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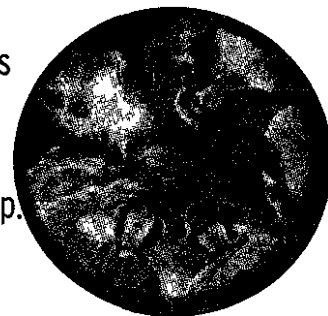
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Costs may bury underpass project

Commissioners waver on views

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears there could be a showdown later this month between the City of Plymouth and Wayne County over the future of the Sheldon Road grade separation project

City commissioners are disturbed they've been unable to get answers from county officials concerning proposed cost increases for the project, and have balked at paying a 43-percent hike in costs

In fact, commissioners, in a 4-3 consensus vote Monday night, agreed to

continue with the underpass project only if the cost remains at \$503,250, which the commission approved in November 1999. Voting to support the project at that expenditure were commissioners Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Colleen Pobur and Phil Pursell.

All seven commissioners have indicated they are not interested in spending a revised figure of \$719,783 as the city's share of construction.

"In the beginning, it was a great project and made a lot of sense for public health, safety and welfare," said Pobur. "Costs were in line for what made sense for us, and what made sense for the (Plymouth) township."

"Our money would be better spent on dealing with our own city infrastructure issues," she added. "We should just cut bait on this project and move on."

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A6

Praying

Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

The Plymouth Salvation Army serves the Plymouth Canton, Northville and Belleville communities. It is at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Road.

Call (734) 453-5464 to schedule a time to give blood. Walk-ins are welcome.

Park production

Nathan Gardner as Sky Masterson and Brie Overmars as Sarah Brown.



Join the Park Players from Plymouth Canton Community Schools as they present Guys & Dolls, A Musical Fable of Broadway, tonight through Sunday at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts at Salem High School.

Performances are at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The production is based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. For ticket information call (734) 416-7723.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Jaycees will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at the Plymouth Township Park softball field 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

The park is on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha Road. Eligible age groups will be 2 and younger, 3-5, 6-8 and 9 and older. The Jaycees will have raffles for scooters and all sorts of prizes. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for a fee.

In case of inclement weather, call the Jaycee hotline (734) 453-8407 the morning of the event.

Garage sales

City officials announced they'd be assisting in organizing a neighborhood garage sale in the Old Village area.

The sale takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

This is the second year we'll be doing the event, said neighborhood services coordinator Scott Cabauatan.

This year, we've planned it so that if something doesn't sell, it can be placed out for spring clean-up collection the following Saturday.

No registration is required and the sale is open to any one in Old Village. Cabauatan reminded residents garage sale signs are prohibited in city rights-of-way and utility poles. Residents posting signs can put them up on their lawns or their side of the sidewalk, he said.

Questions should be directed to Cabauatan via e-mail at scabauatan@ci.plymouth.mi.us or by phone at (734) 453-7737 Ext. 108.

Weather deals yet another cold blast

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Standing in the freezing drizzle outside the U.S. Post Office on Penniman Street in downtown Plymouth Monday afternoon, Jenny Stempion of Plymouth Township remarked, "I thought we were ready for spring. I didn't want any more snow."

Mother Nature played a late April Fool's joke, dumping several inches of snow on those anxiously awaiting warmer temperatures to mark the arrival of spring.

It's typical Michigan, just wait a couple of days and the weather will change," said Bill Faunce of Plymouth. "I don't like it, but you put up with it when you live in Michigan. You can't do anything about it."

While many were lulled into anticipation of warmer weather with green grass, there are those who make a living adjusting to the weather who know better than to expect Mother Nature to cooperate, just because the calendar says spring.

"We don't put our snow removal equipment away until about the 18th of April," said Scott Baker,



A snowman, wearing sunglasses and a tutu, holding a beach towel and sign that reads, 'Think Spring!' stands on the front lawn of a home on Ann Arbor Trail Tuesday. Residents Vittoria, Rylie and Guy Miller, and their friends Luke Johnson and Melanie Sandburg, created the 7-foot abominable creature.

PLEASE SEE WEATHER, A6

City extends outdoor dining

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners acquiesced to downtown businessmen by voting Monday night to expand the hours for outdoor cafes, run by restaurant and bar owners.

Commissioners last month voted for a 10 p.m. curfew for outside liquor sales. However, downtown restaurant and bar owners convinced commissioners that summertime crowds keep their establishments busy into the late hours of the night, especially when activities in Kellogg Park end at 10 p.m.

"It doesn't get dark until 9:30 on most evenings, and a lot of people eat late dinners," said Frank Yaquinto, owner of Compari's On The Park on Main Street, which

PLEASE SEE DINING, A5

Plymouth Township site among those being used for ash tree chipper

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

State agricultural officials have set up four area sites where local communities, businesses and homeowners can drop off ash trees infested by the Emerald Ash Borer.

The tiny exotic pest from Asia has devastated ash trees within a six-county area in southeast Michigan. Many cities have been busy cutting down dead and dying trees. However, to effectively kill the larvae inside the tree, the wood must be either burned or chipped.

Since most communities don't have access to chippers that can handle large logs, Michigan

Department of Agriculture officials have been looking for potential drop-off sites where communities can take advantage of the state's equipment.

Last week, state officials announced they have set up initial sites in Plymouth Township, Pontiac, Macomb Township and Westland.

The Plymouth Township location is on Eckles, and the owner, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, will use the property as a staging area for the disposal of ash trees.

Asplundh officials weren't available for comment, but Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann said the township has been work-

ing with Asplundh, and is glad to have the site.

"This is a crisis, and we're happy to have them," Mann said.

According to Kendra Anderson, the state's director of operations for the emerald ash borer project, the four sites will only accept ash timber.

"We'll take chips, limbs, logs. Essentially any shape or size of ash tree. This isn't to get rid of the pallets grandpa has stored away behind the barn," she said.

The state currently has one chipper moving around to the four sites. The four communities

PLEASE SEE CHIPPER, A6



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Demonstration

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll demonstrates defensive baton techniques on Officer Scott Cabauatan in a protective suit during the Citizens Academy meeting last week at the police station. The program is designed to teach participants about the workings of local government.

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Police academy students learn lesson about year-old traffic law

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

People can learn something new every day. Some of the participants in the Plymouth Township Police Department's second Citizens Academy thought they knew most of the traffic laws. But in one recent session, some of them found out something new: the state's Michigan Emergency Vehicle Caution Law has been in effect for more than a year now. The law essentially says that, on a road with two or more

adjacent lanes in the same direction, drivers are required to move into a lane not adjacent to one occupied by an emergency vehicle. If there aren't two lanes, or if weather or other conditions prohibit moving over, drivers must reduce and maintain a safe speed. Violations could result in such penalties as a fine of not more than \$500 and/or 90 days in jail. Violation causing injury could double the fine and earn two years in jail. Violation causing death could result in a

fine of \$7,500 and 15 years in prison. "I knew that was what people wanted, but I didn't know it was a law," said academy student Roy Hart, a Plymouth Township resident. "I think several of my classmates were surprised to find out it was actually a law." According to a state police report, the first year of the law, which went into effect March 28, 2001, resulted in 859 convictions. bkadrch@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459 2700

AROUND TOWN

WINE TASTING

Plymouth Marketplace sponsors a wine-tasting extravaganza from 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at the VFW Hall, Post 6695 on Mill Street. Tasters get a chance to sample more than 80 different wines and beers, along with hors d'oeuvres and delights prepared by the Plymouth Marketplace Deli. Advance tickets are \$25 per person, and tickets will be \$30 at the door. Proceeds from the event will benefit CYO sport programs. For reservations and tickets, call (734) 453-2535.

TWO-DAY SALE

Shoppers get more than just a sale during Plymouth's annual two-day sale Friday and Saturday. In addition to finding bargains at the many participating stores, the event, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, will feature free horse-and-carriage rides from noon-4 p.m., a family buffet breakfast at the Masonic Temple from 9 a.m.-noon, and a visit with Mrs. Michigan from noon-3 p.m. Pictures will be available with the Easter Bunny, at the Bunny House in Kellogg Park, will be available from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Plymouth Township residents get their first chance of the year to dispose of household hazardous waste when the township hosts Household Hazardous Waste Day May 17 at Compuware Arena. The drop-off day, which is also open to residents of the City of Plymouth, takes place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The move to Compuware means residents will spend less time waiting in line. A driver's license showing proof of residency is required. A second day, Sept. 6, has also been scheduled. Acceptable items include adhesives, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, drain openers, driveway sealer, fluorescent light tubes, gasoline, hobby chemicals, lab chemicals, lawn and garden products, medications, mercury, paint and stain products, pesticides, polishes, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, reactives, resins, solvents, wood preservatives and items labeled acid, flammable, caustic, poison, caution, toxic, danger or warning. Items not accepted include smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCB-containing materials, explosives including ammunition and fireworks, and medical waste. For more information, call the township's solid waste department, (734) 453-8181, Ext. 33.

SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Symphony holds spring open auditions for concert musicians for the 58th concert season from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at EVOLA Music in Canton. Posted positions for per-service wage include concertmaster, oboe, principal and assistant principal viola, principal trumpet, clarinet, resident pianist and string section players. Substitute musicians are needed for all instruments and other openings may be posted as necessary. Audition selections will be taken from standard orchestra repertoire. Non-standard selections will be supplied. Auditions are by appointment only. Full orchestra rehearsals for the season begin in late September. For more information or to discuss an appointment, call personnel manager Faith Kurtz, (734) 968-9909 or (734) 451-2112, or by e-mail at violmfath@juno.com.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

The Spotlight Players, formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-26, May 2-3 and May 9-10 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4 at 6 p.m. The production will be staged at the Watertown Theater, located on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile in Northville. Tickets are \$14 for adults 19 and older, \$10 for 18 and younger. They can be purchased in advance at the Pennman Deh in Plymouth, at Gardenviews on Main in Northville, at Evola Music on Haggerty in Canton, and at White Owl in Garden City. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.

HOSPICE GOLF OUTING

There are still spots available for golfers who would like to play in Angela Hospice's 15th-annual golf outing May 12 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Golfers may register in foursomes or as individuals for \$200 per person. Golfer packages include free range balls, 18 holes of golf with cart in a scramble format, barbecue lunch before golf, a dinner reception with open bar, and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. Hole sponsorships are available for \$150. For more information on the event, call Alce Barringer at Angela Hospice, (734) 953-6018.

LINEBACKERS CLUB MEETS

The next monthly meeting of the Salem Football Linebackers Club is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in Room 2703 at Salem High School. All parents of current and future Salem football players are invited to attend. For more information, call Mike Scherbaty at (734) 981-7135.



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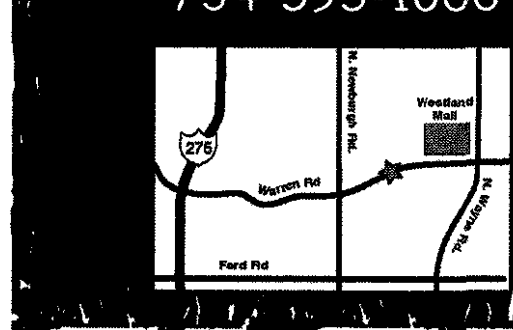
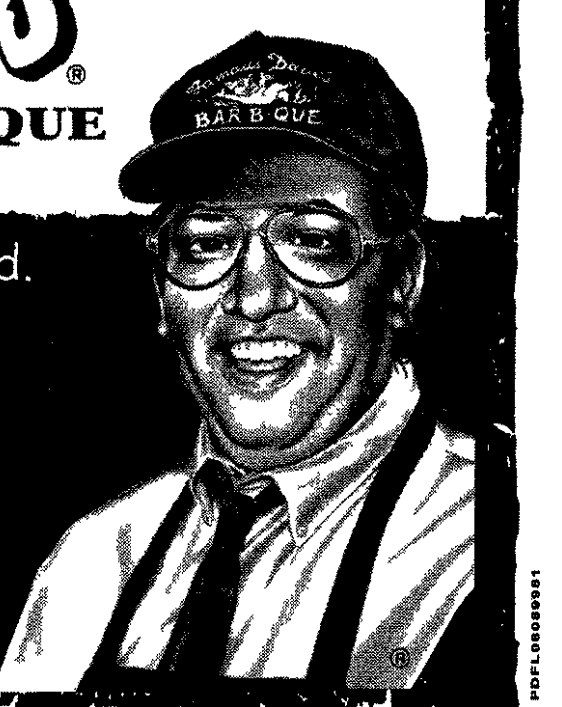
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City taps businesses to help develop liquor law

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Despite the growth in the number of eating and drinking establishments in Plymouth, city commissioners constantly reminded everyone they don't want the City of Homes to become another Royal Oak, referring to the Oakland County community known for its nightlife.

And, to curb that potential, city commissioners on Monday were all set to pass a new liquor license ordinance that was borrowed from Royal Oak. Just substitute the word Plymouth, where appropriate.

However, bar and restaurant owners crowded the commission chambers, telling city commissioners they also don't want to become Royal Oak, criticizing the proposed ordinance as too vague and subjective, and potentially grievous to their establishments.

"Plymouth's liquor management ordinance should be tailored to meet the vastly different and specific needs of Plymouth," said Randy Lorenz, who operates the Mayflower Meeting House Grand Ballroom.

"We (business owners) have made an investment in the community, have been here for years and years, and to potentially have their livelihoods subjected arbitrarily because someone has an opinion they can lose their license. It's big brother and it needs to be reworked."

Along with Lorenz, owners from Station 885, Sean O'Callaghan's, Compari's on the Park, 336 Main, Cafe Bon Homme and E G Nicks eventually persuaded the commission to hold off passage of the ordinance, and work with three owners to establish a liquor license ordinance that is "less theoretical and more substantive," as put by Greg Goodman, owner of Cafe Bon Homme.

"I can't support this proposal because it drifts into gray areas that involve a fair amount of interpretation," Goodman said. "Large investments are always directed toward the most favorable environments, and this proposal undermines investor stability."

A three-member commission subcommittee — Dan Dwyer, Ron Loiselle and Phil Pursell

'Great haste has been employed to speed passage without the input from most, if not all, the people most affected.'

Randy Lorenz
business owner

— appointed by Mayor Bill Graham last year, designed the liquor management ordinance to establish a policy for the issuance and transfer of liquor licenses and permits.

"We don't have a formal structure that governs this whole issue of licenses and quality of establishments," said Graham. "It became an issue of trying to protect the quality and nature of businesses we have in this community."

However, liquor license holders became concerned when annual review factors included what they considered subjective issues, such as "overall benefit to the City of Plymouth" and "any other factors that may affect the health, safety and welfare or best interests of the community."

"Great haste has been employed to speed passage without the input from most, if not all, the people most affected," said Lorenz. "Many of the restaurateurs in the City of Plymouth have years of professional training and practical experience creating policies and procedures to insure public safety."

The commission eventually agreed to accept the challenge of Tony Belli from E G Nicks, and selected Belli, Goodman and Frank Yaquinto of Compari's to work with the subcommittee in developing a new ordinance.

"I think you can meet in the middle on this thing and draft an ordinance," said Belli. "You can be satisfied that you're taking good care of the community you care so much about. And, I think everybody cares about it. That's the uniqueness about Plymouth."

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Authors chronicle history of auto giant

Plymouth writer tells of Henry Ford

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Henry Ford put the world on wheels. He also built cars out of soybeans, created his own lumber town in Canada and produced a "Flying Flivver" airplane.

Historians will long debate the quality of his character, given his open anti-Semitism. But few would dispute his impact on the world of industry and the world itself.

Just how wide-ranging that impact has been chronicled in the new book, *Ford Dynasty: A Photographic History*, (Arcadia Publishing, \$19.99) by Michael W.R. Davis and James K. Wagner.

Davis, who has been a Birmingham resident off-and-on for years, and Wagner, of Plymouth, both are veterans of Ford Motor Co. Davis worked in public relations for Ford for 25 years. In addition to working for Ford, Wagner also authored a popular book on Ford trucks.

As Ford marks its 100th anniversary this year, the emphasis on Ford the man and the industry will be more prominent than ever.

"This is not just a book about cars," said Wagner. "It's a slide presentation in print, added Davis."

There was a genuine collaboration with Wagner and Davis splitting up the 10 chapters, each doing alternate ones.

Ford Dynasty includes more than 200 photos, each carefully chosen to give an overall view of the man and the company. There are early



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Authors Michael W.R. Davis (left) and James K. Wagner brought a personal perspective to their book, *Ford Dynasty: A Photographic History*. Wagner is a Plymouth resident.

shots of Ford and his 1896 Quadricycle and later views of his famous production lines. Other photos depict lesser known aspects of Ford, such as the 1941 Ford that was made with bodies derived from soybeans, and Ford's tire manufacturing operations that were sent to the Soviet Union as part of the U.S. Lend-Lease program.

There are numerous family photos as well, for it was the family connection that made Ford stand apart from the other auto makers.

They called it 'Ford's' with an apostrophe 's', said Wagner. There was a proprietorship. These were powerful personalities.

He owned it lock, stock and barrel, said Davis. Ford bought out most of his competitors.

The philosophy was different (at Ford), said Davis. Henry was a man of the people. He maintained a

BOOK SIGNING

Michael W.R. Davis and James K. Wagner authors of *Ford Dynasty: A Photographic History* will be signing copies of their book at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Borders on Woodward south of Maple. Wagner is a Plymouth resident. Davis is from Birmingham. *Ford Dynasty* is part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series and sells for \$19.99.

parochialism while many other auto manufacturers became dominated by college-educated professionals. Almost all aspects of the

Ford dynasty are represented in the book, although conspicuously lacking are references to Ford's anti-Semitic writings and his professed admiration of Adolf Hitler in the pre-World War II days. But in fairness, that was only a minuscule part of the Ford story.

In counterbalance, pictured is Henry Ford Hospitals, one of the many examples of Ford's philanthropic ventures.

Overall, *Ford Dynasty* paints a fascinating account of a man and an industrial empire that continues today. Despite downturns in the industry, Ford, the business, remains well-positioned for its second century. As Davis said, "No company with \$25 billion in cash ever went bankrupt."

And Ford, the man, has secured his place in history.

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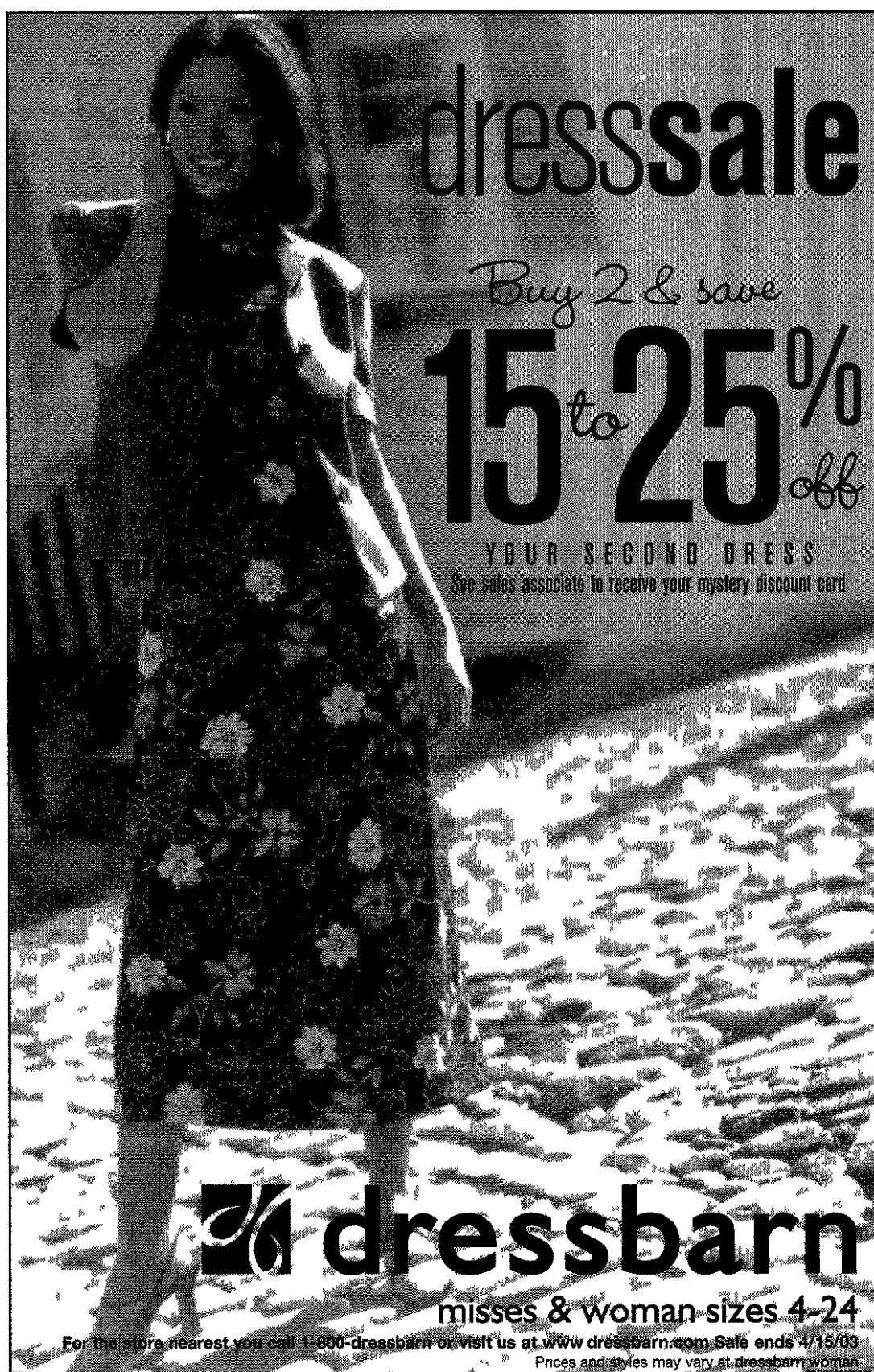
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Slate set for school election on June 9

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

There were no last-day candidates to file petitions by the Monday 4 p.m. deadline, leaving an incumbent, a former board member, and two other challengers among the candidates for two, four-year seats in the June 9 Plymouth-Canton school board election.

Mark Slavens of Canton Township, the current Board of Education vice president who is completing his first term, is seeking re-election. Roland Thomas of Plymouth Township is hoping to be elected for the third time. Thomas, who served 17 years on the board in two separate stints, turned in petitions to run again.

Richard Ham-Kucharski of Canton will be trying for a third time to be elected to the school board. Canton resident Roy McCutcheon turned in nominating petitions, seeking his first stint on the board. Board trustee Marcy Staley, who was appointed to the board before being re-elected, chose not to seek re-election.

for personal reasons. Plymouth-Canton Schools elections clerk Elizabeth Adams said to be eligible to vote in the June 9 election, residents must register with the Secretary of State or the clerk's office by Monday, May 12. Adams noted absentee ballots will be ready in early May.

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FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from April 2-8:

■ **Tuesday, April 8** — Three residential rescue runs on Haggerty, one on Parkview, and one on Elizabeth, commercial rescue run on West Ann Arbor Trail, industrial rescue run on Port, and public building/school rescue run on Church

■ **Monday, April 7** — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Grant, Northview and Hillcrest, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, Haggerty, and Sheldon, vehicle accident rescue runs on eastbound M-14 to southbound I-275, northbound I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, Haggerty and Hines,

and Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, public building/school rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, mutual aid rescue run on Joy and Main

■ **Sunday, April 6** — Residential rescue runs on Crabtree and Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Haggerty, and vehicle accident rescue run on west M-14, west of I-275

■ **Saturday, April 5** — Residential rescue runs on Colony Farms Circle, Gloucester, Micol, and Oakview, commercial rescue run on Penniman, public building/school rescue run on S Main, and downed wires at Haggerty and Joy

■ **Friday, April 4** — Residential rescue runs on

Risman, Haggerty, Blanche, Blunk and Northville Road, smoke investigation run on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident rescue run on north I-275 over M-14, and east M-14 at Sheldon, commercial rescue run on Five Mile, stream/storm sewer investigation run on Morrison, and downed wires run on N Territorial

■ **Thursday, April 3** — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Russell, carbon monoxide detector runs on N Mill and on Park Place, vehicle accident rescue run with wash-down at Beck and M-14, and smoke investigation on Canton Center

■ **Wednesday, April 2** — Residential rescue runs on Northern, Northville, Rocker, Newport and St Andrews Square, vehicle accident rescue run on Joy west of CSX and Sheldon, south of Ann Arbor Road, and commercial rescue run on Haggerty

Hospice plans golf outing

Preparations have begun for Angela Hospice's annual golf outing. Taking place at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, the outing begins with a shotgun start noon Monday, May 12.

'The golf outing is one of our biggest fund-raisers,' said events coordinator Alice Barringer. It's a way for golfers to show their support and have a really enjoyable time in the process.

Now in its 15th year, the outing features many ways for golfers and nongolfers to participate. Nongolfers can participate by attending the dinner and auction following golf, donating a dozen golf balls, or becoming a hole sponsor.

For more information on the event, to register, or to purchase a hole sponsorship or raffle ticket, call Alice Barringer at (734) 953-6018, or visit www.angelahospice.org

Physical Therapy UPDATE


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SOMETHING IN THE WAY YOU MOVE


Studies show that the female athletes are two to eight times more likely to tear the anterior cruciate ligaments (ACL) than the male counterparts. The main stabilizer of the knee is the ACL. Experts attribute this propensity to injury to anatomical differences, variations in movement patterns and muscular imbalances. Since these factors are difficult or impossible to alter, researchers focused on a special training program as part of an injury prevention plan. Instead of running in a stiff-legged upright posture, women soccer players were trained to keep their hips and knees bent, the body balanced over their legs and posture straight. This lowering of the female players' centers of gravity results in a significant decrease in the incidence of ACL tears.

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Plymouth Township police nab aluminum thief

Plymouth Township police last week caught a man stealing more than \$500 worth of aluminum from a township business.

On April 3, Sgt. Dan Wilson noticed a 1979 Cadillac parked on the shoulder of Schoolcraft, just west of Plymouth Iron and Metal.

Officer Todd Seipenko had noticed the same car earlier in the evening.

When Wilson approached the business, he saw a white male loading aluminum pieces into white containers.

Seipenko responded to the scene, and he and Wilson took the suspect into custody.

GAS STATION ROBBERY

Police responded April 3 to the robbery alarm at the Speedway gas station on Sheldon.

Upon arriving at the scene, Officer Todd Seipenko viewed the store's security video, which showed a white male, later identified as an off-duty employee, and a black male in the store. The black male entered and exited the store several times.

A second black male then entered the store. The second male is the suspect in the incident.

Police determined the second black male drives a Saturn, but

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had no other information.

BOTTLE THEFTS

On March 25, two suspects stole more than 30 cases of returnable beer bottles from Benningans and from Steak & Ale, both in Plymouth Township. Police responded to a call from employees at Steak & Ale, who reported someone had broken in and stolen 14 cases of bottles. A short time later, Benningans's employees reported a similar incident, where 20

cases had been stolen.

A subsequent call came from the loss prevention employee at the Mejer in Canton, who reported two suspicious males with an inordinate number of beer bottles. With Canton police involved in a situation and unable to respond, Officer Todd Seipenko went to Mejer and questioned the two men.

Both men admitted to stealing the bottles and apologized, claiming a drug addiction and a need for a 'quick fix.' Both men were arraigned via video through 35th District Court. They're scheduled for a pre-trial hearing at 35th District Court Monday.

DINING

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has had outside seating the past two summers. "(People) see a movie, or they come from a Tiger ballgame or a play downtown, and they'll call and say they want to sit on the patio. What's wrong with people sitting on the patio at 12 o'clock (midnight) as long as people are orderly? It seems like we're being punished."

Tom Guina of Plymouth Township, a co-owner of 336 Main, commonly known as the Piano Bar, agreed with Yaquinto that 10 p.m. is just when the action starts in nightlife Plymouth.

"You've got all these people in the park, and it's so busy (downtown) sometimes you can hardly walk," he said. "It's like New York City."

Commissioners voted to change the hours for outdoor cafes that sell liquor in the downtown area to 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and 12:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Outdoor seating areas in other areas of the city will be required to close at 10 p.m. Only patrons who are sitting at tables will be allowed to drink in the designated outdoor seating.

The policy will also require the minimum sidewalk clearance of outdoor cafes to be at least five feet from the curb. "I do like the minimum 5-foot setbacks," said Mayor Bill

Graham. "I've had a number of complaints from residents or people who walk downtown."

Both Yaquinto and Guina impressed upon the commission that they've had few problems since opening in Plymouth.

"In the three years we've been operating, not one incident, either inside my establishment or outside," said Yaquinto. "It's had a positive effect on the community."

Guina, who plans to open an outdoor cafe for the first time this year, said, "We don't want any problems out there, we won't tolerate that. If there's any problem, whatsoever, with the cafe serving liquor, it's going to be taken care of."

Commissioner Dan Dwyer, part of a three-member subcommittee that revised the outdoor cafe policy for the first time since its inception in 1993, said the changes were made after input from a select group of 90 city residents.

"It is an attempt by the city commission, based on information we've received from residents, to say what downtown is going to look like," Dwyer said. "We received comments and complaints from people that say we don't want to turn into a big, nightlife town."

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OBITUARIES

Florence Pauline Parks

Services for Florence Parks, 91, of Farmington Hills were held April 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Bryan Smith officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Zanesville, Ohio.

Mrs. Parks was born Dec. 22, 1912, in Muskingum County, Ohio and died April 5 in Royal Oak. She was an assembly worker at Mosaic Tile Company in Zanesville. She came to the Farmington Hills community in 1973 from Chandlersville, Ohio. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She loved to knit and garden with her husband. She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph.

Survivors include daughter, Rita (Dr. Harold) Morris of Canton, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and sisters, Opal Jones of Florida and Alice Moore of Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton, MI 48187.

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Myldred B. Eaton

A memorial service for Myldred Eaton, 89, of Tecumseh, will be held at the Tecumseh Chapel of Couture-Handler Funeral Home at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, with the Rev. David McKinstry of Tecumseh United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh.

Mrs. Eaton was born July 14, 1913, in Standish. At an early age, she and her family moved to homestead in Plymouth. Upon marriage, she took up residence on the Eaton Family Centennial Farm in Tecumseh where she continued to live until she entered Herrick Manor in Tecumseh.

She was a charter member of the first Garden Club of Tecumseh and a member of the United Methodist Church in Tecumseh since 1933. She was active for many years in the Irene Circle of the Church as well as the Lenawee County Farm Bureau and the Tecumseh Grange and other organizations.

Myldred was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur J. Eaton, in 1971, her parents, and one grandson.

Survivors include children,

Gerald (Geraldine) Eaton, Ardyth (Franklin) Schroeder, Larrie (Brenda) Eaton, Meryl (Judy) Eaton, all of Tecumseh, 13 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and one sister, Norma Jean Parrett. Arrangements made by Couture-Handler Funeral Homes.

Ted Bloodhart

Private family services were held for Ted Bloodhart, 86, of Plymouth. He was born Feb. 11, 1917, in Omaha, Neb., and died April 4 in Plymouth.

Mr. Bloodhart was invited to study under Professor Max Brodel at Johns Hopkins University's Art and Applied to Medicine department, the first and foremost school of medical illustration in the country. Mr. Bloodhart was a freelance medical illustrator, providing surgical illustrations for hundreds of journal articles, books and teaching materials by leading specialists in such fields as gynecology, urology, otolaryngology, and cardiovascular, thoracic, neurological and plastic surgery.

After returning in 1990, Mr. Bloodhart moved to Michigan with his beloved wife, where he found a new enjoyment in

reading books instead of illustrating them.

Survivors include wife, Shirley, sons, Griffin (Penny) Bloodhart of California and John (Linda) Hinckley of Washington, Mich., daughter, Brooke (Royce) Disbrow of Canton, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one niece, one nephew, and many loving friends and colleagues.

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WEATHER

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assistant director of Plymouth's Municipal Services Department "We always wait for one last April snow"

Baker said the main problem with Monday's snow storm wasn't that it happened, but the timing

"We usually get crews in early to plow the streets and clear sidewalks before rush hour," he said "But, the snow didn't start falling until about 7:30 a.m., so we were fighting a losing battle to get it plowed in time for morning traffic"

At Plymouth Nursery, General Manager Tim Parker said he's learned not to be fazed by late-season snow storms

"This is Michigan, what can you say?" he said "It's supposed to be warmer by the weekend, the snow will melt, and people will be back out buying spring flowers"

Parker said his nursery stock, which is grown in Michigan, is very resilient "The real tender plants are heated in the greenhouse"

CHIPPER

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involved are donating space and labor

Anderson said the state would ideally like to find a couple more communities to participate, although there is no monetary payment involved

"The payment to host a yard is the opportunity to get rid of their dead trees, which is worth quite a bit of money. It will also save them the cost of transporting the trees. We're looking for a city with a lot of trees that will come down, so there is a real benefit for them," she said

Bill Zikewich, Southfield's superintendent of parks, forestry, and environmental programs, had the remnants of about 200 trees cut down from a city golf course transported to the Plymouth drop-off site last week. He hired a contractor to do the job at a cost of about \$1,800

Anderson estimated up to 6 million ash trees will die this summer, and an equal amount

will begin to show initial signs of infestation. So she expects the yards to be busy all summer

She said once the trees are chipped, the chips will be sent to a Genesee County electricity plant, where they will be burned for fuel. So at least a little good will come of the infestation

"I guess you could say we're trying to make lemonade out of a lemon," Anderson said

The addresses for the four drop-off sites are as follows

■ Pontiac, at the landfill, located at 575 Collier Road

■ Macomb Township, at the Mid-Michigan Recycling Company, located at 24935 21 Mile Road

■ Plymouth Township, at the Asplundh Tree Expert Company, located at 13101 Eckles Road

■ Westland, at the department of public works yard, located at 37137 Marquette Road

For more information about the drop off sites or to host a site contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture at (248) 356 1701

UNDERPASS

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RIISING COSTS

Three years ago, the grade separation project was estimated to cost \$8.8 million, with \$5.25 million to be paid with a federal grant. Along with the \$503,250 approved by the city, Plymouth Township agreed to dedicate just over \$1 million

However, recent cost estimates by the county indicate the project will cost nearly \$9.6 million. According to county estimates, Plymouth's share would jump to \$719,783, Plymouth Township increases to almost \$1.3 million, Wayne County nearly \$1.9 million, and CSX Railroad \$473,000

Commissioners have sent a resolution to Wayne County officials, demanding answers by April 18. If commissioners don't like the answers they receive, or don't get any at all, they could vote as early as April 21 to dump the project and use the money for local road projects

According to Michael Darga, division design engineer for Wayne County, each community is expected to pick up its share of the cost increases

"The increases are being shared by the city, township and county," said Darga "That's the preliminary figure, which is subject to revision up or down. If I had to guess, and the bids are coming in well, it's a fairly conservative estimate"

PROJECT SCRAPPED?

If city commissioners continue with their stance in refusing to pay more, the project could be scrapped

"We would have to sit and see if alternate financing could be arranged," said Darga "Then we would have to decide if we will continue with the project, and come up with a mutual decision on where the project is heading"

Commissioners want to

know if CSX Railroad has signed agreements with Wayne County to financially participate in the project, why the new estimates show a projected increase in costs to the city of 43 percent, while the costs to Plymouth Township were up 25 percent, and if the county will accept a maximum city participation of \$503,250

While we've attempted to get additional information from Wayne County, we've been unable to get a response for specific questions by members of the city commission, specifically related to cost sharing formula and increases in that cost sharing formula," said City Manager Paul Sincock "And, we've been unable to determine if CSX (Railroad) has signed a contract with Wayne County, and committed dollars to this project"

Commissioners made it clear Monday that if they don't get satisfactory answers, the money will be used for local street projects

"We have to give them one last opportunity to respond," said Greene, "and say we have a commitment of \$503,000 and that's the figure we're talking about"

"I'm committed to the project for \$503,000 because I think it will benefit the whole community, Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Northville," said Loiselle "I don't support any more"

Dwyer said he doesn't support spending more for the underpass, and "I'm on the fence about the original \$500,000"

LOCAL PROJECTS

Mayor Bill Graham and Commissioner Michele Potter have been the most vocal about dumping the separation project and fixing local roads "I don't support it at all," said Potter "I think it benefits every surrounding community more than it benefits us"

If the city opts out of the project, it would still be

responsible to pay \$85,000 as part of the city's share of project development costs, according to Darga

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann has said his community remains committed to the project, even at the higher cost

Darga said he's hopeful a signed contract with CSX will come "in a month or two. By federal law, they have to participate by a certain percentage. I think we've made some reasonable progress"

Another stumbling block, according to Darga, has been the acquisition of easement property along the project area "We are following federal regulations on acquisition, and it could take us into the summer," he said

Darga said it could be early or late fall before construction begins, "based on the information we have now"

City officials are also concerned about the move of a 36-inch water main, which could have an effect on water supply to city residents. And, according to Sincock, it's another cost that may have to be borne by the city

Sincock told commissioners a decision needs to be made soon, for several reasons. The \$503,000 in bonds have already been sold, and the money has to be used soon, or the city could face penalties

And, if local road projects are on the drawing board for this summer, engineering plans need to be completed soon

"If you don't want to do the Sheldon Road project, and you want to do some local roads this year, you have to tell the engineer to get crackin' and get some bid specs together and make that happen," Sincock said "Clearly, the project we would recommend is a mill and resurface in the southwest section of the city. Delaying another two weeks would be difficult"

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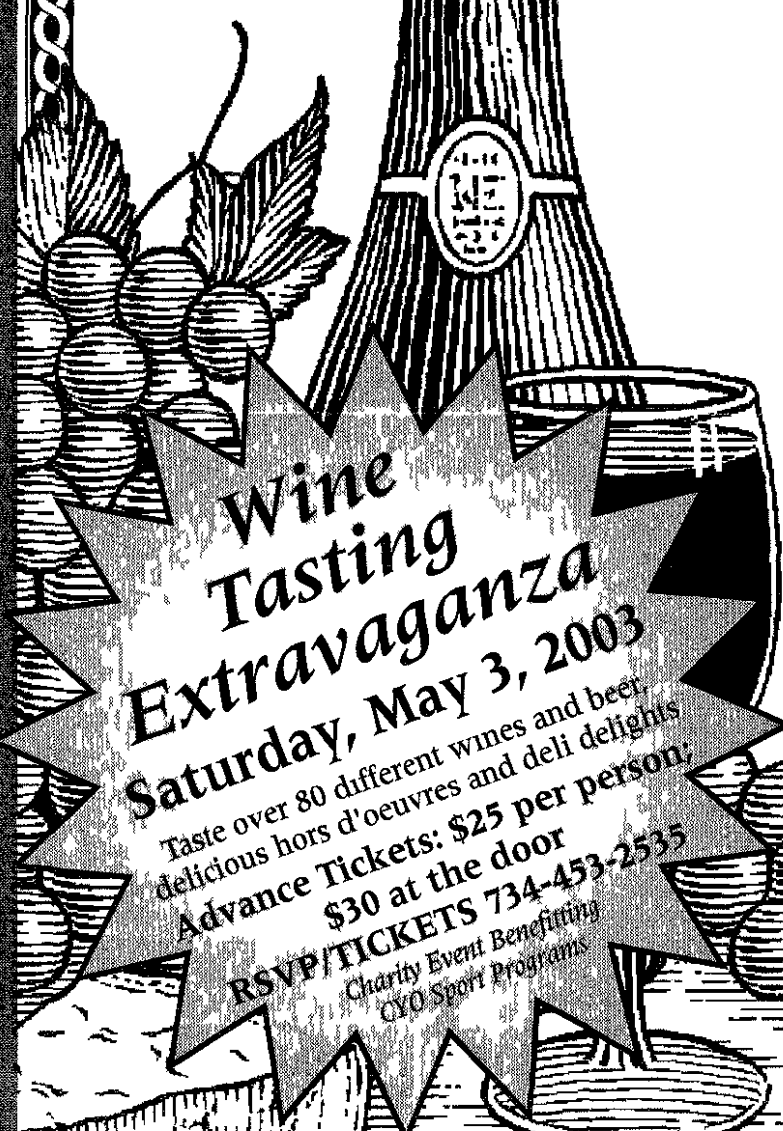
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OUR VIEWS

Victory unlikely in fight with CSX

Give Tom Yack credit – at least he knows what he's up against when he gets into an issue

Yack, the politically savvy Canton Township supervisor, surely must know his letter to U S Rep Thaddeus McCotter will have little, if any, effect on how CSX, the railroad that refuses to be a good neighbor, runs its show

But in an effort born from frustration as much as anything else, Yack wrote McCotter, the newly elected congressman from these parts, to ask for help in getting CSX to quicken its pace when it sends a train through his community

The latest example of CSX's lack of neighborliness is the plight of Norquick Distributing on Haggerty just south of Joy in Canton When Norquick built its facility three years ago, the company was required to post a bond with the county to improve the railroad crossing just south of the property Specifically, widening of Haggerty through the railroad crossings would have to be done to allow traffic to pass trucks turning left into Norquick's property

Three years later, Norquick is still willing to ante up to get the work done, but CSX is nowhere to be found

Yack is right to take up the fight, but it's unlikely to do any good CSX successfully fought off attempts by the City of Plymouth to speed them up The city fined CSX tens of thousands of dollars over several years, citing a state statute that limited the time a train could block a crossing

CSX successfully argued that federal regulations – not state laws – govern such issues for trains operating in interstate commerce A federal judge agreed in 2000, and the U S Court of Appeals upheld that decision two years later

It's not the only example of CSX's disappearing act Officials in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Wayne County are still waiting on CSX to finalize details that would allow construction of the underpass at the crossing on Sheldon Road to begin

To be fair, CSX's lack of responsiveness isn't the only issue with the underpass project Officials had to develop a plan to move a water main, which took some time The cost of the project is rising rapidly, and city officials are beginning to balk at the expense in tough economic times

But none of that would have been necessary had CSX gotten off the stick and signed on the dotted line The parties have very likely missed the window of opportunity for this year, because Detroit Water won't want to move the main during summer usage months So drivers in both communities will likely be stuck in traffic for at least another year

Traffic isn't the only thing CSX is blocking in these communities Progress has also become a prominent victim of the railroad's disinterest

Resources can ease nursing home choice

It's a decision that can be among the most difficult, most overwhelming for any spouse, child or grandchild putting a loved one into a nursing home

Once that need is established, though, the next step is finding the right place

There are no easy answers and no guarantees that you'll be making the right decision However, it's important to have the right resources and information to take some of the guesswork out of the many choices out there

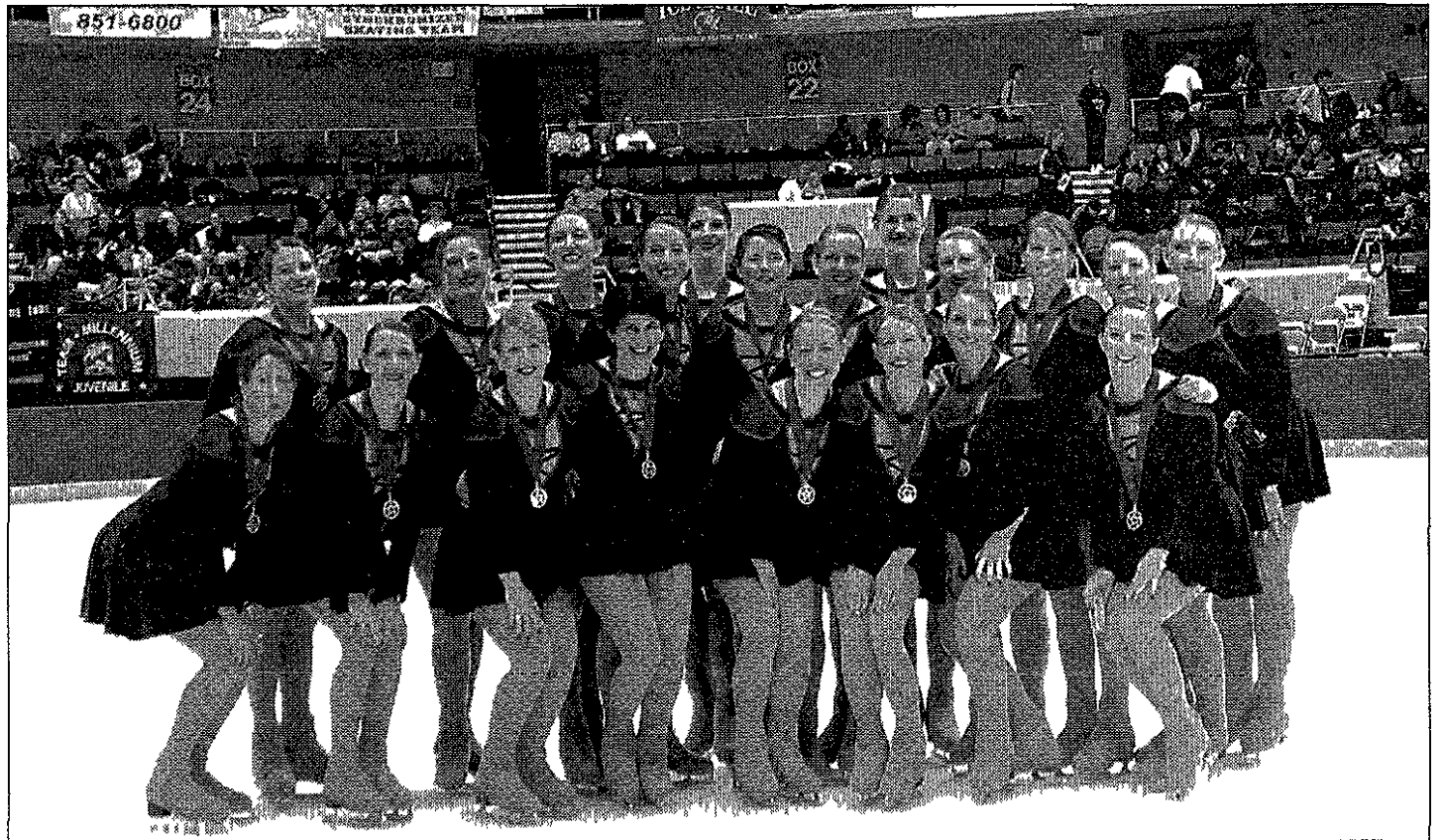
A recent story in our *Observer Life* section focused on a Consumer Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes that does some of the leg-work for people shopping for a quality home for mom or grandpa Residents would be well-served to use the guide or its Web site (www.hcam.org), in addition to their own on-site visits and some other common-sense suggestions to help make the decision

Many people are afraid of choosing the wrong site and for good reason

Using the guide, though, is just the first step Experts urge people investigating nursing homes to use word-of-mouth advice and read promotional literature

"But nothing is more valuable than the insight you gain from making personal visits to the home you are considering," the guide suggests One nursing home administrator urges decision-makers to pay careful attention during their visit checking for how clean the facility looks, how well-groomed the patients look, how appropriate the activities seem, how the facility smells, how staff treats patients, etc

This Consumer Guide seems to be almost a necessary first step for people going through these all-important decisions



Congratulations to the Gems on Ice, an adult masters synchronized skating team from the Plymouth Figure Skating Club & Compuware Arena In their inaugural year the Lady Gems took the gold in North Dakota for the USFSA Midwestern Synchronized Team Championships and went on to capture the Silver Medal at the 2003 National Synchronized Team Competition hosted earlier this year in Huntsville, Ala The team is coached by Carrie Brown and Traci Cavendish A Masters Team is made up of 12-20 skaters over the age of 25, with 75 percent of the skaters over the age of 35 Skaters interested in joining the Gems on Ice for the 2003-04 season should call coach Brown at (734) 459-6686 or email carrie@twm1rr.com Check out the Gems on the web at www.plymouthfigureskatingclub.org

LETTERS

Clothing bank thanks

This heartfelt letter of thanks is long overdue

As the volunteer director of the Plymouth-Canton Schools Clothing Bank for the past three years, I have been so impressed by the support our community gives to this worthy cause Last fall's article by Tony Bruscato was so helpful in getting the word out about the great work that we do at the Clothing Bank Clothing donations have increased considerably from individuals and organizations this year

Some organizations that I have not been able to thank personally include Girl Scout Troops 900, 156, 308, 321, 1581, 1451, 1595, the Allen School Student Council, and the Salem High School Mentorship Class

We have also received many anonymous donations including dozens of winter coats in varying sizes that were all cleaned, sized and bagged – thank you, whoever you are

Thank you to Principal Ostoin at Salem, who stepped up to offer us space when our 30-plus-year-old trailer was condemned Our new space at Salem High School is terrific and the maintenance and office staffs have been great with helping us get settled

Thank you also to PCCS Central Maintenance in helping us with everything from getting moved to devising sturdy sign-holders Thank you to Frank Ruggirello and Linda Paris in the community relations department

The Clothing Bank works because people in our community want it to I owe special thanks to the wonderful people who I am privileged to volunteer with every week Julie, Kathy, Teresa, Jackie, Mary, Carol, Karen, Jean, Sherry, Jean, Lauren, Debbie, I am so lucky to have roped you all in The Clothing Bank would not be the pleasant environment it is without these dedicated, fun ladies

Kelly Warkoczeski
Plymouth

Airing parish business

I was surprised that a member of the press, Brad Kadrich of the *Observer*, was invited to the last OLCG Parish Council meeting at which the turmoil surrounding the decision not to renew the employment contract of the principal of our school and constructive ideas for selection of a replacement were discussed

Brad interviewed me and took copious notes My assumption is that he printed only a few sentences of my comments in support of the decision of our pastor due to the fact that the real story was the frustration and anger shown by those who did not support the decision

Those few sentences appear to have ignited some very unpleasant comments from other members of our parish in the Letters to the Editor on March 27

As I told Brad Kadrich in my full remarks, there is a normal progression of focus in our parish and probably many others which have a grade school If a family has young children in our grade school or after-school religious formation programs, that is their primary focus

As the children enter high school, the family focus shifts to Plymouth/Canton/Salem, Ladywood/Mercy, Catholic Central/U of

D-Jesuit/Divine Child/Gabriel Richard/Life Teen and so on to the various colleges and universities (Go Green/Go Blue, etc)

Our three children, who all attended OLCG Grade School, CC/U-of-D-Jesuit/Canton, and MSU/U-of-M/Madonna, are young adults and thankful for the support they received, and continue to receive, from the OLCG parish community

I am now in a different stage of parish life and enjoy worshipping in our new worship space, teaching an after-school eighth-grade confirmation class (yes, my spouse is religious formation director) and various Christian service activities

I understand that our current physical facilities will not make everyone completely happy until our parish vision is more complete and fulfilled There will always be something more to do in serving our parish family and the community at large

I have been contacted by many others in the parish who have views similar to mine Please listen to us This is truly the "silent majority" in the parish

I urge support of all parish members through prayers, active involvement in service and financing of the current and future new parish facilities I also urge all parish members to share your dreams for the future (and suggestions how to achieve them) with the parish council and Father John Sullivan Carrying on a parish family argument in the *Observer* or other outside medium does little to further our growth as an inclusive Christian Catholic community ministering to the needs of all

Stan Olszewski
OLCG member since 1977

Correct stance

Robin Wilson seemed quite upset ("Insensitive comment," March 20) with PCEA President Chuck Portelli's comments about the PCEA giving "not a dime" as a concession to help the latest "budget crunch"

Chuck represents almost 1,000 teachers in the district and he did them right by his comment Teachers should concede "not a dime" Like Chuck said, "We bargained in good faith"

It is correct to say that many industries, including education, are looking at cut-backs Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are looking at layoffs Chuck is fully aware of possible layoffs, as is Dr Ryan The district is taking steps to avert a possible layoff, steps that do not involve a pay freeze But let us not forget that the district is also sitting on millions of dollars in its fund balance

Ms Wilson's comments showed her lack of understanding for the PCEA members and educators in general For years teachers have conceded not only dimes, but dollars Teachers' raises have consistently been below the rate of inflation Teachers' salaries are consistently thousands and thousands of dollars below that of other industries with similar schooling

The comment that salaries are based on "9 5 months of work" has very little truth By contract, teachers work a week more than students attend and have zero half days (kids have them, teachers work the rest of the day) The other 2 5 months are often spent working on their own time, including vacations Ms Wilson, have you ever been to school during a vacation? There are usually teachers in the building Teachers also

need to meet the state requirements for keeping their certificates It's done on the teacher's own time and dime and, at about \$1,000 a class, it isn't cheap

I found that Ms Wilson wields MEAP scores with the same ignorance as most citizens I'm sure when formulating her comments, she compared every score at every grade level and took into account every factor needed to truly understand the scores

It would have been nice if Ms Wilson went one step further and suggested we do away with the MEAP and other standardized tests, not because they take up weeks of educational time to prepare and administer, or that they are educationally useless and inauthentic tools, but because they cost millions of dollars to prepare, ship and score

I am fairly certain that most of the PCCS educators do not accept Ms Wilson's apology and take offense to the assumption that the union has "little or no regard for our children's education and future Ms Wilson the teachers ARE the union The insensitive comment was not that of Chuck Portelli, but of the board member who suggested pay freezes Chuck, the PCEA bargaining team and the new administration of this district did an excellent job of creating the new contract It was an insult to both sides to suggest a pay freeze

Bob Mackleby
Plymouth

Fly the flag for the troops

As I was driving down the streets of my neighborhood today, I started wondering, where are the flags and yellow ribbons? Our country is at war and there should be flags out

After Sept 11, you couldn't find a flag to buy anywhere There was so much pride in America then

I am not for a war I think there is a time to speak for it or against it Right now, there is nothing we can do about it So why not support our troops now? They didn't choose to go but when they took that oath, they meant they would do whatever it took

I have a nephew in Iraq right now and if I had my choice, I would not have sent him But one thing I know is, I support our young men and women

So, I ask you to please SUPPORT THE TROOPS (not the war) by putting up your flags and yellow ribbons We have so many young kids over there from Garden City High School

Darlene Ramey
Garden City

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Private colleges, universities offer state higher ed options

It is an unfortunate reality of our time that higher education budgets have to be cut. The economic slowdown has led to a dramatic shortfall in tax revenue. This comes at precisely the same time higher education finds itself in competition for public funds with other equally critical social needs. The growth of both the school-age and aging populations, an increasing number of low-income families requiring assistance, and the unexpected costs of providing for homeland security – these and other factors presage difficult decisions for those making the cuts and those facing the cuts.

It is small consolation that Michigan isn't alone in the current budget crisis. Most other states face identical challenges. Our elected leaders have the unenviable task of evaluating the budget as a whole and making the best of a tragic situation. As budget deadlines draw nearer, it seems ever more likely that higher education will be called on to assume what seems like a disproportionate share of the cuts.

A few current statistics will help to bring the picture into sharper focus. The nation's colleges and universities are bracing for a wave of students to hit campuses over the next decade. The surge, propelled by an upturn in births throughout the 1980s, will produce the largest high school and college enrollments in U.S. history. Eighty-three percent of students in Michigan are enrolled in public institutions for postsecondary education. Public colleges continue to become less affordable for students and families. At public four-year colleges and universities, 16 states have increased tuition and fees by more than 10 percent, while Michigan raised tuition by 9 percent.

In Michigan, Gov. Jennifer Granholm won almost instant legislative approval of most of her \$158 million budget-balancing plan for the current year, including \$30 million cut from colleges. Of course, this couldn't come at a worse time. As new technologies continue to change the way we live and work, businesses will continue to need workers with a higher level of knowledge and skills. Further, the recent economic downturn led major sectors of the economy to restructure.

Although an economic recovery appears to be under way, many thousands of workers have been displaced and are in need of retraining. Those who kept their jobs will have to gain new knowledge and skills just to help their companies – and themselves – survive. As obvious as is the need to cut education budgets, it is equally obvious that education is the only way for us to retrain and reposition our workforce.

Michigan, along with many other states, finds itself in a classic Catch-22. We have to cut budgets at precisely the time we can't afford to cut them. Solving this dilemma will not be easy or

painless. In the face of this seemingly intractable dilemma, this state and many others will need to utilize all the educational resources available to steer through these rapids and toward long-term, stable prosperity. The question, of course, is just how to accomplish this.

The answer must be a focused and strategic approach that recognizes all educational resources at our disposal and positions them to serve the populations they are most capable of serving. As public institutions struggle to deal with the influx of new high school graduates and maintain service levels on decreased budgets, private institutions must rise to the occasion and assist in meeting the state's needs. These institutions fall into many different categories, so a focused approach will be key to ensuring that all needs are met.

Traditional private institutions have long provided higher education opportunities for the state's high school graduates. Their continued role in this function is crucial, not only in serving society but also in helping to ease the financial burden on public institutions. These schools will also ultimately be confined in their ability to grow because of their own internal budget constraints, and so this too must be recognized as a finite resource.

Over the years, the nation has seen a rise in the number of for-profit institutions of postsecondary education. For example, one of the nation's first and leading education providers in this category is DeVry, located in Illinois. DeVry has not only demonstrated success in this area, but their Keller School of Management is consistently referenced among the nation's leading business schools. Founded in 1931, DeVry has been a respected member of the Illinois higher education community for years. The University of Phoenix, the nation's largest private higher education institution, has Detroit-area learning centers in Livonia, Southfield and Troy, and has a West-Michigan Campus with locations in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. University of Phoenix is also in the process of opening additional campus locations in Ann Arbor and Lansing. The University of Phoenix has been recognized for its rigorous academic programs and unique working adult student learning model.

These institutions are symbolic of a sector that provides much-needed opportunities for the state's adult students to pursue postsecondary education. This, in turn, will allow state institutions to focus more directly on meeting the needs of the growing population of younger students. Further, these institutions don't deplete scarce state funds, quite the reverse, in fact. Instead, they contribute back to the tax base of the state.

While it is unfortunate that just when the need for higher education is so critical the exigencies of our current economy require that budgets be cut, the good news is that creative options can help.

Ted Blashak is the vice president and campus director for the University of Phoenix Metro Detroit Campus with learning centers in Livonia, Southfield and Troy.



Ted Blashak

New job doesn't diminish confusion for OLGC principal

It's been more than two months since Ted Behn found out he no longer had a job, at least not at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, and even finding a new job hasn't lessened the confusion he feels over losing his old one.

Behn, the principal at OLGC for 17 years, was told in February by the parish pastor, the Rev. John Sullivan, that a new administrative direction was needed at the school. Behn accepted the decision – his only course of action since the decision is solely Sullivan's to make – but asked for reasons two months later; he still hasn't gotten any.

At a parish council meeting last month, Sullivan hinted that there were things in Behn's performance that indicated it was time for a change. So, Behn sent a March 20 letter to Sullivan, asking for copies of all material contained in his personnel file, including performance evaluations.

Again, silence. Parish parents went into a tizzy, hoping to get Sullivan to change his mind. Behn knew that wasn't going to happen, so Behn did the only thing he could do under the circumstances – he moved on with his life.

He's landed a job as principal/president at Allen Park Cabrini, a move that ends his lengthy career at OLGC, no matter what else happens.

"I've never known him to change his mind, so I don't expect that to happen," Behn said of Sullivan, who has been OLGC's pastor for some 10 years.

That doesn't mean he's any less befuddled by what happened to the career he wanted to finish in Plymouth.

"I don't know what's going on," Behn said recently. "(Sullivan) keeps implying I know the reason, but I don't. I'm mystified."

Sullivan not only isn't talking to the press – calls seeking comment have gone unreturned – but has been silent to nearly everyone else. The lack of communication brought some 300 or so people to the parish council meeting, where the subject was purportedly on the agenda.

However, when parishioners got there, it was more of a question-and-answer meeting, with designates of the parish council soliciting opinions about where the school goes from here.

To be fair, the council did issue a response based on answers to those questions, but it did little, if anything, to dispel the rumors about why Behn, a wildly popular principal and dedicated educator, was let go.

Parishioner Mike Garskas has one child in seventh grade, another who graduated from OLGC. He's coached football, baseball and basketball in the parish, ran the golf outing for a number of years. He said people shouldn't necessarily be surprised at the lack of communication.

"I'm disappointed at the lack of communication and explanation, (but) communication has never been a strong suit in the parish," Garskas said. "The

kids can't believe it happened. My daughters have received a wonderful education here. As a parent, you're never 100 percent satisfied with what has gone on, but I have few, if any, complaints."

Judging by the academic performance of OLGC students, there should be few complaints from anyone. OLGC students consistently outperform not only those in the Archdiocese of Detroit, but they've topped the national average in every grade in each of the last five years for which results are available.

In the IOWA Test of Basic Skills, a 25 is considered a low-average score, and 75 is considered high-average. Of 19 categories, OLGC students in grades two-eight posted scores consistently above 80.

That's part of what confuses Behn. "It's always been my job to run the school, so it's not a bother to the priests," Behn said. "We've never been over budget, and we're in the top three of about 140 grade schools in the archdiocese. Test scores have never been higher."

Rumors have swirled, as they tend to do, especially when one side of a discussion isn't participating in the debate. Some say Sullivan wants to close the school, with its \$1.5 million budget. However, that's a decision that would be made by the archdiocese, not the pastor, and it seems unlikely that the archdiocese is going to close a school that performs as well as OLGC.

Others think he's lost touch with the school and its students. According to Behn, Sullivan used to greet students all the time when he first came to the parish.

"Every day he was at a different door, greeting the kids," Behn said. "He has withdrawn a little more every year since then."

Parent Julie Shmyr, who agrees communication is lacking in the parish, said seeing Sullivan more often would lift students' spirits. "If he walked over and stuck his head in the door for 10 minutes," she said, "kids would be thrilled."

It isn't happening, and isn't going to happen in Behn's watch. He'll finish out the school year, then pack his things for Allen Park. Sullivan's only real public comments on the matter, made at the parish council meeting last month, indicated this was a decision he'd been pondering for years, which some in the audience took to mean he'd become increasingly dissatisfied with the direction of the school under Behn, an opinion some think is tough to sustain in the face of the school's test scores.

Behn certainly took it as a slap at his reputation, although it seems to not have sullied his good name with the folks at Cabrini. But it still stung.

"I want everyone to know I did nothing wrong," Behn said. "I don't have the job I thought I was going to have the rest of my life. Now all I have is my reputation."

It's a reputation he's taking to Allen Park, rather than perpetuating it at OLGC. And the sad thing is, in Behn's eyes, he may never understand why the move was necessary.



Brad Kadrich

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SEMCOG releases new land use and development study covering the '90s

A combination of demographic and economic factors contributed to a 17 percent increase in developed land in southeast Michigan during the 1990-2000 decade, according to *Land Use Change in Southeast Michigan Causes and Consequences*, a report released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

It has been said that our region isn't growing that the people who are here are just moving to new development farther away from the region's core, said Paul Tat, SEMCOG executive director. Our analysis of land use in the region shows that this is not an accurate assessment. This report documents fresh facts to add perspective to current land use issues.

Southeast Michigan's population grew moderately in the 1990s, adding 243,000 more people - 5 percent growth. Population growth was a primary factor for 27 percent of land developed between 1990-2000.

Other contributing factors were a 9 percent increase in households, 14 percent growth in employment and 16 percent growth in real per capita income.

This increase in wealth has increased our appetite for bigger homes with more amenities.

ties on larger parcels of land. Lower-density residential development accounted for 43 percent of the land developed from 1990 to 2000.

Previous to 1990, 284 homes were built on one acre of land in Southeast Michigan. From 1990-2000, that changed dramatically. Now there is an average of 126 homes per acre.

Improved individual finances also supported the higher rate of household formation. More households and higher incomes also produced

more stores, restaurants, other businesses and golf courses - all causing more land to be developed. Nonresidential development accounted for 24 percent of the additional land development.

The 17 percent increase in developed land from 1990-2000 amounted to 159,000 acres - the equivalent of seven townships. This change brought the region from 33 percent developed in 1990 to 37 percent developed in 2000.

SEMCOG's 2000-2030 forecast of 12 percent population

growth, plus 22 percent more households, plus 16 percent more jobs implies that there will be at least a 36 percent increase in developed land. By 2030, Southeast Michigan will be 50 percent developed, assuming recent development patterns.

SEMCOG's analysis of land use change yields these conclusions.

Because it is demographic and economic growth that primarily drives land development, the issue is not stopping sprawl. It is how we can grow

with less sprawl, while effectively accommodating growth and ensuring high quality of life as growth proceeds. Future land development will use land at least as fast as in the recent past. This will result in shortages of land that can be developed, will push up housing prices as land becomes scarcer and will require major expansions of infrastructure.

Redevelopment and infill will be both necessary and a more attractive option to meet housing demand as growth expands outward.

State policies and legislation must be modified to support the needs of both growing and older communities - to give them tools and support to maintain and improve their quality of life. This process also includes an important role for local governments.

Land Use Change in Southeast Michigan is available in PDF format on SEMCOG's Web site, www.semco.org. Printed copies are available from SEMCOG Information Services (313)961-4266 for \$20 each.

Police give tips to handle sex assaults

This month, the Michigan State Police are seeking to educate residents regarding sexual assault and personal protection.

April has been designated "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" a time to learn more about sexual assault.

Statistics show that more than 80 percent of all sexual assaults occur between people who know each other. In addition, someone is raped every two minutes and one out of three women will be raped in her lifetime.

However, sexual assault doesn't happen only to women.

Males and females are victims of sexual assault, although women are more likely to be sexually assaulted.

The Michigan State Police suggest these precautions:

In your car:

- Keep windows and doors locked.
- If you should be followed into your driveway, stay in your car with the doors locked. Sound the horn to get the attention of neighbors or scare the other driver off.
- When parking at night, select a place that will be well lit when returning to the car.
- Check the interior of the car before getting in.

On the street:

- Be observant of things around you. If someone is following you, go to the nearest house or store.
- Walk near the curb and avoid passing close to the shrubbery, dark doorways and other places of concealment.
- Do not hitchhike.
- Avoid shortcuts through parking lots and alleys.
- Don't walk alone if possible.
- Don't jog in secluded areas.

In your home:

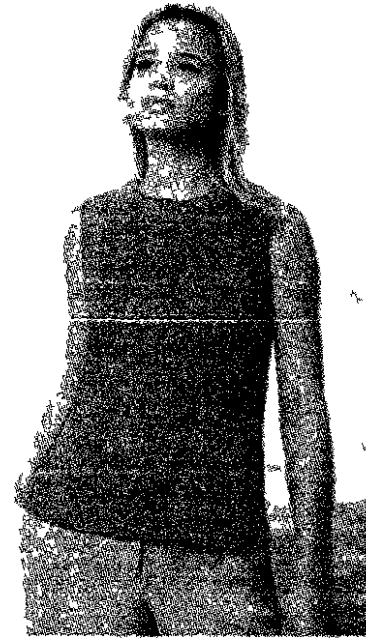
- Be sure to keep your doors locked at all times.
- All windows should have secure locks and frames.
- All entrances and garages should be well lit.
- Never open the door after a knock. Require the person to give their name. In the case of service persons, ask for proper identification.
- If you are sexually assaulted, the best resistance you can use against an attacker is your common sense.

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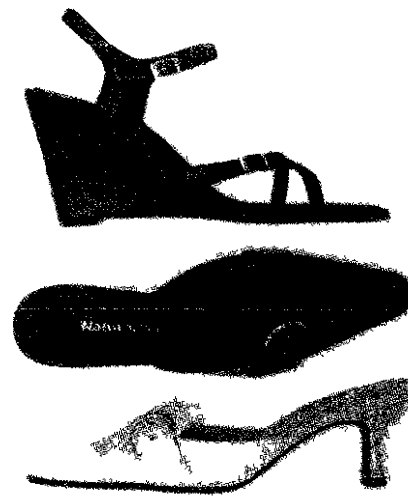
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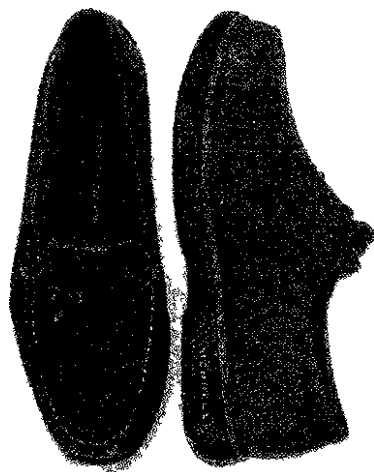
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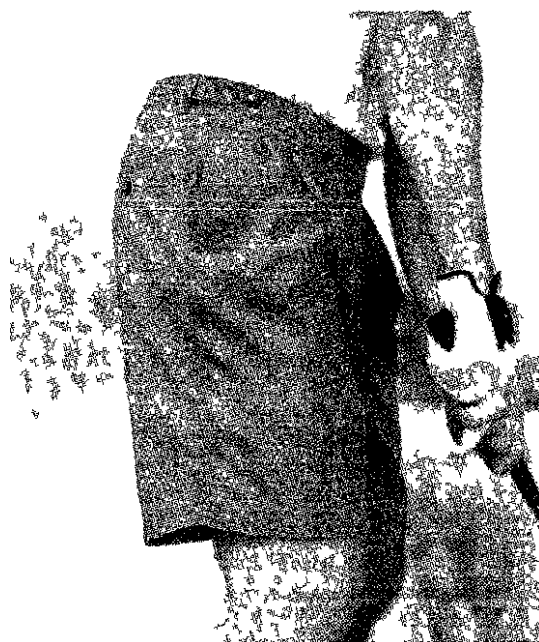
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Exhibit

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Opus One is offering Midday Aboard the Queen of the Ocean lunch packages Monday Friday with complimentary shuttle to and from the museum with a ticket to the exhibit and 2003 A 1912 Night to Remember dinner package The cost is \$30 per person for lunch minimum 10 people and \$65 person for dinner Opus One is at 565 E Larned St in Detroit call (313) 961 7766 for information

Casey at Bat

Ever wonder what happened to Johnny Ginger? He had a children's variety show called The Curtain Time Theatre on WXYZ Channel 7 and went on to a successful career in show biz Since moving to Farmington Hills Ginger has taken his act to Jamie's in Farmington Martino's (formerly Mitch Houseys) in Livonia and Genitti's in Northville His latest film *Cain's Children* is set to be released next year He'll be narrating Casey at the Bat during the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual fund raising concert Ballgowns & Baseball Caps 6 p.m. Friday April 11 at Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Road Livonia Tickets are \$65 call (734) 451 2112

Buddy's

The Food Network will be filming a segment of its Best of Pizza show at Buddy's Pizza Conant at McNichols in Detroit on Sunday April 13 Host Jim Cordes will feature the restaurant in full operation including interviews with owner Robert Jacob's and customers Buddy's based in Farmington Hills with nine locations throughout the metro area was established in Detroit in 1946 Filming starts at 1 p.m. Call (313) 892 9001 for more information



Kim Carney (left) and Kitty Dubin discuss the one-act in rehearsal (background) at Trinity House Theatre

Comedy of Love

Writers focus on mortals desperately seeking companionship

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Just when it seems Kitty Dubin and Kim Carney are about to reveal an interesting tidbit about their one acts they look at each other and pause The two playwrights don't want to give away any of the laughs in *Could This Be Love?*, a series of six comedy vignettes opening Thursday, April 10, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

All they'll say is the evening's about contemporary men and women prepared to do whatever it takes to find love and keep it.

Directed by Nancy Kammer, the one-acts are produced by Mark Flanders and presented by Flanders Theater Company and Trinity House Theatre. "There's a variety," said Dubin, a Birmingham resident. "People will see themselves. They all deal with love but not sentimental love."

"They're not sappy," adds Carney of Beverly Hills. "They're about the comedy of love. Each is 15 minutes long. There's a journey being taken, a beginning, middle and end."

Relationships - you either laugh or cry your way through. At least that's what Dubin learned over 25 years of counseling couples in her Birmingham office. Even though she retired from a career as a therapist some time ago, Dubin admits to being inspired by that period of her life in "Joy of Sex." The one-act takes place in a therapist's office.

Unfortunately, the doctor is totally inept at helping a newly married couple rekindle their passion. In "Skin Deep," Dubin focuses on a recently divorced woman of 35 looking to start over with a younger face. *Bye Bye Love* tells the story of two women who meet at a funeral home and discover they're connected to the deceased.

Carney's three plays run the gamut from portraying romance on and off stage ("Meltdown") to two answering machines chronicling the development of a relationship ("Messages"). Strangers search for love in a restaurant in "Alone Together."

"The whole evening is about hope," said Dubin. "It's the perfect time to be doing this given the heavy climate. People are searching to genuinely laugh."

"And feel good," added Carney. Dubin and Carney aren't waiting till opening night to light up their lives. They're having fun with the process of bringing material to the stage. Every few days they visit the theater to see how actors are progressing in rehearsal.

In between they continue working on separate projects. Dubin is directing one of her plays for Heartlands Theatre Company's Play by Play marathon Saturday, May 3, at Oakland University in Rochester where she teaches play writing.

Carney is looking forward to the pre-

COULD THIS BE LOVE?

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PLEASE SEE 'LOVE', B6

Making the grade

Disney's 'Holes' gets thumbs up from local teachers

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Literate moviegoers always champion written works over film adaptations. But Walt Disney has managed to produce an exception with its screen version of the award-winning children's book, "Holes."

Slated to open Friday, April 18, the film "Holes" even received high marks from local teachers who turned out for an advance screening at Uptown Palladium 12 in Birmingham.

Winner of the National Book Award and the Newbery Medal, the book has been embraced by educators across the

nation as a teaching tool and classroom resource.

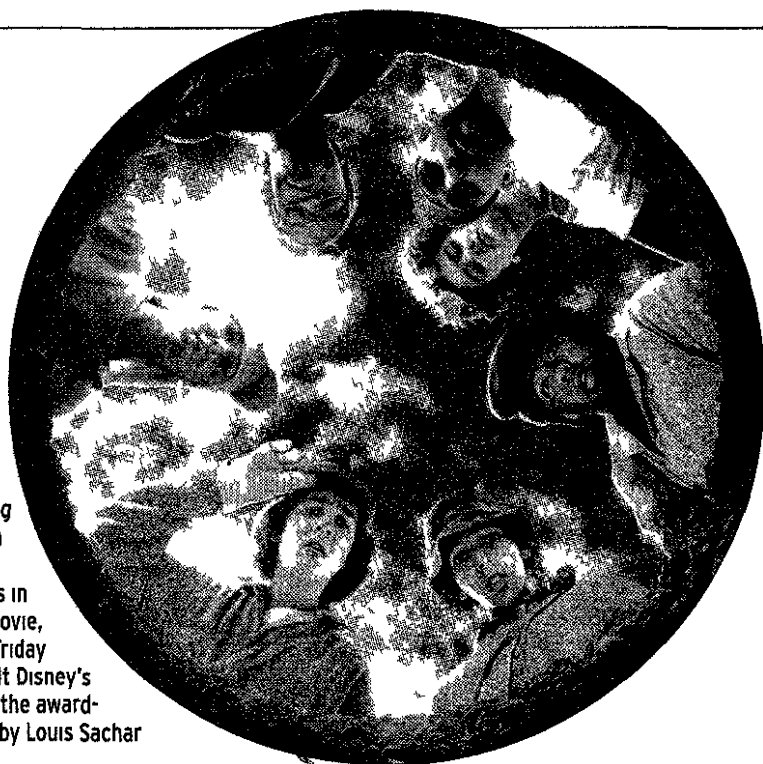
"I always preach to my children the book is better, but the movie was on par with the book," said Anne Burrows, a Lake Orion School District teacher who joined more than 100 educators at the screening.

Even the author's sense of humor comes through on the big screen, said Vera Milz, a retired Bloomfield Hills school teacher who reviews books for the Michigan Reading Association.

"He has a sense of humor that kids just pick up on. Kids respond to him," said

PLEASE SEE HOLES, B6

Digging holes and uncovering the truth is an adventure for the characters in "Holes." The movie, which opens Friday April 18, is Walt Disney's adaptation of the award-winning book by Louis Sachar.



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On stage

Sarah Hedeon (center) wrote and directs the Park Players musical comedy 'Inside Out' Friday-Saturday, to April 11-12, in the theater at the Community House in North Rosedale Park off the Southfield Freeway, near Six Mile Road in Detroit. Tickets prices vary. Call (313) 538-2336. Written especially for the Rosedale Community Theatre's 50th anniversary celebration, the musical tells the story of how a company puts together a production. Songs from 'Annie,' 'Oliver,' 'South Pacific,' 'Cabaret,' and 'Fiddler on the Roof' will bring smiles of recognition to the audience.

FILM BEAT

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

the bounty hunting Bebob crew to catch the culprit in this animated film. **April 10** *Russian Ark* (Russia) a 19th century French aristocrat notorious for his scathing memoirs about life in Russia travels through the Russian State Hermitage Museum and encounters historical figures from the last 200 years. **Call theater for continuing schedule and additional shows.**

DETROIT FILM THEATRE Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-3237. www.dia.org/dft. Adult admission \$6.50, senior citizens full-time students with valid identification and DIA members \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday-Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening. **April 11-13** *Ten* (Iran/France) a recently divorced woman engages in ten conversations, some simple, some extraordinary, while driving around Teheran over the course of a few days. **April 14** *Il Posto (The Job)* (Italy) 1961 director Ermanno Olmi's bitter sweet portrait of a young Milanese man's search for the perfect job for life amid the thousands of other young people trying to do the same.

STATE THEATER 233 State St., Ann Arbor (734) 761-8667 or www.michtheater.com. Adult admission \$8, students and senior citizens \$6.25. **April 10** *Bend It Like Beckham* a comedy about bending the rules to reach your goal that explores the world of women's soccer. Set in Hounslow, West London and Hamburg, the film follows two 18-year-olds with their hearts set on a future in professional soccer. **April 10** *The Pianist* Oscar winner for Best Director and Best Actor Roman Polanski's film is based on the memoirs of the talented pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who miraculously survived World War II.

April 10 *The Quiet American* Director Phillip Noyce's adaptation of the Graham Greene novel with Michael Caine as a veteran English journalist and Brendan Fraser as an idealistic American. The story is a murder mystery with a love triangle set in Saigon during the French Indochina War. **Call theater for continuing schedule and additional shows.**

REDFORD THEATRE, 17360 Lahser in Detroit, call (313) 537-2560. Regular admission \$3. **April 11-12**, *Three Stooges Festival* six of the Three Stooges best 20-minute two-reel films. Tickets are \$4 for this event.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA. www.umich.edu/~umma/. Admission is free. \$5 donation suggested. Occasional films and videos all screenings held in museum's media room main floor. **April 13** (3 p.m.) *Rivers and Tides* director Thomas Riedelsheimer follows internationally renowned Scottish artist Andy Goldsworthy for one year and captures his creative process. **April 16** (12:10 p.m.) *The New World* a film that situates Andy Goldsworthy's art in a larger social context.

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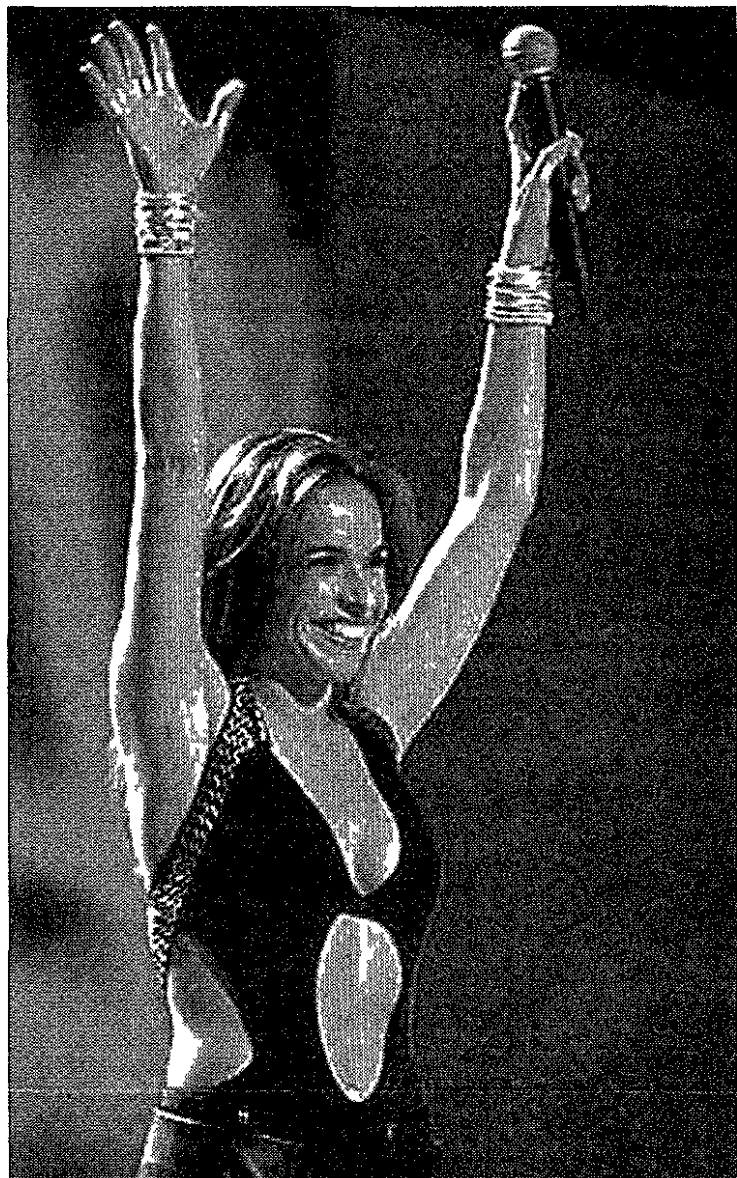
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Brazilian performer heats up dance party



Daniela Mercury headlines the Afro-Brazilian Dance party at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Daniela Mercury may not be a household name in America as yet but Latin music lovers could care less. They're just excited about dancing the night away.

Elizabeth James bought a new skirt just for the occasion. For those like James who live to dance, the University Musical Society party is the place to be Saturday, April 12. That's when Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center turns into a giant party.

"I went last year to the Afro-Cuban Dance Party with Celia Cruz and it was fabulous," said James, program director for the Afro-American & African Studies Center at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. James lives in Northwest Detroit and frequently visits clubs in the Latino community in Southwest Detroit.

"I was totally unaware of what I was coming into. It was lively people in great spirits. It was great to walk out on the floor surrounded by all these people dancing. This is a super version of the clubs in Southwest Detroit. People have flowers in their hair. I can't wait. It's going to be fun. I go with a group. We buy a block of tickets and invite the students to go see the drumming and hear polyrhythms. It's so educational. Students say that's

a beat I heard in hip hop. They see how the history of music moves."

Like the majority of the audience, James will hear Mercury's Brazilian rhythms for the first time. Known as the Queen of Axe (pronounced "ah-SHAY"), the singer fuses samba, reggae, pop, funk, hip hop, and techno in her music.

Mercury grew up listening to blues, jazz, classical, and opera. By age 15 she was singing Brazilian popular music and at 18 was performing in the carnival of Bahia, a province in northeast Brazil. The parade draws some 2 million people and lasts eight consecutive days.

Ypsilanti is Mercury's only American concert until she returns in June to promote her latest CD *Eleto-domestico*. She has recorded 10 CDs, two with a group, eight as a solo singer. She brings a band of 11 musicians and dancers with her to the Convocation Center.

FLASHY SHOW

Mercury's flashy show is what's made her popular with Latin American and European audiences. Expect lots of flashy dancing from the singer who grew up in Salvador, Bahia's capital. She is quite proud that even though she is white, the city is 80 percent black. "My songs speak about

AFRO-BRAZILIAN DANCE PARTY

What: University Musical Society throws a dance party with music by Brazilian singing sensation Daniela Mercury

When: 9 p.m. Saturday April 12

Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti

Tickets: \$35 (734) 764-2538

Related event: Artist reception and interview with Mercury, 4 p.m. Friday April 11, University of Michigan School of Social Work Building, International Institute Room 1636. No charge.

Brazil, about the love, about the fight of classes, about the Afro-Bahian groups and the assertion of black culture, about the importance of celebrating life with joy," said Mercury.

"I alternate the shows with

moments of choreography in a group and moments that I dance alone more freely."

Like James, Linda Yohn isn't familiar with Mercury's music or show but is planning to "get familiar with her music" before the party. That shouldn't be difficult for Yohn, WEMU Radio music director and afternoon host. WEMU Radio plays two hours of Cuban music followed by two hours of Brazilian music on Monday evenings.

"It's good music, the rhythm, melody, passion, the spectacle, the authenticity. It's not white bread, homogenized, middle of the road clap trap," said Yohn who was at last year's Afro-Cuban Dance Party. "People should come to experience something new, different, to come out and feel energized and full of life. It's fantastic sweating up a storm. Dancing to really good live music is truly missing from our lives. Today young people can go to the clubs. This is for people of all ages including gray hairs."

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Pianist makes rare appearance on chamber music series

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit continues its world-class series with a rare recital performance by pianist Krystian Zimerman Saturday, April 12, at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

The first seven concerts of the series have been sold out and only a few tickets remain for the Zimerman concert. This is Zimerman's first

Detroit-area performance in 20 years.

Zimerman began his career at age seven under the tutelage of Andrzej Jasinski, a senior lecturer at the Katowice conservatory in Poland. During his 28-year career, Zimerman has performed with major symphony orchestras around the world, recorded 22 albums and earned a reputation as a dynamic recitalist and dedicat-

ed musician who successfully bridged the gap from child prodigy to mature artist.

His April 12 program includes Brahms Six Klavierstücke, Op. 118, Beethoven's Sonata No. 31 in A-Flat Major, Op. 110, and Chopin's Impromptu in F-Sharp Major, Op. 36 and Sonata in B minor, Op. 58.

A perfectionist and inventor, Zimerman has traveled with

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During his 27 years with

Deutsche Grammophon, Zimerman has recorded renditions of concertos by Schumann, Grieg, Brahms (with Leonard Bernstein), Chopin, and Liszt. Zimerman's release of Debussy's Preludes was named Record of the Year at the 1994 Gramophone Awards. In 1995, he was named Solo Instrumentalist of the Year at the Cannes Classical Awards.

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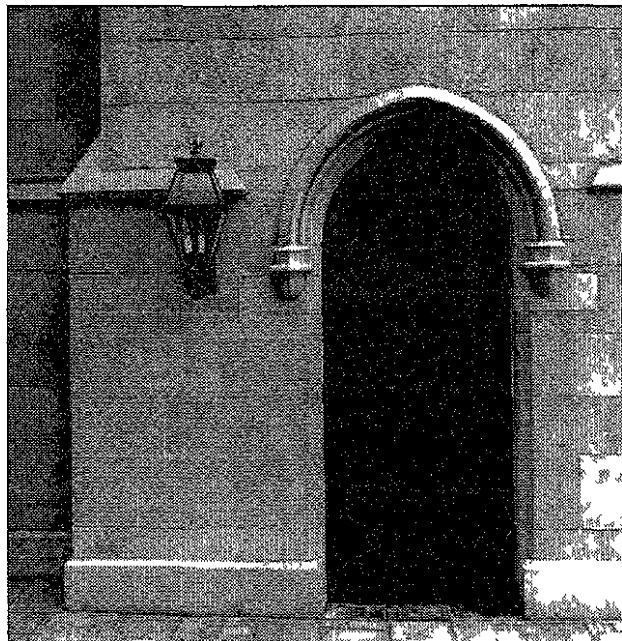
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The Electric Six to rock the dance floor

When the single *Danger! High Voltage* debuted at number two on UK record charts recently, the Detroit-based Electric Six found itself performing before raucous British crowds, being followed back to hotels, and losing coveted items of clothing.

"It's definitely a weird thing when the crowd's clapping and you haven't even done anything yet," said Surge Joebot, guitarist.

The band returned from a European tour bursting with tales of rock hijinks. Across the Atlantic, they couldn't escape the song, now a dance floor favorite. It was even a preferred choice among pre-teen Karaoke singers in Scotland.

"I would be sick of it," said Joebot. "Over there, it's on a lot."

The single was recently released on E.P. by London's XL Recordings. No doubt the rumored guest vocals by Jack White had something to do with its meteoric rise.

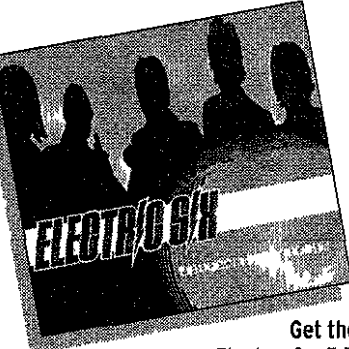
Of course, the band clearly denies any collaboration with the White Stripes mastermind. Instead, those dueling vocals are credited to one John S. O'Leary.

But the band has been known to lie.



Street Scene

Stephanie Angely Casola



Get the Electric Six E.P. *Danger! High Voltage* in stores now

Just listen to these names: Singer Dick Valentine, guitarists Surge Joebot and The Rock and Roll Indian, bassist Disco and a drummer that goes by one initial - M. Can we trust them?

Following the success of *Danger! High Voltage*, the Electric Six is set to release a first XL full-length, titled *Fire*, on May 19.

Thirteen lucky songs long, the disc was recorded at both The White Room and London's Abbey Road - where



Detroit's Electric Six are five strong with (left to right) Surge Joebot, The Rock and Roll Indian, Dick Valentine, Disco and M. Formerly The Wildbunch, the band was forced to make the change at the request of a DJ with the same name. The Electric Six was derived from an idea Disco used to scribble on his school notebooks.

the Beatles recorded nearly 200 songs.

"When we were at Abbey Road two of our amps blew out," said Joebot. "Someones ghost didn't want us to be there."

That wasn't the only strange occurrence. Two days after doing a magazine photo shoot at Brighton Pier in England, the pier "burned and crumbled into the ocean."

The Electric Six seem to experiment with the adage truth is stranger than fiction.

Originally called The Wildbunch, the band formed in late 1996 when M encountered Dick Valentine singing at a local coffee house. M walked in to find the singer doing a "push up solo," his acoustic lynch next to him. The two soon began recording and

coerced Surge Joebot, The Rock and Roll Indian and Disco to join on ("We were rock for hire," recalled Joebot). Recently, Tait Nucleus was added as "synthist."

Danger! High Voltage can be traced back further. Joebot said he arbitrarily chose to pick up guitar after a chemistry class discussion with a high school friend at age 15. During

one of his early recording sessions the music that would be *High Voltage* began to take shape.

It was set to 4-track by 1994, became a regular during Wildbunch rehearsals, and was initially released by the local Flying Bomb label. But it took the hand of BBC Radio 1's John Peel to command mass attention.

Dubbed "disco metal" the song is easily danceable and rather contagious. Lyrics like "Fire in the Taco Bell" reflect that quirky nature that makes the Electric Six a band to either love or hate.

The members themselves tend to tug the music in different directions.

"I would like it to be a super hard rock, metal band," said Surge Joebot. "The Rock and Roll Indian, he'd like to see it be an interesting pop thing. I think M would like it to be an avant-experimental (band) like Captain Beefheart. Disco would prefer a straight-up Orthodox garage rock band. And Dick Valentine just wants us to play his songs."

Stephanie Angely Casola writes about popular music for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at (734) 953-2054 or e-mail at scasola@oe.hometownlife.com

Discover the nature of things at interpretive centers

Here's a partial listing of nature/interpretive centers in the *Observer & Eccentric* coverage area.

Most offer educational programs on a regular basis for a small fee. Exhibits also change periodically.

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River, pond, meadow and grounds of the Fair Lane Estate are nearby.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Wayne County Parks, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Westland

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'LOVE'

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miere of her play, "The Home Team," Thursday, April 17, at the Phoenix Theatre in Indianapolis. The play comes to Performance Network in Ann Arbor this fall.

In the meantime, they're enjoying working together. The two originally met in 1990 when Carney was acting in one of Dubin's plays at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield.

"We're very good friends," said Dubin. "As writers, we show each other our work. We trust each other."

"We've had fun doing this. There's a shorthand between us."



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Lise Lacasse (left), Mark Barrera, Timothy McKernan and Annie Palmer rehearse a scene from one of six comedic vignettes in *Could This Be Love?*

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One-act plays explore relationships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes Timothy McKernan isn't quite sure if he's about to play the eccentric director in "Meltdown" or the slightly shady plastic surgeon in "Skn Deep" at Trinity House Theatre.

But the Plymouth resident isn't complaining. He's just happy to be on stage applying the acting skills he learned at Schoolcraft College and Wayne State University.

"Could This Be Love?," a series of six one-act comedies, calls for four actors to play 13 roles. McKernan transforms himself into three different characters.

"It's a chance to spread my

wings," said McKernan, who earned a bachelor's degree in theater from University of Detroit-Mercy last year and has since acted in productions at Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield. "It's a lot of fun, the humor is terrific. And it's wonderful to have the playwrights there. You may have a different take on a character or scene. You explore. That's what rehearsal is for - to try things."

Director Nancy Kammer prides herself on allowing actors to experiment with a character.

"This ensemble of actors is so exciting to work with," said Kammer, who directed "Queen of Bingo" last year at Trinity House Theatre. She was artistic director at BoarsHead Theater

in Lansing for two seasons. "These one-acts are a real banquet of opportunity for exploration and stretching. I love working with new plays and one-acts. It's a smorgasbord, all these wonderful flavors and styles. 'Could This Be Love?' spans a lot of different experiences and types of love."

"I've made the set monochromatic - white, gray and black with splashes of color. I think that's what relationships are, not just black and white. They're all very hopeful plays that illuminate the human condition but with humor. We need that in these dark times."

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VIVACE SERIES

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"It's not a heavy program. They're short pieces, a lot of different styles. I think they're going to like everything. Stylistically, people have favorites, but variety is the spice of life."

Liberson and Conway will perform a variety of music by composers ranging from William Bolcum to Claude Debussy including Pocket Size Sonata No. 2 by Alec Templeton.

"I mixed it up," said Liberson. "The Petite Piece by Debussy I knew about forever. The Templeton is light and jazzy. I

looked for pieces with small, short or petite in the title. These are musical miniatures."

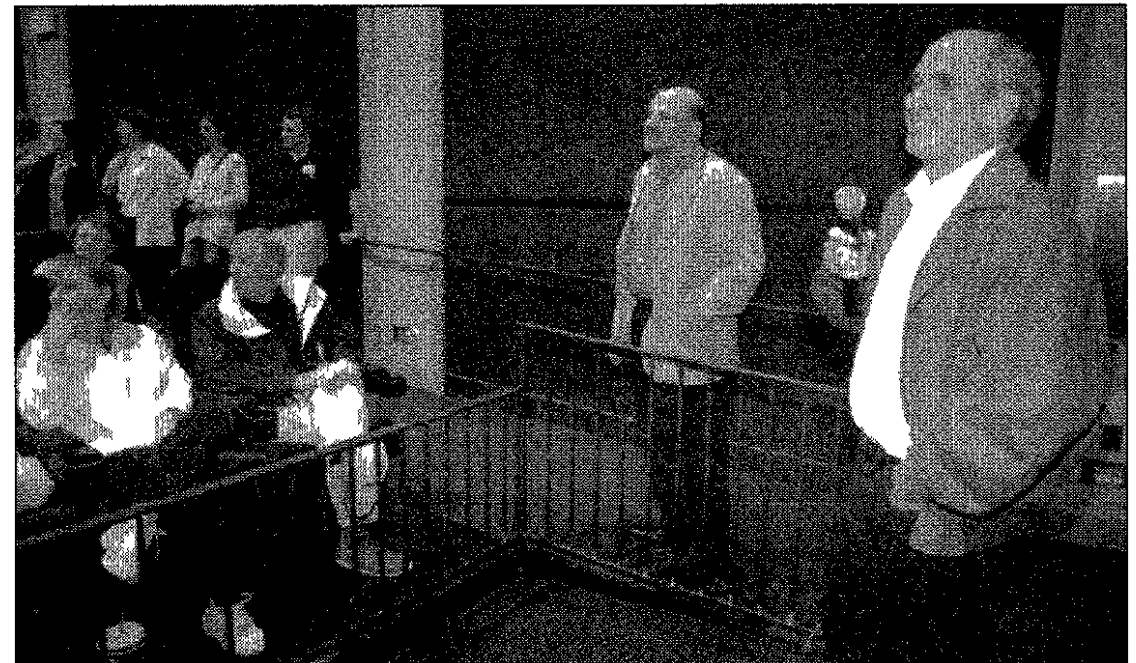
It's easy to hear the love for chamber music in Liberson's voice. The Vivace Series gives him the opportunity to share that with the audience. Except for concerts with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings of which he is a charter member, Liberson rarely performs with small ensembles. That's why he's enthusiastic about the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival June 14-29 - and the Vivace Series. The Festival features a series of concerts with internationally known chamber musicians like violinist Ida Kavafian and members of Detroit Chamber Winds &

Strings. The Vivace Series spotlights chamber music at least once every season.

"In school, I remember recitals being dour affairs with heavier work," said Liberson. "I wanted something thematic and on the lighter side. You'll be hearing music you've never heard before. The second half nobody will know any of the music."

"We'll do an encore of James Scott's 'Frog Legs Rag' only if they clap." Leave it to Liberson to end on a note of humor.

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'Holes' author Louis Sachar (right) and Andrew Davis, who directed Walt Disney's adaptation of the story, came to Birmingham to show the movie. More than 100 local teachers turned out to see the film.

HOLES

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Milz "If you liked the book, you will enjoy the film."

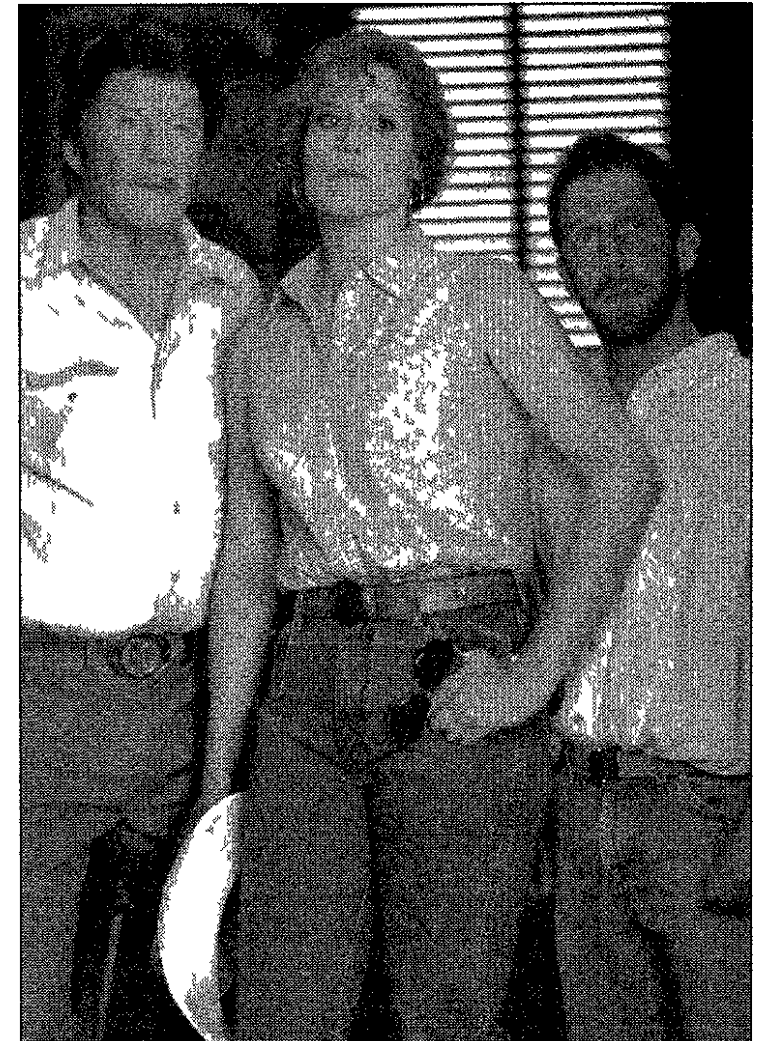
STAR VISIT

After the movie screening, teachers, parents and young readers had the opportunity to speak with the movie's director, Andrew Davis, as well as "Holes" author Louis Sachar. It's hard to get good books for the classroom," one teacher told Sachar, adding she hoped he would publish more works in the near future.

While there were many questions and comments about the film, it clearly was Sachar who the audience came to see. "Louis is a star, so we are parading our star around," said Davis, whose directorial credits include such blockbusters as "The Fugitive" with Harrison Ford and "Collateral Damage" with Arnold Schwarzenegger. "We want educators to know that the author likes the movie."

CLASSIC ADVENTURE

The film, which is rated PG, targets moviegoers age 8-14. "But it plays to older audiences," said Davis. Indeed, the film's plot line shifts between past and present, reality and tale. Themes in the film include racism, friendship, loyalty, literacy, justice, community and family. All the while, the story is a classic adventure. Taking the journey for us is a boy named Stanley Yelnats (Sha LaBeouf), an unlikely hero convicted of a crime he did not commit. Sentenced to time in a remote correctional camp called Camp Green Lake, Yelnats and his co-delinquents



Also starring in 'Holes' are (from left) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver and Tim Blake Nelson.

are charged with digging holes day-in and day-out. According to the camp's director, played by Sigourney Weaver, and her right-hand man, played by Jon Voight, digging holes is how the boys will build character. But Yelnats is quick to suspect otherwise and begins to uncover the real reason why they are digging holes.

AUTHOR'S APPROVAL

Like most authors, Sachar

had concerns about his book being adapted for screen. "Holes" has become a very special book," Sachar said. "I was worried that it would lose that, be overshadowed, or it would be a very silly movie." But the story, the characters and the themes all come through, he said. "I am amazed. And I'm one of those people who always likes the book better."

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Philip Leeft, Stephanie Pizzo and Jacqueline Pierce Boucard rehearse one of the selections for Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's 'Myth and Magic' concert

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble weaves mystery into program

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Innovative partnering, high energy dancers leaping across the stage to express dramatic works - Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's final concert of the season promises all this and more Friday, April 11, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

"Myth and Magic" features the return of audience favorites and premiere of three new dances by company members. Artistic director Laurie Eisenhower choreographs a new duet to a romantic tango, and "Stop-Love" to music by the Tin Hat Trio. Steven Iannacone creates a dramatic contemporary interpretation for Maurice Ravel's "Bolero."

"Steven Iannacone's piece is evocative and provocative, powerful," said Eisenhower. "We add Scottish flair with the audience favorite 'Ceilidh,' a fun and lively dance. We're revising 'Moon Dances,' a lyrical work for those looking for a contemporary dance with classical elements."

"We try to offer something for everyone. A repertory concert is much more exciting than seeing a whole evening of Swan Lake. 'Myth and Magic' is a physically demanding concert for dancers. They're exhausted by the end of the concert."

If seeing a high energy production isn't enough to moti-

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vate dance lovers to buy a ticket, Eisenhower's added intrigue. Marketing plays a major role in launching a dance company nationally. Eisenhower learned that when she danced with Pilobolus Dance Theatre and David Parsons in New York City.

Since founding Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in 1991, she's worked to make the company's name known throughout the country. Commissioning works by emerging choreographers like Iannacone is also part of the plan.

"I chose 'Myth and Magic' for the title of the concert because it's provocative," said Eisenhower. "There's myth and magic in all of the dances we do, a little bit of mystery."

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Young fiddler jazzes up Celtic music on new CD

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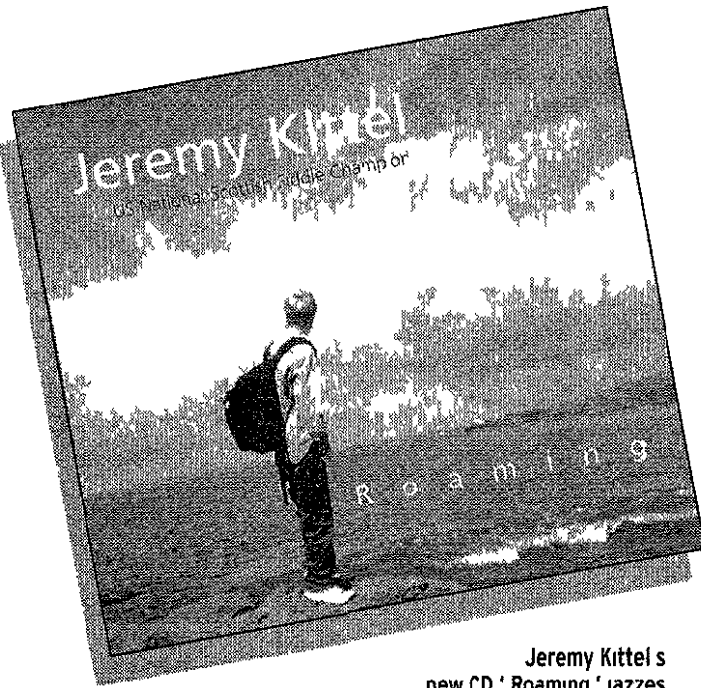
It's apparent from listening to Jeremy Kittel's new CD *Roaming* he's heading in a new direction with his fiddling.

His second recording jazzes up traditional Irish and Scottish music but that's expected since Kittel is growing as a musician.

Only four years ago he was a 14-year-old competing in the All Ireland. That's when I first began following this phenomenal talent. By 2000 he'd won the National Scottish Fiddle Competition. A year later he was accepted into the jazz performance program at University of Michigan School of Music even though he'd never studied jazz.

At age 18, Kittel is on his way to a career in music. His direction? Well he's roaming - just having fun experimenting with jazz, bluegrass and swing - and Celtic.

Recorded at Big Sky Studio in Ann Arbor last fall and self-released in mid February, *Roaming* leads off with toe-tapping jigs and reels then dissolves into original material honed in stairwells, a favorite place for practicing and compos-



Jeremy Kittel's new CD 'Roaming' jazzes up traditional Irish and Scottish music

ing due to the acoustics and solitude it provides.

While Kittel's first CD *Celtic Fiddle* concentrated solely on traditional Scottish and Irish music, *Roaming* mixes it up with new Celtic songs and covers of jazz tunes. Written in a matter of minutes, *Summer's End/Elly's Autumn* has a sad beauty to it. This is Louis Prima's

Sing, Sing, Sing like you've never heard it. Kittel's haunting intro to Chick Corea's "Spain" takes off with up tempo jazz.

I'm exploring the different styles I've been playing, improvisation and jazz. I've been playing a lot of jazz in recent years. I really like jazz. Miles Davis, John Coltrane. It's hard to say what genre

of music Kittel will end up playing. There's no doubt he'll meld all of his training into the Kittel sound. I think he's already begun to do that. It will be interesting to see where he takes it from here.

Kittel first picked up the violin at age 5 to study classical music. His direction changed after attending a Scottish festival in Alma with his family. Kittel was fascinated by the fiddling competition. By age eight he was on his way to becoming a national champion. Look for Kittel to continue his love affair with Scottish, Irish and Cape Breton music - but with a jazzy twist.

"Celtic music's energy, it's drive, attracted me, the excitement," said Kittel. "Jazz has a lot of the same energy and drive, but a different kind."

"Roaming" costs \$15 and is available at www.cdbaby.com, Border's Books, Nicola's Books and Shar Music in Ann Arbor, or by sending a check to Jeremy Kittel, P.O. Box 653, Saline, MI 48176. For more information on Kittel, visit www.jeremykittel.com.

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MGM Grand Casino - 1300 John C. Lodge, corner of Michigan Avenue and Third, Detroit, (877) 847-8471. Brunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults 21 years and older, includes made-to-order omelets and waffles, shrimp, crab claws, salads, leg of lamb, chicken, pastries and more. Cost \$28.50.

Lovett Hall - adjacent to Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway, (313) 982-6001, \$37.50/adult, \$21/child (8 and under). Serving 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Menu includes breakfast items, grilled vegetables, peel-and-eat shrimp, salads, pan-seared salmon with orange tarragon glaze, leg of lamb, Chicken Kiev, ice cream bar and cookie decorating station.

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

TABLE HOPPING

Send items for consideration in Table Hopping including brunches, wine tastings and other special dinners, announcements and events to Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. To fax: (248) 644-1314 or (734) 591-7279. e-mail: kkaleski@oehomecomm.net

Cafe Cortina

Ristorante Cafe Cortina, 30715 W 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, has been recognized by The Best Of... Pasta airing regularly on the Food Network. The crew from The Best Of... will be shooting at Ristorante Cafe Cortina 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 11. To participate, call for reservations (248) 474-3033 or visit www.cafecortina.com for more information.

Slice of Life

Buddy's Pizza and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's 27th annual *A Slice of Life Benefit* is Monday, April 21. Visit any of Buddy's six dine-in locations 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. purchase a ticket at the door and enjoy all you can eat pizza with two toppings and your choice of Garden Antipasto or Greek Salad. Purchase a ticket at any of Buddy's three carry-out locations and receive a square pizza with two toppings or an individual size Garden Antipasto or Greek Salad. The cost is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors (over 62) and \$6.50 (children 10 and younger).

We have raised over \$2 million over the past 26 years, said Robert Jacobs, Buddy's owner. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is an amazing and caring operation. They receive no government funds and they rely mainly on donations.

Last night on the Titanic

On Sunday, April 13, approximately 300 guests are expected to dine at the Roostertail Banquet Center in Detroit to experience the Last Night on the Titanic. The dinner, taken from one of two menus salvaged from the wreckage of the ship, will include the same 11-course meal served to First Class passengers on what proved to be the last dinner on the Titanic. The dinner, to benefit Independent Opportunities of Michigan, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Authentic music for the era for dancing will be provided by the Music Messengers String Quartet. Tickets are \$150 per person and include dinner, wine package and entertainment. For ticket information and to view the menu, go to www.doubleexposureinc.net or call (248) 656-RSVP.

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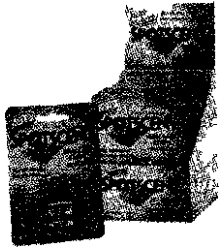
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Palm Sunday

Forget about the snow; it's time for orchids.

The Michigan Orchid Society will feature orchids at the Palm Sunday Orchid Show Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. MOS members will answer questions and discuss methods of growing orchids with visitors. More than 12 professional growers will display blooming orchids and have supplies for sale.

Spruce up

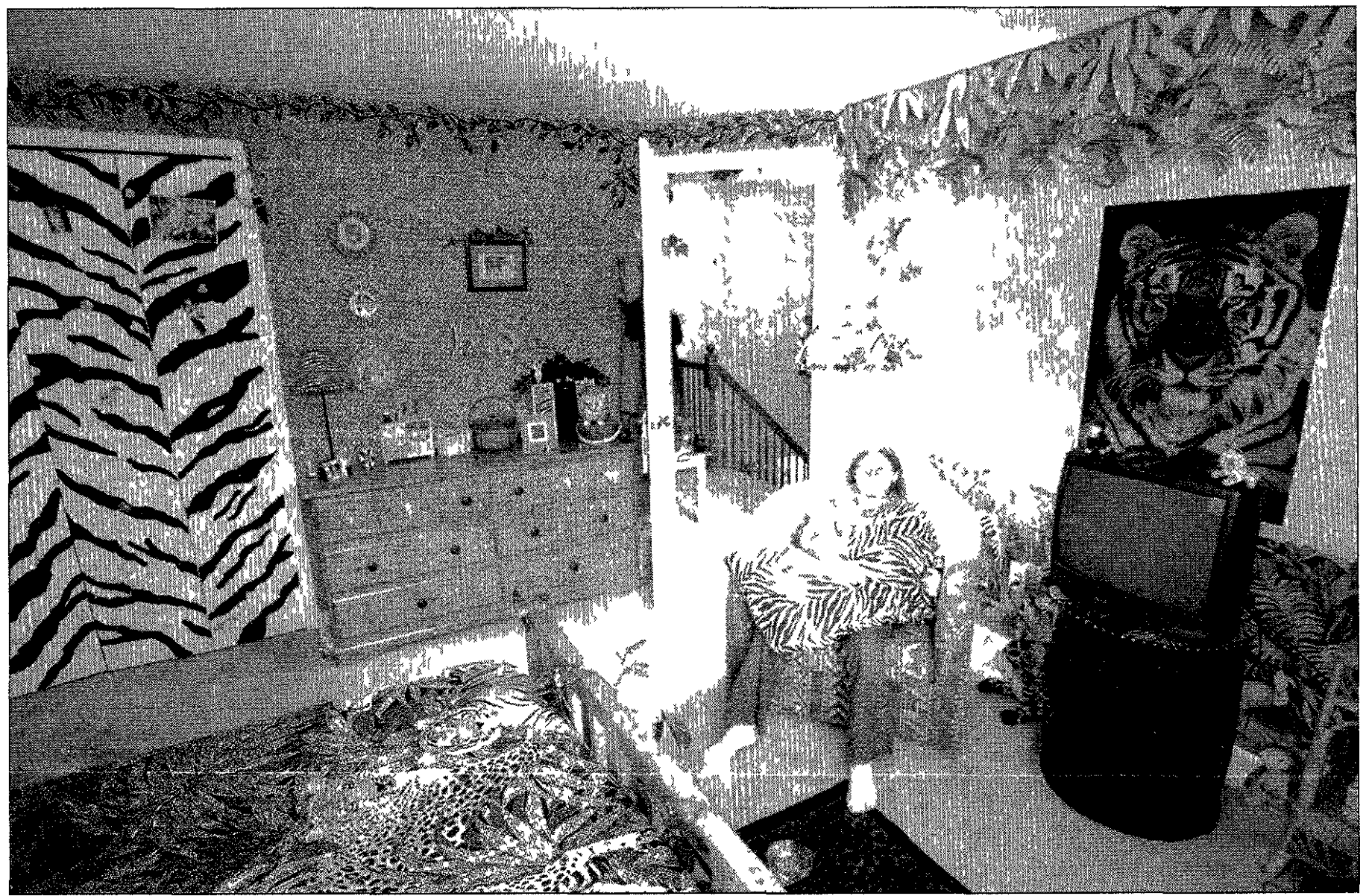
The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club presents Spruce Up for Spring at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive (north of Maple east of Coolidge) in Troy.

Enjoy presentations by two interior design professionals: Renea Lewis of Design by Choice will discuss "The Art of Accessorizing" and Patti Kimmel of Homework Interiors will talk about

Color Trend Forecast for 2003. Spend the afternoon touring five selected show rooms filled with outstanding home furnishings and accessories. Advance tickets are \$12; tickets purchased at the door are \$15. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope and check made payable to Oakland University/MBHGC, Mail to Ella Steele, 230 Randolph Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309. All proceeds will benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.

Remodeling

Americans spend more than \$4.8 billion annually on kitchen remodeling projects, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Another \$2.5 billion is spent on bathroom remodeling. Studies show that these large expenditures on kitchen and bath projects may add more value to a home's value than any other room. The average home has nearly twice as many bathrooms as a few decades ago, so it stands to reason that the dollars spent on bathroom additions have increased. In 2000, 56 percent of all new homes were built with 2½ baths or more, compared to only 1 percent of homes built in 1950 and 16 percent in 1970. For more information, visit www.nahb.com.



Lisa Valentine of Plymouth sits in a chair in her jungle-themed bedroom.

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It's a Jungle in there

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Room's facelift highlights animals and greenery

Lisa Valentine liked the room.

Lisa, 11, had the chance to choose between two upstairs bedrooms and wanted that one, painted a pale gray, because "it was bigger."

Her mother and father, Marcia and John Valentine, had relocated the family from one home to another in Plymouth.

But Marcia did not like the room's color.

"I can't imagine anyone even liking (that color), so we thought we'd do something different," Marcia said.

Enter a creative friend of Marcia's, and soon the three of them

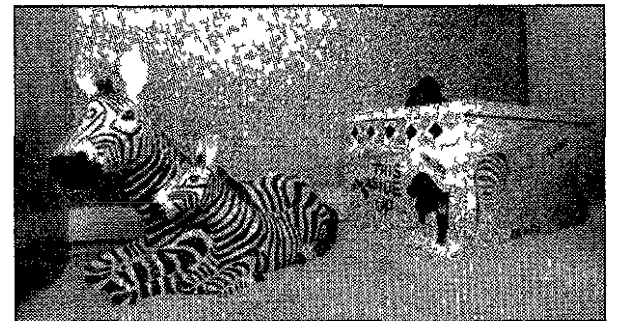
went to work.

Bamboo shoots sprouted on a lamp stand. Vines spread their way on a border along the ceiling.

A monkey and an elephant stood on guard in the corners as table stands.

Wooden paws stepped up the wall.

Soon, the pale gray room in the colonial home in Plymouth was transformed into a green jungle full of foliage and fauna.



Plastic leaves on the headboard and footboard, stuffed animals and a jungle bedspread stay true to the jungle motif. Above, a pair of wood-carved zebras and a painted cargo box keep the theme strong in the details.

THE MOVE

When John and Marcia Valentine moved to that home in November 2000, they loved their new digs.

The Valentines decided to spiff up two upstairs bedrooms at the same time for Lisa, and 13-year-old Lauren. Lisa is a fifth-grader at Plymouth.

PLEASE SEE JUNGLE, C4

MARKETPLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



Back to nature

Wilsonart International has introduced new laminates, Mesa Midnight, the newest addition to Wilsonart's MesaGranite Collection, features a charcoal black, granite-like pattern. The collection has 10 patterns that resemble granite, but offers such additional hues as lapis and green that aren't normally found in naturally formed granite. The laminate's finish provides the smooth feel and brilliant look of stone. Shown at left (clockwise from top right) are Mesa Sand, Mesa Sunrise, Mesa Ridge, Mesa Verte, Mesa Gold, Mesa Desert, Mesa Midnight, Mesa Pearl, Mesa Twilight, Mesa Blanca and Mesa Flint. For more information, call (800) 433-3222 or visit www.wilsonart.com.

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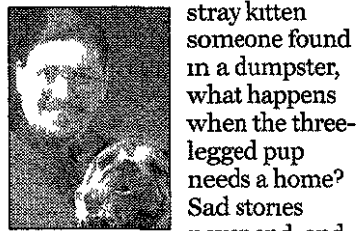


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Cats are wonderful, unique pets

I never take any animal home from the clinic. I'm not hard hearted. Too many sad stories pass through the clinic. If I take home the stray kitten someone found in a dumpster, what happens when the three-legged pup needs a home? Sad stories never end, and I knew this chain could lead to a house full of animals. Thus the vow to never take an animal home.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

HOUSE FILLED WITH ANIMALS

My wife never made such a vow. Our house is overrun with animals. Two dogs. Six birds. Three cats. All well taken care of and happy. People who come to the house will be fascinated by the birds, enamored with the dogs, but will often have a disdain for the cats.

I find that many people dislike cats. (My clue for this theory came from people saying, "I hate cats.")

I'm always fascinated when people say this. They puff out their chest and say it with a pride usually reserved for bragging about growing the blue ribbon radish at the state fair. It's as though they discovered the idea to hate cats, and they're letting you in on it so you can start preaching it like it's some new anti-feline religion.

This disdain permeates our culture. Even in the lame *Dogs and Cats* movie, the cats were the villains. And it goes beyond the clinic.

A retiring vet from India visited my clinic for a day. A wonderful gentleman, he told me amazing stories about his practice. He videotaped me to take back and show his colleagues what American veterinarians are like. (Goofy, pudgy guys with pony tails!)

Anyway, he saw Buhtatuh, our clinic cat, and stopped in his tracks, saying, "There is a cat running around!" I assured him it was fine. He then looked at me, and with a very serious expression, said, "But cats are evil!" "Ya," I replied. "But that's part of their charm."

You can argue all day that cats are inferior pets, but they have surpassed dogs as the most common pet in the United States.

CATS ARE POPULAR

Cat popularity increases for many reasons, one important reason being the convenience. We live in a time that families don't sit around the house quilting all day. Most houses sit empty much of the time, as parents and kids race through their hectic schedules. Finding the time to get home to let the dog out can be difficult. Finding time to play with the dog? Often near impossible.

Cats don't need a lot of your time. Litter boxes can be cleaned when you get home, which means you don't have to

rush back to avoid having the Yellow Sea on your hardwood floors. Also, cats take attention when they want it.

They'll let you know when that time is. Add to that the lower cost of food and health care in cats, along with apartment living being much more conducive to kitties, and it's clear why they become a favorite in our society.

But what about that aloof personality? That lack of interest in you or your life bugs people. Dogs bounce around the house when you get home, wagging their tail, seemingly saying, "It's you! It's you! It's you!" Cats look at you through partially closed eyes and seem to say "Oh, it's you," then drift back off to dreamland.

CURING THE DISLIKE

People visit cat owners and become disgusted about this distant creature, and how it ignores them when they want to pet it, or climbs in their lap when they don't want it to.

But the true cure for hating cats is not to visit one.

The cure is to own one. Every time someone gets a kitten or an adult cat for the first time, they say the same thing. "He (or she) isn't really like a cat at all!" Then they inform me about how the critter runs up to greet them, fetches, and plays all evening with them.

Being very social creatures, most breeds of dog play with and get petted by anyone with relatively equal excitement.

You can almost see a young Labrador's eyes light up when he sees someone, seemingly screaming, "A human! Love you! Pet me!" Most cats treat their owners very differently than guests. They don't want any person, they want their person. Once you own one, and you become their person, usually you get hooked.

PERSONALITIES VARY

Each cat has a different personality all their own, and most can be very charming in their own way. Get 10 golden retrievers in a room and you have maybe two different personalities between them. Get 10 cats in a room, and you'll have at least 19 different personalities!

I'm a dog person at heart, but cats have much to offer, and certainly more and more people learn this all the time. You may want to give owning a cat a try. They really do make great pets!

Don't worry if you need to feel obstinate; you can still proudly proclaim your disdain for broccoli!

Take home message: People who hate cats miss out on a great little friend. They're truly not evil. Well, most of them aren't. I think.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City. Feel free to write him at VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135 with questions and comments. You can send e-mail to Questions@anilmalkradio.com.

Make sure your garage door operates safely

My wife, Karen, called me to the garage when she discovered the door would only lower about two feet, stop and reverse. It took me a while to discover that the track on the electric opener was corroded. A little WD-40 did the trick and the door was able to close.

Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Your garage door may be subjected to more wear and tear than any other part of your home, yet it is too often taken for granted. It's heavy, subjected to a harsh environment, under great tension and usually used at least twice a day. A neglected door almost always becomes noisy, but continued neglect can create a dangerous door.

Simple maintenance should take no more than 10 minutes and you'll need no special tools. Most of today's garage doors are the sectional type with some sort of spring counterbalance. Most of the following tips will apply to just about any type of door.

Tighten all nuts and bolts. Pay particular attention to those at the roller brackets. Inspect and tighten the lag bolts holding the track to the wall as necessary. Squirt a little spray lube (WD-40) on all pivot points.

Inspect the rollers. Plastic rollers tend to crack or chip. The bearings on steel rollers will wear causing the roller to tilt. These can be purchased at hardware and home improvement stores. Just remove the screws holding the bracket to the door, remove the roller and replace. The bottom roller bracket is attached to the lift cable. Leave the replacement of this one to a professional. Check the cable for signs

of fraying and corrosion. Pay particular attention to the loop at the bottom of the door since this is often subjected to salt laden moisture. This cable is under tension, if there are signs of deterioration, don't attempt to replace the cable yourself.

The lubricant on the traveler track (or tube) will become stiff and attract dirt. Clean it with WD-40 (or similar) and a rag. Apply a coat of spray-on white lithium grease. Check the emergency release for proper operation.

While you have the WD-40 out spray some on the torsion spring. Disengage your door opener and lift the door about half way. A properly balanced door will hold in this position. If your door is not balanced, call a professional.

Test the auto reverse feature on your opener. A full paper towel roll will crush when the door is closed on it but should get no closer than one inch from the floor before coming to a stop. It should reverse within two seconds of stopping. You should also check the auto reverse at about the mid-point of travel by grabbing the bottom of the door as it's about halfway closed. Again, it should stop and reverse. (If your door opener doesn't have an auto reverse feature, I strongly suggest replacing it.)

This simple maintenance should be performed at least once a year, even better make it part of your spring and fall routine.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

HOME CALENDAR

Spring flair

Tired of the winter blues? Learn how a few creative changes can liven up your room on any budget in Add Spring Flair to Your Rooms an Ethan Allen Designers Saturday Seminar. The seminar will take place 1 p.m. April 12 at Ethan Allen, 15700 Middlebelt in

Livonia. Call (734) 261-7780.

Easter Bunny

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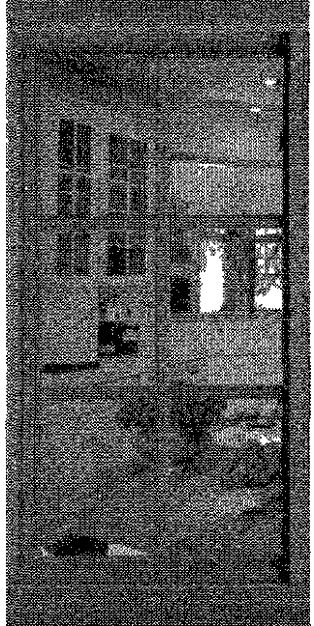
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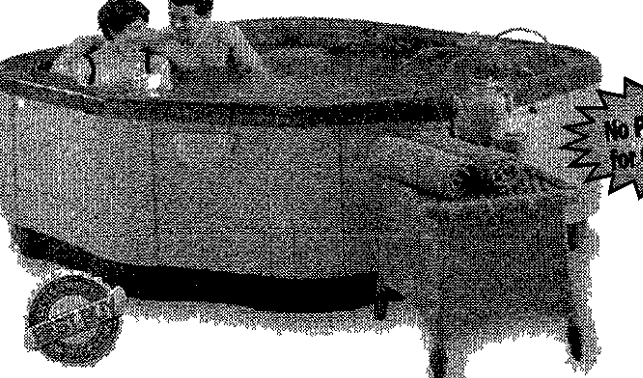
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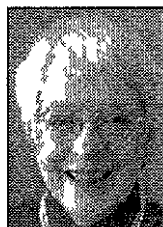
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Beautiful, versatile shrubs are popular

Beautiful and versatile shrubs are becoming more popular in our gardens. I'll call this column "The ABCs of Shrubs" because I'll tell you



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

About them, their Beauty and Care. Here are some new ones on the market.

Many of us probably know the following shrub as elderberry. The botanical name is *Sambucus* and one would be a great addition to many gardens, especially in a natural setting. Elderberry is better known for its folk uses.

Recent introductions now have a colorful array of foliage such as yellow, copper, white and even black.

Black Beauty (*S. nigra*) "Gerda" is the newest with dark black foliage that doesn't fade to green in summer, but actually gets darker. Lemon-scented, rich pink flowers appear in late June to early July that are a great contrast to the foliage.

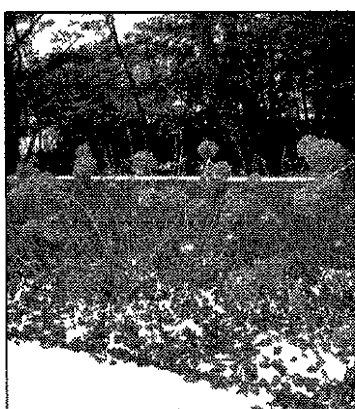
Grow Black Beauty in almost all soils as a shrub or as a bold perennial, cutting it back in the fall results in a neat plant. Maturity 8 to 12 feet, zone 4.

A new *Potentilla fruticosa*, or Bush Cinquefoil, is "Sommerflor." It is a long-blooming cultivar with bright yellow blooms from mid-summer until frost.

A light shearing increases the quantity of flowers that look good in the summer heat when others tend to look spent. This plant does best in fertile, moisture-retentive, but well-drained, soil that's neutral to slightly alkaline, but will adapt to some acidity.

There are several cultivars with white, apricot and pink blooms.

Use this beauty as a low hedge, in a perennial border or the front of a shrub border, or along foundations. In late winter remove one-third of old growth and reshape. Maturity 3 feet, zone 3.



MARTY FIGLEY

Choose a new shrub this spring. See how striking hydrangeas can be in the winter.

Another winner is *Deutzia*, a genus that encompasses more than 60 species of mostly deciduous shrubs. Grow these for their airy sprays of white or pink spring flowers and often delicate, arching habit. Some *deutzias* develop exfoliating bark with age.

The new *kalmufiora*, *D. purpureascens x D. parviflora*, is considered one of the best because of the arching and showy blooms.

The flowers are white/light pink on the inside and deep pink on the outside.

Grow in sun or part shade in fertile soil with protection from strong winds. It needs minimal pruning. Maturity 4 to 6 feet, zone 5.

HYDRANGEAS

Hydrangeas are an old-fashioned favorite, with flowers that range from white to sapphire "caps," and a species with burgundy fall foliage and furrowed bark.

There are more than two dozen species of evergreen and deciduous shrubs and climbers. The flowers of the shrubs are great for drying to add winter beauty indoors.

These plants like fertile, moisture-retentive soil, full sun to part shade. The species vary in their tolerance to sun, wind, salt and drought, and in their pruning requirements, so growers need to know what to do with the ones they have chosen.

There are only a few

cultivars of *H. arborescens*. A new one, "White Dome," *H. arborescens* "Dardom," is proving to be even more spectacular than the popular "Annabelle" now on the market.

The plant is excellent in all respects, with strong flower stems and big, robust leaves. "White Dome" is perfect for the back of the perennial border or for use as a specimen. The large blooms are excellent for cutting and make exotic floral displays. Maturity 4 to 6 feet, zone 4.

All of these plants are native to North America.

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CARE

All plants need nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and traces of about a dozen other elements such as calcium, magnesium and sulfur. It doesn't matter whether the source is organic or inorganic.

Organic amendments work more slowly than inorganic fertilizers, so need to be applied before a plant is in stress. Inorganic fertilizers work more quickly.

The soil needs to be tested before planting to be sure it contains the elements the plants need.

Nitrogen helps green up leaves and produces rapid vegetative growth, so should be applied early in the season. Phosphorus stimulates root growth and should be added to the hole when you plant your shrubs. Potassium promotes flowering and fruiting and can be added in early spring or early fall.

Never fertilize in late fall, which can stimulate tender new growth that can be damaged by frost.

Water plants well before and after fertilizing.

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

Bordine presents Spring Garden Expo

BY MARTY FIGLEY
CORRESPONDENT

You won't want to miss the Bordine Nursery Spring Garden Expo which will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, at the Rochester Hills and Clarkston locations.

Come and enjoy breathtaking floral displays, including several landscape designs to give visitors ideas of what can be done in their own gardens.

Also, representatives from Mike's Tree Surgeons will present the latest news about the Emerald Ash Borer that is destroying those trees.

Pruning demonstrations and other garden activities will be ongoing throughout the days. Haley Stone, Crom's Tree Service and Scott's will also be present. This is a good chance

to see the newest and finest in the garden industry.

Experts at 50 booths at each location will be available to answer questions.

A number of nonprofit organizations will be represented, such as Cranbrook Gardens, Meadow Brook Hall, Global ReLeaf, Miss Dig, Proven Winners/Four Star Greenhouse, Michigan State Master Gardeners, and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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JUNGLE

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Christian Academy, while Lauren is an eighth-grader there

Lisa wanted the jungle theme because "I like animals, she said, and Mom liked the idea, and off they went to the stores and garage sales

They picked out a pear-colored paint, which resembles an olive green color, from a Sears store in Canton. Marcia's friend, Carol Krupa of Dearborn, picked out wallpaper resembling tropical grasses from a paint store in Dearborn. Lisa and her mother found animal handles for her drawers at Home Depot.

They bought chairs and a barrel at garage sales, animal lamp stands on clearance from Michael's. They sewed pillows. They painted three or four coats of magnetic paint on a closet door and the entrance door.

Lisa painted a monkey stand, used as a table in one corner, in another corner stands an elephant.

A jungle-themed green comforter and pillows were made from scraps and remnants. Bamboo leaves cover the windows. Squares of animal print tissue paper were glued to two bulletin boards.

A set of parrot lights, which drape a headboard of the bed, was purchased from Joanns. A leopard rug was bought at Target.

Bamboo stems shoot up the stem of a lamp. A lampshade is

covered with fabric, a mix of leopard spots and tiger stripes.

Even wooden letters spelling out Lisa's name are covered with scraps of paper and fabric, about 80 cents worth," said Marcia.

A vine border was sprayed by Krupa along the top of the walls. "She helped us with that whole room," Marcia said. "She's more creative with I am and she also did the wallpapering."

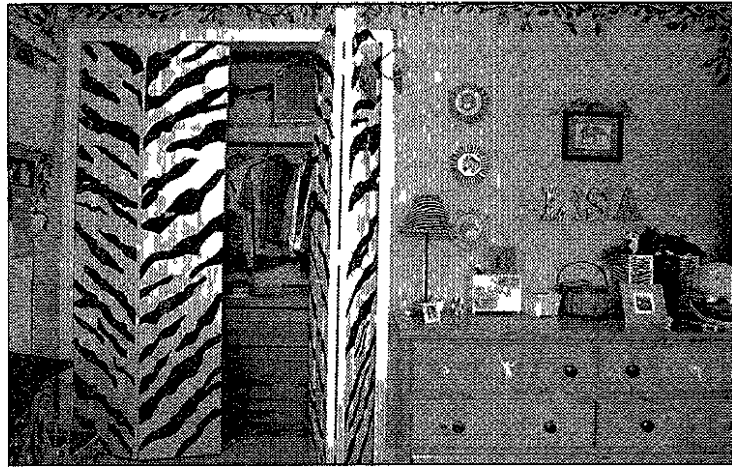
Wooden paws hung on the wall were ordered through a catalog on the Internet. And the cost was only \$150 for all the materials for the new look.

"Once we started to put up the wallpaper, it kind of evolved," Valentine said. "Everywhere we went it just caught our attention, where we'd see a zebra or anything that had to do with a jungle."

They also worked on Lauren's room, which Mom described as "calming and passive." Lauren received a cool purple paint color in her room, a futon painted white with colorful homemade pillows to blend in well in the room. A colorful poster on the wall is a simple sheet of wrapping paper.

"The idea was this room could be where she could hang out with her friends, thus the reason for the futon," Marcia said.

"Lauren and her friends can sit on the futon or bed and do their homework, relax and listen to music or read a book. It's a nice place where she can be with her friends. For a teenager, that's important."



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The closet door is painted with zebra stripes

TEAMWORK

Lauren also helped with the new look in her room, painting, stamping bookshelves and stuffing pillows.

Marcia's advice? "If you can make it, do it. To do a body pillow would cost at least \$10-\$15 at the store. When you make it with material, we did it for \$3. The kids are both comfortable when you make it their rooms."

For example, Marcia used a cardboard box purchased at a garage sale, then painted it orange, and printed off animals on a color printer that were glued to the cardboard box. Marcia saw a similar box at the store for \$85.

"We did a low budget project from garage sales and clearance racks," Marcia said. "A lot of things we made, that we could adapt to the environment. We checked out garage themes with anything that had a African jungle theme. We

picked up things cheaply.

The magnetic paint placed on Lisa's door was the real challenge, Marcia said, to ensure pins with photos would stick to the magnetized stripes. "To do the stripes freehand is difficult for someone without a lot of creativity," Marcia said with a laugh in reference to herself, but the stripes look good in the room, and represent another creative touch.

Marcia, Lisa and Krupa worked on the pillows, then the room was painted, which took about six weeks time. The room was put together in one day by Marcia and Carol.

After we had all the wallpaper and painting done, put everything in its place, so she got to see the room," Marcia said. Lisa said she is glad she helped her mom with the project, sewing pillows and painting. "I didn't want to when we started, but I'm glad I did. It's more my room than if my mom just made it."

Test soil before planting

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents now can take their soil for testing to participating retailers to determine chemical and physical properties of the soil.

From April 5-19, this program provides Michigan State University soil testing to gardeners. Using specialized equipment, the standard Michigan State University soil test measures the pH, phosphorus and potassium content of the soil, and its general nutrient holding capacity.

With the pH value, gardeners will learn whether the soil is acidic (sour) or alkaline (sweet). Gardeners will receive a recommendation to adjust the pH with lime or sulfur depending on your gardening situation. (Lime reduces acidity while sulfur increases acidity. Neither should be applied without a soil test.)

Checking phosphorus and potassium levels help develop a fertilization program for the plants that will be grown. Without periodic soil testing, gardeners have no method to determine whether plants are starving or whether excessive amounts of fertilizer have been applied. Too much fertilizer can damage plants' roots and contribute to environmental pollution. Each unique location or gardening situation requires its own soil test. For example, flower gardens receive different treatments and additives than lawns. Each area, therefore, needs its own soil test.

Each soil test sample should

be composed of at least six sub-samples of the area. Samples should be collected to root depth, usually 4 inches, with a garden trowel. Do not include plant material or debris. About 1 cup of soil is required for each test. Samples can be taken any time the soil isn't frozen.

To participate in the "Don't Guess Soil Test" program, simply take soil samples to one of the following participating retailers, including Barsons Greenhouse, 6414 N Merriman Road, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 421-5959, Panetta Landscaping, 8500 Middlebelt, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 421 5299, Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Plymouth Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-5500, and Clyde Smith Nursery, 8000 Newburgh, Westland, MI, 48185 (734) 425-1434.

Samples submitted through the "Don't Guess Soil Test" program will also include organic matter content in addition to the standard soil test. This data will indicate if your soil has sufficient organic matter for healthy plant growth.

The results from the lab will be returned to the Wayne County MSU Extension office for interpretation by a horticulture agent. Allow about two to three weeks for the entire testing and reporting process. Each sample costs \$12.

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Life Lines
Cathy Standish

It's April, and yet the snow blows

It was supposed to be spring. Flowers blooming, trees budding, occasional sunshine. We were supposed to be able to ride our bikes, take long, meaningful walks in the fresh spring air. We were supposed to wear cute little Capri pants, short-sleeved shirts and Bermuda shorts. It was supposed to be like that.

But we live in Michigan and our state has a mind of its own.

It is April and yet the snow blows. I think about priming the snow blower and I shiver. I think about the sleds, long put away. The chains have been off the tires for months, the sandbags in the trunk were to be used for a flower garden. The winter coats are all packed away, the sweaters are stored in mothballs.

One minute we were thinking about swimming pools and picnics, the next we are building a snowman.

Summer seems like such a dream.

I look at the falling snow, this day in April, and I can't accept this weather. I can't accept having a snow day so close to the Easter holiday.

I can accept shoveling in December, after all, in December aren't we all dreaming of a white Christmas? I just can't accept the idea that the Easter Bunny is really a Snowshoe Rabbit.

I can't accept shoveling snow in April, especially after a week of spring tease. Then, a week later, we wade through ice and snow. For our troubles we end up in the infirmary, we start viral epidemics, we hack, we cough, we blow cold-filled noses. We fill the waiting rooms of doctor's offices. We clog the phone lines with calls to pediatricians. Manufacturers of vitamin and minerals get wealthy as we attempt to ward off our ills.

It is April and it is supposed to be spring! Chicken soup doesn't taste the same after grilling chicken the week before. Fast-food chili doesn't have the same tang, hot chocolate isn't meant for drinking after the middle of March. April isn't a time for winter food.

As it snows in April, I slip on my flannel pants, I stick a Breathe Right strip to my stuffy nose. I sip an orange juice and stir noodles into the pot of soup bubbling on the stove. I go to the window and look at my snowy, icy front porch and I sigh.

I surrender. Slowly, I walk to the closet and open it. I pull out the snow pants, the boots, the mufflers, the mittens. I pull the sweaters out of mothballs, throw the sandbags back in the mini-van. I prime the snow blower for my husband and prop the sleds for the kids in the corner of the garage. I even pull a carrot from the refrigerator, just in case someone feels like building a snowman.

I refuse to go nuts, I refuse to become a Michigan connection, a name in a news story. I refuse to succumb to the contrary nature of the state and its weather.

I know it is supposed to be getting close to spring. I now accept that our state has a will of its own. I blow my nose, pop a cough drop and I finally concede to Mother

PLEASE SEE STANDISH, C6

Say Qi (chi)!

Massage therapist travels to China to learn ancient technique

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Is your Qi (chi) unbalanced? Plymouth massage therapist Beth Czeranna knows an ancient Chinese secret that may help. The 21-year-old traveled to Beijing last fall to learn and practice a bodywork therapy known as Tuina (pronounced twee-nah).

Developed around 2300 B.C., Tuina is recognized as the oldest known method of massage. Therapists work with the body's natural energy system (meridian) to increase the flow of Qi (chi) and balance its movement, stimulating the healing process. The work is done entirely with the hands using manipulation techniques of varying degrees (soft/hard, superficial/deep) on acupressure points from head to toe.

Czeranna, a 2001 graduate of the Ann Arbor Institute for Massage Therapy, offers Tuina to clients at Bodyworks Healing Center on Mill Street in Plymouth. Certified in neuromuscular and myofascial therapy, Czeranna says she couldn't pass up the opportunity to participate in a two-week Chinese educational program at the Beijing Olympic Training Center in September 2002.

"This was just something I couldn't miss out on," said Czeranna, a Plymouth resident and a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. "We studied with sports medicine doctors at the Olympic training center where weightlifters and gymnasts are treated for injuries. There



Tuina massage has been proven to be most effective for people with injuries relating to sports, repetitive stress and muscle strain. Beth Czeranna applies deep pressure to the region below her client's neck.



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Bodyworks Healing Center in Plymouth now offers Tuina to their clients. Massage therapist Beth Czeranna traveled to Beijing, China, last fall to learn the massage therapy and study at the Olympic Training Center. Above, she works on the lower back muscles of a local client — just one of several who are now benefiting from her Tuina certification.

was so much to learn and understand during the two weeks I was there.

FAR-REACHING

Although Tuina in general has a wide range of benefits — Czeranna says it has been proven most advantageous for pain resulting from repetitive strain injury, sports injuries, stress and trapped nerves. It has also been known to improve the effects of irregular periods, insomnia, weak immune system, migraines and digestion problems.

A practitioner like Czeranna uses her training and extensive knowledge of the body to stimulate or "unblock" internal congestion and balance the flow of energy. Blockages of blood, body fluid and Qi, across the network of acupressure points, can cause pain and discomfort. Czeranna manipulates these channels, much like a doctor of acupuncture, but without needles. Everything is done with the hands and fingers. When toxins build up in the body and energy flow is compromised, massage therapists believe it is only when the flow is restored that the body can start to heal itself.

"Tuina is used in hospitals throughout China with other forms of traditional Chinese medicine," Czeranna said.

"I'd like to see a place here in the United States where patients have all these therapies offered in one central location. I have clients who complain they have to go to one building for physical therapy, another for chiropractic care and someplace else for acupuncture."

Czeranna said the Chinese have a centralized approach to provide healing modalities, something she'd like to see our Western culture adopt.



Beth Czeranna of Plymouth receives a congratulatory handshake from her instructor in Beijing.

HANDS-ON APPROACH

The massage therapist said the training in China consisted of morning and evening classes with people of varying ages from across the United States.

One of the more challenging aspects of the trip was the language barrier.

"We had translators but our teachers didn't speak any English and the translators have strong accents so they did a lot of demonstrations to help us understand," Czeranna said. "The athletes spoke some English so that made things easier."

The work they did in the classroom was balanced out by several sightseeing trips that included touring the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Tienamen Square. "We did a lot of shopping and I took a ton of pictures," she said. "I think I took 14 rolls of film."

Czeranna said she first became interested in massage as a student at Eastern Michigan University studying sports medicine.

"I took some classes then heard about

PLEASE SEE MESSAGE, C9

New Canton Township pastor hits the ground running

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alexander Whitfield had his work cut out for him when he took on the challenge of filling a two-year vacancy at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton Township.

Although the position was occupied by two interim pastors following the retirement of the Rev. Roger Aumann, Whitfield said when he received the calling he knew the job wouldn't be an easy one. He also knew God would put him in the place he was most needed.

"After my visit in August I knew the Lord was leading me here," said Whitfield.

A Chicago native who received a business degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Whitfield graduated from seminary school in St. Louis and served with Lutheran churches in Harvey, Ill., and Sioux Falls, S.D., for three-and-a-half years before moving to Canton.

"Canton is an exceptional community that is ripe for growth. The church was averaging 120 people on Sunday but was seeing a slow decline," said Whitfield.

He and his wife Kristin, a speech/language pathologist in

Detroit, moved to Canton last fall and hit the ground running. He admits he's starting to see the fruits of his labor as the Sunday service now has between 140-150 people in attendance.

"Our main mission is to find those lost in the community who don't know Jesus and bring them into the fold," said CTGS Executive Director John Brannan. "Pastor Whitfield is doing a lot of exciting things for the church and we're moving forward."

A 21-year member of the church, Brannan and his wife Kerrie (who oversees the Vacation Bible School program) were the first confirmed members to be married in the Canton church. "It really is family here," Brannan said. "You do get a warm and sincere sense of home and everyone knows everyone's name."

CHANGE IS GOOD

Church members can't pinpoint one specific reason, but credit several changes.

Whitfield has introduced over the past six months to the addition of new members. At the top of his list was adding a second service at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays titled "New Life Praise." Coincidentally, it is also the name of a 10-member band

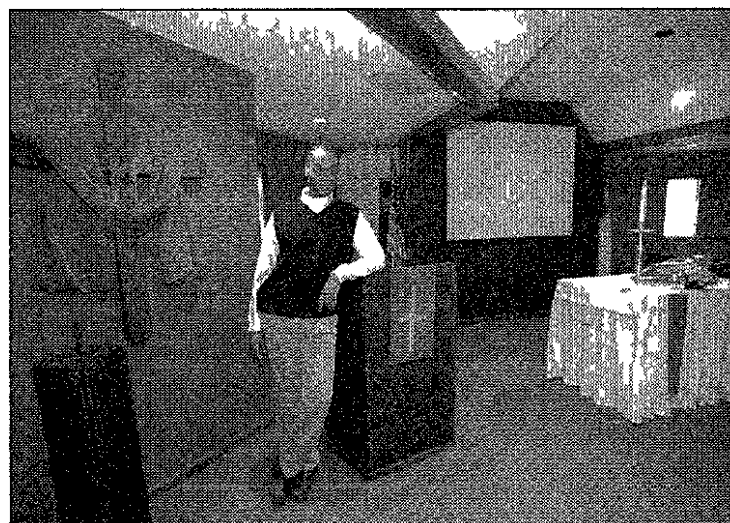


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The Rev. Alexander Whitfield stands next to the pulpit at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton.

that sets the tone for the contemporary service. A video screen now projects song lyrics instead of having to use books or Xerox copies of music. "This helps us to catch up to society," added Whitfield.

Musicians and singers include soloists, two bass players, guitar, keyboards and drums. A band was something Whitfield established at his other church and he says he found them to be "wildly popular."

"The band really fills the need we have for music. People have a connection through

music and art and it seems like they are doing that with our new worship service. Mary Beth Schmidt is in charge of that and she's on fire," said the Canton pastor, who estimates 20 percent of the band is made up of church members and the remainder are outside musicians from the community. The church also has plans to host theatrical productions and musical performances for the community in the future.

With all of the transformations CTGS has undergone over the last few months, Whitfield said it has taken some time for

the congregation as a whole to embrace all of the changes.

"It's about helping people understand that things have changed in our society and we need to grow to get there," he said. "We kept the traditional worship service at 8:30 a.m. with classic hymns and praises in addition to the new service. It's about thinking outside the box."

Gary Kamn, director of lay ministry at the Canton church, has been a member for 19 years. He sees the new service as "progressive" and says the music is something people can attach themselves to and recognize. "It meets people where they're at," said Kamn.

Facility improvements include a new sign on Cherry Hill and Whitfield has plans for other upgrades in the months to come. "We're starting to see a lot of new faces coming back," added Kamn.

MEETING NEEDS

Whitfield said because the average age of residents in Canton is 36, there are a lot of young families out there with needs to be met. The church is working on improving the youth ministry and Whitfield hopes to fill a part- or full-time

PLEASE SEE PASTOR, C6

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kasperek-Dely
Norbert and Theresa Kasperek of Comstock Park, Mich., announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Kasperek, to Steven Dely, son of Sharon and John Bartus of Canton and Michael Dely of Dexter.
Susan received her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and her master's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy.
Steven is a graduate of Churchill High School.
A Jan. 4, 2003 wedding was held at St. Christopher's Church in Detroit, officiated by the Rev. John Kasperek and the Rev. Gerald Battersby.
The bride was attended by Matron of Honor, Margaret Rabbers, bridesmaids, Diane Kasperek, Nicole Babyecz and Kate Bartus, and flower girls, Mikhaala, Allison and Emilie.
The groom was attended by Best Man Michael Babyecz, groomsmen, Michael Kasperek, Jeff Rabbers, and Larry Krnsmski, and ringbearers, Collin, Gabriel and Andrew.
A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Caribbean and reside in Dearborn Heights.



Chaudhri-Lenz
Vijay and Carol Chaudhri of Plymouth are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiran Anne Chaudhri, to Orrin Carl Lenz, son of Jerry and Kathie Lenz of Hastings.
Kiran is a 1994 graduate of Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and political science. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in global management and is working at Ford Motor Company as a business analyst.
Orrin is a 1994 graduate of Hastings High School and a 1997 graduate of Kellogg Community College with an associate's degree in drafting and design technology. He is currently working at Magna as an automotive designer.
A Nov. 29 Hindu ceremony is being held at the Hindu Temple in Canton and a spiritual ceremony and reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth.



Higgason-Piche
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Higgason of Plymouth are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Jerry Piche, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Piche, Sr. of Nadeau, Mich.
Nicole is a 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is presently working as an account representative for Yellow Book USA.
Jerry is a 1992 graduate of Carney-Nadeau High School and earned a bachelor's degree and master's degrees from Michigan State University. He is a teacher at Lainsburg High School in Lainsburg, Mich.
After a July wedding at the chapel at Michigan State University, the couple plans to reside in Portland, Mich.



Nagel-Szydlowski
Gene and Judy Nagel of Baraboo, Wisc., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Teddie, to Timothy Szydlowski, son of Ernest and Sharon Szydlowski of Canton.
Both are 2000 graduates of Baraboo High School. Teddie is a 2002 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Baraboo/Sauk County with an associate's of arts and science degree. She is employed at Amcore Bank as a bank sales representative. Tim is employed at Farm and Fleet as a service center technician.
An Aug. 9, 2003, wedding is planned.



Graham-Patterson
David and Pamela Graham of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Elizabeth Graham, to Scott Patterson, son of Bruce and Carol Patterson of Plymouth.
Holly will graduate from Eastern Michigan University in December with a degree in Elementary Education.
Scott is an iron worker for Local 25 Union.
A May 2003 wedding is planned at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville with a reception at St. John's in Plymouth.



Kozma-Tieche
Rex and Terry Tubbs of Canton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Nicole Kozma, to David Alan Tieche, son of Bob and Kay Tieche of Ohio.
Traci is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is currently employed as an advertising account executive.
David is a 1994 graduate of Beaver Creek High School and is currently employed as a high school English teacher.
A July 5, 2003, wedding is planned at Family Community Church in San Jose, Calif.

PASTOR

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position in the next year to do just that. The church has a popular preschool for 3- and 4-year old children and offers a nursery service Sundays for newborns and infants.
Although it is in the inaugural stage, parishioners will soon be able to participate in the Stephen Series of programming which trains church members to provide one-to-one Christian caregiving called Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers provide support to the bereaved, hospitalized, ill, divorced, unemployed and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Christ the Good

Shepherd has a cooperative agreement with St. Michael's Church of Wayne and CTGS supports Lutheran High School of Detroit and Lutheran Westland High School. They also have a healthy Vacation Bible School program and maintain a food pantry that helps residents year round according to Brannan.
Although it may sound like Whitfield's plate is full, he's eager to take on more with the goal of seeing Christ the Good Shepherd flourish.
Adult Bible class and Sunday school is offered at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday. For information call (734) 981-0286 or visit www.ctgscanton.org. CTGS is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road (just west of Lilley) in Canton.

Boston library features historic poetry collection

BY BUNNY MAURER
CORRESPONDENT

One of the largest historic library collections ever assembled of an American women's poetry, fiction, personal letters, and religious writings is The Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity. Since it opened in downtown Boston last September, the library has drawn more than 50,000 visitors from around the world. They have found a state-of-the-art facility, where technology and history come together to create a cultural institution that is both a resource and an inspiration. Its online resources can be explored at www.marybakeredylibrary.org.

Libraries are not about the past," said Harvard scholar Anne Braude at the opening of the Library. "They're about preserving the past as a resource for the future." The public seems to agree.

With its integration of scholarship and technology, the library offers scholars and the public an opportunity to understand the often-neglected achievements of women past and present. The library is dedicated to exploring the power of ideas to change history, and its exhibits and collections provide a striking illustration of how often these ideas have come from the minds and lives of women.

Mary Baker Eddy's achievements were remarkable in both her time and ours.

"Most women writers at the time were writing poetry and fiction," said Lesley Pitts, manager of the Collection, "but she wrote and published a best-selling book, founded a publishing society and a church,

and launched a daily newspaper at the age of 87, all of which are still going strong today."

From photographs and letters to scrapbooks and artifacts, the size and depth of the collection has already made it an invaluable resource to scholars of religion, American history, medical history, and women's studies.

The collection, which integrates the latest library technology, is easily navigated. By calling up an item in the catalogue, users are able to see a color image of the document, along with carefully transcribed version and a detailed list of related items.

Library CEO Stephen Danzansky described the archive, with its opportunities for scholarship and discovery, as a "laboratory for ideas."

Other exhibits in the library emphasize the diverse contributions of women throughout history. In the Hall of Ideas, a nine foot bronze and glass fountain sculpted by internationally acclaimed artist Howard Ben Tre serves as a wellspring of an ever-changing flow of quotes.

The quotes, which flow along the ground and up onto the walls, include the thoughts of women from yesterday and today, from Helen Keller to Zora Neale Hurston.

In the Library's Quest Gallery, interactive computer exhibits explain the motivations and inspirations of women who have sought to answer the "big questions" of humanity. A creative installation by the New York artist Camille Utterbach allows visitors to express their own thoughts and ideas by building images from words and lights.

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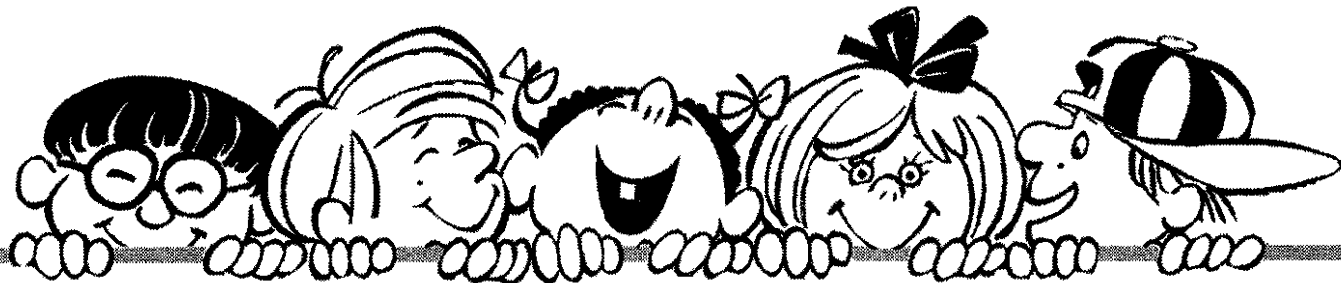
I now accept that it is April and that it is snowing. I accept that the apple blossoms, budding trees, tulip festivals and fresh mown grass will have to wait. I shiver as I accept the cold weather and once again I pack away the Capri pants and Bermuda shorts. I shudder as I cover my short-sleeved shirt with a raglan wool sweater.

This is Michigan, you never can tell what will happen.

I now move forward with a new attitude. I accept that it can and will snow in Michigan in April. Yet even with this new lease on life, I can only wish that the snow will melt in time for my birthday — a birthday that I will celebrate the first week of August.

For in Michigan, I can accept that it can snow at any place, at any time, even into the month of August. I guess it is just supposed to be like that.

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Red Cross clarifies its military donation criteria

Red Cross offices continue to be inundated with phone calls and visits from generous citizens wanting to help the military in any way they can. Although many want to collect items to be sent to the U.S. military overseas, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is not able to accommodate donations of items to be sent to the military overseas at this time.

Due to heightened government security measures, there are very specific items that the Red Cross is allowed to ship, and in certain quantities as well. With nearly 1,000 chapters across the nation participating in similar drives, the needs of the military are currently being met.

The chapter regularly participates in 'Quality of Life' item drives for the military, but we've had such an overwhelming response that we've had to temporarily put a hold on accepting any new groups to hold collection drives," says Jim Laverty, Southeastern Michigan Chapter CEO. "We appreciate the generosity of the community, but right now we could really use help with defraying the shipping costs to send the items already collected."

The 'Quality of Life' program is a volunteer program run through the local chapter. Although the chapter is not able to accept further donations of goods, it desperately needs funds to ship items overseas. A 35 pound package costs approximately \$35 to ship. Recent shipments have cost as much as \$1,500. Groups that are willing to support this program financially are encouraged to send their donations to the Development Office, Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Avenue, P.O. Box 44110, Detroit, MI 48244-0110.

The Red Cross provides this and other services to the military year round in peaceful times and during conflict. The local chapter encourages anyone interested in taking up a collection of items to be patient and consider doing a drive at a later date. The U.S. military will always have bases overseas,

'We appreciate the generosity of the community, but right now we could really use help with defraying the shipping costs to send the items already collected.'

Jim Laverty
Red Cross chapter CEO

and our military will need a touch of home six months, a year, and two years from now. Those interested in holding future collection drives should call (313) 576-4165 or (313) 576-2519 to be put on a waiting list.

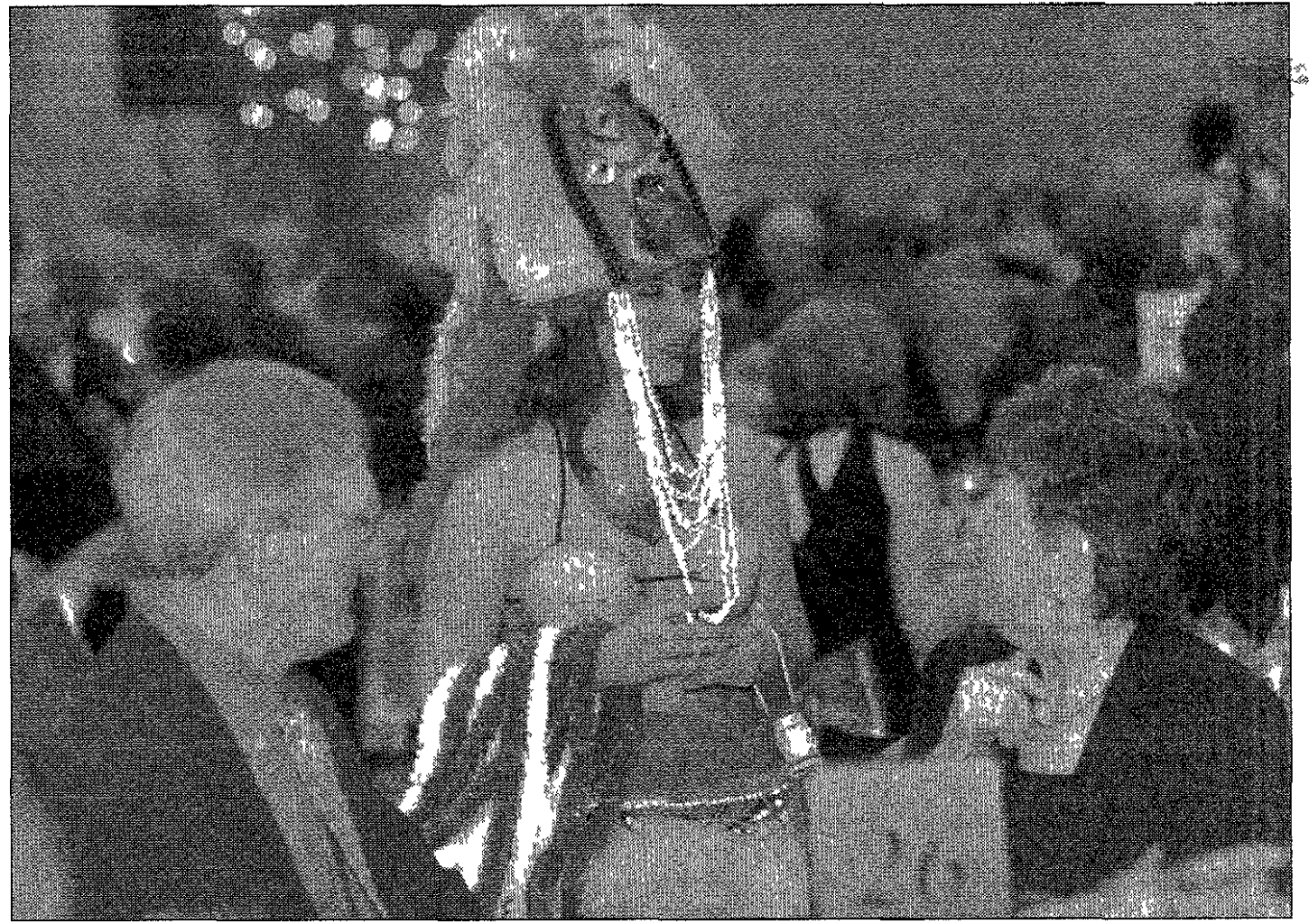
The Southeastern Michigan Chapter appreciates the generosity of the community, but hopes that residents will channel their enthusiasm towards other ways that they can make a difference - through volunteering and through offering their financial support to the local chapter.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter is there for the community, providing direction and resources on how to prepare for emergencies. The chapter also provides lifesaving training in CPR/First Aid/AED. In addition, the chapter continues to respond to four home fires and other local disasters a day.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, led by volunteers from throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. We were able to do this thanks to the American people who generously donate their time and money.

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David and Rosemary Leslie of Canton chat with Marybeth Saada, one of two Polynesian dancers representing the St. Claire Shores restaurant 'Waves'. One of the auction items was a Clam Bake for eight at 'Waves' and the dancers were helping to promote that auction item. The Clam Bake included entertainment and the polynesian dancers.

Madonna auction raises \$200,000

With 300 in attendance at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia on Friday, March 28, Madonna University's all-new "Around the World and Beyond" Scholarship Dinner Auction XV and Wine Tasting Gala event was a great success. The University raised \$200,000 with proceeds going toward scholarships and educational projects.

Setting this year's "Tropical Escapes" theme was a lush rainforest, complete with ponds, waterfalls, tropical greenery and bird statues courtesy of the Rock Shop of Plymouth. To complement the scenery lavish tropical hors d'oeuvre displays were

prepared by the chefs of Laurel Manor, including one specifically designed for wine connoisseurs. Guests had the opportunity to sample 72 wines from Australia, Spain, Greece and Italy, personally selected by John Jonna, Merchants Fine Wines. Among the favorites were an Alsace Pierre Sparr white and Spanish Boutique.

Among the items up for bid in the silent auction were a 1 carat diamond tennis bracelet set in 14K yellow gold, a "Great Escapes" DVD basket, sponsored by Madonna University's College of Social Sciences, cases of Spanish wines and Rodney Strong Reserve, and 10 Mystery Boxes complete with various

overnight getaways, restaurant gift certificates and theater tickets.

One of the top items sold in the live auction was a private luxury suite for 20 at Comerica Park, complete with parking passes, food and beverages, sponsored by longtime supporters of Madonna University William Phillips, CEO, Phillips Service Industries, and his wife, Bridget Timothy Girard of Westland was the lucky winner of the car raffle drawing, which was a 2003 Chevrolet Corvette black two-door coupe, courtesy of Bridget and William Phillips and Tennyson Chevrolet, Livonia. Other high bids included a fantasy dinner for

eight at Chef Takashi Yagihashi's private table at the Tribute Restaurant and a week's vacation and golf for four at the Orange Tree Country Club in Orlando, Florida.

The Pallotne Fathers of Wyandotte were this year's winners of the "Your Choice" raffle. Their selection was \$1,000 worth of gift certificates to Laurel Park Place mall. Participants in the raffle drawing could choose from among four items, the others including \$1,000 worth of Marriott gift certificates, a seven-day stay at the Coast Guard Captain's House in Charlevoix, or a diamond fashion donated by Orin Jewelers, valued at \$1,700.

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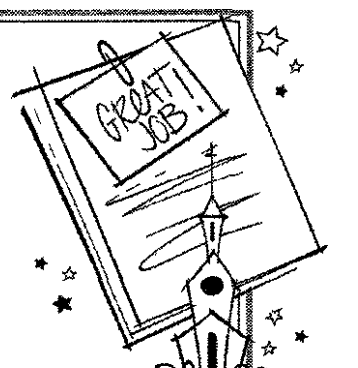
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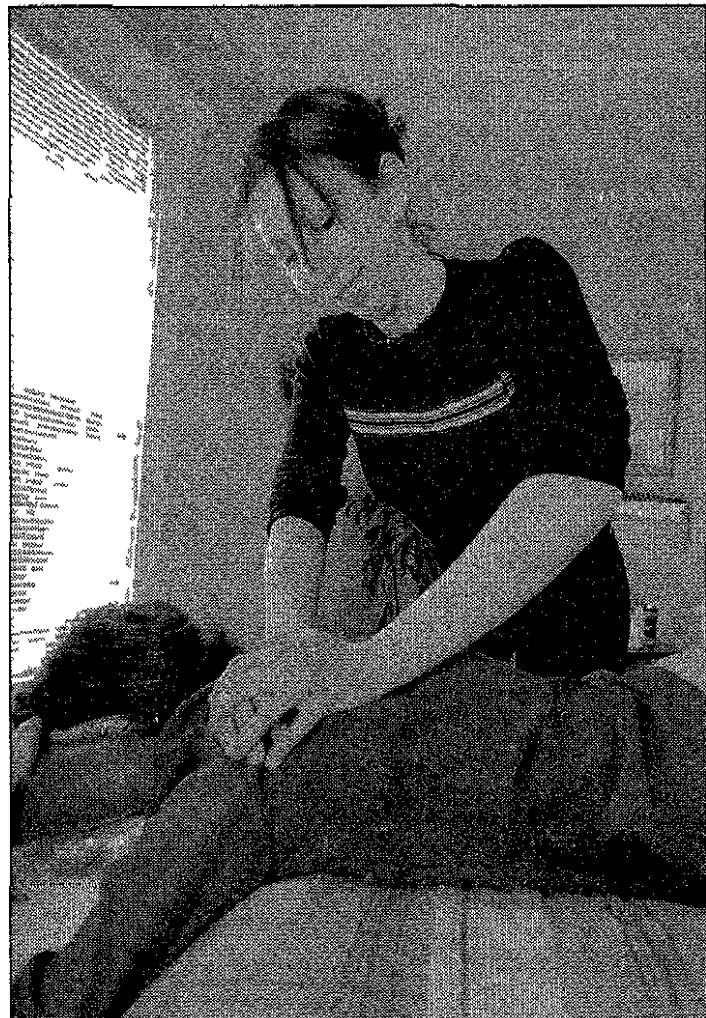
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R.S.V. Proverbs 12:18





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Beth Czeranna, a graduate of the Ann Arbor Institute for Massage Therapy, is certified in the bodywork therapy Tuina, as well as neuromuscular therapy and myofascial therapy

MASSAGE

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sports massage and I was hooked," she said

She traveled around the area talking to different people about massage and experiencing all the different forms of it before she transferred to the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy

Upon graduation, she visited Pat Krajovic's center in Plymouth and says she knew she wanted to work there the moment she set foot on the porch

"Something just told me this is the place I should be working," said Czeranna, who also works at the spa in Northwest Airlines terminal at Detroit Metro Airport "Pat has been great I've learned a lot from her since I started working here"

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AROUND TOWN

Drop-In Hockey

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Crafters

Crafters are needed for the 16th annual juried show on Saturday Oct 18 The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School Call Jan at (734) 844 1707

T-Ball Registration

Registration is being taken for T ball through April 18 for the 5 and 6 year old T ball league Children must be born between July 1993 and July 1995 Registration takes place at the recreation office at the Plymouth Cultural Center during office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required Call (734) 455 6620 for more info

Spring Break Workshops

D&M Studios presents workshops April 21 25 all day paints cartooning and 90 minute workshops For more information call (734) 453 3710

Bicycle Rides

Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers and ABBTS will start at 6 p.m. every Monday in April at the downtown Plymouth parking lot behind the Penn Theater and The Gathering For more information call tour leader Alan Van Kerckhove at (734) 455 9144

Pre-School Registration

Willow Creek Co op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003-04 classes for 3 and 4 year olds Call Sherry Haskell at (734) 326 5735 for more info

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues

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Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show

Handcrafters sponsors its 21st annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday April 12 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday April 13 at the Northville Recreation Center Lunch will be available Admission is \$2 no strollers please For more info call (734) 459 0050

Crafters Wanted

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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Library visit

First-graders from Rebekka Darby's class at Allen Elementary get a tour of the Canton library from Children's Librarian Linda Westphal as part of the First Grade Roundup The event brings first-graders from throughout Canton and Plymouth to the library where the children receive a tour and their first library card Students were treated to a puppet show, a special story time, a special library tour and, in some cases, their first library card The library has been conducting the First Grade Roundups for 12 years

St Thomas a Becket Church in Canton is accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 6 Interested crafters should contact Gloria at (734) 981 0279

Volunteer Training

First Step the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence is looking for volunteers Call (734) 416 111 Ext 202 for more information

K of C Fish Fry

Being held 5 7:30 p.m. each Friday through April 18 at the Plymouth K of C Hall 150 Fair All you can eat fish and chips for \$6 with additional items available Call (734) 453 9866 for take out

Community Council on Aging

Free health screening for seniors 13 p.m. Tuesday April 29 at the Plymouth Township Friendship Station

Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show

Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information Please pre register by calling (734) 453 1234 Ext 236

Plymouth Community Chorus

The annual spring concert entitled Broadway Legends will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday May 3 4 at the new Northville High School Call (734) 455 4080 for information on

ticket purchase or go to www.plycommunitychorus.org

Mom to Mom Sale

Sponsored by Willow Creek Co op Preschool from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 12 Located at 36660 Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne in Westland Table rentals still available Call Maria at (734) 326 9101

Drug Workshop

This is a two part series Part One Teens Using Drugs What To Know will be presented 7:30 9 p.m. Tuesdays May 6 and June 3 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 7:30 9 p.m. Tuesdays May 13 and June 10 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

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 at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday May 3 Monday Wednesday and Friday For more information call Peggy at (734)

459 1358 or (734) 453 5464 Ext 25

Fish Fry
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an All You Can Eat 5-9 p.m. Friday fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse The cost is \$8.75 per person

Nursery Co-op Registration
Plymouth Children's Nursery Co op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year Openings for 3 4 year olds various class times and days Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453 0595 for information

Storytime
Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5 7 Stories creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library Registration is required Call (734) 453 0750 for further information

Plymouth Symphony
Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale The cost is \$30 Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453 3016

Free blood pressure screening
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Recreation Registration
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages Classes include gymnastics dance core body exercise tots jump a rama tae kwon do personal development aerobics clogging senior trips and programs and much more Call (734) 455 6620 for more information

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Kiwanis Evening Club
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Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth Call (866) 841 9140 Ext 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

The 91st Psalm

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

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Thank you to those who took the few extra minutes to listen to mom chat about her kids and grandkids or who helped her find something she could not see, who patiently waited while she took (and perhaps complained) about the million pills she had to take. Thank you to those who stored mom's gopher out of the snow and installed handrails to assist in bathing, to the recreational staff who brought in music programs (especially the Irish dancers) to the drivers who helped mom on and off the bus, to those who cooked and served and cleaned-up and to those who came to make the bed and tidy up the apartment, who listened and spoke kindly of pictures and let mom chat to them about sports or news or whatever. Thank you to those on the midnight shift who, I am sure I never saw, but who called for help when my mom was sick and needed to go to the hospital. Thank you all!

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Sidelines

Stewart shines

Laura Stewart a junior on Western Michigan University's softball squad and a Canton HS graduate has started to excel for the Broncos

Stewart tossed a two hit shutout in a 10 win over Kent State Sunday she struck out seven Thus far this season Stewart 31 for the season leads WMU with a 2.07 earned run average (112 in Mid American Conference games) and is second in appearances (15) and innings pitched (54)

The Broncos were 16 17 overall through the weekend 6 4 in MAC games

Trott racing

Chris Trott a sophomore outfielder for Albion College's baseball team and a Salem HS graduate continued to pace the Britons at the plate collecting four hits in nine at bats including two doubles in a three game series against Calvin College that concluded March 31

Trott also drove in three runs against the Knights For the season he leads Albion with a .393 batting average and is tied for the team lead in hits with 22

He also leads the Britons in doubles (seven) and runs batted in (13) He has two home runs

Football combine

The Next Step Sports Football Combine is scheduled for two places in the general vicinity of southern Michigan

On April 26 the combine will be at Struthers HS located at 111 Euclid Ave in Struthers Ohio On April 27 the combine will visit the Triad High Performance Training Center located at 24168 Haggerty in Farmington Hills

Representatives coaches and/or scouts from several Canadian Football League teams and Arena Football League teams will be on hand Events that athletes will be tested in include the 225 pound bench press the vertical jump the 20 yard shuttle the broad jump the 40 yard dash and position drills

For more information about either session contact Patrick T Pfeiffer at (248) 330 3099 (cell phone) or by FAX at (800) 891 8465

Drop-in hockey

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The Whalers Jimmy Gagnon (10) is hooked by the Knights Brandon Prust (33) as he tries to move the puck down the ice behind teammate Sean Thompson (16)

Knights' rally overtakes Whalers

BY C J RISAK
STAFF WRITER

OHL PLAYOFFS

It seems any advantages the Plymouth Whalers may have had coming into their series against the London Knights are slowly melting away

Home ice is no advantage, for certain On Tuesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the Whalers surrendered three third-period goals to the Knights and lost this second round Ontario Hockey League game 4 3 It was their second home game of the series and their second loss at home

Corey Perry proved to be the difference for London Playing with the man advantage, something the Knights enjoyed quite often (six penalties were called against Plymouth, three against London), Perry got his stick on a shot from the point by Mike Stathopoulos and dribbled it through the pads of

Whaler goalie Paul Drew for what proved to be the game-winning goal with 5 16 left in the third period

Perry finished with two goals and an assist, while Stathopoulos contributed a goal and two assists

The Whalers were paced by Chris Thorburn, who scored their first two goals Cole Jarrett and Sean Thompson had two assists apiece

The outcome of this game however — and perhaps the series — was all-but-decided before the opening faceoff In Saturday's 2-1 Whaler win at London, Chad LaRose, Plymouth's record-setting goal scorer, was knocked down and while falling hit a London player with his stick In a controversial call, the officials called it a deliberate high sticking penalty and issued a match penalty against LaRose

It carried with it an automatic three-game suspension The ruling was contested to the league, but the appeal was overruled since the film of the play showed, in the league's opinion, no overwhelming evidence that cleared LaRose of wrongdoing

A candidate for the OHL's most valuable player, LaRose cannot return until Game Six of this series

In addition, the Whalers were without the services of second-leading scorer Ryan Ramsay suffering from a hip pointer Ramsay may be ready to return for Friday's game

"That was a horrible, horrible decision by the league," said Whaler assistant coach Greg Stefan "We'll be missing the MVP of the league for three games It's obvious we're not going to get any calls "We're going to have to play over it We have to get the momentum back

Going into the series,

Whalers coach Mike Vellucci had preached discipline, noting Plymouth's first-round exit last season was caused by excessive penalties as much as anything else That, apparently, is hurting the Whalers again

In their two wins the Knights have converted 4-of-11 power-play chances (36 percent), including 2-of-6 Tuesday But the goal that hurt the Whalers the most came with them on the power play at the start of the third period

Ahead 2-1 with 1 09 remaining in a penalty to London's Kyle Pivowarczyk, Perry got possession of the puck after the faceoff to open the period and found Stathopoulos open at center ice, between the Whaler defenseman Stathopoulos went in on Drew alone, beating him over his right

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, D2

Area spring coaches, teams must adapt to weather

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

SPORTS OUTLOOK

In his 38 years with the school district, Garden City athletic director Bob Dropp has seen a lot of problems because of the weather

"I can remember practicing baseball in the parking lot at Garden City West with snow banks around the edges," said Dropp, "but I don't remember anything like this This is a jam"

More than 150 Observerland events have been canceled in the past week — due to

Friday's rain, Saturday's cold, Monday's snow and Tuesday morning's freezing drizzle

The last time any area teams played was last Thursday and there's no guarantee that they'll play this Thursday Or Friday Or even Saturday

"We have a home track meet on Thursday (against Woodhaven)," said

PLEASE SEE OUTLOOK, D5

Madonna stumbles again

BY GEORGE STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Crusaders swung and missed again Madonna is still searching for its first conference victory after losing both games of a double-header Sunday against host Siena Heights University by scores of 4-1 and 7-2

The loss drops the Crusaders' overall record to 13-15 and 0-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

The first game was a pitcher's duel between Madonna hurler Chris Behrns and Saints starter Phil Dunn

After falling behind 2-0 going into the top of the fifth, the Crusaders pulled

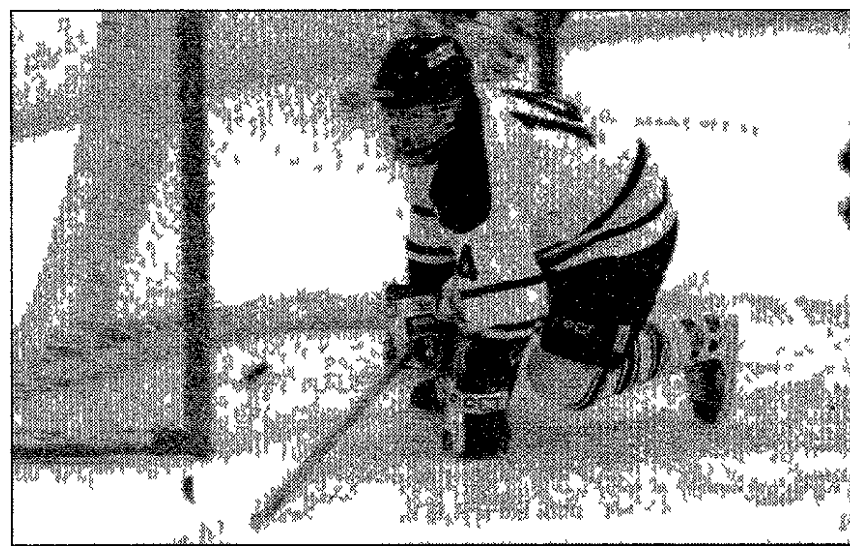
within one run when Justin Fabian scored on a throwing error

Siena Heights (9-22, 6-3) came back by scoring two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead for good at 4-1

One bright spot for Madonna was Behrns, who allowed only four hits and two earned runs, while striking out three

In the nightcap, the Crusaders did not receive the pitching help that they had in the first game to keep them in the game Starter Devn Cole (Garden City) did not

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, D4



FILE PHOTO

Mark Nagel led Salem to its best hockey season ever and earned himself all-conference and all-state honors in the process

Nagel, Bak rank with Observerland's best

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike Humitz's maiden voyage into high school hockey coaching was certainly a successful one

The first-year Livonia Stevenson coach led his team to a Lakes Division title (4-1-1) and the best overall record in the Western Lakes Activities Association (10-3-1) Stevenson finished 14-9 overall as

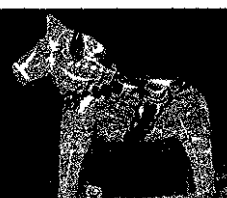
Humitz garnered Observerland Coach of the Year honors

The 39-year-old Humitz has an extensive background in hockey

He played at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and has been an instructor and program director for the Farmington Hills-based Suburban Hockey Schools Humitz also served as a scout for the NHL

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Home ice no advantage in OHL playoffs

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If the Plymouth Whalers did, they got a rude awakening in the opening game of their best-of-seven second-round series against the London Knights

And if the Knights did, they were jostled themselves by the Whalers in the second game On Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, London got a pair of power-play goals in the second period and that was enough to gain a 3-2 victory over the Whalers On Sunday at London's John Labatt Centre, the power play and some stalwart defense propelled the Whalers to a 2-1 triumph

The result was a 1-1 tie in the series going into Tuesday's game at Compuware between two teams that remember all too well what happened just one year ago, when London shocked the No. 1 team in the OHL's regular season, beating the Whalers in the first round of the playoffs

This series may follow a similar route, if the first two games are any indication On Sunday in London, the game-winning goal was produced by defenseman Cole Jarrett just 1:07 into the third period, a power-play score that was assisted by James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Chris Thorburn

Both teams were 1-of-4 on the power play, which — like last year — will play a pivotal role in this series The Whalers never trailed Sunday, taking a 1-0 lead on a goal by Chad LaRose 10:00 into the first period Karl Stewart and Thorburn assisted The Knights tied it at 1-1 when Dennis Wideman scored on the power play 2:07 into the second period, with assists from Mike Stathopoulos and Daniel Bois Paul Drew was superb in goal for Plymouth, stopping 27 of 28 shots on



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Knights' Corey Perry (94) scored a pair of power-play goals on Whalers' goalie Paul Drew, including the game-winner

goal Chris Houle was also good in goal for London with 32 saves on 34 shots

In Saturday's series opener, it was the Knights who grabbed the lead and would not relinquish it Brandon Prust got the first goal of the series at 5:16 of the opening period, with assists from Dylan Hunter and Kyle Quincey, London made it 2-0 on a power-play goal by Wideman at 1:48 of the second, with assists from Danny Syvret and Corey Perry

The Whalers' comeback attempt came and went quickly, LaRose narrowing the gap to

2-1 at 13:54 of the second with an assist from Ryan Ramsay, only to have the Knights regain their two-goal advantage 1:18 later with a score by Syvret, from Perry and Bois

Nate Kiser pulled Plymouth back to within a goal at 13:54 of the third period, LaRose and John Vigilante assisting, but the Whalers could draw no closer Drew made 21 stops in the game, Houle had 27

Game Five is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena, Game Six will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Labatt Centre

Plymouth to move up a Class in fall

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Over the past few years, Redford Thurston has had its MHSAA basketball tournament fortunes ruined by the likes of Detroit Renaissance or Dearborn Divine Child That won't happen next year

The Eagles' success will still be up to them for the most part, but they'll be doing it against the likes of Redford Union, Southfield or other Detroit Public high schools

The school's enrollment increased enough over the past year for it to move from Class B to Class A in the MHSAA's plan

"It means basketball will have to play Detroit Redford instead of Renaissance," said athletic director Al Chambo "It won't affect us in many other sports, but it will in both basketballs and volleyball"

Thurston was one of three area schools to change classifications, based on each school's count in February Plymouth High School will move up from Class C to Class B with the addition of a sophomore class next year, but a drop in enrollment will move Livonia Ladywood from Class A to Class B

"Enrollment is down, so why can't we be where we belong," said Ladywood AD Sal Malek "We have just 482 girls now and we compete against schools with more than 1,200 girls"

Since it is a same-sex school, Ladywood's enrollment of 482 is doubled to 964 for the MHSAA's purposes Plymouth enrollment is at 824 and Thurston's is at 1,073 The cutoff for Class A is 1,042

"I look at it as a challenge," said Plymouth A.D. Terry Sawchuk "It was a challenge this year playing in Class C or Division 3 and 4 with just freshmen and I think we've done well The coaches and kids responded The year after next will be even harder (2004-05) because we'll be a Class A school and in the Western Lakes Activities Association full-time"

The only sports that the move affects are boys and girls basketball as well as volleyball, since those three sports are divided equally among enrollment All other sports use divisions, which are determined by dividing the number of schools that actually play a given sport by the number of divisions

For all three schools, the majority of the divisional sports are Division 2 and will stay that way

"The number of teams in each sport varies, so the cutoff varies as well," said Chambo, whose school was last in Class A in the early 1980s "We'll probably still have our track regionals in Marysville, because that's where we go"

Malek feels that the move won't matter much because the post-season competition in Class B is just as good as it is in Class A

"Our regular season schedules will still be tough because of our league play," said Malek, whose school won Class B basketball titles in 1983 and 85 and Class A volleyball titles in 1989 and 90

"Instead of playing Detroit King in basketball, we'll have to play Renaissance, Country Day or Flint Powers so the competition is almost tougher We play Powers every year during the season and next year, we're playing Renaissance And in volleyball you've still got to go and beat Marysville The competition might be harder, but it will be nice to see some new faces"

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HOCKEY

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shoulder for the game-tying goal Dennis Wideman also assisted on the Knights' goal

Until then, the Whalers had dominated play They had an 18-10 advantage in shots on goal and had, for the most part, controlled the puck Indeed, their lead should have been something more than a single goal heading into the third

A shot from the right-side of the slot by John Mitchell with 2:53 left in the first period appeared to get past Knights' goalie Chris Houle and into the corner of the net The goal judge signaled a goal, but the lead offi-

cial — with no apparent conversation with the goal judge — overruled and waved it off

Asked why the goal was disallowed, Stefan could only answer, "I don't know"

London had taken the early lead on a power-play goal by Perry at 9:51 of the opening period With possession of the puck, no Whaler defender challenged him and Perry skated in on top of Drew and scored Stathopoulos and David Bolland assisted

The Whalers tied it just 1:23 later on a superb individual play by Thorburn With the Knights trying to carry the puck out of their zone, Thorburn knocked it away inside their blue line, carried it to the goal and beat Houle to knot it at 1-1

Thompson and Jarrett assisted

The go-ahead goal for Plymouth came on a break of their own, with Thompson centering the puck from behind the Knights' net to Thorburn, who seemingly managed to hit the puck off Houle and into the goal with 15:10 left in the second period Jarrett also assisted

In the third period, the goals came in bunches After Stathopoulos tied it with his short-handed score, the Knights took the lead on a goal by Prowarczyk as he and his London teammates battled in front of the Whaler goal until the puck slid past Drew with 7:23 left in the final period Matt Weir and Marc Methot assisted

The Whalers quickly answered once again, tying it on

a pretty 3-on-2 break from their own end, Nick Vernelli sliding a pass from the right wing across to Tim Sestito on the left for the finish Sestito's first playoff goal made it 3-3 with 6:21 remaining And set the stage for Perry's game-winner

"A game like that, a one-goal game like all of these have been, there's not one turning point," said London coach Dale Hunter "They've got a good team over there Whoever executes is going to win this series"

If the first three games, all decided by a single goal with the visiting team winning, are any indication, whoever does win won't win by much

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ALL-AREA

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Washington Capitals and coached at the Bantam and AAA Midget level (for Compuware)

"I've been around long enough to know you're only as good as your players," said



Mike Humitz
Coach of Year

Humitz "We won the division and conference, and I attribute that to the type of players we had

"We had a good senior class and they gave us good leadership"

To nobody's surprise, five-time state champion Redford Catholic Central garnered three first-team All-Observer spots and three more on the second-team

Also represented on the first two teams are players from Canton, Salem Stevenson and Livonia Churchill

Introducing the 2002-03 All-Observer hockey team

FIRST TEAM

Jim Blanchard, Jr. goalie, Redford CC: CC head coach Gordie St. John calls Blanchard one of the two best goalies he's ever coached at the school and this year the junior showed why

In 28 games, Blanchard had a 92.2 save percentage, 125 goals against average and had 7 1/2 shutouts. He's been a first team all-state selection the last two years and was the Dream Team goalie this year, as chosen by the coaches association. "He's got great positioning and tremendous reflexes," said St. John. He's also got a whole lot of puck skills. It's like another man in the defensive zone. He's just a solid, all-around player.

Andrew Eggert, Sr. defenseman, Redford CC: Eggert has some pretty good credentials on his resume for being all-area - he was chosen as the state's Mr. Hockey by the coaches association and was the sport's scholar-athlete as chosen by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Eggert, also a Dream Team and first-team all-state selection, had six goals and 30 assists was a plus-60 in plus-minus ratings and has won four titles in his four years on varsity.

"He's done everything we've asked all year long," said St. John. He had the second-most assists on the team and is just a smart player."

Dave Bak, Jr. defenseman, Canton: If offense is the best defense, Canton's Bak can fill the bill. In fact, he can fill it any way you want it.

Bak's solid defensive play was only a part of the reason he was named all-WLAA. What put him into the elite category was his shot, accord-



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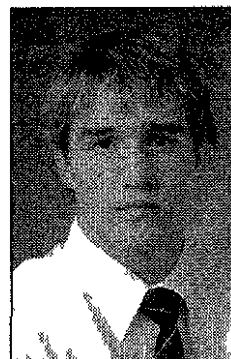
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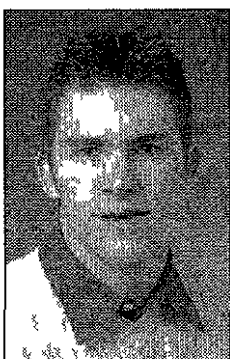
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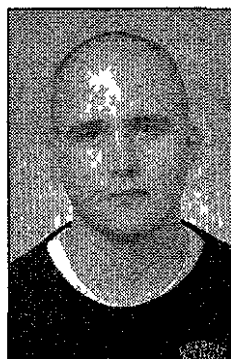
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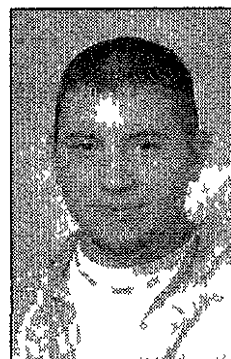
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ing to his coach, Dan Abraham

"No question, his shot earned him all-conference, said Abraham, whose team finished first in the WLAA's Western Division. "His shot is the hardest shot in the league. Every time he took one, I thought it would score."

It wasn't his only talent. "He plays great position hockey, and he knows how to use good gap control," Abraham noted. Then he added, "He's a defensive type of defenseman - until he winds up (for a shot)."

Mark Nagel, Sr. forward, Salem: He isn't big, but Nagel has proven to be a pest to nearly every hockey team the Rocks have faced in his four years on the team. An adept forechecker, he's proven his value to Salem by being named team MVP the past two seasons.

This year, the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Nagel was named first team all state after leading the WLAA in scoring with 23 goals and 15 assists (38 points) in 14 games and leading the Rocks to a 20-6-1 overall record and into the state regional final. He was part of Team Michigan, which competed in a tournament in Chicago.

His greatest abilities: His tenacity on the puck," said Salem coach Fred Feiler, "and his ability to control the puck. He's developed that part of his game real well this year."

He's also got very good speed. There are quite a few (colleges) looking at him."

Brandon Naurato, Sr. forward, Redford CC: Naurato was one of the most talented forwards on a team loaded with talent. He was the team's MVP, had 32 goals with 29 assists and had a plus-minus rating of plus 64.

He was a first-team all-state selection and could have easily been a solid candidate for Mr. Hockey. A big reason for his solid number this year was a weight drop in the off-season

"He played 20 pounds lighter than last year and it paid off in a big way," said St. John. "His numbers are the best on the team."

Jim Krygowski, Sr. forward, Liv. Churchill: The three-year varsity performer tallied a total of 76 career points, including 13 goals and 12 assists his senior year with a plus-13 rating. Krygowski was named All-Western Lakes and first-team All-State (Division I).

"Jim was a great role model on and off the ice," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He had a very consistent work ethic and was a great leader."

"He also played on both the power-play and penalty-killing teams."

SECOND TEAM

Rob Thomas, Sr. goalie, Liv. Stevenson: The All-Western Lakes selection sparked in goal, sporting a goals-against average of 2.05 (49 allowed in 24 games) with a 91 percent save average.

Robbie was the leader of this team from day one," Humitz said. "The better he got, the better we got. There were a lot of games when it took us awhile to get going, and Robbie held us in these games until we got going."

I have never seen a good team without good goaltending. Our team was good, and a big reason was Robbie Thomas."

Bill Burns, Sr. defenseman, Redford CC: Burns was an all-state selection for the Shamrocks, with rock-solid numbers of four goals, 16 assists and a plus-38 rating.

"He's a great guy to have on

defense and will play juniors somewhere," said St. John.

He had a tremendous amount of reach and once he turned the corner and got by someone, he had too long of a stride and they couldn't get him."

John Schultz, Sr. forward, Salem: Schultz proved to be the perfect complement to other Salem forwards Nagel and Bryan Young with his talent for moving the puck and getting it to an open man.

"His ability to read the play and go to where he was needed most," was how Feiler described Schultz. "He could get into position to make the play."

"He's a sniper, too. He's got a good shot and he likes the physical part of the game. He's good in the corners."

High praise for a forward who stands just 5-9, 165 pounds. Still, Schultz proved himself by ranking second to Nagel in scoring in the WLAA, finishing with nine goals and a league-best 27 assists in 14 games.

Eric Giosa, Sr. forward, Redford CC: Giosa was one of three players who have four state titles under their belt, and he's done his share to earn everyone of them. This year, the all-state selection had 12 goals, 37 assists and a plus-64 rating.

"I can't say enough about him," said St. John. "He was on the line with Naurato and he was the set-up guy. He was a consistent player and a great skater. He was a far better hockey player this year. He improved tremendously."

2002-03 ALL-OBSERVER

BOYS HOCKEY

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- D-Andrew Eggert Sr. Redford CC
- D-Dave Bak Jr. Canton
- F-Mark Nagel Sr. Salem

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- F-Eric Reinhardt Sr. Redford CC
- F-Tom Zagata Sr. Liv. Stevenson

THIRD TEAM

- D-Eric Wurn Sr. Redford Unified
- D-Mike Dzewit Sr. Liv. Churchill
- F-Dave Commsky Sr. Canton
- F-Bryan Young Sr. Salem
- F-Ryan Wischmeyer Sr. Liv. Churchill
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highlight film goals

"Tommy is the type of player who comes to practice every day, works hard and prepares himself to play. His success is a result of his approach to the game on a daily basis. My only regret is that he does not have another season at Stevenson."

Staff writers C.J. Risak and Paul Beaudry contributed to this story.

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In compliance with Act No. 43, State of Michigan Public Act of 1963 and Act No. 2, State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 (Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act) Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2003-04 College Budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 23, 2003 at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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BASKETBALL

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make it out of the second inning, where he gave up three hits and two earned runs

Mark Cole (Catholic Central) was brought in and shut out the side in the bottom of the third and fourth innings to keep Madonna alive

The Crusaders broke through in the top of fifth,

scoring two runs to close the gap to 3-2

Jim Moran scored after Scott Miller was hit by a pitch and Tony Kern scored on a fielder's choice

The one run deficit did not last however, when Cole loaded the bases with one out in the bottom half of the inning Adam Kline was brought in for Cole and did not fair much better, as he allowed two of his inherited runners to score

Things did not get much better for Kline in the bottom of the sixth, as he allowed two earned runs in the inning

Madonna will try to notch its first conference win this Friday in a double-header against Spring Arbor at Livonia's Ford Field First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Crusaders' home opener

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Schoolcraft College's Dorsey signs with McNeese State

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Ronald Dorsey became the second player off the 31-4 Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to sign a letter-of-intent with a Division I school

Dorsey, a 6-foot-5 swingman who averaged 11.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game, will play for McNeese State (La.), which produced Detroit Piston Joe Dumars

He was recruited by Dumars' brother, David, an assistant with the Cowboys, who finished 15-14 overall and 10-10 in the Southland Conference this season

The Detroit Pershing High product joins the Ocelots' leading scorer Marcus Bennett (16.7 ppg), a 6-4 guard from Detroit Renaissance who signed in November with UNC-Charlotte

Dorsey, known for his leaping ability, played two consecutive years for Schoolcraft, helping the Ocelots to a pair of NJCAA Division I Tournament appearances and an overall record of 66-5

This season, Dorsey shot

'Ron is a very athletic player who should do well in that conference, either as a starter or in a sixth-man role.'

Carlos Briggs
Schoolcraft coach

40.5 percent from three-point range, 55.1 percent from the floor and 79.8 percent from the foul line

'Ron is a very athletic player who should do well in that conference, either as a starter or in a sixth-man role,' Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft's top rebounder and second leading scorer, 6-6 center Torvoris Baker (Detroit Cooley), is being courted by University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Detroit Mercy and will take a visit this weekend to New Mexico

Baker, who averaged 14.7 points and 10.9 rebounds per game, could be the next to sign

Guard Dion Sherrell (12.7

points), who missed 15 games with the Ocelots due a broken foot and never regained his early season form, is being pursued by new Washington State coach Dick Bennett

The 6-3 Sherrell, rated the No. 4 best two-guard by one JUCO preseason publication, is also considering Wyoming

Dick Bennett is scheduled for a visit to the Haggerty Road campus on Thursday

Briggs may also be on the short list for possible assistant coaching candidates under Bennett at Washington State Briggs, who is 172-28 in six seasons with the Ocelots, including three straight NJCAA tourney appearances, turned down an assistant coaching spot last year on Robert McCullum's staff at Western Michigan

In other related recruiting news, SC point-guard Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial), who averaged nine points and six assists per game, will visit Central Florida this weekend

Andre Scott, a 6-9 center who averaged 10 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, is considering Nebraska and Arkansas-Little Rock

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OUTLOOK

FROM PAGE D1

Dropp "We'll clear the track of snow and hope it dries out by then. But with baseball and softball, who knows?"

The coaches and players certainly don't and it's driving them crazy.

"I know it snowed at the beginning of the season in the 1980s and we delayed the start of the season," said Churchill baseball coach Herb Osterland. "But this is different. Not only is there heavy snow and ice that isn't melting anytime soon. But going back into the gym doesn't help."

This does screw things up for every team - baseball, softball, track, soccer, golf, tennis and lacrosse. And while some sports can practice some things inside the school gym (although little things, like throwing the discus, you just can't do), it's just not the same.

"You reach a point practicing inside where you've done all you can," said Osterland. "You have to go out and do things on a full field. The kids lose their intensity and lose their edge."

Some athletes have had problems keeping their edge in the first place. Canton and Salem's track teams are without a home in the first place, due to renovations at their track. They've been road warriors as it is, practicing at McClumpha Park for distance work, the bus loop behind Salem and occasionally the track at Plymouth High School. And now, there's this.

"We've had enough hurdles put in our path as it is," said Canton boys track coach Bob Richardson. "We didn't plan on this. Our meet Saturday was canceled at Ann Arbor Pioneer - it would have been treacherous out there with 29 degrees. It keeps us healthier and will let us heal up some guys who are hurt. But the kids were sent home early Monday and we spent a little time outside (Tuesday). Hopefully, we'll be able to go at Northville (Thursday)."

There's no chance that every event canceled due to the weather will be made up. There isn't enough time to get everything in.

"Everyone's going to worry about their league games now and not deal with the crossovers," said Ladywood A.D. Sal Malek. "This has really screwed up everyone and you can only worry about the games that matter."

And even if teams get back into full swing this weekend, next weekend they'll shut down again for spring break - a time where games used to be the rule rather than the exception.

Some programs such as Salem, Catholic Central and Redford Union's baseball teams used to play two or three opponents during break.

Now, there's only one holdout - CC track. And even so, the Shamrocks still only run once - at a Friday, April 25, meet in Jackson.

"Everyone's gotten away from playing during vacation," Dropp said. "Now, no one is here. The opponents aren't here, and we're not here. We couldn't reschedule those games that week even if we wanted to."

It won't be easy trying to reschedule any of them - league or non-league. Osterland said once his team gets back from spring break, there's a 21-day stretch where the Chargers have 16 scheduled games.

"And if it rains then, it will be more screwed up," said Osterland. "We were hoping to get sailing along before break and pick up when we came back. Now, we haven't played in a week, have three games next week and we have no games until the Monday we come back."

And all the coaches remember times when it was cold, but cold and rain and snow?

"I don't remember it in my 15 years," said Richardson. "I remember one meet out at Lakeland 10 years ago when I swear the wind chill was below zero. I couldn't feel my fingers at all. But this? I haven't seen anything like this at all."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

CRUISERS SIGNUP

The Plymouth Canton Cruisers swim team is registering for the spring season. There are spots available in all sessions - no waiting list.

For more information and registration packets contact the PCC information line at (734) 377-5176 or by e-mail at FiveArbles@comcast.net

WANTED: LACROSSE PLAYERS

Last call is now for kids interested in learning and playing lacrosse. This fifth/sixth grade team from Canton welcomes both new and experienced players. The team will play a 14-game schedule from April 1 through June 1 in the Middle School Scholastic League.

Practices and games will be at Heritage Park.

For more information, check the web site at

www.eteamz.com/cantonlax, or contact Ann-Marie Caravella at (734) 483-5600

DISC GOLF LEAGUE

A new youth disc golf (frisbee golf) league that will play this spring at Freedom Park (southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer) in Canton is seeking area youths from ages nine to 14 to join. The league will begin with

two weeks of practices/clines from April 21-May 1, followed by six weeks of competitive match play through June 12.

The sign-up period concludes April 18. Call Matthew Cunningham at (248) 344-9505 for details.

T-BALL SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old

T-ball league from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 1-18 at the Recreation office, located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth in the Cultural Center.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

OHL PLAYOFFS Friday April 11 London at Plymouth (Compuware Arena) 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 12 Plymouth at London (if necessary) 7:30 p.m. Monday April 14 London at Plymouth (if necessary) 7:30 p.m. PREP BASEBALL Thursday April 10 Oak Christian vs Canton Agape 4:30 p.m. at Griffin Park... Girls Softball Thursday April 10 Oak Christian vs Canton Agape 4:30 p.m. at Griffin Park... Prep Girls Soccer Thursday April 10 G.P. North at Canton 7 p.m. S field Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m. Luth Westland at Kingswood 4:30 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy 5:30 p.m. Friday April 11 R.O. Kimball at Salem 7 p.m. John Glenn at Garden City 4 p.m. S field Christ at Luth Westland 4:30 p.m. Saturday April 12 Essexville Garber Invitational 9 a.m. W Bloomfield Tournament 8:30 a.m. Prep Girls Golf Thursday April 10 Dearborn Invitational 9 a.m. Friday April 11 Jefferson Invitational 8 a.m. Grosse Ile Invitational 8 a.m. Brighton Inv at Oak Pointe 9:30 a.m. Northville vs Glenn (fellows creek) 3 p.m. Franklin vs Salem (lodyl wyld) 4 p.m. Saturday April 12 Madonna vs Aquinas (Ford Field) 1 p.m. Sunday April 13 Madonna vs Oakland Univ (I) noon Women's College Softball Thursday April 10 Saginaw Valley St at Madonna 4 p.m. Saturday April 12 Madonna at Spring Arbor 1 p.m. Sunday April 13 Madonna at Indiana Tech 1 p.m. TBA - time to be announced

Why bowl in the summer? Several reasons, actually



Ten Pin Alley AI Harrison

As the sun sets on another bowling season, we might just put the balls and shoes away for the summer, or perhaps look into the many options available all over town in spring/summer bowling leagues

Why a summer league? There could be several good reasons. To work on improving your game for one, to keep the good game going with some continuity, to practice different angles to the pocket, or get better at making certain spares

Another reason would be to keep on enjoying your bowling game a little bit longer. There is a whole range of possibilities for spring/summer action at bowling centers everywhere

Check with your favorite house for their schedules. Most are short season leagues of ten or twelve weeks, most offer up reduced rates, some are trio leagues - bowlers may be seniors or mixed

Here is a sampling from around our area. Country Lanes (Farmington), Monday Night Doubles Classic begins 7:30 p.m. May 5 for 13 weeks, Tuesday Night Parent/Youth starting 7 p.m. May 13 for 12 or 13 weeks, Tuesday Ladies Nite Out Trio 7:30 p.m. beginning May 5 for 13 weeks, Wednesday Seniors at 12:30 p.m. starts May 14 for 13 weeks, Youth Scholarship League Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting on May 14, Thursday Summer Swingers Mixed May 8 at 7 p.m. for 13 weeks

Call Country Lanes at (248) 476-3201 for entry forms. Plaza Lanes (Plymouth), Seniors No-tap starting on May 12 at 12:30 p.m. for 15 weeks, also on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. for a 9-pin No-tap for 15 weeks

Starting Tuesday, May 13 is the Plaza Mixed Trio League with two games against one team, followed by two more games on another pair vs another team, five points to be won or lost in each set. This one runs 15 weeks. Wednesday, May 14 begins a sport condition trio league with two sets of two games vs two different teams

On Thursdays the Battle of the Sexes league takes to the lanes at 7 p.m. This league is filled, but you might want to list as a sub. All leagues are fully sanctioned by the local associations. For more details and times call Plaza Lanes at (734) 453-4880

Mayflower Lanes (Redford) has The "Have-a-Ball" league beginning May 6 and running to Aug. 12 with a 7:00 p.m. start, four persons on a team. The cost is \$18 per person and every participant receives a new ball

There is a Wednesday Senior Men's Trio from April 30 to July 30 with a 12:30 p.m. start. Cost is \$7 per bowler

On Wednesday nights, there is the "Double Dipper" which is a two-man team format and lots of prize money, like \$2,000 first place. The fee is \$20 per week

On Thursdays, they are having the Cosmic Kids (ages 5 and up) starting May 22 and ending on August 16, fee is \$7 per week

Jess Macciocco, 70, is one of the long-time stalwarts in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League. This past Wednesday he strung out 12 strikes for his third 300 game. Strangely, his second one occurred only two weeks ago in the Friday Senior League at Thunderbowl Lanes. He had his first one several years earlier, in 1990 at Ford Lanes in the

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Ford Engineering League. Hats off to the winners and girls champions of the Young American Bowling Alliance City tournament held recently at Sunnybrook Lanes. The team consists of Stephanie Wegener, 15, of Farmington Hills, a student at Harrison High, Kasey Pierce, 17, Kathleen Kowalski, 15, of Farmington Hills and a student at Mercy High, and Melissa Miller of Farmington Hills, 19, a recent graduate of Harrison High

This team, named "Wright's Women" in honor of Ed Wright, bowled 2445 scratch to earn the championship

More good news for the long hot summer ahead, Ladies Pro Bowlers Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin will be conducting a "Summer Bowling Camp" July 14-16 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills

It will be based on the Kegel Digital Video Coach, a very successful system in improving all facets of the game. Enrollments are being taken now, call (313) 274-1227 for more details

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394 5260

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Water Main Replacements at Sheldon Road, Leopold Street, Michigan Avenue, & Lotz Road", along with the name address phone number of the Contractor the date and time of bid opening will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office 1st Floor 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2003 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

Water main replacements using HDPE Pipe (5,617 ft), ductile iron (2,877 ft), and pipe bursting (153 ft) for an 8 inch installation. The project also involves the 51 ft of bore & jack with a 20" diameter casing pipe, installation of fire hydrants, gate valves in wells, removing and replacing roadways, concrete curbs and gutters, driveways, shoulders and all associated work such as grading and restoration work

Bid documents are available to pick up at Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May Inc in Ann Arbor. A non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be charged for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township DPW Bldg Construction Association of Michigan McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township

TERRY G BENNETT Clerk

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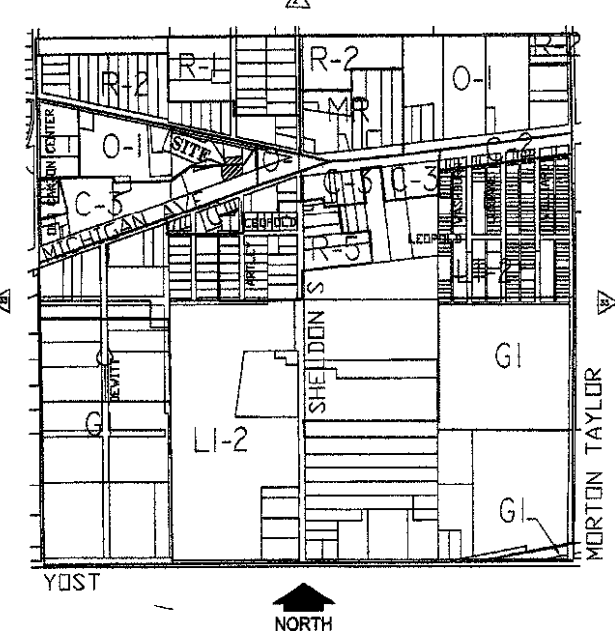
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5 2003 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

DANISH IMPORTS REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE THE SOUTH PORTION OF PARCEL NO 133 02 0075 306 FROM O 1, OFFICE TO C 3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center Road



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 1 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Salem High School Book Room Shelving. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 11:00 a.m. Thursday April 17, 2003 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips RE Salem Book Room Bldg E J McClendon Building 454 Sputh Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. For further information phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI Secretary

Bid Opening Tuesday April 17, 2003 at @ 11:00 a.m. Resolution Review Tuesday, May 6, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m. Board Review Tuesday, May 13 2003

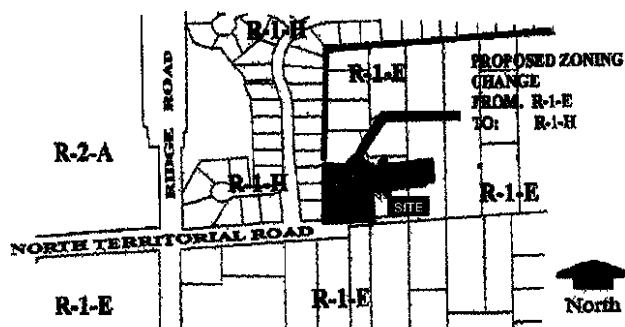
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP REZONE FROM R-1 E Single Family Residential District TO: R-1 H Single Family Residential District DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday April 16, 2003 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton Division of Public Works, 1150 S Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/394 5150 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup

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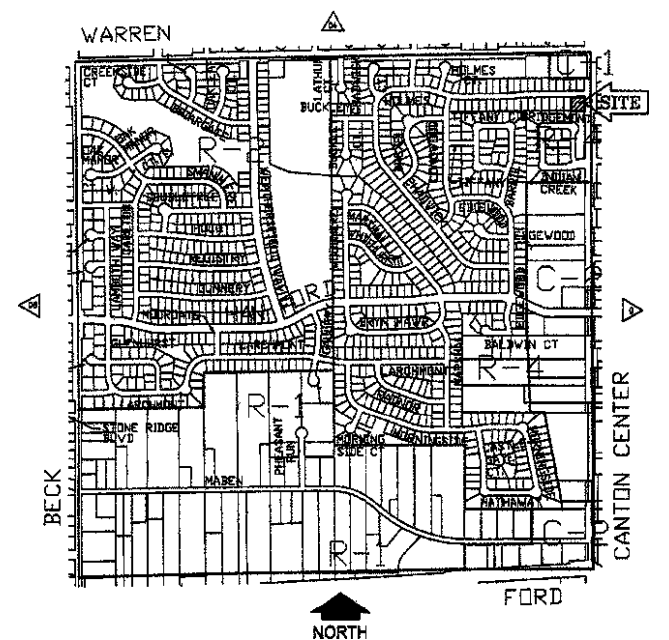
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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DIVIDOCK REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 033 99 0004 707 FROM C 2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO R 4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (4 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located on the southwest corner of Warren and Canton Center Road



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Local trio carries U-M hockey team to NCAA threshold

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Commitment to defense That's been the formula for success of this year's University of Michigan hockey team, which takes on Minnesota tonight at HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y. in the Frozen Four of the NCAA hockey championships (6 p.m., TV ESPN2, Radio WTKA-AM 1050).

Michigan is 30-9-2 overall, while the Gophers are 26-8-9.

To a man, U-M's Livonia connection of senior Mark Mink (Stevenson High), sophomore Dave Moss (Redford Catholic Central) and junior Brandon Kalemecki (Redford CC), all concur it's defense which has been the difference in the Wolverines' regular season and postseason success.

It's also been a sacrifice for personal stats.

"Michigan recruits the most talented players and they all can score," said Mink, making his third-straight Frozen Four appearance. "My role has changed. I've gone from being a goal scorer and a guy on the power-play the first two years to a more of grinding, checking role and playing as a penalty killer. I've pretty much given up an offensive style."

The 5-foot-11, 191-pound right winger, however, came up big in a 5-3 regional win, March 30, against Colorado College, played before the home fans at Yost Arena.

Although he had mere seven goals and 14 assists in 42 games, the fourth-year senior scored a critical short-handed goal followed by the game-clinching empty-netter.

"To win at Yost against the No. 1 seed in that atmosphere was electric, it's something you can't explain," said Mink, one of five U-M seniors.

Meanwhile, Moss's offensive numbers have gone up from four goals and nine assists as a freshman to 14 goals and 17 assists this season.

But he has come to realization there are two sides to the game.

"I've had a bigger role on this team, more opportunity to play and more minutes," said the 6-3, 191-pound forward, who was a seventh-round pick in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft by the Calgary Flames. "I'm on the power play and penalty killing."

"Our forwards have to be more responsible. The coaches preach it all year. If you win, you have to play well in the defensive zone and we take pride in that. There's always an awareness on defense. There's so much responsibility. You have to know the defensive part of game."

Moss has also learned the importance of playing hard every night.

"Our schedule is limited to 45 games, so you have to make a commitment to give it everything you've got," said Moss, who played three seasons at CC and one with the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Roughriders of the NAHL. "With a club or junior team you're playing more games, and maybe the intensity level is not there every night."

Kalemecki, who captained the 2000 Division I state championship team at CC, led the North American Hockey League (NAHL) last year in scoring with 52 goals and 37 assists with the Cleveland Barons.

The 20-year-old came to Michigan as an offensive threat. In 37 games, the freshman has 13 goals, including five power-play, and five assists.

He said you can discount U-M's early season 3-1 win on Minnesota's home ice.

"There's a lot of excitement, a lot of anticipation, I really don't know what it's like," Kalemecki said of entering his first Frozen Four. "We're on a good run right now. It was nice to have a week off, refocus and get ready."

"Minnesota is a good team, a lot of good skaters. We have to play well, move the puck and skate well. We have to finish our hits, play our game."

Kalemecki has been paired on the same line most of the year with Michael Woodford and Andrew Ebbett. And his game is appreciated by his two Livonia teammates.

"Brandon's a hard worker, strong in the corners," Mink said. "He showed he can work the power-play and score goals

'I'd like to continue to play if the opportunity comes about, if not, I guess it's time for the real world. But right now I'm focused on one thing, winning this weekend.'

Mark Mink
U-M senior

at this level.

Adds Moss: "Brandon's a hard worker, great in the corners and can score, too. He's got a nose for the net."

Moss, meanwhile, gives Michigan a physical presence up front. He is paired with Milan Gajic and Jason Ryznar.

"He's a big, strong guy, hard to take off the puck, strong in the corners," Mink said. "He's

got great hands, great vision. He's a playmaker."

Adds Kalemecki: "Moss is a great passer, a great offensive player. He makes things happen with the puck. He just has amazing hands."

Mink, who plans to graduate in May, knows this is his final chance to erase two Frozen Four semifinal setbacks. He is paired on the same line with Dwight Helminen and Eric Nyström.

"As a senior I'd like to go out on top," he said. "The last two years we lost in the semifinals. I have higher expectations."

"I'd like to continue to play if the opportunity comes about, if not, I guess it's time for the real world. But right now I'm focused on one thing, winning this weekend."

Moss may have summed up Mink's value best.

"He brings a lot of energy to the team, he's one of the leaders on the team," Moss said.

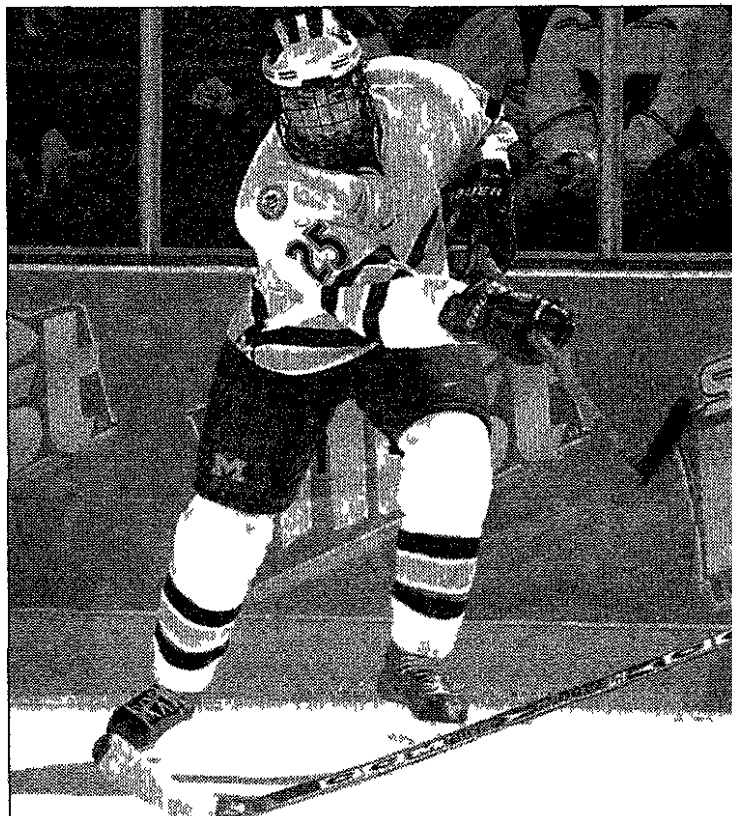
"He's not a talker, but he shows up and plays every night."

Adds Kalemecki: "Mark is a great with the puck. He's a great all-around player. Even though he's been struggling offensively, he's playing better defensively. He's a physical player who really helps out."

If Michigan gets by the Gophers, its on to Saturday's 8 p.m. championship final against either Cornell (30-4-1) or New Hampshire (27-7-6).

Coming away with an NCAA crown would give the Livonia trio another distinction — three players from the same hometown on a Division I championship team.

The last three to do it from Livonia were three soccer players from the University of Wisconsin — Travis Roy (Stevenson), Mike Gentile (Livonia Churchill) and Scott Lamphear (Churchill) — who led the Badgers to the 1995 NCAA crown.

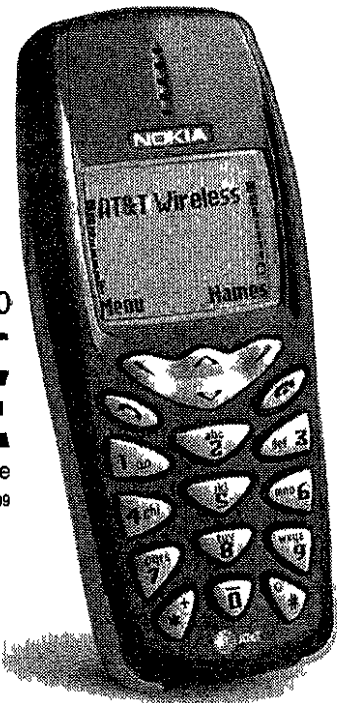


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Stevenson High grad Mark Mink is making his third straight Frozen Four appearance for the University of Michigan men's hockey team.

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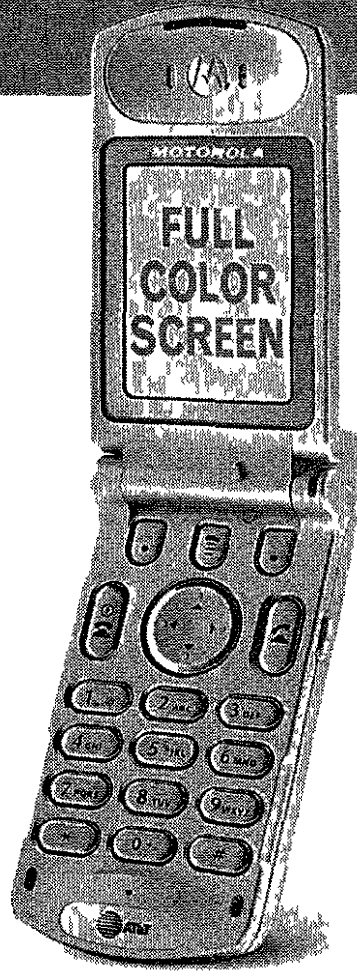
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PeeWee AA Champs

The Redford Spiders capped a successful 2002-2003 hockey season by winning the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League PeeWee AA Ranked Division March 8 at the Arctic Edge in Canton Township. The Spiders, led by head coach Don Ostrowski, took the championship trophy with a 2-1 triple overtime win over the Grosse Pointe Spartans. The Spiders are Michael Ciuffoletti, Jake Jossey, Adam Powers, Kory Sosnowski and Ken Weir, all of Canton; Ian Barnaby of Plymouth; Ian Curran, Ethan Gurski, Eric Mitchell and Tyler Sternik all of Livonia; Tim Hall, Dylan Ostrowski, Scott LaMontagne and Mark Rogers of Redford; Jase Paciocco, Cody Longuski and Micki Mihailovich of Westland. Assistant coaches for the 2002-2003 are Rob Paciocco, Kevin Longuski, Ken Weir and Derrick Danielson. Team manager is Joe Curran. Financial managers are Jeff and Kathy Sternik. The Spiders are sponsored by New Century Leadership of Plymouth.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth HS athletic program is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 at the Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads in Canton.

Cost is \$120 with 18 holes of golf, \$60 with dinner only. Players may register at the course beginning at 8:30 a.m. the day of the event, golfing begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Special events include a 50/50 longest drive contest (\$10 per entry), 50/50 closest to the pin contest (\$10 per entry), and a 50/50 skins game (\$20 per team). Checks should be made payable to PHS Athletics and sent, with registration form, to PHS Athletic Dept. (attn: Kurt Britnell), 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Spots are limited. You must register by July 1.

GOLFERS WANTED

The Hickory Creek Ladies

YOGA CLASSES

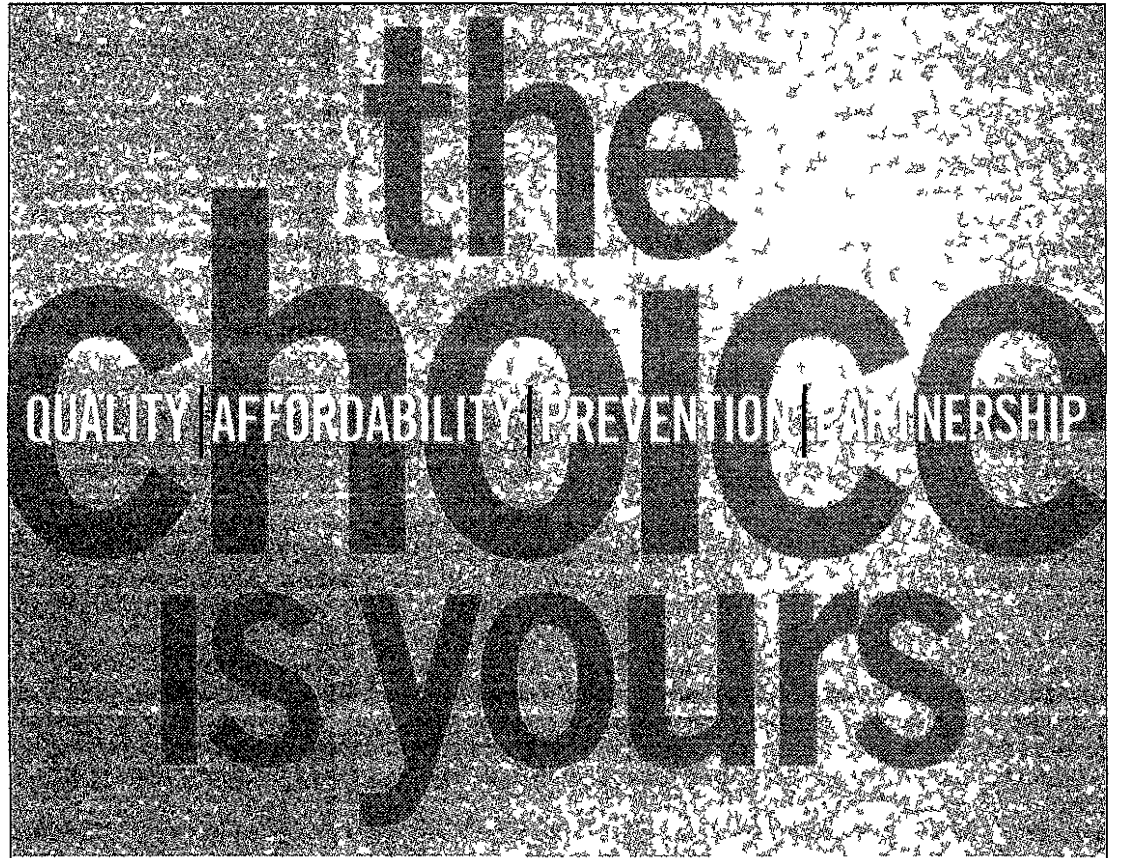
The city of Plymouth is accepting registration for its spring Beginning Yoga Classes, designed to increase strength and energy, improve flexibility, reduce stress and improve health. Sunrise Yoga classes are available from 6:30-7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Intro to Fitness Yoga is available from 7-8 p.m. Mondays. Fitness Yoga for Kids (ages 6-10) will be from 6-7 p.m. Mondays.

SPRING CLASSES

The city of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its spring recreation classes. Youth programs include Jump-A-Rama Play Program, Fitness Yoga for Kids, Gymnastics, Dance, Tae Kwon Do and Ceramics. Adult and senior programs include Scrapbooking, Gardening, Creative Writing, Yoga, Hammer Dulcimer and Fitness. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 or check the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

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. For more information, call Tony Perez at (734) 525-2884.



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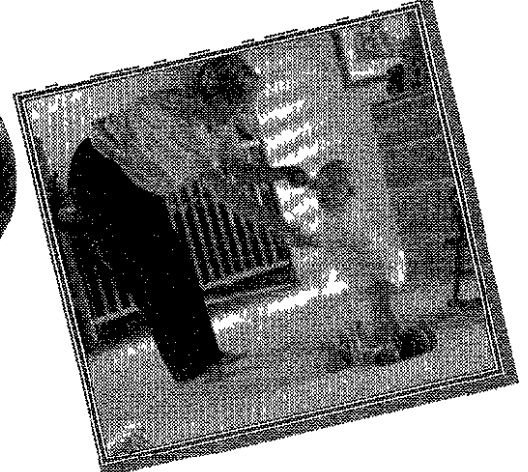


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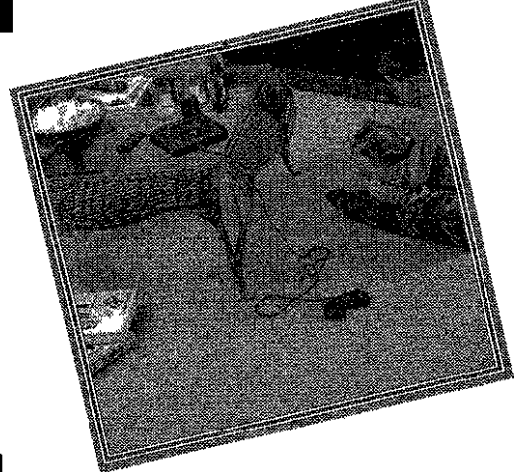
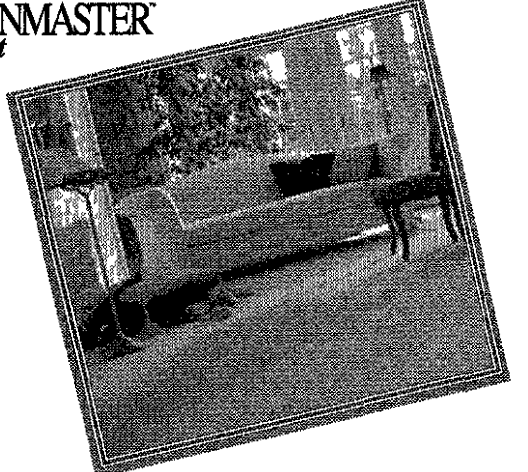
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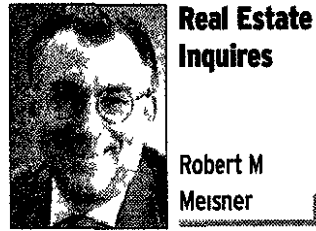
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Restricting parking van, trailer in sub

We have a restriction that prohibits commercial vehicles in our subdivision. All of the roads that go through are public roads. Do you think we have a chance to keep a commercial van from parking on the road within our subdivision?

It may well depend on your documents but in a recent decision out of a New Jersey Circuit Court, the trial court ruled that the restrictive covenant relating to commercial vehicles was applicable to a public road. The court noted the association's inability to tow vehicles from the public streets was a consideration in its decision.

Ref Community Association Law Reporter, February 2003

I am a homeowner in a subdivision that states that no trailers are allowed on the premises for more than 48 hours for loading or unloading. There is a homeowner in our subdivision who has parked a trailer in his driveway for over six years. Do you have any solutions?

It appears that the board of your association has acquiesced to the trailer or has otherwise decided not to pursue the matter. I am assuming that the trailer has been parked there on a continuous basis for more than 48 hours at a time and the board may be remiss in enforcing the restrictions against the homeowner. I suspect that you, however, may have a right to enforce your deed restriction against the homeowner, should you wish to do so. I would write a letter to the association demanding that it take action against the homeowner in question regarding the trailer. I would also see whether, in fact, there is any township ordinance precluding trailers from being parked on the premises, particularly if the trailer is inoperable. Your best advice is to consult with an attorney.

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HOTNESS INDEX

Twelve months of residential building permits per 1000 population as of year end 2002

Location	Index
Pt. Myers, Fla.	230
Las Vegas	180
Sarasota, Fla.	165
Atlanta	147
Indianapolis	102
Dallas	80
Minneapolis	87
Miami	65
Chicago	51
Detroit	47
Milwaukee	43
Cleveland	35

Source: U.S. Housing Markets



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Pets like Riley are enjoyable, says Realtor Tim Haggerty, but they don't belong on the premises during showings

Get pets off the stage before showings begin, Realtors say

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Love me, love my pet. Maybe yes, but not when it comes to doing the real estate deal, Realtors say. Their advice on animals - out of sight is out of mind and off the property is best of all when prospective purchasers visit.

That includes dogs, cats, guinea pigs, snakes, birds - some parrots have been known to talk dirty - and even fish. Fish? Yes, a goldfish floating belly up in the aquarium may upset a small child walking through with mom and dad, or even give an adult bad vibes.

It's happened more often than you might think, just recently with Nancy Browning, associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schwitzer in Bloomfield Hills.

"A small bowl was in the kitchen with just a few fish and one was dead," Browning said. "The woman walking through said, 'Oh, this gives me an eerie feeling.'" No sale in that instance.

Anything that distracts, draws attention away from the house or offends - yapping dog, snakes slithering in a cage or loose cats darting about - should be avoided, the pros say.

A no-pet caveat would be analogous to neutral colors in painting, carpeting and decorating. "I try to put the seller in the buyer's shoes," said Tim Haggerty, associate broker and partner with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

"If we look at several houses, which one will stand out - the one with the barking dog following us around and sniffing us all over or one where we could walk through unobtrusively? You want to take away any obstacles from viewing the home, itself," he said.

SAFETY FACTOR

You can't put the well-being of yourself and your clients at risk, either.

"One time, there was a big empty tank downstairs in the basement," Browning recalled. "I asked the seller what that was about. She said, 'My python is loose.' I got the buyers and left immediately."

What are sellers thinking or not thinking? Is common sense that uncommon?

'Now there's doggie care available. You drop off the dog just like a kid for the day.'

Rebecca Williamson
RE/MAX 100

"I guess they feel you will have the same attachment that they do," Browning said. You can't be too careful, apparently, when it comes to encounters with animals. "A few years ago, I know of a Realtor who was with a family and their pet on their patio," Browning said. "The Realtor reached down to pat the dog and it bit her. You never know. You can't take chances. Sometimes, animals can be very friendly, but when strangers come in, they can turn very quickly."

In this market, it's important to stage the house, show it in the best light possible," Browning added. "Any variables we can remove is important."

NO DISTRACTIONS

Haggerty, who has a dog, himself, said that pets on the premises even with a pet-loving visitor can be problematic.

"If the buyer is a dog lover, do you want him looking at the house or petting your dog?" he asked rhetorically.

The same would hold true for attention-getters like a talking parrot, gerbils spinning a wheel or a tankful of exotic tropical fish.

Gone is best, agrees Rebecca Williamson, affiliated with RE/MAX 100, Commerce Township. Sometimes, though, that's easier said than done.

"So many people have pets today, she said. "I think it's hard to avoid. It's a tough situation."

"You have to have dogs at least caged or crribbed," she said. "You could put them in the yard, but then it's difficult to go out there and take a look."

"Now, there's doggie day care available,"

Williamson said. "You drop off the dog just like a kid for the day."

That service would be especially helpful if the seller knew of a scheduled showing during work hours, is too far away to get back and forth conveniently and didn't want to cage a dog for an extended time period.

"If you have extremely unusual things, snakes or reptiles, that would make people a little more nervous, I would get them out," Williamson said.

GONE, NOT FORGOTTEN

Indications of a pet living on the premises may be more offensive than the animal itself, she added.

"First and foremost, clean up so there's no smells or offensive sights. So many people have allergies today," Williamson said.

"Let's make sure the litter box is clean," Haggerty said.

Felix Rudberg, Realtor with Century 21 Chalet, Livonia, concurs.

"Obviously, the cleaner the house the better," he said. "If they have multiple pets, a good cleaning can go a long way."

Pets can complicate a Realtor's life, too. "I've cleaned up cat puke in a back bedroom of one of my own listings," Haggerty said. "I recall chasing a pet dog around the lot trying to get it back into the house."

And speaking of offensive - even though it doesn't have to do directly with pets - place taxidermed animals and deer heads in storage when putting a home on the market, Williamson advises.

Again, no sense putting off any prospective purchasers, especially in a buyer's market.

Other things to consider: ■ Some Realtors regularly carry doggie treats for when they meet up with an animal that may need some special attention.

■ Recruit a neighbor to baby-sit a pet at their house when unexpected showings arise.

■ Don't forget to keep the yard clear of pet mess, especially now that warmer weather has arrived.

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Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Recovery could raise interest rates

Many of my readers have asked me what mortgage interest rates will do in the coming months. I can answer hundreds of questions, but this is not one of them. If I could accurately predict the future, I would be sipping a cool cola right now at some balmy seaside resort.

Though we are solidly in a recession, our country historically recovers from recessions. The question of economic recovery is not a matter of "if," but "when." Thankfully, the Bush administration and the Federal Reserve Board have adjusted monetary and taxation policies to optimize the chances of a robust economic recovery when it does occur.

It seems that all we need now is a "spark" that will ignite a sustained "bull market" rally. The mini-rally we saw in late March seems to have been fueled by good news in the war at that time. Intuitively, a positive overall outcome to "Operation Iraqi Freedom" may be just the catalyst to launch our economic recovery.

The inevitable market upswing may begin in the wake of fantastic news regarding the war. The resulting swell of patriotism and postwar elation will hopefully lead to an optimism that will affect every aspect of our American lives. People will celebrate, they will have renewed confidence, and they will resume their pre-recession spending.

In turn, daily stocks prices will again rise steadily in sustained, heavy trading. Investors, then, will pull money out of bonds and mortgage-backed securities. Demand and prices for those commodities will drop and their yields will rise. Mortgage rates will begin to rise again at that time.

Please note that Mr. Greenspan is a "nonfactor" until our economic recovery is well under way. Mortgage interest rates will probably rise well in advance of any Federal Reserve action. If you wait for Greenspan, you will have waited too long.

Today's mortgage interest rates are still wonderful, but those days may be numbered. If you are going to make a move or refinance, sooner is better than later. Choose a reliable lender who will get the job done quickly and correctly to capture good rates while they remain.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522 or via www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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She holds the professional designation of Member of Appraisal Institute, the highest level of appraising, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Makarov directs the multi-family appraisal division. She's also responsible for develop-

ment of the firm's Metro Detroit Apartment Report, an annual study that tracks rental rates, vacancy changes, new construction and capitalization rates. She lives in Ann Arbor.

Sachse Construction, a design/build firm in Farmington Hills, has renovated an office building in Southfield into a computer and claims processing center for Wisconsin Physician Services.

These are the *Observer & Eccentric*-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Nov 25-28 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Price
Canton	206 Alexandria	\$475,000
Canton	7765 Alton	\$170,000
Canton	41618 Bedford	\$115,000
Canton	6597 Chadwick	\$271,000
Canton	7036 Copper Creek	\$230,000
Canton	43740 Cranford	\$230,000
Canton	43747 Cranford	\$150,000
Canton	2844 Doncaster	\$285,000
Canton	39636 Dorchester	\$305,000
Canton	725 Eastwind	\$128,000
Canton	44121 Fair Oaks	\$210,000
Canton	812 Foot Hill	\$270,000
Canton	44285 Franciscan	\$234,000
Canton	45766 Hanford	\$233,000
Canton	8339 Holly	\$169,000
Canton	44536 Meadowcreek	\$214,000
Canton	44630 Meadowcreek	\$197,000
Canton	50483 Monroe	\$348,000
Canton	6355 N Lilley	\$140,000
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Canton	6953 Norwood	\$273,000
Canton	1991 Pearce	\$132,000
Canton	170 Queens Way	\$181,000
Canton	3215 River Meadow	\$254,000
Canton	47922 Royal Pointe	\$367,000
Canton	8510 Sandpiper	\$220,000
Canton	44535 Savery	\$140,000
Canton	2534 Stever	\$338,000
Canton	42310 Trent	\$301,000
Canton	2045 W Franklin	\$136,000
Canton	1225 Whitier	\$243,000
Canton	42274 Wickfield	\$230,000
Canton	1031 Wildwood	\$251,000
Canton	2325 Woodgreen	\$325,000
Canton	6657 Woodmere	\$302,000
Garden City	32737 Alvin	\$119,000
Garden City	29081 Balmoral	\$125,000
Garden City	31753 Barton	\$128,000
Garden City	28445 Beechwood	\$135,000
Garden City	931 Garden	\$127,000
Garden City	5731 Helen	\$122,000
Garden City	430 Henry Ruff	\$147,000
Garden City	2204 Henry Ruff	\$64,000
Garden City	28676 James	\$113,000
Livonia	33573 Eight Mile	\$118,000
Livonia	6473 Lathers	\$134,000
Livonia	6605 Merriman	\$120,000
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The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit

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Deadline is Tuesday, April 15
For applications and information, contact Marie Mesik at (248) 398-1200 Ext 207 or MMIESIK@DETROITDOOR.com

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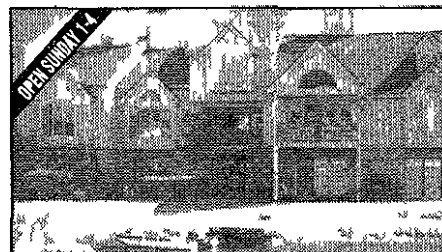
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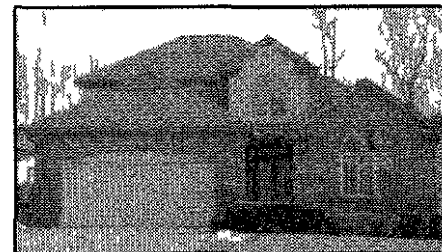
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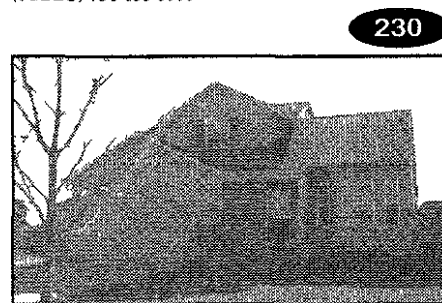
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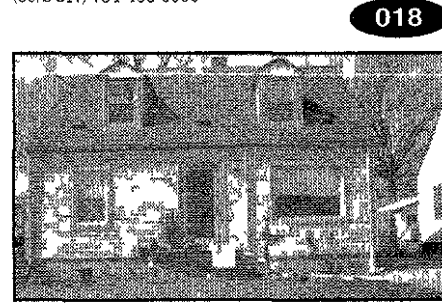
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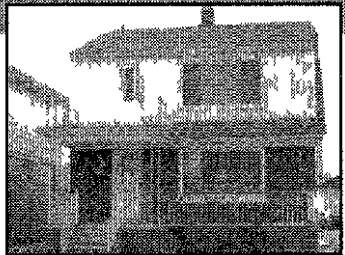
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FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity Large 3 BR ranch on good size lot Roof and C/A (02) some windows and furnace (01) vinyl siding (00) Large foyer w/bay window Bath remodeled Home still needs some work but the majors are done \$99 500 (26SEN) 734 455 5600



NOVI - Priced for quick sale Driven by a little old lady only on Sundays 2 BR 1 5 BA 2 story condo w/full basement Large LR Spacious KIT & dining area with door wall leading to private patio Well located close to malls and x ways \$129 900 (85OLD) 248 349 5600



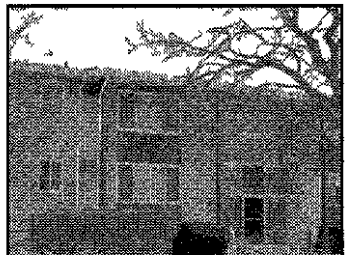
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Fabulous 1998 built 4 BR home Built w/imports from around the world Gourmet commercial kitchen 3 full & 2 half baths Master suite w/2 way FP steam shower Marble granite & rosewood Great lot \$949 900 (01DOB) 248 349 5600



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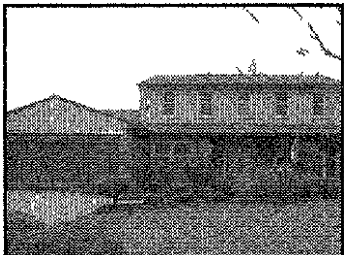
WESTLANDS FINEST 3 BR 1 BA brick ranch w/newer roof & furnace brand new Wallside windows new doorwall heated Florida room remodeled bath w/ceramic tub surround Nicely landscaped \$127 000 (70AVO) 734-455 5600



FARMINGTON - Easy peaceful living Walk to town from this clean comfortable 1st floor ranch 1 BR 1 BA nice Florida room spacious living areas no maine nance HDWD floor under carpet 1 car garage Stove Indge included Its all here and affordable \$74 900 (53KIN) 734-455 5600



NORTHVILLE - Old Victorian Farmhouse This 3 BR 2 bath farmhouse sitting on a 1 5 acre lot offers updated siding C/A copper plumbing elec roof crown molding & hardwood floors \$329 900 (00SEV) 734 455 5600



NORTHVILLE - Elegant brick colonial 4 BR 2 5 BA Updated home on cul de sac Features include newer roof siding window oak floors and more Large bed room private den formal LR & DR FFL Finished BSMT Beautiful \$349 900 (01CRO) 248 349 5600



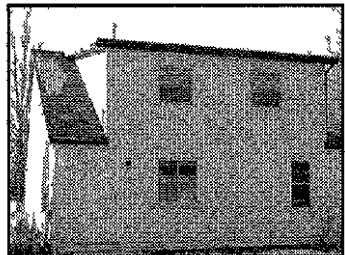
GARDEN CITY - Updated brick ranch Absolute move in condition 3 spacious BRs & 2 full baths Huge master bedroom addition Hardwood floors Many updates include roof windows entry doors & porch Beautifully landscaped Full finished BSMT w/BA 2 car garage \$154 900 (41ALV) 248 349 5600



YPSILANTI - Lakefront condo Awesome 2 BR 1 5 BA 3 story unit with beautiful scenic view of an all sports lake Boat & dock facility available Fireplace in living room Large working kitchen \$119 900 (93CLI) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Full of character! 4 BR 2 5 BA New England colonial on 2 acres HDWD floors crown moldings LR w/FP & FR doors Spa room hearth room w/10 brick FP Deck gardens pond tennis court & gazebo! \$475 000 (00BEC) 734 455 5600



BELLEVILLE - Country living Large 3 BR 2 BA colonial sitting on 1 acre w/large family room & master bedroom upstairs Newer furnace bath windows roof entry doors carpet in LR + garage and driveway \$214 900 (50LEN) 734 455 5600



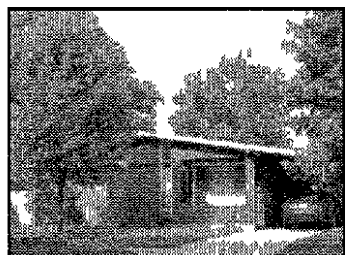
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Regal rural ranch Lovely 3 BR 3 bath brick ranch w/oversized 2 car attached garage sitting on almost 5 acre BSMT new roof in 2000 built by master carpenter country KIT w/dark oak cabinets & loads of counter space \$274 900 (13EDG)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



WESTLAND - Immaculate! 3 BR brick ranch w/many updates! Newer KIT w/white washed oak cabinets Corian counter & Tiffany lamp Newer furnace & HWH Newer windows Cathedral ceiling newer carpet \$134 900 (48NAN) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Wonderful location 3 bed room 2 5 BA condo in Plymouth Spacious kit w/eating area formal dining room great room w/FP & doorwall leading to private courtyard Deck off master suite open staircase to BSMT attached garage + lots of storage \$159 000 (41ERI) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Prestigious Francavilla sub 3 BR 2 5 BA ranch on a corner lot w/all maintenance free exterior Lower level is completely finished including a computer office room Newer windows as well as newer kitchen floor Close to schools & shopping \$279 900 (42FRA) 248 349 5600



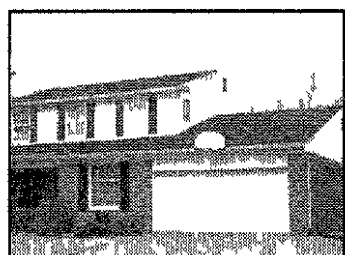
NORTHVILLE - Prestigious Northville condo 3 BR 3 5 BA Finished walkout LL w/kitchen facilities Large MBR suite w/alcove & loft All appliances stay + washer & dryer doorwalls patio & balcony C/A & 1 car garage \$299 000 (44EAS) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Burton Hollow cape cod Quiet cul de sac setting for this charming 4 BR 2 5 BA cape cod Hardwood floors under most carpets Walking distance to swim club and Cass Elementary school Appliances included \$304 900 (95FAI) 248 349 5600



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WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4 BR 2 5 BA in West Bloomfield offers 2 car att garage BSMT FR w/FP dining room & library Pella windows thru out (02) newer roof gutters sump pump drain lines & circuit breakers (00) 1st floor laundry All in great sub \$272 000 (27NOR) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Great starter home 3 BR 1 bath brick ranch Coved ceilings HDWD floors in LR & BRs + BSMT Close to Oakwood Hospital & expressways \$100 000 (20SOU) 734-455 5600



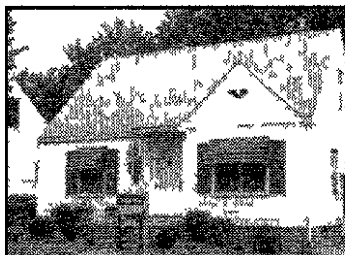
SOUTH LYON - Move right in Nothing to do Shows like a model Custom white cabinets & island in kitchen Master suite w/soaking tub Custom mini blinds on all windows Lots of upgrades 1st floor laundry Paver patio deck & professional landscaping \$272 000 (62CHE) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Lakefront condo Great 2 story townhouse in Highland Lakes Oak kitchen & sunken living room Bath has been updated with tub sink cabinet & toilet Stove and refrigerator stay Good value for the price plus one year home warranty Northville schools \$159 900 (17LAG) 248 349 5600



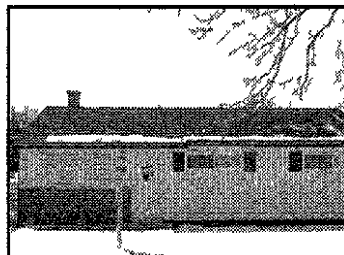
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DEARBORN - Charm & value! 3 BR bun galow w/all the major updates! Newer tile on garage & home! Newer furnace C/A and landscaping Circuit breakers Pella windows Finished BSMT FR off KIT \$149 900 (35GRI) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Brick ranch in Farmington Great location close to everything 3 BR 1 5 BA full BSMT 2 5 car oversized garage fenced yard Andersen windows newer roof furnace siding and C/A Family room/living room combo Farmington schools \$174 900 (65PUR) 734 455 5600



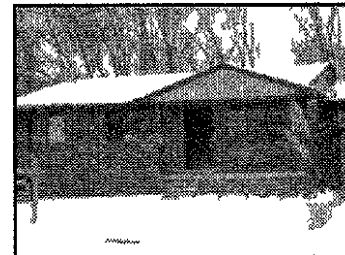
WESTLAND - Clean cozy & updated Well cared home 3 BR ranch neutral decor 2 car garage remodeled kitchen Newer roof C/A furnace HWH windows carpet + kitchen & laundry room floors \$124 900 (44WAL) 734-455 5600



GREEN OAK - Family quality of living 4 BR colonial in a park like setting with association pond swimming fishing canoeing on approx 1/2 acre Remodeled BA (03) tear off roof (02) kitchen counter (00) dishwasher (00) FR w/FP w/newer sliding door to outside patio Gas grill \$242 900 (29PON) 248-349 5600



DEARBORN - Great location Immaculate 3 BR home Master w/2 walk in closets Newer carpeting & insulated storage Beautiful finished BSMT w/cedar closet & Berber carpeting Newer oak kitchen & hardwood floors throughout Brick paver patio \$157 900 (25WIL) 248-349 5600



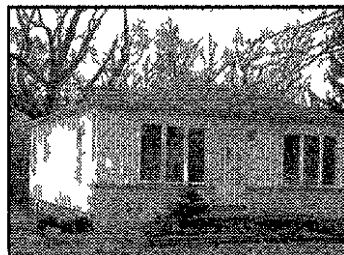
WESTLAND - Country in the city Nice 3 bedroom ranch located on just under 1 acre of beautiful land that is part wetlands with a stream running through it 2 car heated garage Large basement 1 year old water heater \$179 900 (55HUF) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - Downtown Plymouth charm! Beautiful home w/enclosed porch finished HDWD floors spacious LR & DR Gorgeous remodeled bath w/marble floor & clawfoot tub partially fn BSMT newer driveway C/A fenced yard 2 car garage Must see! \$209 900 (09HAR) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Must see! Delightful 4 BR 2 BA 2 5 car garage Many updates KIT finished bath windows AC roof insulation banister railing Formal dining room & family room w/replace \$214 700 (43ROB) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Spacious living Charming 3 BR 2 BA ranch sitting on 5 acre lot w/a 3 tiered deck cherry kitchen Ready to move into \$164 900 (70WAY) 734-455 5600



DEARBORN - Ready to move Custom built 3 BR 1 5 bath tri level in excellent condition New cabinets carpet & roof 3 years & flooring 4 yrs Newer A/C & furnace Neutral clean & loads of new additions \$173 000 (30BUR) 248 349 5600



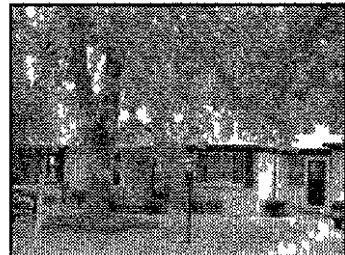
PLYMOUTH - Perfect location 3 BR 1 5 BA colonial Cozy family room w/brick fireplace wall & gas logs Updated kitchen and lav Neutral colors Newer carpet throughout 2 car attached garage w/newer opener Close to everything \$224 950 (82PIN) 248 349 5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Horses welcome Enjoy country living in this 3 BR 1 5 BA bungalow w/possible 4th BR Hardwood floors walkout BSMT pole barn on approximately 5 acres Newer roof well pump and furnace \$212 500 (03KEA) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Beautiful & neutral 2 BR 2 5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area Kitchen offers updated cabinets Newer carpet thru out recessed lighting custom wood blinds & gas fireplace in living room \$199 900 (89HOR) 734-455 5600



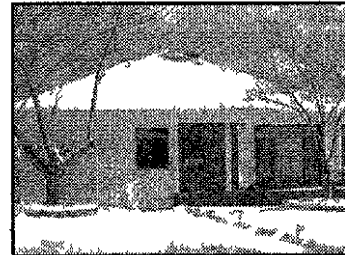
REDFORD - Don't miss this one! 4 BR 2 5 BA huge ranch w/2 car attached garage w/attic Wet plaster w/coved ceilings gigantic country KIT rec room w/FP 1/2 acre lot newer windows & C/A \$183 900 (68BRYL) 734-455 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Don't miss out on this! Great home Original owner Kitchen bath roof windows elec furnace C/A neutral paint and carpet Large closets. This one you don't want to miss \$119 900 (76WED) 734-455 5600



HOWELL - Great home in wooded setting 3 BRs 2 5 BAs Large KIT w/island Large master bedroom w/double closets LR FR w/FP Short walk to Lake Chemung Large deck sprinkler system daylight windows in BSMT Nicely decorated Move in condition \$268 800 (08SHA) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN - Great home for the money 3 BRs 1 bath ranch with open floor plan and newer flooring Large fenced in yard & 1 car garage 1 year home warranty Priced to sell quickly \$134 900 (62BUR) 248 349 5600



SOUTHFIELD - Country living in the city! On approx 1 acre of wooded tranquility this 3 BR home features hardwood GR w/FP updated KIT & finished basement w/family room 2 tier deck w/tub 2+ car garage & updates thru out \$172 000 (50SHE) 248 349 5600

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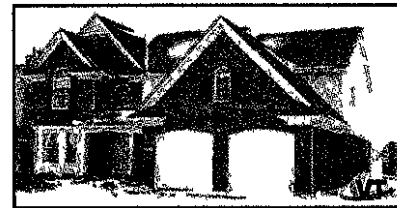
NORTHVILLE \$799,999
PRESTIGIOUS GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY! Spectacular home w/nearly 4 200 SF! GR w/soaring ceiling gourmet kitchen w/granite counters dual staircase butler's pantry & custom upgrades t/o (87MER2)

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PLYMOUTH \$389,900
BUILT 2000 W/3120 SQUARE FEET this impressive 4 BR 3 5 BA colonial is simply the best deal in Plymouth Offers great layout w/huge kitchen 2 FP 3 car garage & more!(W51159)

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BREATHTAKING VIEWS ON 1 3 ACRES! Spectacular views bring the outdoors in! Spacious 4 BR 3 bath ranch w/huge DR w/FP Oversized LR full fin d w/o bsmt Perfect setting for entertaining (53MA12)

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PLYMOUTH \$329,900
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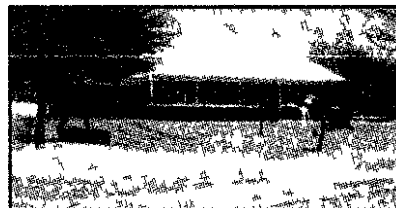
PLYMOUTH \$314,900
CUSTOM CAPE COD! Country setting & close to park Beautiful location! Custom built 4 bedrooms with first floor master Great rm with fieldstone fireplace & finished basement (23N14370)

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PLYMOUTH \$309,900
LIGHT & BRIGHT OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Wonderful 3 BR 2 5 bath home with unbelievable price! Neutral tasteful decor 1st floor mstr 2 story GR w/gas FP & lg deck perfect for entertaining (74WEN2)

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FARMINGTON \$279,900
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM 4 BR 3 BA 2200 sq ft brk ranch Remodeled (S38267)

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CANTON \$259,900
BEAUTIFUL MASTER 1ST FLR CAPE COD 2 lg rms up plus a loft area for poss FR or office Prof fin bsmt w/2 BR and a full BA 3 5 BA total 1st flr laundry GR w/FP & cath ceilings Newer wndws & rf(S46639)

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FARMINGTON \$257,900
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO DOWNTOWN! Mint 2 BR condo in Farmington Great room w/frpl all appliances master suite w/WIC & 2 person whirlpool tub Deck 2 car garage & bsmt Don't wait!(91FAR2)

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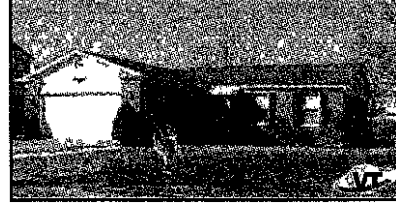
CANTON \$249,900
COZY 3 BR, 2 5 BATH COLONIAL featuring kitchen w/island/snack bar FR w/frpl & vaulted ceiling find lower level new exterior paint & lights Formal LR & DR Move in ready!(17RIV2)

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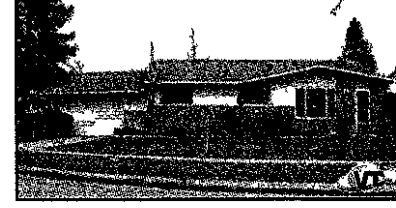
LIVONIA \$224,900
WARM & WONDERFUL BRK RANCH 3 BR 2 full BA attd heated gar w/workshop newer hokory kit cabs & Bruce hrdwd flrs sauna hot tub on gazebo brk paver w/fire pit lg mstr ste w/prvt BA (B18775)

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WESTLAND \$204,000
YOU WON'T WANT TO LEAVE Lovely 3 BR 2 bath ranch w/newer carpet & paint roof shingles privacy fence landscaping gorgeous sun rm sprinklers plant box window 2 car gar & more!(R368)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
NEED 4 BR AND A PRICE YOU CAN LIVE WITH? This is the house for you! 1 5 BA bsmt nicely updated spacious lot 1406 SF FR & kit have skylights 2 car attd gar West Livon a location FR w/wood stove (C8906)

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GARDEN CITY \$189,900
BEST KEPT SECRET INTOWN Has all the I wants Totally updated including windows roof shingles super oak kit (lg) bar fireplace 4 car garage huge porch 2 driveways & privacy fence (B319)

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ROYAL OAK \$189,900
CHARMING & ADORABLE 2-STORY HOME in Royal Oak! 3 BR 1 bath 1 162 SF totally remodeled kitchen original woodwork & hwd floors Lots of updates!(26WAV2)

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CANTON \$188,000
YOUR PERFECT CHOICE! Wonderful quad level Oak eat in kitchen w/new hard wood floors Huge deck (41x16) Family room with natural fireplace Newer windows paint carpeting & HWH (23H1205)

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FARMINGTON \$184,900
CLEAN & COZY 3 BR, 2 BATH BRICK RANCH! Updates include kitchen windows roof c/a deck & fin d bsmt Walk to downtown Farmington! (25POW2)

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WESTLAND \$179,900
TRADITIONAL BROWNSTONE LIVING 3 stories of living comfort Clean redecorated ready to move in Many upgrades include hardwood floors white kitchen open railing and more (C675)

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LIVONIA \$179,900
MINT CONDITION RANCH! Many updates in this 3 BR 2 bath home 1 008 SF newer neutral carpet LL has BR full bath & FR Newer furnace roof & windows Must see!(29MIN2)

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LIVONIA \$174,900
QUALITY BUILT UPDATED RANCH tucked away on quiet tree lined street 2 5 car attd garage wide fenced lot & lg eat in kit Clean neutral move right in!(L35458)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$169,900
BUY A DREAM! With this 3 bed brick & vinyl ranch in North Dearborn Hts Full fin base 2 1/2 baths C/A remod kit & baths newer carpeting furn copper plumbing and more (C750)

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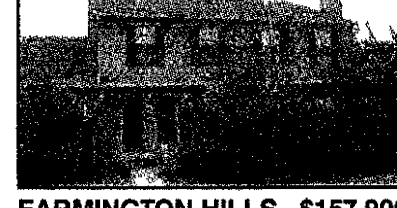
LIVONIA \$169,900
BRAND NEW 2003 BRICK RANCH! 3 BR mstr w/lg WIC great layout 5x8 foyer full basement Livonia with Livonia schools For under \$170 000 dare to compare! Elementary school end of street (D9048)

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OVER 1300 SQUARE FEET IN THIS CONDO! 2 bedrooms 1 5 baths 2 story central air basement garage breakfast rm water icluded Much more!(P35588)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$157,900
MINT CONDITION! Enjoy this 2 story townhouse condo w/cath ceilings & 2 sty skylite Nat fln in GR Hrdwd flrs t/o main flr Nature trail nearby Clean quiet neutral updated!(C38880)

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WESTLAND \$154,900
TONQUISH RANCH 3BR 2 bath with newer windows and furnace 2 car garage C/A RR (A341)

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CANTON \$152,900
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! Walk in and face love! This 3 bedroom Canton condo has all the upgrades & updates! You won't be disappointed! Professionally finished basement (23P1971)

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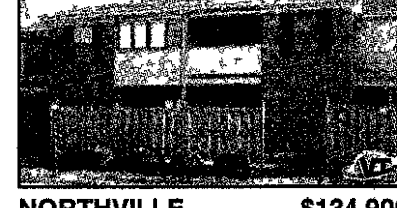
WESTLAND \$149,900
GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY 2 identical units 700 sq ft ea 2 BR 1 bath liv rm din/kit area basement Lease both or live in 1 and lease other Your choice (S208)

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REDFORD \$144,000
ROOMY RANCH ON TRIPLE LOT with 2 5 car attd gar w/shop & 2nd gar w/10 ft dr for your RV! New furn a/c elec carpet & paint updated kit & bath Come see for yourself!(P19910)

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NORTHVILLE \$134,900
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REDFORD \$134,900
NICE 3 BR BRK RANCH, READY TO MOVE IN! Neutral decor updated kitchen full basement fenced yard and garage FHA terms (F20372)

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KNOCKOUT BUNGALOW IN SOUTH REDFORD! Lrg lot & updates galore Beautifully decorated Newer rf siding furn a/c front dr most newer wndws remodeled bath updated kit fin bsmt & much more!(C13568)

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ROOM TO ROAM! LARGE LOT Ranch w/ attached garage barnstyle shed w/loft Home has 2 or 3 bedrooms large family room w/woodburning stove newer windows and home warranty (G114)

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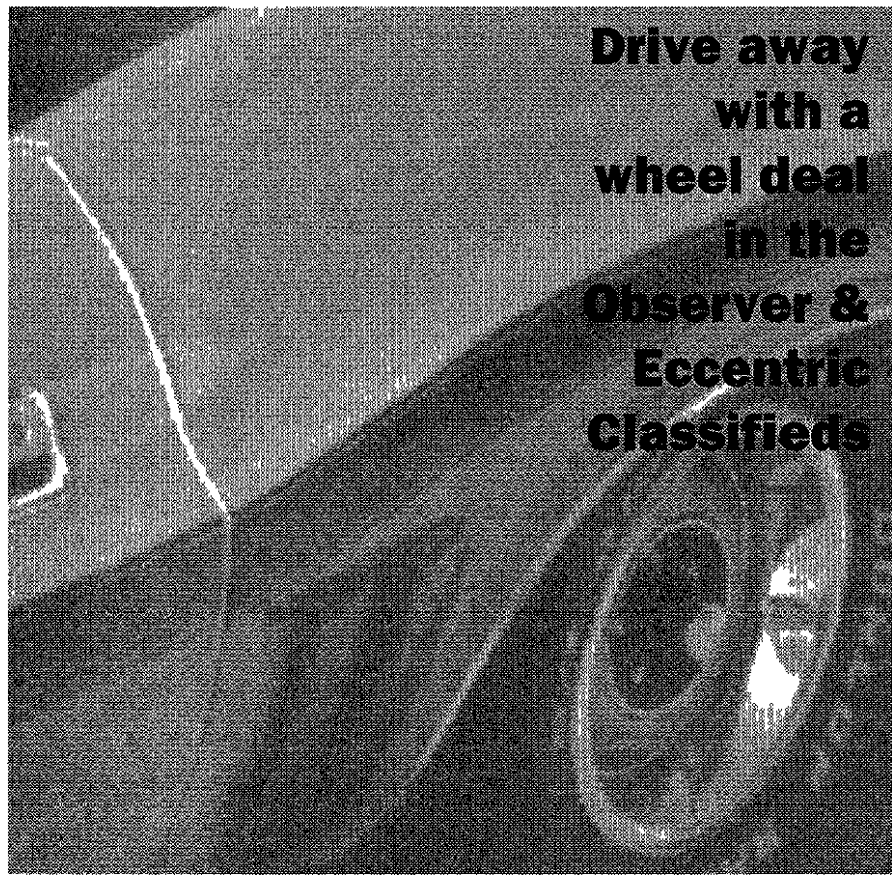
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BY DALE BUSS

Honda has taken its time getting serious about mounting an offering for the mid-priced SUV market. But forgive its delay as just about every other major manufacturer entered the family-sized sport-ute market ahead of it. In the 2003 Pilot, Honda has produced yet another striking winner.

Pilot displays the locomotive punch and effortless, predictable handling that you've come to expect from Honda. The model offers encouragingly high fuel efficiency at a time that SUV buyers more and more are taking that into consideration. It also supplies enough room to pack eight seats into an overall package that is shorter than most other mid-size SUVs. And the eight-passenger Pilot includes amenities that more than justify the \$32,480 suggested retail price for the fully outfitted EX model I tested.

Styling suggests Honda's smaller, and much sportier-looking, CR-V sport-utility. The grill and headlights, for example, simply enlarge the CR-V's large, wraparound face. And Pilot's body-side moldings give it a somewhat upscale look. But I still found Pilot too redolent of Honda's usual bland styling. It makes no real statement on the outside.

Fortunately, just the opposite is true of the Pilot's innards. All versions feature Honda's VTM-4, electronically controlled, full-wheel-drive system, a 240-horsepower V-6 engine, and a five-speed automatic transmission. Pilot shares the same basic platform with Honda's Acura MDX sport-utility and with the Odyssey minivan, and the way it behaves on the road handsomely reflects that heritage.

Acceleration performance, is excellently smooth with all that horsepower and Honda's peerless engine design. The automatic transmission shifts effortlessly and precisely even under hard acceleration. Handling is equally a joy, and Pilot rolls over winter potholes with the most rugged of SUV competitors. The all-wheel-drive system came in handy



The 2003 Honda Pilot has plenty of space.

and proved reliable dealing with the last gasps of a Michigan winter. Road noise is noticeably louder than in some other competitors in the segment, however.

Pilot also echoes the spacious interior of the Odyssey. Yet the vehicle's overall package is so short that the Environmental Protection Agency considers Pilot a compact SUV even though its competition is mid-sized SUVs such as the Toyota Highlander and Ford Explorer. Pilot has more cargo space than either.

There's plenty of room in the front, with two comfortable bucket seats (leather in my version) and a versatile center console. It includes a fold-out cell-phone holder with a power outlet. The only problem was that the cell-phone holder completely blocked the two cupholders mounted in front of it in the console.

On the instrument panel, Honda's patented simplicity reigned, and it was welcome. One of the niftiest touches, new to Pilot, is that the largest dial in the center of the instrument panel is the switch to shift audio controls from front- to rear-seat audio. This is a nod to parents of all children who are old enough to start exerting their aural independence in the back seat, a condition that requires constant attention to the status of rear-seat audio. Fortunately, second-row passengers can operate the rear climate controls and headliner-mounted DVD screen all by themselves.

The foldable third-row seat is suitable mainly for young children or short trips. Both rows of rear seats split 60/40 to fold, a nice bit of cargo-compartment flexibility. Passive safety features include dual-stage / dual-threshold front airbags, and front side-impact airbags with occupant position sensing on the passenger side.

Fuel economy has always been an important issue to Honda. And increasingly, it seems to be a consideration for American SUV shoppers, perhaps sensitive to the political incorrectness of driving one of these vehicles - or suddenly more wary of recent spikes in gasoline prices. Pilot offers 17 miles per gallon in city driving and an impressive 22 mpg on the highway.

Unfortunately, I guess I'll never get used to Honda's decision to continue to get weight gains in its vehicles at the expense of sturdy-seeming doors. Its doors just seem tinnier and less substantial than those of other Japanese makes that have learned their lesson, such as Toyota. Sure enough, Pilot's rear side doors seem wimpy. And while the hatch door, to my gratitude, opens rather easily, the one on my Pilot rose balkily, often not going high enough to clear the head of a person of average height.

But that's just a nit. And when that's about all there is to prompt a complaint, that makes Pilot a pick.

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FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	17
36 MO. LEASE	\$445 MO.	\$386 MO.	Available

2003 MUSTANG V6 COUPE

Dark shadow grey cc. park charcoal cloth rear spoiler single wing power driver's seat spd control ABS traction control air 6 CD changer rad. o. w/mach. wheels 16 bright alloy 3.8L EFI engine auto O/D trans P225/65R16 94T BSW a 1 season [Stock #30481] **WAS \$20,760**

\$14,925^{36*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	48
48 MO. LEASE	\$175 MO.	\$143 MO.	Available

2003 WINDSTAR LX

Elc. AM/FM ster./disc cass./ok remote keyless entry air ugg rack enhanced steering grp. 2nd/3rd row priv. glass 3.8L OHV EFI engine four speed automatic O/D trans P215/70R 15 BSW [Stock #32173] **WAS \$26,740**

\$19,931^{68*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	162
36 MO. LEASE	\$251 MO.	\$209 MO.	Available

2003 RANGER EDGE 4x2

Tchmtr MP3 aud. DVD/TV fog lmp. 4-w/ABS 3.0L EFI V6 5 spd auto O/D trans P235/65R16 all-terrain 4.10 ratio reg. ex. e. larsese box 4700 GVWR. slng. r. w/dw. priv. glass, spd. ctrl./hlt. dk. g. pht. edge plus grp. AM/FM n-dash 6 c. CD chng. whls. s/ver alum 15" al. [Stock #33131] **WAS \$19,465**

\$13,460^{32*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	144
48 MO. LEASE	\$179 MO.	\$145 MO.	Available

2003 EXPLORER XLS

True blue cc. graphite cloth capt. chairs key standard eq. p. prem. cassette/CD rad. o. ctrl. eq. p. 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng. 5-speed auto O/D trans P235/70R16 A/S BSW/tres 3.73 LS axle [Stock #32328] **WAS \$27,220**

\$19,867^{57*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	381
36 MO. LEASE	\$277 MO.	\$233 MO.	Available

2003 FOCUS ZX3

CD silver clearcoat met. dk. charcoal cloth integrated fog lamps tk speed control spl rear seat air 1-disc w/MP3/clock 2.0L DOHC 16v Zetec engine auto trans P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stock #32075] **WAS \$15,505**

\$12,036^{60*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	178
36 MO. LEASE	\$215 MO.	\$169 MO.	Available

2003 TAURUS SE

SE value package air 5-spk. p. ntcd a turn wheels spd ctrl. remote keyless entry dua. pwr. m/r/r/p/r. m. lght. AM/FM stereo cass. 3.0L 2v 6-cyl. flex fuel eng. ne. auto overdrive transm. ss on [Stock #33044] **WAS \$21,325**

\$15,193^{90*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	228
36 MO. LEASE	\$248 MO.	\$205 MO.	Available

2003 ESCAPE XLS 4x2

Air pwr mirrors w/mtr. ldd. rem. keyless entry pwr. s. d. w/dw. 3.0L duratec V6 eng. 4-spd auto O/D trans P225/70R15 A/S BSW tres. stap. bars-black. rf. rck. w/2. crsbrs. 15" cast alum whls. spd control perm. a arm [Stock #33012] **WAS \$22,185**

\$18,162^{84*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	68
36 MO. LEASE	\$271 MO.	\$227 MO.	Available

2003 F150 S/C 4x2 XL

Blk. cc. dk. gh. 4060 st. th. pf. eq. pg. 532A AM/FM ster./clock 4.2L EFI V6 e-4s at O/D 3.55-r. t. m. sp. al. 6050# GVWR pg. X. sp. gp. P255/70R-16 OWL. als. tcr. m. chkd. ms. 4 p. al. ws. 40/60 spd. sp. bh. st. ovd. cal. sd. g/lt. tlw. a. [Stock #32930] **WAS \$24,885**

\$16,905^{08*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	453
36 MO. LEASE	\$248 MO.	\$200 MO.	Available

2003 EXPEDITION XLT 4x2

Blk. cc. Fl. rt. gry. capt. chr. cloth 3.73 rat. m. slp. axle. r/mng. p. rds. aux. heater/r. prm. stereo n-dsh 6 CD/cass. w/c. k. fog lamps. 3rd row seat 4.6L EFI V8 4-spd. auto trans P265/70R-17 OWL. all-ssn [Stock #32346] **WAS \$34,675**

\$25,495^{08*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	43
36 MO. LEASE	\$303 MO.	\$308 MO.	Available

MODEL	DOWN PAYMENT	TOTAL DUE AT INCEPTION
FOCUS ZX3	0 Down	\$368
	\$1500	\$1910
WINDSTAR LX	0 Down	\$575
	\$1500	\$2119
TAURUS SE	0 Down	\$493
	\$1500	\$2037
RANGER EDGE	0 Down	\$390
	\$1500	\$1944
EXPLORER XLS	0 Down	\$554
	\$1500	\$2068
F-150 SC	0 Down	\$523
	\$1500	\$2083
EXPEDITION	0 Down	\$2207
	\$1500	\$3707
ESCAPE XLS	0 Down	\$397
	\$1500	\$1941
MUSTANG	0 Down	\$1942
	\$1500	\$3442
VAN CONV.	0 Down	\$702
	\$1500	\$2240

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