth, intgrd fog lamps, tilt, spd cntrl, split rr seat, air, 1-disc w/MP3/clock, 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC 16v Zetec eng, auto trans, P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stock #31137] WAS \$15,505

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SE value package, air, 5-spk painted alum wheels, spd cntrl, remote keyless entry, dual pwr mirror/perim light, AM/FM stereo cass, 3.0L 2v 6-cyl flex fuel engine, auto overdrive transmission [Stock #33044] WAS \$21,095

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Dk shdw gray cc mtic, md drk flnt prm cloth buck, 4-whl ABS, crv grp, pwr sd wndws, rm klys entry, fg lmps, 3.0L Dtc V6 eng, 4-spd auto O/D trns, P235/70R16 BSW, job #2 order, blk stp brs [Stock #33056] WAS \$23,350

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Blk cc, flnt gry capt chr clth, 3.73 ft m slp axle, rmg brds, aux heater/air, prm stereo in-dsh 6 CD/cass w/clk, fog lamps, 3rd row seat, 4.6L EFI V8, 4-spd auto trans, P265/70R-17 OWL all-sen [Stock #32346] WAS \$34,675

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	\$1500	\$1926
EXPLORER	0 Down	\$486
	\$1500	\$2031
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