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🏼 Big winner

Justin Muse 4 pictured with his mother Linda won an Easter basket and a \$50 savings bond during an Easter egg hunt April 12 at **Knollwood Memorial Park**



About 300 people includ ing 120 kids showed up for what Knollwood manager Debbie Parinello hopes will be an annual outing Parinello said she came up with the idea because ceme teries are usually portrayed as scary places for kids in movies

This gives them a better memory she said instead of being scary it's a place where good memories can take place

in addition to Knollwood other sponsors were Skatin Station II Days Inn on Michigan Avenue and Target Department Store

Observer

Local talent

Artists and fans pack State Theatre for the Detroit Music Awards. Arts, B1



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District receives fair AYP results

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Fourteen of 15 Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, and all five middle schools, made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in MEAP scores for the 2001-02 school year The AYP is Michigan's

response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which has produced changes in K-12 public education in the United States in an effort to make individual schools, not just school districts, more accountable for improved test scores

"It's a way to determine if our schools are meeting assessed standards, if they are improving," said Verna Anible, executive director of instructional services for Plymouth-Canton Schools

In Michigan, the standard for elementary students is 47-percent efficiency in math and 38 percent in reading For middle school students, the standard is

31 percent for both reading and math In the 2001-02 school year, fourth graders were tested in reading and math, while in the middle schools reading tests were given to seventh graders and math to eight grade students

Dodson Elementary, the district's newest elementary school, was not rated because "they don't have enough statistical information yet to determine whether or not they've met the scores," said Anible

"We're quite confident that had they had time to do the same process, they would have made their AYP"

TAKE NOTE

While all the other elementary schools passed in the first year of the AYP, six of the buildings received notations suggesting they needed improvements According to state statistics, Isbister Elementary would not have made adequate yearly

progress in reading one of the three previous years Allen, Field, Gallimore and Tonda would not have made AYP in two of the previous three years in reading And, Smith would not have made AYP in all three previous years

The scores also indicated Field would not have made AYP in math in two of the previous three years

Anible said she's not con-

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Sounds of music

Symphony benefit well received by music, baseball fans alike

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON STAFF WRITER

It's an appropriate time for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to be playing patriotic music and the Plymouth Symphony Society's annual fund-raiser was as good a place as any to perform tunes such as The Stars & Stripes and the Star-Spangled Banner

The annual POPs concert, Ballgowns & Baseball Caps, sponsored by the Target store of Canton, was held Friday, April 11, at Laurel Manor in Livonia According to PSO Executive Director Angel Bakos, more than \$12,000 was raised for the orchestra and league-related activities "We had a very nice turnout," said Bakos "Johnny Ginger was well-received and he was a lot of fun" Bakos said Ginger, a personality from radio, television and music in the 1950s, narrated Casey at the Bat and served as auctioneer Ginger began his show business career with his family in the 1940s, then per-



Feedback sought for Central property

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton Schools, as part of a joint venture to improve recreational facilities at Central Middle School, will be holding public forums April 29 to get public feedback on what kinds of improvements should be made to the property

The city administration has hired LSL Planning of Royal Oak to conduct focus groups to garner ideas about the types of recreational facilities residents

🕅 Art camps

Performing arts show choir visual arts and youngest artist camps are scheduled for this summer at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 N Sheldon Road Kids ages 5 18 can par ticipate in these weeklong camps from 10 a m to 2 30 pm starting June 23 Fees start at \$60 for PCAC mem bers

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Military banners

The American Legion Post 112 in Plymouth Township has Blue Star Banners to display in windows for parents hus bands and wives to indicate a son daughter husband or wife serves in the military Please send your name and telephone number along with a photo to American Legion Post 112 PO Box 701134 Plymouth MI 48170 We will contact you when to pick up your banner

🏼 Golf outing

The Plymouth High School Athletic Golf Outing to bene fit the Plymouth High School Athletic Program will take place Saturday July 19 for \$120 (\$60 dinner only) It starts at 8 30 a m A steak dinner and awards presenta tion follow 18 rounds of championship golf Games include 50/50 longest drive 50/50 closest to the pin and 50/50 skins

Hickory Creek Golf Course will be the host site for the 2003 PHS outing Make check payable to PHS Athletic Dept Attn Kurt Britnell 8400 Beck Road Canton MI 48187

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PAUL HURSCHMANN I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ann and Joe Sutschek of Orchard Lake place a bid on one of the auction items at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Ballgowns & Baseball Caps benefit Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia

want, to go along with the football, softball and soccer fields

"In the afternoon we'll have focus groups with various special interest groups, including residents from Adams Street (across from Central), athletic directors, governmental leaders and user groups," said City Manager Paul Sincock, who is spearheading the effort. "In the evening we'll have an open session for the general public to give input and comment about the ideas which came

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Retiring officer reflects on 27 years of service

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth police Officer Mel Meck said he wanted to be retired at a certain age And, at 52, Meck has gotten his wish Meck, a 21-year veteran of the Plymouth police department wore his badge for the last time Friday, ending a 27-year career in law enforcement

"When I hit a certain age, I wanted to reture,' said Meck at his retirement luncheon at City Hall "And, I'm fortunate enough to do that'

Meck, who served six years as a Wayne County sheriff's deputy before patrolling Plymouth, has

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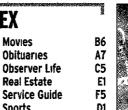
police work over the course of his career, Meck said the job still comes down to meeting and helping people "I think there are some tech-

nological advances in the job, but as far as your basic police work, it's still the same," Meck said "It's dealing with the public and them dealing with you That's never going to change answer your calls and make people happy

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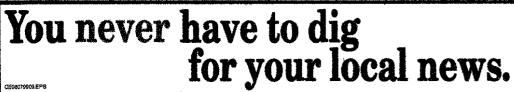


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LOOKING AHEAD

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(From left) Store manager Steve Zoumbaris, information specialist Linnea Garvey, owner Jeff Jones, general manager Tim Parker and nurs-

an open house Saturday April 19. For more, turn to page A3

ery manager Keith Swayze welcome you to Plymouth Nursery on Ann

Arbor Road west of Gotfredson during its 40th anniversary They'll host

AROUND TOWN

80TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating its 80th anniversary this spring, the Plymouth District Library is looking for library memories from Plymouth residents, as part of their new 'Why I Love My Library' program

These thoughts could include a funny library story, a favorite book or movie title or how the library has changed over the years

Patrons may fill out a 'Why I Love My Library" form at the library or on the library's homepage at plymouthlibrary org

Patron forms will be posted around the library and around town through May Call Susan Stoney (734) 453-0750 ext 242

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

St Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor will honor several of its volunteers at their annual Volunteer Luncheon on Wednesday, April 30 at the Crowne Plaza Clare Mueller of Plymouth who volunteers in the Pastoral Ministry Department, is being honored for 1000 hours of service

Judy Houston, who does volunteer work on special projects, will be recognized for 10 years of service

Marge Fisher, who works on special projects and Carolyn Jacobs, who does volunteer knitting, will be honored for 25 years of service

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

A slide show ill introduce you to some of our beautiful local butterflies

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garden on the Nankin site * Scouts needing service projects are welcome to attend The program is scheduled from 1 30-3 30 p m Saturday, June 28 Recommended for ages 10 and up

Program will be held at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive just east W of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland Call (734) 261-1992

PEACE ORGANIZATION EVENT

Everyone is invited for a suspenseful evening of fun at the Detroit Chapter of International Peace Organization's 22nd Annual Fundraiser Extravaganza Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a \$7,500 raffle will begin from 6 30-10 30 p m May 9 at St John's Golf & Conference Center (44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth)

The event will provide funds for CISV-Detroit to host summer camp (11 and 15 year olds) this year and to celebrate the mission of promoting peace through cross-cultural friendships For more information visit

www.cisvusa.org.or www.cisvusa.org/detroit/

LIBRARY EVENT

The Plymouth District Library presents "Snakes and Lizards and Turtles, Oh My!" Meet Michael Brophy at 2 p m Thursday, April 24 to learn more about our cold-blooded friends Register at the Reader's Advisory desk or call (734) 453-0750 ext 4

SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH 2003

Taste and see what makes Plymouth great at the Showcase Plymouth 2003 event 5-7 30 p m May 5 at St John's Golf and Conference Center (Five Mile and Sheldon Road) Free parking There will be over 60 booths featuring Plymouth products and services, Taste of Plymouths 15 best eateries and pizzerias, honor the Plymouth Service Club's Volunteer of the Year, scholarship award for citizenship, meet Mrs Michigan at the Chamber booth and receive an autographed photo

For only \$10 admission you get complimentary food, a free beverage and a chance to win over 50 great door prizes

For more information call (734) 453 1540 or www.plymouthchamber.org

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 deli 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 tick-

ets, call (734) 453-2535

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, PCBcontaining materials, explosives including ammunition and fireworks, and medical waste

For more information call the townships solid waste

department, (734) 453-8181, Ext 33

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 Watertower 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 Penniman Deli 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 still available for \$150 For more information on the event, call Alice 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 16th, 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 The Plymouth Township Hall of Fame committee has announced the Class of 2003 Hall of Fame inductee's This class of 10 community founders and leaders will join the 10 initiated last year Honorees include

The Rev. Rod Reinhart a priest in the Episcopal church who is widely recognized as a poet, writer and religious leader concerned about religious freedom, tolerance and diversity he spearheaded a movement to establish a new interfaith holy day dedicated to tolerance, freedom, equality and peace He has lectured on the World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation and around the world, speaking a the United Nations, Oxford University and in Vancouver

Russell Kirk is a lecturer and writer who found the conservative journal National Review For more than 40 years he has in the thick of the intellectual controversies on the time His memory is being honored this year at a reception hosted by President George Bush to celebrate 50 years since Kirk effectively founded the modern day conservative movement

Wayne Dunlap was a leader in the local arts community who served as conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra from 1951-1979 The Plymouth Symphony continues as one of the oldest and longest existing community symphonies in the country

Helen Richardson was a leader during the growth period of Plymouth Township and served as deputy clerk and clerk of Plymouth Township

A.B. Markham helped build the towns first mill after moving to Plymouth Township in 1825 and was secretary of the first township meeting in 1827 when the name Plymouth Township was selected Was elected clerk of the township and was responsible for forming a Plymouth township military company during the first meeting

Theodatus Timothy Lyon was one of the 19th century's most successful self-taught authorities in the science and practice of fruit growing He was keeper of the Wayne County Poor House and was a board member of the Poor Farm of Wayne County. He was president of two railroad lines which later became the Chesapeake and Ohio

Hall of Fame inductees named

Hiram Berden was an inventor and top rifle marksman and Major General in the Civil War He conceived the idea of forming special regiments of marksmen to serve in the Union Army He organized the first sharpshooters and invented a torpedo and torpedo boat

Ebenezer Jenckes Penniman was the first resident elected to the U S Congress (1851-1853) and was among those who founded the Republican Party in Jackson He was supervisor of Plymouth Township from 1842-44 and in 1850. He was the president of the First National Bank of Plymouth in ‡ 1871

Eratus Hussey was the chief conductor of the Central Michigan line of the Underground Railroad and one of the first settlers in Plymouth A Quaker and an abolitionist he was a presiden-tial elector for the abolition ticket in 1844 He helped organize the Free-Soil Party in 1848 and was among those who met in Jackson where the Republican Party was organized

The induction ceremony of the Class of 2003 will take place Thursday evening Sept 4 at Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, just c east of I-275

With the recognition that 2002 marked the 175 birthday of Plymouth Township a group of township residents wanted to honor local individuals who helped build the original Plymouth community They decided a Hall of Fame would be a suitable way to honor their hand work and the memories Hall of Fame organizers Carol Levitte and Bill Joyner solicita ed names and reviewed dozens of applications for the inaugural Class of 2002

The first class of inductee's included William Bartow, D B Sherwood, George A. Smith, Paul Wagner, Lee Fidge, George Richwine, Elizabeth Holmes, Richard Gornick, Joe West and Frank Millington

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Nursery is keeping up with the Joneses Canton native, Arizona

Garden center grows as 40th anniversary nears

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Anyone wanting to see what can be grown by spreading some fertilizer need look no farther than the corner of Gotfredson and Ann Arbor Road

That's where, for the last 30 years, Wayne Jones' dream has grown more fertile with each passing year On Saturday, the Jones family celebrates the 40th anniversary of the opening of Plymouth Nursery with an open house, the garden center now owned by his son, Jeff

The family moved the nursery to its current location after 10 years in Livonia, where Wayne bought the retail business from its original owner, Pete Christiansen

Wayne Jones, who had a degree in pomology (the study of fruits), was selling fertilizer in the early 1960s, and Christiansen, who downed Christiansen's Plymouth Nurserv since 1931, was one of his customers When Wayne found out in 1963 that Christiansen was looking to sell, he and his wife, Nancy, bought the retail end of the business

The decision to buy the company wasn't without controversy, especially in the Jones home, where four children under the age of 7 needed to be fed and clothed Nancy went back to school at Michigan State, then went to work fulltime as the new business' landscape designer, and Wayne handled the business details

After leasing property in Livonia for the first 10 years, Wayne Jones decided more space was needed

"In Livonia, there was no room for expansion,' said Linnea Garvey, Jones daughter who now serves as the nursery's information specialist "As we



Nursery manager Tim Parker checks the buds on a magnolia tree in the aisles Monday

grew, there was no room for our nursery stock'

When Jones decided to move, he looked at different areas, one of which was Canton Center Road in Canton But he settled on the Ann Arbor Road location for a couple of reasons

"Dad wanted a place close to an expressway, and he knew M 14 was going to go in, and that it would have a Gotfredson exit," Jeff Jones recalled 'He was looking for location and affordability Garden centers need a lot of land, and you can't afford a lot of land in the city"

As fate might have it, though, Jones didn't get to help much in the move Felled by a serious tractor accident, Wayne was unable to do much, if any, of the actual work

The company was moved by my mother and by me, at 17 years old, Jeff Jones recalled with a smile "It was quite an adventure"

The early years, before the expressway, featured a lot of drive by traffic, because Ann Arbor Road was a primary route to University of Michigan

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Meijer 800 Brown Road football games Back then the store was retail only, selling garden supplies and the like

Gradually, though, as wordof-mouth spread and the business grew, Plymouth Nursery began spreading out into the landscaping business Today, Plymouth Nursery employs between four and seven landscape crews at peak times of the year

"Today contracting is probably 25 percent of our gross sales," said Tim Parker, the firm's general manager, who joined the company 15 years ago as an intern fresh out of MSU "Customer demand kind of guided us into providing that service"

Another niche Plymouth Nursery is carving out for itself 1s as a tree planter The garden center has 16 acres of specificgrade trees, with a single-tree department that allows buyers to pick up one, two or three trees, and have Plymouth Nursery landscapers install them

We'll go out and plant them,' said Parker 'Not many contractors are big enough to do that

Its all part of a diversification plan developed when Jeff Jones got out of school in 1979, and saw interest rates rise into double digits Knowing that

Customers can get garden gifts In the winter, Plymouth Nursery transforms into a Christmas shopping destination

"Now we're a full-service garden center,' said Garvey We're more homeownerfriendly

And, as the center sees more growth around it, business is actually starting to pick up, more or less Although weather the last couple of years, combined with the downturn in the economy, has had its effect on Plymouth Nursery like it has with all business, nobody is panicked

"We're starting to get more density of population around us," said Parker, the company's general manager for the last 10 years "The diversification is paying off We're seeing the same customers coming back"

As growth continues and the economy recovers, Jones and his staff are even thinking about getting bigger

Our long-term goal is to expand and diversify," Jones said 'As the people move around us we hope to keep expanding and servicing our customers

Plymouth Nursery is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Road just past Gotfredson For more information call (734) 453 5500

police officer shot

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

A former Canton resident who became a Phoenix, Ariz, police officer two years ago is continuing to recover in the hospital after being shot four times during a traffic stop Phoenix

police Officer Robert Sitek, 35, is listed in critical condi-) tion at Maricopa County Hospital in Phoenix Sitek His father,

Richard Sitek, reported Wednesday morning that doctors had taken him off the medications that were keeping him comatose in hopes that he will wake up and continue recovering

Wednesday morning, the family reported that Sitek had opened his eyes and squeezed a nurse's hand

"They can't believe the remarkable turnaround he's made over the past 36 hours," Richard Sitek said

As of Monday, April 14 an Arizona TV station reported on its Web site that he had already undergone two surgenes and appeared to be improving

The officer was shot late Saturday, April 12 when he and his partner pulled over a motorist for driving erratically The suspect was reportedly shot and killed by Sitek's partner after a foot chase, which included traversing a brick wall

TRYING ORDEAL

Sitek is a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate and was on the varsity track team His parents, both of Canton, have kept a constant vigil in Phoenix - and close tabs on goings on with family members in metro Detroit and Canton, thanks to their mobile phone

'We haven't slept since Sunday,' mom Kathleen Sıtek said Tuesday morning of the nightmarish drama that has unfolded since her son was

hurt anybody"

Seeing her son, a former Salem track star who still runs frequently to stay fit, he helpless in a hospital bed has been unbearable, she said

"I just want him to open his eyes," she said Tuesday afternoon By Wednesday morning, Sitek had opened his eyes and had begun to show signs of alertness

The Phoenix community has been incredibly supportive during the ordeal, according to Sitek. The city's mayor, city manager and city council personally expressed their condolences to the Siteks, and others. in the community have been very generous

"We've had people extend their homes to us," she said

The Canton police community also immediately lent sympathy and support to the Siteks

"Their brotherhood extends beyond state lines," Richard Sitek said "It's moving how they all took it so personally" Sitek's best friend in

Phoenix, Geoff Ballentine, also a police officer, was relieved of his duties and has been allowed to stay with Sitek's parents since it happened

Ballentine said he and Sitek went through the Arizona Law **Enforcement Academy** together two years ago Sitek's love of physical fitness - especially running - was evident from the start

"If not for him, I wouldn't have made it through the academy," Ballentine said of Sitek's motivational skills "He's always asking, 'Did you go to the gym today?' Rob is a real physical fitness guy"

Ballentine said that Sitek, who previously worked for Northwest Airlines at Detroit Metro Airport, decided to become a police officer to make a difference

"I think he wanted to something where he felt like he was doing something for the community He just wanted to make his parents proud "

Sitek's family has set up an account at Standard Federal Bank to assist with their son's expenses when he recovers They asked that well-wishers donate to the fund, in Robert Sitek's name, in heu of giving gifts and flowers

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Eleseo Monteseos (left) and Sergio Cruz unpack evergreens at the Plymouth **Nursery Monday**

Plymouth Nursery was primarily a landscape contractor at that point, Jones decided to spread the wealth

"Landscaping is something people like to have, not something they have to have," said Jones "When interest rates hit 22 percent, it's pretty easy for people to give us up I diversified so we wouldn't be vulnerable to interest rates, and got more into retail"

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gunned down "I can't believe this happened - he never



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LOCAL NEWS

New postmaster learns Students learn pioneer lesson to juggle career, family at one-room schoolhouse

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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Dennis Wieczorek, new postmaster of the Plymouth Township post office, had only five words to say when beginning to talk about his 27-year career with the United States Postal Service

"It was all hard work," the Livonia father of five said, as he began to reflect upon his route up the ladder, which included stops in Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Westland, Belleville, Dearborn, Ann Arbor and even a threemonth g1g in Muskegon

"I'm very pleased and happy to be here in Plymouth," he said of his promotion to postmaster His most recent post was as customer service manager at Livonia's Greenmead post office on Newburgh south of Eight Mile

'The employees have made (working at the post office) a wonderful experience and I owe my success to them," Wieczorek said

He proudly pointed out that US Postmaster General John E Potter 1s, like him, 46 years old They both started their postal careers in 1975

"He applied himself and worked hard," Wieczorek said of Potter

Wieczorek's postal career began at age 18, when he was still a Fordson High School student He worked afternoon shifts until 1 or 2 a m, and attended school during the dav

He's always had more than one job, he said, and even now continues to work as a sales associate at Home Depot This means his work weeks can run as long as 84 hours - with 50-60 going into the post office, and up to 24 going into his Home Depot gig

This can make spending time with children and his wife, Joni, a challenge

But as his family has shown, adaptation is the key When he was assigned to work three summer months in Muskegon,



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New Plymouth Township Postmaster Dennis Wieczorek stands with the new MERLIN machine at the Beck Road station MERLIN stands for Mail Evaluation Readability Lookup Instrument, an automated process helping to expedite the accuracy of bulk mail for business customers

Postmaster presents award to business owner

One of the first duties performed by new Plymouth Township Postmaster Dennis Wieczorek was presenting an award to a Plymouth business woman

Melanie Miller and Pace Inc received the award as winners of the "Real People, Real Success" contest and will be featured on United States Postal Service retail signs across the country this summer

Late last year, the USPS asked small businesses across the nation to describe, in 125 words or less, how postal service products have helped their businesses Pace Inc was one of 21 winners out of 5,000 entries and will appear on posters in 20,000 post offices nationwide this summer

he expected to come back home once a week to spend time with family But, his family had a better idea.

"Why don't we stay with you?" his wife suggested, and thereafter packed up their five children and headed out to his extended-stay motel room

"All seven of us crammed into the room," Wieczorek said, smiling "It was a special time for my family"

They made the most of the Muskegon assignment, by taking a lighthouse tour, soaking up sun on the beaches and enjoying

the western Michigan coast. When he manages to get away from work long enough, he enjoys restoring old cars, including a 1957 Jeep He also loves taking to the woods to hunt and fish

So what is his secret to juggling a hectic work life without melting down? In Wieczorek's case, it's someone who has been there for him for 23 years

I have a wrfe that's very good to me and takes a lot of stress off of me, he said 'Shes a super outstanding person and I love her

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON STAFF WRITER

It should come as no surprise that Carol Greene's class found recess the most enjoyable part of their visit to Plymouth-Canton's one-room school house, located at Ann Arbor and Gotfredson roads Their break from schoolwork

wasn't spent on modern-day play structures though, but playing games of tag, sticks and rings and cats-in-the-cradle

They played with 1800 period toys and games," said Greene whose combined first and second grade class from Dodson Elementary in Canton made the field trip to Geer School as part of their curriculum study of the communıty

The Canton teacher said all second graders study the community and her class chose to visit the one-room school house in an effort to compare life in the 1800s in Canton to

what it's like in the year 2003 "We did about a month's worth of preparation," said Greene

The field trip was part of a two-day lesson that included just the second graders from Greene's split class returning to the schoolhouse for an additional day of creating pioneer arts and crafts

"They made old-time crafts like a buzz saw toy, tin punch and a quilt square," added Greene

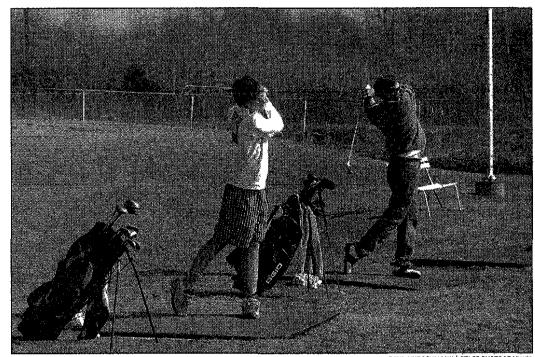
The students got into the spirit of the visit by dressing like their 1800s counterparts, eating sack lunches without the modern conveniences of lunch baggies and only brought beverages of water, lemonade and rootbeer to drink compared to juice boxes and cans of soda that they might find in their lunches today

After a few minutes of play, Greene said she rang the schoolbell and the students formed two lines, "the boys on the left and the girls on the right" Her lesson plan included reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing America and Home on the Range, writing the proverb of the day in their copy books, practicing their Roman numerals on slate boards

Greene said the students were fascinated with the set up of the room and the exterior of the school including the book shelves, potbelly stove, crawl space and the outhouse

Before being dismissed the elementary teacher had the students read both aloud and silently from their McGuffey Readers, complete arithmetic problems in their copy books, count the stars on the flag and practice elocution with a series of tongue twisters

"It was a great experience," said Greene "Now they're writing their memories of the day and creating diagrams They learned it was definitely a different time in history compared to today"



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Chris Treadwell of Canton 15 left and dad David took advantage of Thursday's balmy weather to hit a few balls at the Arbor Joy Golf Range on Plymouth Road



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LOCAL NEWS

Price named among state's Top 10 women business owners

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON STAFF WRITER

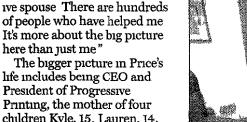
As a volleyball coach, Kimberly Price has had the experience that "winning just happens when you play hard'

It isn't a coincidence, then, that the Plymouth business owner has a successful printing company and was recently named one of the Top 10 Michigan Women Business Owners by the national association's greater Detroit chapter

The honor was bestowed upon Price in March on the heels of celebrating her 13th anniversary at the helm of a company she bought in 1989 In less than a decade it was named one of the 100 fastest growing private companies in Michigan- an acknowledgment she received in 1998 and 1999 by then Governor John Engler

Like the rest of the women business owners at the 9th Annual NAWBO Awards Luncheon, Price says it's her name alone on the attractive teal-colored ceramic plaque, but she knows she wouldn't have been standing there if it weren t for the countless people who stood by her and supported her along the way

'You have to be organized and have a great support staff at home and from your employees," said Price, "and a support-



Printing, the mother of four children Kyle, 15, Lauren, 14, Devin, 10, and Alex, 7, and the director of volleyball at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Plymouth

Progressive Printing, located on Goldsmith off Sheldon Road, is a print and visual communications provider Price says what separates her business from her competition is the in-house graphic design staff that complements the print production aspect of the company

"We are an extension of a company's marketing department We partner with firms to produce their marketing literature for both small and large businesses"

The sixth child in a family of eight, Price was raised in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School She received some scholarship money from Eastern Michigan University as a volleyball player but paid for the remainder of her tuition on her own She graduated with a degree in marketing and was hired by Xerox Corporation as a seller in



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Kimberly Price poses with the ceram ic tile plaque she received from **NAWBO's Greater Detroit Chapter**

1984

After Xerox consolidated, Price was hired by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in their printing division She achieved great success in a short period of time there but BCBSM suffered an economic blow and was banned by the Michigan Insurance Commissioner from commercially selling its printing services That proved to be the turning point for Price, who declined a position in health insurance and decided to start her own printing operation

At the age of 27 she used personal funds and family loans to

start Progressive Printing in 1989 She obtained a third mortgage on her home, secured a small line of credit and an equipment lease with personal guarantees

In a letter to NAWBO, her husband Bruce outlined countless reasons why he felt his wife and business partner should be selected as one of the Top 10 Michigan Women Business Owners

'Kım Price is the mother of four school-age children and CEO/majority shareholder of Progressive Printing. All of this while giving of her time to local causes, developing young girls as productive citizens and participation in various charitable groups and activities," stated Bruce Price, CPA and Progressive Printing vice president "While leading the charge of a steady workforce and building a strong tax base she has developed a reputation of professionalism and service second

to none" Bruce added his wife has a "tremendous ability to juggle so many things in her life "She's able to manage a pro-

fessional career while providing for her family and still being involved with the community through coaching sports and charitable obligations and clubs

Kim said her husband came

on board with the Plymouth company six years ago as vice president She said previously he managed all of the accounting related responsibilities while working simultaneously as an accountant He began working full-time in 1997 at Progressive when the volume of the business demanded more of his attention His role helped Price continue to manage the 19 staff members they employ as well as allowing her to be out of the office selling - her first love

"I have a selling background and I haven't wanted to get away from that," said Price "Being out there helps me stay active in the market, talk the

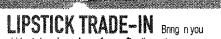
lingo, know about my competition and I like to get feedback first hand from my clients and vendors'

Since Price purchased the then struggling printing company in 1989 her business has tripled in size They now occupy three units of the facility on Goldsmith with approximately 8,000-10,000 square feet of space where they sell, design and print marketing literature

'She not only balances taking care of her own family but takes care of her employees who become a second family as well as the customers and vendors There are a lot of people who come to rely on her in her position," said Bruce







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Canton architect wears many hats

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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Canton architect Dawn Zuber knew when she was 11 that she wanted to be an architect when she grew up

"My hobby was to take (floor plans) and redraw them," said Zuber, 37 a Sandusky, Ohio native

She recently received the Young Architect of the Year award from the Huron valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects She also serves as president of the local AIA, and serves on the state board of AIA's Michigan chapter

Zuber continues to redraw existing floor plans, and proudly displays her "before and after" photos of residential projects in southeast Michigan in a three-ring photo album In a recent Ann Arbor project, her chents were a husband and wife, and her job was to make the kitchen, formal dining room and breakfast nook a large, open area

The only problem was, while the husband was dissatisfied with the old kitchen, the wife was happy with status quo Such domestic tiffs are nothing new for Zuber, who quickly learned that technical and creative skills are not the only skills an architect needs

"Occasionally I do provide mediation services," she said jokingly of her work with married couples and families

"Having good people skills and being a good listener is very important," Zuber said

'If you don't understand what they need, you can't design what they want"

Architecture is a profession where people can easily see the fruits of the labor - and touch them, too Zuber's favorite architects include Frank Lloyd Wright, most famous for the Guggenheim Museum in New York, and Charles Rennie Mackintosh, a Scottish architect famous for designing the Glasgow School of Art

Zuber said she not only wants to design what people want, but design what she wants, too Residential architecture has always been her specialty, but when she worked for other architectural firms, she got stuck doing commercial projects instead

"I like having control over what projects I work on," she said

Nearly six years ago, she decided to strike out on her own For 51/2 years, Zuber, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, has owned Studio Z Architecture, and specializes in residential architecture She runs the business out of her home, and wears all the business' hats - bookkeeper, marketing and of course, architectural design She only occasionally hires subcontractors to help out when she is busy Working at home has its

advantages and disadvantages Some advantages include wearing bedroom slippers to work, setting your own hours and being able to pet your cat when he decides to hop on top

of the computer monitor Zuber's cat, Claude, enjoys the ambient heat from the monitor, thereby making it his favorite perch

Architects

The down side is working out of home cuts into privacy,

Zuber said "Sometimes clients call on weekends," she said. "I don't always answer the phone"

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Massage ordinance undergoes change

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton's proposed massage ordinance underwent some therapeutic massage treatment itself after it was pulled from last week's board meeting agenda.

The ordinance would require anyone engaged in the business of massage to have a valid massage business license issued by the township The state of Michigan does not regulate massage businesses and Canton's old restrictive that therapeutic massagists could not legally operate

Township Clerk Terry Bennett said she pulled the proposed new ordinance after receiving complaints from some massage therapists that it was onerous and

She said after reviewing the complaints, some of them appeared to be valid so the ordinance was revisited A revised

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OBITUARIES

Victoria Gajewski

Services for Victoria Gajewski, 82, of Canton, were held April 15 at St John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev George Charnley officiating Burial was at St Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs Gajewski was born June 6, 1920 in Detroit and died April 11 in Canton She was employed for a time as a press operator

Survivors include son, Alex Gajewski, daughter, Barbara Pikulski, sister, Bernice Switalski, brother, Anthony Szachacz, and sisters-in-law, Helen Gajewski and Sophie Gajewski

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home

Janet Bell

A memorial gathering for Janet Bell, 63, of Plymouth was held April 16 at the American Legion Post 32 in Livonia

Mrs Bell was born Sept 9, 1939 in Plymouth and was a lifelong resident of Plymouth She was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and loved to be with her sons and grandchildren

Survivors include husband of 44 years, Charles S Bell, Sr of Plymouth, sons, Charles (Barb) Bell, Jr of Plymouth and Robert Bell of Canton, three grandchildren, and sister, Joy French of Plymouth

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 32

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

John P. Maloney

A Memorial service for John Maloney, 75, of Plymouth, will be held April 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth

Mr Maloney retired after 30 years at Burroughs/Unisys in Plymouth and had served in WWII and the Korean War He was a long-time resident of the City of Plymouth and served on the City of Plymouth Planning Commission (85-94) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (89-92) He was also

(Marie), sisters-in-law, Catherine and Dorothy Holman, many loving nieces, nephews and other family members, and special neighbors Anita and 'Fritz" Honke and family Memorial contributions may

be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

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ember of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, the Plymouth Elks and Kiwanis Clubs

Survivors include wife, Mary E (Bette) of Plymouth, children, Michael (Gail) of Canton, John (Kathy) of Shelby Township, and Molly (Mike) Light of Dallas, Texas, and grandchildren, Jacob and Nicholas

Memorial contributions may be made to St Joseph Mercy Hospice, 806 Airport Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Leona M. Schomberger

Services for Leona Schomberger, 88, a lifelong resident of Plymouth were held April 19 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Doc Ortman of Our Lady of Good Counsel officiatıng.

Mrs Schomberger died in her home with all five of her children present after a long illness Mrs Schomberger was a housewife and court clerk for her husband, Justice of the Peace Martin Schomberger She was a faithful member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church since 1932 She was also a member of the Altar Society, Funeral Guild and Ladies Guild, and the Daughters of Isabella. She was a devoted member of the VFW Auxiliary Gamble Post 6695 and former member of the Navy Mothers and the American Cancer Society

Mrs Schomberger was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Martin, brothers, John, Walter, Clarence, and Joseph, sister, Dorothy Clark, and sisters-in-law, Vera and Adel (Mickey) Holman Survivors include children,

Martin J (Shirley) Schomberger of Plymouth, Elizabeth A (James) Wick of Lake Ann, Louis R (Mary) Schomberger of Pellston, Ralph J (Linda) Schomberger of Allen Park, and Joyce J (James) Scollen of Ft Myers, Fla, 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandsons, brothers, Robert H and Charles G



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FEEDBACK

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out of the focus groups This will be the basis to develop a plan for the site, which will give us the groundwork to move forward

Ideas tossed about by a city and school district subcommittee, which met in January, include improvements to the athletic fields, constructing a walking/running track, repairing the bleachers and installing new lighting and fencing

After getting ideas on what the master plan for Central Middle School's athletic facilities should look like, the next step will be in attempting to find money to fund the project Sincock said a dollar figure has yet to be determined, but he doesn't discount the possibility the price tag could reach \$1 5 million

"The subcommittee of the city commission and school board said we have no idea where the money is coming from," said Sincock, 'but you need a plan first, and then you can move forward

However, invited to participate in the focus groups will be members of the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs, among others, as well as the Wilcox Foundation

"They have an insight into what the community is looking for, said Sincock 'And, eventually we're going to be looking for various funding sources for this project

"It will be a great concept, but we don't have any funding sources in mind," he said "It's going to take a lot of people to bring this to fruition

With cuts in state revenue sharing money affecting the city's bottom line, and reductions in state foundation grant money paring the income of the school district, neither entity can afford to make the improvements to

'Central has a lot of good potential for all sorts of things. I'm sure if we can make a good enough case, we can get community support.'

Tom Wysocki school board trustee

what is considered by many to be a prime tract of recreational property

We've had pretty good luck with Plymouth Township in refurbishing our field at Isbister (Elementary)," said Tom Wysocki, school board trustee

"Central has a lot of good potential for all sorts of things I'm sure if we can make a good enough case, we can get community support"

LSL Planning is being paid \$5,000 from block grant funds to develop a master plan for the site It's the same company that helped the city in developing plans for improvements to the Cultural Center and neighborhood parks

'They'll give us a site plan, which will result in a basis for the city and schools to partner and move forward in building community support,' said Sincock "Then we can develop grant applications to various local and national organizations to help us move forward on this project"

The general public session for sub mitting ideas and commenting on proposed plans will be held Tuesday April 29 at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Street starting at 7 p m

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'Working in Plymouth isn't Detroit, but you know that coming in," he added If you expect this to be Detroit, bank holdups and drugs being sold on the corner, don't apply because you re coming to the wrong place"

Police Chief Wayne Carroll has worked with Meck his entire 21 years on the force "He was a very dedicated

cop, a hometown boy that had a lot of insight into his community,' Carroll said "He took the job seriously, was community minded, and took a lot of pride in the police department and the city Mel demonstrated it every day he was on the job"

In recent years, the Plymouth police department has hired a number of "rookie" cops, who benefited from the experience of Meck.

"Mel was a great mentor He took to the new hires and taught them the plethora of information he attained, and his great knowledge of the community," added Carroll, who said he was always disappointed Meck never took the sergeant's exam for promotion

CAMPUS NEWS

Culver Academy

Lujie Zhang, daughter of Mr Xiangtong Zhang and Mrs Bei Bei Xu of Canton, has been awarded a Batten Scholarship at The Culver Academies, beginning with the 2003-04 school year Lujie is an eighth-grader at East Middle School, straight-A student who enjoys dance, piano, tutoring math and is a member of P/\bar{C} school district TAG Program

She also is president of the school student council, in the math club, holds the position of editor-in-chief of the school paper and will compete on April 26 in both the Michigan social studies and science Olympiads

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In addition, the company designed and developed Focus seat systems, and builds them for Ford in Germany and Valencia, Spain for the European market

"Mel just liked what he was the welfare of his fellow officers doing," said Carroll, who faced in mind " Meck many times across the Meck, who has several bargaining table when Meck grandchildren, including two in was the police officers' union the area, plans to spend more time' time with them in retirement

Retiring Plymouth Police Officer Mel Meck (left) visits with (from left) Jeff Jones, Sam Poules and Chris Lahtinen dur-

"I've got a farm in Calhoun

County, and we've got grandkids here and in Arizona," said Meck. "We're going to stay here part time, and on the farm part

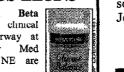
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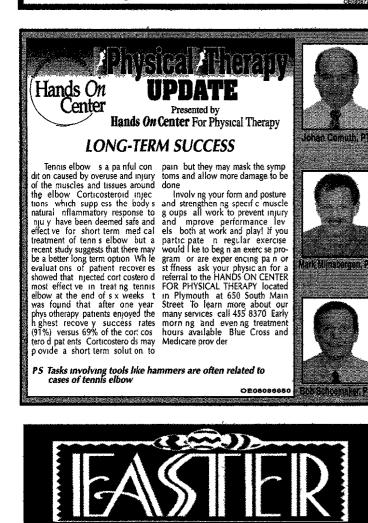


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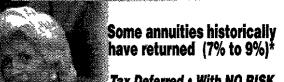


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Beginning on April 17 2003, and for 30 days thereafter the Charter Township of Canton will accept public comment on the reprogramming of funds and amendments to the FY 2002 Community Development Block Grant final statement. The purpose is to reprogram funds from canceled and completed CDBG projects and to create a new project (Purchase of Lots for Affordable Housing) requiring amendment of the CDBG program The following activities are to be canceled and the funds reprogrammed FY 1991 Canterbury Mews Recreation, \$9,064 00 FY 1993 ADA Improvements \$2 020 00 FY 1993 Harrison Drain, \$13,213 00 FY 1994 Nankin Transit \$5 000 00 FY 1995 Nankin Transit \$1 000 00, FY 1995 Family Service \$6 000 00 FY 1996 Contingency \$667 00 FY 1996 Nankin Transit, \$960 00, FY 1997 Contingency \$3000 00, FY 1999 Kalvation Army \$13000, FY 1997 Contingency \$745 00; FY 1998 Salvation Army \$13000, FY 1998 Harrison Drain, \$3147457, FY 1999 Canterbury Mews Barrier free Assessment \$3000 00, FY 1999 HelpSource \$950 00 FY 1999 Salvation Army, \$40000 All for the barrier free Assessment \$9 100 00 All funds to be reprogrammed to FY 2002 Human Services Center Construction (\$25,456) and FY 2002 Affordable Housing Lots Purchase (\$70,737 57) (new project) Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 (734) 394 5194 On April 22, 2003, at 7 p m in the Board meeting room 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan the Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing to consider the reprogramming of funds and the amendment of the FY 2002 CDBG final statement

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Terry Bennett Clerk

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cerned about the notations that indicate the schools would not have performed favorably in previous years Her goal is to function under a continuous improvement model

"All of our buildings have school improvement plans," she Chuck Portelli said, "even those buildings the state says need an improvement plan That's how we do business That's part of who we are and what we do

CONSEQUENCES

The state revealed that 216 of the 2,260 schools that were evaluated throughout Michigan failed to meet adequate yearly progress If that were to happen in Plymouth-Canton, Anible said there would be serious consequences

"It can go from an extreme range of replacing the principal and staff, providing more staff development or providing a change in curriculum," she said

Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli said there is so much testing in schools these days, it could become a hindrance instead of a help

"There are about a half-dozen different tests kids take, depending on the grade," said Portelli "We may be spending too much time getting ready for tests

"I don't think teachers like the fact they are being evaluated on how a group of kids are being tested when they don't havecontrol of all the variables," he added "It's judging a (school) building on how well kids take a test"

Another concern for Portelli, and the 1.000 teachers he represents in the Plymouth-Canton school district, is the seemingly yearly changes in the MEAP tests

"Students get proficient, and then they change the tests," said Portelli "It's like a moving target'

Anible said she believes Plymouth-Canton's scores,

'There are about a half-dozen SYMPHONY different tests kids take. depending on the grade. We may be spending too much time getting ready for tests.

president PCEA

which are generally high above the target scores set forth by the state, are a result of recent curriculum changes

"We review our curriculums) we update our materials, we give professional development," said Anible "So, we are already implementing new curriculums without the state telling us we have to do them

We have a new math curriculum that's in its third year at the elementary level, and second year in middle school," she said "We think the changes that we've made are helping us be successful in making progress in math Next year, we'll be implementing a revised curriculum in the language arts area."

The state's proficiency standards for AYP increase each year, with each school expected to reach 100 percent by 2014 This, many feel, is an unlikely goal

"That will be a real challenge," said Anible "I think we should ask the state legislature we'll see how it evolves'

Anible said if Plymouth-Canton Schools continue to do what it has done in the past, the goals set by the state shouldn't be a concern

"We try to stay focused on what's good for kids, what's good for teaching and learning, and set our own goals," she said

All, said Anible, with less money from the state "We have to figure out how

we are going to cut \$5 5 milhon next year, and still try to maintain programs that will support all kids," she said "It becomes particularly challenging when you have to reduce staff and programming"

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formed solo doing impressions, vaudevillian comedy and stunts before he was hired as a comic to work with Soupy Sales on Detroit's WXYZ-TV This, while appearing on several television shows, including The Rifleman, Bonanza, the Big Valley, the Real McCoys, Wagon Train and more

Today, Ginger, who lives in Ohio, spends his time writing new material, recording and cooking He, his wife Elsie, and their dog, Duffy, travel about 40 weeks a year to various performances - including a fivecity tour every year with buddy Soupy Sales - private parties, conventions and other shows

Throughout the evening the PSO performed other nostalgic tunes including Damn Yankee Overture by Addler & Ross and the Saturday Night Waltz and Hoe Down by contemporary composer Aaron Copeland The orchestra also served to musically punctuate and enlighten Ginger's presentation of Casey at the Bat

MONEY-MAKER

Later in the evening Ginger stood center stage and served as auctioneer of the Plymouth Symphony League's Live **Ticket Auction Bakos said** local sponsors, businesses and supporters gave generously this year Some of the exciting items up for sale during the spirited bidding contest included

A cruise with eight friends on the Soakin' Wet, courtesy of Nicholas Contracting Company

A memorable evening of singing by the Plymouth String Trio to be used at a wedding, romantic evening at home or celebration

The chance to host an oldfashioned clambake for eight at Waves Restaurant in St Clair Shores Menu includes snow crab legs, clams, mussels, scallops and corn on the cob

Showroom Elegance of Canton made someone want to



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(From left) Plymouth Symphony Orchestra vice president John Lewis President Linda Alvardo and conductor Nan Washburn hold a powwow prior to the annual auction Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia

pick up a racket and don a beautiful diamond tennis bracelet

E & E Manufacturing made a seasoned baseball fan happy with the contribution of baseballs autographed by Detroit Tiger favorites Ernie Harwell, Al Kaline, Jim Price and more

Wm C Franks Furniture donated a cedar chest with tapestry cover

A couple will enjoy one night plus 18 holes of golf from Boyne USA Resorts Jo Swerc, president of the

Plymouth Symphony League, wasn't wrong when she said the autographed baseballs would be a hot item and would bring some healthy competitive bidding among guests

Bakos said the donation of baseball-related memorabilia by Beth Stewart of the Plymouth Historical Museum helped to create a fun atmosphere and get people in the mood for the Ballgowns and Baseball Caps theme Items from the museum's extensive collection were displayed throughout the event room, including baseballs, uniforms, photographs, etc

"I can't say enough about the reciprocity between cultural institutions in this area," said Bakos "The memorabilia was a big hit with people My hat's off to Beth Stewart and Stella



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To assure the success of the symphony, league members go the extra mile by providing refreshments for intermission at the concerts and performing a long list of tasks each

week. "Our office could not get by without the continual assistance of individuals who understand how much there is to do in order to provide concerts and especially the programs created cooperatively with the Plymouth Canton Schools," said Pat Derderian, PSO office manager An example, said

Derdeman, is the work Peg Henney does to prepare the program books for each concert

'The league historically contributes money that can be counted on to be there because of the example set by the early supporters, of whom Jo Hulce of Plymouth, was a foundermember Hulce has suggested the symphony contact former members of the league and orchestra in anticipation of an alumni event to celebrate the forthcoming anniversary of the PSO in 2005," said Linda Alvarado, president of the symphony

The Plymouth Symphony is a nonprofit regional orchestra dedicated to enriching Plymouth/Canton and surrounding communities with high-quality symphonic music, youth-education opportunities and to serve as a performance outlet for talented musicians from southeastern Michigan.

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Master of Ceremonies Johnny Ginger (left) hams it up with Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Angel Bakos at the start of the PSO's annual auction Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia Ginger's fiancee, Terrie Chiado (right), sits looking on

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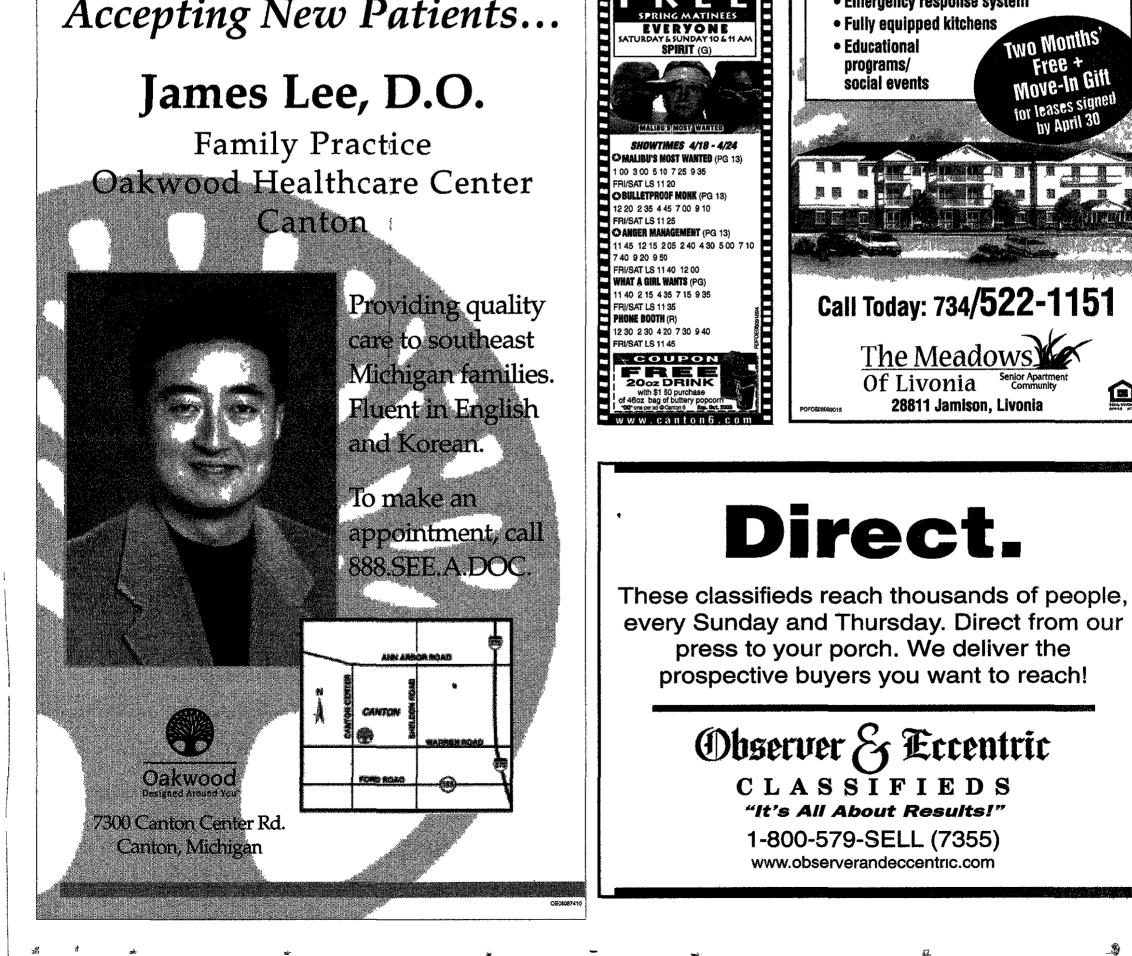
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OUR VIEWS City right to table ordinance

You've got to hand it to commissioners in the City of Plymouth When they make a mistake, they're certainly willing to acknowledge and fix it

Sometimes it takes some of the city's biggest business people streaming to the microphone to make them see it, but, still, they get it done

It happened last week, when commissioners tabled the scheduled approval of a new liquor license ordinance patterned almost exactly after a similar ordinance in Royal Oak After frequently saying Plymouth didn't want to turn into "another Royal Oak" in terms of nightlife, commissioners were ready to do just that

A three-member subcommittee made up of commissioners Dan Dwyer, Ron Loiselle and Phil Pursell designed the ordinance to establish a policy for the issuance and transfer of liquor licenses and permits While they didn't consult directly with business owners who would be most affected by the new law - they did ask the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for input on both the liquor license and the outdoor dining issue

The chamber put together a four-person committee to develop input, and responded to the city with a letter back in January But none of the four, while all solid business people with deep roots in the community, run restaurants or have anything to do with liquor licenses

Whether it was adequate input for commissioners is a matter of debate, although clearly local restaurant owners didn't think so They swarmed last week's city commission meeting to let commissioners know they were dissatisfied

Business owners thought the language in the proposed ordinance - regulatory phrases 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" - was too vague and left owners susceptible to the whim of this or future commissions

And the commission, led by the increasingly settling voice of Dwyer, listened and put a stop to the ordinance, at least for now Dwyer, who has rapidly become a voice of reason and one of the commission's most effective members, actually apologized for not having sought such input in the beginning, a bold move for a political figure these davs

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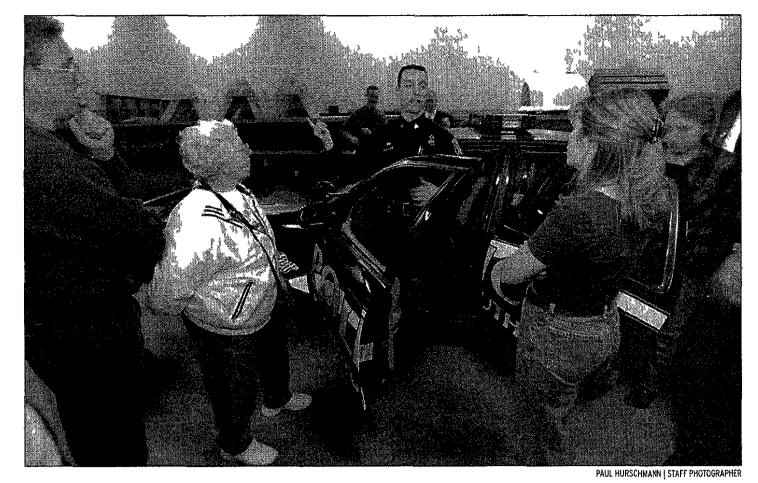
Now, with the help of Tony Belli of E G Nicks, Greg Goodman, owner of Cafe Bon Homme, and Frank Yaquinto of Compari's, commissioners will craft a more Plymouth-esque ordinance, one local business owners can live with

It was a bold compromise, one which cynics can say the city was forced into by angry business owners But it's a compromise past commissions might not have made, even in the face of such outrage

We prefer to believe it's a sign this commission wants to do the right thing

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Participants in the Citizens Academy gather around a police car and listen to Sgt Al Cox as he explains the capabilities of the unit during the city's Citizens Academy Students are learning the ins and outs of city government in the first-ever class

LETTERS

from whom he does not, just like it is in your boss' discretion whether he wants to have you continue writing the like editorials

In my opinion, your certain suggestive comparisons in the editorial are uncalled for Also in my opinion, our pastor ought to be respectfully called Rev John Sullivan,

not just Sullivan And the questions Why the internal affairs of our parish are of such concern to the

Observer? Why this intrusion of outsiders? **Joseph Wira**

Plymouth

History must count

Is razing the historic Daisy Air Rifle building a hardship on the Plymouth community? Once again, I think Plymouth is losing more long-term profits than the short-term profits gained by a developer who has a mortgage to pay on a yacht in another state

In order to maintain and enhance a personally crafted quality of life and vision for living, Plymouth continues to heavily invest time and money in Master Plans, Historic Districts, multimillion dollar streetscapes, expensive ongoing marketing programs and even litigation Many community-enhancing municipal projects cost each citizen hardship and personal sacrifice yet don't generate a single, immediate dollar of profit We purchase our vision with hard cash and sweat equity, and there should be real payback required when someone wants to tear that vision away Remember what began happening to Michael J Fox in his movie, "Back to the Future"? While failing to repair his past, he began to lose his future He was becoming irrelevant, as failures built up and he began to fade away at the prom dance That analogy describes the sometimesnecessary defiance against yet another interloper developer trying to convince me that, for my own good, it's important to forget the past and get on with the future - as if the two are mutually exclusive I want the loss of values to sting before I watch Plymouth fade away into an irrelevant, nondescript extension of Morton Taylor and Ford roads I can already hear the retort, "Those residents fear change and only impede progress" So that my opinion is not immediately minimized, I have to say that I support many developments and changes in Plymouth resurfacing the roads, the Ann Arbor Road Corridor projects, the expansion of the Box Bar that swallowed up a bungalow-style home in the heart of the Kellogg Historic District, the streetscape, a realistically scaled Wilcox project, and the library expansion I have my own piece of advice for the developer Just go ahead with your condo plans Pretend that the Daisy building and its relevance to the community is important to you Tell everyone that you care about Plymouth, character counts, hold public hearings on the matter, express your sincere desire to preserve the essence of Plymouth - publicly declare that you, yourself, embody the essence of Plymouth Next, at the end of the planning process, create a jumble of plans that, oops, overlap with the Daisy building You can go back to the negotiation table and say that the condo project is in jeopardy and there is no way to save Daisy - it poses a financial hardship As a goodwill gesture, offer to move the Daisy building to the township park, next to the Cassady Barn If there is no pain in losing the Daisy build-

ing, then I don't know why we are so rigorously marketing Plymouth The vision of the Master Plan is erroneous and unsuccessfully fulfilled It is a hollow, irrelevant, piece of paper that can only find meaning in the toilet-paper dispenser of a gaudy public restroom right in the middle of Kellogg Park.

Glenn Kremer Plymouth

Expand Medicaid

Last November, I voted "no" on the proposal to constitutionally require that tobacco settlement money be used for health care I voted this way because (1) it was widely reported that the amendment would disproportionately benefit a few groups within the health care industry, and (2) such an amendment might unduly tie the hands of the governor and lawmakers

Preserving the Merit Scholarship Program was not one of my reasons for voting no As I recall, early polls showed support for approval However, as time went on and more information was made known about the limited number of groups that would benefit from the amendment, the tide changed I suspect many people voted "no" for the same reasons that I did While a small portion of the Merit Scholarship Program could be retained for financially needy students, the bulk of the tobacco settlement money in question should be used to expand the number of people covered by Medicaid This is in the interest of those who would receive Medicaid services as well as those in the greater community Many hard-working people have no health insurance, do not qualify for Medicaid, and simply do not earn enough to pay for health care This was the case even before the present economic downturn For these people, health care consists of waiting until they are very ill and then visiting a hospital emergency room where they cannot be turned away regardless of ability to pay This is a very expensive approach to health care Prevention of a medical crisis is much cheaper than dealing with the crisis It is also much more humane Wouldn't you rather be treated for high blood pressure instead of waiting until it causes a stroke? Expanding the number of people covered by Medicaid is the right thing to do with the tobacco settlement money The money was intended to compensate states for health care expenses incurred due to smoking. Expanding Medicaid coverage comes a lot closer to that objective than providing college scholarships. **Darice Schubatis** Plymouth

Both sides miss mark in water bill battle

There has been plenty of political hand-wringing and gnashing of the teeth in the past year over the operations of the regional water system and its governing board

Sadly, the dispute over water rates has been reduced to name calling, charges of department incompetence and allegations that efforts to wrest control of the board away from the city of Detroit are being fueled as much by racist attitudes as unhappiness with the water delivery system

Unfortunately, none of the political posturing has done a thing to find a meaningful compromise in the dispute, which has grown to entangle the governor's office and left homeowners confused - and misinformed - over what is actually paid for out of their water bills

Instead of working together to improve our water delivery system, politicians on both sides of the dispute seem more interested in assessing blame

Suburban leaders, in arguing for a new oversight board that would be controlled by the suburbs, attacked the Detroit water department as being incompetent and insensitive to their concerns Detroit officials chose to respond by running full-page newspaper ads pointing the finger at local municipalities for spiraling cost increases instead of sitting down with their suburban counterparts to discuss meaningful reform

Getting to the bottom of this latest city-versus-suburbs fight is no easy task, but neither is delivering pure, fresh drinking water to a thirsty suburbs up to 60 miles from the source and then disposing of their waste to boot

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he /she serves. Dan's ability to understand that the voice of the people he serves is more important than one's ego makes him an example of the type of person we deserve as a leader of our community If he decides to run for the City Commission this fail, he has my vote.

Dwyer was honest

I had the pleasant opportunity to wit-

ness a wonderful event that took place on

Monday night (April 7) In my mind, the

The City Commission met to entertain guide-

event should become a milestone in the

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rants within the city's DDA, and to act upon the

Ordinance which would effect the present, and

During comments presented by the

numerous well-known license holders, it

became very apparent that the city com-

missioners had not sought the input of

the very people who have invested, and

of the city as a place to visit and enjoy I would like to commend Commissioner

made, major contributions to the success

Dan Dwyer for his honesty, maturity and

courage to publicly admit that, as chair of

the committee who designed the new pro-

posed ordinance, he had made a mistake

in not seeking input from the restaurant

and tavern owners on the issue at hand

I can't recall ever hearing a publicly elected

city official genuinely apologize to the citizens

second reading of a new Liquor Licensing

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recent history of the City of Plymouth

Peter Bunting Plymouth

CSX complaints valid

The common complaints about CSX are valid, but one potential problem has not been addressed

The long waits at railroad crossings could potentially stand between residents and much-needed rescue services This has already happened once

My husband woke up one morning in excruciating pain from kidney stones. I attempted to drive him to the Urgent Care Center (now closed) at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey

I was stopped at the railroad tracks at Main and Theodore by not one train, but two, each traveling in opposite directions

After being forced to wait for nearly 20 minutes, I had to call an ambulance to take my husband to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital One of these days, a CSX train will be

the obstacle that stands between a resident in dire need and the emergency vehicle(s) sent to help

Michelle Plumb Plymouth

Editorial erred

In your "Our Views" (Observer, April 3) you said, "Far be it from us to tell the Catholic church how to run its business." but then, do just that

As I see it, in "Our Views" you are the one who erred

Our pastor is authorized and supported by the archdiocese and by us parishioners to do what he obviously does for the benefit of the parish and all its members, including our school children It is his responsibility And, if he is to be successful in his endeavor to fulfill dutifully this much demanding responsibility, he needs and has a right to have full cooperation from his aides, and their application of reasonable effort.

It is entirely in his discretion to determine from whom he gets such cooperation, and

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"It was great to see Saddam gone. It's the best thing that's happened in Iraq in 30 years."

- Basma Fakri, Iraqi American

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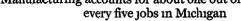
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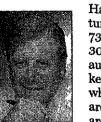
Economy is headed up, if you can get through 2003

he war in Iraq may be going well and spring may have at last arrived, but the current news for Michigan's economy is not good

The main headline last week read "Michigan's jobless rate is the highest in 9 years'

The details behind the headline make dismal reading The state's unemployment rate jumped from 6 2 percent in January to 6 6 percent in February, the highest level since February, 1994 The total number of jobless people looking for work in Michigan was 336,000, up 18,000 from January Manufacturing accounts for about one out of





Hardest hit were our manufacturing jobs, down 14,000 to 737,000 from January and 30,000 less than a year ago US automakers are still losing market share to foreign competitors, while some auto parts suppliers are laying off workers and others are going out of business

Phil Power

Tourism, another major sector in our economy, was hurt as well The sector lost 5,000 jobs since January and is down 9,000 from a year ago As

tourism expenditures are largely discretionary, the national economic slowdown has hurt Michigan's tourist business

Air travel is off 17 percent compared to last year, according to the Air Transport Association, a casualty of the recession and fears of terrorism resulting from the war in Iraq Northwest Airlines, Michigan's dominant air carrier, started laying off thousands of employees last year and 1s accelerating the trend this year Moody's Investor Service last week downgraded the company's bond rating to B2, five levels below investment grade And, like other airlines, Northwest is asking its unions for wage and contract concessions and threatening to go to bankruptcy court if it can't get them

The Business Roundtable, made up of chief executive officers of the biggest US -based companies last week released a survey showing its members won't be hiring new workers or investing in new factories, machinery and technology this year Forty-five percent of the 120 CEOs surveyed said they didn't expect to hire new workers in 2003, compared with only 9 percent who expected to increase hiring

Most business people with whom I talk have simply given up maintaining their profit margins by trying to increase sales "We are trying, but it just isn't there," said one CEO who seemed to summarize most opinion Instead, businesses have decided to maintain earnings by cutting costs, which usually means reducing labor and deferring any investments

So are we facing another recession before we

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investments.

even get out of the first one? Not necessarily The most recent report from the University of Michigan's respected survey of consumer attitudes showed stronger improvement than expected, rising from 776 in March to 832 in April Economists point out that consumer spending is an important component of the economy and that improving consumer expectations generally preview increases in actual consumer spending

And the U-M's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics April forecast for the Michigan economic outlook predicted that, "the local economy snaps back during the second half of 2003, rebounding to job growth of 15 percent, a little above the pace of job creation over the past 25 years Job growth then accelerates into 2004, expanding at a rate of 2 percent in the opening quarter before edging down to average a pace of 1 8 percent during the year"

These predictions suggest our current unemployment rate of 6 6 percent will fall to 6 4 percent by the end of the year and to 6 percent by the end of 2004 The U-M economists predict inflation will remain low, an average of 2.1 percent in 2003 and 1 8 percent in 2004 Personal income is forecast to increase 3 1 percent in 2003 and jump to 5 2 percent in 2004 Real disposable income, or purchasing power, which increased 2 4 percent in 2002, will dip to 19 percent in 2003, 2004, however, should show a big jump of 3 8 percent, according to the Research Seminar economists

So the bottom line seems to be If you can get through the end of this year, things will get better in 2004 I sure hope so

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You 'can't tell by looking' when it comes to cold-blooded killers

well-fed fly landed on the concrete stoop, uncomfortably close to my Diet Pepsi, and I turned to brush it away That was when I noticed the man sitting right beside me was looking at me and smiling - a wide, warm grin with gaps where four of his teeth used to be He turned out to be a thoughtful lunch companion

Having spent nearly all of my working hours for weeks in a courtroom in Detroit, I still hadn't grown accustomed to a babblefree zone I hadn't spoken a word to anyone since 8 30 a.m , and I welcomed the chance

to gab



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In our real lives, we never would have met But on that first real spring day in front of the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, we found out we had been asking the same philosophical questions all day "How could you get so

messed up in stuff that you could spend the rest of your life in prison?" he said, not necessarily to me "He's just a baby'

The man told me, in a gravely voice which made him sound older than his 38 years, his 21-year-old nephew was on trial. accused of shooting three people last June in a crack house in Brightmoor, a northwest Detroit neighborhood Police said he tried to cover his tracks by setting fire to the house

My companion knew a little about trouble himself He'd been in jail on a few occasions Some auto theft A breaking and entering He even got caught stealing some Kowalski sausages But he had never hurt anyone, and neither did his nephew, he said

"I don't know what happened down there, but I do know my nephew is no killer You can tell a cold-blooded killer when you see him," said the man

Well, maybe Or maybe not A jury will have to determine that

I had heard the same thing from a mother of an accused murderer just a day earlier

Betty Smith, the mother of John Wolfenbarger, who is standing trial for the Christmastime murder of five members of the Pesce family in Livonia, told me she is just as certain her son is not guilty as the prosecutor 15 sure he 15

"My boy 1s no murderer," she said "He's so smart He could do anything he wanted I just know he's not a killer'

She feels heavy-hearted for the survivors of

the murdered family, she said But she can't get over the nagging feeling justice is not being served

She spoke in a whisper, out of respect for members of the Pesce family who had attended the trial every day, interjecting prayers and pleas to God period**ically**

"I can't blame them if they hate every one of us," she said, nodding toward the Pesce family "I would too if I were them, but I don't think the whole truth is coming out I just pray someone involved in this case will tell the truth'

I wondered how the two defendants -Wolfenbarger and Dennis Lincoln wound up in court with two dozen people determining their guilt or innocence for crimes that could send them to prison for life

Wolfenbarger, despite his mother's unshakable faith in him, has led a troubled hfe, and has been in and out of the criminal justice system since he was a teenager

Lincoln comes from a middle-class family with decent parents Lincoln was a fair student, in high school and college, and was working as a manager of a book store and from the outside seemed well on his way to getting on track after his release from prison a year ago At the very least, he seems at first glance hardly the kind of person you'd suspect of committing one of the most heinous murder in Wayne County's history

On the surface, any one of the people in the courtroom look like they could be my neighbors, or even my relatives, I told the man sitting with me outside the courthouse Were it not for the tragedy that brought us there, I suspect we would all find far more similarities among us than differences

I thought for a moment about the devastating grief of the Pesce family, but also the deep disappointment and sadness felt by the defendants' families

"Yeah sweetheart, sometimes I guess you can't tell by looking," he said, and he offered me a bite of gyro that he bought from the outdoor lunch vendor

I declined, even though his lunch looked better than my Polish sausage sandwich. But with the sun on my face and a warm breeze in my hair, and my biggest disappointment that choice of a sandwich, I could hardly complain about my lunch

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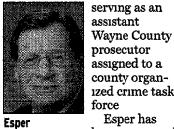
Ficano appoints Esper as county's first inspector general

David Esper has been appointed Wayne County's first inspector general by County Executive Robert Ficano

Esper, a trial lawyer with investigative experience, will develop programs within the executive branch for the prevention and detection of fraud, waste and abuse in government activities

Esper, 54, of Northville, will assist in finding ways to improve government efficiency by researching and helping to implement "best practices" standards for contracts and services

A former police officer for the City of Lansing, Esper also conducted investigations involving grand juries while



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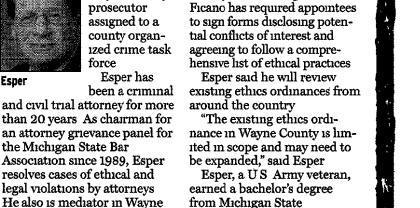
Ficano said he has created the

independent office of inspector

general to instill a culture of

ethics throughout his administration and the rest of Wavne County Since taking office, Ficano has required appointees to sign forms disclosing potential conflicts of interest and agreeing to follow a compre-

earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and graduated cum laude from the University of Detroit School of Law He is married with two children



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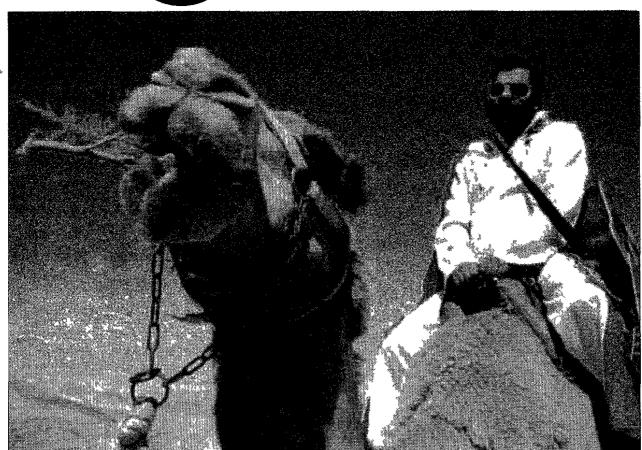
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Motor City Brass Band is in Little Rock Ark for the North American Brass Band International Competition Thirty five brass bands are competing for honors and awards in four categories Motor City Brass Band per forms 30 concerts a year including a four concert series at the Southfield Center for the Arts For more information call (248) 559 2095 or visit www.mcbb.org

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Could Eivis be Jewish? Three Canadian filmmakers, and an Orthodox rabbi who impersonates Eivis, set out to trace the King's roots in the humorous documentary 'Schmelvis' Searching for the King's Jewish Roots '

A film for every taste

Ponder, laugh, celebrate - take your pick at the Jewish Film **Festival**

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

The Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival is like a museum devoted to a single artist or particular subject

It has a distinct focus, thus excels at exploring its hub from many points of view

Such collections, whether of paintings or films, usually mean patrons have an opportunity to partake in rarely seen, perhaps overlooked, works, as well

FILM FESTIVAL

What: Fifth Annual Jewish **Community Center Lenore** Marwil Jewish Film Festival featuring 32 films When: April 27-May 8, for screening schedule or brochure, call (248) 432-5577 or visit www.jccdet.org Where: 30 films shown at United Artists Theatres 14 Mile Road at Haggerty, Commerce Township, 11 films screened at Michigan Theatre 603 E Liberty Ann Arbor six films shown at Uptown Birmingham 8 211 S Old





The documentary 'Israel in a Time of Terror' looks at terrorism in Israel The film seeks to show what it means to live under and how residents cope with the threat of terrorism

region Today, their descendants number 6,000 and live according to Sephardic tradition in a town run by both a rabbi and a mayor



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Bugs Beddow band makes you want to dance

aving a party? The Bugs Beddow band has the perfect CD to get everyone up and dancing At least that's how I felt when I first heard Smokin' Live

Recorded at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak in August 2002, the band mixes it up with driving rhythm & blues, 1azz, funk and soul It's no wonder they won Best R&B Band at the 2002 and 2003 Detroit Music Awards:

Bugs Beddow (trombone), Duffy King (guitar), James Morse (saxophones), Jim Pryor (drums) and Glenn Olds (bass) consistently produce a full rich sound that's become a hit with club crowds around town Beddow surveyed fans of the band for their favorite songs and chose 12 for the new CD

From the sultry Latin rhythms of Santana's Smooth to the funky beat of Lowrider, every cut makes you want to dance But hear for yourself Bugs and the gang heat up Bo's Brewery in Pontiac on Friday, April 18, and the Blue Martini in Birmingham on Saturday, April 19

"The idea was if someone's having a get-together they can put it on and play it all the way through For that hour or so, it's time to get up and go," said Beddow of Orchard Lake "But we also wanted to introduce the current lineup with Glenn Olds on bass He's such a dynamic bassist and singer"

Beddow's seen a few personnel changes since playing his first paying gig in 1968 at the age of 15 Beddow began playing trombone in Birmingham Public Schools in 1963 Over the years, he's played a variety of music from rock to jazz and Dixieland, and recorded with musicians like Mitch Ryder

Beddow's first CD featured Earl Klugh in 1983 Since then he's released six other albums including Smokin' Live which was produced, mixed and mastered by Duffy King at DKP studios

Oboe and strings

Emmy award winning com poser Joseph LoDuca will match his talents with those of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings oboe virtuoso Donald Baker in the world premiere of a work of oboe strings and percussion 3 pm Sunday April 27 at **Christ Church Grosse Pointe** and 7 pm Sunday May 4 at Birmingham Unitarian Church LoDuca who gained fame scoring the Xena Warrior Princess TV series and a number of movies with Detroit born movie director Sam Raimi will present a preview on the differences between film scoring and classical com position titled Hollywood to Haydn at 615 pm before the May 4 concert Tickets \$25 seniors and students \$19 call (248) 559 2095

The Jewish Community Center's annual film festival, from Sunday, April 27 to Thursday, May 8 with screenings at four local theaters, is no exception

"These are films that you can't see anywhere else," said David Magidson, festival director and professor of theater at Wayne State University "Of all the movies that we've shown over the years, maybe five of them are in video stores"

PECULIAR PLACES & HIGH ART

Perhaps the best illustration of the festival's bent toward the unusual is this year's lineup of films of place

Among them is The Last Jewish Town, a documentary look into northern Azerbaijan In the 18th century, a portion of land was given to Jews to live as they pleased in the

Isabella Rossellini and Jeroen Krabbe star in 'The Sky is Falling,' a story about a couple in a mixed marriage who live in Tuscany in 1944

Woodward Ave, Birmingham, two films at The Palace Theatre, 300 Oullette, Windsor Tickets: General admission, \$8, seniors, \$7, festival pass \$95 (\$85 for seniors) call (248) 788-2900

Salaam Shalom, 15 another intriguing film of place The documentary visits several cities in India where a minority of Jews live with roots dating back two millennia

The Sky Is Falling, with Isabella Rossellini and Jeroen Krabbe playing a 1940s couple in a mixed marriage living in Italy, transports viewers to a different time and place with extraordinary artistic craftsmanship The Sky Is Falling is a "beautifully filmed" fictional drama, said Magidson, adding "they're are three or four movies in this year's festival that are as good as 'The Pianist"

Another well crafted and goodlooking film is Gloomy Sunday, a romance intertwined with a song said to cause people to commit suicide in 1930s eastern Europe

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in Pleasant Ridge Although the latest CD consists of covers, expect the next one to put them

PLEASE SEE BUGS, B2

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

🗰 10 pm to 1 30 am Friday, April 18, Friday-Saturday, May 30-31, Bo's Brewery, 51 N Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 338-9088

8 p m to midnight Saturday, April 19, and Friday May 16, Blue Martini, 201 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, (248) 258-3005

10 pm to 2 a.m Saturday, May 17, Cavern Club, 201 S First, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-9900

Detroiters pack State Theatre to hail local musicians

Two-band night

The Windsor Detroit branch of the Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario will host its annual Two Band Night Saturday April 26 at the Father O Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall 23663 Park St in Dearborn Scottish foods and an open bar will be available Doors open at 6 30 pm Advance tickets are \$12 adults \$6 children and \$30 for fami lies with two or more kids Admission at the door for adults is \$15 children \$8 and family \$40 For more information call Bill Kincaid (734) 973 1828

The crowd wasn't there for Kid Rock Or Eminem Or the White Stripes

It was a good thing, too, because none of the heavy-hitters attended the Detroit Music Awards on Friday at the State Theatre And of the three, only Eminem won an award - for his song "Lose Yourself" They were all beat for national album by the still emerging Funk Brothers

The biggest winner of the night was singer, songwriter, guitarist Liz Larin who earned six awards Larin praised fellow Detroit musicians in her speech in a tone that was similar to many artists that night The theme was about coming together --

rock, hip hop, classical, gospel, electronic, and country

"The Detroit music scene has really changed for the better in the last few years," Ların said "People are working together, supporting each other it wasn't always like that

Fellow singer Barbara Payton, who's been in the music scene for 27 years, wasn't nominated this year, but she attended anyway to support her peers

"There's been some amazing things that have happened musically in Detroit in the past year and everyone came together for it tonight there's a really good vibe here tonight," Payton said

Some of those amazing things include, of

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Liz Larin (right) and Tamara Bedricky perform at the Detroit Müsic Awards. Larin stole the show and earned six awards

Did you miss the deadline for Thursday's Classifieds?

BY LANA MINI

STAFF WRITER

You have a second chance to make Thursday's edition, if you call us by noon on Wednesday we'll put your ad in a special mini-directory, "Too late to Classified," which appears in Arts & Entertainment. Call 1-800-579-SELL (preferably by deadline) to place your ad.

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on the charts with originals Beddow says are "cooking'

In the meantime Beddow continues to play the clubs at night and guest teach in West Bloomfield Schools during the day

"We play trombone-driven party blues, hot danceable rock and rhythm & blues music, said Beddow, a 1970 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School 'We have five ballads we pull out on request, but most of our music is get on your feet, feel good and start moving" 'It's funk and jazz, energized," Olds added

The Smokin Live CD is \$20 (includes shipping) and avail able on line at www.bugsBeddow.com or by calling the hot line at (248) 546 BUGS

Know of an interesting story? Call *Observer & Eccentric* arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953 2145 or send e mail to Ichomin@oe homecomm net

Duffy King (from left), Bugs Beddow, Jim Pryor, James Morse and Glenn Olds recently released their Smokin' Live' CD The band plays this weekend in Pontiac and Birmingham



Adult. offers 'Anxiety Always'

t came as httle surprise to find that Nicola Kuperus and Adam Lee Miller – the creative musical duo known as Adult – met at an art opening in 1996

"When I met Adam I had never heard electronic music, other than some really bad techno" admitted Kuperus "At the time I was listening to a lot of straight-edge hard core music I had never even heard of Kraftwerk before I had a really bad opinion of what electronic music was"

That's not a likely start for a couple who've led their own Detroit-centric electro-revolution from the comfortable confines of their Ersatz Audio label "She same into it really

"She came into it really fresh," said Miller "I know maybe too much Nicola had piano training I was more the electronic music in the cockpit"

Their musical relationship – like their personal one – is the sort that allows Kuperus and Miller to finish each other's sentences, and likely musical thoughts

In addition to their own records, the band has completed 23 remixes, including songs by Ectomorph, The Faint, Bobby Conn, Fischerspooner and Felix Da Housecat Adult doesn't expect to continue releasing so many remixes, the duo will instead set the focus on their own material

Adult's new full-length record, Anxiety Always, could easily be considered a first proper album It follows the success of Resuscitation, which is more of a "collection of songs"

"Mentally, we were working on it for a long time," said Kuperus But the music was completed during four steady months of isolation Adult released the record April 8 on their Ersatz imprint

"We think it's really hard, dirty and different," said Miller Each song has its own identity, but they meld into a complementary, dark and somewhat spooky album *Anxiety Always* includes a variety of material to keep the listener



When it came to deciding the order of songs on Resuscitation, Adult. gave 10 copies to 10 friends on the inside and outside of the music industry to gather different perspectives.

Interested – from Instrumentals to songs heavy on vocals and bass Songs like Shake Your Head and Kick in the Shin sound impulsive, addictive

"We were over-ready to write an album," said Kuperus

Part of the anxiety associated with this record came from the threat of a sophomore slump Adult was well aware that fans would have high expectations this time around

The duo escaped that pressure last time When *Resuscitation* was released it was more of a sleeper hit, picking up momentum as time passed on Now established, Adult has a lot to live up to

When it came to deciding the order of songs on *Resuscitation*, Adult gave 10 copies to 10 friends on the inside and outside of the music industry to gather different perspectives

"We drove our friends crazy," said Miller "With this album, we played (the songs) for no one That added to the anxiety always too"

Another important aspect of the overall Adult brand comes from Kuperus' own photography Her stark, clean imagery leaves you looking curiously for more Her photography has become a trademark for Adult ," Miller said It happened accidentally They were looking for a photograph of a mouth to feature on

graph of a mouth to feature on the cover of Oral-Olio in 1998 After fishing through her work, they found one and used it Happy with the response, they tried it again on a picture disc and it became a must-have item The tone was set on just how Adult would look and sound

So when New York's Interpol contacted Kuperus to do a photograph for their album, she had to turn them down "It's become us now," said Miller

The two joke about when she ll have time to prepare for a solo photography show she's planning at Detroit Contemporary art gallery "Hopefully this summer I'll get some new photos done," she said

In the meantime Adult is preparing for "extreme tiredness" which will inevitably accompany the upcoming North American tour – their biggest at 20 shows in 26 days

If their first show since Anxiety's completion – March 21 in Miami during the Winter Music Conference – was any indication the new material will be wellreceived

"It was just a really fun, hot, party place," said Miller He relayed a story about fans literally jumping onstage and pulling off their pants

Miller said these days their shows are more energetic and include more vocals That doesn't mean people have stopped asking him whether hes just checking his e-mail up there

Look for Anxiety Always in record stores now And welcome Adult home when the band performs with lable mates and openers Magas Goudron 9 p m Saturday May 17 at the Magic Stick Detroit call (313) 833 9700

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Discover the nature of things

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

Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn

Open 10 a m to 5 p m daily Free admission (313) 593-5338

Highlights Exhibit of the Rouge River watershed, feeding stations for wildlife, and ceramic tiles created by children on what nature means to them Nature trails, Rouge River, pond, meadow and grounds of the Fair Lane Estate are nearby

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

Open 9 a m to 4 p m Tuesday through Saturday Free admission. (734) 261-1990

Highlights Exhibits of Rouge River history, live reptiles and amphibians, Henry Ford and his cottage industries, and Native Americans cultures Easy access to Hines Park is nearby

for museum/nature center Highlights Displays of mounted birds and firearms, plus nature trail

Interpretive Nature Center and Farm Learning Center at Kensington Metropark, Kent Lake Road exit at I-96, Milford

Farm Learning Center open 9 am to 4 pm daily, Interpretive Nature Center 1-5 pm Monday, 10 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178

Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4, annual permit, good for all Metroparks, 1s \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age No additional charge for nature or farm center

Highlights farm center barn, animals, gardens, nature center - aquarium, interactive educational displays Nature center also is at conflux of several nature trails

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, Troy Parks & Recreation, 6685 Coolidge, between Square Lake Road and South Boulevard, Troy

Open 8 30 a m to 4 30 p m Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p m Sunday Free admission (248) 524-3567

Highlights Exhibit of birds and duck decoys, wildlife viewing room, library The center is gateway to 100 acres of preserved land and nature trails

Open 10 a.m to 5 p m

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Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, 333 N Hıll Cırcle, off Tienken Road between Rochester Road and Livernois, Rochester

Nature center open 9 a m to noon Monday, 9 a m to 5 p m Tuesday through Friday Grounds open dawn to dusk daily Free admission (248) 656-0999

Highlights Working indoor beehive, some animals and maple sugar tapping exhibit Grounds include woods, Paint Creek and nature trails

■ Interpretive Center at Stony Creek Metropark, off 26 Mile Road, between Washington/Dequindre and Mound, Shelby Township

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Highlights Display of Native American artifacts, live snakes and amphibians Nature study area, trails adjacent Interpretive Center at

Indian Springs Metropark, off White Lake Road between Cuthbert and Teggerdone,

a.m to 5 p m Saturday and Sunday (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192

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Make plans for Easter brunch

BY MARY QUINLEY CORRESPONDENT

Here's a sampling of restaurants that will be open for Easter brunch Be sure to call ahead for reservations

Beaver Creek - 1609 N Wayne Road in Westland (734) 722-5330 Open noon through 9 p m An Easter menu as well as full menu available Menu includes blue cheese harvest salad and calamarı Also offered ıs ham, a traditional roasted turkey dinner, prime rib, a variety of pasta and fresh fish Dessert 18 Beaver Creek's popular warm chocolate chip cookies

Sweet Georgia Brown - 1045 Brush St at Monroe in Greektown (313) 965-1245 Open 11 a m to 6 p m Cost 1s \$36 95 for adults and \$18 50 for kids 5-12, under 5 free Carving stations with herb roasted prime rib, ham, smoked turkey breast with combread sage stuffing, lamb, seafood, salads, vegetables and an omelet and waffle station including chocolate waffles with berries Diners will receive one jewelry box per person with a chance to win a diamond bracelet from **Tappers** Jewelry

Deadwood Bar & Grill - 18730 Northville Road in Northville (248) 34-RIFLE Hours 11 a.m to 11 p m Full menu and brunch menu including ham, a traditional turkey dinner, hearty pastas, Black Angus steaks, fish, blueberry pancakes, eggs benedict, huevos rancheros and omelets For dessert, the bar's famous chocolate chip cookies

Embassy Suites - 19525 Victor Parkway,

Livonia, (734) 462-6000 Seatings at 11 30 a m, 1 p m and 2 30 p m, \$24 95 adults and \$14 95 ages 6-12 years Menu includes breakfast items, assorted salads, carving station, chicken, cod, roast pork, potatoes and desserts

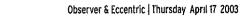
Hawthorne Valley Country Club - 7300 N Merriman, Westland, (734) 422-3440. Dinner items, served 11 a m to 5 p m., include salads, fruits, beef sirloin, ham, chicken, meatballs, desserts and more Breakfast buffet served 11 a m to 2 p m, \$15 50 adults, \$9 50 children 10 and under, no charge for children 3 and younger.

Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002 From 10 a.m. to 2 p m the buffet will include salads, fruit, breakfast items, chicken, turkey, pasta dishes, desserts and more Dinner items only, including prime rib, lamb, ham and fish, 2-6 p m Cost for both buffets adults \$24 95, children 6-10 \$9 95, 5 and younger free

Jack Dunleavy's - 340 N Main, Plymouth, (734) 455-3700 Choose an 11 a m , 1 p.m or 3 p m seating, adults \$21 95, children 4-10 years \$8 95, no charge for children age 3 and younger Ham, prime rib, roasted turkey, smoked salmon, pasta, salads and assorted desserts are on the menu

Hellenic Cultural Center - 36375 Joy, Westland, (734) 525-3550 Buffet served 11 a m to 2 p m includes breakfast items, pastries, beef and ham carving station, roast pork, fettuccine Alfredo, pierogi, salad bar and more, \$22 95 adults, \$17.95 seniors, \$8 95 for children 12 years and under







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Songwriter Cosy Sheridan sings 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at MAMA's Coffee House at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N Woodward Ave , near Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors and age 16 and under Call (248) 569-0965 To reserve a slot for open mic at 7 15 p m , call (248) 626-4650 Jere Stormer opens the concert.

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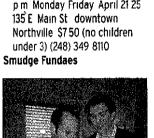
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DINNER THEATER

Gordon Michaels gives a twoday intensive Actors Workshop 10 a m to 4 p m Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27 The cost is \$175 To register, call (310) 727-2383 or send e-mail to Gordon Michaels22@aol com The workshop includes cold reading and on-camera techniques, the actor's resume, improvisation, how to get an agent, monologue coaching, and scene study Michaels is Dylan McDermott's personal acting coach on ABC's TV series The Practice

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Ferndale photographer Lisa Dunlap shows her 'Sacred Portraits Honoring the Journey of Motherhood' April 22 to May 12, at Borders Bookstore, 34300 Woodward Ave , Birmingham Call (248) 203-0005 Dunlap photographs expectant mothers, newborns, children and families

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Anchors away: Little band of musical nuns take to the sea



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Goggin leads Bambi Jones (left) and Kathy Robinson in a chorus from the opening number of 'Meshuggah-Nuns!'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dan Goggin hits the first note on the piano and four talented nuns and a Jewish actor take it away The music and choreography are infectious It's all Goggin can do to stay seated through Anchors Away, the opening number of Meshuggah-Nuns' the latest installment in his Nunsense musical series about a little band of funloving sisters from Hoboken, New Jersey

It looks like Goggin has another hit bound for Broadway After 20 years of writing the nuns into unusual situations. Goggin's come up with yet another strange plot When all of the cast except for one fall ill on a cruise, the nuns and remaining actor, Tevve from Fiddler on the Roof, are called upon to put on a show The production opens with previews Wednesday, April 23, at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills

"There's lots of singing and dancing, over 20 songs, lots of zany humor," said Goggin, who's in town directing the production When it opens on Saturday, April 26, Goggin will head to LA to work with Darlene Love, Kay Ballard, Mimi Harris, Lee Merriweather, and Georgia Engel on an anniversary tour of Nunsense coming to the Fox Theatre in March

"A musical director suggested the idea five years ago of putting them on a cruise ship Last year when we were in Florida doing Nunsense Amen, the all male version with Greg Luganis (Olympic diving champion) someone said you need to have a Jewish character But you don't have to be

Catholic, don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the musical You just have to have a good time You don't have to have seen Nunsense I'm amazed at the number of new fans

Goggin's attributes the longevity of the series to society's fascination with nuns their tunics, veils and lifestyle Even though it's been 20 years since his first Nunsense musical opened at a New York City club, Goggin's elementary years at St Mary's in Alma continue to inspire his humor All of the characters in the original Nunsense were based on the Dominican Sisters

Writing the music came just as easy Goggin's mother talked him into taking piano lessons as a young boy so he could play organ at Mass for \$1 Before long he was playing two Masses a day and earning \$12 a week

"It started as a joke," said Goggin "I was doing greeting cards when we decided to promote them in card shops with an actress dressed as a nun I started writing material for her and before I knew it we were doing a cabaret show at the Duplex in New York City Four weekends turned into 38 weeks After we closed I went back to work on it to build characters We opened Off Broadway in 1985

"I've written them to be timeless They're played in real time, a little like reality TV

The spontaneity of the show is what keeps Kathy Robinson coming back In fact the actress keeps her nun's habit in the closet pressed and ready to go just in case Goggin calls The two originally met in 1990 after Goggin saw her in a Nunsense production in Boston Robinson first

MESHUGGAH-NUNS!

What: Dan Goggin's newest musical in the Nunsense comedy series £

When Previews 8 p m Wednesday Friday April 23 25 Opens 8 p m Saturday April 26 continues 8 p m

Wednesday-Saturday 2 pm and 6 pm Saturday 2 pm and 6 30 pm Sunday through May 11

Where Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall Oakland **University Rochester Hills**

Tickets \$24 \$38 previews \$19-\$26 Call (248) 377 3300

played one of the sisters in 1987 and originated a role in Nunsense II for Goggin in 1992

"It's a little different with each audience." said Robinson, a singer soon to release a CD of blues rock "It doesn't have the fourth wall so you never get tired of it It's infectious It's like that old hook they used in promotions - Nunsense is habit formıng

"It's a great show for a character woman Like me you can start as a young nun and end up Mother Superior It's great for someone like myself to play Mother Superior because you can be over 40 and overweight There's not many roles like that"

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Pianist Flavio Varani set to perform

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Brazilian-born pianist Flavio Varani's attempts to sway his audience begin well before his fingers touch the keys

A recital must not only stir an audience with performance, but also take them on an emotional journey through music, said Varani, longtime artist-in-residence at Oakland University

"A program is an emotional trajectory," he said

Lucky for us, the nationally known pranist - Varam has performed at such venues as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center - takes care to assemble such a program for his annual recital at Oakland University, 8 pm Saturday, April 19

The program opens with Chopin's Etude Op 25 nr 7, Theme by Handel, Op 24 and selections from Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin

For those unfamiliar with the compositions, Varani translated his trajectory "A prayer, a big statement, variations on a theme, followed by some dancers"

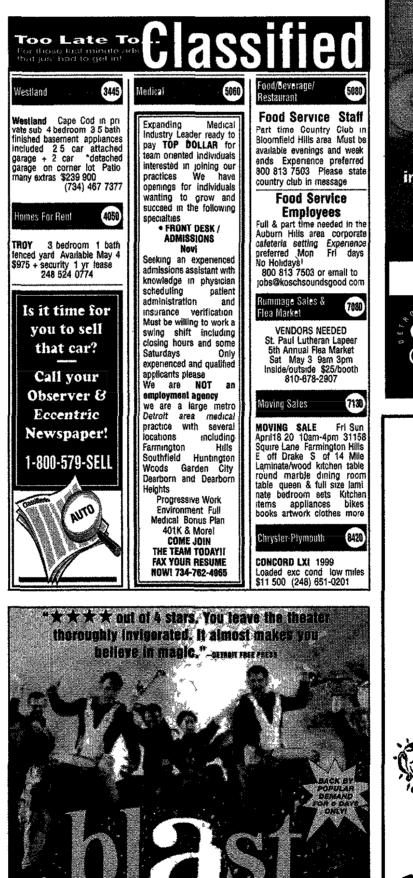
The program also works to demonstrates how composers and music evolve and influence one another, particularly with Chopin and Liszt

They were wonderful colleagues and had parallel lives," said Varani Yet, the composers differed tremendously "Liszt was sort of the Elvis Presley of his time Chopin was little more distant, but when he played people said he was the greatest

Although Varanı ıs a teacher, he is first a performer, lecturing and discussion aren't on the program. "My intention is to be very clear,

VARANI RECITAL

What: Flavio Varani gives his annual recital. When: 8 p m Saturday, April 19 Where: Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills Tickets: General, \$10, VIP, \$50, and students, \$10, call (248) 370-3013 to make reservations





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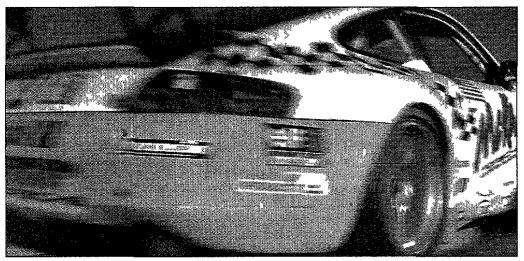


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As skillfully filmed but humorous is God is Great, I'm Not, starring Audrey Tautou, lead in the popular art film Amelie The actress plays a model whose need to channel her spirit into an identity leads her from Buddhism to Judaism

TAKES IN CONTRAST

Of course every film doesn't feature a well-known actor or have 'lots of razzle dazzle," said Magidson

However, all speak to the film festival's mission of exploring different perspectives, from those that inspire contemplation to those to that simply entertain

Consider Israel in a Time for Terror, a documentary that examines life under the daily threat of terrorism, against Schmelvis, in which three filmmakers and an Orthodox rabbi who impersonates Elvis 'set out to trace the King's Jewish roots

this film adaptation of Lew Wallaces novel about the conflict between the Jews and the Romans during the life time of Jesus

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(Austria) documentary capturing a series of interviews with 81 year old

Contrast The White Rose, an Academy Award-winning film about a secret society that protested the Nazı regime, against 'Skating Through the Sand, a quest to make hockey legitimate in the desert landscape of Israel

GROWTH & COMMUNITY

So far, the festival's programming formula has brought success and growth The event is in its fifth year and considered one of the largest Jewish film festivals in the country

Last year, 25 films were shown and 11,000 people attended

This year, seven more films and an additional venue, The Palace Theater in Windsor, has been added The number of screenings and festival days has been increased at existing venues, United Artists Theatres in Commerce Township, the Uptown Birmingham 8 and Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor

Just last week, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit awarded the festival with the Benard L Maas Prize for Jewish Culture and

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Continuity, said Susan Marwil, festival co-chair and niece of Lenore Marwil

Also new is the Harold and Sarah Gottlieb Award, a \$7,500 prize for the best new Jewish film

This year's recipient, renowned documentary' maker Frederick Wiseman, plans to attend both screenings of his first fiction film The Last Letter A variety of other speakers and special guests are scheduled to attend screenings, lead discussions and take questions, as well

We try to create a context for the films," Magidson said 'It's not an Encyclopedia Brittanica movie festival, but we think that if people can put their experience into a perspective, that is good and more enjoyable'

The format also works to unite the community, added Marwil It gives the people of Detroit the opportunity to come together It also presents a venue that brings together the Jewish and non-Jewish community"

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Songwriter looks beyond herself

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Susan Enan's concerned about more than topping the charts While she'd like to become a hit with acoustic music fans it's important for the emerging songwriter to get the message out about being part of a community

Enan tries to fit in no matter where her travels take her Born in England, she studied music at the University of Liverpool for three years before heading off to Northern Ireland seven years ago Her series of 11 Midwest concerts includes Trinity House Theatre in Livonia on Wednesday, April

23She's introducing her third self-released EP Moonlight/Skin, Bone & Silicone recorded in Oxford, England except for a live track from a Liverpool Summer Pops concert Enan's first EP, Inside in 1998, was the first to be released by an unsigned artist in Northern Ireland

"My music is mellow, thoughtful and hopeful," said Enan who has performed in England, Ireland and the US She opened for Roger McGuinn in Grand Rapids last year

"I try to write music that's hopeful because there's so much that 1sn't hopeful We do have control over our own lives We can make a good choice or bad choice That's how you can affect your own community It's about being a part of something larger like a community"

Enan hopes eventually to become part of an American community, at least for half of the year The other six months she'll remain in Ireland, a place she's grown to love "There was a large Irish cul-

ture in Liverpool when I was at



Irish-based songwriter Susan Enan brings her acoustic music to Trinity House Theatre in Livonia

SUSAN ENAN

What: Performs music from her latest CD When: 8 pm Wednesday, April 23 Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W 6 Mile Road, Livonia Tickets: \$10, \$7 theater members, call (734) 464-6302

University and it made me want to go there to absorb the music," said Enan, a classically trained musician who plays acoustic guitar, flute and piano "I would move anywhere for music I've been to America four or five times now America – I love it. There's an infrastructure for musicians to make a living

"In Northern Ireland I have more friendships It's more community driven I have a lot of close friends in Belfast"

A friend was the inspiration for the title cut of Enan's latest EP The song actually appears twice with different instrumentation Each features her smooth, soft voice caressing every word

'My inspiration comes from things people say or think about It comes from so many different places," said Enan "I try to visualize a scene Moonlight is about a friend in another part of the world The moon is a common thing to share The new CD is pretty much ballads, quite mellow This is the first one trying to promote all originals At age 16 I was writing songs The guitar was a way to get them out It's easier to carry around than a piano

"Now I'm getting into folk music I started listening to Woody Guthrie at University and that pushed me on I hstened to 1940s interviews he did I was inspired by Bob Dylan, a brilliant songwriter, and early on by Bono's words from U2'

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DMA

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course, Eminem's 8 Mile movie and the wild success of the **Detroit Electronic Music** Festival

The night also was about celebrating independent music and trashing the big guys in the music industry Tom Ness, founder of Jam Rag magazine who also heads the Michigan chapter of the Green Party, earned a riotous standing ovation when he received a lifetime achievement award Ness blamed big media outlets for not providing a venue for local music

"Every week I receive dozens of CDs by local bands." Ness said "And I listen to every one Sometimes they aren't good, but many times they are Every local musician deserves to have their CD listened all the way through at least once

He's been listening for decades, writing about it in Jam Rag and the audience recognized him for it

The absence of Detroit's biggest stars didn't seem to matter to the crowd filled with people who wanted to see and be seen - elegant socialites, hipster funk fans, trendy hiphop teens, hardcore punk rockers, aging big-hair rockers, Bebe fashionites and musicians and their fans from every other genre Rock band Hemigod and funk band Black Bottom Collective — the latter who won for best funk/hip-hop recording — captured atten-tion during their performances

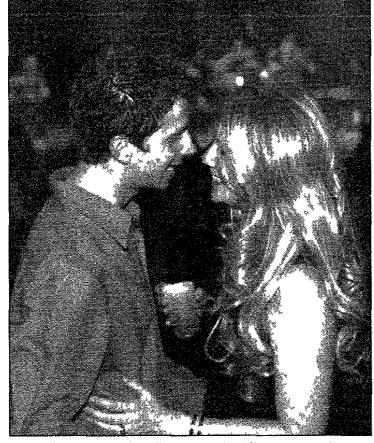
Vinnie Dombrowski of Sponge won best songwriter to the boisterous approval of the entire audience

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

But what do the awards mean?

Different things to different people in the industry For Howard Hertz, president of the DMA, the awards were created to let the best of the bunch shine

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Even the fans were beautiful at the show Brent and Shannon McKay share a peaceful moment to themselves at the energetic event



Cooke on stage at the Detroit Music Awards

drum band Uprizin', the award show is an outlet to meet, mingle and cheer on his fellow artists - and listen to live local music

To Karen Savelly, of WCSX-FM, who won an achievement award, the awards are about a woman who simply wanted to be on the radio playing good music

'Techno Hippie,' who was up for outstanding electronic/dance artist waits patiently as the nominees are listed Techno Hippie didn't place this

year, but still attracted attention with the punk mohawk and hipple ponytail



Attracting a lot of attention at the Detroit Music Awards was hard rock band Hemigod

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Blast¹ is a celebration of movement and music that evolved from the drum corps Star of Indiana, Musical numbers include Bolero, Everyone Loves the Blues, and Gee, Officer Krupke

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EATING OUT

Small Plates makes a big hit with customers

BY MARY QUINLEY

CORRESPONDENT

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Snug inside the circa 1920 Eureka Building, just across the street from the Detroit Opera House, sits one of the theater/stadium district's newest diming delights, Small Plates-Detroit The eatery, sporting an upscale yet

comfy ambiance, opened in November 2002

"I really liked Small Plates," said Cindy Lupo of Canton, who, with her boyfriend, Dan Latarski, recently enjoyed an early dinner at the restaurant Lupo and Latarski are students at Schoolcraft College in Livonia

Lupo ordered the Oven Roasted Turkey Baguette The sandwich, topped with Swiss cheese and spicy mustard, is served with a side of house-made fries

Latarski of Livonia especially liked the yummy dessert that the twosome shared

"It was really good," he said, referring to the Chocolate Chunk Cookie Sandwich with Sanders Hot Fudge filled with a dollop of Guernsey's **Butter Pecan Ice Cream**

In the mid-1980s, while working in a restaurant in Spain, Todd Stern, who is co-owner of Small Plates with Todd Stowell, noted that the tables had stacks of small white plates that customers used for their tapas This unique dining concept intrigued Stern

'Tapa is a Spanish appetizer repre-senting a small or little portion of food," Stern explained

At Small Plates customers choose from a dozen or more "small yet filling" entrees including Garlic Shrimp, a popular tapa served in Spain

American appetizers and Pan Asian dishes, like spring rolls and a spicy stir-fry wrapped in romaine hearts, add an appealing twist to the menu What dishes do customers rave about?

"One favorite is the Chicken Skewers with Asian rice noodles,' Stern said Patrons love the presentation The skewers of chicken are arranged on a small white plate in a teepee style formation and held together at the top by slivers of cucumbers

Other favorites include the Veggie Spring Roll accompanied by a trio of dipping sauces, and, for beef lovers like Bill Chapin, the Petite Tenderloin topped with Gorgonzola and crispy omons

KARA FULGENZI

The newest addition to Small Plates is bartender Kramer

"I think it's a great combination," said Chapin of Grosse Point The Petite Tenderloin is filling, he said, and a great bargain at \$10

Small Plates is "more than a restaurant," Chapin said "It's a symbol that Detroit doesn't have to be void of restaurants, and, a variety of good restaurants can exist The owners are real trendsetters"

Pizzas are baked in a brick oven in full view of guests Almost every table orders at least one of the brick oven pizzas, said Stern The Quattro Fromage, sans tomato sauce, features a four-cheese blend, roasted garlic and olive oil Other pizza choices include BBQ Chicken, Pepperoni, Garlic Shrimp and Veggie

The Maurice is the eatery's tribute to the former J L Hudson Department store's lettuce salad topped with chicken, turkey and Swiss cheese A veggie Maurice is also available

Everything, except the bread, is made in-house in the restaurant,

including the pizza dough, barbecue sauce and the pastries

Show-and-tell meetings are held daily with our "wonderful" staff to discuss the specials of the day, talk about new wines and/or menu changes, and, sample the food, said Stern

Executive chef, Jeff Baker, "brings exceptional experience with the ordering for the daily food and supplies," Stern said And, Aaron True, sous chef, a graduate of the Schoolcraft College culmary program, brings "a lot of creativity to the menu"

Any future plans for the restaurant? Yes, Stern said

In mid-summer, the establishment plans to open a lower level, expand the seating capacity and offer live jazz sessions

Also, said Stern, we continue to explore our options to open a Small Plates in the suburbs

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

SMALL PLATES-DETROIT

Where: 1521 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 963-0497

Open: 11 am to 8 pm Monday, 11 am to 10 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 11 am to midnight Friday noon to midnight Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday **Menu:** A variety of "small" entrees including Garlic Shrimp, Barbecue Ribs, Portabella Mushrooms and Petite Tenderloin \$6-\$10 Gourmet sandwiches, \$7-\$9 brick oven pizzas \$8-\$10 salads \$5-\$8 Kid's menu available Credit cards: All major credit cards are accepted **Reservations:** Recommended for parties of six or more

Enjoy an evening of food and wine to help the hungry

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Share Our Strength, Taste of the Nation, the largest national benefit, in which the culinary community and wine purveyors annually fight hunger and poverty with taste, will be held 7-10 p m Sunday, April 27 at Somerset Collection South in Troy

Tickets are \$100 per person Contact Kristen Hickey at Unique Restaurant Corporation (248) 646-0370, Ext 216

Guests will enjoy an incredible array of foods from area restaurants such as Forte and Streetside in Birmingham, Shiraz, No VI, Northern Lakes, Morels, Portabella and Duet in the Unique Restaurant Group, Asian-inspired Mon Jin Lau, Cafe Sushi, and Musashi, Capital Grill, Ruth's Chris and McCormick & Schmick in Troy, along with a host of other popular dining out spots

To complement the dishes prepared for the event by the area's premier chefs, area wine purveyors will be pouring a dazzling assortment including classic wines of the Veneto, delicious 2001 estate-bottled German rieslings, a decadent dozen from the Australian Premium Wine Collection, Sterling Vineyards and Beaulieu Vineyards wines from Napa Valley, limited production chardonnays and pinot noirs from Oregon and the highly-touted Spanish wines of Jorge Ordonez

Benefactors of the event are the Food Bank of Oakland County, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Food Gatherers, Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute and Hunger Action Coalition

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





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Bonnets

Spring finery gets the nod Life, C5





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Pierre Deux brought French Country style to the United States more than 30 years ago but today brings the joyful warm patterns of the Provencal spring to America Their exclusive Provencal prints include



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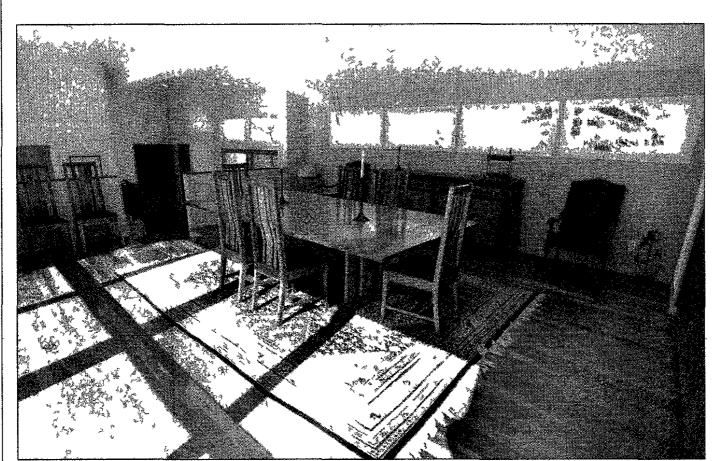
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🏼 Raise the flags

Many Americans have flown US flags in recent weeks to show support of our troops in Iraq but it is critical for homeowners to remem ber some other flags for their own personal safety

The state s utilities and the Michigan Damage Prevention Board promote the Raise the Flag campaign in the month of April to remind residents to call MISS DIG at (800) 482-7171 before tackling that deck fencing sprinkler sys tem or landscaping project in the yard Every year there are near ly 10 000 dig in damages to underground utility lines in the state Homeowners who didn t follow established safe digging practices are respon sible for causing about one third of these damages The consequences can include service interruptions fire property damage personal injuries and even death The MISS DIG system is Michigan's one call source for locating underground utility lines receiving more than 12 million requests -since the one call center opened in 1970. The vast majority of staking requests are filled within three busi ness days without cost to the caller The utilities will be anarked with colored flags or Spray paint to indicate the adifferent service lines below ~ If homeowners happen to dig or excavate near these alines they should hand dig to expose the lines before using power equipment It scan be difficult to accurately Sestimate how deep the utility Jines might be buried The best way to expose atility lines is to create a marrow trench perpendicular to the staked direction of the buried line by removing dirt a few inches at a time rather than plunging a shovel into the soil Remember that a shovel edge can cut a utility line just as easy as a back hoe blade When you expose a short portion of the utility line you know its exact loca "tion and depth and can begin to carefully use power equip ment in its vicinity



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The addition put on the residence of John and Gail Aiken by the McGovern Building Group serves as the dining room, large enough for Gail's gourmet dinners Among the furnishings are a cabinet designed and built by John Aiken

modernie John and Gail

The living room is contemporary in tone

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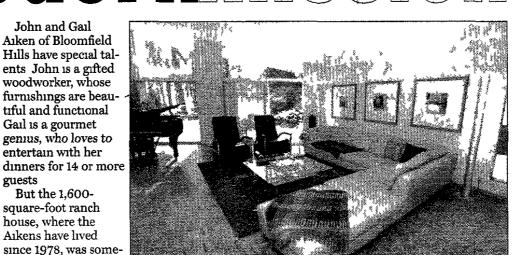


Addition Aiken of Bloomfield maintains house style as it expands space

ents John is a gifted woodworker, whose furnishings are beautiful and functional Gail is a gourmet genius, who loves to entertain with her dinners for 14 or more guests But the 1,600-

square-foot ranch house, where the Aikens have lived since 1978, was somewhat inhibiting these

interests After he retired as an automotive designer from the Ford Motor



"Many of the basement ling projects and



Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie and Arts and Crafts are among the styles of design on display at the expo.

From art deco to art nouveau, expo has it all

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The Modernism Exposition will take you on a walk down memory lane or help you create a home filled with 20th-century flair, form, function or just plain fun Merchants will lure you to their booths with pieces designed by such greats as Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Heywood Wakefield, the Stickleys, Salvador Dali and other designers' works of the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairier, Arts and Crafts, Surrealistic and Neo-Classical schools of design

On April 25-27, the Southfield Municipal Complex will create a life of its own with Lava lamps, Peter Max art, decorator items, furniture, jewelry and vintage clothing - all certain to evoke memories from a different place

Co five years ago. John wanted with his passion for woodworking He built pieces in a storage room that was about 7 by 10 feet in size, with space for a pegboard and httle else

"I had always thought I might return to woodworking," John said "That was one of my first jobs as a teenager, working at a cabinetmaker's woodwork shop"

The during room area was too small for the type of dinners Gail liked to prepare

"I said to my wife, 'We have two new needs You need a master dining room and I need a woodworking shop," John Aiken said

The couple decided that instead of moving, they would have an addition put on the house

The McGovern Building Group was hired, and built a 1,200-square-foot addition onto the house last year Now the Aikens can do woodworking projects, and serve large numbers of guests, in distinctive style

"I love it It makes such a big difference," Gail said

"It just has opened up the whole thing It was very cluttered and dark in there before" "We have noticed a trend in the Detroit area

where homeowners are adding rooms in their homes to enable them to enjoy their hobbies and interests," said Terry McGovern, president of the Bloomfield Hills firm

additions we have done included game rooms, home theaters and even home exercise rooms When people invest a large amount in a remodeling project, they want to make sure the addition fits their lifestyle*

STYLE MATCH

The project involved giving a brick facelift to the original cinderblock of the house, which was built in 1965 Still, the addition matches the architectural style "If the architect were here we believe he would be very pleased," said John, who was trained and educated in industrial design "It looks as though the (addition) was included all along

PLEASE SEE MODERN, C2

MARKETPLACE

Submissions

Story by Mary Klemic

Staff Writer

Do you have a special item you d like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? Wed 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

Classic hourglass

This design borrows from Flemish and Swedish ideas and gives Provence its beautiful, curvaceous profile. Crowned with a removable pediment carving, Provence is crafted in hardwood solids and veneers Provence has a solid wood hinged dial bezel and a splendid antique white dial face Distinctive antique brown brass weight shells and pendulum bob draw deserved attention to the gracefully curved Bombe-style base cabinet with inset frame and panel construction Provence's hinged lower front door includes seeded glass (or optional wood) center panel its chain-driven movement strikes a bell on the hour and half-hour. The clock retails for \$3,189, but is listed on sale for \$1,759 at Walker Buzenberg, 240 N. Main in Plymouth Hours are 10 a m -9 p m , Monday, Thursday and Friday, and 10 a m -6 p.m Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday Call (734) 459-1300 for information.

This cabinet features the Arts and Crafts style that will be displayed at the Michigan Modernism Exposition April 26 and 27 at the Southfield Municipal Complex at Evergreen and Civic Center Drive

MICHIGAN MODERNISM

EXPOSITION

What: 70 merchants will offer pieces by Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller Salvador Dali and other designers' works of the Art Deco Art Nouveau Prairie Arts and Crafts, Surrealistic and Neo-Classical schools of design Additional design categories include industrial design, tramp art, rustic and prominent movements of the 1950s and 1960s Where: The Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield (From I-696, exit south on Evergreen, to Civic Center Drive (or 10 1/2 Mile)

When 10 a m -6 p m Saturday, April 26, and noon-5 p m , Sunday April 27 Admission: \$7 with any ads or listings \$8 regular admission One regular paid admission is good for both weekend days of the show Children 12 or under are free (April 25, 6-10 p m Grand opening party admission \$35 at the door, featuring the Kathy Kosins Jazz Trio, Fashion Shows by Vintage Chic hors d'oeuvres by Amaryllis, cash bar, early buying opportunity)

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AT HOME

Heads up! Cabbages can look fabulous

™he Garden Writers Association commissioned a 2003 spring garden trends research study Concerns about the economy

and the war with Iraq haven t dampened the enthusiasm of gardeners Fifty-five percent of gardeners plan to

spend the same this year

on flowers and ornamental

plants (flowers, trees and



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Garden Spot

Marty Figley

shrubs), while 12 percent said they planned to spend more Twenty-one percent planned to spend less on ornamentals

Fifty-seven percent planned to spend the same, 13 percent more and 14 percent less, on vegetables and fruits

Nona Wolfram Korvula, GWA president and executive director of the National Garden Bureau, said, "These responses are encouraging and further support that gardening provides important relief from the pressures of daily events, especially during periods of significant economic and political uncertainty'

Flowers will be the top choice of 27 percent of the public this spring, followed by vegetables and fruits at 24 percent, grass at 18 percent, and trees and shrubs at 11 percent

Suburban dwellers, married couples, those with higher education and higher incomes and females all showed a stronger preference for flowers over edibles

However, when asked which type of plant they would spend more money on this year, 41 percent of the consumers planned to increase their spending on edibles, and 36 percent planned to increase their spending on ornamentals

The survey was conducted in March by TechnoMetrica Market Intelligence At the 95 percent confidence level, the margin of error for respondents overall 1s plus/minus 3 2



These cabbages make an attractive vegetable bed

percent I thought you may be interested in these statistics

A NEW LEAF

Have you ever grown cabbage? Well, there's a cabbage world out there, and this vegetable can be quite handsome in the garden

Savoy is easily recognized by its crinkled leaves The round, ball-shape green or red cabbages with which we are most familiar have been a staple in gardens for years

Ornamentals with ruffled or curled leaves of coral, pink, purple, lavender and blue colors look fabulous intermixed with other textures and shades of green

Cabbages are cool-season vegetables and can be set out when the weather and soil have warmed Cabbages can be started from seed, but it's quicker and easier to buy plants at a local nursery

These veggies like lots of sun and need constant moisture and lots of fertilizer Before you set them in the garden, prepare the bed adequately so the soil is rich and drains well

Set the seedlings 15 to 18 inches apart Be creative and set them in any configuration you wish so that the bed is attractive Companion plants include marigolds, zinnias and nasturtiums, which add color

Fertilize with compost or

dried manure and mulch to conserve soil moisture and to discourage head splitting To control insects, use Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis) or use floating row covers

Water regularly, use enough so the moisture is steady, always enough but never so much that the drainage is poor

Harvest your crop when they look completely formed and they are firm to the touch Cut the head free, leaving the big outer leaves

There are many ways to prepare cabbage for eating Experiment with different recipes and soon you'll have a favorite Bon appetit

GOOD GÂRDEN TIP Plan to attend An Afternoon with Antiques, presented by Goldner Walsh Nursery

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FROM PAGE C1

the integrity of the original architect'

Aiken commended Steve Zumberg of the company, lead design and project manager,

the house to show what it tion he had in mind used the model to help with the design

John Aiken coined a phrase, "modern mission style," to describe the house and the way it is furnished He explains this as including a little bit each of Frank Lloyd Wright, mission, Arts and Crafts and contemporary elements

Among its features are 30degree angles, in steps, corners and where wall and ceiling meet Tiny square inlays are decorative touches in furniture and on surfaces

DINING ROOM

The addition, which is now the dining room, is a modern mission showcase It allows views of part of the 1-3/4 acres

"People have their second In the center of the room, on an area rug and under recessed lighting, is a custom-made cherry table by an Ann Arbor craftsman A sideboard, designed in Royal Oak, is along one side, under a row of hori-



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The lower level of the addition serves as John Aiken's woodworking shop Aiken, a talented woodworker, made a wood 🕞 model of the house that the McGovern firm used to help with the addition design

MODERN

"It's important to me to have

for his work

Aiken made a wood model of would look like with the addi-McGovern said the company

of the property on three sides

home up North," Aiken said "We felt we have more nature here in our neighborhood'



Gail and John Aiken of Bloomfield Hills enjoy the extra room the addition provides

At one end is a cabinet designed and built by Aiken, featuring interior lights and glass shelves

On either side of this piece is a vertical Anderson window topped with a Frank Lloyd Wright style pattern in stained glass, small windows angled to match the slope of the ceiling are above the cabi- \mathbf{net}

A row of large windows fills the third wall

WOODWORKING SHOP

The 400-square-foot woodworking shop is below the dining room

It features special electrical outlets, noise people in the family" From rocking horses, he was making such large pieces as a cherry entertainment center Aiken did the finish work himself

This included installing a wall of hidden cabinets in the living room

The ash veneer panels, which open and close with a push, hold a variety of items including books, a computer and a desk

The living room is contemporary in tone, with furnishings from Ligne Roset in Birmingham, Roche Bobois in Chicago and other stores

It features an arrangement of an Italian sectional sofa, table and lamp, narrow light poles, and black chairs A small fireplace 1s along one wall that is covered with mirrors



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insulation and a central vacuum system that keeps the wood dust out of other areas in the house

"As I grew out of that httle tiny space the projects grew, too," Aiken said "I began to get orders from different

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Maintain your central air conditioning system

he recent blast of snow and ice conditions which caused so many homeowners to lose electrical service created a surge of consumers buying new generators for emergency use Of these approximately



500,000 utility customers whose lives changed overnight, most would agree that they appreciate their electricity a little more

Whether you

went through

the power out-

a look around

age or not, take

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

the house and visualize what electricity does for you Try reading this column in the dark or setting the alarm clock for an early morning appointment What about watching your favorite television program or the Stanley Cup playoffs, or listening to your special radio program on weekend mornings? Without electricity, it might remind you of how tough life must have been in the old days and how we seemingly can t live comfortably without it

There is another time of year which can be even more unbearable without the pure gift of voltage - it's the hottest days of summer

Don't forget about the summer storms which are capable of knocking out power to many homes for several days

It's different than in winter when you can sleep in a cold house by piling on the blankets, but you just can't get comfortable trying to sleep when it's 100 degrees in the house

Let me get back for just à minute to the utility company who supplies the electricity to your home That company didn't create the storm, now did they? It didn't plant the trees that broke apart and knocked down the power lines Do we not as homeowners

bear some responsibility when it comes to prevention or maintenance? Do you ever go outside and follow the electric lines back to the pole? Your eyes could spot a potential problem

Many service calls will be necessary because customers don t maintain the unit That expensive central air system for your home also means you need to show a certain amount of diligence The condenser that sits outside (that big thing that makes all the noise) needs to be clean If it is not, the compressor will overheat and will break or will be ruined I can't tell you how many times a service technician informs a consumer they need to spend \$1,500 to change a compressor on a perfectly good unit That repair person shakes his or her head and tells the customer 'if you would only have kept this clean, this would not have happened"

Please follow these simple instructions Clear the plants and bushes away from the condenser so that it has 12 inches of breathing space all around it Take the garden hose with a nozzle and wash it down all over Rinse it several times during the summer Make sure that the power 1s off while you do this maintenance yourself

Keep reminding yourself that the temperatures in the house and the energy efficiency of your air conditioning system are very dependent on a clean condenser outside

Changing the filter in the furnace is another critical step in the upkeep of your system A dırty filter can also cause a compressor to fail by not allowing proper air movement I am not an air conditioning special-1st but my methods were learned from the experts in the field

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a m noon Saturdays and Sundays You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on week days You can call him on his show at (248) 356 1270

Key to keeping your lawn lush is maintenance

o you want your lawn to be the envy of the neighborhood? Are you tired of weeds, insects or disease plaguing Landscaper's your yard? Cove

The key to a lush, problemfree lawn 1s proper lawn maintenance Follow these

simple tips Watering Water only

African Violets Sale

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The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual spring dis play and sale 10 a m to 4 30 p m Saturday April 19 and 11 a m to 2 p m Sunday April 20 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor Admission is free Standard African violets will be for sale as well as minis semiminis and trailers

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents classes on a wide range of topics

The schedule includes these classes which meet at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza Wildflowers in the Garden (fee is \$39.50) Wednesday April 23 and Perennial Combinations (\$39 50) Thursday April 24 Register early Seating is limited For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com Pruning, fertilizing roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley owners of Great Lakes Roses are celebrating spring with a series of free public pro grams Sundays and Mondays at Great Lakes Roses 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township

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when needed - about every three days - with a thorough, even watering that reaches the roots Increase frequency in hot, dry weather or whenever the grass begins to look wilted, or has a gray tinge As a general guideline, apply

one to two inches of water per week early in the morning to reduce susceptibility of disease and keep newly seeded lawns moist until established. Fertilization Try an easy

four-step approach to fertilization with granular products specifically formulated for seasonal application Apply

GARDEN CALENDAR

Pruning and Fertilizing of Roses a hands on demonstration will be pre sented 1 p m Sunday April 20 and repeated 11 a m Monday April 21 in the display garden it will also be repeated 1 pm Sunday April 27 or 11 a m Monday April 28 Great Lakes Roses offers more than 500 varieties of roses and stocks the complete line of Felco pruners books about roses fertilizers soil amend ments and pesticides. Visit 4290 Gilda's Club www.GreatLakesRoses.com.or.call (734) 461 1230 to request a flyer

Matthaei Gardens The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Adult Education Program offers a variety of classes The schedule includes the two session Small Native Trees (fee is \$50 or \$45 for members) beginning Tuesday April 22 and the five session Mosses and Liverworts (\$125 or \$112 50 for members) beginning Wednesday April 23 Call (734) 998 7061 for information

Depression Glass Club The Great Lakes Depression Glass Club Show and Sale will feature

Depression era glass which is all glassware made in the United States from the early 1920s until mid 1940s and a few patterns in the 1950s The glass was a molded product often a

fertilizer with a crabgrass preventer before the forsythias bloom, then continue the following steps at six- to eightweek intervals For best results. use either a drop-type spreader or a broadcast spreader

Drop-type spreaders are the most accurate and good for weed-control products, whereas broadcast spreaders are the easiest and fastest to use

For best results, see your lawn care professional for details

Mowing Always use a sharp mower blade, as dull blades can cause bruised and

giveaway item with another purchase such as the dish night at the movies The show and sale takes place 10 a m 5 p m Saturday April 26 and 11 a m 4 p m Sunday April 27 at the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Building 876 Horace Brown Drive Madison Heights (west of John R and east of Stephenson Highway) Donation is \$5 For information call Madelyn Blair Fisher at (586) 739

Visit Gilda's Club 3517 Rochester Road in Royal Oak 12 30 2 30 p m Monday April 28 for a free lecture on Butterfly Gardening presented by Anton Anderssen Anderssen a cancer survivor will present Sew Seeds of Hope -Butterfly Gardening free to the com munity Learn how to devise a garden filled with flowers that attract butter flies and contain delicious scents Anderssen will present a slide show to give dozens of ideas Reservations required For information call (248) 577 0800

Garden clubs

The Federated Garden Club of Michigan District 1 will hold its annual spring meeting for garden club mem bers within District 1 at 9 a m Tuesday April 29 at the San Marino

ragged leaf tips, making grass more susceptible to disease and insects Be sure to remove only a third of the leaf blade per mowing - mowing too low can weaken grass plants

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Other helpful tips include changing direction of the mowing pattern regularly and avoiding mowing when grass is wet

Rick Vespa is vice president of land scape design and installation for English Gardens Vespa will be writing Landscaper's Cove once a month on landscaping for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Club 1685 E Big Beaver Road in Troy The meeting offers a great opportunity for attendees to meet with fellow garden club members share ideas and experiences and learn more about horticulture and flo ral design techniques The business meeting will be followed by World Gardening/Belize presented by Chris Rochman The afternoon will feature Toshi Shimoura presenting a Japanese floral design program The Language of Flowers The day will include a luncheon. The Royal Oak Garden Club will host the event For information call (248) 391 6825

Spring Open House

Dominique Browning editor in chief of House & Garden Magazine will be the special guest speaker at the Spring Open House at 1 p m Friday May 2 at the Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road (one mile east of Telegraph) in Pontiac

Browning will be signing copies of her book Around the House and In the Garden Tickets are \$24 for lunch and the book reading and signing Books are \$24 hardcover and \$12 soft cover

Reservations are required Call (248) 332 6430

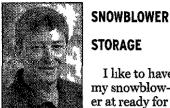




AT HOME

Make an easy switch from Cut back on that schedule snowblower to mower Each day is a whirlwind. going to be late to the office for

t's April and time to switch from the snowblower to the lawn equipment Here's a few tips on storing the snowblower and bringing out the mower



STORAGE

I like to have my snowblower at ready for next fall When that first nasty snow storm hits, all I have

to do 15 start 1t

(OK, since my

wife is looking

Harry Jachym

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over my shoulder, I said I like to have the snowblower ready, that doesn't mean I always do But it is warmer now than when that first snow comes)

Change the oil on a fourcycle engine Old oil sitting in the engine over the off-season can shorten the life of the engine Again, it's easier to do this now than in cold weather Be sure to properly dispose of the old oil

A new spark plug only costs a few dollars, but will make the first start easier in the fall While the plug is removed, spray a little foaming oil (available at most auto parts store) into the cylinder through the spark plug hole This will keep

the cylinder and piston from corroding

Look over the snowblower for any signs of worn or broken parts Pay particular attention to belts, augers or paddles, wiper bars, cables and for any lose fasteners Tighten lose nuts, bolts and screws and replace parts as needed

Though some insist on draining gas from the tank and running the engine until dry. I prefer to use a fuel stabilizer (such as Sta-Bil) in all the gasoline I purchase for my snowblower or lawn mower This way fuel can be left in the tank during the off-season staying reasonably fresh

BEFORE THE FIRST MOW

If you didn't change the oil and spark plug and do the other things you were supposed to do to your lawn mower in the fall (see above for storing snowblowers), do them first

Look around the mower for any signs of loose or broken parts and repair as necessary

Check the blade If it is dull or nicked, remove it, but before removing the blade, remove the spark plug wire from the spark plug (This disconnection will prevent the engine from starting, which can cause serious injury) Take the blade into a lawn mower

repair shop for sharpening While at the mower shop, pick up an extra blade This way you can have one to use while the other is being sharpened Once your snowblower is ready for storage and the lawn mower 1s ready to use, get out and enjoy a beautiful spring day

A READER WRITES

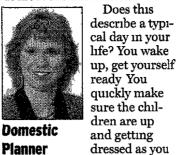
After reading my column about garage door maintenance, Ken asked about noise from his garage door opener, which occurs mostly when the door is being opened He thought the noise might be from a bad bearing in the opener unit, since it is about 15 vears old

In most cases, if there seems to be more noise coming from an opener during opening rather than closing, it is likely that the counterbalance springs need adjusting If adjusting is in order, I can't caution you enough to leave this to a qualified person Garage door torsion springs are under great tension and can cause serious injury if improperly adjusted

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There is more to do and less time to do it. I have trouble sleeping and relaxing. My house looks like a mess.



and getting dressed as you race to the kitchen to prepare breakfast, sack lunches,

and grab a quick cup of coffee

As you feed the dog you realize you forgot to fill out your sons school forms that are due today You try to clear a place on the counter to fill out the forms until the ringing of the telephone interrupts you It is your carpool driver who has a sick child and will not be driving today You realize you are

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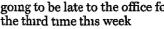
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ın tıme Jewelry, furnıture, decorative items, memorabilia and vintage clothing will be featured at the exposition

All the enticing memorabilia is certain to reawaken fond memories and allure a heartfelt purchase

But how will you know the 1960s concert poster that reminds you of your first love is worth the money? Here are some tips to keep in

mind when swooning over that



You scramble with your three children out the door You arrive late to work, thus setting the stage for a stressful day You leave work early to drive carpool Your evening consists of dance lessons, soccer, football practice, school meeting, fast food for dinner, laundry, and a feeble attempt to collect house clutter You fall into bed late, tired, and defeated You have just dressed yourself for stress Here are some tips so you can dress for success instead of stress

Do not pack each day to capacity Purge your busy schedule so you are not constantly moving from one activity to another Limit the amount of volunteer work you do Limit the amount of extra curricular activities each child does

Get up 10 minutes early so you can enjoy your cup of coffee without interruptions

Before you go to bed at night start sack lunches, lay

'50s dinette set before you make your acquisition

Do your research If you are just beginning your journey into the intriguing antiques and collectibles world, take a little time to visit a few landmarks along the way You can use the local library or visit the Internet There are many Web sites that provide pictures, descriptions and even costs for a particular object Be wellread and aware of what you are after

Check out the background of the dealer Reputable dealers are happy to talk with you and make you feel comfortable Ask them how long they have

out clothes, check notes in children's backpacks, and make a 'to do list' for the following day

Give yourself a mini massage during the day on the back of your neck and the top of your head to relieve stress

Laughter is great medicine It helps your body relax Read a funny book or go to a comedy show with a friend

Spray your house with your favorite fragrance or burn scented candles in the evening before bed

■ Listen to your favorite music at home or in the car This should be music that relaxes and calms you

Do not make mountains out of molehills Accept the things you can not change and change the things you can

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been a dealer, what shows they go to, whether or not they have a shop, where it is located and how long they have been in business

Think about the four things most experienced collectors do Impulse buying is fun and appropriate for many But if you are limited to a budget and looking for a good investment, consider these four issues What is the condition of the piece, how rare is it, how desirable is it, and what does it cost? Weighing these factors will help make the most of your investment dollars and help you enjoy collecting for years to come



Three Piece Oak Deluxe Wall Unit





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Jacque Martin-Downs

Does your anxiety control you?

Susan had just moved into a beautiful new ⁸home Her 11-month old baby was just beginning to walk, and for the first time m her six years of marriage, she was able to stay home full time

Life was good or was it? It was at that time when things started to change Her adorable husband, whom she worshiped, was gaining notoriety for his 'account-building" abilities at the brokerage company where he worked His nights home were now fewer than his nights out with clients

It began with her heightened anxiety about him Fretting about his whereabouts, she would call his cell phone several times each night, checking in with him and finding out when he would be home She then went on a rampage of cleaning Day after day, she obsessed about the cleanliness of the kitchen floor and how perfect the house needed to look

As she attempted to step out and meet the other mothers in her neighborhood, she felt herself becoming fearful about how she would appear to them after all, now she was 'just" a stay-at-home mom Somehow, that didn't seem to have as much clout as her former title, director of human resources She failed to remember that all of the other mothers were "just stay-at-home moms" as well

She became hysterical when her baby coughed in

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PHOTOS BY JIM JAGFELD I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Eleanor Smith of Livonia poses in one of her favorite Easter hats and coats, circa 1950 Of



his sleep, believing that he could have croup and she might not be able to stop it She started to believe the house wasn t secure enough and insisted that her husband sign them up with a 24-hour-a-day alarm company When her husband commented one day that she seemed overly anxious about everything, she began thinking that she might be worrying too much Her intellectual side knew it didn't help to dwell on her worries, but it didn't lessen the constant feelings of anxiety that lingered over her like a dark cloud

Finally, after months of sharing her concerns with her husband, he suggested that she go to their family doctor and get a physical She reluctantly made the appointment, wondering if she would be brave enough to tell him about her worries

When Dr Smith asked her how she was doing with all the new changes in her life, she sheepishly stared at the floor and replied, 'Well, I have been miserable" The floodgates then opened and her inner turmoil poured out Dr Smith couldn't have been more helpful

"Susan," he said calmly "You are suffering from generalized anxiety 'disorder, GAD And I'd like to share the hallmark signs of GAD anxiety First, all of us have worries Sometimes we have two or three things we worry about and that is quite normal But people with GAD have a tendency to worry for protracted periods of time

"Since you told me that the anxiety began around six months ago, when you

moved, that's one of the trademarks of GAD six months or more of anxiety Another red flag is what a person worries about Many

of their worries are

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In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade I'll be all n clover and when they look you over, I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade. On the avenue, fifth Avenue, the photographers will snap us, And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet, And of the girl I'm taking to the Easter Parade

Written by Irving Berlin



Expert says every woman can wear a hat

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

course, she is wearing white goves

Wide brim, medium brim, no brim, pillbox, sailor and beret Flowers, feathers, ribbons and tulle

But most of all, lots o. straw, which heralds the end of winter and the advent of spring

We're talking Easter tonnets, the crowning glory for man/women until the 1960s, when hats serined to lose their fashion sense

But did they? Or is wearing a hat a matter of attitude?

Custom milliner Gena Conti of Wyandotte, whose handhade creations cost \$200-\$300 and more, believes a woman is not fully drested until she puts on her hat.

She recently gave a presentation on hats to members of the Redford

Suburban League, a women's charitable organization marking its 48th anniversary

"This is my passion," said Conti. wearing a wide-brimmed hat in a multi-colored fabric of green, cream and black. "Men love women in hats Everyone can wear a hat. It has to be the right hat Cocktail hats are especially popular Hats are sexy I don't. care if you're 90, sexy is fun

Lillian Malley, vice president of the Redford Suburban League, wore a wide-brimmed red straw to the luncheon

She has a collection of 23 hats "I love the wide brims I particularly like matching hats with complete outfits To me, the hat is the frosting on the cake," she said

PLEASE SEE BONNETS, C6

Gena Conti speaks about hats while one of her creations sits on display

Picture this, five girls, five new Easter bonnets

BY THERESE EAVES CORRESPONDENT

I grew up in a Catholic family, the middle child of five children My dad, Joe Rohatynski, was a supervisor for General Motors and my mother, Gladys, was a stayat-home mom We lived in Livonia

Holidays were always a big occasion at our house Easter was one of the biggest Mom and Dad were up at dawn to put on the ham (which was always huge) and the kielbasa

Homemade cabbage rolls were cooking and homemade pierogies were waiting under a clean towel, ready to be boiled Dozens of eggs were already decorated and stored in the refrigerator, to be part of the

PLEASE SEE FAMILY, C6



(From left) Mom Gladys Rohatynski oldest sister Linda Scussel of Northville, Joanne Siefert of Plymouth, Therese Eaves of Redford, and youngest sister Karen Ward of West Branch in 1966

A few good eggs take time, talent, 'pure days'

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of years ago when an Ukrainian woman had a pure" day - one free of gossip and marked by doing good deeds she rught have spent a few

hours in the candlelight that night decorating chicken eggs

"The intricate designs on the eggs require a clear mind So it was on these so-called pure days that women turned eggs into what is now considered art," said Sandy Ewasek of Livonia, who is herself a "pysaky," an egg artıst

When the beautifully designed eggs were completed, Ukrainian women back then, and to this day, gave them as gifts to beloved family and friends Also, in times past, the decorated eggs were placed on the graves of departed loved ones"

Ewasek's interest in these exqui site eggs began when she married her half-Ukrainian husband, Richard, almost 19 years ago She admired his parents' egg collection and decided to learn how to create

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unrealistic and go beyond a reasonable concern about a negative outcome For instance, I know your pediatrician has told you that your son's coughing in the middle of the night is nothing to be concerned about But I am afraid that hasn't allayed your fears about him having a more serious illness 1 suspect your fears are out of proportion for the events Are you able to distract yourself when you want to call your husband for the third time each evening?"

She shook her head "No, I cannot override my

negative thoughts I just need to hear his voice"

Dr Smith continued

"GAD affects only 2 to 5 percent of the population, and occurs in twice as many women as men Perhaps it's because men mask anxiety through other behaviors Often people do not get the proper treatment they need for it because they believe that no one would understand what is going on with them So the worry and the depression only increase My recommendation for you is for you to take an antidepressant for a short spell, but simultaneously, I want you to begin with cognitive behavior therapy with a therapist who specializes in it The value of the therapy is that is will challenge the distorted thoughts that fuel your anxiety'

With the prescription in hand, Susan walked out of his office with a new confidence that she wasn't crazy, and that the anxiety was going to get taken care of

Anxious to get her old self back, she drove home and could already feel her shoulders relaxing, before she even took the first pill¹

Jacque Martin-Downs is a child and adolescent therapist in private practice in Livonia

FAMILY FROM PAGE C5

Easter baskets that were filled and hidden for all five of us

Visits to Paris Bakery had been made for angel wings, egg bread and bubka (coffeecake) The house had been

cleaned from top to bottom in preparation for the holiday and the relatives who would be over for dinner

My parents went all out for us kids They bought all of us complete new outfits Mind

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them herself Her husband's aunt and a Ukrainian nun in Canada got her started with the basics, some equipment and a few how-to books That introduction has resulted in the creation of more than a thousand eggs over the years, most of which are her own designs

THE PROCESS

Measuring the egg, which is first cleaned in white vinegar, and making equally spaced pencil marks so that the repetitive designs are symmetrical is the first step of this Ukrainian craft

With a "kisky," a tool with a minute funnel that contains melted beeswax (it's passed over the flame of a candle to melt), Ewasek draws on the lines and designs she wants to remain white Then the egg is dipped in yellow dye

Again, she uses the kisky to cover the areas she wants to remain yellow This process is repeated over and over again with the next dye color, which is orange, then red and finally black By the time the complete design is on the egg, much of it is covered with beeswax you, this was no easy feat for a family with five children My brother, Joe Jr, who was the youngest, always had a new suit and shoes The four of us girls also received new outfits, which included dresses, shoes, gloves, coats and, of course, new Easter bonnets

Growing up in the '60s and being a Catholic female meant that you wore a covering on your head in church Easter was a time to celebrate and break away from the usual mantilla or scarf It was spring once again – Alleluia, Christ had risen – and it was time for a new Easter bonnet

"These are the traditional colors, although any color can be used In addition to the colors mentioned above, Ukrainian eggs tend to be decorated with certain designs which are symbolic of spring (flowers), good health (wheat), prosperity (deer), being part of the universe (sun, moon and stars), as well as other blessings"

After the egg is decorated, Ewasek 'blows out" its contents by making a small hole in one end

She uses an ear syringe to shoot air into the egg to break up the yolk. The contents can then be emptied out of the egg through the hole

To complete and preserve the egg, she removes the beeswax and gives it two coats of varnish

"Ukrainian women (and this craft has always been primarily a 'woman thing') weren't the first to decorate eggs This custom is centuries old and predates Christianity It was the Ukrainians, however, who elevated it to an art"

A PEACEFUL HOBBY

According to Ewasek, creating the eggs has been a relaxing and peaceful hobby It's these same benefits that draw her to her other interest She's an avid gardener and likes to take the same creativity she uses to transform eggs to the Our bonnets were as individual as we were and sometimes took a couple shopping trips to find the perfect one

PICTURE PERFECT

Getting dressed on time Easter morning was a challenge We shared one bathroom for five females By the time everyone was through, there were some temper flareups (Aren't you through in there yet? Hurry up') Eventually, we were all dressed and ready for church Now came the part we

dreaded To memorialize the

land "But creating eggs is the most challenging activity, especially if I use smaller eggs, such as those from quails, parrots and cockatiels" (She has a friend who raises birds and gives her the unfertilized eggs)

Ewasek's daughters, Andrea, 13, and Laurie, 10, are also egg artists Under their mother's guidance, they began decorating eggs when they were about 5 years old

"I made them wait until I was sure that they wouldn't set their hair on fire with the candle," she said

Her passion for decorated eggs has taken her to "egg shows" for supplies, demonstrations and the opportunity to learn more about the designs and history of this art form She also likes meeting other "egg ladies" and sharing ideas with them and selling her eggs

eggs "We have a wonderful Egg Fair, held every year in Dearborn Ukrainian eggs, as well as Polish 'scratch' (the design is not put on, but scratched off), Faberge and Czech eggs are on display and available for purchase," she added

This year's Egg Fair will be held from 10 a m to 5 p m Saturday, May 3, and from 10 a.m to 4 p m Sunday, May 4, at Holiday Inn Fairlane For information call (586)

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holiday my father would assemble us on the FRONT lawn, hot the back, to take our picture

By this time, no one wanted to staid next to anyone, much less spiak to each other, except ny Dad, who was yelling 'Be quiet' Now smile, damn it'" Neighbors would be watching with their own smiles as we all tried to pretend that we were somewhere else I pretended that I vas really an only child who had somehow gotten mixed ip with this large, loud family.

Amazingly enough, our

BONNETS

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HATS, HATS, HATS

The vomen attending the event wore hats that showed off a variety of attitudes – saucy, jaunty, fun and downright glamorus

"Hat express an attitude I think over the years it was a way for wonen to express themselves,"said Betsy McRae of Redford, deputy clerk of Redford Township

Lillin Papich of Farmington Hills wore a blue felt with a big red rose pinned boldly in front She bught it from Jacobson's 20 years ago and once loaned it to het finend, Carole Rhode, who needed just the right hat for a play in which she was appening "She was Miss Megabucks," said Papich

"I had a royal blue dress and Lulhah said, 'I have just the hat for yd.," said Rhode, who used to work for the Redford Chamber of Commerce

Joyce Harner, a league member fibm Waterford, also is a membr of the Red Hat Society, a organization of fun-loving women somewhere between their prime and their golden years who "dare to wear purple and spit on the sidewalk"

"There's thousands and thousand of women in it," she said "It's spictly a fun group, no pictures turned out looking like we actually were a happy bunch, which deep down we were

Years later, when my son was in junior high football, his coach was a neighborhood boy I had grown up with

Bob remembered watching the picture-taking ordeal of my family, which has turned into a precious memory, evoked when I think of my Easter bonnet

Terese Eaves now lives in Redford Her mother has passed away but her father lives in Westland Brother Joe Jr lives in Howell

fund-raisers, just fun"

Harner, of course, was wearing a red hat and a purple suit. The hat, she said, "symbolizes that I'm going out to have fun with a bunch of friends"

A HAT IN THE CROWD

Mary Sidick of Canton was the only women attending 11 a.m Mass at St John Neumann Church last Easter who wore a hat People who know her didn't find it surprising

"I'm kind of known as the lady with hats," she said Even her husband gets in the act "He has every color of beret under the sun"

Will Sidick wear a signature hat this Easter? "Oh of course, come rain or come shine"

Eleanor Smith of Livonia has worn an Easter bonnet since she was a child

Today, parishioners at St Priscilla Church count on her wearing a hat on Easter Sunday She fondly remembers a lavender, oval-brimmed hat she wore in the late 1950s with a turquoise and lavender plaid coat with three-quarterlength sleeves she made Of course, she wore the requisite white gloves

Smith continues to prefer wide-brimmed hats

"I just think ladies look elegant in them," she said "They're dressy They just make people's heads turn when you wear them"

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EVENTS

Single Adult Ministries

Single Adult Ministries of Ward **Evangelical Presbyterian Church** invites singles to join more than 500 single adults 11 30 a m every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement The Rev Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and rela tionship with God Coffee doughnuts and conversation SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to have a newsletter sent call the SPM office at (248) 374 5920

Classic Senior Singles

Bible Study at 10 a m Thursdays in Room C307 Studies are an excellent way to familiarize yourself with the Bible and grow spiritually

Single Parents

Wednesday evening program 7815 pm in the Single Point Office Join in for fellowship and interesting discus SIONS

Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward **Evangelical Presbyterian Church** offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside rain or shine Open to all fitness levels

Lighthouse Cafe

Join in for an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live enter tainment supplied by other Single Pointers from 7 p m to 10 p m on April 18 in Knox Hall Cost is \$5 Hot dogs other goodies and fantastic spe

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SINGLES CALENDAR

cialty coffees are offered **Metropolitan Single Professionals**

Co-Ed Golf League Sign-Up Meetings Any Monday at 7 30 p m in April at the Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River east of Drake in Farmington Hills. Last golf sign up meeting is Sunday May 4 at 10 30 a m

Co-Ed Summer Softball

Teams now forming for Sunday nights Practice in April games starting in May Sign Up Meetings any Monday at 7 pm March 31 through April 28 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills

Book Discussion Group

MSP s book discussion group meets 7 30 p m the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills Borders will offer a 20 percent discount on all titles cho sen for discussion **Co-Ed Bowling League**

Leagues bowl every other Sunday night All levels of bowlers are wel come The league will play at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills League begins at 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$14 per week RSVP by sending \$52 to cover the last two weeks of the season and the registration fee Selective Singles Social and Travel Club

For people 35 years old and up Activities include dinners dances cards camping theater sports travel To learn more about the club call (248) 435 5320 or go to

www.ssstc.org Fun & Fine Dining Parties

Want it?

Join in every Thursday. Our goal is to provide our members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area Meeting on April 24 in the lounge between 6 and 7 30 pm at Dick O Dows located at 160 W Maple Road in Birmingham Call (248) 642 1135 for further information

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Single Mingle Dances

Meet new friends dance and socialize anytime from 8 pm to 1 am There will be a top 40 D J Cash Bar hors d oeuvres and door prizes Admission is \$5 for members/\$8 for non-mem bers The ballrooms are nonsmoking and attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) On April 25 at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia located on Six Mile at 1 275

Euchre

From 6 30 9 30 p m every Monday at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River Ave just east of Drake in Farmington Hills The cost is \$5 for members \$6 for nonmembers Everyone is well come

Volleyball

Due to the popularity of volleyball Open Drop in Co Ed Volleyball is offered every Tuesday now thru April from 6 45 9 45 p m in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School 4200 Quarton Road just west of Telegraph The cost is \$5 for members \$6 for nonmembers

West Side Singles

Dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor located on Schoolcraft service drive just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public Doors open from 8 pm to 1 a m 25 years of age and older Dressy attire required held in

nonsmoking ballrooms with a disc jockey and budget bar Admission price is \$4 before 8 30 p.m. and \$6 after 8 30 p m For information call Anita at (734)

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Sundays 10 a m breakfast at Redford Grille corner of Five Mile and Beech Daly Optional Mass at St Aidan s at 11 30 a m on Farmington north of Six Mile

Tuesday s Coffee & Conversation at Thomas Family Dining at 33971 Plymouth Road Livonia between Stark and Farmington roads at 6 30 pm

Monthly meetings are 8 p.m. the third Saturdays at St Kenneth Church Hall 14951 Haggerty between Five Mile and Schoolcraft Dances are on the first Saturday of every month at St Robert Bellarmine Church gym corner of Inkster and West Chicago in Redford Doors open at 730 p.m. dance from 8 pm to midnight Cost is \$9 and Dick Gerathy is the disc jockey Refreshments

Monthly dinners are the first Thursday of each month Call Kathy at (734) 513 9479 for reservations Bowling party at 2 p m at Oak Lanes on Middlebelt next to Rams Horn in Westland Cost is \$12 No reserva tions required Call Judy at (734) 261 5630

Humane society program offers pet vaccinations

This spring and summer, the Michigan Humane Society will offer a series of free "Protect A Pet" vaccination clinics for dogs and cats who are healthy and over six weeks of age

The Michigan Humane Society is now in its 126th year of service to the pets and people of metro Detroit Started in 1991, the Michigan Humane Society "Protect A Pet" vaccination clinics are designed to help pet owners on low or fixed incomes by providing free ageappropriate vaccinations against distemper and other diseases

Since the inception of the clinics in 1991, the Michigan Humane Society has vaccinated over 26,000 animals, providing over 45,000 life-saving vaccinations

"Without this service, thousands of metro area pets would go unprotected from common life-threatening illnesses,' says Dr Robert Fisher, Director of Clinics for the Michigan Humane Society "Immunizing cats and dogs helps prevent the spread of disease in the community, which is vital to both the pets and people we serve"

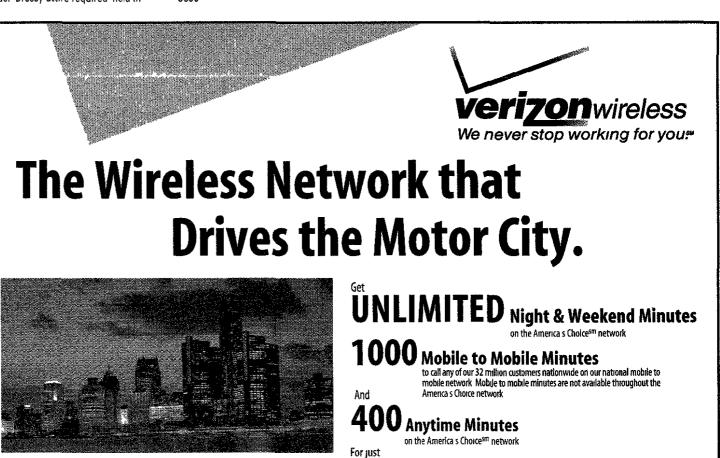
To be provided are combination vaccinations protecting against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus for healthy dogs over six weeks of age, combination panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calici vaccinations for healthy cats over six weeks of age, and Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats over four months of age

The following clinics will operate from 10 a.m. until 2 рm

April 19 - Howell Park, Detroit

May 17 - Clark Park, Detroit June 28 - Balduck Park, Detroit

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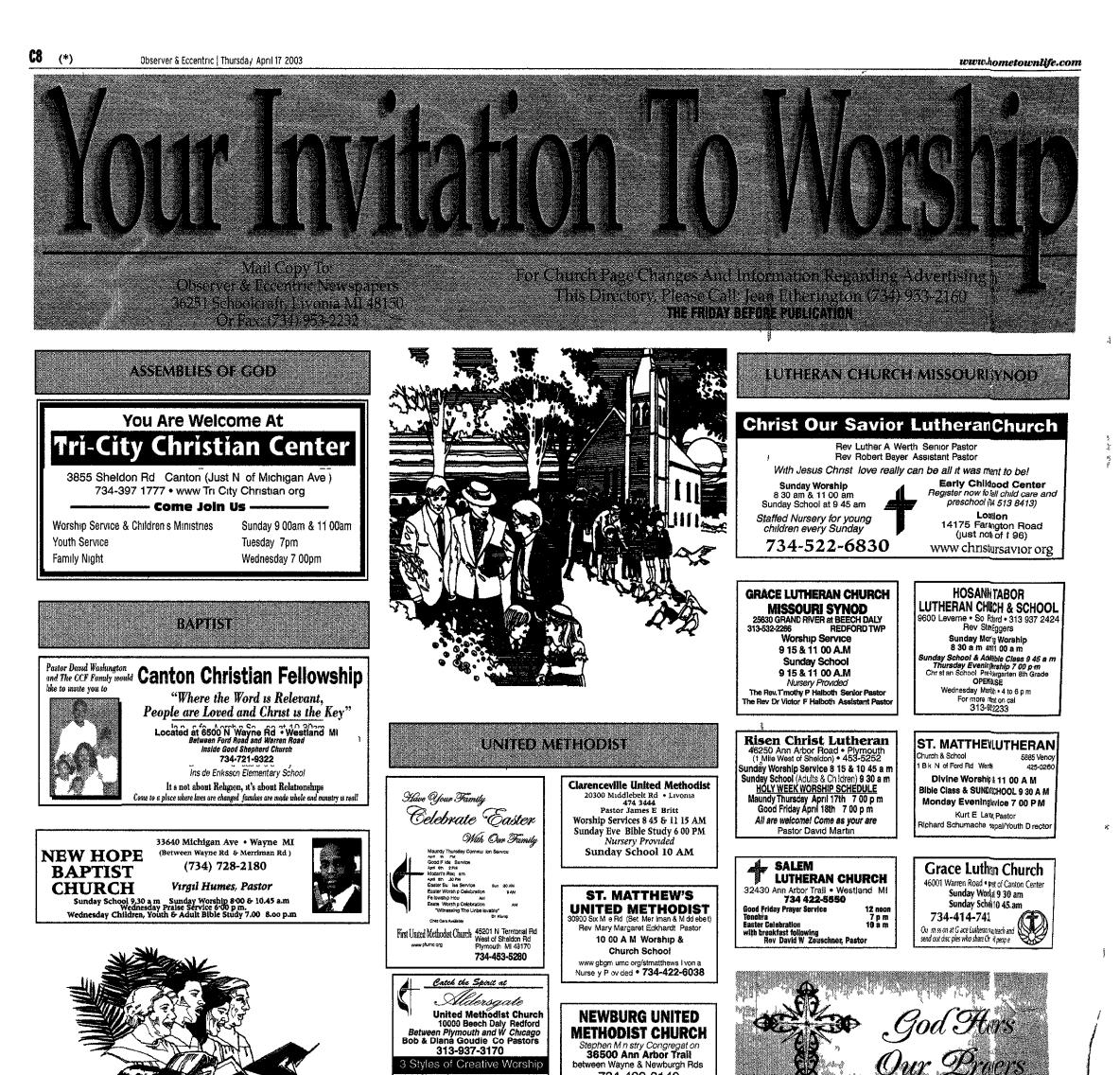
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The Good News

through His prophets It is about His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ as to His humanity, He was born a descendant of David, as to His divine holiness, He was shown with great power to be the Son of God by being raised from death ' (Romans 1 2-4)

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And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. R.S.V. John 10:28

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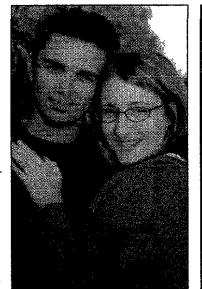
Bartholomew-Pace

Ron and Cheryl Bartholomew of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Kimberley, to Jason Richard Pace of Clarkston

Kristin is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She will graduate in May from Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work.

Her fiancé, Jason, 15 the son of Bob and Judy Lawson of Clarkston and Dennis Pace and Anne Grofvert of Dimondale He is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He is employed with EDS in Troy

The couple is planning a June wedding in Transfiguration Church, Detroit. They will be making their new home in Sterling Heights



Corliss-Underwood

Charles and Susan Corhss of Bridgman announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan, to Anthony

Underwood of Grand Rapids Megan 1s a 2001 graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids She is employed at DTS Architects and works as a freelance illustrator

Her fiance, Anthony, 1s the son of William and Yonnie Underwood of Westland He also is a 2001 graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design He is a web designer/multimedia designer at Ignition New Media Workshop

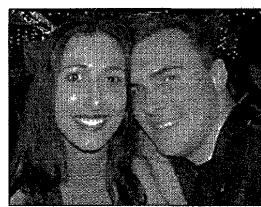
The couple is planning an October wedding in Bridgman



Kıtzman of Garden Cıty Laura is a graduate of Dearborn High School She is a nursing student at Henry Ford Community College and is working at Garden City Hospital in the emergency room

Her fiance, Jeffrey, 1s the son of Bruce and Nancy Vallimont of Garden City, and Phillip and Arlıss Kıtzman of Carrollton, Texas He is a graduate of Plano Senior High School, Plano, Texas, and a graduate of Texas Tech University He is employed with the city of Inkster as a firefighter

The couple is planning to wed June 2004



Chaudhri-Lenz

Vijay and Carol Chaudhri of Plymouth (formerly of Livonia) announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiran Anne Chaudhri to Orin Carl Lenz of Howell

Kıran ıs a 1994 graduate of Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor where she earned her bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and political science She is currently pursuing her M B.A. in global management She is employed at Ford Motor Co as a business analyst

Her fiancé Orin, is the son of Jerry and Kathie Lenz of Hastings. He is a 1994 graduate of Hastings High School and a 1997 graduate of Kellogg's Community College with an associate's degree in drafting and design technology He is currently working at Magna as an automotive designer

The couple is planning a November wedding at The Hindu Temple in Canton with a reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth

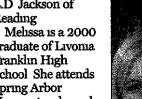
Vann-Jackson

Vann of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to L.D Jackson of Reading

graduate of Livonia Franklin High School She attends Spring Arbor is a junior majoring in social work.

Wayne and Pam

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a 2000 graduate from Reading High School He attends Spring Arbor

University and is a junior with a business management major He also runs track.

The couple is planning to wed August 2004, in Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City

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Ad# 403970 42 yr old blonde Polish female wishes to meet blonde Catholic looks like elf **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

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55 yrs young female looking for an honest caring man with a sense of humor who likes dancing and quiet times alone Friends first possibl relationship Ad# 403904

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55 yr old female widow 57 140 lbs employed has two grown daughters Enjoys sports long walks quiet evenings movies Looking for a man 510 and up height weight proportionate sincere cing not into mind games Ad# 403910

32 yr old single mother of one red/blonde hair blue LOOKING FOR YOU eyes 5.6 If you are interest ed give me a call Ad# 403984

Single white female dark brown har and eyes Enjoys b king bowling movies can dle light dinners dancing camping Seeking a single white male who is honest outgoing and enjoys a variety of interests Ad# 403895

ALL FOR YOU Single white female blonde 56 135 ibs 60 non smok eniovs dancing dining

KEEP IT REAL Handsome single black male brown eyes smart 39 61 honest caring good listener easy going Enjoys reading music movies travel shop ping Seeks female any race 25 to 55 Ad# 403876 I LL MAKE YOUR DAY 45 yr old female non smoker 5.8 medium build fit romantic Enjoys working out outdoors Looking for non smoking male who is health

conscious enjoys working out For long term relation ship Ad# 403891 NO GAMES 56 yr old female 5 enjoys movies walks cards Looking for an honest and caring

good hearted man with good morals Ad# 403889 **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

Divorced white mother of one 29 non smoker 5 4 120 ibs blonde hair blue eyes Enjoys golf roller blading camping fishing Seeks sin gie white male 29 to 34 who s honest fit intelligent ood looking car ing decent and likes children Ad# 403886

FIND UR FUTURE Single female who likes church being home and being home and more Looking for single male who likes having fun travel ing a 403674 and more Ad#

KEEP ME COMPANY Retired senior citizen late 60 s enjoys almost every thing specially traveling Looking for a single male in

the same situation 65 to 75 for companionship Ad# 403670

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40 possessing beauty brains

and elegance seeks success

ful gentleman 46 plus to

enjoy the finer things in life together Ad# 403968

24 yr old professional mom of one 52 125 lbs blond

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movies etc. Searching for a single white male 24 to 30

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ZEST FOR LIFE

ARE WE COMPATIBLE? Old fashioned white female retired 5.2 medium build nice looking Likes golf movies dining out Seeks old fashioned good looking Italian gentleman 50 to 60 non smoker financially secure healthy clean Ad# 403847

YOU AND ME IN 2003

Single female 35 white pro fessional blue eyes inde pendent home owner Likes music animals gardening Looking for a single male open to new things zest for infe honest and sincere Age and race open! Ad# and race open! 403962

SERIOUS LOVE 45 yr old divorced white female 5.5 130 lbs dark shoulder length hair brown eves smoker occasional drinker Enjoys boating camping fishing dancing dining in or out and cuddling Seeking asingle male roman tic who likes children for a one on Ad# 403961

ZEST FOR LIFE Single female mid 30 s pas sionate attractive red hair green eyes Enjoys music movies dining dancing sports etc Searching for a handsome funny confident fun to be with sociable male with a zest for life Ad# 403657

START AS FRIENDS

R U COMPARABLE? 48 yr old single female who enjoys outdoors dining out and more Searching for a single kind male with a great heart and a sense of humor Ad# 403656 birelationship



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I CONSIDER MYSELF

owner with Ad# 403650

A rare find! 40 yr old single

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Friendship possible long term

27 yr old African American mother of one 56 medium

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> THE BEST IS YET 2 B 29 yrs old 519 170 lbs educated attractive single white male likes travel dining out sports, family and having fun Seeks classy attractive active white female 22 to 29 who likes havinfun Ada 403707

ENHANCE MY LIFE 23 yr old white male search ing for a black female 26 to 35 for friendship Ad# 403712

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U Single white male 29 511 medium build blond hair hazel eves. Seeking attractive single white female who enjoys outdoors sports and mole Ad# 403931

READY SET PHONE 36 yr old 63 white male never married childless with great sense of humor Enjoys sports movies and more Searching for an attrac tive form female for dating possible more Age is open Ad# 403940

I'D LIKE 2 MEET U!!! 47 yr old single white non smoker father of three 62 246 lbs with blue eyes blond hair and attractive Interests are hunting fishing garden boating traveling Would like to meet aic ING traveling lady who s in search of a true companion she should Ad# 403943

ARE U THE ONE? 18 yr old 510 170 lbs sin gle male is looking for a single female 18 to 25 to go out and have fun Ad# 403941

WOMAN OF MY DREAM Single male 29 510 175 Ibs strawberry blond hair is looking for attractive single or divorced white female 22 to 29 active with a positive outlook of life and who will make me laugh Ad# 403934

JUST & CALL AWAY 50 yr old single retired male 5 10 180 lbs good shape Looking for a white female

WANTED FULL FIGURED 40 yr old white male 510 220 lbs brown hair and eyes Seeks full figured woman 25 to 50 any race for fun times Ad# 403922 A GOOD CATCH

VISA

56 yr old white male 57 medium build fit brown hair hazel eyes neat beard teacher Likes outdoors fish ing travel dining out muse ums plays art shows Seeks woman mid 40s to 50s attracive fit intelligent for long term relationship 403918 Ad#

NOTHING VENTURED nothing gained¹ 50 yr old divorced white male 6 180 lbs brown hair and eyes good sense of humor down to earth adventurous Seeks lady 39 to 52 petite to aver age build down to earth senseof humor Ad# 403926

PICK UP THE PHONE

48 yr old male father of one medium build brown hair blue eyes good secure job smoker spontaneous loves outdoors and hot rods. Seeks female around his age Ad# 403927

NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT Attractive male from Detroit 30 brown skin 230 lbs inde pendent seeks spec woman who enjoys travel pendent special Ad# 403973

SOUND INTERESTING?

Handsome single black male 6 1 cocoa complexion employed smart honest car ing good listener smoker Enjoys reading cooking beaches music movies trav el shopping dining out strongfinancially Seeks secure black female 26 to 55 Ad# 403916 WALK THIS WAY

40 yr old male 6 6 225 lbs employed Likes concerts dirt biking photography arcades Seeks non smoking female height/proportionate 25 to 30 Ad# 403893 HOW ABOUT IT?

with weight proportionate Ad# 403937 to fall in love

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FOREVER YOUNG Youthful late 60s working professional 5.11 225 lbs gray hair Looking for a young at heart affectionate caring lady 50 to 60 to share retire ment and the rest of our lives Must be attractic and unafraid Ad# 403915

No Limits On Love!! ris all-new and it's here now! PERSONALS LIKE NOTHING YOU'VE EVER SEEN OR HEARD BEFORE! PERFECT CHEMISTRY JUST YOU AND I 44 vr old full figured black Single female who enjoys

Attractive outgoing female 57" 200 lbs blonde hair green eyes easy to talk to Likes music going out walk ing cuddling meeting new people Seeks very honest male for friends first possi

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Interests

and more Oakland County preferred Ad# 403699

FRIENDS FIRST 42 yrs old male likes going to church conversation Seeks female for friendship

first Ad# 403696 **CAREER MINDED A PLUS** 20 yrs old 160 lbs 53 sin gle female likes animals bowling reading dancing Seeks career minded single white male 20 to 25 non smoker and non drinker weight/height proportionate Ad# 403703

WHAT LIFE OFFERS

yr old fit single black female seeks single black male 40 to 45 who is fit and employed Likes life movies jazz and more 403710 Ad#

403974 **READY TO SETTLE DOWN** 9 yr old single white mothe full figured 59 ០ពe auburn hair brown eyes

Enjoys camping country music playing cards NASCAR quiet evenings at home Seeks family man 30 to 45 over 59 non smoker who is ready to settle down Ad# and enjoy family 403930

ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE White Christian female attractive enjoys playing board games writing gospel music singing dining out movies sports classic cars dressing up like a lady. Seeks down to earth Christian gen tleman 35 to 53 non smok

er non drinker

57 thick but shapely enjoys working out Seeks male 28 to 35 race unimportant chil dren welcome Tattoos and

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Enjoys sports sewing interi

or design Seeks intelligent

fun family oriented financial

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employed plus size 52

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MOM OF ONE

34 yrs old single white full figured female likes Bingo movies the mall and more Seeks single Hispanic or white male 28 to 45 who likes having fun Ad# 403708

WAITING AND HOPING 50 yr old non smoking non drinking childless single Hispanic female Searching for a single male 56 to 65 for friendship Ad# 403711

MISSING U IN MY LIFE Financially secure employed single mother of two looking for a single male with good family values who would like to do things together Ada 403932

INTERESTED?

Employed 30 yr old single mother of one Looking for a single male who s interested In meeting a full figured female Ad# 403933

LIFE PARTNER WANTED

56 yr old single female who eniovs outdoors and the sim ple things in life Searching for a caring male to spend quality time together holding hands cuddling and more Ad# 403938 403923

LOOKING FOR YOU PICK UP THE PHONE 22 yr old single African Divorced mother of one American female mother of petite brown hair and eyes one non smoker Enjoys educated employed Likes shopping movies long walks water sports rock concerts in the park Seeking non roller skating Seeks hand smoking male children ok some guy 30 s to enjoy life Ad# 403924 with one step at a time Children okay Ad# 403688

JUST WHAT YOU NEED Single female brown skin 136 lbs 5 4 works out looks acod is honest Loves music walks antiques and having fun Seeks honest man who is not afraid to share himself Ad# 403972

LOOKING FOR YOU 21 vr old black female brown skin smoker likes music reading movies Seeks intelli gent honest loval good look ing caring male 25 to 35 prefers smoker Ad#

403919 togethers Seeks employed SEEKING MR RIGHT 42 yr old divorced white mother of two average height and weight Loves animals

make her laugh non drinker preferred Ad# 403878 cookouts family get togeth ers sports camping hiking bike riding fishing Seeks down to earth romantic hard working caring male for seri ous relationship

Ad#

painting and sports events music and flea markets and Searching for a single male life Would like to share life with similar interests Ad# with a humorous man Ad# 403860 404117

MAKE ME SMILE

Single white mother of one 25 5 4 125 lbs brown hall professional and eyes Enjoys dancing movies sports Seeks male 25 to 40 who enjoys life and can make her smile Let's get to know eachther and then see what happens¹ Ad# 403682

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY African American female 28

ests for friendship and may Ad# 403868 piercings are a plus THINKING OF YOU 403683

24 yr old white single Christian female full figured likes church long walks movies candlelight dinner and more Searching for a single Christian male of any race 26 to 35 who share similarinterests Ad# 403866

COULD BE THE ONE

Pretty gentle warm 5 6 blonde slender advanced slender advanced professionally degree employed seeks smart

enjoys having fun movies dancing bowling and more Searching for a single honest male outgoing per sonality down to earth who similar interests share Ad# 403853

44 vr old divorced white female smoker over weight enjoys cooking college bas ketball campfires good books and more Looking for a single male with a sense of humor 40 to 55 with a romantic soul for conversa tions and friendship 403856 **GET IN TOUCH**

LOOKING FORWARD

Ad# 37 yr old white female enjoys movies outings sporting events family get

tall male 27 to 47 who can Ad# and make her laugh 403845

female looking for a financial ly secure stable man with meduum length Searching for a single male who wants a LTR 403830

Single black female 57 yrs young 58 full figured

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dling candlelight dinner and more Searching for an intelli

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24 yr old white mother of one 5 2' 125 lbs brown hair

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doors and more Searching for an old fashioned employed honest white

61 yr old active petite white female is looking for a clean

healthy active white gentle

Wanted! Above average queen elegantly classy attractive former model with

very nice figure intelligent

CONTINUING MY QUEST

Divorced male 48 yrs young Electrician 5 11 185 lbs blonde hair athletic Likes

antiquing golfing dancing aerobics and having a good

time I have a lot to share with

the right female 38 to50 physically fit professional non smoker Ad# 403649

sharing good times movies and more

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50 to 60 who enjoy

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READY FOR THIS?

male 24 to 30 403835

ENHANCE MY LIFE

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FRIENDSHIP

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hair women Ad# Call 1-900-226-9950

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men

seeking

TWO OF A KIND 35 yrs old 5 6" 170 lb clean shaven male non smoker and non drinker Likes camping fishing boating walks movies cooking day trips and more Seeks slim female 30 to 40 for a long term rel tionship Ad# 403709

ONE ON ONE RELATION Single white professional male 44 tail slim brown eves and hair easy going artistically inclined loves ga leries theater cooking the outdoors Looking for a s ous minded female 35 to 45 open to developing a close friendship to begin with and Ad# 403987

DIRECTION A PLUS

168 lbs slim built 511 male born under sign of Cancer Likes bowling water skiing darts pool softball fishing model cars cooking Seeks female 28 to 35 med um height and weight withdi rection Ad# 403692

LET S CONNECTI

30 yrs old 66" 280 lbs respectful blue eyed blonde male likes music movies sports video games Seeks caring intelligent female with sense of humor 403704

HE'S SO NICE

Creative educated retired tali trim male Seeks roman tic relationship with shapely lively female 58 to 68 for fun times sports and travel Ad# 403705 ME 4 U AND U 4 ME 62 220 lb white male likes sports animals cars and more Seeks petite attractive female 35 to 50 with the same interests Ad# 403694 IT COULD HAPPEN 2 US 511" 245 lbs male with

brown hair and green eyes non smoker Likes travel sports dancing theater Seeks fit honest attractive female for a long term rela Ad# 403698 tionship

FULL OF ENERGY Divorced white male 54 non smoker 5.9 medium build brown hair blue eves and a mustache Looking for a slim to medium build attractive female 40 to 51 outgoing loving funny who likes diningout traveling flea mar kets and outdoors Ad,

403935

I LL TREAT YOU RIGHT SEE WHAT HAPPENS 32 yr old black male 6 2 192 Ibs enjoys basketball tennis

Seeks good black woman who has a good head on her shoulders religious l ground Ad# 403982 back CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

46 yr old male college grad home owner sensitive gen une 58" muscular friendly Enjoys working out golf gar dening I d love to hear from you! Ad# 403980

WHY HESITATE? Single white male youthful tall handsome fit interested END MY SEARCH in meeting a very attractive single white female for dating 36 yr old single male with brown hair and eyes Loves

and fun Ad# 403979 HARLEYS AND HORSES If you like to ride either of those we might hit it off! 48 quiet times and more

403969 yr old white male 5 10 195 lbs fit muscular shaved **HOW ABOUT IT?** head goatee non smoker non drinker Enjoys weight training cardio work Seekfit Black male enjoys sports brown eyed airl who enjoys the outdoors 35 and up Ad# 403977 COUNTRY BOY

LET S GET TOGETHER 24 yr old male 6 7 230 lbs former U S Navy Enjoys rid Black male easy going likes music animals good conver sation Seeks sincere honest the beach iong walks Seeks romantic white female who is charming kind very giving interested in starting a new female with a smile that can frlendship Ad# 403978 light up a room WE MIGHT CLICK 403907

41 vr old professional male PICK UP THE PHONE non smoker brown hair blue eyes 6 200 lbs Loves 39 yr old male 62 175 lbs brown hair and eyes mus sports golf hockey roller blading reading walking mina fishina hikina cooking Seeks non smoking doors camping cooking slender single white female Seeks female not overweight 25 to 35 Ad# 403920 no games Ad# 403906 SHARE LIFE WITH ME LIVE LOVE LAUGH

Male seeks 40 s female attractive fit successful financially and emotionally secure good conversational ist trusting friendly educat ed You II get the same and Friends first possible long relationship Ad# 403928

SPRING FEVER 50 vr old divorced white male

any of them flow! 185 lbs brown/gray hair TRUE GENTLEM sense of humor, wide variety Sincere finance secure of interests. In search of single white mak%.6 180 lady petite to medium build lbs old fashing gentle 35 to 40 height weight pro man Enjoys thes line din portionate down to earth sense of humor no games Children ok Ad# 403902 ing dancing St female for dating pens taking dancing lessons@ther

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24 yr old black male 200 lbs medium build brown skin TALL & GOOD LIKING entrepreneur Likes making 46 yr old fatheriwo 63" music writing Seeks beauti good looking lude hair ful woman slim to medium blue eyes colle degree employed Enje working build Ad# 403901 WOULD YOU LIKE a man who considers your

out cooking bar come dy the beach wing out if wishes takes care of your needs recognizes the validity you are interes give me Ad# 4039 aall of your feelings and treats you special? Tall trim nice look **HOW ABOUT IT!** White male 6 lown hair arriod berries betsourbe nm

owner Seeks lady 58 to68 and eyes Seks white for fun times sports travel and romance Ad# 403898 female 21 to 4(sim build to spend time gether Ad# 403914

SEEKS OLDER IMAN

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OLDER WOMANWANTED

Cute single whitmale 62 230 lbs blond hair blue outdoors Looking for an eyes smoker Boys shoot ing pool beachs, photogra intelligent caring woman who knows what she wants out of life Ad# 403908 phy Seeks oldewoman for quiet romance Ad# 403690

AWAITING YOURCALL

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naturally caring considerate 39 single black female desires an above average old funny real person who is equally lonely and scared of growing old Remains inter ercentleman who wants to be treated like a king Race unim portant! Ad# 403959 ested in life andove Ad# 403661 END MY SEARCH **NO MIND GAMES** Non smoker single female 5 4" 130 lbs enjoys movies 28 yr old single mother of dining out traveling sports and more Searching for a single male 54 to 59 for trav eling sports and more Ad# 403831

54 medium weight short hair wears glasses good **ROMANTIC SOUL** smile good sense of humor

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 8, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 01 pm and led the Piedge of Allegiance to the Flag

Members Present Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo Kirchgatter Yack Shefferly Members Absent None

Staff Present Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik Director Conklin

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda with the removal of Items C 2 C 4 G-2 and G-3 Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Regular Board Minutes of March 25 2003 Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried by all members present

Expenditure Recap for April 8, 2003				
General Fund	101	\$	421,689 52	
Fire Fund	206		87,046 05	
Police Fund	207		126,886 67	
Summit Operating	208		57 136 99	
Street Lighting	219		15,729 93	
Cable TV Fund	230		1,506 69	
E 911 Utility	261		1,475~70	
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		3 811 47	
Auto Theft Grant	289		19 397 55	
Downtown Dev Auth	294		46,56472	
Cap Proj Summit Const	402		4,337 50	
Golf Fund	584		33 548 48	
Water & Sewer Fund	592		596,220 02	
Trust & Agency Fund	701		13,218 00	
Post Empl Benefits	736		20,667 97	
Total - Áll Funds		1	,449,237.26	

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo passed out to the Board information regarding development

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the Canton Hockey Association to apply for a Charitable Gaming License for the purpose of conducting a raffle as per the attached application Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and adopt the Canvassing, Soliciting & Peddling Ordinance No 50(E) This Ordinance will become effective upon publication in the Canton

Observer on April 17 2003 Motion carried by all members present STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

CANVASSING, SOLICITING AND PEDDLING ORDINANCE NO: 50(E)

amended effective April 4 1984 Nov 22, 1989 Dec 21 1990 Sept 1, 1993 Nov 22 1995, April 17 2003

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CANVASSING, SOLICITING AND PEDDLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; TO FOR DEFINITIONS OF TERMS; TO PRESCRIBE AND PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS THEREBY, TO REGULATE LICENSES FOR STREET VENDORS AND PEDDLERS OPERATING IN THE TOWNSHIP, TO **PROVIDE FOR LICENSING PROCEDURE; TO PROVIDE FOR** DENIAL OF CERTAIN LICENSES AND APPEAL THEREFROM; TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS: TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF SUCH LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR SANITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STREET VENDORS, TO REGULATE THE MANNER AND THE HOURS DURING WHICH STREET VENDORS MAY OPERATE AND PLACES WHERE THEY MAY OPERATE; TO PROVIDE A METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF SAID LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF SAID LICENSES AND THE CRITERIA THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF AL ORDINANCES, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PENDING CAUSES OF ACTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS

SECTION I 67 501 Section 1 TITLE This Ordinance shall be known and cited as Ordinance No 50 as amended being the Canvassing Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton (ord no 50 amend eff Apr 4 1984)

67.502 Section 2. DEFINITIONS The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section

1 Canvassing & Soliciting. The terms "canvassing" and/or "soliciting"

partnership association corporation company or organization and shall, as a minimum contain the following

A If an individual the name, address and telephone number of the individual

B If a partnership the name, residence and business address and telephone number of each partner

C If a corporation, the name, business address and telephone number of the corporation the names of the principal officers, directors and local representatives, their residence and business address, telephone numbers and if a foreign corporation whether they are authorized to do business in the State of Michigan

D If an employee the name, residence and telephone number of the employee together with written credentials setting forth the exact nature of his employment

E The length of time for which the right to do business is sought

F Two (2) current photographs of the applicant or the agent for the applicant who is to do the actual canvassing, soliciting or peddling Each photograph shall be 2" by 2" showing the head and shoulders of the applicant or agent

G A brief description of the product or services involved

H For each applicant or agent or employee of an applicant under the age of seventeen (17) years, appropriate working papers shall be filed with the Clerk at the time of application

I A description of the vehicle or vehicles being used in the operation of the canvasser, solicitor and/or peddler along with a license plate number of each vehicle

J The application must include a copy of the applicant's Computerized Criminal History (CCH) The applicant may obtain his or her CCH by sending a written request together with his or her fingerprints and \$30 00 to Michigan State Police CJIC, 7150 Harris Drive Lansing, MI 48913

(Note the $\$30\ 00$ fee is set by the Department of State Police and subject to change)

K The application must include a copy of the applicant's Master Driving Record The applicant may obtain his or her master driving record by sending a request on form BDVR-153 together with \$6 55 to Michigan Department of State, Record Lookup Unit, 7064 Crowner Drive, Lansing, MI 48918 1540

[Note the request form and fee are set by the Michigan Department of State are subject to change] Form BDVR-153 may be obtained at the Michigan Department of State Internet site at www.michigan.gov/sos

A lessee tenant, or portable vending equipment operator vending with the permission of and within in a commercial establishment and not using a motor vehicle regulated under the Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949 as amended is exempt from the requirement to include a copy of his or her master driving record with the application, but only to the extent that the application is restricted to the vending without the use of a motor vehicle regulated under the Michigan Vehicle Code Public Act No 300 of 1949, as amended

2 The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee to established by resolution of the Township Board The Township Board may from time to time, modify the established fee schedule The application fee is separate from the license fee described in Section 6

3 Upon receipt of the application for a license the Clerk shall forward the same to the Director of the Department of Public Safety or his designated representative for a review of the same Upon receipt by the Director or his designated representative the Director or designated representative shall cause an investigation to ensure that the applicant meets all requirements set forth in Subsection 3 below After said investigation the Director of Public Safety, or his designated representative, shall certify to the Clerk that the application is complete and that the information contained therein and other information known to the Department of Public Safety does not reasonably lead to the conclusion that the applicant, or the activity to be licensed, constitutes an apparent danger to the health safety and welfare to the people of the Township

4 The Clerk may refuse to issue a license to

A $\,$ A person whose license, under this ordinance has been revoked within the last year

B A person unless the application is fully and completely filed

 ${\bf C}\,$ A person who materially misrepresents any facts or statements on his/her license application

D A person who has been convicted of a felony or any crime related to or involving larceny fraud receiving and concealing stolen property, embezzlement robbery home invasion breaking and entering theft dishonesty false statement or fraudulent scheme trick or device

E A person whose master driving record indicates that his or her use of a motor vehicle in association with a requested license may present an unreasonable threat to persons or property within the Township by such use of a motor vehicle. This subsection does not apply to persons exempt from including a copy of his or her master driving record as described in subsection 1 K of this Section.

 ${\bf F}$ If the applicant or activity license constitutes an apparent danger to the health safety and welfare to the people of the Township

5 Any person whose license application has been denied shall have the right to petition the Board of Trustees of the Township for an appeal The Township Board shall grant a public hearing on this appeal and the applicant shall have the right to appear and present evidence on his/her behalf Following such hearing the Board shall submit to the applicant a written statement of its findings and determinations The Board's determination shall be based upon competent, material and substantial evidence to show satisfactory compliance with the requirements of Section 4 of this Ordinance (ord no 50 amend eff April 4 1984 ord no 50 amend eff Dec 2 1987 ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22 1989 ord no 50C amend eff Sept 1, 1993) 67 505 Section 5. EXEMPTION OF RELIGIOUS PROSELYTIZING: **POLITICAL SPEECH AND DELIVERY OF HANDBILLS.** Persons involved in religious proselytizing political speech (anonymous or otherwise) and/or delivery of handbills are hereby exempt from the licensing requirements of this ordinance 67.506 Section 6. LICENSE FEES. A license fee for soliciting, canvassing and peddling shall be established by resolution of the Township Board The Township Board may, from time to time, modify the established fee schedule This fee is separate from the application fee described in Section 4 (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984)

67.511 Section 11. VEHICLES, SANITATION; NOISE PROHIBITED. 1 All vehicles used in the sale of food products must be kept in clean and sanitary conditions at all times, and when containing loads or parts of loads of food products they must be kept only in places and operated in a manner which, in the opinion of the Health Officer for the Wayne County Department of Health and the Michigan Department of Agriculture are sanitary and wholesome

2 All vehicles used for the purpose of selling or transportation of meat, milk, pastry ice-cream and all other food products for human consumption in the Township shall be inspected and have in possession a current valid approval by the Wayne County Board of Health, or the Michigan Department of Agriculture before a license is granted The holder of a license under which a food vending vehicle is operated shall be the person responsible for all the conditions and requirements of this ordinance

3 Failure to maintain the standards and requirements of the Wayne County Board of Health or the Michigan Department of Agriculture for the sale or transportation of food will constitute cause for revocation of the license under which such vehicles are operated (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984)

67.512 Section 12. HOURS OF SOLICITATION, CANVASSING AND PEDDLING. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct, or attempt to conduct, any canvassing, soliciting or peddling before the hours of 9 00 a m and after the hours of 9 00 p m, according to the official time followed by the Township, at any location within the Township (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50 amend eff Dec 27, 1987)

67.513 Section 13. TRANSFER. No heense badge or identification issued under the provisions of this section shall be used or worn at any time by any person other than the one to whom it was issued and only when engaged in the activities for which the heense of I D card was issued (ord no 50 amend eff April 4 1984)

67.514 Section 14. REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND REGISTRATION. A Before a license or registration can be revoked, the Township Board shall serve the license holder or registered applicant by first class mail, mailed not less than four (4) days prior to the hearing with a notice of hearing, which notice shall contain the following (1) Notice of proposed action, (2) Reason for the proposed action, (3) Date, time and place of hearing, (4) A statement that licensee may present evidence and testimony and confront adverse witnesses Following the hearing, the Township Board shall submit to said person a written statement of its findings and determination

B Township Board shall revoke a license by registration issued hereunder upon determination by it that based upon competent, material and substantial evidence presented at the hearing, either of the following exists (1) A violation of any of the prohibitions set forth in this ordinance, (2) Said person, entity or organization is engaged or has engaged in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick in any place in the Township to obtain money or other valuable things, or is aiding or abetting any person engaged in such scheme device or trick (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord ^ono 50A amend eff Nov 22, 1989)

67.515 Section 15. NONAPPLICABILITY, APPEALS. This ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose The provisions of this ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto, provided however, that where any inconsistency conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provision shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this ordinance, the Township Board may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent, in such appealed instance (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984)

67.516 Section 16. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of this ordinance or any of the regulations adopted and pursuant thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500 00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22 1989, ord no 50C amend eff Sept 1, 1993) 67.517 Section 17. REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect The balance of Ordinance 50 50(A) and 50(B) of the Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, except as herein modified, shall remain in full force and effect (ord no 50 amend eff. April 4 1984 ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22 1989 ord no 50B amend eff Dec 21 1990 ord no 50C amend eff Sept 1 1993)

67 518 Section 18 SEVERABILITY. If any section sub section clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22, 1989 ord no 50B amend eff Dec 21, 1990, ord no 50C amend eff Sept 1, 1993)

shall mean the going from door to door house to house, place to place, street to street or remaining in one place within the Township of Canton for the purpose of schiciting orders for/or canvassing occupants or residents for the sale of food products, books magazines, goods wears or merchandise of any nature whatsoever for future delivery or for the purpose of schiciting orders for/or canvassing occupants or residents for the installation or servicing of any household equipment or appliances, including but not limited to, furnace or boiler repair and maintenance, repair and servicing of washing machines, clothes, dryers, dishwashers garbage disposals and incinerators or the installations of storm windows and screens awnings, roofing and siding of buildings or for any other services to be furnished. It shall also include persons soliciting for funds or donations of any kind. It shall also include the assisting of others in "canvassing" and/or "soliciting" as herein defined

Newsboys and persons traveling on a regularly established route at the request, expressed or implied of their customers, are not to be considered within the definitions of "peddler" or "canvasser" under the terms of this ordinance

 ${\bf 2. \ Clerk.}$ The word "Clerk" shall mean the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton

3. Pedding. The term "pedding" shall mean the going from door to door, house to house, place to place street to street, or remaining in one place, in the Township of Canton carrying or conveying or transporting by person, wagon motor vehicles or other type of conveyance for the purpose of offering for immediate sale, food products, including but not limited to, meat fish, vegetables, farm produce or provisions, candy, goods wears or merchandise of any nature and landscaping materials of all types. It shall also include the assisting of others in "pedding" as herein defined

4. Person. The "person" shall mean and include any person agent, firm partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kmd

5. Handbill. The term "handbill" shall mean any written or printed notice distributed by hand for the purpose of communication, including but not limited to any pamphlet, booklet or leaflet

6. Township. The term "Township" shall mean the Charter Township of Canton (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984)

67.503 Section 3. UNLAWFUL ACTS. 1 Unless exempt, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in or carry on the business of soliciting, canvassing or pedding in the Township as defined herein, without first obtaining a heense in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance

2 Unless exempt, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a solicitor, canvasser, or peddler without first having obtained a license for each vehicle piece of equipment or container used in connection therewith

3 No license shall be issued to any applicant as a solicitor, canvasser, or peddler until such applicant shall have obtained the age of eighteen (18) years, except that a person between the ages of twelve (12) and eighteen (18) years may be issued a license as a solicitor canvasser or peddler, if such applicant is accompanied by a sponsoring adult at both the time of applying for such license and at the actual time of selling such products

Persons under the age of twelve (12) years old shall be exempt from registering or licensing as a solicitor, canvasser or peddler Each person under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian during all times of soliciting, canvassing or peddling

If any soliciting canvassing or peddling is to be carried on by a person under the age of seventeen (17) years, an approved copy of State Department of Labor, Form H52, showing the approved hours of work and the type of soliciting canvassing or peddling to be done shall be attached to the application

4 It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit, peddle or canvass upon any premises in the Township, if requested by anyone in control upon the premises not to do so, of if there is placed on said premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof a sign or similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of said premise do not desire to have solicitors, canvassers or peddlers call upon them For purposes of this subsection soliciting and peddling include religious proselytizing, political speech (anonymous or otherwise) and passing out handbills (ord no 50 amend eff Apr 4, 1984 ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22, 1989 ord no 50B amend eff Dec 21, 1990)

67 504 Section 4. LICENSING PROCEDURE. 1. Application for licenses required by this ordinance shall be made upon forms provided by the Clerk which shall be signed and verified under oath by the applicant of an individual or by the authorized agent for any firm

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67.507 Section 7. FEE EXEMPTIONS; FARMERS, SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS, AND PERSONS OR ENTITIES FROM OTHER STATES ENGAGED IN SOLICITING ORDERS IN THIS STATE.

1 No license fee shall be charged to any person selling produce which he has raised himself who has attained the age of sixty five (65) years, or who shows evidence of being an honorably discharged military veteran and/or to any person or entity engaged in the solicitation of orders or delivery of goods from a business located in another state where the business contacts with this state are limited exclusively to soliciting orders from and/or delivering goods to consumers in this state

2 At the time that any of the above named persons claim such exemption from the license fee, such person shall swear by affidavit stating the facts which entitle him to such exemptions and such affidavit shall be filed with the Clerk All of the above exempt persons shall be issued a license or identification card as provided for in Sections $4 (67\ 504)$ and $5 (67\ 505)$ of this ordinance

3 Any person who has obtained a peddler's license from the State of Michigan pursuant to Public Act 359 of 1921, as amended, on account of said person being honorable discharged from the armed forces of the United States of America shall be exempt from the licensing provisions of this ordinance.

67.508 Section 8. EXPIRATION DATE OF LICENSES AND REGISTRATION. Each license and registration issued pursuant to this ordinance shall expire on midnight on the last day of December of each year unless previously terminated pursuant to this ordinance (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50A amend eff. Nov 22, 1989)

67 509 Section 9. DISPLAY OF LICENSE ON PERSONS, VEHICLES, CONVEYANCE AND CONTAINERS. 1 Unless exempt, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a peddler, canvasser or solicitor without displaying on the outer clothing the license issued by the Township provided for in Section 4 of this ordinance Unless exempt, each vehicle, conveyance and container must have a license attached to it so it can be seen from the outside of such vehicle, conveyance or container

2 Peddlers solutions and canvassers are required to exhibit their license at the request of any citizen or public official (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22, 1989 ord no 50B amend eff)

67 510 Section 10. USE AND RESTRICTION OF STOPS, SCALES, BELLS, HORNS, ETC 1 No person shall use any scales which do not have a valid approval by the State of Michigan, Bureau of Weights and Measures or the City of Detroit Department of Weights and Measures No person shall stop in any one place longer than is necessary to make a sale stop on private property without the consent of the property owner and/or stop for a period of longer than thirty (30) minutes at any time No person shall stop for the purposes of selling or offering to sell any food products within a distance of three hundred (300) feet from any public private or parochial school building, or the lands on which such buildings are located in the Township on any day during which school is in session No person operating as a solicitor, canvasser or peddler shall interfere with traffic or cause or permit large numbers of persons, especially children, to congregate upon the public streets

2 It shall be unlawful for any person to call out or make any noise of any kind whatsoever or to use a bell horn or other noise making devise with the purpose of attracting persons to buy goods said licensee has for sale (ord no 50 amend eff April 4 1984)

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67.519 Section 19. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending hitigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance as amended (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22, 1989, ord no 50B amend eff Dec 21, 1990, ord no 50C amend eff Sept 1, 1993)

67.520 Section 20. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication (ord no 50 amend eff April 4, 1984, ord no 50A amend eff Nov 22, 1989, ord no 50B amend eff Dec 21, 1990, ord no 50C amend eff Sept 1, 1993)

67.521 Section 21. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton mi org

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the attached Detroit Edison sidewalk easement for parcel No 059-99 0002 702 Motion carried by all members present

GENERAL CALENDAR: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the site plan for the proposed Performing Arts Center and Liner Buildings, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize Wade-Trim Associates to continue providing GIS Services for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve a thirty-six month lease agreement in the amount of \$13,693 42, with National Equipment Leasing Corporation for three Precor treadmills provided by All Pro Exercise Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughhn to approve the sale of 4 49 acres spht from parcel 098 99 0028-001 for approximately \$586,753 20 to J B Donaldson Company The purchase price for the property shall be paid on the closing date in accordance with Section 10 of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve sending Officer Mark Gajeski to Los Angeles, California for the Tactical Explosive Breaching Course on May 5 16, 2003, for a cost of \$3,800 Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of six Golden Eagle Dual KA Antennas with equipment and extended warranties from Kustom Signals, Inc, under Michigan State Contract for a total not to exceed \$10 435 00 Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of one UPG12NIBP automatic blood pressure monitor and four UPGSPO2 pulse oxygen sensors from Medtronic PhysiosControl a sole source provider, for the cost of \$7 044 40 Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid for printing the monthly Focus Newsletter with National Wholesale Printing, Corp for a twelve month period for \$18,000 with a ten percent contingency of \$1,800 for a total price of \$19,800, and further, that pursuant to the bid specifications, the bid may be extended for an additional two year period upon mutual agreement of National Wholesale Printing Corp and Canton Township Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid with Exclon Services/Bumler Mechanical, Inc for purchase and installation of a new HVAC system for the Cable Television Studio for \$25,706 and a ten percent contingency of \$2,570 for a total amount of \$28,276 And further move to transfer \$28,276 from the Fund Balance budget appropriation account \$230 250 999 0000 to Cable TV Capital Outlay Account #230 250 977-0000 Motion carried by all members present Supervisor Yack reminded the Board that next Tuesday, April 15, 2003 there will be a study session with the Planning Commission

Motion by Bennett Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 7 35 p m THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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

EVENTS

School applications

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran School 9600 Leverne Redford is now accepting application for grades pre-kinder garten to 8th for the 2003 2004 school year Limited space available Call (313) 937 2233

Blood drive

St Thomas a Becket 555 \$ Lillev (south of Cherry Hill) Canton will host an American Red Cross blood drive 8 am to 7 pm Friday April 18 Call Peggy at (734) 397 8495 or Patti (734) 459 9704 Easter Egg Hunt

Join us at St. Matthew Lutheran Church 10 a m April 19 for an Easter Egg Hunt Meet in the gym where chil dren will be separated by age groups We are located at 5885 Venoy Road one block north of Ford Road in Westland Call (734) 425 0260

Warsaw Ghetto remembrance

Michigan District of Workmen's Circle Arbeter Ring will hold its 60th annual public commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising a pivotal event in the history of Jewish resistance to Nazi tyranny during which 60 000 Jews with little ammunition or training bravely held off the Germans for

of music readings and a principal speaker will be held 7 30 8 30 p m Saturday April 19 at the Workmen's Circle Educational Center 26341 Coolidge Road in Oak Park Founded in 1900 Workmen's Circle fosters Jewish identity and participa tion in

Jewish life among its members through Jewish especially Yiddish culture and education friendshib mutual aid and the pursuit of social and economic justice For reservations or information con tact Workmen's Circle at (248) 545 0985

Senior care

Kathryn Bartz of Botsford Continuing Health Care will present Choosing Appropriate Living Options For Seniors 7 pm Thursday April 24 at Our Lady of Loretto Church 25700 W Six Mile Redford Bartz will discuss the financial and legal concerns that accompany the type of care needed Free but donations accepted Call the church rector at (313) 534 9000

Live simulcast

Women's Ministries at Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Road Canton will present Beth Moore in a live simulcast presentation titled Beloved Disciple 16 pm Saturday April 29 Women from all over the country will get together for a day of Bible study Tickets are \$15 To register or for more information call (734) 332 9054 Health fair

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth will sponsor 'Spring into Good Health a health fair 10 a m to 2 p m Saturday April 26 Booths on physical fitness

and diabetes Hearing evaluations cholesterol testing and smoking ces sation information Massages avail able Call (734) 414 7777 ext 225 **Biker blessing**

Detroit World Outreach 23800 W Chicago Redford will host a Blessing

of the Bikers for the upcoming riding season 10 a m to 3 p m Saturday April 26 Bikes can be brought to the church parking lot at 930 a m The actual blessing takes place at 2 p m. Food live music a bike show vendors contests and lots of activities Call Pastor Miles Book at (313) 255 2222 ext 306 Rummage sale The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443

Merriman Road) in Garden City will have their annual rummage sale 9 a m to 2 pm Saturday April 26 Lunch will be available from 11 a m to 1 p m Call (734) 421 8628

Prayer luncheon

A prayer luncheon will be held at 1130 a m with lunch served at noon April 30 at the Livonia Sveden House 29477 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt Cost is \$675 Guest speaker will be Sister Loretta Mellon OP Call Kathleen (734) 427 4371 or Mary Ellen (734) 427 0002 for reservations

Mother/Daughter banquet Bring your favorite doll to Wayne First United Methodist s mother and daugh ter banquet My Dolly and Me 630 pm Friday May 2 in the church's Fellowship Hall 3 Town Square Wayne

Enjoy Dolls are Forever a presenta tion by Joyce Murch a local doll maker Adults \$7 children 3 12 \$3 under 3 \$1 Ticket deadline Sunday April 27 Call (734) 721 4801

Rummage sale

St Matthew Lutheran Church (5885 Venoy Road) will host their annual rummage sale Monday April 28 May 3 Monday through Friday from 8 30 a m to 5 pm and Saturday 9 a m to 2 pm Saturday is bag day. Bring your own bag and fill it for \$5

Church hats

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit will host Women with HAT titudes a brunch and fashion show 8 a m to noon Saturday May 3 at Neiman Marcus Somerset Collection 2800 W Big Beaver Troy Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling Nedd/Worldwide Public Relations at (313) 567 6333

Hospice/loss workshop

Madonna University s hospice educa tion department will offer its third annual Grief and Loss Summer Institute May 8 10 The three individual workshops will be held 8 30 a m to 4 p m Topics include Assisting Children and Teens in Grief When Families Grieve and a Bereavement Coordinators Workshop Cost is \$85 for each workshop Call Dr Jack LoCicero (734) 432 5471 or e mail ilocicero@madonna.edu Vacation Bible school

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

14175 Farmington Road Livonia (just north of 196) Livonia welcomes all youth who have completed 4th 7th grades to participate in the Faith Factor Day Camp Monday June 23 Friday June 27 The camp will be held at Salem Lutheran Camp in Howell Mich Cost is \$75 which includes T shirt daily lunch activities (fishing archery games swimming Bible study and more¹) transportation and cook out dinner on Friday hight for the whole family Contact Sarah Grivas or Rich Parron at (734) 522 6830

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Fish dinner

St Valentine Church at the corner of Beech Daly and Hope Street in Redford hosts Lenten dinners 4307 pm on Friday April 18 featuring fried or baked cod pierogi macaroni and cheese salad bar and drinks Adults pay \$650 senior citizens pay \$5 children 12 and under \$350

Good Friday

St. Michael Lutheran Church will offer Good Friday services from noon to 8 om April 18 3003 Hannan Road Wayne

Lenten lunch

St Theodore Catholic Church 8200 N Wayne Road Westland will host a sim ple Lenten lunch of homemade soups bread and beverage noon to 1 p m dur ing the Fridays in Lent Cost is \$3 per person Call (734) 425 442

Holy week

St John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold Maundy Thursday service April 17 at noon at St. Johns Lutheran Church or 7 p.m at Rice Memorial United Methodist 20601 Brech Daly Good Friday April 18 will have joint worships at noon at Holy Spirit Episcopal (9083 Newburgh) or 7 p m at Trinity Covenant 14800 Mddlebelt Easter Sunday begins with breakfast from 9 10 am in the St John's fellow ship hall Festival worship follows at 10 30 a m with special misic and Holy communion

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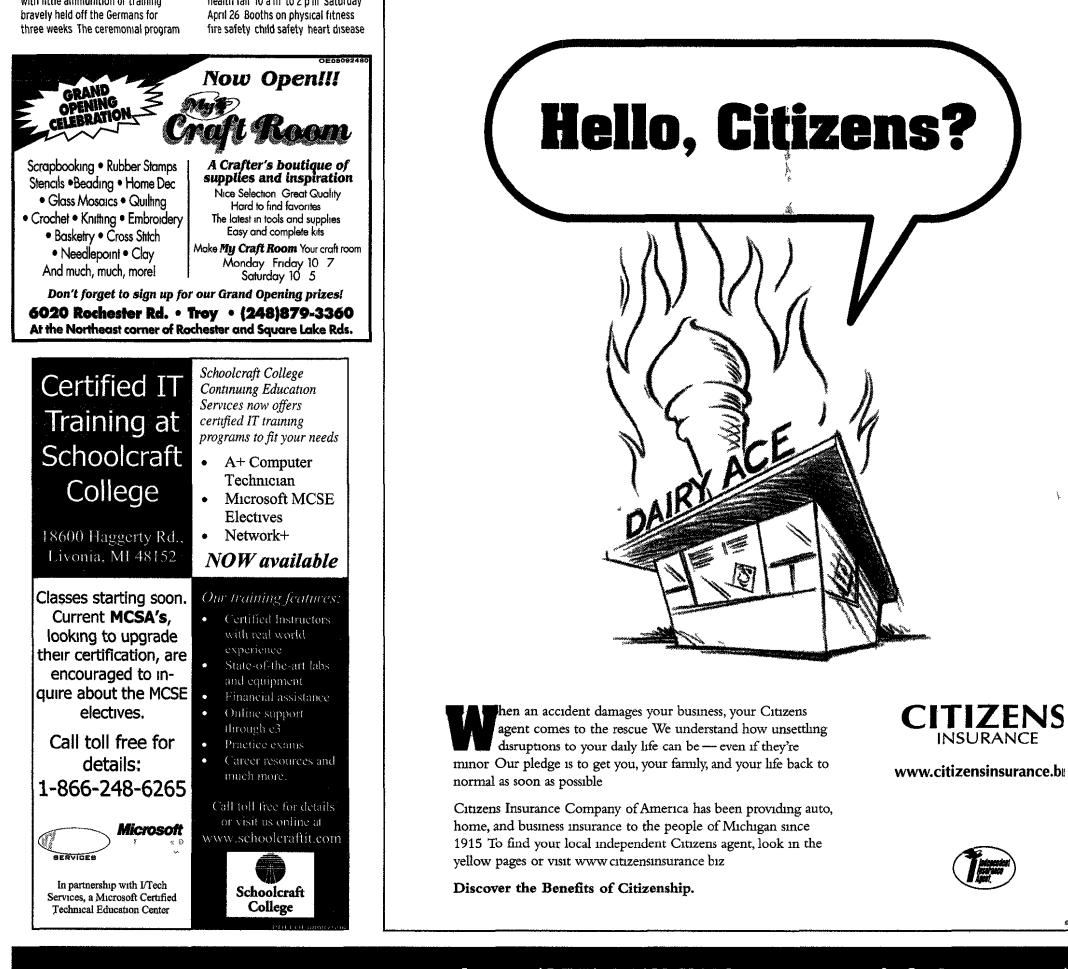
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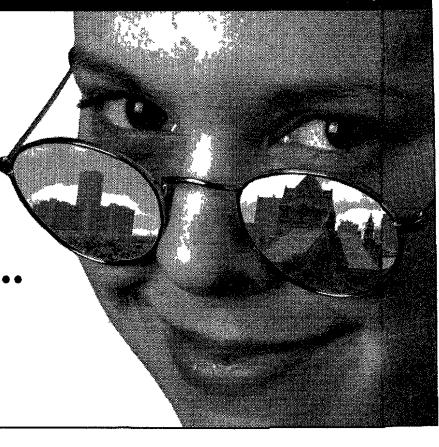
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Top pitcher

Steve Gordon a junior at Albion College from Plymouth and a Salem HS graduate was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association pitcher of the week after tossing a three hit shutout in the Britons 40 win over Kalamazoo College Gordon did not walk a batter and struck out eight as Albion Improved to 9 13 overall 4 2 In the MIAA

For the season Gordon was 2 3 with a 4 93 earned run average. He led Albion with 34²/₃ innings pitched (through last weekend) and was tied for the team lead in strikeouts with 27

Also in the Britons three game sweep of Kalamazoo sophomore right fielder Chris Trott collected three hits and four runs batted in One of his hits was his

third home run of the sea son Trott is batting 373 with seven doubles three homers and a team best 18 RBI

Best of meet

Andy Rossow competing for Canton HS at the Pinckney 9/10 grade Pirate Relays last Saturday was named the Field Athlete of the Meet after a four event performance that resulted in three firsts and a second Rossow teamed with

Rodney Preston to win both the high jump and long jump Rossow cleared 5 foot 10 inches in the high jump and went 18 61/2 in the long jump both were the best in the eight team meet

He also teamed with Preston Tony Hylko and Dave Calille to win the 4x200 meter relay and with Jacob Langdon Derek Reeves and Callille for a second in the 4x100 relay The Chiefs placed second in the team standings

Whalers rally, win series opener with Rangers

BY C J RISAK STAFF WRITER

If exhaustion was a problem for the Plymouth Whalers, it dıdn't surface Wednesday when they played at Kitchener in the opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's bestof-seven Western Conference final

After one period, the Whalers — who didn't clinch their berth until Monday, when they defeated London in Game Seven – found themselves

trailing 1-0 But they rallied in the second period with goals from Sean Thompson and Chris Thorburn, and held off the host Rangers the rest of the way to post a 3-1 victory

Game Two will be at 7 30 p m Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, with Game Three at 7 p m Sunday at Kutchener

The Whalers put together a strong offensive performance against the Rangers, surprising considering their emotionally, physically draining series

with London

"They're probably our biggest rivalry, since Pete (DeBoer) left here," said Karl Stewart of Kitchener, moments after the win over London "The two teams match up so well"

DeBoer was coach and general manager of the Whalers until unexpectedly leaving for the Kitchener job two years ago Stewart 15 one of several Whalers who played for him, but DeBoer has certainly done a superb job with the Rangers

They posted the top record in the OHL's Western Conference this season and finished first in the Midwest Division

On Monday, Andre Benoit gave Kitchener a 1-0 lead with a shorthanded goal at 11 43 of the opening period Derek Roy and Marcus Smith assisted

The Whalers tied it at 2 40 of the second period on Thompson's goal, with Tim Sestito and John Mitchell assisting Thorburn scored what proved to be the gamewinner with 1 14 left in the

second period, Mitchell getting his second assist together with John Vigilante

It remained that way until James Wisniewski scored unassisted into an empty net with 54 left in the third period

Shots on goal showed how the Whalers dominated They enjoyed a 41-24 advantage Paul Drew stopped 23 shots for Plymouth, while Scott Dickie had 38 saves for Kitchener

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Strong finish boosts Whalers : Late goal wins it BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Gotta make the plays It's the only path to a championship When the situation presents itself, a player has to find a way On Monday in Game Seven of their Ontario Hockey League series against the London Knights, the Plymouth Whalers found their way in front of 3.115 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, beating 4-2 a team that was a borderline nemesis

The victory ended a 10-day journey for the Whalers against a London team that possessed less talent and a

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

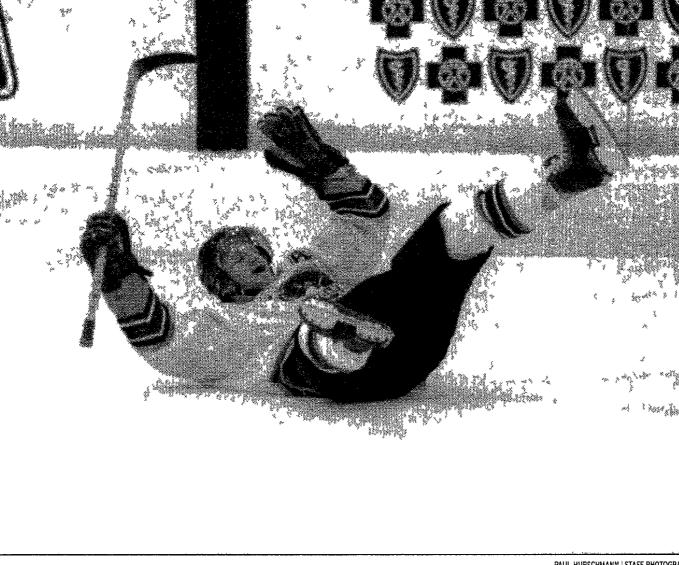
The Whalers Karl Stewart celebrates moments after scoring the clincher into an empty net in Game Seven against London

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First victory

Madonna beats Aguinas for its first baseball win D2

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Bill Broucek of Canton did n t wait long to take advan tage of decent golfing weather Playing Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton on April 11 Broucek aced the 175 yard 23rd hole with a five iron For the round he shot a 40 In his 12 years of golfing it was his first hole in one

Final Four

The Canton Crossfire U 17 premier boys soccer team reached the semifinals in the U 18 (elite) division the high est division at the Northern Ohio Cup held in Cleveland Ohio

Team members are Peter Bierzynski (Catholic Central) lain Bryant (Southfield Christian) Philip Calleja (Livonia Franklin) Dan Curmi (CC) Andrew Davis (Livonia Stevenson) Jake deVries (Lutheran West) Greg Ekmeian (Wayne Memorial) Stephen Gizicki (Salem) Aaron Helisek (Farmington) Joe Hess (Canton) Sam Kocsis (Garden City) Jeff Kusch (Detroit Country Day) Ross Maltby (Canton) Michael Newton (Salem) Brandon Noble (Lutheran West) Roger Saks (Stevenson) and Matt Tomasso (Canton) The team is coached by

Jim deVries and Pete Alexander

Late rally lifts PCA to triumph

Plymouth Christian Academy ralhed from four runs down, tying its game against Taylor Baptist Park Monday with four runs in the sixth and winning it with a run in the seventh in a 7-6 victory at home The triumph

BASEBALL gave the Eagles a 3-1 record

PCA scored single runs in the first two innings, but the Wildcats answered with single runs in the second, fourth and fifth combined with a three-run third

The Eagles' four-run sixth started with a Drew Gallagher single Three walks followed to force in one run, a Clay Welton fielder's choice scored another Bob Lorian then came through with a two-run double to tie ıt at 6-all

With two out in the seventh and the bases loaded, Welton came through with a run-scoring, game-winning single He finished with two hits and two RBI in the game, Blake Weldon also had two hits, and he scored the gamewinner

Andrew Shumaker, who singled in a run for PCA in the first, started on the mound but was lifted after giving up five runs (just one earned) in 32/3innings

Welton worked the final 3 1/3 and got the win, giving up one unearned run

Last Friday, PCA was beaten by Southfield Christian, 10-0

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, D5

Canton's Ross outduels Western's ace

RV C . L PISAK STAFF WRITER

What a way to start the Western Lakes Activities Association softball season

In an epic pitcher's duel, Canton's Renee Ross got the better of Walled Lake Western ace Lauren Talbot as the Chiefs edged the Warriors 1-0 in nine innings Monday at Canton

The victory gave the Chiefs a 5-1 overall record, 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division Western is 4-3 overall, 0-1 in the division

'She was totally focused on the mound," said Canton

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coach Jim Arnold of Ross "She played like a player on a mission She went out there to prove a point, that she's just as good '

On Monday, Ross was She pitched all nine innings, giving up just three hits and not walking a batter while striking out five

Talbot was working on a no-hitter with one out in the sixth when Lisa Sprankle doubled Talbot ended up tossing a five-hitter, walking two and fanning five in 8 2/3innings

The game's only run scored happened when there were already two out in the ninth, and Ross was the one who started the game-winning rally with a double She moved to third on a wild pitch and, after Molly Conlon walked, Cofleen O'Brien came through with a runscoring single

Sprankle led the Chiefs' attack with two doubles, but the defense was also exceptional with just one error Arnold was particularly pleased with the play third baseman Serena Gorney ("She played exceptionally well") and catcher Jonelle

Brown ("She threw out two runners trying to steal")

Combined with Saturday's 4-1 showing at the Taylor Tournament, the Chiefs are off to a promising start Indeed, even though they lost six players to graduation from last season's 16-15 team - utility player Danielle Weber, second baseman Megan Coultas, third baseman Pam Hudson, first baseman Maggie O'Connell and outfielders Leslie Galarneau and Laura Ulmer - Arnold 15 confident this team could be even better

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Chiefs crush Zebras, 9-0; Rocks reign

Welcome to the WLAA, Zebras

It wasn't a very pleasant hello Canton delivered to Wayne Memorial in the Chiefs' Western Lakes Activities Association soccer opener Monday at Canton Eight players accounted for goals as the Chiefs blitzed the Zebras, 9-0

Canton is 2-2 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA Wayne is 3-2-1 overall, 0-2 in the conference

Kellı McKee led the Chiefs' assault with two goals Erica Ahrens contributed a goal and two assists, while Kara Marsh, Rachel Perry and Danielle Shepard each collected a goal and an assist Christine Tople, Bailey Fagan

and Molly Priebe also had goals for the Chiefs

Briana Wolcott was in goal for the shutout.

On Saturday, Troy Athens got two goals from Mary Parker in beating the Chiefs, 3-2 at Canton Rachel Stesney also had a goal for the Red Hawks

Perry scored both of the Chiefs' goals, with assists from Ahrens and Katie Raker

Salem 1, Saline 0 This is becoming a habit

On Tuesday in a non-con-

to earn the victory

It was Sarkesian's second game-winning goal in the waning moments in as many matches, and in as many days She beat Livonia Franklin Monday with a late goal

Tara Duncan got the assist on Sarkesian's game-winner against Saline

Last Saturday, Jordan Falcusan scored (on an assist from Sarkesian) with just 32 remaining to beat Rochester

"It's nice to see we have that determination to get that goal," said Salem coach Joe Nora "We don't pame. We always feel we can get that goal"

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Canton's Molly Priebe (22) accounted for one of the nine goals scored against Wayne Memorial Monday.



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ference match against Saline, Salem played impenetrable defense and then, with just one minute remaining, got a goal from Marissa Sarkesian

After a strong start to the season, Madonna University's softball team has been struggling to stay even in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference over the last week.

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On Tuesday against visiting Concordia University, a team that entered the double-header without a conference win, the Crusaders had to settle for a split, getting blanked in the opener 4-0 before recording a 15-0 five-inning mercy in the second

Madonna was 23-8 overall, 10-5 in the WHAC following the split, the Crusaders were 3-5 since in their four doubleheaders played since Saturday The Cardinals were 7-26-1 overall through Tuesday, 1-17 m the conference

The first game was scoreless until the fourth inning, when Concordia struck for two runs The Cardinals added two more in the fifth

Jenny Tenyer was the losing pitcher, giving up two unearned runs on four hits in four innings, she struck out three Her record fell to 12-5

Mary Warchuck had two of the Crusaders' four hits in the game

In the nightcap, Krystle Shina (from Farmington Mercy) had a double and a home run, driving in five runs as Madonna leveled Concordia

Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) added a double and a single, driving in two runs and scoring two, and Sarah Golob collected two singles and three RBI Arm Fowler and Stacey Sexsmith contributed two hits apiece, Sexsmith scoring three times and Fowler twice

Golob got the pitching win, improving her record to 10-3 She allowed four hits and three walks in four innings

Cornerstone 6-4, Madonna 2-3. The Golden Eagles swept a pair from Madonna and, with it, swept past the Crusaders in the WHAC standings Monday in Grand Rapids Cornerstone improved to 11-3 in the conference. 18-8 overall

In the 6-2 opening victory, Cornerstone's Tracy Patterson had two hits, including a dou ble. with an RBI while tossing a two-hitter at the Crusaders Patterson walked five and

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struck out four while improving her record to 8-3

Jenny Tenyer took the loss for Madonna, giving up six runs (three earned) on eight hits, she did not walk a batter and struck out three Tenyer and Emily Cunningham each had run-scoring doubles, while Erin Bailey and Brooke Brown each had two-run doubles and Kendra Beckman had two hits for the Golden Eagles

In the second game, Cornerstone's Moe Moran sıngled in Kathy Betts with the game-winning run with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning. Betts was running for Emily Knudson, who opened the ninth by reaching base on Stacey Sexsmith's error at second base

Madonna's Sarah Golob surrendered four runs (two earned) on six hits and two walks, with six strikeouts, in 8 2/3 innings The win went to Mary Mauro (now 5-2), who allowed three runs (one earned) on eight hits and no walks, fanning six in nine innings

Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) and Krystle Shina (Farmington Mercy) each had two hits for the Crusaders, Shina doubling and driving in a run Cunningham also had a single and an RBI Barb Korpi had two hits and a drove in a run and Knudson had a double and two RBI for Cornerstone

Madonna 2-5, Indiana Tech 3-4:

In the opener of Sunday's WHAC double-header at Indiana Tech's Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, the Crusaders were handicapped by pitcher Crystal Ybarra, who allowed two unearned runs on just two hits and two walks, striking out three The loss went to Jenny Tenyer, who gave up three runs on five hits, fanning two in six mnings

Kathy Day had a single and an RBI for Madonna Heather Washington collected two hits, including a double, and three RBI for Tech, and A'Lana Washington finished with two hits and two runs scored In the second game, Sarah

Golob withstood a late Warrior comeback attempt to lead

Madonna to the win Golob gave up four runs (three earned) on nine hits and two walks, striking out eight in seven innings The loss went to Denise Muir, who allowed five runs (two earned) on six hits and three walks

Krystle Shina had two hits and an RBI for the Crusaders, while Mary Warchuck and Day each had a hit and a run batted in A'Lana Washington and Heather Washington each got three hits for Tech, Heather driving in three runs and A'Lana knocking in one and scoring two

A three-run fifth by the Warriors left Madonna trailing 3-2, but the Crusaders recaptured the lead with a two-run sixth A single run in the seventh put them up 5-3

Tech was 4-10 in the conference, 6-24 overall through the weekend

Madonna 1-4, Spring Arbor 9-1: Six errors in the first game doomed Madonna Saturday at Spring Arbor, but the Crusaders bounced back in the second game behind Golob's strong pitching to earn a split in this WHAC double-header

Through the weekend, the Cougars were 16-16 overall, 6-10 in the WHAC

In the opener, the Crusaders Jenny Tenyer was tagged for eight runs (six earned) on 12 hits in four innings The win went to Holly Davidson, she gave up one run on six hits in five innings The game was stopped after five by the eightrun mercy rule

Golob had two hits and drove in the only run for Madonna Shina also had two hits For the Cougars, Leah Woldyk got three hits and three RBI and Holly Davidson had three hits, an RBI and scored twice

In Game Two, Golob gave up one unearned run on five hits and two walks, striking out six in seven innings The loss went to Woldyk, who surrendered four runs (three earned) on five hits and one walk in five innings

Golob also led Madonna's hitting attack with two Shina and Warchuck each had a hit and an RBI

The Crusaders broke a 1-1 tie with a three-run sixth inning

Madonna splits twinbill with Cardinals Crusaders blank Aquinas to earn 1st WHAC victory

Finally

After 12-straight losses, 11 of them in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Madonna University's baseball team managed to break through in the win column Tuesday, and the Crusaders did it against the team atop the conference standings

After getting blitzed 12-4 in the first game – Madonna had as many errors as it had hits (four) - the Crusaders rallied behind a superb performance by Sterling Mintzer to record a 3-0 victory in a double-header played at Livonia's Ford Field Madonna is 14-19 overall, 1-

11 in the WHAC Aquinas is 22-8 overall, 11-3 in the conference. Mintzer got the win in the

second game, stopping the Saints on just one hit and two walks in 5 2/3 innings He struck out six Mark Cole (Farmington/Catholic Central) and Joel Hallıday (Redford Union) combined to pitch the final 1 1/3 innings, giving up just one hit and one walk. Hallıday got the save Patrick Kleinfelt took the

pitching loss for Aquinas Madonna scored all three of its runs in the third, two of them on a home run by Chris Woodruff (Livonia/CC) Mario D'Herin had a single and an RBI

In the first game, the Crusaders scored four runs m the third inning and led 4-2 going into the fourth But Aquinas scored three in that inning, got a single run in the fifth, then added five more in the sixth to open up an 11-4 lead

Joe Greene started and took

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the loss for Madonna, giving up five runs (two earned) on four hits and three walks in four innings

The Crusaders got just four hits in the game, with Mintzer getting a single and an RBI Jason Hilaski had two hits and two RBI for Aquinas, and John Mocern contributed a triple and four RBI

Oakland 8, Madonna 1: That's 11 and counting

Madonna University lost its 11th-consecutive game Sunday, a non-league affair at Oakland University The Crusaders committed four errors and surrendered five unearned runs, the Grizzlies had three-run innings in the second and the fifth

Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) took the loss, he pitched the first five innings, giving up seven runs (two earned) on nine hits and two walks, striking out four He's now 3-2 The win went to Steve Kniebbe (2-0), he pitched the first six innings, allowing one run on five hits and three walks, with six strikeouts

Chris Woodruff (Livonia/Catholic Central) drove in Madonna's only run with a solo home run, his second of the season, in the sixth Garry Dufour was 4-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored for the Grizzlies, who improved to 13-15 overall

Aguinas 10-6, Madonna 0-5: The Crusaders remained winless in the WHAC with a double-

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PINCKNEY PIRATE 9/10 RELAYS April 12 at Pinckney HS

Team standings: 1 Pinckney 90 points 2 Canton 84 3 Ann Arbor Huron 63 4 Adrian 58 5 Grand Ledge 57 6 Saline 41 7 Plymouth 18 8 Walled Lake Central 15

header defeat at Aquinas College's Kimble Stadium Saturday Through Sunday, the Saints were 21-7 overall, 10-2 (and in first place) in the WHAC

The opener lasted six innings Madonna managed just five singles (and two walks) off Saints' starter Paul Gillett, who remained unbeaten at 5-0 The loss went to Chris Behrns (1-2), who gave up eight runs on nine hits and three walks in 2 2/3 innings

Aquinas scored three runs in the second and five more in the third A two-run sixth invoked the 10-run mercy rule

Kyle Kracht led the Saints with two doubles and five RBI In the second game,

Madonna took a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning, with Mark Cole

(Farmington/CC) taking over on the mound for Joel Hallıday (Redford Union) It wasn't a good move, Cole gave up five runs (four earned) on four hits and two walks in his only inning of work, taking the loss (he's 3-4)

Halliday allowed one run on two hits and four walks, striking out three in four innings The win went to Kyle Finch in rehef of starter Dustin Gless, Finch pitched 3 2/3 innings and did not allow a run on three hits and a walk

Sterling Mintzer had two hits, including his fourth homer, and drove in three runs to lead Madonna Rabe and Brian Williams (Livonia/CC) had two hits apiece, Williams driving in a run Aquinas' Matt Bocian had two hits and D J Neumann had a two-run single in the fifth

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Whalers fall flat, lose Game 6 to Knights

A day after playing perhaps their best game of the Ontario Hockey League playoff season, the Plymouth Whalers seemingly lost their focus, their composure and - with it - the game

Saturday's 5-1 loss to the London Knights at London's John Labatt Centre in Game Six set up Monday's Game Seven showdown at Plymouth's Compuware Arena

Mike Stathopoulos led the Knights with a goal and two assists Daniel Bois contributed a goal and an

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London struck for four first-period goals, two of them on the power play Ryan Hare opened the scoring at 3 55 of the first, power-play goals by Bois and Kyle Quincey followed at 7 29 and 12 38 Rick Steadman's score at 19 12 made it 4-0 and put Whaler goalie Paul Drew on the bench

Jeff Weber replaced him for the second and third periods He gave up Stathopoulos' goal at 5 55 of the second period

Jonas Fiedler scored Plymouth's only goal, on the power play with 47 left in the second period David Liffiton assisted

The Whalers were called for 22 penalties in the game, which included three 10-minute misconducts, three five-minute fighting penalties, three unsportsmanlike conduct minors and a two-minute penalty for instigating

London was whistled for 19 penalties, with one game misconduct, three five-minute fighting penalties and a fiveminute slashing penalty

Chris Houle stopped 27 of 28 shots on goal for the Knights Drew and Weber combined for 20 saves on 25 shots London was 2-of-8 on the power play, while Plymouth was 1-of-7

WHALERS FROM PAGE DI

worse record during the Ontario Hockey League's regular season, a team that has bedeviled them in recent seasons

In two previous playoff losses to the Knights, in 1999 and 2002, it seemed it was more a matter of the Whalers finding ways to lose than making the necessary plays to win On Monday at Compuware, the chance to reverse that before it could be labeled a trend was there

The erupting cheers could be clearly heard down the hall from the Whalers' locker room afterward "That," explained Whaler Karl Stewart, "is just two years of frustration coming out"

It had all come down to this, a one-game showdown, the winner advancing to play Kitchener for the OHL's Western Conference title It proved to be a game very similar to the first four games of the series, all decided by one goal

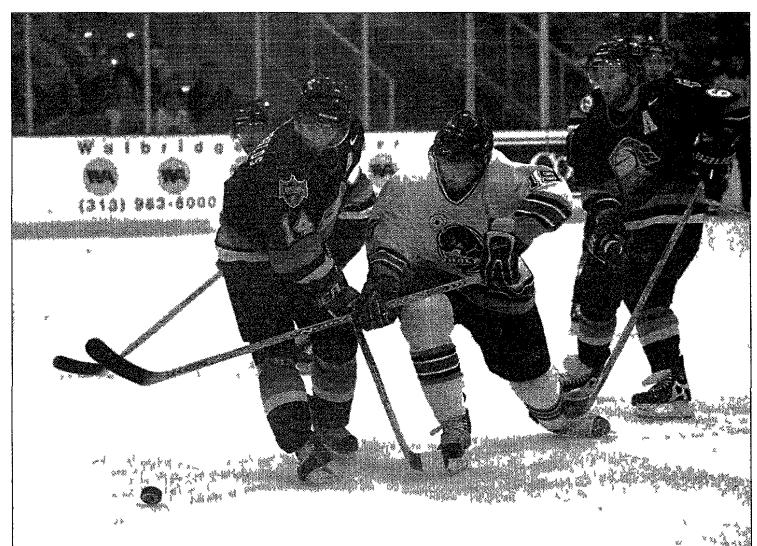
The first two periods decided nothing, the teams were knotted at 2-all Ten minutes of the third period went by — no change After 12, it was still the same

With less than eight minutes remaining, the Whalers' Chris Thorburn got a good chance He got a couple of them, but they missed

Then with under seven minutes to go, on an innocuouslooking play from just inside the Knights' blue line, John Vigilante drifted from right to left until he was positioned right in front of the London net He fired a long, hard, low shot through a gathering crowd in front

And London goahe Chris Houle missed it It went past him on his right Vigilante's unassisted goal gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead

More big-play opportunities became available Whaler goalie Paul Drew drew a mysterious roughing minor penalty with 1 49 left, when the Knights pulled Houle for



The Whalers' Chris Thorburn (white jersey) battles London's Mike Stathopoulos (14) and Dennis Wideman for puck possession

'These guys were motivated from the get-go. One thing London taught us: You've got to work every shift. Talent won't (win) it for you.'

Mike Vellucci Whaler s coach

another attacker, they had a two-man advantage On a face-off outside the

Whaler zone, Stewart lost the draw but did not give up on the play He lunged at the loose puck, just trying to get his stick on it

"All I was thinking was pres-

sure, pressure, he said His effort was rewarded, he nudged the puck, tipping it past the London defenseman and into the Knights' zone No one could stop him Stewart put the game away with his empty-net, unassisted goal, scored with 35 left

"These guys were motivated from the get-go," said Whalers' Coach Mike Vellucci "One thing London taught us You've got to work every shift Talent won t (win) it for you"

In the first six games of the series, the team that scored first won In Game 7, the Knights Kyle Quincey slid a shot toward goal that Danny Bois tipped past Drew, allowing London to draw first blood 8 57 into the first period

The Whalers showed they

would not be outworked, however Playing shorthanded, Sean Thompson and Chad LaRose disrupted the Knights' play at center-ice, LaRose gaining possession and carrying the puck into the London zone His initial shot was wide of the net, but the rebound came off the boards back in front

He shoveled it past Houle and, with 2 03 left in the first period, the game was tied at 1all

However, the Whalers' character would be tested again when their play broke down in the closing seconds of the period, allowing Dylan Hunter to score as the buzzer sounded for a 2-1 London lead Corey Perry and Ryan Hare assisted

LaRose, who missed three

games in the series on a suspension from a high-stick penalty, proved just how valuable he was when took a pass from Cole Jarrett to the left of the Knights' net and dished it to Stewart coming down the slot

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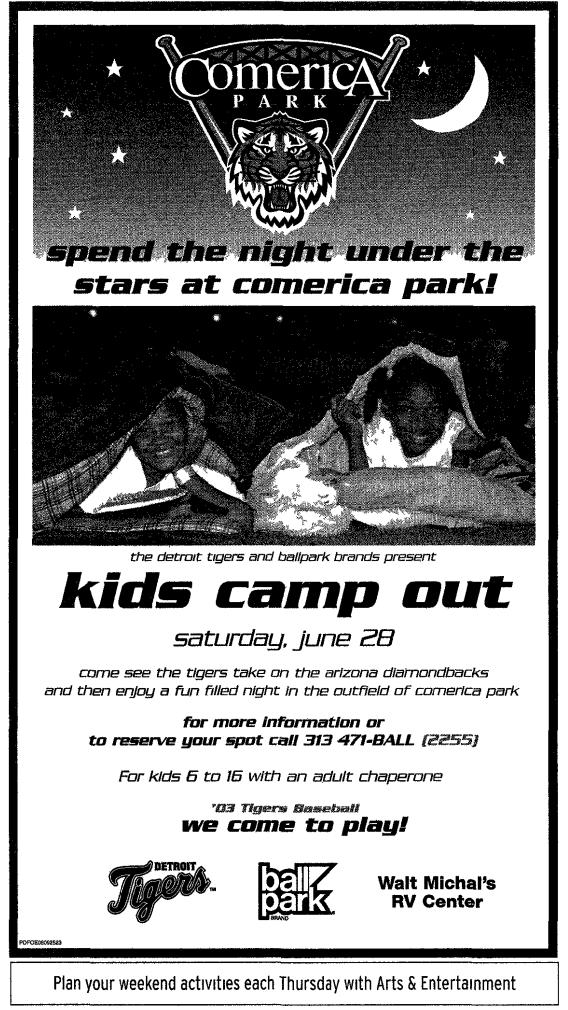
Stewart scored with 16:26 left in the second period and the game was tied at 2-all, setting the stage for a third period that would decide the series

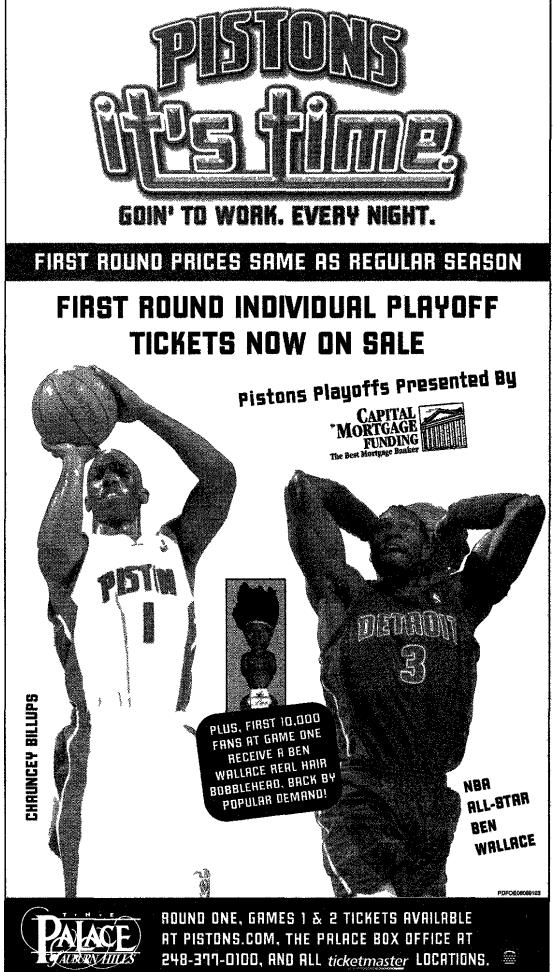
"Both teams worked hard," said London coach Dale Hunter 'That's all I ask, that they work hard They did their best

"We had our chances That's the way it goes sometimes" And this time fate favored

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CC takes 3 of 5 in three-day stretch

BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER

If there was any baseball team that felt the effects of last week's sloppy weather, it was Catholic Central

CC had a Saturday doubleheader scheduled with Brother Rice and a Monday single game with Taylor Light and Life as it was But poor weather forced the Shamrocks into a Sunday doubleheader with Brother Rice, giving them five, games in three days

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The Shamrocks came out of it in decent shape, dropping both games to Rice on Saturday, but winning their next three games to improve to 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division

lot of innings on a pitching staff early in the year," said CC coach John Salter "It's not always easy"

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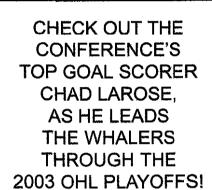


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Actually, CC was getting thumped on Monday by Light and Life, trailing 9-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning But the Shamrocks exploded for nine runs - helped by Ryan Gallagher's grand slam - in the bottom of the frame to earn the win

"It was another case of us coming from behind," said Salter "Our hitting has been good other than Saturday, but even when we were shut out twice by Rice, we still hit the ball hard"

Greg Marrone (1-0) earned the win for CC, while Jason Gingell got the save Caleb Ramey took the loss for Light and Life - a Division 4 finalist last year

The bats were going strong on Sunday for the Shamrocks as they swept the Cubs - 11-1 in the opener and 20-5 in the nightcap after a 13-run fourth inning Kyle Crepeau was 5for-6 in the doubleheader with two doubles and two RBI, Jeff Schulz was 3-for-6 with an RBI double, Gallagher had a pair of hits, a walk, was hit by a pitch and scored three times,

and Enc Vojtkofsky was 2-for-2 with a pair of runs scored Mike Monterey (2-0) won the opener, with seven strike-

outs, three hits and no walks in five innings Pat Green got the win in the second game in relief of Marrone

On Sunday, the bats weren't exactly silent but the Shamrocks had no answer for Mike Kirchenheider and Matt Petry Crepeau, Gallagher and Gingell all singled off Kırchenheider in the opener and Derek Brooks tripled, but none of them could score

Schulz did throw well, striking out 11 hitters, but a bad hop ball in a bases-loaded situation in the third inning let Rice open the door

In the second game, Petry threw a three-hitter as Schulz and Crepeau singled and Monterey doubled Drew Amble took the loss for CC, giving up five hits led by a tworun triple and a double by Doug Pickens

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Jones was in goal for the

shutout, she made 12 saves

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It starts with the battery, seniors Ross and Brown Ross emerged as Canton's top pitcher a year ago, and Brown, in her fourth year as a starter, was an all-division selection at catcher

Then there's O'Brien, another senior who was all-WLAA last season

Other top returnees are seniors Caitlin McNicholas, a shortstop and team captain (together with Brown), Gorney, a third baseman/left fielder, Kım Diedrich, a second baseman/outfielder who has been hampered by injury thus far, Sprankle, who will start in left field, and Michelle Roelofs and Kristina Turczyn, two more of the promising arms on Arnold's exceptionally deep pitching staff

Five juniors will also make an impact on the squad outfielders Amber Pilot, Jackie Perino and Anne Rosales (who also plays shortstop), first baseman Kelly Baker and catcher/third baseman Heather Richardson Rachel Wade, a freshman, has made enough of an impression to earn a starter's spot at second base, and Conlon, a sophomore, 1s yet another pitcher who plays first base, too

"A lot of people think I was crazy keeping four pitchers," said Arnold "But we've been able to use them and change up against opponents'

Ross remains his staff ace, but that doesn't mean he would hesitate to call on any of the others "Not at all," he said, pointing to Saturday's tournament, during which Ross got two wins, Conlon and Roelofs got one apiece and Turczyn earned a save The Chiefs shut out both Garden City and Wyandotte Roosevelt by 2-0 margins, outslugged Dearborn Crestwood 9-3, and edged Salem 4-3 They lost to Kennedy in the title game, 2-1

But it isn't just his team's pitching that has impressed him "I'm extremely pleased with the defense they've played," Arnold said "And when you get five hits off of one of the best pitchers in the area (Talbot), you're doing all right

With the three Farmington schools having left the WLAA North and Harrison played for the title last season — the race could be wide open "Our league is still very competitive," ud "Then

change anything" Western, Walled Lake Central and Salem figure to be very tough, new coaches at two Livonia schools make their abilities more difficult to predict

But certainly Canton plans to be in that hunt, too "Our goal for this year is to improve on that," he said, noting last season's record

The way the Chiefs have started, that seems reachable, to be sure

Salem sweeps Pioneer

Michelle Jurcak got wins in both games Monday as Salem swept past Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1-0 and 11-3, in a non-conference double-header at Proneer

In the first game, Jurcak came on in relief of starter Kellı Szczepanskı, who pitched just one inning Jurcak surrendered just one hit, walking one and striking out one

The game's only run scored after Cortney Edwards reached base on a passed ball after striking out Jess Bonello sacrificed her to second and Mandy Bradley followed with a solid base hit that scored Edwards

Zoe Helm took the loss for the Pioneers, giving up just two hits and one walk while striking out 17

"The girls came out strong right away and held their ground the entire game," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland "My defense was outstanding Jurcak had a great outing and really stepped up when we needed her "Zoe is a very good pitcher

who throws a mean rise ball, one of the best I've seen so far this year"

The second game was a bit different Jurcak got the win, but she gave up 10 hits and one walk, striking out three Maggie Tudor led the Rocks' attack with a home run, a double and a single and four runs batted in

Edwards added three hits and an RBI, Mandy Bradley had two hits and two RBI, Emily Maletic had two hits and an RBI and Alycia Murawski got two hits

Salem 1s now 6-2 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA and 1-0 in the Lakes Division Pioneer dropped to 4-2 with the two losses to Salem

Last Saturday at the Taylor Tournament, the Rocks went 3-2, beating Romulus 19-1, Wayne Memorial 7-0 and Taylor Truman 11-3 They lost to eventual tournament champ Taylor Kennedy 4-0 and to tourney

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BASEBALL

FROM PAGE DI

Baptist Park 11, Canton Agape 8: Errors continue to plague Canton Agape Christian On Tuesday at Griffin Park, the Wolverines allowed six runs in the second and three more in the fourth, more than they could overcome

The loss left them at 1-3 Mike Bommarito took the pitching loss, he gave up eight earned runs on 10 hits and four walks, striking out 10 Johnny Estrada led Agape with two hits, including a double, and three RBI Bommarito had two hits and an RBI, Nick Seeley got two hits and Gabe Molnar had a two-run double in the fourth

On Monday at Griffin Park, Agape got its first win of the season, edging Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 16-15 in 11 innings

The game-winning rally started with a double by Kyle Miller leading off the 11th David Donaldson walked and Estrada singled to load the bases With Bommarito at the plate, a passed ball scored Miller with the winning run

Bommarito led the Wolverines with four hits, including a three-run home run in the third and a two-run triple in the first. He scored

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four runs and knocked in six Miller had three hits, including a double, and two RBI, Donaldson got two hits, scored two runs and drove in two more, Estrada had two hits and scored three times, and Ryan Barber had a two-run homer in the fourth

Bommarito got the win in relief of Donaldson, who pitched the first 10 innings and gave up 10 earned runs on 15 hits, five walks and three hit batsmen He struck out 20 Bommarito pitched one scoreless inning

Arthur Hill 3, Salem 2: Dylan Tobin turned in a solid pitching performance Saturday, but it wasn't enough as Salem lost

April fi at Franklin No 1 singles Ryan Kingsbury (LF) defeated Mike Ware Jr 6361 No 2" Pat Shaw (S) def Vim Shukla 6161

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to Saginaw Arthur Hill in the Saginaw Nouvel Catholic

only three

Nouvel, the Rocks surrendered 12 runs in the first four innings and suffered a 12-2 loss in a five-inning mercy Salem had five hits and committed five errors in the game

and took the loss for the Rocks

Salem fell to 1-2 for the season

Dave Pawlukiewicz started



first of two games played at Central

Tobin pitched five strong innings, giving up all three runs (only one earned), but he took the loss Arthur Hill had just four hits, but Salem had

In the second game against

"It was a pretty good game, back and forth," said Rocks' coach Joe Nora "It was pretty exciting to get the win there at

the end ' Heather Jones was in goal for the shutout She stopped seven

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shots PCA 2, Bethesda Christian 2: A

strong wind made a major difference Tuesday at Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian into the same goal

MacDougall trimmed the deficit to a goal for the Eagles, and Katie Polera knotted it at 2-all

PCA. She had 12 saves

All four goals were scored Plymouth Christian Academy trailed 2-0 at halftime, Katie

Rachel Rudzis was in goal for







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wdivgreg4@aol com All umpires will be required to attend an umpire's clinic on May 18 All inquires need to be done by May 12

GOLFERS WANTED

The Hickory Creek Ladies Golf League is searching for new players in the Plymouth/Canton area. Hickory Creek is located on Ford and Napier in Canton The league will meet at 8

a m Thursdays beginning May 1 for mne holes of golf Contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more details

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SPRING CLASSES

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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

WANTED: LACROSS PLAYERS

Last call 1s 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 Caravellah 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/clinics 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 -4 30 p m April 1-18 at the Recreation office, located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth in the **Cultural Center**

Children must be born between July 1993 and July 1995 A birth certificate is required The season runs from June 21-Aug 9 (no games July 5)

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n a daily basis, we are watching as history is being made in the battle of Iraq As a noteworthy item, bowling has been a fac-

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tor with our military ever since prior to World War II building a network of training facilities, Ten Pin airfields such as

Alley



Marine bases Selfridge is a good example of how our military forces were able to go bowling in their off-duty hours

Those bowling lanes still exist, and there are several active leagues still using the facility As we went through battles in Europe, our British allies were able to provide areas to build more bases and of course, more bowling facilities sprung up before and after the war

As our operations became more global, GIs, sailors, Marines and airmen got their first of the sport of bowling while serving in the military in such action as Korea, Vietnam and now a second time in the Middle East.

If our troops have a lengthy stay in Iraq, there could be bowling lanes built there as well Bowling is flourishing in such places as Japan, Australia, Germany and elsewhere that we have had a lengthy presence

One of the few places without any bowling are Russia and the nations of the former Soviet Union, as we had no bases in that area.

Some domestic bases became obsolete and were sold off to the private sector for civilian use One that I had occasion to visit recently was the Presidio in San Francisco It was originally built in the mid-1800s, prior to the Civil War and has a long and fabled history

The old barracks are now upscale condos, and Presidio Bowling Center is flourishing in the shadow of the Golden Gate bridge as a privately owned business, purchased recently from Uncle Sam Keep up with your favorite sport The slick cover magazine, Bowling Digest, is loaded with the latest information on equipment, bowling tips from John Jowdy, interviews with top performers on the pro tour, monthly tips from Kim Adler, humor from Chuck Pezzano, "Bowling Clinic" by Bill Spigner, letters from readers, ads for bowling balls and other items of interest and personality profiles from various bowlers The magazine is not to be confused with out local tabloid,

Bowlers Digest It is published monthly but not widely distributed on newsstands

The address is Bowling Digest, 990 Grove St., Evanston, IL 60201-4370 or phone (847) 491-6440, www.centurysports net or e-mail cs@centurysports net It's worthwhile reading for

bowlers and enthusiasts

Keep in mind the Women's US Open coming soon to Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights It begins with the proam squads starting at 11 a.m Saturday, May 24, and ends with the live TV finals on Sunday, June 1 Qualifying rounds begin on May 26 followed by match-play leading up to the finals

For those who enjoy bowling in the pro-ams, the entry fee is only \$60 and they get to bowl as doubles partners with some of the great lady bowlers on the pro tour For more information or entry forms, call Gary Zarick at (586) 264-2700

■ In the local lanes, Paul "Gump" Gadomski fired his first-ever 300 game in his first season in the Wonderland Classic at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia. His wife, Diane, works just down the road at Woodland Lanes

Earlier, Barry Schlussel had a 298 in the same league

At Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, Don Parks of the Sunday Morning Hangovers league rolled a perfect game on his way to an 804 series

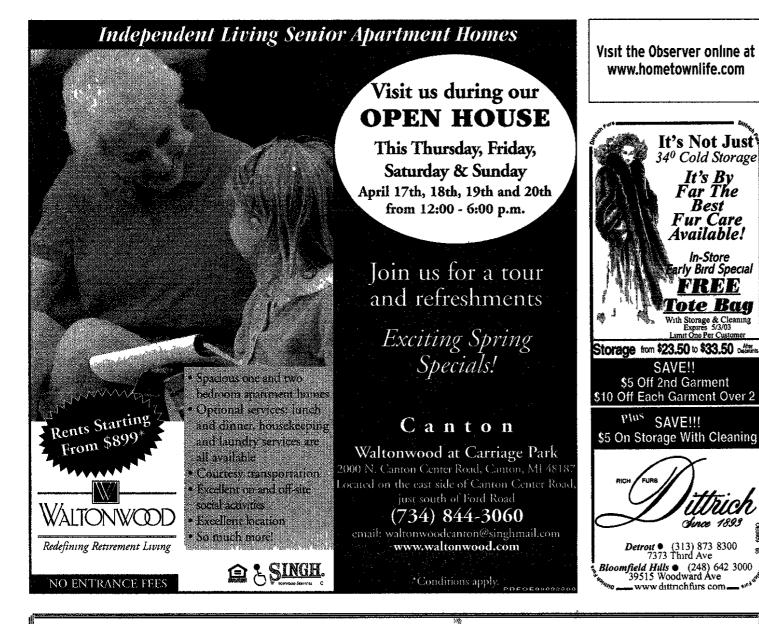
Meanwhile, Pat Agius of the Waterford Men rolled his first 800 series with exactly 800 right on the button

Plaza manager Roy Biggs announced that on May 14, the Wednesday Sweepers will offer a top prize of \$1,000 guaranteed This is scratch bowling on sport condition lanes, so whoever wins the big one will really have earned it

Garden Lanes in Garden City had some hot shooters highlighted by Dave Hazelrigg ringing up a perfect game in the Suburban Merchants League

Dan Ramos of the Vinco Wednesday League rolled his second 300 in the space of three weeks with a 777 series Todd Wilson of the Dearborn Heights Men's League pitched a perfect game as well

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had some impressive scores as Brent Pond dealt out a 298 in the Livonia Elks, while Vic Lewandowski delivered his first-ever 300 game in the

Thursday Night Men's league Also, Daryl Włudyka shot his 300 in the Thursday Night Men's and Coy Cordone delivered his 290 in the Catholic Central League.

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



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Hughes leaves after 26 seasons

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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There will be a changing of the guard for Livonia Churchill girls volleyball next season

Mike Hughes, one of the area's most successful prep coaches, turned in his resignation to athletic director Marc Hage last week, signaling the end of an era.

Hughes, who also plans to retire from teaching from the Livonia Public Schools in June, leaves with an overall record of 765-254-81

His 1991 team finished 47-1-1 and captured the state Class A title He also led the Chargers to the 1979 state final and a state quarterfinal berth in 1979

Under Hughes, Churchill won 12 conference titles, including the 2003 Western Lakes Activities Association championship, along with 11 divisional crowns

In his final season, Hughes led Churchill to the Class A regional final and a 49-8-3 record

"It's going to hard to duplicate what Mike did," Hage said "He'll sorely be missed I'll miss him like crazy

"He had a real good run and he's going out totally on his terms With all his experience, nobody had a higher energy level He was a go-go guy all the time and a top-notch coach"

Hage said the job will be posted Monday with JV coach Mark Grenier possibly as the leading candidate

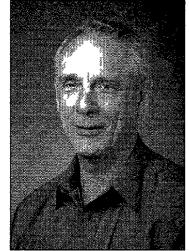
The Chargers return several key players next year

"It's a very attractive position," Hage said "I'm sure we'll get interest from all over"

Hughes, a department chair in history and social studies at Churchill, felt the time was right to retire

"I still enjoy it and still enjoy the kids,' he said "But it's a decision I thought about a long time and it heavily weighed on my mind

"This coincides with my retirement from teaching I have a firm belief, if possible and whenever possible, that



Mike Hughes

the coach needs to be in the building When you're in the building it's so much easier"

Hughes, who ranks among the state's top ten winningest volleyball coaches, believes the program will remain in good hands

"It's a good program with solid kids and solid coaches, I'm not baling out," he said "I still feel Churchill can be competitive and have solid success"

After winning the 2002 WLAA tournament, Churchill was forced to forfeit five of its six playoff wins and its championship trophy after Hughes self-reported himself when he discovered a rules violation

He had used two JV players called up for the varsity tournament in their 19th regular season date, one over the maximum allowable MHSAA hmit

But Hughes never flinched about doing the honorable thing, blaming only himself, for the mistake He said he couldn't have lived with himself had he let it go

"I was not cognizant of the situation," he told the Observer in February of 2002 "I just didn't think It was not a question of being ignorant I should have known It was my mistake It hit me like a ton of bricks when I realized it There's no excuse '

Hughes also believes players win games, not coaches

"You set excellence as a goal and the kids will buy into that," he said Its not the same as winning but you try and play 'He had a real good run and he's going out totally on his terms. With all his experience, nobody had a higher energy level. He was a go-go guy all the time and a topnotch coach.'

Marc Hage athletic director

as well as you can And it's enjoyable to play when it happens

"You talk about improving and you try to get better in terms of practice You find one aspect of the game to get better at There's always something to shoot at But it's never perfection because we're people"

Hughes' philosophy of coaching volleyball went beyond wins and losses

"The games are studentplayer oriented," he said "Practice is coach-oriented You win because of the leadership of the kids"

In '91, Hughes enjoyed a special season

Although unranked the entire year, Churchill rehed on precision passing and stellar defense resulting in the school's second state championship, a 15-13, 15-7 victory over Temperance Bedford in the finals

"We knew we were a lot better than people thought, but once we won the Schoolcraft tournament, against some of the finest teams in the state, we felt we had a chance," Hughes said

"But our only goal that year was to play our best during the year and play better than the game before"

It was a philosophy that certainly worked well for Hughes, who had only one losing season in 26 years

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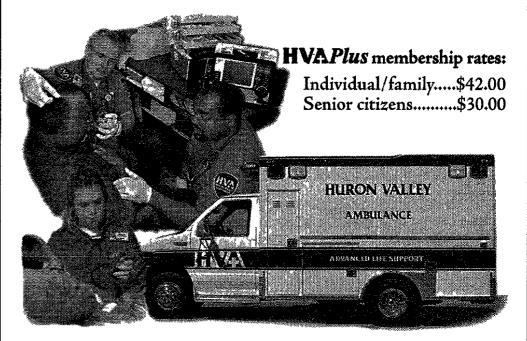
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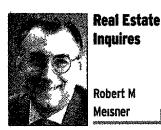
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Association can levy assessments

We have recently been assessed a substantial sum for a new roof with no explanation as to where the money has been going for many years. When I asked to see the signed bids, neither the board nor the management company would produce them. I feel the money is being spent frivolously on unneeded items and too much control has been turned over to the management company. Are there any laws in the state of Michigan governing how a board can assess members for major repairs? Is it not necessary to assess residents equally at the same time and are there any laws governing how a board or management company handle the finances and present information to the owners?

You have a multitude of questions regarding the governing of the association, many which are dependent upon what your condominium documents provide Most documents allow the board some flexibility in levying assessments to make repairs and/or replacements of the common elements as opposed to requiring approval from the co-owners if capital improvements are undertaken As to the actions of the management company and the board, you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium lawyer who can advise you as to whether or not there are abuses by the management company and/or the board since you have various rights as a coowner, both under the condominium documents, the nonprofit corporation act, and the condominium

BY DOUG FUNKE

Some Realtors love the work for its unlimited income potential, others for the ability to set their own schedules

Most enjoy meeting and sharing in the happiness of clients, others socializing with colleagues

Some home sales professionals relish walking through beautiful homes, others the challenge of putting together deals

tion of reasons

"I guess it's because it's so people intensive and so diverse," said Janice Grupido, broker/owner of Countryside GMAC offices in Rochester and Troy "It's not the same job Monday through Friday It's change, challenge and constant learning

"And the pure pleasure added "If you don't have that, you're in the wrong business'

Grupido obtained her real estate license in 1977 after she and her husband literally built their own home 'I thought it was a logical progression," she said

Big money, Grupido said, doesn't come easy

"It takes a lot of stamına, a lot of hard work," she said "There's a huge learning curve and the matter of sticking with it'

STAYING ACTIVE

Nancy Stelaff, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Bloomfield Hills, 18 74 years old and has been in the business for 13 years

"It serves to get me up in the morning, to get moving, to go to the office and relate to people and not feel out of the main-stream of life," she said

'My customers become my friends, they really do,' Sielaff added That's pretty nice at my age - to have increasing friendships

Sandy Norman, associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham,

Realtors find many rewards

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STAFF WRITER

For many, it's a combina-

of helping people," Grupido



Mary Keoleian, affiliated with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield, enjoys finding a house for somebody and seeing that they're excited and pleased about it

HOW TO JOIN RANKS

Prospective real estate agents in Michigan must be at least 18 years of age

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Then there's the matter of passing the state licensing exam (\$46) Agents generally affiliate with an

trates almost all of those points "We went to a home together They called us about a mailing we had done It was a couple from India They wanted to sell on their own They got a value for the house In two weeks they called back and said, 'Please list our house'

When we listed it, I went down to Florida to pick up a car and Bev sold it," he continued "We ve sold seven houses through that family When someone decides to sell, you have 10 to 15 adults sitting around asking questions It's kind of a unique experience on culture

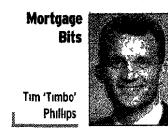
"I know that family now wouldn't call anyone but us," he said "Business is like a tree Every customer is a branch Whether you re a small branch or a large branch, you re going to get the same care Money comes on its own'

ON THE HUNT

Mary Keoleian, affiliated with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield, appreci-

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Do your mortgage homework

S pring has finally spring and the warming real estate market is showing its annual sprouts - "Home for Sale" signs popping up around every corner You can increase the chance of success during this house hunting season - and perhaps even avert disaster - by doing a little mortgage homework first

Researching your mortgage possibilities does not mean merely phoning a dozen lenders to price out 30-year loans This tack will likely get you 12 lavish promises designed to lure you into the door

Before selecting a lender to fund your family's largest purchase, consider other important factors besides interest rate

First, your best "quoted" interest rate is totally worthless if your loan officer cannot deliver as promised Every experienced Realtor will tell you that almost every failed real estate deal is due to botched financing You need a lender who is capable of getting your money to the closing table professionally and on time

Some mortgage lenders show up for business when the market 1s hot, then close up shop during the off-season Fair weather lenders may not be your best choice Would you select a part-time or "discount" heart surgeon to operate on a family member, or an 'e-attorney' to handle your family's estate?

Choosing a competent and ethical loan officer is no easy task as they are scattered throughout the industry no single dank of mort gage company has cornered the market on top talent You are as likely to find a "Schlep' loan officer in a well-advertised mortgage company or bank as in a smaller Mom-and-Pop shop A safe bet for choosing a winning mortgage loan officer is "word-of-mouth' Beware 'This is not a movie, so make sure you use a strong, credible referral source Finally, tech savvy lenders can make your life much easter Many now have access to Automated Underwriting that allows them to get loan approvals very quickly Underwriting speed can sometimes be as important as price, sometimes more A loan officer who has invested in timesaving technologies is more apt to have his or her mind on the details of your transaction

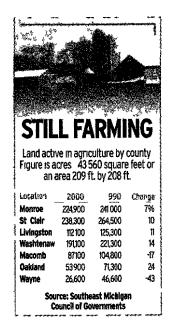
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Robert M Meisner a lawyer con centrates his practice in the areas of condominiums real estate cor porate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich com This column shouldn t be con strued as legal advice



has been matching sellers and buyers for 22 years

"It's the ability to be rewarded for quality work - financially and personal satisfaction," he said "Having people know that my name is associated with quality service

"I've had repeated \$20 million-plus sales years and over \$250 million in career sales," Norman added "I consider the value and repeated success I've had probably puts me in the top two or three agents in Oakland County'

Putting together deals gives Curt Carson, a broker with RE/MAX Encore in Clarkston, a big rush

"You have to deal with all the different issues that come up with particular parties, take care of problems," he said

"Recently, I had an issue where clients were in an expensive house, the economy changed and they needed to sell Initially, they had the house listed too high It was on the market for two years Someone referred the sellers to me

"The house was in foreclosure and we ended up selling the house two weeks before the end of the redemption period, but we couldn't close in time because the bank said it wouldn't do the deal

"I took it to court, the bank capitulated The key was taking care of these people The bank got what it needed, the buyers got a home they wanted and the sellers got out clean

"We're in business to make a profit to feed our families," Carson said "We truly are interested in helping our clients, protecting them"

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office, work as independent contractors and are paid on a commission basis They set their own schedules Agents usually are responsible for their own business plans and expenses including but not limited to paying taxes health care costs and retirement contributions from commissions Business expenses are tax deductible

HAPPY TOGETHER

Phil and Bev Anderlie, a husband-wife team, have been affiliated with Clark & Fron in Livonia for 13 and six years, respectively

That's the big kick for Phil

"It's absolutely wonderful we get to spend so much time together,' he said "As for other things, I enjoy meeting different people, different cultures you talk to You meet all walks of life," he said

"Also, when you find the perfect house, whether it's first-time buyer, second-time buyer or third-time buyer that matches up when they light up, that's cool "

Phil Anderhe shares a story that illus-

ates the nunting aspect of the work

"The thing I probably enjoy most is finding a house for somebody, seeing that they're excited and pleased about it That gives me a lot of satisfaction," she said It's especially rewarding when clients bring repeat business

"I sold a couple a home in West Bloomfield It was my hsting," Keoleian said "The buyers were transferred the next year and I sold the house again

"They were in Germany 2-1/2 years and when they returned, the guy asked his wife, 'Who do you want to work with?' She said she wanted to go with me, and I found them a house in Novi

'You get to be close to some of these people," Keoleian said "There's a lot of emotion involved in moving They were so happy, so grateful It was so nice working with them '

Sandy Doner, associate broker with Remerica Hometown III, Canton, would seem to speak for most colleagues with her summation

"The people I meet, it's so versatile the different personalities," said the 23year veteran

"Being part of one of the most important decisions people make in their lifetimes," Doner added "That's why it's so challenging Every transaction is different, no repetition Everything is new and excitıng

"Also, flexibility, being able to make your own schedule, your own hours," she said

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Timothy J Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper colum nist You may reach him at (734) 451 8267 or via www HomeQuarters BIZ Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specif ic to their situation



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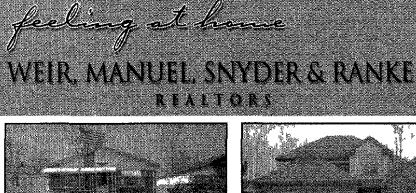
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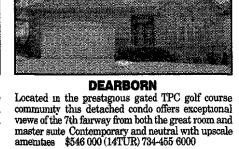
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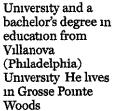
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by a member Their entry was the Michigan Hall of Justice, Lansing

The six-story, 280,000-squarefoot building joins under one roof the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, administrative offices and a new Public Learning Center

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Building, (contractor) Novi, Angelini & Associates Architects, Ann Arbor, and Eastern Michigan University, (owner) combined to win for best team project in Washtenaw County under \$3 million Their entry was Crossroads Marketplace, 6,000 square feet of renovations of the dining commons at the Hoyt Conference Center Phoenix

Contractors, Bowers & Rein, (architect) and the Michigan Antique Fire Equipment Preservation Group, (owner) Ypsilanti, teamed to win for best team project in Washtenaw County over \$3 million

Their entry was a renovation and addition totaling 12,000 square feet for a museum dedicated to firefight-

Ing David Esau, vice president of Cornerstone Design, Ann Arbor, received the association's Vander Hyden Award for accomplishment and advocacy/service to the industry

Also, Safe2Work, an Internet-based system that tracks safety awareness training and drug screening status of Michigan's union-1zed construction population, was recognized as the best innovation. The program began as a collaboration among the Great Lakes Construction Alliance, Management and

Unions Serving Together and Coastal Training Technologies Corp

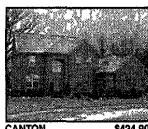
Grubb & Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, recently was involved in a couple of major transactions Mickey Rist, of the firm's investment group, represented the seller

and found the buyer for Woodland Square Shopping Center in Livonia

Also, Geoff Hill, Chuck Ginster and Mike Vaughn represented both the owner and the tenant, American Eagle Corp , in the leasing of industrial space in Troy



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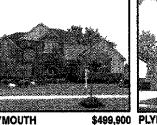


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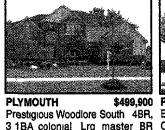
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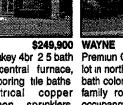


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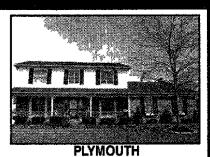
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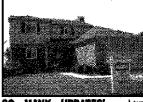
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SOUTHERN EXPOSURE - Soft and inviting with slight contemporary flair Three bedroom 2 story Backs to open area Wonderful master Fabulous



Charming 2 bedrooms 2 full baths and garagel Very quick occupancy \$138 900 first floor laundry make this a great buy (931SE) Spend your evenings watching the fire Spend your evenings watching the fire dance as you relax in your living room overlooking Hines Park \$153 900 (755SY)



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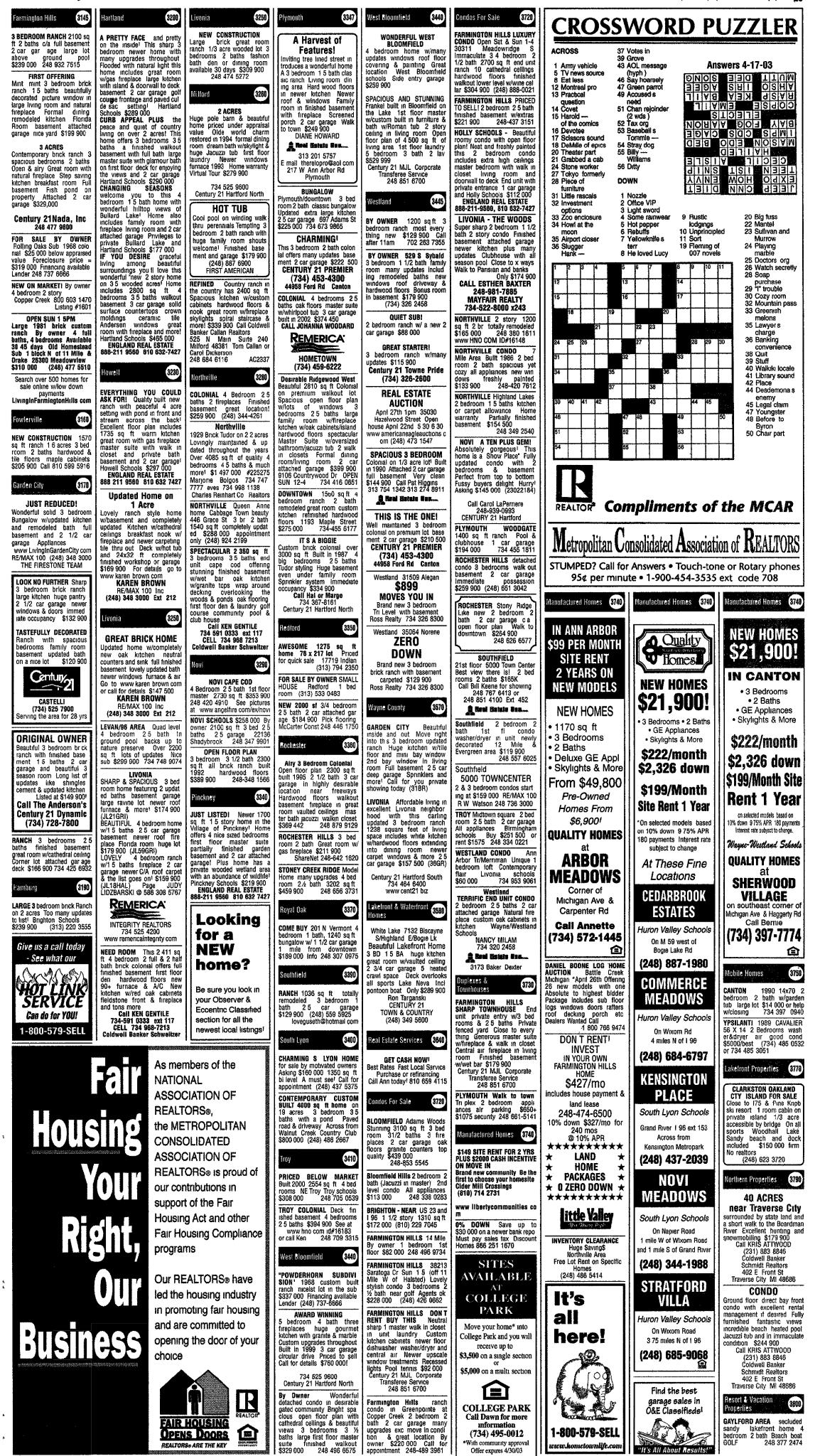
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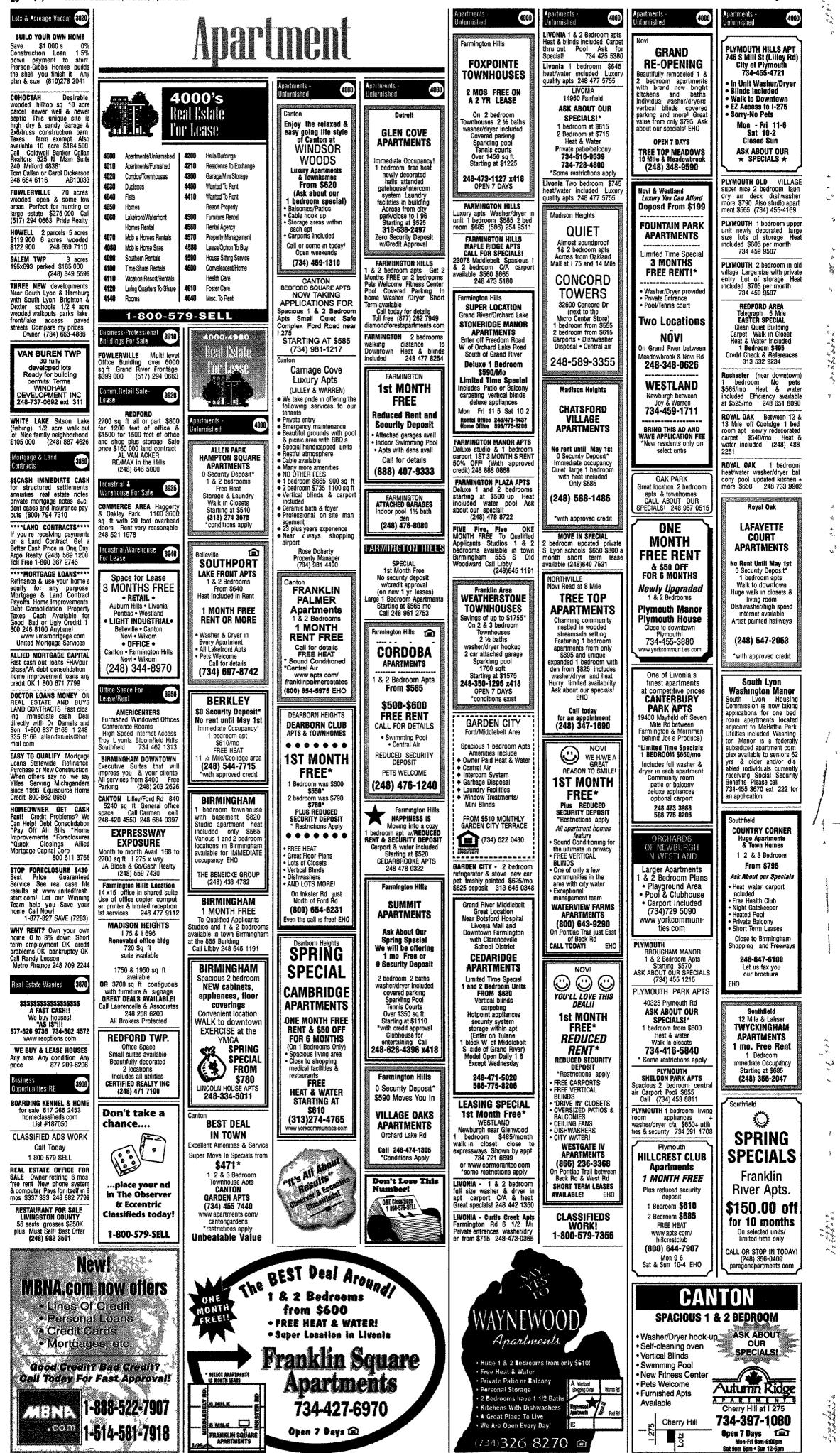
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PLYMOUTH - Downtown Plymouth End Unit Hardwood floor in 2 story foyer & 5 bath FP w/marble surround doorwall to private enclosed deck some appliances 2nd floor laundry att garage partially fin ished basement w/possible 3rd bdrm or offide Home Warranty \$177 000 (04ANN) 734-455 5600



YPSILANTI - Beautiful Banch 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/2 car attached garage full basement maintenance free exterior brick paver patio CA appliances 6 panel doors beautiful kitchen Great home for entertaining Better than building new \$194 900 (08HOM) 734 455 5600



WESTLAND Awesome Rivergate Condo! Excellent 2 story 2 bedroom condo w/basement & garage Livonia schools Beautifully decorated & extremely clean in an excellent location near expressways & shopping \$159 977 (07RIV) 248 280 3947



FARMINGTON HILLS - Beat the rent race & invest in your future. Beautiful 2 bed room 1 bath unit w/separate entrance & in unit laundry w/extra storage Private deck overlooking scenic wooded ravine All appliances included Carport w/extra guest parking Farmington schools \$89 000 (34MID) 248 349 5600

ROSEVILLE - Mechanics Dream Garage

This ranch home is perfect for a 1st time

buyer or rental it offers a 4 car garage

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newer cabs Newer concrete drive vinyl



CANTON - Treat Yourself & Your Family Stunning newer 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colo nial w/3 car garage Kitchen opens to din ing room & FR for great entertaining Large master suite w/jetted tub & WI clos et Partly finished lower level Landscaped yard w/sprinklers & 2 tiered deck \$324 900 (59SAV) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Green Hill Commons Pride of ownership t/o this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial Fresh paint decor & plenty of updates t/o Formal DR FFL FR w/frpic large basement sprinkler system deck & oversized garage too Great location \$324 900 (85PAR) 248 349 5600



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CANTON - Desirable 2 BR Ranch Unit Great location Newer windows roof & car pet Neutral throughout Freshly painted Pets allowed Children's play area Spacious LR with a lot of windows Why rent when you could own Plymouth Canton schools \$103 900 (38ORC) 248-349 5600



LIVONIA - Outstanding Value in this Livonia ranch Meticulously maintained inside & out This 3 bedroom home has an updated bath & most windows replaced Newer roof shingles hot water heater decor & more All appliances 1 year home protection plan & quick occupancy too \$147 500 (42AUB) 248 349 5600



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COMMERCE - 4 bedroom 3 bath con temporary ranch Large great room w/fire place Vaulted ceilings 4 season Florida room Wooded lot overlooks pond Outside ights & sprinklers Multi level deck w/hot tub Home Warranty included Lower level rec room w/bath \$254 900 (77SPR) 248 349 5600



REDFORD - Priced For Quick Sale This charming 3 bedroom home has so much potential Dining room w/bay windows Nice sized living room and bedrooms Plaster walls hardwood floors in most rooms Finished basement 2 car attached garage Located on a corner lot \$115 900 (06SOU) 248 349 5600



MILFORD - 2002 New Construction

Custom 2 story home on walk out LL on a

1+ acre cul-de sac wooded lot 4 bed

rooms 35 baths w/granite & maple dual

fireplace stylish master suite w/large

Jacuzzi tub Many updates \$529 950

WARREN - Perfect Brick Starter This 3

bedroom 2 bath brick ranch has two car

gar w/newer gar door & electronic opener

newer furn hot water heater dishwasher

kit & bathroom sink Two full baths partial-

hardwood floors & cement patio in back

yard \$125 900 (62POP) 248 349 5600

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NOVI - Exquisite Style Decor & Location Architectural int detail make this home stand out 4 bdrm 35 baths w/Northville schools cath ceil in foyer lib formal DR kit has howd fir double oven & island breakfast room opens to GR & tiered deck finished walk out 3 car garge & paver patio \$559 900 (40BAR) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Beautiful Townhouse Shows like a model 2 bedrooms bath & lav mar ble surround gas fireplace dining area w/doorwall to deck Kitchen w/oak cabi nets & spice rack 1st floor laundry full pri vate basement & attached garage \$169 900 (50HUN) 734 455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Brick Banch 3 bed room home offers CA newer windows hardwood floors partially finished base ment w/full bath glass block windows Appliances included 15 car garage \$144 500 (55RIV) 734-455 5600

siding & fenced yard \$94 900 (36FLO)





Lots of maintenance Free updates roof

CANTON - Updated 2 Bedroom Condo Great location facing serene courtyard Open flowing floor plan new oak kitchen & bath spacious living room w/new carpet & door to balcony Master bedroom w/walk in closet \$111 900 (35FRA) 734-455 5600









FARMINGTON - Easy Peaceful Living Walk to town from this clean comfortable 1st floor ranch 1 bedroom 1 bath nice Florida room spacious living areas no maintenance hardwood floors under car pet 1 car garage Stove refrigerator included its all here and affordable \$74 900 (53KIN) 734 455-5600





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SOUTHGATE - Stop in The Name of Love Perfect 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch on approx 4 acres w/newer roof on garage & home Newer windows furn & AC 01 Master bedroom w/WIC bath & shower Hardwood floors steel entry doors Florida room updated kit Newer apple Great home \$149 900 (29KEN) 248 349 5600

WESTLAND - Country Living in the City 2 acres 3 bedroom 2 5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage deck full basement newer roof hot water heater ceramic baths Splittable land \$335 000 (60GRA) 734-455 5600

CANTON - Sunflower Sub 4 Bedroorr

Colonial Move in condition Lovely home

in popular sub w/comm pool tennis cts &

clubhouse Professionally finished base

ment w/bdrm & rec area w/wet bar 2 tier

deck fenced yard nicely landscaped

open floor plan + fireplace in family room \$299 900 (30GUN) 734 455 5600

LIVONIA - Classy Colonial Condo Donit miss this sharp well maintained 2 bed room 25 bath end unit w/2 car attached garage full basement walk in closets light oak cabinets in kitchen. Very private deck Home Warranty offered \$193 900 (27MER) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Great Starter Under 95K Updates updates & more Newer/updated roof shingles furnace windows hot water heater driveway walk paint carpet & more Just turn the key & move in \$94 900 (51NOR) 734 455 5600



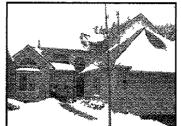
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CANTON - Quality Thru Out Gorgeous oak kitchen cust hdwd firs in kitchen DR hall & foyer Oak 6 panel doors huge FR w/wet bar & FP master bedroom w/master bath w/jetted tub & walk in closet All in this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage & partially finished base ment \$249 900 (03WED) 734 455 5600

room 2 bath condo offers newer carpet Gorgeous 6 bedroom 35 bath tudor on thru out neutral tones baths w/beautiful premium lot in cul de sac Awesome view ceramic also ceramic foyer unit offers car that is wooded & private w/babbling brook port doorwall to deck all appliances Fresh paint personality & curb appeal w/new fridge & home warranty \$114 850 galore Kitchen in lower level Perfect for guest suite w/private bath Won t last long \$548 000 (72SCE) 248 349 5600



WIXOM - Spacious Colonial This immac ulate home offers 3 bedrooms 2 5 baths Great room w/vaulted ceilings dining room and a master suite w/cathedral ceil ings Neutral decor Close to nature pre serve and Walled Lake schools Sub has approx 10 acres of woodland commons area \$309 900 (76TRA) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Walk to Downtown from this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo Relaxing 1st floor MBR w/his/her bath separate shower & roman tub Newly refinished hdwd floors in entry hall kitchen & nook Newer carpeting t/o First floor laundry French doors to deck overlooking beautiful yard \$299 900 (21STL) 248-349 5600

NOVI - Sit and relax its a NO NO No painting no fixing no yard work in this condo community 3 BR/loft 3 BA 2 story end unit w/attached garage on cul-de-sac setting 1st floor master w/ WIC Large deck off back w/view of 8th fairway Breathtaking LL w/office & living quarters \$224 900 (17PRI) 248-349 5600

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REDFORD - Sharp Updated Ranch Clean & well maintained 3 BR 2 BA home Freshly painted 03 wndws siding 02 newer doors & storms roof & gutters 98 furn & AC 97 fin bsmt & newer blinds liv ing room updated kit ceramic floor & countertop & ceiling fan All hardwood floors \$138 900 (24TEC) 248 349 5600



REDFORD - What a great buy 3 bed room 15 bath brick ranch with finished basement Many updates 25 car garage Heated breezeway One year home war ranty included \$173 000 (07SAR) 248 349 5600



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NORTHVILLE - Custom Northville Home Gorgeous 3 bedrooms 2 5 baths w/family room DR living room heated sunroom & full bsmt Antique leaded glass wall Walk to school & town Gas frolc AC California closets wet bar 2x6 construction All appls & window treatments \$499 900 20HIG) 248-349 5600





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NOVI - Sprawling Ranch! Large 4 bed room 2 bath home w/great curb appeal large lot & car attached garage updated kitchen w/loads of counters & cabinets both baths furnace (03) windows entry doors & garage door + appliances \$197 500 (21QUI) 734-455 5600



NORTHVILLE - Outstanding Northville

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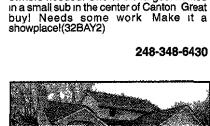
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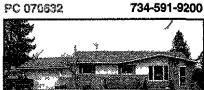


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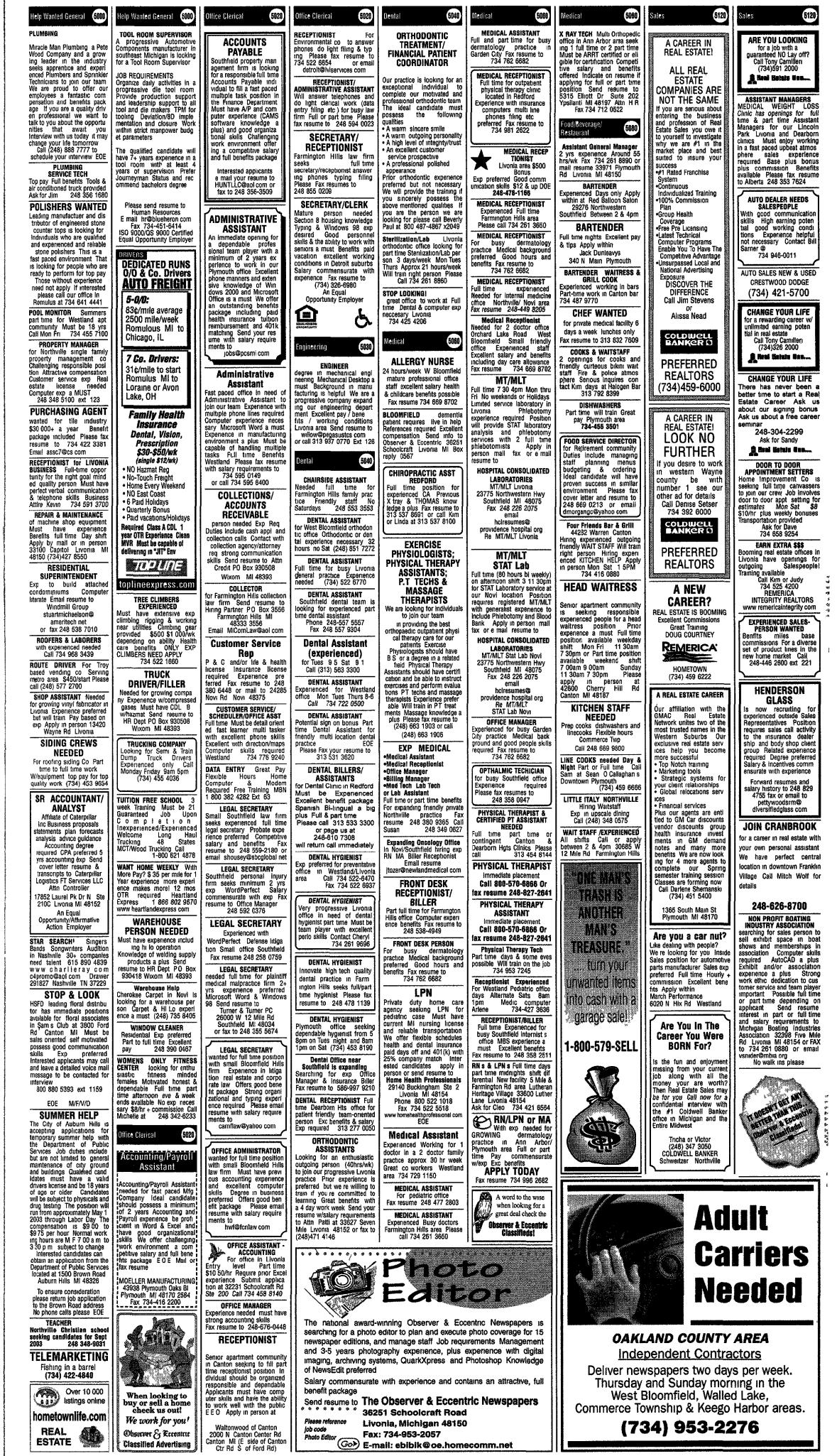




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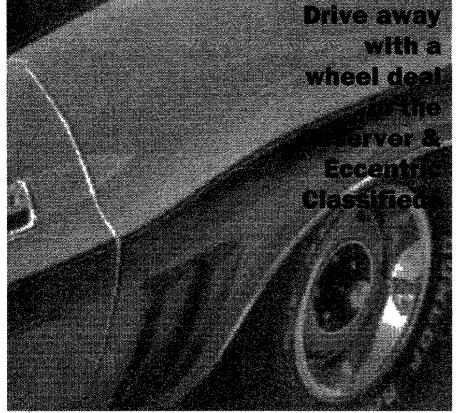


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2003 Jeep Liberty Offers Off-Road Freedom

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BY DALE BUSS

With Jeep Liberty, what you see is what you get A reasonably priced SUV that screams off-road capability – and delivers on expectations Unlike some competitors, however, Liberty's aggressive stance isn't hiding the capacity for a silky on-pavement performance as well This model proves rather ordinary once it gets onto roads

Liberty was a great stroke for DaimlerChrysler when the company introduced the compact SUV model two years ago, replacing its outmoded Cherokee, which had been in production for nearly two decades And this vehicle's two most outstanding features are paying dividends for Jeep and its customers

At a suggested retail price of \$24,295, the Liberty Sport model I tested illustrates reliability and flar at an affordable level for most consumers Competing in a crowded category with the likes of Honda CR-V, Ford Escape, Toyota RAV4 and Mazda Tribute, Liberty offers an adequate cost-benefit argument and has sold well for DaimlerChrysler

No doubt a major reason for the common appeal of Liberty is its second most significant feature styling In a segment that is filled with me-toos, Liberty boldly harkens back to the look of its bloodline ancestor, the original Jeep Willys, which helped to liberate Europe during World War II The trademark Jeep grille, with seven vertical rectangles, is joined by retro round headlamps

Other design notes include short front and rear overhangs, a high roofline, rear-mounted spare tire and 16-inch alloy wheels below pronounced wheel flares Liberty thereby asserts a certain amount of automotive athleticism, yet its design is "cute" enough to appeal to the broad cross section of affordable-SUV buyers

Jeep makes much of Liberty's off-road capability While I didn't test it per se in the midst of a Michigan winter, I can describe it At about 4,000



The 2003 Jeep Liberty Screams Off-Road Capability

pounds, Liberty clearly is rugged for its size Its Command-Trac four-wheel-drive system is legendary as a feature of all recent Jeeps, with a setand-forget feature governing all-wheel drive The lowering of the ride height by one inch from 2002 models helps improve stability, yet Liberty still has a full eight inches of suspension travel It easily gobbles up obstacles such as good-sized potholes and road ruts With the 3 7-liter PowerTech V6, 210horsepower engine that is standard with any automatic transmission in Liberty, there's plenty of pickup (and hauling of up to 5,000 pounds, tops among compact SUVs)

But on smooth pavement, where even Liberty gets most of its use, the vehicle has made some compromises that mark it down in comparison with more car-like competitors Liberty's ride is too truck-like for my taste, its handling a little too loose, its steering rather heavy At 17 miles per gallon in the city and 21 on the highway, its fuel efficiency also is a bit on the lean side for how it's positioned and marketed

Yet, of great interest to all drivers, wherever they make take Liberty The 2003 vehicle has been given the federal government's highest rating in three separate categories Head-protecting curtain side airbags and anti-lock brakes are optional

Inside, Liberty offers ample room for four people,

and five could comfortably make short trips There also is adequate cargo room behind the side-opening rear door 29 cubic feet behind the 35/65-split folding rear seat, and 69 cubic feet when that seat is folded down

The Sport edition is pretty bare-bones, with the standard package limited to amenities such as an auxiliary 12-volt power outlet and AM/FM stereo with cassette The Sport version that I tested also included air conditioning, power locks and windows and mirrors, keyless and illuminated entry, six premium speakers and a leather-wrapped steering wheel, among other features

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Overall, Liberty ends up being consistent with the promise of its styling and market positioning some exciting capabilities for those who don't mind a bit of an elemental SUV experience And a good value for the money

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