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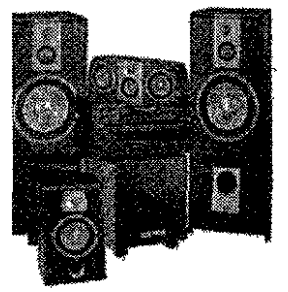
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Moving on

Joan Yukins, warden of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, has been selected as the deputy director of the Michigan Department of Corrections Field Operations Administration. Yukins, a 23 year DOC veteran, replaces Dennis Schrantz. As head of field operations, Yukins will oversee probation and parole services, alternatives to incarceration and community residential programs for the department.

"With the department's emphasis on the transition from prison to the community, I am excited about working in the field operations side of the department," said Yukins, warden since 1991.

Blood drive

The Plymouth Post Office and Comcast join forces to sponsor a blood/bone marrow drive Thursday March 18. The drive takes place from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the main post office on Beck Road. For an appointment call Barb Mitchell at (734) 453-6111.

Fish fry

The Knights of Columbus of Plymouth sponsor fish fries every Friday through the Easter season.

The events start Feb 20 and go every Friday through April 2. An outdoor Stations of the Cross takes place April 9. The evenings go from 5-7:30 p.m.

Available meals include all-you-can-eat fish and chips (\$6), six-piece shrimp and chips (\$7), six-piece shrimp/two-piece fish (\$8), macaroni and cheese (\$4), and baked fish/potato (\$6). Coffee, punch and condiments are free.

The Knights of Columbus is located at 150 Fair St., off of Mill, between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 453-3966 for take-out orders or more information.

Special visitor

Rotarians and guests had extra reason to get up early for their Tuesday meeting Feb 17, as the Plymouth A.M. Rotary hosted Mrs. Michigan Maureen Anne Huebel.

Huebel, a Plymouth resident, shared her platform, which focuses on mental health and substance abuse issues. She is employed as a mental health professional for Wayne County.

On a lighter note, she told those at the breakfast meeting that glue helps to hold swimsuits in place during pageants. Her own pageant didn't require her to wear a swimsuit, however.

Parents pressure board on bond issue

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The silent majority has begun to speak out.

A small group of Canton Township residents have begun pressuring Plymouth-Canton school board trustees, urging them to conclude that a bond issue is needed to construct new schools in southwest Canton to house a growing student population.

"We need two new schools to ensure quality education for our children, with acceptable numbers of children per classroom to protect the reputation and high academic standards of Plymouth-Canton Schools and safeguard our property values," said Jasmin Walker. "It is crucial that we put two new schools on the bond, as soon as possible."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, in his Key Communicator

newsletter, called it a fairness issue.

"Continued student growth in Canton has provided the Plymouth-Canton School District needed revenue," Yack wrote. "However, new students to the district are generally treated to long bus rides to 'available space' that usually means riding a bus past two or three closer elementary or middle schools."

"If Canton is to continue to

retain and attract new residents (home values up), then new schools need to be constructed," said Yack.

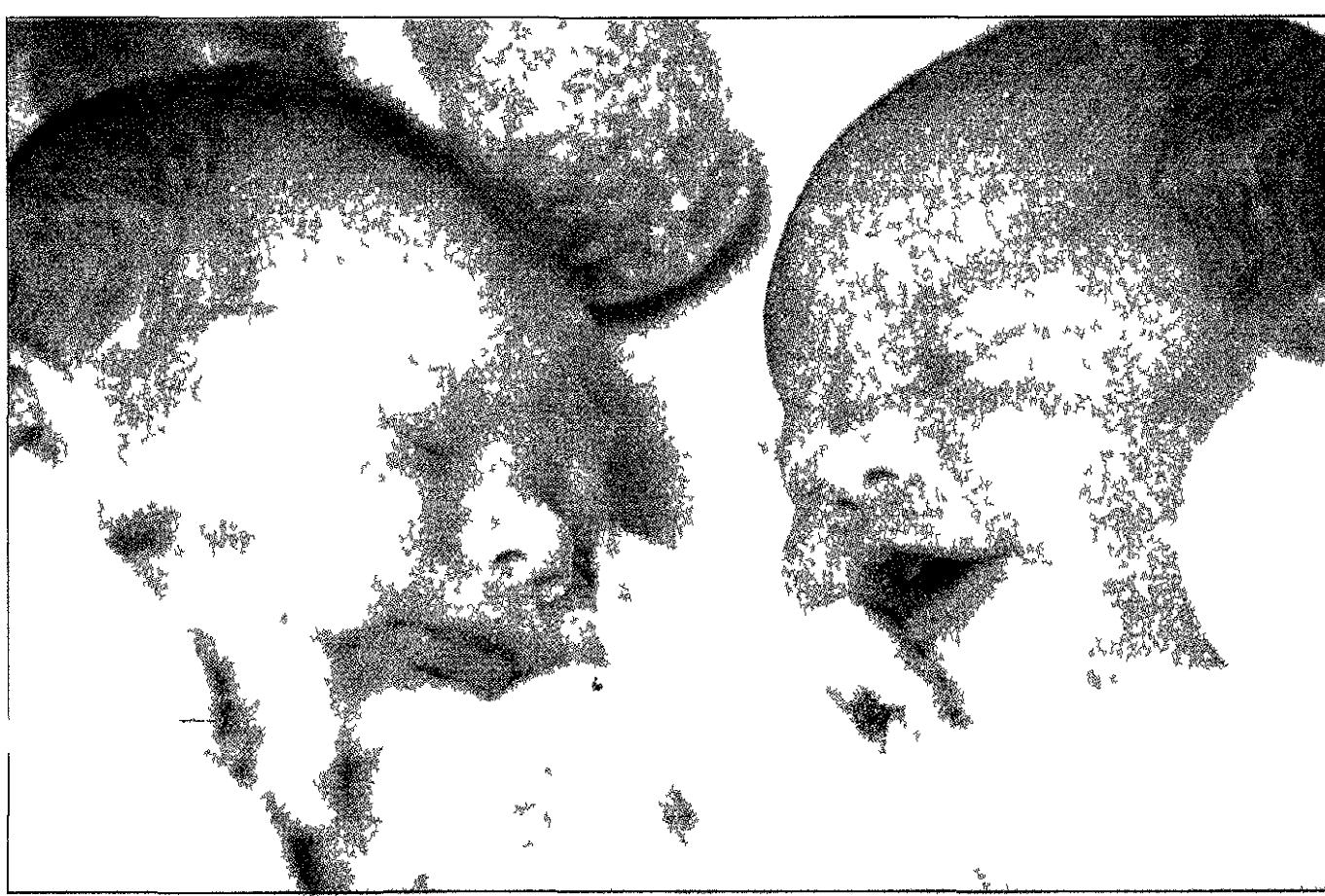
"We've known there's a problem in that area, and those people are bringing it to us," said school board Trustee Tom Wysocki. "Demographic wise, the bulk of the students are from Canton, and that's helping to steer the ship in that direction."

Wysocki, who resides in

Plymouth, said trustees need to look at improvements for the entire district.

"We have to maintain our fiduciary responsibility to manage the district, and do what's best for the kids in the district," he said. "There are lots of needs in Canton but you want to have something for everybody."

The Board of Education is expected to decide the fate of a bond issue at its April 27 meeting.



Cousins Isaac Ferraro (left) and Broderick Gibson were born at St. Joseph Hospital some 12 hours apart to sisters Becky Ferraro and Jenny Gibson.

It's a boy! And another boy!

Births 12 hours apart have sisters bonding in motherhood

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Jenny Gibson stepped into one of the recovery rooms at St. Joseph Hospital-Ann Arbor in Ypsilanti just minutes after her nephew, Isaac, had been born to her sister,

Becky. Mom and baby were both doing fine, she was informed, so Jenny went about her own business at the hospital.

Having a baby of her own, Gibson, a three-time mom now, delivered her baby, Broderick, at 7:10 a.m.

Friday, less than 12 hours after her sister had had Isaac.

The births capped a happy nine-month period where the sisters, both residents of Plymouth, used the same doctors, the same medical schedules and, ultimately,

nearly the same delivery date.

"We were leaving the delivery room, and she was walking in," Becky Ferraro said. "We were passing in the hallway and she said, 'I

PLEASE SEE BABIES, A10

Public potty now a priority

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears a downtown Plymouth public restroom could become a reality by late summer.

City commissioners voted in September on the condition that funding from contributions was in place by the end of March 2004.

I'm more optimistic than I've ever been," said Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer who has made a public bathroom in downtown Plymouth a personal project since being elected five years ago. "The Downtown Development Authority has stepped up to the plate with \$50,000. Then the (Plymouth Community) Chamber of Commerce committed \$25,000."

Dwyer said there's \$112,000 in commitments, and he believes the rest will come soon.

"You talk to people about it, and they say they'll give if it's a reality," he said. "So, I think people now know it's a reality. We're going to get the money by March and start building soon afterward."

Some of the donations will be stretched out over a period of years. The DDA donation calls for \$10,000 for each of the next five years, the Chamber of Commerce plans to give \$5,000 a year, and DiAnne Quinn, who runs Art in the Park, is giving \$2,500 a year for a total of \$10,000.

PLEASE SEE POTTY, A7

Pioneer staff dunks cops for charity

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Pioneer Middle School student-teacher Scott Alexander decided to have students perform a service learning project, school officials decided on a charity basketball game.

But the idea came with a price for the kids. If they wanted to watch the game between Plymouth Township police and Pioneer staffers, they had to come up with enough cans to benefit a local shelter or soup kitchen.

Little did they know how well the students would respond, collecting some 1,600 cans to be donated to help the hungry.

"We have a very generous group of kids," Pioneer Principal Phil Freeman said. "It seems like every time we do an activity like this, they really step up."

They stepped up enough to have a raucous crowd on hand as the staffers battled to a 38-36 victory despite claims by observers for the other side that the game ended in a draw.

The crowd did not see its principal on the court.

"Oh, no," Freeman said, laughing. "I tell them I'm just bad at basketball, but the truth is I'd probably pass out if I tried running up and down the court."

Freeman did lavish praise on the township police, who he said were very supportive.

"They were great and they didn't arrest anyone," he said, laughing again. "That was nice. Actually, they did ask for a rematch and one is being considered."



Pioneer Middle School teachers took on officers from the Plymouth Township Police Department in a charity basketball game to benefit shelters and soup kitchens.

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LOCAL SPEAKER

Plymouth resident and author Suk Hi Kim, international finance professor at University of Michigan, will speak at the Plymouth District Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. His most recent book, "North Korea at a Crossroads," looks at the history of U.S.-North Korean relations and prospects for future reconciliation. Register for the program at 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

SALVATION ARMY PRESCHOOL

The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for Fall 2004.

The program for 3-year-olds runs Tuesday and Thursday, while the program for 4-year-olds runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.

PLYMOUTH PROMOTION

Daniel Mykols has been promoted to vice president, mortgage loan officer at Republic Bank in Plymouth, officials at Republic Bancorp, Inc. announced. Mykols joined Republic Bank in 1997 as a mortgage



loan officer. Republic Bancorp, Inc., with \$5.4 billion in assets, is the third-largest bank holding company headquartered in Michigan and the 82nd-largest in the country. Its subsidiary, Republic Bank, serves customers in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana with 93 retail, commercial and mortgage banking offices.

SCI-FI DISCUSSIONS

The Plymouth District Library is starting a Science Fiction Book Discussion Group for teens in middle school and high school. The group will meet the fourth Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Feb. 23. That first meeting will decide titles to be discussed for upcoming meetings. The March 22 meeting will feature discussion on "I, Robot," by Isaac Asimov. For more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230.

FROSTBITE DELIGHT

Fox Hills hosts a two-person scramble, "Frostbite Delight," Saturday, Feb. 28. Tee times begin at 10 a.m. for this \$44-per-team event, which includes nine holes of golf, hot beverages, chili and sloppy Joe bar. The event, Fox Hills officials warn, "is not for the far-weather golfer, so pull out your warmest gloves and furthest hat." Reservations are required. Call (734) 453-7272 for more details. Skating skills: Open general registration for an eight-week basic skating skills course takes place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The basic skills class offers opportunities to learn to skate at every level, from beginner to advanced freestyle. Each class is 25 minutes, with another 25 minutes of practice time before or after the lesson, depending on scheduling. The course runs from March 15-May 8 and costs \$56 for city residents, \$76 for non-residents. For more information go to the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or call (734) 455-6620 Ext. 304.



Celebrating history

Civil War re-enactors Heather Tennes (from left) Len Steinberg and musicians Tom and Lee Lack, all from Canton, participate in the family day event at the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday. The event helped celebrate Presidents' weekend and Black History Month. The museum has the largest collection of Abraham Lincoln in Michigan. Historic re-enactors were on hand to demonstrate toys and games from the Civil War, show kids about Civil War uniforms and how to be a quartermaster. Also on display: The "Underground Railroad Quilt Exhibit" and some of Michigan's contributions to the underground railroad movement.

TOP EMPLOYEE

Gilbert Tuttle is the January Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's restaurant, officials from LaBelle Management, Bennigan's owner, announced. LaBelle officials said crew members are recognized "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism." LaBelle Management owns and operates 34 restaurants and six hotels throughout Michigan and Indiana.

INTERNET CRIME

Wayne County Community College District's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division is teaming up with the Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit to help prevent Internet crime. Officer Ray Johnson, of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Internet Crimes Unit will conduct an interactive training session on Internet safety Saturday, February 28, 2004 at

WCCCD's Western Campus, located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville, MI, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room B-206.

According to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the most frequent crimes encountered on the Internet are child safety, fraud, cyber stalking, viruses, hacking, intrusion, and identity theft. Officer Johnson will address these topics and more, demonstrating proactive methods for you to institute to keep your family safe. Parents and seniors are especially invited to attend. There is no charge to participate. Pre-registration is suggested, as space is limited. For additional information, contact the WCCCD Information Center at (313) 496-2600, or log onto www.wcccd.edu.

ROAD RALLY

The Canton Thunderbirds Girls Fastpitch Softball is organizing a Road Rally March 13. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a buffet dinner and soft drinks, prizes and music. Cash bar will be available. Entries are limited. For more information, contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or http://thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

NEW HOPE FASHION SHOW

Van Dam's along with Fine Threads of Northville presents Spring 2004 Mens and Womens Collections at Genitt's Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 E.

Main in Northville at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

The event, titled "A Journey Through Fashion," will raise proceeds to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, www.newhopecenter.net, a non-profit organization offering support groups, workshops, seminars and other bereavement resources free of charge to adults, teens and children who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Also included will be a presentation by dancers from Arthur Murray Dance Studios, Hors D'Oeuvres, and a cash bar. Cost is \$25 per person, \$5 of which is tax-deductible. For tickets or more information, call Van Dam's at (248) 449-4282.

MADONNA OPEN HOUSE

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. Those attending will tour the campus meet with faculty staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339 or e-mail: muni-fo@madonna.edu.

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Annette Vanover, manager of the community art department of Focus HOPE in Detroit, addresses the participants of the pen pal program and their parents and friends

Primary images

Students break Detroit barriers, stereotypes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the past four years, third-graders at Tonda Elementary in Canton Township have been pen pals with their counterparts at Harms Elementary, located in Detroit's Mexicantown

Several times each school year, Tonda students write their pen pals, while looking forward to receiving letters back. Five times during the year, the two classes meet at Focus HOPE in Detroit, a human rights and job training organization which sponsors the pen pal program

It's all part of an effort to bring young students together — from the affluent suburbs and the poorer urban communities — to break down barriers and stereotypes that exist among different people

"We're trying to teach children to be understanding of other people's differences, said Margo Stöcker, whose third grade class has participated in the program the past three years "They should learn to be a little more tolerant and understanding

Children have a way of breaking barriers that adults just can't do," she added. That's what so wonderful

On Feb. 5, the two schools displayed their multicultural art at Focus HOPE, which allowed the families of students to meet *Primary Images* will be on display until March 19

"It's an effort to have the kids creative work shown," said Annette Vanover, manager of the community arts department at Focus HOPE, which currently matches a dozen classrooms from the suburbs and Detroit "But the underlying theme (of the art show) was to bring the parents together to further broaden the reach of the program, so it's not just for the kids, but the parents, as well"

Students like the opportunity to write and meet other people and learn new cultures," said Connor Cauvet, 8, from Canton "My pen pal is nice. He likes dogs and video games

"I like when we get together because we meet other people and learn new cultures," said Connor Cauvet, 8, from Canton "My pen pal is nice. He likes dogs and video games

I like doing the puzzles and word searches, and listening to the foreign music and different instruments," added Evan Hicks, 9, of Canton "They're the same, except they don't



Tonda Elementary School student Travis McCall, 8, (left) looks at art he created with his Harms Elementary school pen pal Diego Vazquez

come from America, like, from Mexico"

Harms Elementary is 82 percent Hispanic. Principal Patricia Diaz said many of her students are either first or second generation from Mexico

The children have gotten more out of this program each year," said Diaz, who lives in Birmingham "They post their letters from their pen pals

The parents from Tonda may have been skeptical about coming to Detroit and having their kids work with kids from Detroit," she added

"But it's been a wonderful experience"

Lynn Paz of Canton knows all about the pen pal program. Her daughter, Alexandria, shares with mom the letters she receives from her Harms pen pal

She's learning there are children all over that are just like her with brothers and sisters and moms and dads," Paz said

I think it's a wonderful program. But it's sad that only one



Walter Schultz, who died Jan. 16 after celebrating his 103rd birthday last fall, got a friendly hug from 97-year-old Rhue Datcher at a birthday party in his honor at Tonquish Manor. Joining them were friends Paul Prymak (from left), Betty Maxwell and Adi Cocchi

Friends, family remember longtime Plymouth pharmacist

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Drugs in downtown Plymouth

When Walter Schultz celebrated his 103rd birthday in August, he conceded there was no such thing as the fountain of youth

"There's no secret, just smile and be positive," said Schultz, who was celebrating with friends at Tonquish Manor in Plymouth

In fact, at age 103, Schultz still drove from his Forest Street home to visit his senior buddies and play cards, or go bowling

However, on Jan. 16, Schultz died. Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, in Plymouth

Schultz was married to his sweetheart, Wilhelmine, for 72 years before she passed away in 1997

He is survived by his son, Harold, who lives in Plymouth, and his daughter, Ellen Corkins, who resides in Ann Arbor

Born in 1900, Schultz moved to Plymouth when he was 25 and worked at Dodge

When the store owner died in 1949, Schultz bought the business and worked as a pharmacist until he closed it down and retired in 1968

His friend, Art Donnelly, remembered delivering newspapers to Schultz at Dodge Drugs

"I've known him since I was a little kid," said the 69-year-old Donnelly. "He was a good person, and a good pharmacist"

At his birthday party, Schultz joked about his longevity in retirement. "I've lived off Uncle Sam for a long time now," he said with a smile

"A guy (from Social Security) came to the door about a year ago and said he was checking up to see if I was still around"

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Naomy Horobet, Eric Lindlbauer and Shyly Katiba, all 8 and all from Tonda Elementary look at a photo taken with a cell phone of the art work at Focus HOPE in Detroit

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- B**
Helen Carolyn Bedell, 91, of Auburn Hills died Feb 11
- D**
Catherine Jean Dooley, 74, of Birmingham died Feb 12
- G**
Marjorie L. Gaut, 96, of Southfield died Feb 10
Maxwell Goldman, 78, died Feb 12
- H**
Burton B. Heist, 84, of Grand Island, Fla., died Feb 6
- J**
Walter Henry Jenkins Jr., 27, of Southfield, died Feb 16
- L**
Jane MacKenzie Bricker Lawson, 88, formerly of Beverly Hills, died Feb 12
- M**
Dorothy MacAlpine Desmond, of Troy, died Feb 15
- P**
Mary Betty Paulson, 80, of Farmington Hills, died Feb 14

- R**
Lyon Herbert Robbins, 77, formerly of West Bloomfield, died Feb 13
- S**
Harnet Ewing Schmidt, 87, of Birmingham died at home
Ruth Anne Sherlock, 87, of Farmington, died Feb 14
- T**
Neil I. Tibble, 77, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 11
Mabel V. (Smith) Toepfer, formerly of Birmingham, died Feb 11

POLICE BLOTTER

■ A Wintercrest Circle resident in Plymouth Township looked out her window Tuesday and saw a green Ford Escort sitting next to her own car. The next time she went out to her car, the woman found the left rear tire punctured. She told police she was unsure whether the Escort was related to the damage to her car, and described the Escort's occupants only as "two white males. A bracelet was also found near the car, but police are also unsure whether that is related. They have no suspects.
■ A woman parked her car in the parking lot at Our Lady of Good Counsel on N. Territorial Monday, only to come out a short time later to find her purse had been stolen from the

seat, and a cellular phone had been taken from the center compartment. The woman told police she'd left the car unlocked. Police have no witnesses, and no suspects.

35TH DISTRICT COURT

Judge Ron Lowe:

- Agustín Barajas, arraignment, driving with suspended license
- Ronald Beauchamp, arraignment, driving with suspended license
- Ricardo Braxton, arraignment, driving with suspended license and no proof of insurance
- Charnyce Chandler, arraignment, driving with suspended license
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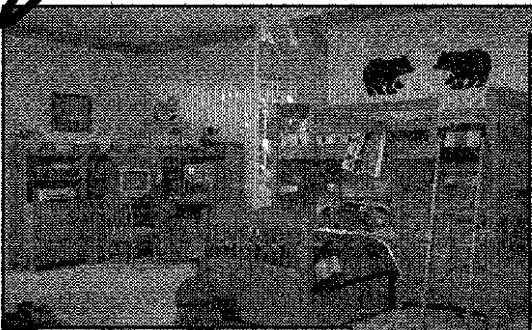

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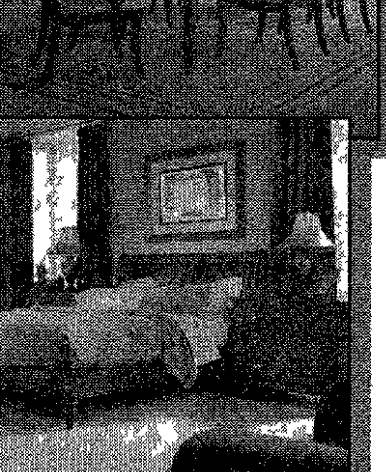
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Northville grounds Prose

BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Planning Commission listened to a dozen of Tom Prose's neighbors who said they did not want him landing a helicopter in their backyards.

In a 5-3 vote, the planners Tuesday night recommended to the city council a zoning ordinance amendment that will effectively ban the use of a non-emergency helicopter from the city's residential areas. More than 60 residents attended the 30-minute public hearing on the issue, which was punctuated with applause by safety-conscious neighbors, laughter at legal rationale for the facility, and a collective sigh of relief after the commission vote.

Although Christopher Gazlay, supported by Richard Birdsall, made the motion to kick the revised ordinance upstairs, he voted against it, along with Anne Smith and Steven Kirk. "Yes" votes to amend the ordinance were James Allen, Birdsall, David Mielock, Nancy Chiri and commission chairman Jay Wendt.

Prose, who exited the council chambers with his attorney Ron Cornell immediately after the vote, wouldn't say whether he'll take additional action against the city.

"Our position is my property is grandfathered," Prose said. While city residents expressed concerns about noise and safety regulations, Prose said he believes those concerns have been addressed.

Any activity in Northville has to comply with a noise ordinance, modern executive helicopters are extremely quiet, and professionally piloted executive helicopters have safety records comparable to commercial airlines," said Prose.

Gazlay's initial motion to refer the matter for further study to city consultants died for lack of support.

Cornell earlier in the day had submitted to the city a compromise proposal that would allow his client to use a helicopter in the city, under certain conditions, like Novi and Livonia do. Commissioners lit neither on that plea, nor his distinction between heliports, helistops and helipads.

"We are not the city of Novi and we are not the city of Livonia, for a lot of reasons," Wendt said after he closed the public hearing. "I'm trying to look at this from both sides, I haven't found a plus yet."

Donald Wortman of the city's planning consultant Carlisle/Wortman Tuesday night led the commission's discussion of the ordinance revision. When questioned why the ordinance - with proper application and review - would allow helipads in racetrack or industrial districts, the consultant explained the distinction between regulation, rather than prohibition.

Next up, council members at their first meeting in March are expected to take action on the revised zoning ordinance, which was previously silent on sue of helicopters in the city, by lack of specific mention.

The planners followed council direction to examine the possibility of helicopters landing in the city after fielding word that a pad already had been constructed on the Prose's six-acre Dubuar Street estate. The council had initiated, then extended through April 1, a moratorium on helicopter flights in the city. The 13 residents who spoke during the meeting were unanimous in their opposition to allowing take-offs and landings in that central section of the city.

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Police, company still looking for source of powder, note

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Neither company officials nor local police are any closer to finding out who left a suspicious substance and a racially motivated note on an employee's desk at a Plymouth Township company Friday.

Or why the incident took place at Broder Bros, an impritable sportswear company on Port Street in the township, Friday

morning. The substance and the note, which contained a racial epithet, were opened by the employee.

The substance turned out to be harmless — a household substance, company officials said — but the incident still bothers the company and the police.

"The investigation continues, and Broder Bros is working with local public safety officials to try to get to the bottom of it to find out who sent it,"

said Broder spokesman David Bassett. "The company is not aware of any conflict between any employees that would cause this. It's surprising, because they've never had anything like this happen before."

The Plymouth Community Fire Department's hazardous materials team was called out, and police evacuated the company's call center, where the note was found.

Once the powder was determined to be harmless,

employees went back to work.

"Providing a safe and harmonious environment for our employees is paramount," said Vince Tyra, CEO of Broder Bros. "We deplore this apparent attempt to frighten any of our employees. We will continue to work closely with officials in order to identify and prosecute the perpetrator of this cowardly and outrageous act."

Township police are conducting the investigation, but

they're stumped as to a reason for the incident.

"It seems to be isolated," Chief Tom Tiderington said. "We can't come up with any reason why someone would do this."

Anyone with information about the incident is being encouraged to call Detective Sgt. Bob Antal, (734) 453-3869.

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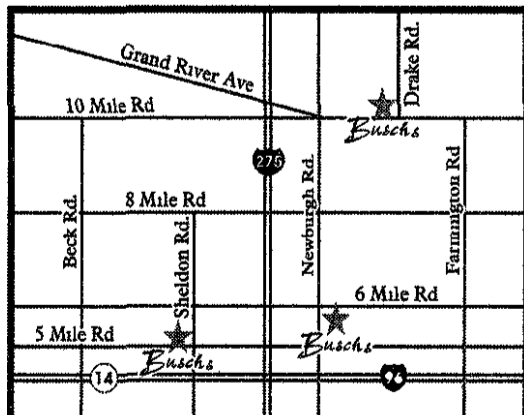
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Growth Works honors success stories

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

When Lindsay Heintz of Redford first came to Growth Works, a Plymouth-based youth agency, she didn't have a great attitude.

"After awhile, I finally realized they were trying to help me," said Heintz, among young people honored at Growth Works 15th annual recognition dinner. This is a good program.

Heintz was acknowledged for progress in the Redford Youth Assistance Program, while Nicole Lasko of Canton was recognized for gains made in the Plymouth-Canton YAP. Lasko had trouble with her parents and behavior at home, she wasn't motivated and missed a semester of her junior year of high school.

Lasko, among young people who shared their stories during the dinner at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township, is now in her last semester of high school. She and others thanked Growth Works staff for help.

The Recovery Scholarship Award went to Brian Cochran of Westland, who participated in care management. Cochran came to Growth Works about two years ago and will attend Michigan State University this fall.

"In the beginning, I really didn't want to do this," Cochran said, adding that a higher power helped him.

In the chemical dependency program, Justin Manon of Belleville was lauded for efforts in recovery. He, too, said he didn't want to come to Growth Works.

"It's so great to hear how everybody hates us," said Executive Director Dale Yagiela, drawing a laugh from the 150 supporters at the dinner.

Honored for the Western Wayne Care Management Organization were former juvenile offender Colin Bennet and his mother, Jennifer Anderson, for accomplishments in the program. Anderson will study nursing at Schoolcraft College.

Pedro Perez of Dearborn was honored for participating in Dearborn's Youth Assistance Program. Ali Abdalnabi of Royal Oak received an award for the Western Wayne Care Management Organization program.

Yagiela reviewed the past year at Growth Works, noting the agency now operates youth assistance programs in nine communities, including Plymouth-Canton and Redford. Drug treatment for young people began in the early 1980s, and the agency is now making its first foray into adult treatment.

The Western Wayne Care Management Organization is an offshoot of Growth Works, reaching beyond its Plymouth-Canton roots and helping young people sent by family court.

"This is a very complicated program," Yagiela said. "We feel very confident about the progress we've made in that program."

Growth Works is now also in a facility owned by Canton Township in Cherry Hill Village, he said, helping to link Canton residents to a number of service agencies. In South Redford schools, a truancy program exists at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

"The intent really is to keep kids in school," said Yagiela. A middle school/high school program in the Inkster district has included such things as a

weekend leadership academy, conflict resolution group and others, also designed to keep kids in school.

Yagiela noted a Growth Works young person had just taken his life. He said Growth Works attends to the soul and spirit of each young person, helping him or her to make good choices and be successful.

A number of staff members were recognized during the event. Steve Harper, board president, introduced the board. County Commissioners Kay Beard and Phil Cavanagh presented a resolution from the commission.

"We do like to pay tribute to organizations such as Growth Works," Beard said.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

Community award recipients included James Hand, 35th District Court juvenile probation officer, who was recognized for helping youth misdeemeanor offenders. That court serves Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles.

Jeffrey Young of Plymouth was lauded for his assistance to parents participating in YAP. Two Wayne County Circuit Court staffers, Sara Ligon and David Perkins, also received awards.

Ligon, court liaison, was recognized for coordinating care management organization relations with jurists and administrators of the Juvenile Section, Family Division. Determined to attend, Ligon, who had lost her voice, nevertheless was able to say thanks. "You really make my job easy," she said.

Perkins, Juvenile Section referee, was lauded for support of the CMO process.

"It's about the families and it's about the kids," Perkins said. "It's one community."

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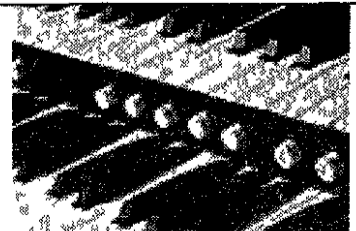
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According to Patrick O'Neill, the chamber's president-elect, there has been \$27,500 committed from a variety of business owners, event organizers and service clubs.

"I'm confident we will be able to obtain the necessary commitments in the next 45 days in order to make this project a reality," he said.

The City of Plymouth will pay the initial construction cost from the capital improvement fund, which will be reimbursed with the donations.

Plymouth has a long history of community projects being

completed, and then paid for over a period of years as donations became available. That's how improvements to Kellogg Park - such as the brick walkways and fountain - were paid for, as well as the construction of The Gathering and improvements to neighborhood parks.

City Manager Paul Sincock said construction could start this spring.

"Hopefully, it will be operational by late summer," said Sincock. "The commitment is that the city would be responsible for the maintenance."

Dwyer said he's hopeful of raising enough money to add to a fund to relieve the cash-strapped city budget of maintenance costs.

"If we can get the money to build it, I'm sure we can get additional funding each year to maintain it," he said.

Downtown Development Authority Chairman Jon Gary said it's a project that is long overdue.

"We felt it needed financing and would be a positive thing for downtown," said Gary.

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'A Taste of Jazz' will close season

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, closes its subscription series with "A Taste of Jazz" March 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

The concert at the church at North Territorial and Beck roads will feature Ellen Rowe, jazz pianist, who will perform George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Also featured will be guest composer March Watkins and her work, *Five Movements in Color*.

The program also will include Gershwin's *Crazy for You Overture* and Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*.

The Plymouth Symphony's 2004 Youth Artist Competition winners will be announced at the concert.

Before the performance, guests will have the opportunity to hear an On-Stage talk at 7:15 p.m. with Washburn and Watkins.

Following the performance, guests may stay for an afterglow reception.

The concert is sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for senior adults. Students through 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts.

For more information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by email at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

Bigger office, client win for Morton Marketing

Plymouth-based Morton Marketing Inc. said Monday it had been named by Metro-West/World Appraisal of Farmington Hills to develop an Internet search marketing system. The company offers real estate appraisals in all 50 states and will look to Morton to help improve sales lead generation through a combination of Web site optimization and pay-per-click advertising in Overture and Google. Morton Marketing also announced it had relocated to larger offices - 2,000 square feet at 9357 General

Drive, in Plymouth. That replaces the 1,000-square-foot office in Canton Township in which the company was founded.

Founder Mark Morton said the new office will accommodate the employee growth planned in the firm for this year. Morton offers search marketing, direct mail marketing, permission-based e-mail marketing, business-to-business telemarketing, Web development and public relations. For more information, visit the company's Web site, www.mortonmarketing.com.

Grief recovery program is open to the public

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer grief recovery program in March at the Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road.

The series will be on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 2. Each weekly session will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping. The series offers participants healthy ways to move through the grief

process and provides support, understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone in their feelings of grief. The goals of the group are to understand how grief affects you physically, emotionally, and spiritually, as well as to learn how to deal with difficult emotions, such as anger, guilt and loneliness.

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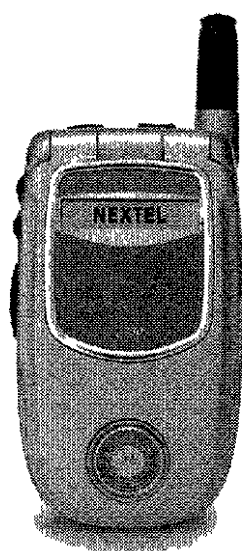
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OUR VIEWS

City should start budget process

When Plymouth Mayor Stella Greene took office, she made solving the city's financial crisis a priority, decreeing budget sessions would be held early and often.

It's time for those meetings to begin in earnest. The city faces strained economic times, to say the least, with a projected \$12 million deficit that wouldn't look any better if Gov. Jennifer Granholm contemplates more revenue sharing cuts.

City officials have already decided not to fill some positions, reduced some services and cut and slashed where they thought necessary. Obviously, it's going to take some more, and commissioners would be wise to begin early.

Some around city hall are saying they're already being placed behind the curve in getting the budget ready by the June 30 deadline. Last year, as commissioners whacked away at the budget, some were calling for a request to citizens for a tax increase. Others — notably Commissioner Michele Potter — called for more cutting, a deeper examination of the numbers.

The decision to go for a tax hike won out, and it failed miserably.

It's time to begin the process of making those decisions. It's not an easy job. Most observers think people around city hall are going to lose jobs, because there isn't \$12 million in the budget without cutting people.

It's understandable if employees around city hall are a little edgy while they wait for commissioners to pare the budget. But they shouldn't have to wait long.

One of the first things Stella Greene promised when she was chosen mayor was an early start to the budget process, because of the daunting task facing commissioners. They were scheduled to talk about it Tuesday night, which is a good thing.

The task isn't any less daunting, and it's not getting any earlier.

Granholm proposal disastrous to schools

It wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say that public education is the heart of American democracy — and that the quality of education is today the biggest single reason why people, especially parents, choose a community in which to live.

With that in mind, Gov. Jennifer Granholm is proposing a budget that would be disastrous for the best school districts in this state. In a compromise effort to keep most educators happy and balance the books, she is proposing to restore a \$74 per pupil cut made late last year to most districts.

But those districts which already spend more than \$9,000 per pupil — districts like Birmingham, Southfield and Troy — wouldn't get that money. Additionally, more money would be transferred from schools with growing enrollments to schools who are losing students, i.e., from booming communities to declining ones. There is nothing wrong with helping struggling school systems. But there is everything wrong with steps that would damage the best school districts in the state.

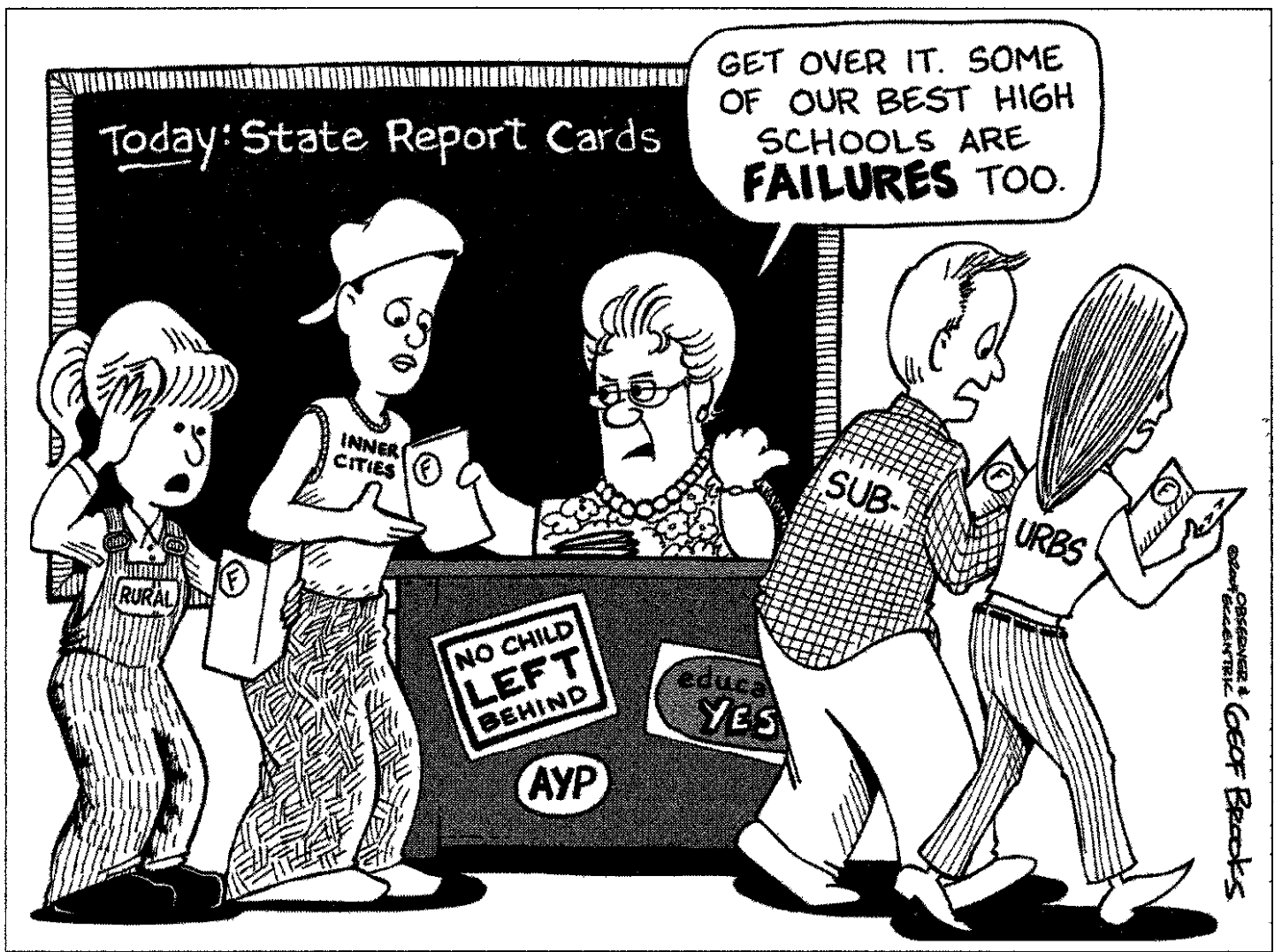
What's especially bad about this is not that Bloomfield Hills, say, will lose the per-pupil money. What's bad is that the best districts' ability to raise more money has been severely limited by Proposal A, the revolutionary school financing system passed exactly 10 years ago. Even if voters in a district like Southfield were enthusiastically willing to vote an extra millage for new programs, that is no longer allowed.

That means the better-off schools are doomed to a decline that now threatens to be drastically accelerated. If schools in better areas don't keep pace, parents — many of whom moved to those communities for their schools — are apt to yank their kids out of public schools.

Each student leaving a public school for a charter means the district gets less state aid, which in turn leaves the struggling district with even less money. Before long, this will begin to affect the community itself. It is no secret that thousands of educated, affluent African-Americans have fled Detroit for Southfield.

Most of them came to put their family in better schools. We risk that dream at our peril. To give the governor her due, balancing the budget in these times isn't easy, especially when the state turns up a billion short every year, and raising new revenue seems politically impossible. Making painful spending cuts may be inevitable.

But saving money by threatening the quality of public education at any level is what a farmer would have called eating society's seed corn. The governor and the Legislature owe it to our state's and communities' future to find another way.



LETTERS

Stewart cares

State Rep. John Stewart took some time out of his busy schedule to talk with our students about pressing issues that concern Michigan and our country. The students asked many difficult questions and received honest, insightful answers.

In a time where so many of my students question our government and the actions taken by its leaders, I greatly appreciated having a man of true character come and share his time with my class. Today was just more evidence that he truly cares about public education and the future of our children.

I wish him continued success as our representative.

Darrin H. Silvester
Plymouth

Turn them off

What a way to kick off Black History Month!

A white man tore the clothing off a black woman in front of millions of Super Bowl fans. Not only did Janet Jackson want it to happen, she helped Justin Timberlake and others planned for it to happen.

I was so turned off that I did just that. I turned off the TV. I turned off the game. And I turned off all the advertisers who spent millions to be associated with that pathetic display.

I think it is time to change the name of the game from Super Bowl to Sleazebowl.

Annalee Morrison

Questions Kerry

(John) Kerry, in his book, *The New Soldier*, maintains that the veterans who protested the Vietnam War, insisting that we conducted the war improperly, that we shouldn't have been in Vietnam in the first place, believed Kerry when he maintained we were fighting a "nothing."

Kerry insisted that communism was not a danger to America, that the Vietnamese had the right to join hands, not needing an intervention of outside powers to make the determination. Translation: It would have perfectly reasonable and honorable that we let the North Vietnamese communize the South Vietnamese, enslave them.

Kerry doesn't see, he doesn't understand, that Americans were in Vietnam to gain the freedom of the South. What greater thing can man do than gain and ensure the freedom of another people? Kerry thought then and is proud today that a band of Nam veterans marched on Washington, testified before Congress, insisting our country was conducting immoral warfare.

It was only a small fraction of 1 percent of the veterans who conducted the protest. Many then, and many today, maintain the protesters were responsible for thousands of additional bodies in the count of dead Americans because their protests and vilification of our country and its legislators gave the Vietcong hope, that they gained a new energy to continue fighting when the conflict might have been nearing an end.

We must not elect as president a man who conspired with the likes of Hanoi Jane Fonda and Ramsey Clark, a man who contradicted the teachings and preferences of the Founding Fathers. Kerry brought shame on the veterans that they didn't deserve.

Citizens in our country took the Kerry bait and treated returning veterans with disdain and discord. Our returning servicemen and women should have been regaled and blessed for their effort to free the South Vietnamese.

There's much more to write and say about Kerry's behavior concerning Vietnam and his vilification of veterans and our country. His misconduct, his behavior that runs close to treason, is only one reason to deny Kerry the Oval Office.

His votes in Congress against more fighters, more bombers, missiles, the missile defense and money for intelligence should give us pause when electing a new commander-in-chief.

Neil Goodbred

Edwards can beat Bush

When I look at all the presidential candidates coming out to Michigan, I know I want to select a candidate who will do what is right for organized labor. We need a president who comes from a labor-related background and understands the demands of working hard and taking care of a family.

That's why I'm supporting John Edwards. I've gotten to know his record and I know unions are not just another constituency group for him. They are a part of his life. This is something that Michigan citizens can relate to due to the huge presence of the automobile industry in the state. Edwards had health care as a kid because his mother was in a union, and even today, his brother gets health care because he is a union member. He has not forgotten where he came from and the benefits of health care he has received. Since he went to the Senate he has worked hard to stand up for working families and has earned a 96 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. It's time we had a president who comes from a labor-related background and understands what we're fighting for. The only way we'll get that is by beating George Bush, and John Edwards is the man to do it.

Sheryl Roszkiewicz

Better snow clearing advice

The article written in the Feb. 5 *Observer*, titled "Prevent ice dams from forming on roof," in my opinion had some poor advice in it.

It says, "Standing on the ground, use the roof rake to rake all the snow along the roof line approximately seven to 10 feet up from the gutters."

I did the very same procedure about three years ago on my roof, and learned the hard way that I would have been better off if I had done nothing. The ice dams just formed about 10 feet up where

the snow line ended. The insurance claim for the four rooms damaged was \$2,300.

There are a lot of factors to consider before one solution fits all cases: the amount of snow on the roof, the pitch of the roof, the ventilation in the attic, etc. I just clean off the overhang area now, perhaps a foot or two up. I know my roof has a three-foot underlay to prevent water seepage there. Cleaning all the snow off would be best, but that's another story.

Ralph C. Bolz

Time for change

Just as the state of Michigan has finally and painfully balanced its budget for 2003-04, we now face a \$900 million deficit for fiscal 2004-05.

Rather than argue about another \$900 million worth of services to cut, it is time for the Legislature to consider changes to our tax structure. Clearly, items that have been cut from the budget, and will have to be cut even more next year, are services that the people of the state want and need.

If state services are needed, then they must be funded by the people of the state, and the mechanism to do that is a fair distribution of the costs through taxation. It makes no sense to slowly starve all the state departments to death through lack of funding.

There are not enough state employees left now to effectively and efficiently do the jobs that we are still asking them to do, and those that are still employed by the state are shouldering overwhelming workloads.

If the Legislature truly believes we are offering too many services to our citizens, then it is their responsibility to eliminate those services, otherwise it is their responsibility to see that the services they do authorize are adequately funded.

There are always two components involved in eliminating a deficit, cutting expenses and/or increasing revenues. The current crisis in state finance has been caused by overly optimistic reductions in revenues (tax cuts) and we cannot continue to cut our way to fiscal health.

Rebecca L. Curtiss

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"It was a good game. Support from the police was awesome. They did ask for a rematch, and one is being considered. And there were no arrests made. That's kind of nice."

— Pioneer Middle School principal Phil Freeman, tongue-in-cheek, on results of a Cops vs. Teachers charity basketball game.

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Fiscal crisis won't be solved by little steps

Very large organizations such as General Motors Corp or Michigan state government find it very difficult to make and carry out far-reaching, fundamental strategic decisions. Instead, they tend to take tiny steps. A fancy term for this is "incrementalism," i.e., making a series of small changes at the margin that they hope will result in profound change over time. "Tinkering around the edges" is a less elegant term for this practice, while the more vivid metaphor, especially apt when it seems nothing is working on a timely basis, is "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic."

However described, I have a growing sense of alarm that so far our state's response to the economic crisis we face is too incremental and too slow, neither sufficiently focused in strategy nor radical enough in conception. There is a vast gap between what people who work in the manufacturing sector are feeling (alarm verging on terror) and what folks in Lansing are saying (things are bad, but we've got serious budget problems and we can't rock the boat too much without making somebody mad).

It's both unfair and premature to blame Gov. Jennifer Granholm or the state Legislature for this. After all, running very large organizations like the government of a major state is tough and there are very few precedents for solving the problems we face. But consider these parts of the puzzle:

■ **State budget** The budget for fiscal year 2004-05 is in the red again, this time by \$1.3 billion. Granholm's budget proposes to hike taxes on booze and (again) cigarettes and move some property tax collection dates ahead by six months. The Republican-led Legislature by and large prefers to cut spending.

Both sides miss the fundamental point made by experts like those at the Citizens Research Council: The budget of the state of Michigan is now and has been for years structurally imbalanced, i.e., there is a built-in gap between revenue and expense that, even in good times, exceeds \$1 billion. To her credit, the governor has asked state Treasurer Jay Rising to explore adding services to the state sales tax now levied on goods and to consider replacing the peculiar and perennially unpopular Single Business Tax. But sooner or later, both the governor and the Legislature are going to have to squarely face the issue of adjusting revenue to expenditure. The alternative is a state with a tax structure akin to Mississippi's with an equally unappealing quality of life and uncompetitive business climate.

■ **Business climate, especially in manufacturing** Here's a glimpse of the future: General Motors is expected to increase by 20 times the auto parts it buys from China. According to the *Detroit Free Press*, whereas GM bought about \$200 million in Chinese auto parts in 2003, the company plans to buy \$4 billion in 2009. Smaller manufacturers are "absolutely terrified" by China, according to Frank Vargo of the National Association of Manufacturers. And where manufacturing jobs are

migrating to low-wage China, white-collar jobs such as software programming and call center staffing are moving to English-speaking India, where wages are equally low.

When Michigan companies are facing \$10-\$20 an hour wage differentials from foreign competitors, we're not dealing with marginal competitiveness issues to be solved by small adjustments in business taxes. We're facing a full-blown crisis that requires intense strategic focus on gaining comparative competitive advantage and an equally intense effort to help companies adapt to the new realities of global competition.

■ **Human capital** High skills, technical proficiency, imagination, innovation — all are essential assets in overcoming huge wage disparities. But Michigan schools are hardly outstanding when compared with other states and are at an absolute disadvantage when compared with most other countries. Worse, Granholm's budget proposals would further disadvantage the few high-achieving Michigan schools.

At the college and university level, it's perfectly clear that to compete internationally we need more highly trained engineers, scientists, software designers, MBAs. And we need the discoveries from the laboratories of our best research universities to fuel high-tech startups. Yet over the past two years, state appropriations for higher education have fallen by 15 percent, hurting especially those few excellent research schools such as the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Michigan Tech.

In her State of the State address, Granholm spoke in general terms about revolutionizing Michigan's workforce development system, and word out of Lansing is that some very serious work in this area is about to be unveiled. A word of warning, though: Incremental, vanilla-flavored improvements in job training aren't going to be nearly enough.

■ **Entrepreneurial culture** Anybody who has had anything to do with the entrepreneurial culture in California knows full well the enormous gap between Michigan's business culture and the kind of intense, passionate risk-taking that you see in Silicon Valley. Much of our business culture has been determined over the years by massive, yet cautious, manufacturing corporations. Changing that may be the hardest task of all. One symbolic start would be to eliminate any state taxes whatsoever on newly formed companies, on the grounds that new entrepreneurial companies do most of the new hiring and that they don't pay much in taxes in the first couple of years of their existence.

In short, we're facing a crisis that simply is not going to be met by business-as-usual incrementalism. Granholm talked tough about this in her State of the State speech. That was good. And now it is time for her, together with the Legislature, policy makers and leaders in labor and the business community to take practical steps to match good intentions. When John Engler took office, the late George Romney offered him just two words of advice: be bold. That is perhaps even better counsel now.

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Closing prison helps local problem, but may not be long-term solution

State Sen. Bruce Patterson is just as happy as anyone else at the prospect of the state closing the Western Wayne Correctional Facility in Plymouth Township and selling the property to the highest bidder.

But, as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee which oversees the Department of Corrections, he also sees a couple of problems with that solution. First of all, shifting some 850 female prisoners to the Huron Valley Center in Ypsilanti is only a temporary solution. Secondly, it doesn't do much for the other women's prison in Patterson's district — Scott Correctional Facility in Northville.

In case you missed it, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's budget calls for the sale of WWCF to save some \$23 million it costs the state to run the prison every year. The Department of Corrections' plan is to move the prisoners to the Ypsilanti facility, and moving those currently incarcerated at Huron Valley to the nearby Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

That's fine with Patterson — for now. "That is significant, and I'm delighted," Patterson said. "I think it's the right thing (But) they're not going to be able to use Huron Valley forever."

While prisoner growth has slowed momentarily, Department of Corrections Director Patricia Caruso told senators in a Feb. 1 letter that "prison population growth is expected to resume at a moderate pace later this year."

According to statistics provided by Patterson, prison intake dropped by 6.7 percent in 2003 over the previous year (10,312, down from 11,050). However, total prison population is expected to grow by more than 20 percent by January 2008.

DOC numbers show a total population in prisons and camps of 48,887, very close to the state's prison capacity of 49,632. Projections show a population growth up to more than 56,000 by December 2008.

To combat that growth, Caruso plans to open two mothballed prisons — the 1,008-bed Michigan Reformatory in Ionia and the 489-bed State Prison of Southern Michigan in Jackson County.

Therein may lie the rub, according to Patterson.

"My concern is corrections overall," he said. "We've got a very high number

of inmates and the bottom line question is this: Is Michigan a safer place with so many people incarcerated?"

"I would agree it is, but we're going to start opening up some pretty antiquated facilities," Patterson added. "When we do that, are we going to have problems with federal law, lawsuits and litigation?"

Here's the part of the equation Patterson still fears — the potential expansion of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility in Northville, right across the street from WWCF. A proposed 400-bed expansion was banded about last year, and Scott was one of the places talked about.

Patterson said such a move is likely still on the table.

"Expansion at Scott is still out there as a possibility, and I don't think that's the way to go," he said. "You're right in the middle of a high-end residential community that I don't see benefits from it, and I don't believe they want it."

Well, that's true enough. Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann danced a jig when he heard WWCF would close, while Northville Township Manager Chip Snyder would likely do the same if Scott suffered the same fate.

"Who wants a prison in your backyard?" Mann asked rhetorically last week. "We're very pleased."

The spectre of possible expansion of Scott doesn't go down easily for the folks in Plymouth Township, even though the facility is located across the border. It's still close enough to affect property values in the area, including valuable property in Plymouth Township.

"Hopefully, they can do something about Scott," Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "It's a matter of property values. Would you be more likely to buy a house in an area where they have a prison? I don't think so."

Neither does Patterson, who wouldn't mind seeing prisoners headed west, to places like Jackson and Ionia, where prisons are considered business as usual.

You've got Jackson and Ionia (officials) who look at prisons as an industry, the first-term senator said. "If you've got a place that doesn't want them (Plymouth and Northville) and a place that does. That makes more sense than ramming it down the throats of those who don't want it."


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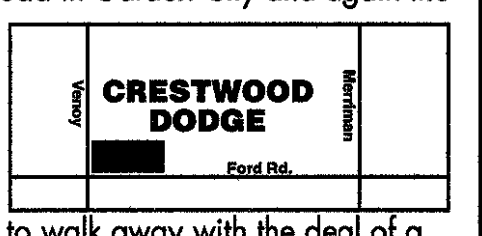
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Jason and Jenny Gibson (left, holding Broderick) and Becky and David Ferraro (holding Isaac) were neighbors at St Joseph Hospital-Ann Arbor in Ypsilanti after the infants were born some 12 hours apart Thursday and Friday

BABIES

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have to see my nephew first' Then she went and had hers"

Gibson and her husband, Jason, have been married longer and already had two children So when, some 40 weeks ago, a note showed up on the refrigerator of Cathy Smith, the girls' mother, saying, 'We're pregnant,' Smith and the rest of the family just assumed it was from the Gibsons, not from the Ferraros

So, naturally, when the Gibsons found out they were expecting, as well, another note went up on Smith's refrigerator

"My mother said, 'I don't want any more notes,'" Gibson said with a laugh Ferraro and her husband, David, were the first to discover their pregnancy The Gibsons found out later While both pregnancies came as a surprise to the families — No one even knew they were trying," Gibson said of the Ferraros — the sisters immediately began bonding with the experience

Gibson, the experienced mom had already recommended her doctor Bridget Long to Ferraro The sisters both had their regular check

ups on Mondays, and would spend the rest of the week talking about it

"It was much easier since I had my sister to tell me what to expect beforehand, said Ferraro, the new mom "She got lots of phone calls the whole nine months Every Monday we'd call each other to tell each other what happened at the doctor's office

Everyone kept telling Ferraro she'd probably deliver late, since it was her first and the prevailing wisdom was that Gibson would deliver before her sister since this was her third child

On Wednesday the sisters joined their mother and other family members to walk around Laurel Park Mall in Livonia, stopping to eat at Olga's Kitchen Walking is a time-honored recommendation for inducing labor and this time it worked

Both sisters were in labor a day later

That made for a hectic time for Smith, already riding waves of emotion because her son, Larry, a captain in the U.S. Army, is about to ship to Iraq She had to put those emotions aside though, when her daughters went into labor

Smith got the call from the Ferraros and hit the hospital at 8:30 a.m. It didn't leave until Friday

But she didn't mind "I felt privileged to share with both of them such an absolute miracle of life, Smith said It was an emotional roller-coaster In your heart as a mother, you know all the things that can go wrong, so you try to be positive, and pray for both of them

Isaac is now home as the first child, but he probably won't be alone much His cousin Broderick has a 22-month-old brother MacArthur and an 8-year-old sister, Katherine If you're counting, that's three boys within 22 months of each other

Family get-togethers may never be the same but their mothers are undaunted

"It's neat they're the same gender, Ferraro said They'll be able to do a lot of things together It's going to be a lot of fun

Smith is a particularly proud mother and grand mother after watching Gibson the three-time mom, help her sister through the pregnancy exposing some thing else the sisters share

It was so exciting especially because (Ferraro) was having her first Smith said Jenny was so gracious to not overshadow her sister I find that amirable



Birthday wishes

State Sen Bruce Patterson's staff had a little fun for him while following the tradition of offering a birthday cake for the senator's Feb. 7 birthday The mustache added to the smiley face was the latest in a line of incidents poking good-natured ribbing at the senator's trademark handlebar mustache from his staff, who once showed up wearing false mustaches at a public event attended by Patterson

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Sidelines

Character summit

Madonna University will be the site of today's NAIA Champions of Character Summit, hosted by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference from 1-4 p.m. at Kresge Hall.

The aim of the summit is to discuss such topics as fighting spectators, over-zealous parents, self-indulgent players and coaches who value winning more than teaching.

The presentation will be given by NAIA special presenter Bruce Brown and Rob Miller, director of Champions of Character Initiatives.

Following the introduction, topics of discussion will be Redefining the Term Athlete, a student-athlete presentations entitled What Does Your Team Stand For and Self and Team Evaluation, and coach's presentations called Bringing Champions of Character Alive and The Power of a Coach's Word.

Several Catholic League high schools have been invited to attend. The thought behind the Champions of Character Summit is to create an environment in which every student athlete coach official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through respect, integrity responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

In other words, the Summit is intended to assist those involved in sports to know the right thing, to do the right thing and to value the right thing inside and outside of the sports setting.

For more information, call Madonna athletic director Bryan Rizzo at (734) 432-5604.

Hockey champs

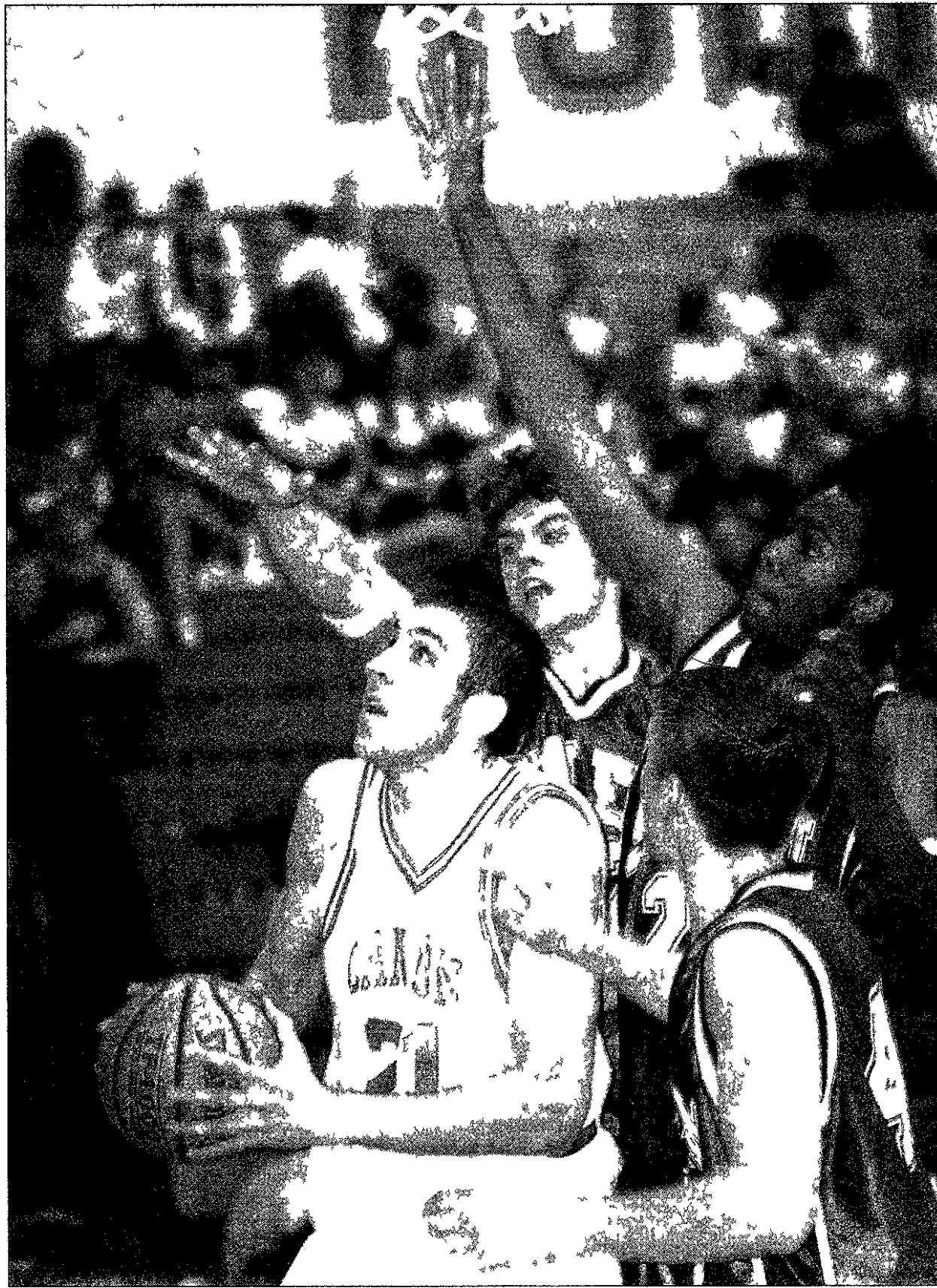
The Canton Crush PeeWee A hockey team won their division championship at the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament in Detroit.

Members of the Crush, whose home ice is the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, are: Steven Manser, Brad Wilhelm, Jordan Kostora, Timothy Schafer, Matthew Hull, Travis Hall, Will Romanowski, Patrick Sheahan, A.J. White, Ryan Bauer, Gerald Mayhew, Sean Gaffney, Nick Riley and Z.J. Doyle. The team is coached by Pat Riley, Ken Gaffney, Vince Doyle, Darrell Hall, Mike White and Dan Sheahan, the team managers are Tim Schafer and Carol Schafer.

Golf registration

The Michigan PGA is holding registration for its youth golf program, the Top 50 Junior Tour. The tour is for golfers 12 to 18 years and is a regional tour offering players tournament experience and an opportunity to earn college scholarships. Play runs June 14 to Aug. 20, consisting of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tourney rounds.

For more information, visit the tour's Web site at Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900.



Canton's Kevin Thornton gets this shot off and scores despite being surrounded by Salem's Jeff Lake (left), Dominique Washington (middle) and Kyle Price.

A powerful inside force

Canton drives past Salem

RICHARD L. SHOOK
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

In every neighborhood there's a kid who calls the shots.

It's the one who decides whether the group is playing basketball, football, baseball - or indoor video games. And where the action is going to take place.

That was the Canton basketball team on Tuesday night.

The Chiefs were calling the shots - and usually it was a bank-in from about six inches away.

Canton simply overpowered neighborhood rival Salem, 64-48, in their first meeting of the Western Lakes Activities Association season.

"We were like a flea on an elephant's back," coach Bob Brodie of Salem said after his Rocks slipped to 7-9 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA. "That team outplayed us in all phases of the game - and for four quarters."

"They're strong, big and play with a lot of confidence." The Chiefs had trouble in just two areas. Their three-point shooting was atrocious and Juhan Smith muffed a fast-break dunk and an attempt to jam home a missed shot.

Canton had no trouble at all, however, in taking the ball to the basket. The Chiefs made 26 baskets - and 24 of them were either layups, short rebounds of missed shots or two-foot layups off baseline drives.

"They were physical with us early in the game," coach Charlie Paye of Canton said after his Chiefs improved to 10-6 overall and 7-3 in the WLAA. "But it's true we got inside early. Andy (junior point guard Cortellini) did a great job."

"Our kids fill the lane well and he does a great job of getting them the ball. And they know he's going to get them the ball."

"The thing about Andy is that he's very unselfish. If the shot isn't there, he'll pass the ball. And that's what's good about him."

Salem was just outmuscled, however. Canton drove the baseline with authority and it drove the paint with bravado.

"They've got a great group of athletes right now and it spills over into all sports," Brodie said of his rivals.

Five or six of our players are football players. Paye.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B6

Murray is the key in P-C-S win

On Feb. 5, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team played Grosse Pointe University-Liggett to a 3-3 tie in Grosse Pointe - which gave the Penguins some additional incentive in Tuesday's rematch at the Arctic Edge.

Combine that result with Tuesday being the final home game of the season for P-C-S, and University-Liggett a mere three points ahead in the Michigan

HOCKEY

Metro Girls High School Hockey League standings - well, it all added up to a long night for the visiting Knights.

And Stephanie Murray was the catalyst, scoring four goals to lead the Penguins to their lopsided 6-1 victory.

It didn't take Murray long to get it going, either. She scored three first-period goals, Erika Perkovich assisting on the first and Jessica Rzetelny and Lauren Coleman on the second (the third was unassisted).

Liggett trimmed the lead to 3-1 in the second period, but the Penguins answered quickly with a goal by Sharla Gillespie (assisted by Olivia Pennebaker and Lisa Ealy).

They added two more goals in the third period, by Pennebaker (from Gillespie and Jenn Emmert) and, with her fourth of the night, Murray (from Perkovich and Kelli Bargowski).

Amanda Watkins stopped 22 shots on goal for P-C-S.

The win improved the Penguins' record to 7-12-2 overall, with one regular-season game remaining - against Farmington Mercy at Farmington's Suburban Training Center Saturday.

Emenhiser carries Madonna to triumph

Noel Emenhiser poured in 28 points to lead Madonna University to a 69-53 triumph over Concordia University Saturday at Madonna.

The win left the Crusaders at 3-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (in sixth place), 10-17 overall. Concordia is 2-9 in the WHAC, 7-19 overall.

Going into the final regular-season games before the conference tournament, the top six seeds were undecided. Depending on how Madonna does, it could place as high as fifth but drop no lower than sixth.

Emenhiser connected on 9-of-16 shots from the floor, including 3-of-8 three-pointers, and made 7-of-8 free throws.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOP

He also had eight rebounds and three steals.

Dan Kurtznatis had a big day as well, scoring 12 points, dishing out five assists - which gave him the Madonna single-season record for assists - grabbing six boards and making three steals.

Not to be overlooked: Chad Nadoln had six points and 11 rebounds, and Jim Woodworth came off the bench to score 10 points on 5-of-5 shooting from the floor.

For Concordia, Jared Adamson led with 15 points. Madonna, which led 28-22 at the half, outrebounded

Concordia, 36-29, hit 22-of-31 free throws (71 percent) to the Cardinals' 14-of-21 (67 percent), and had just 12 turnovers to Concordia's 21.

Schoolcraft 115, Oakland CC 60: Everyone played and everyone scored Saturday at OCC - for both teams. But four of SC's players reached double figures, and three others scored nine.

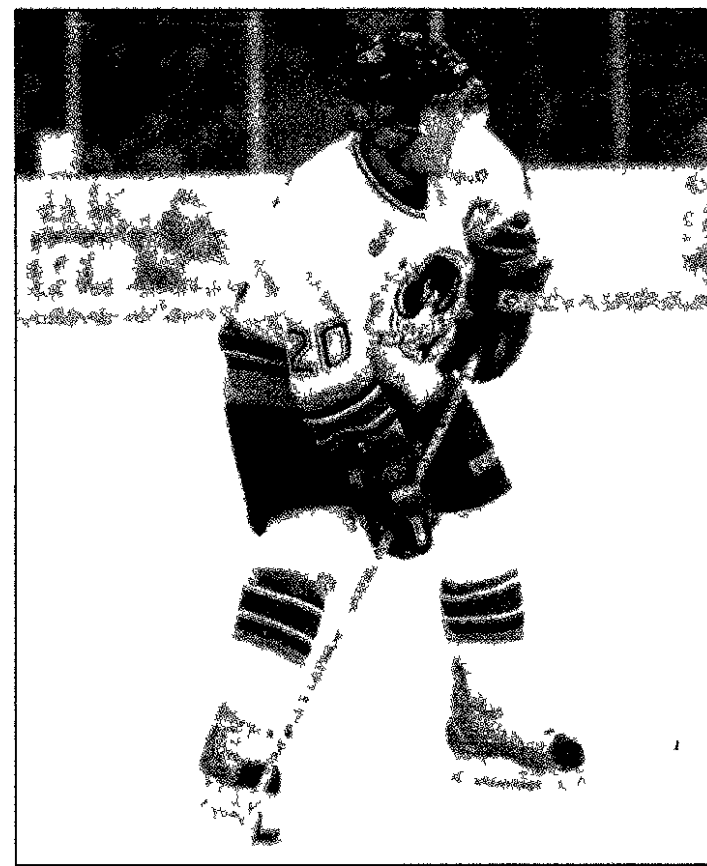
For the Raiders, two were in doubles and one had nine. The Ocelots improved to 13-1 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, tied for first with Mott CC, they are 22-3 overall. OCC is 5-8 in the conference, 9-14 overall.

SC led 60-30 at the half, making 22-of-38 shots from

the floor (57.9 percent) compared to the Raiders' 9-of-34 shooting (26.5 percent). In the game, the Ocelots had a 55-28 advantage in rebounding and forced 25 turnovers while committing just 12.

SC was led by Ryan Baumgartner with 20 points. Lamont Arrington had 17 points and 11 rebounds, Tyrone Scott and Marcus Johnson each scored 12 points, Ricky Morgan collected nine points and 11 assists, Raymond Metcalf got nine points, six assists and three steals, and Anton Palmer totaled nine points and two steals.

Craig Myree topped OCC with 14 points. Donnell Patterson added 10 and Tremaine Franks had nine.



DONALD J. ALLEY

With the return to the lineup of team captain James Wisniewski, the Whalers have rebounded with two-straight wins.

Wisniewski sparks Whalers' turnaround

All sorts of circumstances can factor into a team's losing streak, none more prevalent than the loss of key players.

Last Wednesday, James Wisniewski returned to the Plymouth Whalers' lineup after a five-game suspension for using what an Ontario Hockey League official deemed a "racial slur" during an altercation (he called an European opponent a "Euro").

The suspension was automatic, what happened to the Whalers over the next five games, while not automatic, was certainly predictable.

A team cannot lose its captain and very likely its best player and not suffer. Wisniewski, a Canton native, has enjoyed a spectacular season despite losing 18 games to injury, the World Junior Tournament and suspensions. He still ranks third among OHL defencemen in

scoring with 14 goals and 41 assists (54 points) in 40 games.

During the span Wisniewski was absent due to the suspension, the Whalers were 1-3-1, allowing 21 goals (4.2 per game) and scoring 12 (2.4).

He returned to the lineup last Wednesday at Windsor, and Plymouth lost again, 5-4. But on Friday at Guelph - a team boasting the OHL's second-best overall record - the Whalers were outstanding, crushing the Storm 6-2. They followed that up with a 4-3 win at Saginaw Sunday.

So in the three games since Wisniewski's return, Plymouth is 2-1, scoring 4-7 goals a game and allowing 3-3.

Need more proof? The win over Saginaw was certainly dramatic. A Nick Lees goal in the first period gave the

PLEASE SEE WISNIEWSKI, B4

Rocks qualify all 3 relays at MISCA meet

On Saturday at the MISCA swim meet, Salem swam 'really well,' according to coach Chuck Olson. On Tuesday in a dual meet at Northville, the Rocks didn't.

Salem lost at Northville, 109-77, winning just four events — two of those by Nick Dixon, the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.12) and the 500 freestyle (4:57.11). Other firsts came from Matt Jurcak in the 100 free (50.74) and the 200 free relay team of Mike Higgs, Penn Chou, Nick White and Jurcak (1:36.07).

"I think they might have still been tired," said Olson.

There were no such symptoms at Saturday's MISCA meet, held at Eastern Michigan University. This event is designed to provide tough competition at a first-rate facility — in other words, a very fast pool — to help swimmers achieve their state-qualifying cuts.

It worked well for Salem. The Rocks got their state cuts in all three relays, which certainly pleased their coach.

"It's all about swimming fast," said Olson. "It was a very good day for the guys, all day long."

"It's amazing what you can do when you're focused." It started well right from the start, with

SWIMMING

The 200-yard medley relay Jurcak, Casey Johnson, Dixon and Chou combined for a 1:43.59, beating the state qualifying time of 1:44.39 and moving up from their position as the 28th seed in that event to finish 11th. They bettered their previous season-best by nearly three seconds.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Higgs, Chou, White and Jurcak — seeded 19th — finished 13th in 1:32.25, bettering their previous best by 1.55 seconds and beating the state qualifying cut of 1:32.99.

The 400 free relay was one of the ones we point for in the relays, Olson said. His foursome of Jurcak, Higgs, Chou and Dixon came through with a six-second drop from the previous best time, finishing eighth and qualifying for state in 3:22.03 (state cut 3:25.39).

Dixon had a couple of strong swims in two events he had already qualified for state in, the 200 IM — he finished fifth in 2:00.00, 2.29 seconds faster than his season's best — and the 500 free — he placed seventh in 4:53.56.

Other solid performances by the Rocks

came from Jurcak in the 200 free (16th overall in 1:50.54, state cut is 1:50.39) and Casey Johnson in the 100 breast (29th in 1:05.10, state cut is 1:03.79).

Salem hosts Westland John Glenn tonight at 7 p.m.

NORTHVILLE 109 SALEM 77

Feb. 17 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1 Northville (Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Chris Keady, Brad Farris) 1:45.76; 2 Salem (Nick Dixon, Casey Johnson, Pat Sautural, Penn Chou) 1:47.01.

200 freestyle: 1 Will Bickle (N) 1:51.19; 2 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:51.23.

200 individual medley: 1 Dixon (S) 2:03.12; 50 freestyle: 1 Farris (N) 2:34.40.

Diving: 1 Brad Lempke (N) 2:16.90; 2 Andrew Murawski (S) 2:00.15.

100 butterfly: 1 Chris Culkun (N) 58.49; 100 freestyle: 1 Jurcak (S) 50.74; 500 freestyle: 1 Dixon (S) 4:57.11.

200 freestyle relay: 1 Salem (Mike Higgs, Chou, Nick White, Jurcak) 1:36.07.

100 backstroke: 1 Schwartz (N) 56.78; 100 breaststroke: 1 Laabs (N) 1:07.22; 2 Johnson (S) 1:07.54.

400 freestyle relay: 1 Northville (Farris, Joey Hogan, Bickle, Keady) 3:26.61; 2 Salem (Jurcak, Higgs, White, Dixon) 3:33.44.

Dual-meet record: Salem 6-4 overall.

Early outburst sends Salem past Troy

Three first-period goals — two of them in a 48-second span — helped Salem's hockey team take the early initiative, and two more in the second period allowed the Rocks to keep it on their way to a 6-3 triumph over Troy Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem improved to 11-8-2 overall with the victory.

Craigen Bauldry scored the game's first goal, giving Salem a 1-0 lead at 13:03 of the first period, Ryan Sharrow and Aaron Cheesman assisted.

Troy tied it with a goal by Dave Prince five seconds later, but the Rocks took complete control after that, scoring the game's next five goals.

Ryan Jones put Salem ahead to stay with a goal with 7:48 left in the first period (assisted by Kyle Emmons and Cheesman).

Cheesman, who finished the game with a goal and two assists, scored 48 later (from Emmons and goalie Ray Kraft) to make it 3-1.

Second-period goals by John Maurer (from Andy Thackaberry and Jones) and Thackaberry (from John Peterson and Emmons) pushed the Rocks' lead to 5-1.

Rob Quigley made it 6-1 (assists by Bauldry and Maurer) midway through the third period before Troy scored twice in the final 90, the goals by Erick Walby and Chris Mankowski.

Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson in a key Western Lakes Activities Association game at 8 p.m. Friday at the

HOCKEY

Cultural Center

CC 5, G.P. North 2: A pair of third-period goals by Dan Barczuk broke the game open and clinched the win for Redford Catholic Central on Saturday night over Grosse Pointe North at Compuware Arena.

"It was another tough league game," said CC coach Todd Johnson as his team improved to 12-6-3 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League. "We weren't as mentally sharp as we have been in the last four or five games, but we stuck to it."

Mike Monterey got the game-winner for CC with two minutes left in the second period with Dave McGrorty and Travis Hamway getting the assists.

Barczuk made sure the Norsemen didn't have a chance as he scored eight minutes into the third from Chris New and Drew Kahle, then again with three minutes to play from Kahle and Kevin Horal.

Hamway opened the scoring 31 seconds into the game from Jason Lewarne and Monterey, but Shawn Hunter tied it on a power play goal at the eight-minute mark of the game.

Colin Brown's goal five minutes into the second period gave North a 2-1 lead, but Tim Buttery tied it with five minutes left in the second from John Horal and Michael Evans.

Andrew Godoshian stopped 21 shots in goal for CC, while Jordan Ziekle made 26 saves for North.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday Feb. 20

Canton at W.L. Western 7 p.m.

Ply Christian at Oak Christian 7:30 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill 7 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Central 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Wayne 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs Taylor Baptist Park at Westland Bailey Rec. Center 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday Feb. 19

Loggett at Clarenceville 6:30 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Lutheran N. West 6:30 p.m.

Oak Christian at Ply Christian 7 p.m.

A.P. Inter City vs Canton Agape 7 p.m.

at Discovery Middle School (Catholic League Finals at Madonna)

C.D. Division championship 5:30 p.m.

A.B. Division championship 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 21

Ladywood Tournament 9 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday Feb. 20

Franklin vs Northville (Edgar) 6 p.m.

Stevenson vs Salem

at Plymouth Cultural Ctr. 8 p.m.

Canton vs W.L. Western 8:20 p.m.

at Lakeland Arena

Saturday Feb. 21

Churchill at U.D. Jesuit (City) 5:30 p.m.

P.C.S. Penguins vs Mercy 6 p.m.

at Farmington Suburban Training Ctr.

Franklin at Chelsea 7 p.m.

Redford CC vs Cranbrook

at Compuware (Olympic Rink) 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

(TEAM DUAL DISTRICT TOURNEYS)

Thursday Feb. 19

DIVISION I

at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

First round: Redford Union vs Southfield

5 p.m.; Redford Catholic Central vs Livonia

Franklin 5 p.m.

Championship final 6:30 p.m. (Winner

advances to the regional semifinals)

Wednesday Feb. 25 at Royal Oak Kimball vs

Kimball district champion.)

at WAYNE MEMORIAL

First round: Salem vs Wayne 5:30 p.m.

Westland John Glenn vs Canton 5:30 p.m.

Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner

advances to the regionals semifinals)

Wednesday Feb. 25 at Temperance Bedford

vs Bedford district champion)

at NOVI

First round: Northville vs Novi 5:30 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson vs Livonia Churchill 5:30

p.m.

Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner

advances to the regional semifinals)

Wednesday Feb. 25 at Temperance Bedford

vs Romulus district champion.)

DIVISION III

at MELVINDALE

First round: Riverview Gabriel Richard vs

Grosse Ile 4 p.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs

Melvindale 4 p.m.

Championship final 5 p.m. (Winner

advances to the regionals semifinals)

Wednesday Feb. 25 at Madison Heights

Lamphere vs Melvindale district champion.)

Saturday Feb. 21

(INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TOURNEYS)

Division I at Franklin TBA

Division I at Southgate TBA

Division III at Highland Park TBA

Division IV at New Haven TBA

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday Feb. 19

Churchill at Plymouth 4 p.m.

Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Stevenson 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem 7 p.m.

Wayne at W.L. Central 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 21

Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer noon

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday Feb. 19

Western Lakes Co Op at Churchill 7 p.m.

PREP SKIING

Tuesday, Feb. 17

SEMSL Championship at Alpine Valley 9

a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday Feb. 21

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 21

UM Dearborn at Madonna 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday Feb. 20

Whalers vs S.S. Marie (Compuware) 7:30

p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Whalers vs Kitchener (Compuware) 7:30

p.m.

TBD — time site to be determined

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

SALEM 136.45
WALLED LAKE 127.3
Monday at Walled Lake Central

Vault: 1 Elena Gueorguiev (S) 8:35.2; Allie Vraniak (S) 8:33.3 (tie); Stephanie Schmitz (WL) 8:25.5 (tie); Katte Waldeck (S) 8:25.5 (tie); Megan McCarthy (S) 8:2

Uneven parallel bars: 1 Gueorguiev (S) 9:35.2; Ashley Aquinto (S) 9:13; Vraniak (S) 8:25.4; Schmitz (WL) 8:2.5; Meghan Negele (S) 7:75.

Balance beam: 1 Stevenson (WL) 9:0.2; McCarthy (S) 8:95.3; Waldeck (S) 8:35.4; Aquinto (S) 8:3.5; Vraniak (S) 8:25.

Floor exercise: 1 (tie) Gueorguiev (S) 9:35.2; McCarthy (S) 9:35.3; Stevenson (WL) 9:15.4; Kat e Ryan (WL) 8:75.5; Vran ak (S) 8:65.

All around: 1 Gueo gu ev (S) 35:15.2; V an ak (S) 33:7.3; Ryan (WL) 30.6.

Dual meet record: Salem 3-5.

LIVONIA UNIFIED 141.35 PLYMOUTH 125.45
Monday at Plymouth

Vault: 1 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 9:05.2; Andrea Pisani (LU) 8:85.3; Paige Albers (LU) 8:7.4; Julie Aurelia (LU) 8:55.5; Krista Osikowicz (LU) 8:5.


Uneven parallel bars: 1 Lindsey Reed (LU) 9:0.2; Supplee (LU) 8:9.3; Pisani (LU) 8:8.4; Albers (LU) 8:7.5; Osikowicz (LU) 8:55.

Balance beam: 1 Lisa Thompson (LU) 9:25.2; Amy Quambao (P) 8:8.3; Alie Saker (P) 8:75.4; Albers (LU) 8:5.5; Gina Maceri (LU) 8:35.

Floor exercise: 1 Pisani (LU) 9:45.2; Albers (LU) 9:35.3; Thompson (LU) 9:0.4; Maceri (LU) 8:95.5; Supplee (LU) 8:6.

All around: 1 Albers (LU) 35:25.2; Pisani (LU) 35:05.3; Quambao (P) 33:55.4; Courtney P ckard (P) 30:35.

Dual meet records: Livonia Unified 9:1 Plymouth 2:9.



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NEWSPAPERS

Contest offers up tickets to boat and fishing show

With the winter we've had so far here in southeastern Michigan, it's hard to believe that spring is on the way. I know it is, though, because the outdoor show season is upon us.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

In anticipation of our warmer weather pursuits that lie right around the corner

Ford Field in Detroit will be bristling with excitement March 3-7 when the 'Ultimate Sports Show' - the 21st Annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show comes to town.

Show promoters, ShowSpan Inc., of Grand Rapids, claim the Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show features more tackle, gear, fishing boats, travel destinations, seminars, and family entertainment than any other sport show. That's a claim that is hard to dispute.

For proof, look no further than the seminar schedule, which is loaded with home-grown Michigan talent.

Mark Romanack and Dan Donarski host the Fishing Academy Seminars include bass experts Kim Stricker, Gerry Gostenk and Wayne Carpenter, walleye pros Mark Martin and Jim Barta, and muskie specialists Don Miller and Bob Bruner. Dave Rose chimes in on northern pike, Lance

Valentine will instruct participants on sonar and GPS use, and Bill Bale and Dave Engel of Best Chance Promotions head the Salmon and Steelhead Super Clinic.

And that's not all. There will be a new "outdoor" stage this year featuring deer and turkey hunting seminars by outdoor TV host Denny Geurink, as well as cooking demonstrations for fish and game.

Former Detroit Tigers great Milt Wilcox will also be on hand hosting a "Dock Dogs - Big Air Dog Event." Jef Eaton, star of last year's popular Reel Deal Fishing Tackle Giveaway, plays daily angling games with kids, who will take home \$5,000 worth of free rods, reels and other gear.

Considering a dream hunting or fishing trip?

There will be at least 20 outfitters from Ontario alone as well as options to book a houseboat vacation and out-

fitters from destinations like Montana and Alaska, not to mention the dozens of Great Lakes charter boat captains and guides.

Here's the best part: Your Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, in conjunction with ShowSpan Inc., is holding a fishing trivia contest. The first 20 callers at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with the correct answer to the following trivia question will win a pair of tickets to the show.

In addition, a grand prize winner, selected at random from the pool of correct responses, will win an Abu Garcia 6-foot, one piece, medium light action spinning rod & reel combo and a Luhr Jensen Little Chief electric smoker.

Here's the question: Many Great Lakes trout and salmon are marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin. Where is the

adipose fin located on a fish?

Be one of the first 20 callers at 6 p.m. Friday, at (248) 901-2560, and win a pair of tickets to the show.

Show hours are Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 and 4, 2-9:30 p.m.; Friday, March 5, noon-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$8 adult, \$4 children ages 6-15, children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

For more information, call 800-328-6550 or go to www.UltimateSportShows.com or www.MichBoatFish.com.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOOP SHOOT

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor the MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. The event is free to boys and girls ages 8-15 from the community.

Players will have 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Winners will advance to area competitions as representatives of the Canton community. Certificates and ribbons will be available to participants.

Check-in is at 8:30 a.m., with competition starting at 9 a.m. Participants may register in advance or the day of the event, a valid birth certificate is required the day of the event for age verification. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

There will be a youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday Feb. 28 at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with play beginning at noon. All games will be officiated, and all teams will be guaranteed two games.

There will be boys and girls divisions for grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Awards will be presented to the tournament winners and runners-up in each division.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

SOCCER CLINICS

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club is hosting a free clinic open to the public at Total Soccer's Wixom facility.

The boys clinic will feature University of Michigan men's soccer coach Steve Burns and will be Feb. 19. Clinic times are U13, U14 - 5:30-7 p.m., U15, U16 - 7-8:30 p.m., U17, U18 - 8:30-10 p.m.

Again, the clinics are free. The Wixom Total Soccer Facility is located at 30990 Wixom Road, 1 1/2 miles north of I-96.

For more information, call Amy Richters at (248) 478-6692.

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to rivratt122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior

center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call

Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs 1-800-477-3192; Kensington 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills 1-800-477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all

nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390; for programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767; for programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187; for programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar, send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital has heart



By Rajesh Gulati, M.D., Cardiologist

It's Saturday evening and you feel a pain in your chest. Then shortness of breath. Could the discomfort mean myocardial infarction or a heart attack? Would you know what to do?

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imately 64.4 million Americans are currently being treated for cardiovascular disease. At Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, we have a nationally recognized program for the treatment of cardiovascular disease as well as the distinction of being affiliated with one of the top 100 heart hospitals in America.

There are several diagnostic procedures and treatment options available to your physician, including an echocardiogram, angiogram, stress test, Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Intervention (PTCA), stenting and cardiac catheterization that will help your physician diagnose your

condition and begin an immediate plan of action.

For example, an Oakwood cardiologist might perform a cardiac catheterization to determine the extent and location of a blocked artery. The procedure itself involves the insertion of a tiny tube into the artery through the arm or groin area and on into the heart to determine the level of pressure within the chambers of your heart. The results are used to diagnose the extent of coronary artery blockage.

All these tests are minimally invasive and are performed at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. From the moment you arrive in our Emergency

Department to post-coronary preventive care, Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital has an established and skilled cardiovascular team prepared to treat your disease.

Dr. Rajesh Gulati is a board-certified cardiologist and chief of staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has been practicing at Annapolis and in the western Wayne community for more than 20 years. He received his training at the University of Delhi School of Medicine and Wayne State University.

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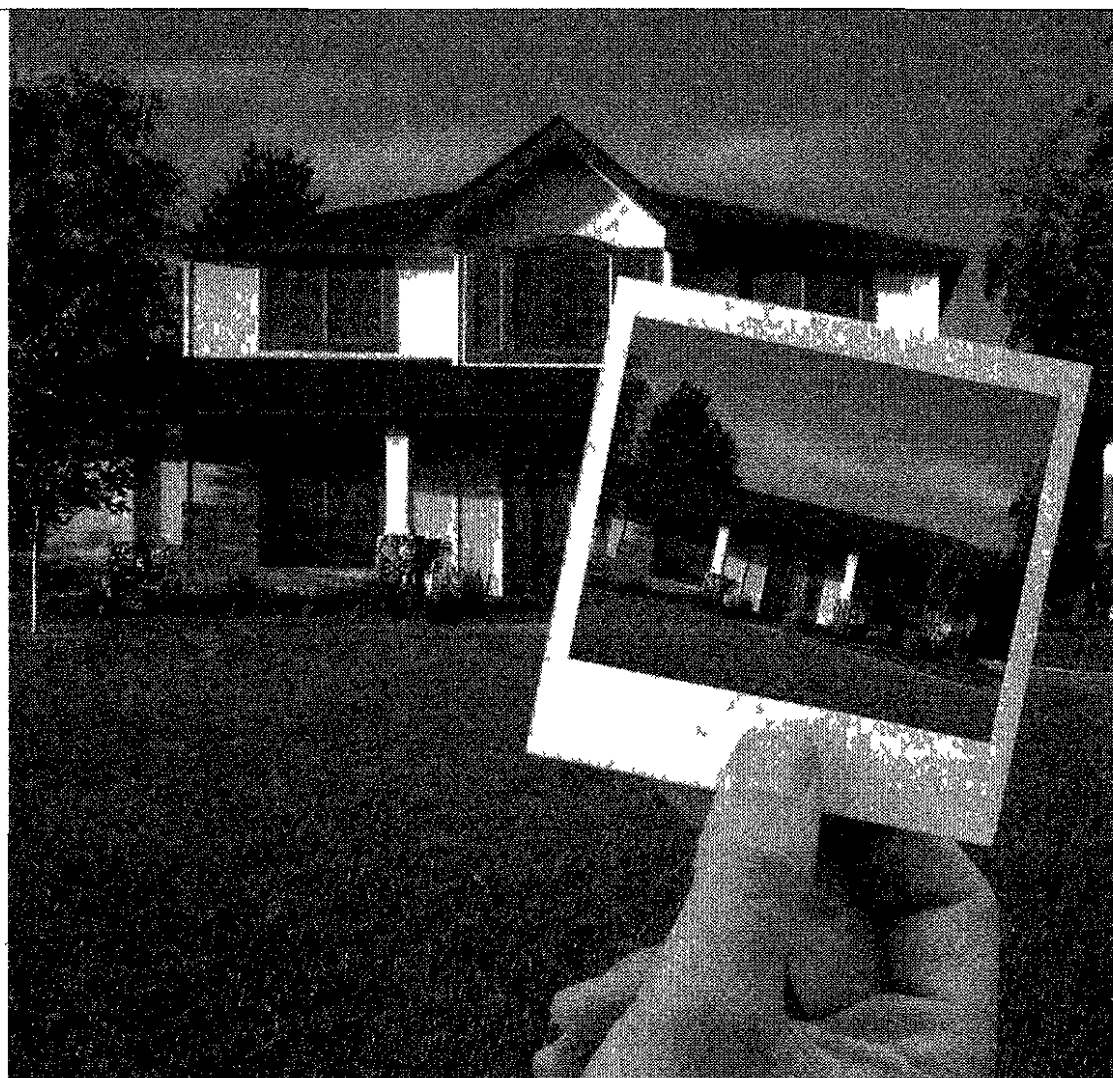
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Glenn grabs 3rd-straight title

Salem finishes 4th, Canton takes 8th at WLAA Tournament

Westland John Glenn staved off a severe challenge Saturday from rival Wayne Memorial to win its third consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling tournament hosted by Livonia Churchill

The Rockets, who put six grapplers in the finals, scored a team-high 196.5 points, just six ahead of Wayne, which finished with 190.5

Host Churchill, the co-Observerland Invitational champion with Glenn, was third with 171.5

Salem finished fourth with 155, while Walled Lake Western placed fifth in the 12-school tourney with 130. See final results

"We felt comfortable going into the last two rounds unlike Observerland where we were on the edge of our seats, Glenn coach Bill Polk said. We knew it would be pretty close, but with six in the finals there was a feeling some of those kids would

win." The Rockets came away with four individual crowns, led by 140-pound junior Reece Cox, who improved to 38-1 overall while earning his 106th career win when he pinned Wayne's Rex Fugaban in the finals in 5:12

Other Glenn champions included 152-pounder Daron Cruickshank, who edged Churchill's Ben Adams, 11-10, to improve his mark to 35-7, 160-pounder Brad Allen, who won by injury default and is now 36-6, and 189-pounder Jake Fairchild, who edged Livonia Stevenson's Paul Bargerstock, 3-2, to up his record to 42-4 (most wins on the team)

"We had a great first round, but the second round was not very good because we lost to some kids we had beaten before," Polk said. "But to their credit, they were able to bounce back through the consolation rounds"

Glenn also put Rowdy

Glasgow (112) and Eric Schambers (215) in the finals. Senior Greg Wacker also gave Glenn a lift by finishing third at 145

"Rowdy had a good day, but things just didn't go his way in the finals," said Polk, whose wrestler lost a 6-4 decision to Northvilles Joel Schanne. "We felt he was good enough to be a champ. Greg (Wacker) came out and wrestled well. He's a senior kid who has been behind somebody his whole career. For two years he was behind Reece (Cox) and his first year he was behind Nick Naber. With Jon McCahill out injured this year, he's been able to take advantage"

Wayne's showing was its best since joining the WLAA

And although the Zebras did not have any champions, they put three in the finals, took third places in five other weight classes and added a fourth

Sophomore Chad Phipps, filling in for the suspended Tim Hammer at 135, posted four

pins with his only loss to Zack Vaughn of Salem

"Chad was not seeded, his only loss was to the first seed (Vaughn), you couldn't ask anything more from him," Wayne interim coach Morgan Mullins said. "And Zack Listman (125 pounds) was seeded eighth and he took third"

"We were without two of our studs, Hammer and Jason Crothers (112), who got hurt earlier this year with a shoulder. He (Crothers) tweaked it again Saturday and I sat him out (after losing a semifinal to Schanne)"

"I'm really proud of all the kids"

Churchill placed five in the finals with 275-pounder Pat Draheim and 171-pounder Manuel Schubert earning titles

Draheim pinned top seed Jeremy Walker of Salem in 3:44, while Schubert beat Wayne's Bryan Longton in a competitive final, 5-2

Livonia Franklin and Livonia

Stevenson each boasted champions. Franklin's Jesse Gardocki rolled to a 13-1 major decision over Walled Lake Northern's Josh Giesey in the finals at 103, while Stevenson's Dario Manella took the 145-pound crown by downing Wayne's Chris McGlone for the third time this season, 7-2. Manella is 42-1 now overall, while Gardocki is 37-3

Canton freshman Corey Phillips grabbed the 130-pound crown with a 4-0 decision over Salem's Dave Burr. Canton's Ryan Webb added a 135-pound title for the Chiefs with an 11-2 major decision over Churchill's Jameson Murray. Walled Lake Western grabbed the other three individual titles including wins by 119-pound Micheal Morfitt, who won 12-5 over Salem's Ryan Stump, 125-pounder Jeff Clare, who also scored a 12-3 major decision over Churchill's Kris Felice, and 215-pounder Lance Shuma, who pinned Schambers, now 40-4, in 3:11

WRESTLING RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Feb. 14 at Livonia Churchill
TEAM STANDINGS 1 Westland John Glenn 196.5 points 2 Wayne Memorial 190.5 points 3 Livonia Churchill 171.5 points 4 Salem 155.5 points 5 Walled Lake Western 130.5 points 6 Northville 123.5 points 7 Livonia Franklin 122.8 points 8 Canton 109.9 points 9 Livonia Stevenson 101.5 points 10 Walled Lake Northern 64.0 points 11 Plymouth 30.0 points

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS

275 pounds Pat Draheim (LC) pinned Jeremy Walker (Salem) 3:44 **3rd place** Ryan Pokryfky (LF) won by major dec over Shaun Bailey (Ply) 9:0 **5th place** Nick Orr (WM) won by injury default over Kyle Tackett (LS)

103 Jesse Gardocki (LF) won by major dec over Josh Giesey (WLN) 13:1 **3rd** Josh Press (WM) p Alex Fowler (LC) 11:5 **5th** Sam Santilli (Canton) won by technical fall over James David (WLC) 15:0

112 Joel Schanne (N) dec Rowdy Glasgow (WJG) 6:4 **3rd** Mike Warren (LF) won by major dec over Andrew Roeser (WLN) 11:0 **5th** Cory Hammerle (WLC) won by default over Jason Crothers (WM)

119 Micheal Morfitt (WLW) won by major dec over Ryan Stump (Salem) 12:5 **3rd** Justin Smith (LC) dec Justin Keatts (WM) 4:2 **5th (tie)** Adam Blunk (N) and Brian Wilmoth (WLC)

125 Jeff Clare (WLW) won by major dec over Kris Felice (LC) 12:3 **3rd** Zack Listman (WM) won by major dec over Matt Keffler (Salem) 14:2 **5th (tie)** Austin Richards (WLN) and Orlando Carswell (WJG)

130 Corey Phillips (Canton) dec Dave Burr (Salem) 4:0 **3rd** Chris Yezbick (WLW) dec Jim Woods (WJG) 8:2 **5th (tie)** Kayle McCart (LF) and Alex York (LS)

135 Ryan Webb (Canton) won by major dec over Jaime Murray (LC) 11:2 **3rd (tie)** Chad Phipps (WM) and Zack Vaughn (Salem) **5th** Justin Swanson (N) won by major dec over Saff Naber (WJG) 15:6

140 Reece Cox (WJG) p Rex Fugaban (WM) 5:12 **3rd** Dave Watkins (LF) won by disqualification over Konrad Konsitzke (Canton) **5th (tie)** John Manica (N) and Kyle Kuenzel (WLC)

145 Dario Manella (LS) dec Chris McGlone (WM) 7:2 **3rd (tie)** Greg Wacker (WJG) and Steve Hosey (Canton) **5th (tie)** Ryan Tooley (Salem) and Jason Beste (WLC)

152 Daron Cruickshank (WJG) dec Ben Adams (LC) 11:10 **3rd (tie)** Craig Dropiewski (WLC) and Jeff Goodman (WLW) **5th (tie)** Paul Cavanaugh (WM) and Will Schultz (Salem)

160 Brad Allen (WJG) won by void over Jeff Ponder (N) **3rd (tie)** Chris Weiss (LF) and Brian Danville (Salem) **5th** Dean Decker (WLC) and Alex Amberg (Canton)

171 Manuel Schubert (LC) dec Bryan Longton (WM) 5:2 **3rd** Bill Regner (N) dec Bryan Stolla (WLC) 9:5 **5th** Jordan Schaefer (Salem) dec Cody Rize (LS) 6:5

189 Jake Fairchild (WJG) dec Joe Bargerstock (LS) 3:2 **3rd** R.J. Ramsey (WM) won by void over Steve Miner (N) **5th** Jeremy Henderson (Salem) p David Mathis (WLC) 4:37

215 Lance Shuma (WLW) p Eric Schambers (WJG) 3:11 **3rd** Hafeez Oureshi (LC) won by major dec over Ben Mason (N) **5th (tie)** Moddy Mattan (WLN) and Edgar Fuentes (LS)

WISNIEWSKI

FROM PAGE B1

Spirit the early lead, Plymouth went on top in the second period with goals by John Mitchell and Rane Carnegie

Saginaw tied it on another Lees goal early in the third period, then got what appeared to be the game-winner with just 42 left when Paul Bissonnette scored (Lees assisting). Ahhh, but not so fast. With only 14 to play, the Whalers'

John Vigilante got the equalizer, forcing overtime. And with 1:25 remaining in the extra period, Wisniewski scored on an assist from Ryan Ramsay, giving Plymouth the win. The Whalers improved to 25-21-9-3 (62 points in 58 games), second in the OHL's West Division. Sarna is first with a 30-18-4-4 mark (68 points in 56 games)

Wisniewski also had an assist in the game, while Vaclav Meidl and Jonas Fiedler both got two assists. Paul Drew stopped 33 shots in goal for Plymouth, Mike Brown had 23 saves for Saginaw. The Whalers host Sault Ste. Marie Friday and Kitchener Saturday at Compuware Arena. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
 Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
 Canton, MI 48188
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Wednesday March 10 2004 at 2 p.m. in the Walnut Room, Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Michigan 48188 there will be a public hearing on the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The Action Plan is funded at \$434,000. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step \$36,000; Growth Works \$10,500; HelpSource Adult Day Care \$5,000; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services \$20,500; Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$10,000; Volunteer Coordinator \$6,500; Leisure Services scholarships program \$2,500; Program Administration \$85,200; Human Service Center Construction \$275,000 (multi year); Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2004; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188 (734) 394-5194 Ex 5194

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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Who? All 2nd-12th Grade Students

What? Enter the Observer & Eccentric /Oasis Golf Center Newspaper in Education Contest

Where? Only in the Observer & Eccentric

When? Contest entries are due by Feb. 24th and winners will run in our papers on March 4th.

Why? Because that's National Newspaper in Education (NIE) Week and we care about our troops in Iraq!

Students from 2nd through 12th grade are invited to use the theme of "We Care About Our Troops" to enter our contest in one of the following categories:

- **Editorial** - Write a brief editorial (under 250 words) about how much you appreciate what the troops are doing and why you agree or disagree with the reasons we sent the troops to Iraq
- **Cartoon** - Draw a cartoon for the troops to bring a smile to their faces (maybe about something that they're missing or what they're not missing over here)
- **Photograph** - Take a picture of something that's being displayed in your school or community that shows the troops are being remembered locally
- **News Story** - Imagine that you're serving in Iraq. Write a story about your experiences there and include the 5 W's - who, what, when, where and why

We'll award prizes for the following categories/age groups:

1. The contest will have one **FIRST PLACE** winner per category and one honorable mention per category, in each of our four categories:
 - a. Grades 2-3 b. Grades 4-6 c. Grades 7-9 d. Grades 10-12
2. Judging will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria, where applicable:
 - a. Originality b. Sincerity c. Grammar d. Creativity/Design
3. All entries must be mailed to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and received by the Observer no later than Noon Friday, Feb. 20, 2004 at

O&E/Oasis Golf Center NIE Week Entries

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36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150

Prizes: First Place winner in each category will receive Oasis Golf Center Mini-Golf Passes and Buckets of Balls and 4 Movie Passes each. First Place and Honorable Mention recipients will each be given a Certificate of Award.

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Home Schoolers are welcome to enter, too!

Good Luck!

Official Observer & Eccentric/Oasis Golf Center NIE Week Contest Entry Form (Must be completed and attached for entry to qualify)

I am competing in the:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

- Tuesday, March 2 9 a.m.-Noon Organizational Meeting
2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
- Monday, March 8 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
6 p.m.-9 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
- Wednesday, March 10 9 a.m.-Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
- Saturday, March 13 9 a.m.-11 a.m. First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 13, 2004.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 9, 2004.

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

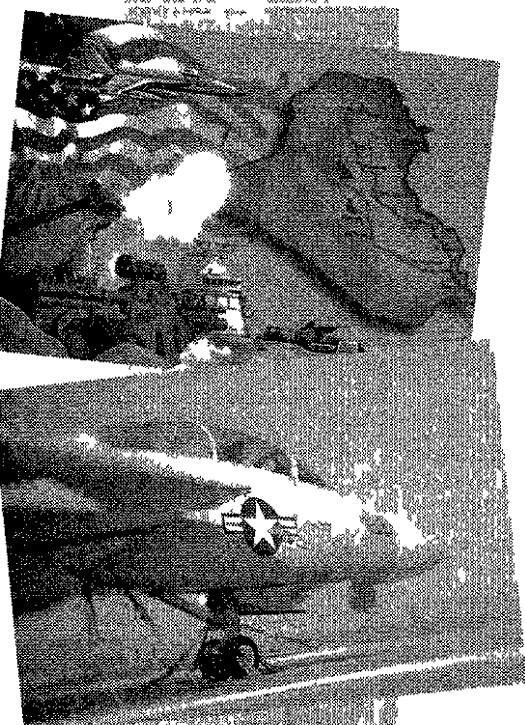
- The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:
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 - Monday, March 8, 2004 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. AND 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
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Eagles take a pair from Roeper at PCA

Two out of two — not bad at all

Due to a snow-out on Jan. 27, Plymouth Christian Academy was forced to reschedule its game with Bloomfield Hills Roeper for last Saturday, three days before its scheduled meeting with the Roughriders at PCA.

The bad news for Roeper was that it couldn't use its home-court for the make-up game, which meant that both Saturday's and Tuesday's games were at PCA.

Worse news for the Roughriders: They lost both, by 13 points each.

On Tuesday, the final was 55-42 — the difference coming in the third quarter, when the Eagles increased their four-point halftime lead (30-26) to an insurmountable 19-point advantage (49-30) with a 19-4 run.

"It was the oddest feeling," said PCA coach Doug Taylor of playing Roeper twice at home in four days. "I've never done that before."

But after watching the junior varsity team lose to Roeper Tuesday after beating them Saturday, the Eagles knew they had to be careful. And they were.

"We got off to a good start,"

Ocelot comeback clips Raiders

Talk about breaks: Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team gave Oakland CC a great chance, spotting the Raiders leads of 14-0 and 18-2 to start Saturday's game at OCC. But the Ocelots battled back, outscoring the Raiders 29-14 over the rest of the half to narrow the gap to 32-31 by the break, then beat them in the second half to post a 68-65 victory.

The win put SC in first place in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference with a 13-2 record; the Ocelots are 19-6 overall. OCC fell to third at 11-3 in the conference, 16-8 overall.

All 10 Ocelots played in the game, and nine of them scored, led by India Monteiro with 23 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Ashley Gibson added 14 points and three steals, and Sara Tyree netted eight points.

OCC had four players reach double figures in scoring, led by Meagon Thornberry with 20 points, 14 rebounds, three assists and three steals. Leah Anttila added 15 points, six assists and five steals, Patrice Andre got 11 points and seven boards, and Callie Reed finished with 10 points and four steals.

SC outshot the Raiders in the second half, converting 14-of-28 from the floor (50 percent) to OCC's 12-of-39 (30.8 percent). And, although the Raiders had a 44-34 rebounding advantage, they also committed 23 turnovers to 19 for SC.

There were 17 lead changes in the game, and the score was tied five times.

Madonna 68, Concordia 65 (OT): Despite committing 31 turnovers and shooting just 36.7 percent from the field, Madonna managed to outlast Concordia in overtime Saturday in Ann Arbor.

The Crusaders improved to 10-17 overall, 6-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, going into Wednesday's game at Indiana Tech. Madonna was fourth in the WHAC standings, a half-game behind Aquinas. Going into the final regular-season games of the season, the Crusaders could finish as high as the third seed.

Concordia remained winless in the conference at 0-11, the Cardinals are 4-26 overall.

Madonna was paced by Sarah Thomson with 14 points and four steals. Courtney Rehbme had 12 points, nine boards and two steals, Jackie Pingston and Marwa Ayoub scored 11 points apiece, Pingston adding eight assists and six boards, and Ayoub getting two steals, and Stephanie Childs collected nine points and five assists.

Concordia got 23 points, nine rebounds and five steals from Andrea Savage, 15 points, eight boards and four steals from Sarah Palmer, and 14 points and three steals from Richelle Gerstenberger.

said Taylor. "And that's important, especially against a team like Roeper. They keep scores low and like to hold the ball on you."

PCA built a 21-14 lead after one quarter and, despite shooting 1-for-9 from three-point range in the second quarter, still had a four-point lead at the half.

The Eagles scored the first 13 points of the third quarter and coasted from there, improving their record to 11-6 overall and

6-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Roeper fell to 3-13 overall, 1-7 in the MIAC.

Aaron Ciborowski paced PCA with 16 points and 17 rebounds, including six points in the decisive third quarter. Ben Baloga had 15 points and Daniel Carty contributed nine points and four assists.

Erik Zinser topped Roeper with 19 points. Perry Keydel scored nine.

On Saturday, the Eagles prevailed by a 49-36 margin, but their lead after three quarters was just 31-24. Again, Ciborowski led with 17 points and 16 boards, Carty added 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Roeper got 10 points from Adam Attaway and nine from Zinser.

Oakland Christian 58, Canton Agape 43: Auburn Hills Oakland Christian got an

early lead over Canton Agape Christian and kept it throughout this MIAC meeting Tuesday.

The Wolverines fell to 12-4 overall, 5-3 in the conference. Oakland Christian is 7-7 overall, 3-3 in the MIAC.

"They jumped out early and had a nice halftime lead," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. "We made our best effort in the third (quarter), but we couldn't cut into the lead."

"We turned it over a lot in the

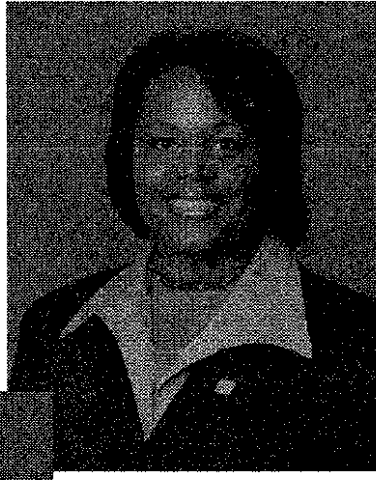
first quarter. We had eight in the first alone. You're not going to win many like that."

"We just couldn't catch up." The Lancers led 17-8 after one quarter and 34-20 by halftime. Kevin Hall paced Oakland Christian with 25 points, Jamie Morrow added 10.

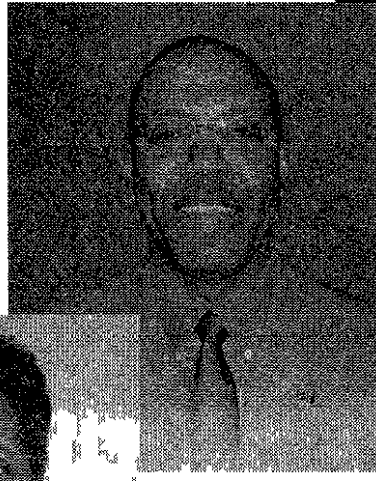
Agape got 17 points from Jordan Napier, 12 from Charlie Henry and 10 from Matt Cross. Cross grabbed seven rebounds and Henry dished out six assists.

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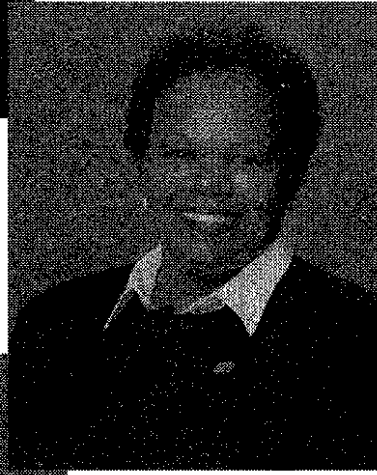
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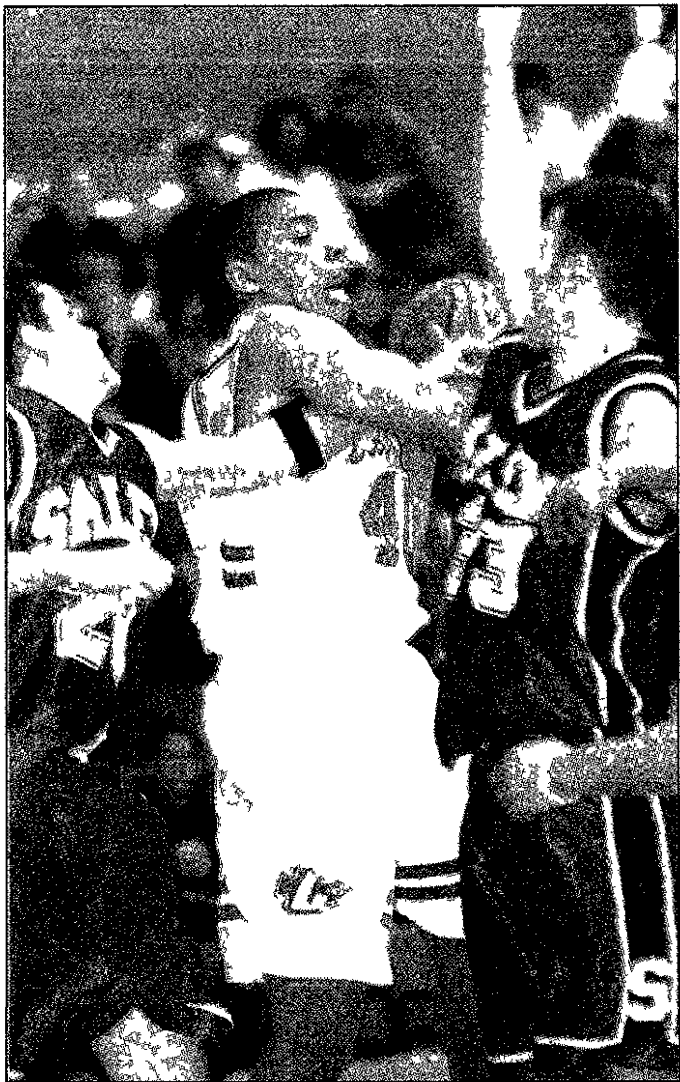
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Canton's D.J. Bridges (middle) battles for a rebound with Salem's Dave Cardenas (left) and Brad Clark

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said. It shows, too. As the introductions were being made, you could see well-muscled youngsters whose bodies said "Football player." Football player. Spends time in the weight room with baseball and football players. And just plain big. "They're dedicated to it," Paye said. "They get after it." Salem started out nice and sharp, scoring the first three points of the game. But D.J. Bridges countered with a driving layup, Brad Wadmann scored on a short rebound shot, then added a free throw 1:30 later and finished a string of five straight points with a baseline drive for a layup that gave Canton a 7-3 lead. Salem comes at you," Paye said. "They've got some tough kids. We knew it was going to be a battle." Eric Vanston did a nice job of denying Cortellini shots but Bridges and Smith did an even better job of taking the Rocks' Dominique Washington out of the game. Washington went 0-for-game in field goals and ended with seven free throws. "They did a nice job," Paye said of his defenders. "You could tell he was getting frustrated, too." Bridges led Canton with

19 points, 15 coming in the middle two periods as the Chiefs stretched their 15-11 first-quarter lead to 51-33 by the time three periods were finished. Smith had 12 points, Wadmann 10 and Kevin Thornton eight. Salem had just one player in double figures, Brian Bradley, who scored 12. Brad Clark ended with eight and Jeff Lake joined Washington with seven. Canton scored 27 second-chance points to 19 for Salem. The Rocks' only edge was in free throws. They made 19-of-27 to the Chiefs 10-for-23 from the line. We didn't do a very good job of keeping them off the glass, Brodie said. They weren't to be denied. They took it up strong. There were no soft layups in there. I was pleased with our effort and the outcome. Paye said. "These games usually are wars." Now the season begins to wind toward the playoffs, league and state. Canton might be back in the hunt for WLAA honors. It's a funny league," Paye said. "Absolutely Northville is the best team right now. But so many of the teams in the league are equal. It depends on who shows up to play each night. It's always a battle." Not much of a battle Tuesday night, though. More like a neighborhood kid getting what he wanted.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27 and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem HS gym. Three hours of baseball instruction from the Salem var-

sity players and coaches, for players ages 7-15, is included. Lunch is provided as well, registration fee is \$20. To reserve a spot or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

COACHES WANTED

Redford Union is looking for several coaches for its athletic programs. For the spring season, RU is seeking a girls varsity track and junior varsity baseball coach. For the fall 2004 season, RU is seeking a varsity girls swimming coach, an assistant varsity football coach and a boys junior varsity soccer coach. For more information or to apply, please call athletic director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270. Plymouth High School is looking for a ninth-grade softball coach for the 2004 season. For more information or to apply, please call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02. Salem HS is in need of a varsity girls track coach. All candidates must be high school graduates and have experience coaching at the high school

level or competing in track at the collegiate level. Those interested must have a schedule compatible with that of the high school, CPR and/or first aid training is preferred, as is a demonstrated ability to work with parents and children. To apply or for more information, call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775. Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls junior varsity golf coach, girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches, and a girls' shot put and discus coach for this spring. Interested candidates can fax their resumes to Ladywood High School at (734) 591-2386. Canton HS is accepting applications for a freshmen softball coach. Experience in fastpitch softball is necessary. For further information, contact Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-

2925. Redford Thurston is looking for a varsity girls tennis coach. For more information, please call athletic director Al Chambo at (313) 535-4000, Ext. 1166. Plymouth Christian Academy needs a varsity track coach, a junior high school track coach and assistants for both positions. For more information or to apply, call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, ext. 138, or email him at dtaylor@plymouthchristian.org. Troy High and Troy Athens high schools are in need of girls water polo coaches. Interested candidates are asked to contact Troy Director of Athletics Jim Feldkamp at (248) 823-5093. Farmington High School has a position available for someone willing to serve on a volunteer basis as a strength

and conditioning coach for the football program. The position would involve approximately nine hours per week, starting in January. To inquire, call the athletic department at (248) 489-3352. Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: Freshmen girls track, and assistant boys track. Letters of application should be sent to Stephen Smith, assistant superintendent of human resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5474. Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a junior varsity boys soccer coach for the upcoming season. Those interested should call athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926 or varsity coach Cassandra Gray at (734) 564-0993.

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Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices: rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and a rain care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.). Refreshments and a raffle drawing for gardening gifts will also be featured. For more information, call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings or weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

Kunst is the owner of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, the country's only mail-order source devoted to heirloom flower bulbs.

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According to the U.S. Department of Energy, homeowners spend, on average, \$1,300 a year on utility bills, most of which is wasted energy from poorly insulated windows and doors. Simple energy efficient improvements can save 10-50 percent on energy bills and help reduce air pollution by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the environment, according to Dan Sannar of House Doctors in Livonia.

There are several quick "fixes" homeowners can do to reduce energy costs within their home, according to Sannar.

Install a programmable thermostat or set your thermostat back at night. Insulate doors and windows with plastic, caulk and/or weather stripping. An uninsulated window or door can lose 10 to 20 times as much heat or air conditioning as the same area of a well-insulated wall.

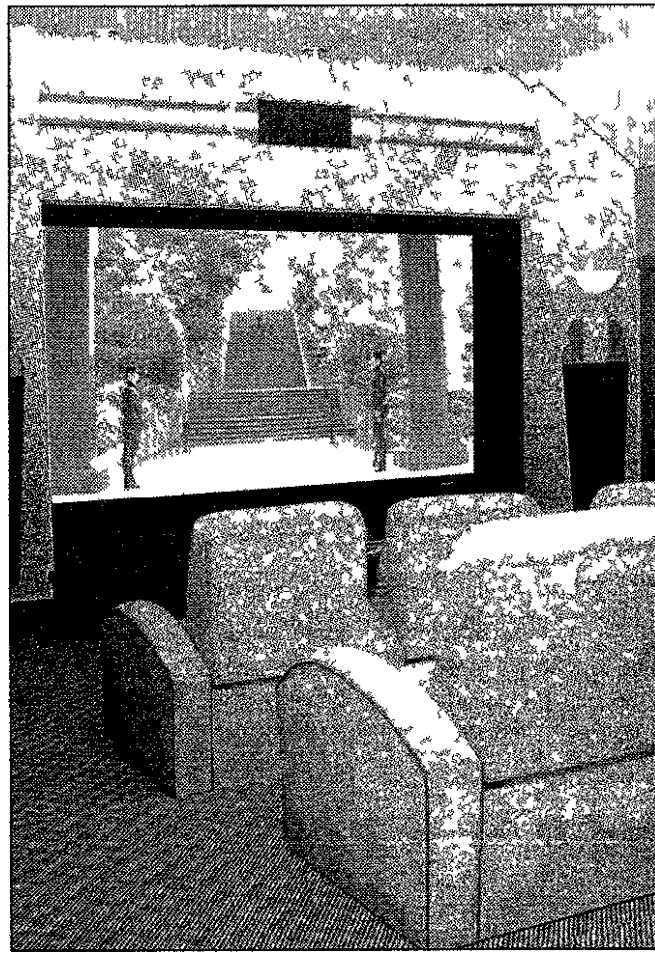
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This custom home theater by Pecar Electronics was built as part of a "fun" house, intended primarily for entertaining. Approximate cost, excluding building costs, was \$65,000. Top Custom home theaters run in a wide price range. Pecar Electronics of Troy has created home theaters that start at less than \$10,000. Its higher end projects included this home theater, which cost around \$500,000.

The home theater is taking more of a starring role in the home these days.

With today's technology, the picture and sound quality of home entertainment systems can rival that of a movie theater.

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"The home theater is becoming the new focal point of the house. It has become the family retreat room," said Randy Blanchard, vice president and general manager of Pecar Electronics in Troy.

There's a technological alphabet. HDTV (high-definition television) comes with different screen types, such as LCD (liquid crystal display), DLP (digital light processing) and LCOS (liquid crystal on silicon). LCD is flat and has a

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Randy Blanchard
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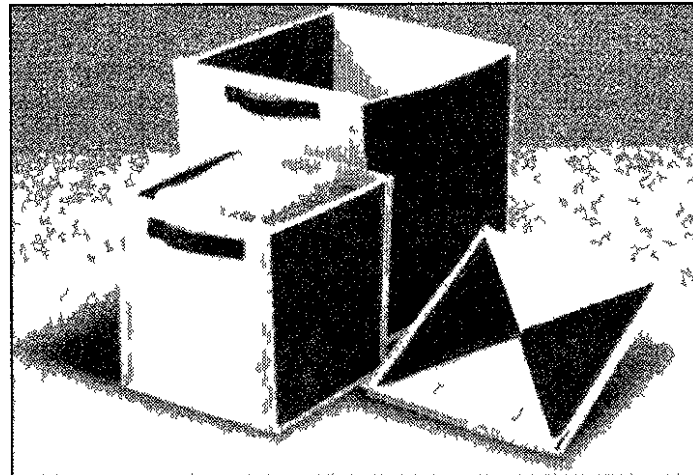
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Bartholomew encourages displaying collections

"Here, there and everywhere" Whether that phrase brings to mind the Beatles song, it also can apply to decorating with and displaying antiques in your home.

That was the message HGTV star Kitty Bartholomew shared at a luncheon last week at The Community House in Birmingham.

The luncheon was a preview event for the 14th annual Community House Antiques Festival, which will take place Friday-Sunday, March 12-14.

"If you're shopping around and something puts a smile on your face, you should take a second look at it. It's speaking to you," said Bartholomew, host of HGTV's *Kitty Bartholomew You're Home*. "See if you can make (a place for it) in your home."

In her slide presentation, Bartholomew talked about ways of incorporating antiques as well as found objects from flea markets and thrift shops into the home.

"My goal is always to empower people to make good, affordable choices for their home," she told the audience of about 225.

"We all want our homes to reflect the personalities of the people who live there."

Many people think of antiques as being at least 100 years old, and a lot of young people stay away from antiques, Bartholomew said.

She wanted to encourage different attitudes.

Bartholomew's suggestions included:

- Consider collecting paper (letters, deeds, stamps, artistic paper cuttings, prints). Put papers with special significance – or copies of them – under a glass tabletop. Old wallpaper can be color copied and placed on a wall.

- Think of arranging textiles on a wall, such as vintage velvet, flags, socks and mittens.

- A frame doesn't have to contain an art work. An arrangement of empty frames on a wall makes an interesting display. Bartholomew showed how an empty gilt frame placed in front of corner shelves created an unusual cabinet.

- Put flowers in a grouping of old milk bottles and Mason jars.

- "Humble things" can be used to interesting effect. Bartholomew painted an assortment of garden tools white and arranged them in a cluster on a wall. To dress it up, she adds flowers among the tools.

- A collection makes a statement if all the pieces are in one place rather than scattered around rooms. Put larger items in a collection in the center.

- You can make new furnishings out of old pieces, and give old furnishings new life.

Bartholomew made a dressing table out of an old desk and silver draperies. A table had a broken leg, she had a carpenter cut the table in half and turned it into a console table.

Put cushions on old church pews and place them in a breakfast nook. Windows can become the fronts of kitchen cabinets, or hung on a wall with mirrors behind them to suggest natural light.

Make a long table by laying a hollow core door over two wire urns. ("It's great for people who are just starting out," Bartholomew said. "It could go in any room.")

Bartholomew was born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Ile. Her father attended Cranbrook. "It's always a wonderful feeling to come back to Michigan," she said.

The antiques festival will feature more than 40 booths, a cafe, and a lecture on the history of quimper, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates.

Admission is \$10. A preview party will include a strolling supper and a silent auction, tickets are \$125 and \$55. For information, call (248) 594-6403.

Create a special place for your jewelry

My jewelry does not fit in my jewelry box. Where can I keep the extra pieces and how can I protect my fine jewelry?

Most of us own a collection of costume jewelry pieces as well as some finer jewelry pieces.



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We buy jewelry to match specific clothes and sometimes we buy clothes to match jewelry. Locating jewelry and keeping it organized is important so we do not continually wear the same pieces.

You can use a very simple system. Find several different sizes and styles of containers in which to separate and store your jewelry. Purchase containers that have many compartments. Choose a jewelry box or attractive container you can leave on your dresser for quick access to pieces you wear on a regular basis.

I have two different sized boxes lined in velvet, containing the jewelry that I wear daily. A ring holder works well to keep costume rings. Divided cardboard boxes with drawers that are stored in a closet work if you are on a tight budget. Divided plastic containers can also be purchased for storing jewelry.

Separate the jewelry by colors, sets and types.

Put like things together such as earrings, pins and bracelets if they are not part of a matching set. Put divided containers into a dresser drawer.

This is a good location for earrings. The divided cardboard boxes work for storing matching sets of jewelry.

Store each set such as a matching pin and earrings, in the same box or compartment. Separate by colors. For example, store all black jewelry, individual and sets, together in one place.

When you put on a black outfit for the evening, you can see your selection of black jewelry all at the same time allowing you to choose what works best with your clothes. Designate a specific box for jewelry that needs to be repaired by yourself or taken to a jeweler.

Most of my jewelry is costume because I enjoy variety and I do not want to worry about losing something expensive.

When an expensive gold chain was stolen from our hotel room during a vacation, I replaced it with a well-made imitation. It looks very similar to the real thing and I do not have to worry if something happens to it.

An acquaintance of mine decided to hide her expensive jewelry in her house and could not remember where she hid it. If you decide to hide your jewelry,

which I do not advise, let someone know your secret place. A better alternative would be a secure safety deposit box.

Every six months sort through your jewelry containers. Do this for two reasons. It will reacquaint you with your collection and you will have the opportunity to give away pieces you no longer wear.

If you have daughters, offer them the unwanted pieces. If they are not interested in the jewelry, put it in a garage sale box or charitable organization box.

Clean jewelry regularly. I would recommend having very expensive or antique jewelry professionally cleaned periodically. Clean pierced earrings in alcohol to prevent possible infections.

Use a jewelry cleaner or toothpaste to clean your sparkling treasures. Polish silver pieces with a silver cleaner. Old jewelry can look new if cleaned often and properly. Inexpensive jewelry can look expensive if cleaned regularly.

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A time exposure made the water look as though it "wrapped" around the rock.

Develop photos by developing patience

In past columns I've written about the importance of making photographs and not just taking snapshots. Today



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

I'd like to discuss one of the very important ingredients in the recipe of making strong photographs - developing patience. Developing a sense of patience in photography can not only offer a welcome break from the turbulent pace of everyday life but it will reward you with many impact-filled pictures.

How do you develop photo-

related patience?

For starters, slow down and study your subject carefully and thoroughly.

Let's use the picture shown here as an example. I was at El Matador Beach near Malibu, Calif. when I noticed these unusual rocks just offshore. I patiently studied the scene and concluded this composition worked best.

A time exposure made the water look as though it "wrapped" around the rock. The birds on the distant rock and the dramatic clouds all helped in making this an exceptionally strong photograph.

Ask yourself some important questions: Would a different time of day improve the picture? Should I move in closer or remain further back? Would a

low or high vantage point make a difference? Is there an approaching cloud pattern that is worth waiting for? Or is there a fence or road that would serve as an effective lead-in?

Do you see what's happening? You're developing patience. Your study, plan and thoughts about your shot will pay off with a memorable photograph.

Take your time, slow down and take fewer pictures. You'll be glad you did.

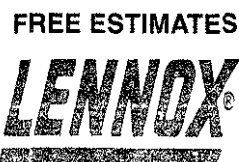
So do what a real doctor does: Try to have a lot of 'patients!'

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Don't panic: Valve leak in toilet can be repaired

I got a frantic call for help from my friend Dave a couple weeks ago. Dave's daughter was moving back home from college.



Ask Dad
Harry Jachym
He shut the water supply to the toilet attached to her bedroom off because it was making a sound like it was filling every so often. I told him that it was probably the flush valve and told him how to repair it. I just wondered why was he so frantic about it.

It appears that he shut off the water back when Monica was in high school and it seemed Monica and Dave's wife Becky weren't too happy with his procrastination.

A periodic sound, like water running in the tank, is usually the first sign that there is a problem with the flush valve.

If you suspect a leaking flush valve, put about half a bottle of food coloring in the tank. Let the water set for a few hours, then check the bowl. If there is any hint of the color in the bowl, you have a leaking flush valve.

The most likely part to be defective is the stopper, which can be a tank ball, flapper, disk or some other type of stopper.

It's the part attached to the lift rod or trip knob. It can be replaced separately, but if the flush valve seat (the rim around the big hole in the bottom of the tank) is defective, as in Dave's case, the whole valve will need replacing.

Replacement of the flush valve, or part of the valve, is quite simple and requires only a few tools. Repair kits are available at just about any hardware or home improvement store.

Try to match the new flush valve with the same type as is installed in your toilet. You should find a large assortment of various types of these at the large home improvement stores. In just about all cases,

they will contain instructions on how to make the repair.

Start by shutting the water supply to the tank off. Trip the flush lever to empty the tank. If just the ball or flapper needs replacing, there will be no need to remove any more of the water left in the tank.

If the seat or overflow needs replacing, all the water must be removed.

I find using a big sponge the best way to do this.

Remove the supply line from the tank.

An adjustable wrench or tongue and groove pliers (Channellocks) may be needed for this. In some cases, it may be hand tight.

Next, remove the two tank

bolts, which hold the tank to the bowl. If you are lucky, a socket wrench and screwdriver will do the job. If these are corroded, a close-quarter hacksaw may be needed to cut them off.

Carefully lift the tank from the bowl. You'll see a large, rubber washer (about the size of a donut) called the "spud washer."

Pull this off to reveal the "spud nut." This large nut may require a "spud wrench" to remove. Inexpensive "spud wrenches" can be found where you purchased the repair kit.

Once all this is removed, you'll find one more washer, which is shaped like a cone. Remove this.

Just reverse the order to put the whole thing back together. It's very important that all the washers, including the ones that are used with the tank bolts, are properly in place.

After it is assembled, turn the water back on. If you did everything right, your tank will fill and hold water until flushed and there will be no leaks.

Harry Jachym writes about home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

THEATER

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smaller screen, a popular choice for such areas as kitchens.

"LCD is convenient," said Janice Widrag, product specialist at Best Buy in Westland.

There is plasma, rear- or front-projection and direct-view (traditional picture tube) TV. Plasma is flat and provides a 160-degree viewing angle. Plasma TV can be placed over a fireplace, for example, but there must be ventilation behind it.

Best Buy staffers will talk with customers about what type would best fit their lifestyle, Widrag said.

You can work out the components and connections you'll need, or get a packaged system such as Best Buy's Home Theater In-A-Box.

This features speakers, a subwoofer and an audio-video receiver.

Pecar Electronics was founded in 1946 in Detroit.

Today, it offers not only electronics — audio, video and system control products — but all aspects of custom home theater.

Designers and installers are on staff and can help clients

with any element, from room layout to the type of cloth for the speakers. The fabric, width, height and arm width of chairs that look up at the screen at a 15-degree angle can be discussed.

"My design philosophy is that people used to dress up to go to the theater, and the theater reflected that," said Dave Youngquist, Pecar systems director.

The room is planned so sound from elsewhere in the house won't be a distraction, and vice versa.

Operational features are also considered, such as touch screen controls.

"It has to be exceedingly simple to operate," Youngquist said.

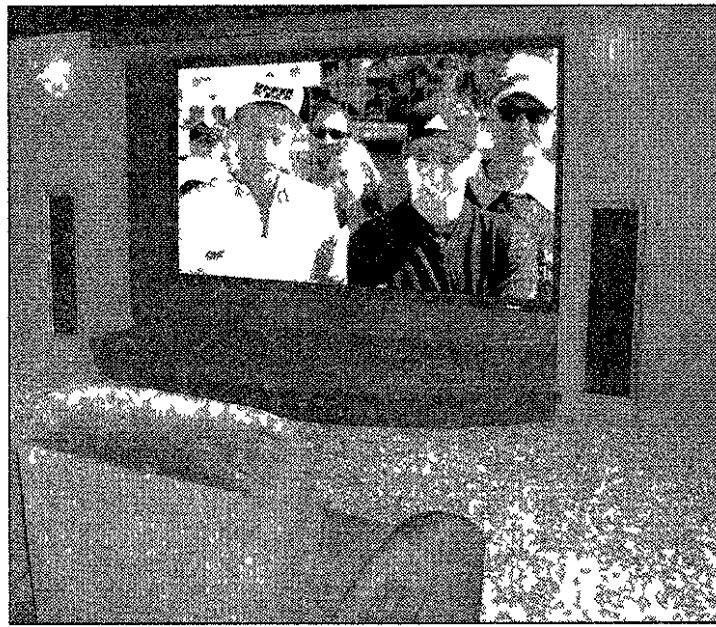
"That is so important."

Pecar conducts classes on home theater design, for the do-it-yourselfer as well as the professional. Recent classes surpassed the business' expectations.

For one class, 30 people were expected, but 120 signed up and 135 showed up.

In its classes, Pecar features the 12 key components of consideration for home theater design.

The first thing to decide is how many people you are trying to accommodate, Blanchard said. From that it becomes an education process.



Home theaters can be designed to meet individual entertainment preferences. This custom theater by Pecar Electronics features a karaoke machine on the stage.

Elements to consider include the size of the screen and the distance between the screen and the seating.

The same standard of movie theaters is applied, using a formula based on the size of the room (visit the Web site gudetohometheater.com).

A rule of thumb is that people should sit back a distance of 1 1/2 to 2 times the height of the screen.

Pecar has created custom theaters for clients starting at less than \$10,000. Others at the higher end have such features as a karaoke machine or a stage where family and guests can perform.

Universally, the reaction has been overwhelming. The combination of a little ingenuity and a well defined plan has produced some remarkable results, said Tony Fallone, president, CEO and owner.

Variety in gardens is spice of life

BY LEE REICH
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Lengthening days, the calendar and, perhaps, hints of warmer air are reminders that it's time to plan for growing vegetables.

Probe your memory, talk with gardening friends, and look over scraps of paper where you may have jotted down garden notes to help determine what was worth and not worth growing last year, and what's worth trying this year. There are so many varieties and sizes of tomatoes, and they vary greatly in flavor.

Gardeners Delight, Sweet 100 and Sweet Million are all cherry tomatoes with superb flavor, sweet and tangy, but even better are Sun Gold and Sun Cherry.

Among the best tomatoes for cooking are San Marzano and Anna Russian, even if the former variety tastes awful fresh.

Among full size tomatoes, consistent winners for flavor throughout the country are Brandywine, Belgian Giant and Prudens Purple. Grow one or

more of these in your garden and see if you agree.

You'd think that all cabbages would taste pretty much the same. Not so! For superb flavor, try the old variety Early Jersey Wakefield.

Same goes for green beans. Blue Lake, Kentucky Wonder and Roma are among the tastiest, fresh or frozen.

As you read through descriptions on seed packets or in catalogs, don't let your eyes fool you. Yellow beans and yellow potatoes may look buttery, but don't necessarily taste that way.

For something new in vegetables, consider soybeans — not those rock-hard, dry soybeans that need hours of boiling, but soybeans that are harvested green, gently steamed, then popped out of their shells. Shirofumi, Envy and Butterbean are good varieties.

Don't try so many different varieties that your garden becomes all experiment. As Charles Dudley Warner wrote a century ago in *My Summer in a Garden*, such gardens yield "little or nothing to the owner except the pleasure of expectation."

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HOME CALENDAR

Quilting seminar
Guests will learn about new and old quilting techniques along with unusual uses for quilts at the free Quilting All Year Long seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 24 at Art Van Furniture 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia. They will also practice a new technique with a creative make it and take it project. Reservations are requested call (888) 619 2199.

The program is funded by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library. At the event you will turn a plain box into a log cabin, a school, an office building, a mansion, a cottage, a fort, a castle, your home or whatever you can imagine. You add anything you think your building should have: doors, windows and columns for example, and can decorate it with polka dots, stripes or swirls. Your imagination is the limit! Registration isn't required. For more information call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796 4224 during library hours. The event is presented by Arts & Scrapes, a nonprofit organization founded in 1989. The group reuses industrial and

household items, turning other people's trash into interesting and unusual craft projects for children and provides educational programs for children and adults. It recycles 22 tons of material while serving more than 200,000 children annually.

stand - if you can transport it, it's perfect. All art materials and lunch are included in the fee.

Home decor
Birmingham Community Education presents a variety of home decor classes. Call (248) 203 3800 for information. The schedule includes Handpainted Glassware Monday Feb. 23 (fee is \$45), Painting Paneling Kitchen Formica and Brick Tuesday Feb. 24 (\$25), Handpainted Furniture four weeks beginning Tuesday Feb. 24, Wednesday Feb. 25 or Thursday Feb. 26 (\$99), and One day Workshop for Furniture Painting Saturday Feb. 28 (\$99). In Handpainted Glassware, learn techniques that will help you add that special touch to your decor. All supplies will be provided, including the glassware. In the one day workshop you will complete a project from prepping to decorative painting. Bring your own piece of furniture, wooden tray, plant

For the home
The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham offers classes related to the home. To register or for more information call The Community House at (248) 644 5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. In Faux Stained Glass (Monday Feb. 23) learn an interesting craft that simulates stained glass. You will learn to transfer patterns, apply liquid (simulated) leading, and blend and comb your colors to produce a beautiful glass art painting. The class instructor will be Esther Kerr, an experienced interior designer. Cost is \$22 plus \$15 material fee. In The Art of Picture Framing (Tuesdays Feb. 24 to March 2) learn framing techniques, the principles of selection to optimally preserve and display your treasures, and all sorts of practical time- and money-saving tips. The \$50 fee includes an 8 by 10 ready-made frame. The class will meet at The Great Frame Up of Birmingham

and be conducted by Great Frame Up staff. In Help! I've Gotta Get Organized (Wednesday Feb. 25) learn techniques for getting and staying organized. The instructor will be Debi Weinstein, a professional organizer and owner of the Farmington Hills based business I've Gotta Get Organized. Fee is \$20.

Antiques exposition
The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday, Sunday Feb. 27-29 at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Feb. 27-10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 28-noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 29. Admission is \$6 regular, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, free for age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Now in its 24th season, the exposition features a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and African antiques and fine art. Merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their antiques collections. Dining and free parking will be avail-

able. For online show previews visit www.antiquet.com/M&M.
Storytellers
The Storytellers will visit with guests 2-4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 22 at Art Van Furniture 13855 E. Eight Mile in Warren to share stories about African American heritage and the celebration of Black History Month. They will also demonstrate ethnic musical instruments. This enthusiastic duo performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of the children attending.
Scrapbooking
Westland Adult Community Education is offering a two-week scrapbooking class suitable for beginners and enthusiasts 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 1-8. Participants will learn page making and page enhancements using the instructor's cutting systems and tools. Register with a friend and have fun! The \$25 fee includes supplies and photo organizer. Call (734) 419 2426 for registration and other class information or (734) 326 6111 for scrapbooking information.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Green Corridor

A free public workshop The Rouge Green Corridor Past Present and Future will take place 7-9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 19 at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. This event is for area residents and organizations interested in the future of the natural vegetated corridor along the Main Branch of the Rouge River between 16 Mile and Eight Mile. This stretch of riverfront landscape is the last remaining greenway in south east Oakland County and has been identified as the ecological ark for restoring downstream areas of the Rouge River. Landscape architect Larry Falardeau Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Division will be the speaker. Featured slides will highlight the Rouge River heritage as well as activities and opportunities in the public parks along the Corridor. Workshop participants will be invited to share their views and thoughts about recreation education land use park access park trails and other pertinent topics.

The Rouge Green Corridor Project has been ongoing for two years with strong public involvement in landscape restoration and education projects. Land use and landscape maps are now available for organizations able to consider the natural landscape in their plans and projects. Project partners include Southfield Beverly Hills Birmingham Friends of the Rouge Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office Oakland Land Conservancy and the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA).

For a flyer and/or registration call Karen Bever at SOCWA (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com

Starting seeds

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at each of its five metro Detroit stores this winter.

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For more information about the seminars call the stores in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506 Royal Oak (248) 280-9500 Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433 Clinton Township (586) 286-6100 or Eastpointe (586) 771-4200.

For the nearest English Gardens location call (800) 335-GROW or visit the Web site at www.englishgardens.com

Glorious houseplants

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program How to Grow Glorious Houseplants 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 23.

The program will take place at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward.

Jane Suhail staff horticulturist and chief trainer at Planterra Tropical Greenhouses in West Bloomfield will present houseplant tips and techniques including watering pruning fertilizing and summering.

The presentation will last one hour. A 15-minute question and answer period will be featured. Guest fee \$5.

For more information call Pat Jerzy at The Community House (248) 644-5832.

Master composter

The Master Composter Program sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities will begin 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday Feb. 26 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building 851 S. Eton in Birmingham.

Master composters are gardeners with a strong interest in greening their own community. Volunteers learn about nuisance-free composting healthy lawn care natural mulches sustainable landscapes healthy soils and benefits of compost for water quality.

Compost often called gardener's gold holds water encourages infiltration helps avoid soil-borne diseases and provides a natural source of nutrients for plants.

The Master Composter Program includes six classroom sessions special events and required volunteer service.

The \$30 class fee includes all materials and a Michigan State University soil sample.

For a flyer with the complete list of classes or to register call Karen Bever at SOCWA (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Meadow Brook Hall

The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday Feb. 27 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

Dale White of Uncle Luke's Feed Store in Troy will speak on The What Why Where of Organic Gardening. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 26 at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center 3500 Marais (three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile) phone (248) 246-3900. Admission is free. The public may attend. For information call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The program Extending Your Iris Season will be presented by Dorothy and Anthony Willott of Beachwood Ohio directors of the Dwarf Iris Society. The Willotts members of a number of iris societies are award-winning hybridizers who have introduced more than 300 iris varieties during the past 35 years.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square

Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces Thursday Feb. 19 in Livonia (fee is \$40). Focus on Design four Thursdays beginning Feb. 19 in Pontiac (\$132) and Water Gardens Wednesdays Feb. 25 to March 3 in Pontiac (\$69).

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club's March meeting will feature John Wendland known as the Geranium Cowboy. He will talk about the history culture and varieties of geraniums as well as their care and many uses. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 2 at the Livonia Senior Center Five Mile and Farmington roads. Visitors are welcome.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday March 2 at the Beverly Hills Village Office 18500 W. 13 Mile

A slide presentation The Beauty of Japanese Gardens by Dianne Hilborn will take place 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

Herb study group

The Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday March 1 in Room 125 (at the far end from the auditorium) at the Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Peter Stark from Renaissance Acres will discuss seed/seedling propagation and garden planning and design. The program is free. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310 contact Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com or (734) 730-2122 or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

Botany weekend

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens adult education program includes a Northern Winter Botany Weekend featuring plant identification and hiking trips to northern localities. Friday Sunday Feb. 20-22 (fee is \$195/\$175.50 for members). Call (734) 998-7061.

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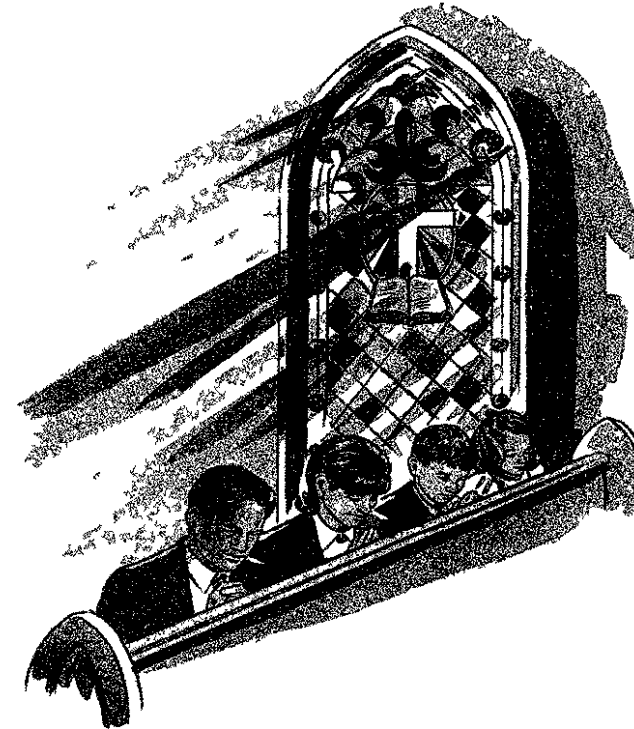
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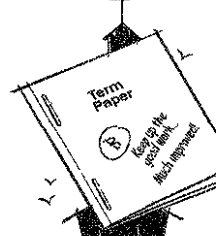
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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. RSV Proverbs 12:15

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

FEBRUARY

Summer Bible School preview

The International Christian Education Association presents a Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries Preview featuring more than 25 workshops and 20 exhibitors 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb 21 at Ward Church 40000 Six Mile west of I-275 Northville Designed mainly for those involved in church ministry the conference welcomes all Registration deadline is Feb 16 but tickets will be available at the door The cost is \$45 at the door \$40 advance by Feb 16 includes refreshments and lunch \$25 additional for puppet ministry workshop that teaches you to make and take a puppet the same day For more information or to register call (248) 557-5526 or visit the Web site at www.iceaonline.org

Ten Thousand Villages

A presentation about Ten Thousand Villages (Huron Valley) will take place following the morning worship and a potluck lunch at noon Sunday Feb 22 at Trinity Church of the Brethren 27350 W Chicago Redford The local community will have an opportunity to learn about the work the nonprofit organization is doing for people in underdeveloped nations and their efforts to open a store in Ann Arbor The purpose of this organization is to

help artisans in the third and fourth worlds receive a fair wage for their products Founded 50 years ago in Akron Pa the organization serves artisans in more than 30 countries in Central and South America Asia and Africa In addition to helping artisans find markets for their products (home goods pottery linens baskets jewelry) the fair wages paid to artisans enable them to live in decent homes and send their children to school

Special Mass for Widowed

All widowed men and women are invited to attend mass followed by light refreshments and fellowship in a non-threatening and friendly atmosphere 2:30 p.m. Sunday Feb 22 at St Columban Church 1775 Melton one quarter mile north of 14 Mile one half mile east of Woodward Birmingham Call (248) 666-4826

Blood drive

2:30 p.m. Monday Feb 23 at St John's Episcopal Church 574 South Sheldon Plymouth Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 for an appointment or just drop in

Lenten services

Begin Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Feb 25 at St James Presbyterian Church 25350 West Six Mile Redford For more information call (313) 534-7730 The Voice of Lent series will continue on Wednesdays until Holy Week

Wizard of Oz

The Rosedale Gardens Church musical The Wizard of Oz runs 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Feb 27-28 and 4 p.m. Sunday Feb 29 in Livonia Director Cindy Pierson has taken the

Broadway version and changed the show to be as close to the movie as possible The Hirtzel family from Livonia (who have been involved since the church started doing shows) are cast in many key roles John Hirtzel is the Wizard and his wife is in the chorus and producing Their son Rick is stage manager Rick's wife Andrea is the Wicked Witch Their son Jacob is a Munchkin and their daughter Leanna is Dorothy The Scarecrow Tom Genova and Tin Woodsman Kevin Culler are from Dearborn and Cowardly Lion John Niemisto is from Livonia Niemisto's wife Ellen produced the sets Members of the Schoolcraft Jazz Band will be playing in the pit for the show

I Have a Dream

Detroit World Outreach presents a new original drama with live actors cutting edge special effects big screen video projection hi tech stage lighting and a few surprises 6:30 p.m. Sunday Feb 29 (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the church 23800 West Chicago Redford Come experience the lives of people who were not afraid to dream and changed the world forever - from Jesus Christ to Gandhi Amelia Earhart Joan of Arc Martin Luther King Jr Mary the Mother of Jesus and people just like you This drama is for the entire family For more information call (313) 255-2222 Ext 236

The Da Vinci Code and Jesus

Who is this Jesus? That's the question Trinity Church of the Brethren will consider during their Sunday morning worship services beginning Sunday

February 29th when Pastor Mike Fletcher will consider what the best seller The Da Vinci Code says about who Jesus is In future weeks the question will be considered from the viewpoints of various Biblical authors as well as what the world thinks about Jesus Consideration of Mel Gibson's new film The Passion of Christ will also be a part of the conversation Worship services begin Sunday mornings at 10:35 a.m. with a hymn sing Trinity Church of the Brethren is located at 27350 W Chicago at Inkster in Redford For more information call (313) 937-1199

An Ordinary Day With Jesus

The Lenten study opportunity takes place Wednesday Feb 25 through April 21 All are invited to gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light meal followed by the study The second opportunity will be 1 p.m. Sunday February 29 through April 25 Participants should feel free to move back and forth between the two groups at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford The community is invited to participate in these sessions by calling (313) 937-1199 or emailing trinitycobm@earthlink.net

Imagine spending a day of your life waking up eating working and socializing with Jesus During the season of Lent Trinity's pastor Mike Fletcher will be leading the congregation in the study Participants are invited to explore the promise that it is possible to live every moment of every day in the presence of Jesus

Diabetes Support Group

A monthly group for those dealing

with diabetes Catholic and non-Catholic 7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb 26 at St John Neumann Parish 44800 Warren Road Canton For more information call (734) 455-5910

Reverse the Curse

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will host Reverse the Curse - No Hope to New Hope in support of World Relief's projects of AIDS care and prevention in Africa 7 p.m. Friday Feb 27th at 23455 W Nine Mile Rd in Southfield The supported project Mobilizing for Life feeds the hungry cares for the sick and orphaned counsels the dying comforts the grieving and helps curb the spread of the disease by promoting Godly values and Biblical morals For more information call (248) 353-0675

Women's Spiritual Retreat

To deepen one's personal relationship with God and with each other it is a time for reflection on your inner life to reflect on the Gospel of Jesus as it illuminates your life and a time for quiet and solitude The next retreat scheduled is Jesus All for Jesus Feb 27-29 (call Marge (586) 759-0830) The cost is \$100 Make your reservation today For more information on upcoming retreats call Zora at (586) 977-8993 St Mary's Retreat house is located on 40 acres at 775 W Drahn Road in Oxford

Stronger Women

Faith Covenant Church is offering a program designed to challenge your body stretch your mind and encourage your spirit began 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday Jan 29 continues to April 1 at 35415 West 14 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 661-9191 The morning activities vary from beginning with

your choice of aerobic exercise jogging or a brisk walk to sampling delicious home baked goodies and healthy snacks to sharing in a moment of prayer and devotion then culminating with a craft or noteworthy speaker on issues designed to engage you Also age appropriate activities for your infants to five year olds

Adult education series

Began 7 p.m. Monday Feb 9 and continues to March 22 at the Basilica of St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 18200 Merriman Livonia Presented by Rev George Shalhoub Rev Romanos Malouf and Josh Paletta the lecture is open to the public and everyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith is encouraged to attend For more information call (734) 422-0010

40 Days of Purpose

Continues with Small Group Bible Studies at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile between Farmington and Levan Livonia Bring a friend and discover the answer to the question What on earth am I here for? Interested individuals in the community are invited to join any of the Purpose Driven Life small groups which will meet in members homes For more information call (734) 464-6722 or visit the Web site at www.memorialchurchofchrist.org During the 40 Days of Purpose the truths about God's five purposes for people worship fellowship prayer/study ministry and evangelism will be repeatedly communicated in worship services sermons small groups meetings and Sunday School classes The campaign concludes Sunday March 21



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BAWULSKI

Ferdinand Bernard Jr. died after a brief illness Tuesday February 17 2004 He was 74 years old Born January 20 1930 in Springfield, IL Ired attended Miliken College where he received his Bachelors in Business Upon graduation he served for two years in the US Army from 1951 to 1953 as Military police After the Army Fred returned home to his wife Elaine and first son David Through out the years he would have two more sons Ronald and Michael and grand father three boys Dylan (26) Eric (17) and Luke (15) and three girls Erin (22) Brooklyn (20) and Shannon (18) He began his professional career with AirTech but spent most of his working life as a business owner with Management Recruiters from which he retired from in 1977 after 30 years with them Fred split his spare time between rounds of golf, time spent with his family and dutifully serving his church Fred is predeceased by his father Ferdinand mother Mary Stevens, brothers Jacob and George and sister Florence He is survived by his wife of 53 years Elaine Glazc three sons and six grandchildren Arrangements are pending at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 Twelve Mile Farmington Hills They may be reached at 248-553-0120

DESMOND

Dorothy MacAlpine, of 1107 died February 15 2004 Wife of the late Albert J See detailed obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JENKINS

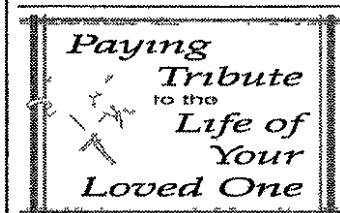
Walter Henry, Jr. age 27 former Brother Rice Warrior and Central Michigan Chippewa slipped away peacefully on February 16 2004 at his home in Southfield Loving son of Walter Sr and Mrs. Muriel S. H. H. (The Lady) Jenkins of Michigan Beloved grandson of Henry Jenkins great grandson of Lucia Conley Hero to nephews Brundden and Blake Andrews and niece Bryant Johnson nephew of Abdul Mubsi Annette Hughes Barbara (Al) Bailey and William Lewis and great nephew of Dave and Lois Conley Visitation with the family Friday 6:00 p.m. at HALF FUNERAL DIRECTORS 24525 Northwestern Hwy Southfield (2 blocks East of Evergreen on the southbound service drive) Services Saturday 11 a.m. with family hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the University of Michigan Cancer Center would be appreciated Arrangement entrusted to HALF FUNERAL DIRECTORS (248) 356-4800

LAWSON

Jane MacKenzie Bricker, age 88 passed away February 12 2004 in San Marcos CA She was born August 27 1915 in Cleveland, OH She was married on August 11 1940 to James Addington Lawson of Evanston IL, in Los Angeles CA In 1946, Jim joined the Chrysler Corporation and they moved with their two sons Robert and William to Beverly Hills, MI in 1953 Jane and Jim retired in 1976 creating their family homestead in the community of Suttons Bay MI until 1997 Then they moved to Lake San Marcos CA to be near their eldest son Robert of Del Mar CA She expressed her creative spirit in gardening Japanese Ikenobo floral art and was an avid bird watcher Jane is survived by her husband, Jim sons Rob and Will granddaughter Robin Lawson and husband Dan Mejak and daughter in law Tracy Phillips A memorial service celebrating Jane's life will be held on Saturday, February 28 2004 at 2 PM at Meadowlark Community Church 1918 Redwing St. San Marcos CA 92069 760-591-3636

PAULSON

Mary "Bettv" Born Detroit Michigan died February 14, 2004 at Charter House of Farmington Hills Age 80 Beloved wife of Arthur for 60 years Dearest father of Carol (Max) Lynch & Lawrence (Donna) Paulson Loving Grandmother of Chad Lynch & Drew Paulson Funeral Services were Wednesday February 18th Thayer Rock Funeral Home Farmington Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery at Westland, MI Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association Mrs Paulson lived in Livonia for 44 years and enjoyed bowling gardening baseball and hockey She was a member of the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills



ROBBINS

LYON HERBERT age 77 passed away Feb 13 2004 from complications resulting from diabetes and a series of strokes A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday February 22 2004 at First United Methodist Church of Gladwin 1300 Bartlett St Gladwin MI 48824 (989) 426-9619 A luncheon will follow the service Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Stroke Association at 888-478-7653, (www.strokeassociation.org) The National Arbor Day Foundation at 402-474-5655 (www.arborday.org) or the First United Methodist Church of Gladwin Mr Robbins known to friends as "Robbie" was born in Iron Mountain MI on November 26 1926 to Elmer and Edith (Peterson) Robbins He attended Iron Mountain High School and Michigan State University and served in the army in post war Japan He enjoyed a challenging career in the insurance industry in the Detroit area and raised a family in West Bloomfield MI Robbie loved cribbage long walks, volleyball planting trees college and professional sports, and following the business and finance worlds in the Wall Street Journal He also enjoyed being part of the church community Robbie is survived by his brother Albert Robbins of Marquette GA, and his children Janet Robbins of Ringoes NJ Jeffrey Robbins of Livonia MI Sarah Welton of Parma MI and William Robbins of Sun Prairie WI and their spouses and by 5 grandchildren He was predeceased by his parents Elmer and Edith Robbins and his brother Norman Robbins

ROBERTSON

KRUMM, MARION age 86 of Plymouth died February 15, 2004 She was born December 20 1917 in Plymouth She was a lifelong Plymouth resident and a graduate of Plymouth High School She was a lifetime member of the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary Post 6695 and a member of St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church She worked at Linda Lees Minerva Dinning, and Iofys Restaurant She was an avid bowler and golfer She is survived by her nieces and nephews Davetta Raymond of Pompano FL Joan (Roy) Klopoc of Mt Pleasant, David (Barbara) McBride of Naples FL Jerry (Diane) McBride of Sanford, MI Gerie (Ron) Hubbs of Mooresville NC Lannette (En) Hoyer of South Lyon and Gary Krumm of Michigan, and several great and great great nieces and nephews A memorial service will be held on Friday March 5 1 p.m. at St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth Memorials may be made to St Joseph Mercy Hospital or St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Arrangements by Schrader Howell Funeral Home (734) 453-3333



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings February 10, 2004
The Board of Trustees were called to order at 6:03 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building. Members Present: Bennett, Burdiazak, Kirchgatter, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Shefferly. The tour began on the 3rd floor in the Finance Department commencing to the Supervisor's Office commencing to the 1st floor Human Resources Treasurer and Clerks Office. Tour was completed at 6:40 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday February 10, 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdiazak, McLaughlin, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda with the deletion of G 7 and G 17. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett supported by Burdiazak to approve the Board Minutes of January 27, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdiazak to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for February 10, 2004

General Fund	101	\$ 746,240.69
Fire Fund	206	30,681.14
Police Fund	207	54,503.37
Summit Operating	208	33,643.52
Street Lighting	219	15,734.04
Cable TV Fund	230	1,628.84
Twp Improvement	246	61,873.09
E 911 Utility	261	352.28
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267	4,858.89
Federal Grants Fund	274	4,185.07
Downtown Dev Authority	294	34,147.95
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	1,318,007.52
Golf Fund	584	4,649.98
Water & Sewer Fund	592	466,021.10
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,453.00
Total - All Fund		2,782,929.98

PRESENTATION: Cathy M. Garrett was not in attendance. **CONSENT CALENDAR, Item 1. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE # 161, ADOPT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. (CLERK)**

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to publish the second reading Ordinance # 161 adoption of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton. This code includes the adoption of Ordinances #151 #155 and the repeal of #110 as passed by the Board of Trustees on June 23, 2002, May 1, 2003 and January 23, 2004 respectively. The second reading will be published in the Canton Observer and become effective on February 19, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES ORDINANCE NO 161 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, PROVIDING THAT PREVIOUSLY REPEALED ORDINANCES ARE NOT REVIVED BY GENERAL REPEALER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN THE CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS.

SECTION 1 ADOPTION OF CODE OF ORDINANCES In accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan including but not limited to MCL 41.186 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton hereby adopts the Code entitled "Code of Ordinances Charter Township of Canton" published by the Municipal Code Corporation consisting of Chapters 1 to 110 each inclusive.

SECTION 2 REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES All township ordinances except the Zoning Ordinance of a general and permanent nature adopted on or before August 26, 2003 and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by the Code are repealed. The repeal provided for in this Section shall not be construed to revive part or all of any ordinance already repealed by any ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

SECTION 4 VIOLATION AND PENALTY Unless another penalty is expressly provided a violation of any provision of the Code or any provision of any rule or regulation adopted or issued pursuant to the Code shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both. Each act of violation and each day upon which any continuing violation exists constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 5 ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS Additions or amendments to the Code, when passed in the form as to indicate the intention of the Township Board to make them a part of the Code are incorporated in the Code so that reference to the Code includes such additions and amendments.

SECTION 6 ORDINANCES ADOPTED AFTER AUGUST 26, 2003 Ordinances adopted after August 26, 2003 that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

SECTION 8 PUBLICATION The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 9 EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. This request is to approve the new codified Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton. The process was approved by the Board of Trustees and sent to Municipal Code Corporation for review. The process has been very long and tedious. The members of department staff have reviewed the documents during the process of codification. Township Attorneys and the Clerk's Office have spent many hours reviewing and proofreading the Code of Ordinances as presented. This is the first stage of completion of the total codification process. Upon proofing the final copy of work it was noted that several ordinances recently amended were not placed in the new ordinance book. These corrections will be made with the first update of the book along with amended ordinances that were submitted past the first book cut off date for printing. There are several amendments to the zoning ordinance book not included in this volume. We must accept by ordinance this code so it can be amended and brought up to date as soon as the second reading of this ordinance is complete. One Codification of Ordinances is required every ten years.

The codification process is a review of each ordinance in the Township by both the Municipal Code Corporation Council and Kevin Bennett our council. This codification includes any language changes that were required to bring Canton Township's Ordinance in compliance with changes in Federal and State Laws.

Item 2. REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2004 (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize blanket purchase orders for CMP Distributors Inc Metropolitan Uniform State of Michigan Accumed Billing Inc Apollo Fire Equipment and Bound Tree Medical. Motion carried unanimously. According to the purchasing policy blanket purchase orders that are either over \$20,000 or will have a single purchase over \$500 but within the authorized purchasing limits must have board approval. The purchasing policy requires Board approval for blanket purchase orders over \$20,000. The following vendors' blanket purchase orders will be over that amount due to the high volume of business that is transacted during the year: Purchase Order 44028 \$20,000 CMP Distributors Inc (Ammunition for Range) Purchase Order 44054 \$56,400 Metropolitan Uniform (Uniforms Police/Fire) Purchase Order 44066 \$31,050 State of Michigan (LEIN) Purchase Order 44076 \$36,137 Accumed Billing Inc (Ambulance Billing) Purchase Order 44078 \$20,400 Apollo Fire Equipment (Equip/repairs & turn out gear) Purchase Order 44079 \$26,000 Bound Tree Medical (Medical Supplies). There may be occasions when there will be purchases over \$500 but within purchasing guidelines.

Item 3. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WAYNE COUNTY'S ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to move that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approved the Third Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 19, 2004 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 11:00 a.m. that Wayne County Department of Public Service is hereby requested to grant permission to close Canton Center north and south lanes from Meyer's far south parking lot exit to Summit Parkway/Palmer Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. REQUEST TO APPOINTMENT MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL COMMISSION (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to appoint the following people to the Cultural Commission with the initial length

of the terms as indicated: Daniel Beckett December 31, 2004; Ron DePentis December 31, 2005; Sharon Dillenbeck December 31, 2006; Michael Dudley December 31, 2005; Renae Gassser December 31, 2004; Eugene Hammonds December 31, 2006; Lincoln Lao December 31, 2004; Theresa Lundy December 31, 2004; Linda Obrec December 31, 2004; Ann Marie Peterson December 31, 2005; Herb Scott December 31, 2006; ReGina Coles Shamberger December 31, 2005; Linda Shapona December 31, 2006; Don Seonen December 31, 2006; Ray VonHoeck December 31, 2006; Elaine Kirchgatter Board Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR CENTRE VILLAGE EXPANSION (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following amended resolution: Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** **SPECIAL USE FOR CENTRE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER EXPANSION**

WHEREAS the Project Sponsor Mr. Stuart Frankel has requested special use approval to expand Centre Village Shopping Center located on Ford Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads (Tax ID # 061 99 0002 002 061 99 0003 703 and part of 061 99 0003 702); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinances regulations and development objectives based on the findings of fact listed in the staff analysis and subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor Mr. Stuart Frankel to conduct the special use for the proposed expansion of Centre Village Shopping Center subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township AND: **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Site Plan for Centre Village Shopping Center Expansion WHEREAS the Project Sponsor Mr. Stuart Frankel, has requested Site Plan approval for to expand Centre Village Shopping Center located on Ford Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads (Tax ID # 061 99 0002 002 061 99 0003 703 and part of 061 99 0003 702); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

WHEREAS, request that the Department of Municipal Services work with the developer to resolve the issue of the south side of Ford Road taper lanes entering and exiting the complex per MDOT approval and state safety plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor Mr. Stuart Frankel to approve the site plan for the proposed expansion of Centre Village Shopping Center subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 2. CONSIDER WILLOW CREEK PUD AMENDMENT #2 AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR HARTLAND HEALTH CARE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Willow Creek PUD Amendment #2 WHEREAS the Project Sponsor Mr. Peter DeLoof has proposed an amendment to Willow Creek PUD as it relates to the parcel South of Warren and West of Lilley Roads (Tax ID # 042 02 0197 302) and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at a public hearing reviewed the proposed Amendment #2 to the Willow Creek PUD and recommended APPROVAL.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does APPROVE the request of the project sponsor Mr. Peter DeLoof to grant approval of Willow Creek PUD Amendment #2 Final Planned Development District based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Hartland Health Care WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr. Peter DeLoof has proposed the development of a 100 bed skilled nursing center to be known as Heartland Health Care located South of Warren and West of Lilley Roads (Tax ID #042 02 0197 302); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Peter DeLoof to approve the site plan for the proposed Heartland Health Care subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR DR. BAZZI CONTEMPORARY DENTISTRY OFFICE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following amended resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

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Site Plan for Dr. Bazzi's Contemporary Dentistry WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr. Dennis Krestel has requested site plan approval for Dr. Bazzi Contemporary Dentistry to be located on Sheldon Road between Ford and Hanford Roads identified as tax EDP #039 99 0032 001 and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval including modifications to required parking foundation landscaping and waiver of the requirement for a dumpster and enclosure, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. In addition the fence located on the south of property between Contemporary Dentistry and the gas station will be removed or replaced upon approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Dennis Krestel to approve the site plan for the proposed Dr. Bazzi Contemporary Dentistry subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 4. CONSIDER SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CRAIG'S CRUISERS FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve an amendment to the December 9, 2003 resolution approving the Special Land Use for coin operated amusement devices for Craig's Cruisers. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Craig's Cruisers WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested site plan approval for the proposed Craig's Cruisers Family Entertainment facility located North of Ford Road and West of Haggerty Road (Tax ID# 044 99 0017 706) and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, in response and as an amendment to the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees meeting of Tuesday December 9, 2003, special land use approval Craig's Cruisers of Canton would agree to the following: Craig's Cruisers of Canton shall commit its best effort to restrict and control arcade games in an effort to maintain a family atmosphere. Craig Cruiser shall operate its Canton location in a format similar to its present locations which feature video games appropriate for family entertainment. Craig's Cruisers also maintains placement of the

games containing any violent themes within the facility will not be directly adjacent to the games intended for young children. Craig's Cruisers agrees that games containing violent themes shall not exceed 25% of the number of games in the facility. No games in the facility shall violate the Charter Township of Canton sexually oriented business ordinance No. 144 wherein Section 2.0 defines adult arcade games and further prohibits their use. No games in the facility shall use or display profanity. Craig's Cruisers shall also maintain a supervised facility including the arcade portion to maintain a safe non loitering family fun atmosphere. Craig's Cruisers will also strive to utilize technology advances for better parental control to restrict children from use of certain games. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsors for site plan approval for the proposed Craig's Cruisers on parcel no. 044 99 0017 706 subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township.

Item 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR PLANNING SERVICES STAFF TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. APRIL 24-28, 2004. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Burdiazak to approve the request for Judy Blockage to travel to Washington DC to attend the National Planning Conference of the American Planning Association, April 24-28, 2004, not to exceed \$2,600.00 would be paid from the 2004 Budget, Planning Services Conference & Seminars line item (101 853 951 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to authorize the purchase of seven (7) Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicles from Signature Ford, Lincoln Mercury & Jeep Perry MI 48872 using the Macomb County Purchasing Program not to exceed \$143,955.00 (#207 301 977 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. APPROVAL TO CREATE AND FILL A CONTINUING PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (PSD) Deleted from agenda.

Item 8. APPROVAL PURCHASE OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING APPLIANCES (FED) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve a Purchase Order in the amount \$7,430.00 to ABC Warehouse, 41690 Ford Road Canton MI 48187 for the purchase of nine (9) refrigerators, ten (10) microwave ovens and one (1) electric range (#402 302 975 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. APPROVE GRAND APPLICATION FOR CANTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA "TINY TOT" CONCERT. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the submission of a migrant application in the amount of \$1,862 to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and to authorize the match amount of \$1,863 from the Project Arts budget (101 101 882 0000) for a Canton Chamber Orchestra concert for children ages 3 to 6 to be held at the Summit in May 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. APPROVE PART-TIME/SEASONAL/TEMPORARY WAGE SCALE. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the attached Part-Time/Seasonal Wage Scale which is a 3.0% increase to the current scale, to become effective March 1, 2004 add New Year's Eve to the list of holidays which part-time employees may be eligible to be paid at time and one half for working to change the time after which part time employees will be paid at time and one half from 11:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. (Midnight), to rescind the shift premium pay for one dollar per hour for lifeguards and Kid's Corner Attendants who work between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. FIRST READING AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE RE ATM SIGNS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Schefferly to introduce the first reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinance to table the first reading of the Sign Ordinance and for publication in the Canton Observer on February 19, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL AND ADDITIONAL POSITION FOR GIS MAPPING SPECIALIST (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Burdiazak to authorize the creation of and approval to fill the position of GIS Mapping Specialist for Public Works and to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase the budget for the new GIS Specialist position (assuming 9 months for remainder of 2004) Increase Revenues

Appropriation from Fund Balance#592 000 699 0000 \$50 250
Increase Appropriations Salaries Water & Sewer Division#592 441 705 0000 \$36 000
Fringe Benefits Water & Sewer Division #592 441 720 0000 14,250
Total \$50 250
This budget amendment increases

the Water & Sewer Division budget from \$25 152 527 to \$25 202 777 and the Water & Sewer fund budget from \$26 141 772 to \$26 192 022. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. CONSIDER RESCHEDULING FUNDS FROM ONE BUDGETED CAPITAL ITEM TO ANOTHER AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A FILE SERVER AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE FOR FLEET SERVICES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to reschedule the purchase of Line Item #4 on a vehicle brake lathe and create line items for the purchase of an HP Compaq Proiant ML330 file server for the amount of \$1,900.00 from Hewlett Packard purchase operating system software for the amount of \$500.00 from MicroSource Inc in account number 592 000 144 0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING 1-INCH TYPE-K COPPER TUBING AND ASSOCIATED WATER SERVICE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for 21,000 feet of 1 inch type K Copper Tubing in 75 100 rolls and 225 60' rolls 1000 one inch Angle Meter Stop Valves 1000 one inch Corporations and 1000 one inch Mark II Oriseal Curb Stops to National Waterworks Inc 25284 Seeley Rd. Novi, MI 48375 in the amount of \$85,820.00 (#592 000 111 0002). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CHAIR LIFT FOR SUMMIT AQUATIC CENTER LAP POOL (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the expenditure of \$3,785 to Lincoln Equipment, Inc 2051 Commerce Avenue Concord California 94520 for the replacement of a chair lift at the aquatic center and furthermore I move to make the following budget adjustment:

Increase Capital Outlay Aquatics 208 757 977 1000 \$3,785,
Appropriation from fund balance 208 000 699 0000 \$3,785. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. REPLACEMENT OF PUMP HEATS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazak to award the purchase of the irrigation pumps the installation of the pump ends columns and shafts below the discharge head plus the stuffing box and stuffing box shafts on the two pumps for the Pheasant Run Golf Club to Flowtronics 27962 East Broadway Molme Ohio, 43465 at a cost not to exceed \$13,290 (584 756 971 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TELEPHONE SYSTEM. (LSD) Deleted from agenda.

Item 18. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE 2004 LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bid procedure and award the contract for the 2004 Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display to Wolverine Fireworks Display Inc 205 West Seiders Road Kawkawlin MI, 48631, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 Account No 101 691 742 4000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 19. REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (LSD)

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Leisure Services Department to create and fill an Executive Assistant position in accordance with the Human Resources Policy Manual # 101 750 705 0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 20. PURCHASE OF A 2004 SAVANNA 12 PASSENGER VAN (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of a 2004 Savanna Passenger Van Model #45 GMC TG 23706 through the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC 35300 Ford Road Westland MI 48185 in the amount of \$21,914 and charge to account number #101 691 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER Study Session on February 17, 2004 7:00 p.m. with Paul Denski Canton Waste Recycling.

ADJOURN Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Thomas J. Yack Supervisor/Terry G. Bennett Clerk.

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes 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.cantonmi.org after Board approval.

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Home automation offers technology even the Jetsons would envy

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We recently returned from the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and weren't surprised to discover that televisions and computers were only a small part of what's happening in that industry.

Home automation is exploding and apparently is here to stay.

Want to switch your front porch lights on or off from your office computer or from a telephone in China? Want to check on the children and the sitter using your PDA? Want to lower the temperature at home from your cell phone? Want to monitor investment property via the Internet? Want to be able to freely manipulate or grow your telephone system or home computer network without triggering a remodeling crisis?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you need to know more about home automation.

It still isn't clear to us yet

exactly what "home automation" really is. Each of the experts that we chatted with at the CES had a different definition.

However, what we did learn was that home automation, at varying degrees, involves various combinations of the following primary systems:

- Your telephone system
 - Your cable TV or dish TV system
 - Your home computer (or home network)
 - Your home electrical or lighting system
 - Your home security system
 - Your home theater
 - Your home heating system
 - Your home water heating and water supply system
 - Your home appliances
 - And anything else in your home that can be operated or monitored electronically or remotely.
- How soon will it be before you will need to know something about home automation? Hard to say, but begin your research and preparation for the alternatives right now!

STRUCTURED WIRING

We've discovered that home automation does seem to have a single core element. It's called "structured wiring," and it makes everything we just mentioned above a lot easier to manage and modify.

Your current electrical system is a type of "structured wiring." An electric power line from the public utility terminates in a metal cabinet in your garage (or somewhere else in your home), where it is then sent through a series of breakers (or fuses) and cables (known as branch circuits) that power or light various parts of your home.

At some point, when a light or plug stops working, all you usually do is go to the power panel and flip a breaker (or replace a fuse).

In any event, you pretty much know that you can count on the problem being managed from the power panel. Why

not? That's where all the wires meet up and where all the safety devices are.

Structured wiring is a lot like having a "power or distribution panel" for the other elements of your home such as cable TV, telephone and your computer network.

With structured wiring, the various source wires and cables are brought into a single metal cabinet called the "structured wiring distribution panel" (SWDP or DP), where they are then delivered to the various parts of the house via a series of special cables.

To enjoy computer control, your home computer also must become a source.

Here, you simply run a wire from your main computer to your DP.

With these three sources together in one place, you can now connect your telephone system to your computer and either of them to your television - and vice versa.

Running wires "from" the DP to various rooms in your home allows you to connect the systems together at multiple locations. The possibilities are endless.

For example, here's what can happen if you run a wire from your furnace's thermostat to the DP. You can hook up your thermostat to your computer.

Your computer can then be connected to the Internet via the phone line, thus providing a means of changing your home's temperature setting via the Internet. (Yes, that software is available, as is the thermostat that can be controlled by computer.)

Here's what can happen if you add a cable from a surveillance camera in your kitchen to the DP. You can connect a surveillance camera to your computer. Your computer can then be connected to the Internet via the phone line, thus providing a means of monitoring your home via the Internet.

CABLING

The cabling used for structured wiring is very special. It isn't just wire for phone or TV.

Actually, multiple twisted pairs of wire (that can be used for computers or telephones) are bundled together with multiple runs of coaxial cables (for video and other transmissions), creating a multipurpose, multifunction connection potential.

Each structured wiring location consists of one or more of these multifunction cables that runs from the DP to each connection point (kitchen, family room, bedroom, etc.).

Each and every location is basically a dedicated group of connections or "dedicated circuit," allowing any type of equipment to be connected to and through the DP to any other piece of equipment.

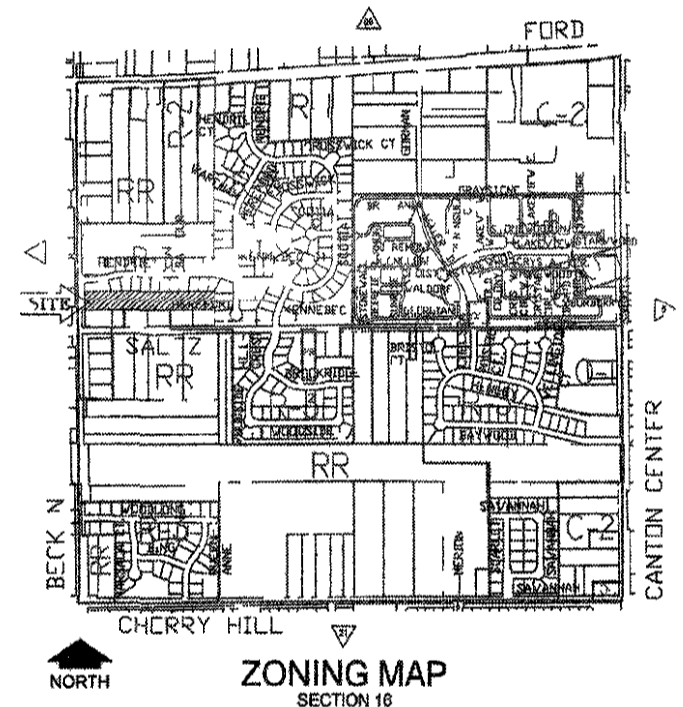
And that's all there is to it.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2004, in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

CANTON CINEMA SEVEN SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MOTION PICTURE THEATER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.02 FOR PARCEL NO 057 99 0001 007. Property is located on the south side of Ford between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, February 26, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review. **SEE ATTACHED MAP.**

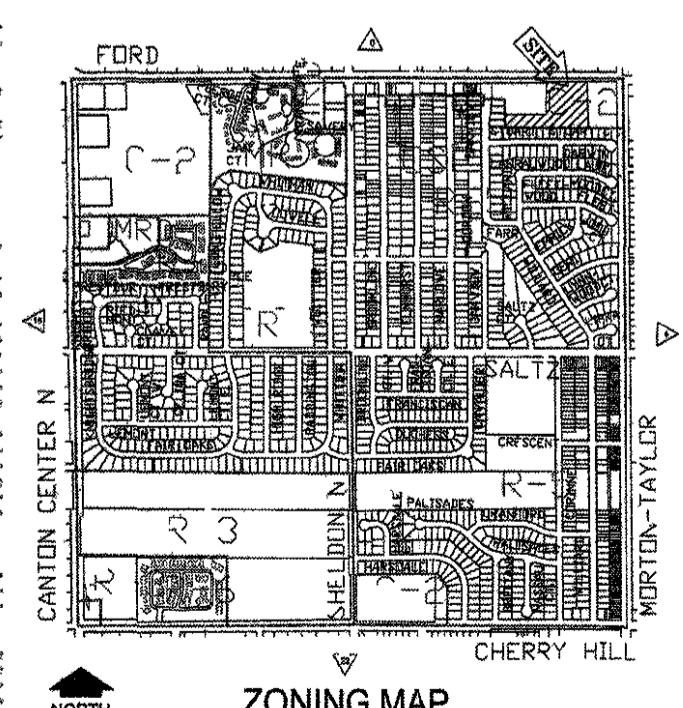


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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2004, in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

CANTON CINEMA SEVEN SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MOTION PICTURE THEATER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.02 FOR PARCEL NO 057 99 0001 007. Property is located on the south side of Ford between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads.



Vic Gustafson Chairman
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., March 4th, 2004 for the following:

COLD WATER METERS & METERING CONTROL DEVICES

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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FERTILIZATION PROGRAM FOR PARKS AND COMMON AREAS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

State Representative John Stewart invited the Board to attend Governor Granholm's budget meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2004. He also commented on the possibility of the State rehabilitating and selling some properties such as the prison property on Five Mile Road which would allow for development and increased revenue for Plymouth Township. He said he has had occasion to work with Treasurer Edwards and found him to be of the highest professional competence. He expressed his desire to galvanize the lobbying efforts in his densely populated district and wished that Mr. Edwards could be sent to the Governors Office in Lansing to speak about the need for revenue sharing.

Mr. Curmi expressed his wish to see additional revenue sharing cuts. He feels that governments and school districts have bloated employment with increased wage and benefit demands. He feels that Act 312 binding arbitration for policemen and firemen should be repealed because it's driving the costs of local services to an unaffordable level.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Agenda for the February 10, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Consent Agenda for the February 10, 2004 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted, with the exception of Item E2, Approval of Township Bills and Item E3, Approval of Utility Easements, Wade in the Water, Inc. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Following explanations concerning the Township's bills and the easement question, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Consent Agenda Items E2, Township Bills, and E3, Approval of Utility Easements, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann stated that the presentation for the four items under Public Hearing will be handled at the same time rather than individually because they are all related to Johnson Controls. A Public Hearing, however, will be held prior to each item being acted on by the Board.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. regarding the request from DeMattia Group to declare 102 +/- acres as an Industrial Development District. Mr. Boik and Mr. Dawson answered questions from Board members. There being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved that Resolution No. 04-02-10-02 be approved, granting the request from DeMattia Group to declare 102 +/- acres of land located immediately north of Metro West Technology Park, south of Five Mile Road east of Ridge Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan as an Industrial Development District. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m. regarding the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing building located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved Resolution No. 04-02-10-03, approving the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m. regarding the Request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing building located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park. Mr. Roy Banks, Township resident thanked Johnson Controls for not moving out of Plymouth Township. There being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved Resolution No. 04-02-10-04 approving the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing facility located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m. regarding the request from DeMattia Group to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing building located at 47912 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park. Mrs. Arlene Karell, resident of Plymouth Township asked how monitoring the improvements under

the Plant Rehabilitation District for each location would take place. Mrs. Massengill stated that an application would have to be submitted for each of the locations and would require public hearings and Board approval prior to any rehabilitation. There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 04-02-10-05 granting the request from DeMattia Group to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing facility located at 47912 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application No. 1817/1103 for rezoning from VP Vehicular Parking, to ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District as described on the attached amended zoning map. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the re-appointments of Mike Kolb to a 4 year term expiring February 12, 2008, and Si Nahra to a 4 year term expiring February 12, 2008, to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish February 24, 2004, for the Public Hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2004. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Solid Waste fee of \$32.25 per quarter as of March 1, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Change Order No. 1 on the contract with Cameron Contracting Company for the Streambank Protection Trailwood Subdivision Project, increasing the contract by \$3,360.00 for a new total of \$21,980.00, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Municipal Credit Contracts for Fiscal Years 2002, 2003 and 2004 between SMART and the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann noted that the ice rink is up and running and thanked the park personnel for their efforts.

He indicated the WTUA annual audit was on the table before the Board. He said a new operations director would soon be selected to replace Tim Faas who has taken employment in another community.

He pointed out the RFP for architectural services for the Township Hall is available in the Clerk's office and legal notices will be publicized in local media and in CAM, Construction Association of Michigan. The sealed proposals will be opened on Friday, March 5. Mr. Munfakh suggested that it also be publicized in the Michigan Contractor and Builder magazine.

He stated that the Civil Service Commission is expected to certify the eligibility list for the Fire Chief position at their meeting scheduled for February 11, 2004.

Ms. Arnold questioned if plans for adding to the Friendship Station had been discussed. She was informed that the proposed project had been discussed in the past.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Marlyn Massengill CMC Steven Mann, Supervisor
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on February 9, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on February 24, 2004.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following Supervisor's office 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354 3200 TDD units 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services).

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Give thanks
Interesting crumbs
of information on
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Side dish

Nutrition discussed

Dr Arthur Weaver will discuss Nutrition and Cooking for Total Health at a seminar 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School, 15585



Haggerty (just north of Five Mile) in Plymouth. This seminar discusses the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition and the benefits and risks of low-carb and high-carb diets. Weaver will discuss what epidemiological studies have revealed and how proper nutrition can be used as a preventative strategy against cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other chronic diseases. Weaver will present information on the principles of nutrition while his wife Natalie and other cooks will share techniques for making healthy eating tasty and enjoyable. Vegetarian or books will be available for purchase and a vegetarian meal will be served to conclude the program. To register, call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

Shield's is No. 25

The Shield's Restaurant and Pizzeria chain of eateries was recently listed by *Pizza Today* magazine as No. 25 of the top 100 independent pizza chains throughout the entire United States.

The only other Michigan pizzeria to be named was Justin Tyme Pizza in Clark Lake at No. 99. The criteria for making the list was based on sales volume and having fewer than 10 stores chainwide. Shield's currently has four stores, with more franchises in the planning stage. This is the first time Shield's has been included in the top 100 list. A new location in Warren is due to open in late spring 2004. Brothers Paul and Peter Andoni purchased Shield's in early 1997 and changed the name to Shield's Franchise Restaurants, LLC.

Veterans save

Big Boy Restaurants is offering \$1 off any dinner entree or sandwich combination through Feb. 29 to current and veteran U.S. military personnel, as a way to say "thank you." The offer is good 4-9 p.m. seven days a week. The \$1 discount only applies to the military member and not to groups of families accompanying the service member unless they are members of the military as well. Any active, veteran, retired or reservist U.S. military member can simply show their identification or proof of service or discharge when paying for their meal, to receive the \$1 discount on a Big Boy dinner entree or sandwich combination.



Crawfish and shrimp are two foods that figure prominently in Mardi Gras dishes, such as étouffée, gumbo and jambalaya.

JAMBALAYA

- 1/4 pound salt pork cut into small cubes
- 3/4 pound chorizo or Italian sausage
- 4 cups finely chopped onions
- 3 cups finely chopped celery
- 3 tablespoons finely minced garlic
- 4 cups chopped sweet green peppers
- 1 cup chopped sweet red peppers or 1/2 cup of chopped sweet green peppers
- 3 pounds smoked boneless pork butt (available at supermarkets) or a cooked ham in 1-inch thick slice
- 3 bay leaves
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme or 1 tea spoon dried
- 1 large can (35 ounces) tomatoes preferably imported Italian tomatoes
- 1 cup finely chopped parsley
- Salt to taste if desired
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- Tabasco sauce to taste
- 1 quart shucked oysters with their liquor
- 4 cups fish stock or bottled clam juice (approximately)
- 4 cups water (approximately)
- 5 cups rice
- 5 pounds raw shrimp shelled and deveined
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh bay scallops
- 2 cups cooked chicken (optional)

Spice it up

Cajun spices heat up this winter party

A splash of Tabasco here, then a sprinkle of cayenne there, and dashes of black and white pepper and cumin. Add that blend to a sautéed mix of what is known in Louisiana as the trinity (onions, celery and peppers) and you have the basis for many Cajun dishes.

Creole vs. Cajun

So what's the difference between Creole and Cajun cooking?

In the 18th century, the Spaniards governing New Orleans named all residents of European heritage Crillo. The name, which later became Creole, soon began to imply one of refined cultural background with an appreciation for an elegant lifestyle.

Today, Creole cookery reflects the full-flavored combination of the best of French, Spanish, Italian, American Indian and African cuisines. Its style, with an emphasis on butter and cream, is more sophisticated than Cajun, which

while Cajun and Creole remain popular with some diners, those foods often get a closer look from food lovers for Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, which will be officially celebrated Tuesday (Many Saturday events also are scheduled. See list at end of story).

While Mardi Gras may be notorious for the festive atmosphere in New Orleans, others may celebrate with a Cajun dish such as jambalaya, shrimp gumbo or crayfish étouffée.

Chuck and Lorraine Lizana remember their Louisiana backgrounds when thinking about foods for Mardi Gras.

The owners of Chuck's On the Boulevard in Auburn Hills may be known for their barbecued ribs, but they also have Creole and Cajun fare as part of the southern cookery that plays so prominently on their menu.

Both grew up in Amite, a small town about an hour

Using a large kettle or Dutch oven, cook the salt pork cubes, stirring often, until rendered of fat.

Cut the sausages into 1/2-inch-thick slices and add them to the kettle. Cook about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, and add the onions. Cook, stirring often, until wilted, and add the celery, garlic, green peppers, and red peppers.

Cut the pork butt or ham into 1-inch cubes and add it to the kettle. Add the bay leaves, thyme, tomatoes, parsley, salt, pepper, and Tabasco sauce. Continue cooking. Drain the oysters and add the liquor, 1/2 to 1 cup, to the pot.

Add 2 cups fish stock and 2 cups water. Cook, stirring once or twice from the bottom, about 10 minutes.

Add the rice and stir gently. Cover and cook about 15 minutes. If necessary, add a little more stock and water to prevent sticking and to keep the jambalaya from becoming too dry.

Add the remaining stock and water, the shrimp, scallops, and oysters (if desired, you can add 2 cups cooked chicken). Cook, stirring often from the bottom, 15 to 20 minutes. If necessary, add more liquid to prevent scorching and drying out.

Serve with a bottle of Tabasco sauce on the side. Serves 24.

Adapted from Craig Claiborne's *Southern Cooking*.

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PLEASE SEE **SPICY**, D2

CAJUN RECIPES

RED BEANS & RICE

- 2 pounds red beans (clean and soak in water overnight)
- 2 cooked smoked ham hocks cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup green bell pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

- 1 bunch green onions chopped
- 1 pound crayfish (crayfish) tails (inquire at your local fish or seafood market see note below)
- 1 1/2 cup cream of mushroom soup
- 1 1/2 cup cream of chicken soup
- 1 1/2 cup water
- 2 teaspoon Tony's Creole seasoning
- 2 tablespoons seafood seasoning
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

Sauté green pepper, Spanish onions, celery and garlic for 5 minutes. Add half of the green onions and saute for additional 3 minutes. Add crayfish tails and saute for 5 minutes. Add soups and remaining dry seasonings and cook for 20-30 minutes. Serve over rice and garnish with remaining green onions.

Recipe courtesy of E. Lorraine Lizana of Chuck's on the Boulevard in Auburn Hills.

Note: To remove crawfish tails, Craig Claiborne says to turn crawfish upside down, then break or twist tails from the main body. Inside the shell there will be a white mass (crawfish fat) you should scoop out. Break open the tail portions and pull away the tail meat.

Drain soaking water from red beans and cover with fresh water 3 inches over beans. Bring beans to a boil, reduce heat and cook for 1 hour. Scrape sides of pot while cooking and add additional water if needed to keep from burning. Add all ingredients and cook for 1-1/2 to 2 hours until beans are tender. Serve over cooked rice.

CRAYFISH ETOUFÉE

- 1 stick margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped Spanish onions
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic

SPICY

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north of New Orleans. Chuck learned from working in restaurants owned by relatives, while Lorraine learned at home.

Chuck and Lorraine developed many old southern favorites, along with Cajun and Creole dishes, in selecting items for their menu, Chuck said. "Mass appeal," he said. "We knew what we had was working, and we wanted to extend that to a more broader base."

"It is food with flavor that comes from the different spices and seasonings," Lorraine said in describing the Creole and Cajun cooking, a part of the rich southern heritage of food.

Paul Prudhomme, who popularized Cajun cooking in the 1980s along with Justin Wilson, describes his culinary travels across the country in his book *Louisiana Kitchen*. "I was struck by the reactions to my food, from people all over the country," he writes. "I came to realize that the joy of cooking Cajun and Creole food was not just that I appreciated the goodness so much, but that there was this great pleasure I got from watching other people eat it and seeing the joy in their eyes."

"At the same time, I would notice when I returned home for visits that my Cajun family and friends didn't seem to recognize the uniqueness of their cooking. I felt it was one of those situations where if you see something every day, you don't see it, if you taste something every day, you don't realize that it's unique."

Cajun and Creole cooking styles certainly are unique.

Even the mire poix for soups and stews is different — celery and onions are teamed with green peppers and Creole seasoning instead of carrots and sachet d'espice for what is known as the "trinity."

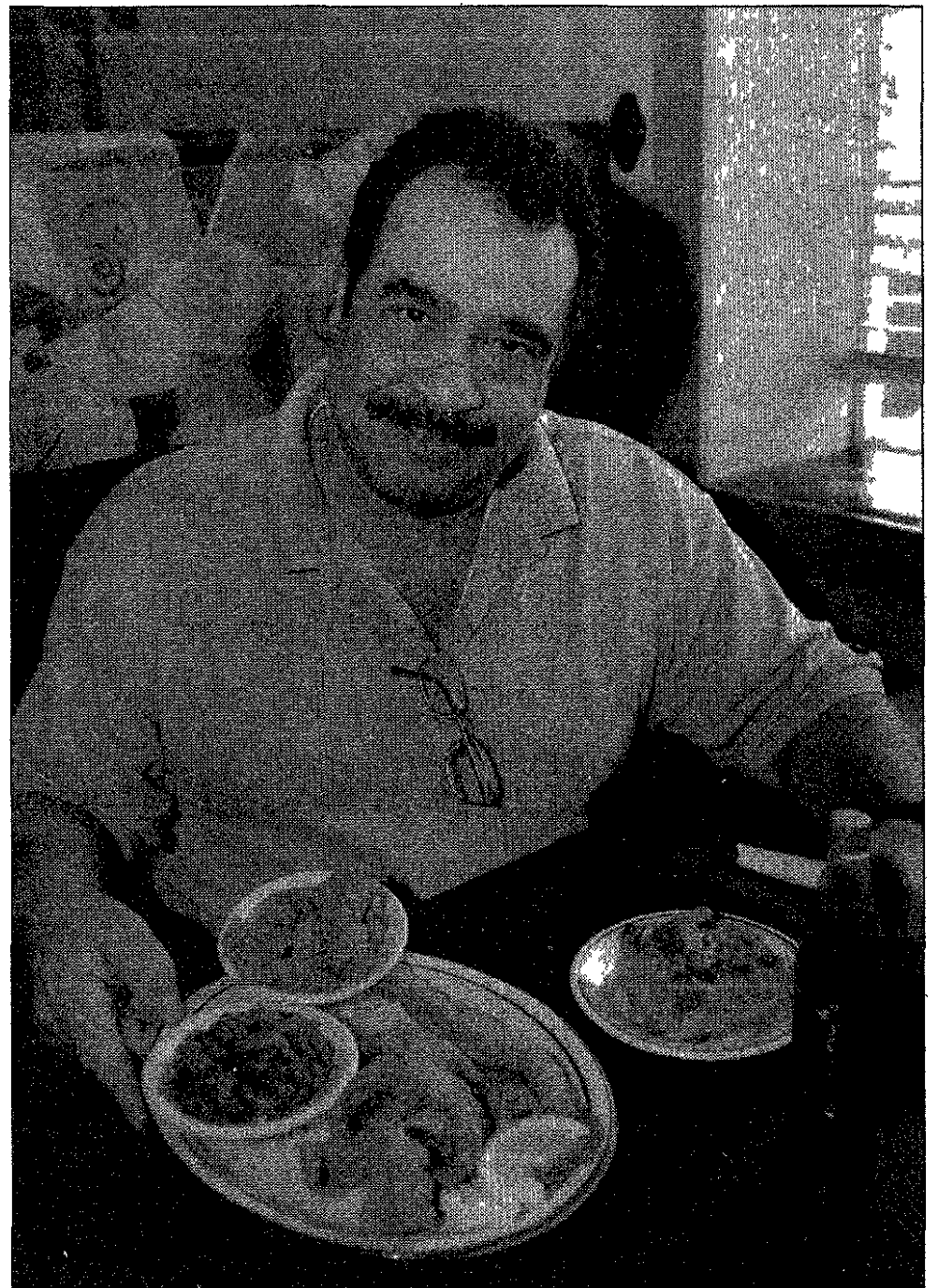
Southern cooking and soul food is characterized with a lot of fried dishes, which also find their way onto Louisiana plates. "That is just what they have in the south," Lorraine said. "They have a lot of fried shrimp, fried pork chops and fried catfish, geared toward the southern traditions."

They expect to add a crayfish étouffée to the menu and serve that dish, along with sausage jambalaya and po-boy sandwiches, at a Mardi Gras party Saturday. That party will showcase the restaurant in the colors of Mardi Gras, originating from a French king.

"Purple is for justice, green is for faith and gold is for power," Lorraine said.

Fishbones in Southfield also features Cajun dishes like jambalaya and crawfish étouffée. Some of it developed from Spanish cooking, said Faz Albanna, executive chef at Fishbones. "It is one of the old cooking methods, it's very unique," Albanna said. "It gets its own flavor. It has its own blend of spices."

Albanna said Cajun seasonings contain



Chuck Lizana, owner of Chuck's On the Boulevard in Auburn Hills, features some of his signature dishes from his restaurant.

black pepper, cayenne pepper, white pepper, granulated garlic and cinnamon. "You dredge the fish, or chicken, with cajun spices and saute in a preheated cast iron pan," Albanna said.

Gumbo can be made with chicken or andouille sausage, with a brown roux that is cooked for hours, Albanna said, to create the brown sauce. "You make the batch of soup alone first until you are ready to serve, then you put the shrimp or crab meat into it, and toss into the soup," Albanna said. Shrimp get tough if they are overcooked. Crawfish tails are precooked and are available at seafood markets. Fishbones boils them and serves them by themselves.

A Mardi Gras party is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at Chuck's on the Boulevard, 2105 South Blvd. (between Adams and Opdyke) in Auburn Hills.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. A cajun buffet will be served featuring catfish, crawfish étouffée, sausage jambalaya, po-boy sandwiches, red beans and rice, bread pudding and other food items. Maison Bleue, a Cajun and zydeco band, will perform. Call (248) 335-3663 for information. Howe's Bayou, 22848 Woodward (east side of Woodward north of Nine Mile) in Ferndale, features a crawfish and oyster festival Friday and Saturday night. The Michelle Penn Band On Fat Tuesday, Paul Miles, a blues guitarist and vocalist, will perform at 8 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume that evening. King Cake will be served for dessert all weekend long. For more information call (248) 691-7145. Fishbones, 29244 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, will feature a live band at 8 p.m. Tuesday along with a contest for best costume (\$500 prize). Specialty dishes will be served along with the traditional menu items. For information call (248) 351-2925.

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VERSUS

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uses more pork fat. Another difference between the two cuisines is that Creole uses more tomatoes and Cajun more spices.

Both cuisines rely on the culinary "holy trinity" of chopped green peppers, onions and celery, and make generous use of file powder. Probably the most famous dish of Creole heritage is gumbo.

Today's Cajuns are the descendants of 1,600 French Acadians whom the British forced from their Nova Scotian homeland in 1785. The local Indians transmuted the word Acadians to Cagians and, eventually, to Cajuns. Cajun cooking is considered "old French country cooking, a simple hearty fare," as described by Paul Prudhomme in his *Louisiana Kitchen* cookbook.

Many confuse Cajun cooking with Creole, though there are many points of similarity, there are also distinct differences.

Cajun cooking, a combination of French and southern cuisines, is robust, country-style cookery that uses a dark roux and plenty of animal (usually pork) fat.

Creole cooking places its emphasis on butter and cream.

Some maintain that Creole cooking uses more tomatoes and the Cajuns more spices.

Two of the more traditional Cajun dishes include jambalaya and coush-coush (a thick cornmeal breakfast dish).

Sources: Epicurious.com's food dictionary and Chef Paul Prudhomme's *Louisiana Kitchen*.

Benefit takes on Mardi Gras theme

As Mardi Gras parties go, Bourbon Street sets the standard

In Michigan the Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza is also a Mardi Gras celebration, combining food, wine, music and auction packages in an energized, festive atmosphere

A benefit for the MCFWE Scholarship Fund and Blue Water Chefs Association, MCFWE features more than 20 restaurants, several wine purveyors, silent and live auctions, live band and raffle. More than 700 guests are expected at the event, hosted

'By creating a competition among restaurants, MCFWE ensures that guests are treated to an evening filled with incredible food and wine.'

Roger Petri
event chairperson

by Mac & Ray's Banquet & Conference Center in Harrison Township, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday

Unlike other food events, MCFWE was designed specifically to highlight the complementary pairing between food and wine

Participating restaurants are matched with a wine purveyor, together they determine a food and wine pairing served at the restaurant's table. Guests, adorned with Mardi Gras beads and even decorative masks stroll among the restaurants enjoying the flavors, sights and sounds of a spirited celebration

Adding to the excitement, participating restaurants compete for the title of "Best Restaurant" as determined by a panel of media judges. Along with bragging rights, the top five restaurants receive a cash award, with the first place restaurant also gaining possession of a traveling trophy that resides in the winning restaurant for a year

"By creating a competition among restaurants, MCFWE ensures that guests are treated to an evening filled with incredible food and wine," said Roger Petri, event chairperson and director of operations at Mac & Ray's. Momes raised at the event go directly to local students pursuing their dream of becoming a chef

"While the restaurants compete fiercely for the trophy, the camaraderie among the chefs is unmistakable, and guests enjoy the opportunity to savor samplings from some of the area's best restaurants," said Petri

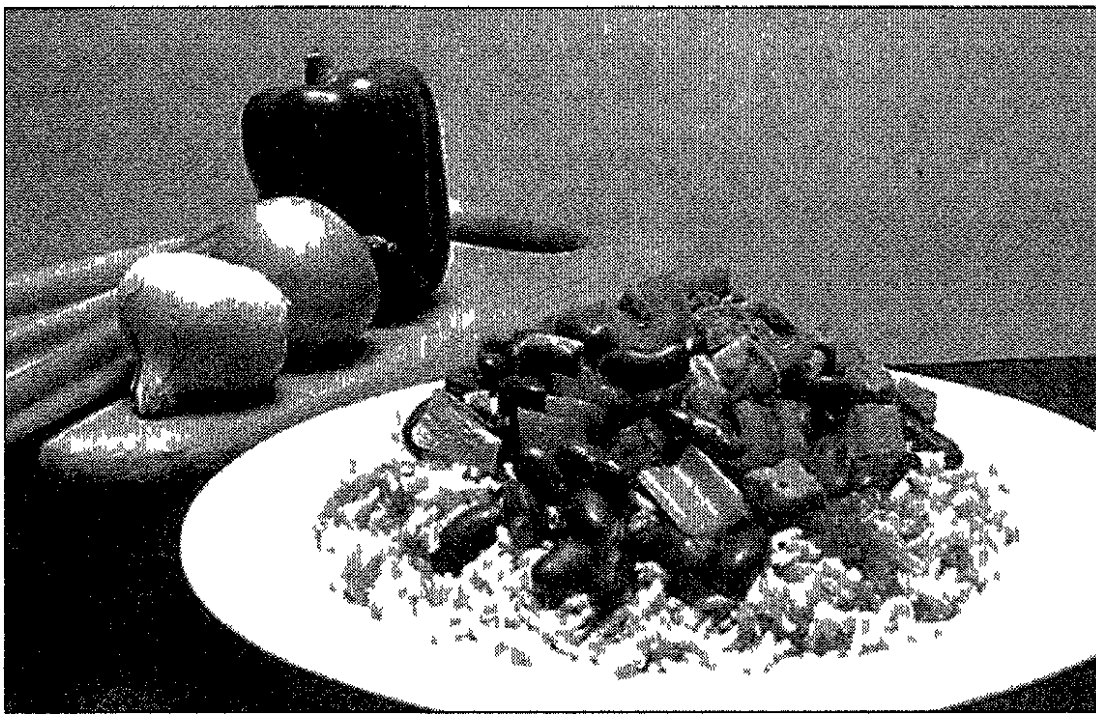
"A special thanks goes to Petipren Imports, Sysco Food Services and US Foodservice," noted Petri. "Without their involvement, the event would not be possible. Their participation and dedication further exemplifies the foundation of the event, in that it is a food event that supports the restaurant community"

The live and silent auctions are sure to delight those who enjoy the good life as well as remarkable food and wine

Noteworthy auction items up for bid include 40-bottle wine cellar, one week's stay in a condo in Grand Cayman, a three or four day luxury cruise, use of a condo on Marco Island, lobster dinner (or clam bake) at your home, cocktail party for 40 at Mac & Ray's, cooking classes with Mac & Ray's own Chef Jeff Baldwin, and much more

Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for Gold Salon and are available by calling 586-463-9660 ext 438

Complete event information can be found at www.mcfwe.com



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Although not technically gumbo, the classic New Orleans dish of red beans and rice is a close relative

Mardi Gras can be good for your health

It's almost Fat Tuesday, but you can celebrate in a low-fat way

Mardi Gras (French for "fat Tuesday") is the day before Ash Wednesday, and an occasion for a New Orleans-style party

Traditional Louisiana gumbos can be revamped into healthful meals full of disease-fighting ingredients

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Although not technically a gumbo, the classic New Orleans dish of red beans and rice is a close relative

The following version calls for a small amount of meat and chicken stock, but eliminating the meat and using vegetable broth will make Red Bean Gumbo a meatless dish appropriate for Lenten meals

RED BEAN GUMBO

- 1 pound dried red kidney beans (about 2 cups) picked over and rinsed
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 4 ounces chopped turkey ham
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano

- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper or to taste
- 1 teaspoon salt or to taste (optional)
- 8 cups fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
- 4 cups hot cooked rice (see Note)
- filé powder to accompany gumbo (optional)
- a few drops of hot sauce or to taste (optional)

About one hour before preparing the gumbo. In large container or pot, cover beans with boiling hot water to at least 2 inches

Cover and let stand until beans have swelled to at least twice their size and have absorbed most of water, about 1 hour. Drain beans, discarding soaking liquid

In a large, heavy pot, heat oil until hot

Add onion and garlic and gently saute until onion is translucent and garlic is soft, taking care they do not brown

Add celery and bell pepper and saute 1 to 2 minutes more, stirring frequently. Add ham and lightly

saute

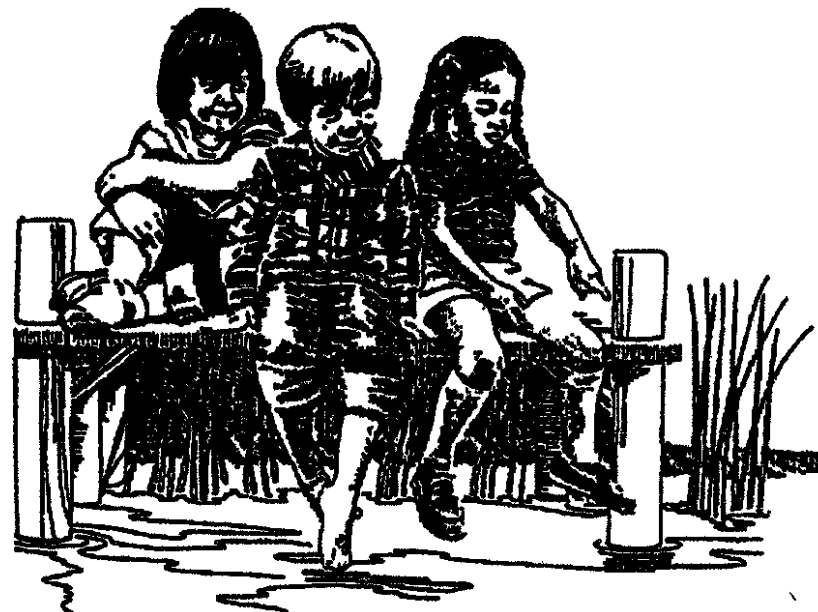
Mix in herbs, seasonings, broth and beans. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Partially cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until beans are tender, about 1 hour

Note: Although white rice is the traditional accompaniment, for extra nutrition, use brown rice. Makes 8 servings

Nutritional information per serving: 303 calories, 4 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 50 g carbohydrate, 17 g protein, 11 g dietary fiber, 742 mg sodium

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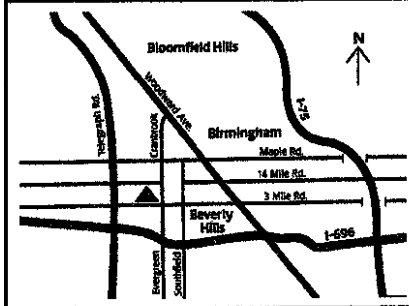
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Part of the pleasure of being involved in Artisan bread baking is that there are so many fascinating and surprising aspects to explore. I thought that in this month's column I would share some of them with you



Give Thanks
Gerald Matthes

one and all (Maybe we should resume that custom at The Give Thanks Bakery some time soon?)

This made so much noise that bakers, working at night, heard them and raised the alarm. The Turks were repelled and the siege ended.

Budapest celebrated this military victory and the bakers decided to join in by making pastries in the shape of a crescent, which was the Turkish emblem. The popularity of this shape grew - especially in nearby Vienna during the time of Louis XVI, when Viennese breakfast buns were all the rage.

It wasn't until 1920s that the croissant made with flaky pastry came into being. An enterprising baker in Paris took the Viennese yeast-and-milk dough and invented the butter-layered French version. All he kept was the crescent shape from the siege of Budapest.

Baseball glove shaped bread

As distinctive as the crescent shape of a croissant is the baseball glove appearance of a fougasse. This loaf can be found throughout the south of France. The name, *fougasse*, comes from the Latin, *focaccia*, meaning "of the home." And these loaves were once simply homemade bread.

Nowadays, Artisan bread bakers have kept the tradition alive. In Provence, they sometimes add olives and anchovies. At The Give Thanks Bakery, we bake fougasse with fresh rosemary in the dough and when they come out of the oven, we brush them with olive oil, sprinkle them with basil, a little garlic powder and sea salt. When you take one home, tear off a hunk, dip it in a wonderful pesto and dream of Provence and sunshine. That'll help you through our Michigan winter.

Gerald Matthes owns Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester. Visit www.givethanksbakery.com or call (248) 601-1542.

Iraq - Birthplace of Wheat?

We know the natural history of the loon that inhabits the lakes of Minnesota, the rock formation of the Grand Canyon and the roots of the California redwoods. However, we know little of the history of wheat. Some say it originated in Egypt. But the wheat of the Pharaohs was the product of careful cross-breeding - just as the wheat we eat today, *Triticum Vulgare*, has never been found growing in the wild. Its ancestors are now thought to be grasses that grew wild in the fertile valley between the Tigris and Euphrates - in modern day Iraq.

So, golden wheat came, long before golden oil.

Patron Saint of Bakers

Legend has it that when Saint Honoré was a small boy, his nurse was baking bread when he was "suddenly bathed in celestial rays and a divine oil of annunciation appeared on his forehead." Well, the nurse dismissed these signs, whereupon her bread cart was transformed into a plum tree.

In any event, Honoré later became the Bishop of Amiens - a city surrounded by wheat fields. Evidently, he was much respected because in 1060, during a terrible drought, his episcopal chair was carried out into the fields. And, sure enough, the rains came tumbling down. Saint Honoré was adopted as the patron saint of bakers. In later years his relics were paraded once a year and bakers gave out free loaves for

Superstitions

Through the years, the transformation of grain into bread has given rise to many superstitions (Frankly, many of them don't bear repeating.)

In Brittany, once the oven had been fired up the baker would take an egg and crack it at the entrance to the oven. Then he felt confident that he would be blessed by an abundance of customers.

Also in the rural parts of France, in years gone by, the farmer's wife made a practice of kneading the dough with her left hand, making the sign of the cross with her right. Once finished, she had to make sure a cat didn't enter the room or the dough wouldn't rise.

This was a matter of great concern, so they even had a saying to implore the dough to rise:

"The leaven in you has risen,

Now you do the same.

The wheat from which you came has risen,

And to harvest it

Many people have risen.

The baker, to make you, has risen,

Now you do the same."

Somehow it sounds more emphatic in French.

The origin of croissants

The shape of croissants as we know it today was created well over 400 years ago. In 1686 Budapest was under siege by the Ottoman Empire and the Turks had the idea to tunnel under the

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Serve broiled or grilled salmon with rosemary

Grill salmon with rosemary

Since February is National Heart Month, it's appropriate to serve salmon.

Salmon is known for its abundance of omega-3 fats, the polyunsaturated fats that act in several ways to lower the risk of heart disease and promote a healthy immune system. Studies link consumption of one or two servings of fish each week with about a 30 percent drop in the risk of heart-related deaths.

According to a study in the International Journal of Cancer, this practice could also help reduce the risk of various cancers 12 to 30 percent or more. Omega-3 fatty acids also have been linked to reduction of some autoimmune problems, such as rheumatoid arthritis.

Fish high in omega-3s include salmon, white (albacore) tuna, mackerel, herring, rainbow trout and swordfish. You would need to eat three or four times as many servings of a lower fat fish such as cod, haddock or catfish to get the same amount of omega-3s. Omega-3 fat also is contained in walnuts, flaxseed, and flaxseed and canola oils. Smaller levels of Omega-3 con-

sumption also is thought to offer some health benefits.

All fish are excellent sources of protein, vitamins and minerals. And all types of fish are lower in saturated fat than red meat, which is better for blood cholesterol levels and possibly better for protection from cancer. Fish are an excellent choice for healthy eating — as long as you don't use a great deal of oil in the cooking, or smother them in a high-fat cream sauce or melted cheese.

Some health experts recommend aiming for two servings of some type of fish each week. There have been warnings recently about mercury in salmon and pollutants in farmed salmon. Unless you are pregnant or breastfeeding, experts currently believe that two servings of salmon per week won't harm adults. (Choose wild salmon when you can get it — even if it is frozen.) Research on these issues continues, but at this point, the benefits from salmon's rich source of omega-3 outweigh any known risks to adults.

The following recipe not only offers heart-healthy salmon but the flavorful herb rosemary, a symbol of remembrance.

GRILLED ROSEMARY SALMON

Olive oil spray
1 pound salmon filets cut into four pieces
2 teaspoons olive oil
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 cloves garlic minced
3 teaspoons fresh rosemary leaves chopped

Spray a broiler pan or a grill with the cooking spray.

Preheat oven broiler or a grill.

Mix the oil, lemon juice, salt, pepper, garlic and rosemary.

Brush mixture on both sides of the fish.

Place fish under the broiler or on the grill.

Broil about 4 inches from the heat for 5 minutes per half-inch of thickness, or until fish is flaky in the middle.

Makes 4 servings

Nutritional information per serving: 230 calories, 15 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), less than 1 g carbohydrate, 23 g protein, 0 g dietary fiber, 67 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Create a nice dinner for two

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

The desire to create a romantic evening at home often collides with the reality of everyday chores. Saturday night may at first glance seem the conclusion of a leisurely day, but you may have little time to prepare the dinner you envision, especially if you have a family.

Dining out is one solution. But this is one night when restaurants are very crowded. Staying home is quieter, more personal, and you can have the dinner you would like to share, whether you arrange a delicious evening.

A luxurious three-course meal can be easier than you think. Start with endive salad with a light vinaigrette and a touch of blue cheese. Then serve salmon with an elegant but easy mustard-horseradish sauce, and finish with fruit sorbet accompanied by cookies from your favorite bakery, or a big bowl of fresh strawberries and chocolate truffles.

The following recipe is scaled to the more traditional, family-oriented four servings. However, it is easy to halve the

ingredients for a special dinner for just one couple.

SALMON WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

2 tablespoons honey mustard
2 tablespoons coarse seed mustard
2 tablespoons drained white horseradish
2 tablespoons reduced-fat sour cream
2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Canola oil spray
1 medium leek, white part only, halved lengthwise and sliced very thinly
1½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided
1 pound frozen chopped spinach, defrosted and squeezed dry
1 pound fresh salmon filet, skinned and cut in 4 pieces

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

In a small bowl, whisk together the mustards, horseradish, sour cream and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Place leeks and ½ cup broth in a medium skillet. Simmer

over medium heat until liquid is almost evaporated and leeks are almost soft, about 5 minutes. Mix in spinach and remaining broth. Cook until spinach is not quite tender, about 8 minutes. Season to taste with pepper.

Coat an oven-proof medium with cooking spray. Add salmon, skin side up. Cook over medium-high heat until salmon is lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Using tongs, turn pieces. Place pan in the oven. Roast until salmon is translucent at the center of the thickest part, about 5 to 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, divide spinach among 4 dinner plates, to make beds, leaving a border at the edge of the plate. Set a filet in the center. Drizzle sauce across filets and spinach along sides. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

Nutritional information per serving: 306 calories, 15 g total fat (4 g saturated fat), 16 g carbohydrate, 29 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 545 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of *The Joy of Soy*, and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Visitors to pillsburybaking.com will now help determine the \$25,000 grand-prize winner. Voting will take place online from Feb. 1-28, and the winner will be revealed this spring.

The top 10 finalists and the names of their baked creations are:

- **Brownie Bugs**, from Liam Landy, 6, of Castro Valley, Calif.

- **Bubba Brownie Sundae Mugs**, from Kevin Halpin, 10, of South Windsor, Conn.
- **Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Bites**, from John Ertl, 12, of Brookfield, Wis.
- **Colorful Rambow Centipede**, from Jaclyn Kozlowski, 5, of Litchfield Park, Ariz.
- **Faces of Our World**, from Tricia Thompson, 15, of Monona, Wis.
- **Funshine Cake**, from Laura Ross, 14, of St. Petersburg, Fla.
- **The Incredible Edible Garden**, from Christina Bao, 10, of Patchogue, N.Y.
- **Jeepeers Creepers**, from Tyler Modjeska, 12, of Valrico, Fla.
- **Lavaliicious Volcako**, from Lisa Massaroni, 9, of Brockton, Mass.
- **Nutty Toffee Hedgehog**, from Danielle Champagne, 13,

of Valrico, Fla. Descriptions and photos of the top 10 finalists' baked creations will be available online at pillsburybaking.com during the month of February. Each finalist receives \$500 in cash and the chance to win the \$25,000 grand prize.

The contest, which ran from September through November, asked participants to submit a photo and a 50-words-or-less description of an original sweet-baked treat. Contest entries were judged on four attributes: originality, creativity, appearance and ease of preparation.

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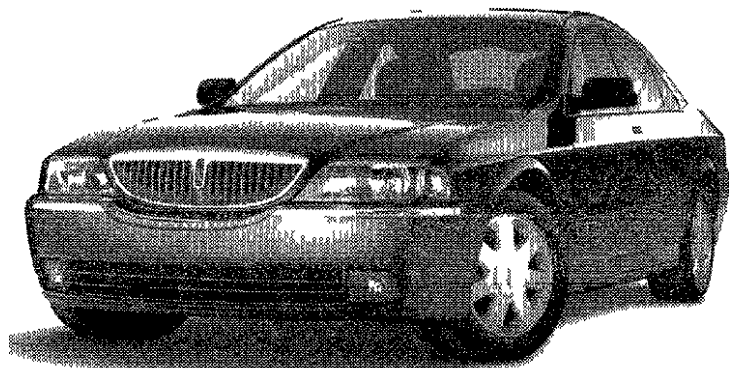
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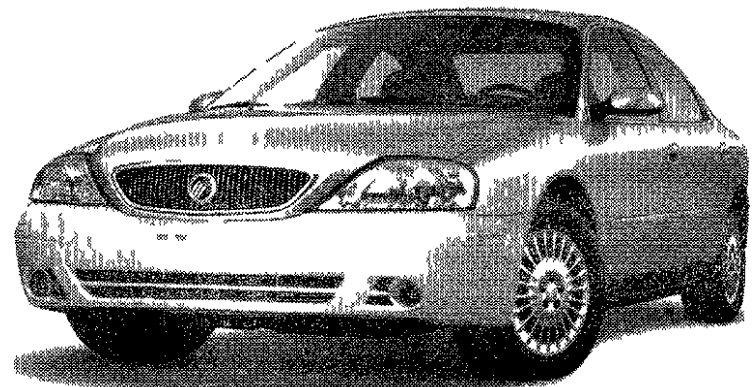
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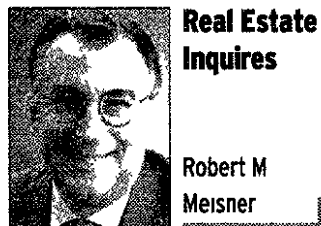
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Upgrade condo documents

Our condominium association is experiencing substantial increases of insurance premiums. We have not amended our documents. Do you have any suggestions?

Yes Most of our association clients are being advised to upgrade their condominium documents to limit the exposure of the association for insurance claims by, among other things, limiting the responsibility of the association to insure only common elements. It will also be necessary to modify the repair responsibilities of the condominium bylaws as well as certain other provisions regarding payment of deductibles by negligent co-owners. Every association should reconsider reviewing its condominium documents to protect it from unreasonable claims being filed against it and to limit its exposure because of the increase in insurance premiums.

Our association is being required to turn over the books and records to a member who claims that the books and records include ballots. Do you have any comments on that?

It is not clear from the Condominium Act or the Non Profit Corporation Act whether ballots would be records of the association although there is a good argument that they would be. We recommend to our association clients that they pass a resolution defining what they consider to be books and records of the association, although that may not necessarily have precedential value if the case is contested in court.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

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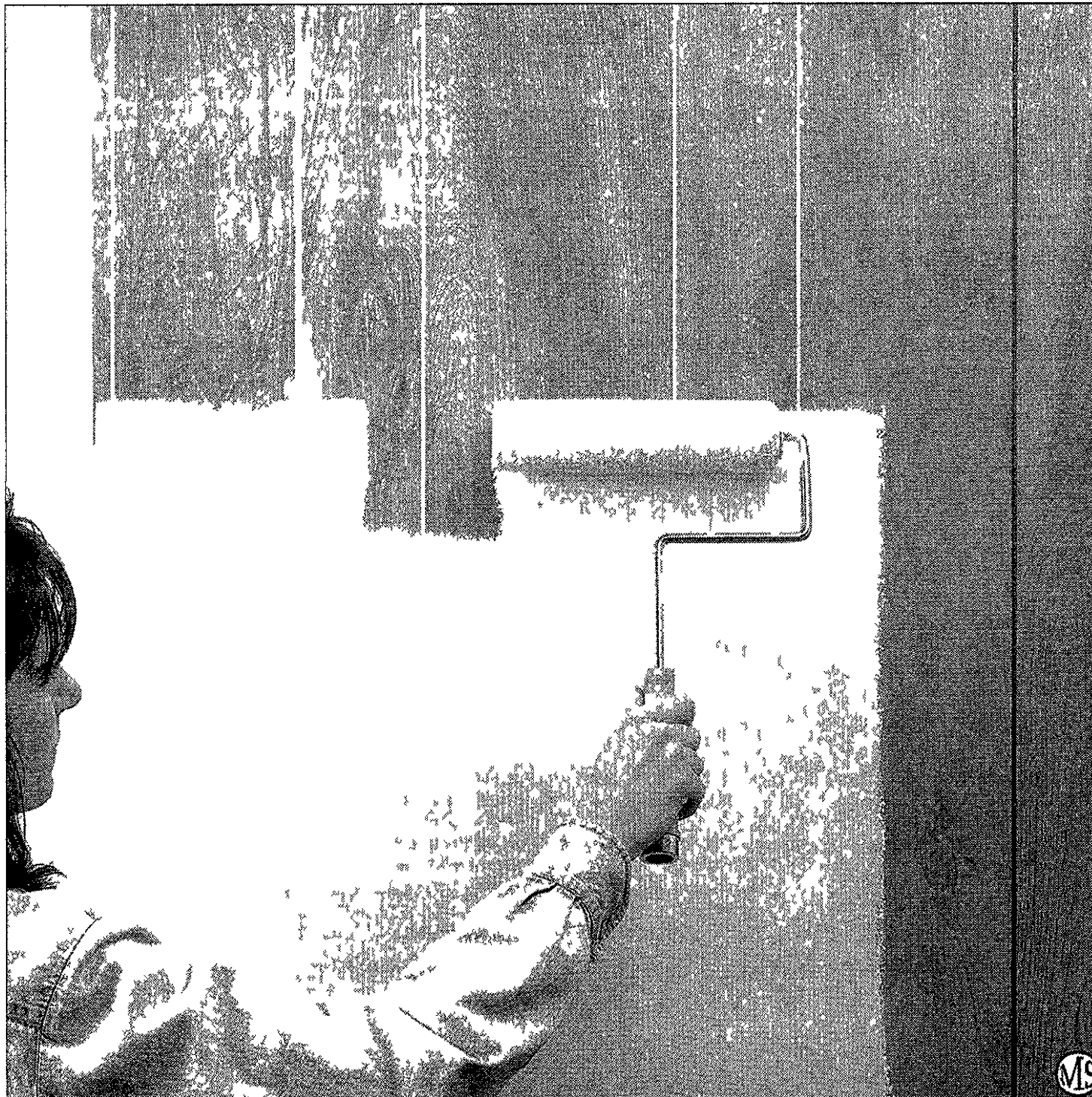
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Invest in repairs to gain curb appeal

BY NORMAN PRADY
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This is not as easy as stuffing all the dirty dishes into the oven when you suddenly see company walking up the front walk.

No, getting your house ready for prospective buyers takes some planning, time and money. It might take a weekend or two of do-it-yourself repairs or a crew of specialists. And there are multiple things to consider.

It depends on the sellers' time-frame, motivation and financial ability," said Bill Clark, owner/broker, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston. "If the need is to sell in next 30 days, they might not have time to get the work done. So then you just adjust the price."

Some sellers have all the time in the world, but don't have the money to hire someone to do repairs. There are companies that will do the work and accept payment at the closing of the sale of the house.

"There are different levels of what to do and how much is worth doing," said Clark. "You don't put on a deck to sell the house because you don't get the money back."

Investing \$15,000 in a house that could sell for \$200,000 but will go for \$150,000 in its present condition, is a good investment, because you'll get an addi-

'There are different levels of what to do and how much is worth doing. You don't put on a deck to sell the house because you don't get the money back.'

Bill Clark
owner/broker Coldwell Banker Schweitzer

tional \$35,000, said Clark. Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan agrees there is a direct correlation between repairs made or not made and purchase price.

"Most homebuyers will look at an old furnace and view that as a minimum \$2,000 item they will need to deal with. If sellers don't address a furnace problem prior to listing their home, they run the risk of it becoming an item for negotiation," she said. "The prospective buyer may ask for a specific size, brand or the cost of a new furnace, or they may present a flat reduction in their offer price. Buyers don't want the aggravation or cost associated with repairs after the sale so they will adjust their asking price to reflect the needed cost and inconvenience to them. Sellers will pay for problems one way or another."

SOLVING PROBLEMS

Sellers paying to solve problems help keep Keith Paul in business. Paul is pres-

ident of Handypro Handyman Service, Plymouth.

"We have a Homesellers' Program to handle emergencies," Paul said. "The biggest things probably would be painting, drywall repair, any marks on the wall, holes from doorknobs, leaky faucets, toilet not working right, light fixtures, ceiling fans, doors that are stuck, wobbly shelving, gutters falling down, reattach or replace storm doors."

Storm doors, Paul said, like leaky faucets are low-cost items that have high visual impact on a buyer's impression of how well the house has been kept up.

Sellers and real estate agents call his company, he said, "with lists that have to be done by Friday," and he dispatches 17 handypersons from his three offices throughout the metro area. Each worker has a minimum of eight years of previous-job experience, tools, written estimates, and guarantees about time and quality.

The phone rings steadily as well at Curb Appeal, Inc.,

Bloomfield Hills where co-owner Jim Landolfe said he used to callers who say, "I'm putting the house on the market tomorrow. What do I do?"

Landolfe said he tries to reassure callers that "anything's possible."

"The point is that as a seller you're trying to take away the negatives and not spend a lot of money doing it. You want the house to have curb appeal," he said.

Ronni Keating agrees you shouldn't do work that won't return your investment. Keating is a sales agent with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating, Birmingham.

"Most important," Keating said, are matters of maintenance.

Don't have things that are going to be eye-distracting, things that are going to lead the buyers to believe there are problems in the house. Fix those cosmetic things, especially in the basement. Walls that look like there could be seepage and are actually just dirty could make someone think there's a water problem. Homeowners who regularly come in through the garage don't always see the front of the house. The front door and porch area should be looking its best for presentation to buyers.

During the winter she recommends putting some pictures out so prospective buyers can see what the house looks like in the spring.

And don't forget to hide the

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Flexible mortgages help owners

Most fiscally savvy borrowers want flexibility with their debts — the largest of which is typically their mortgage — to better serve their cash flow needs. My self-employed clients and those in commission sales especially seek flexible terms to protect themselves from sometimes harsh business cycles.

Of late, more of my first-time home buyers are seeking opportunities to free up cash flow so they can tackle other money-related challenges they may face like raising children, running a household, and buying clothes and furniture. Most have come to realize that the standard 30-year mortgage is no more a "standard" any more than is Ford's Model-T.

MORE CONTROL

More and more borrowers are opting into a new family of flex-term mortgages that offer them more latitude and control. Participating borrowers may choose their mortgage terms not just once at the beginning of their loan, but on a monthly basis.

The most innovative flex-term mortgage lenders will let you pick your own monthly payment by allowing you to choose between making a 15 year payment, a 30 year payment or an interest only payment or a less than interest payment. The same "rate-shoppers" who are excited about a monthly payment of \$1,450 on a \$250,000 30-year fixed-rate mortgage are beyond themselves to discover that they can borrow the same money with a minimum monthly payment of \$833, or an interest-only payment of \$865 per month.

The resulting cash flow savings of over \$600 per month, in this scenario, makes for over \$7,000 annually that can go toward funding other projects, paying bills, making investments, or paying down principal. In short, the flexibility gives borrowers the control. It offers them choices, and protects them from life's jolts.

This new breed of mortgage certainly piques the interest of all types of borrowers because it allows borrowers to better integrate their mortgage into their overall financial planning. Self-employed borrowers and commissioned sales people can now opt to make a lower mortgage payment if they have a slow month, and a higher payment when business picks up.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives at www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com and you may phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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1375 Centennial \$400,000	18947 Hillcrest \$158,000	27230 Grand River \$114,000
39765 Deepwood \$208,000	14141 Hubbell \$205,000	17674 Kinloch \$100,000
43156 Fernwood \$226,000	10945 Laurel \$113,000	19450 Kinloch \$115,000
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44149 Franciscan \$223,000	32222 Maryland \$175,000	11314 Lucerne \$134,000
7725 Haverhill \$475,000	15356 Mayfield \$195,000	14108 Mar on \$147,000
45141 Horseshoe \$188,000	38615 Meeting House \$275,000	14108 Mar on \$147,000
49775 Joy \$315,000	31573 Merriwood Park \$190,000	9330 Riverdale \$133,000
8679 Mannington \$232,000	5921 Middlebelt \$94,000	12001 Rockland \$94,000
1753 Morrison \$198,000	30389 Minton \$157,000	26501 Ross \$215,000
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4321 Providence \$206,000	35525 Parkdale \$258,000	34039 Algonqu n \$166,000
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43686 Ryegate \$234,000	16486 Pollyanna \$327,000	734 Autumn Ridge \$261,000
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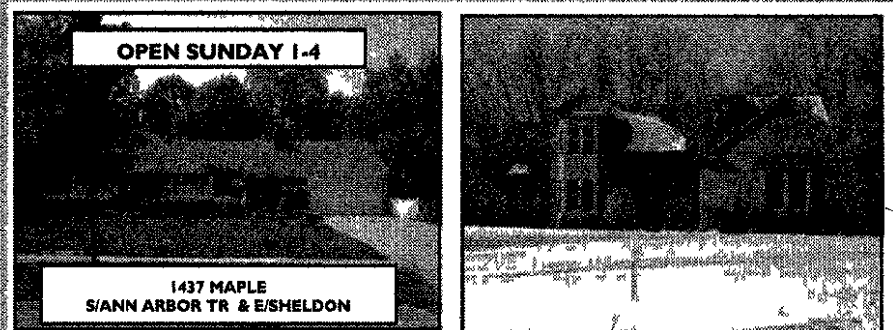
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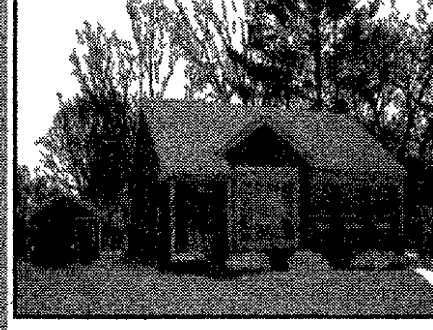
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Home buyer seminar

World Class Financial, along with RE/MAX Classic and Title First, will be holding a free Home Buyer seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb 24 at the Livonia Public Library in the lower level. Open to anyone thinking of buying a home or investment property for the first time. Refreshments provided, no charge, but reservations are required because seating is limited. Call Diane Baker or Denise Moul at (734) 744-1010 to reserve your spot.

Career seminar

Learn more about careers in real estate 10 a.m. Wednesday Feb 25 at Keller Williams Realty Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Learn how much house you can afford

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Buying a home

The Community House will present a class, Purchasing Your Home and Obtaining a Mortgage.

7:30-9 p.m. Monday, March 1. The class will help you understand the home buying process from the types of mortgages offered to the financial and qualifying requirements. In addition, a realtor will be in attendance to discuss how to best shop for your new home. The seminar is presented by Sarah Chiaramonte, Assistant Vice President and Ken Tomich, Senior Mortgage Consultant, Chase Home Finance. The cost is \$5. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or www.communithouse.com.

Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course, Condominium Operation: Advanced Edition, The Essentials for Success 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 to May 18 at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Sponsored by Oakland Community College. The cost is \$95 per attendee. For more information call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates P.C. at (248) 644-4433.

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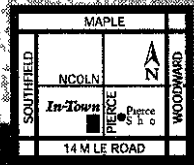
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Dip in rates gives current buyers break

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates - after rising for two consecutive weeks - dipped this week, offering a break for people wanting to buy a home.

The average rate on 30-year mortgages fell to 5.66 percent, down up from 5.72 percent last week, said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates declined to 4.96 percent this week, down from 5.03 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages decreased to 3.57 percent compared to 3.61 percent last week.

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DEARBORN DOLL HOUSE Don't miss this darling 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath gem. Super location. One blk from Hag, Divine Child & Levee Park. Civi. midges, cave crigs, some hardwoods, carpet, copper pipes, many elect. updates, new tub, surround C/A, sprinklers, final yr new landscaping. This one won't last! (H-0550) \$188,900



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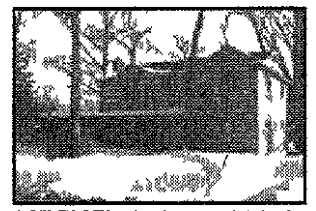
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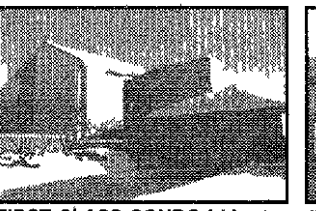
SOUTH LYON STEAL Great opportunity to own this 4 bedroom colonial! Huge family room w/ cathedral ceiling, recessed lights & 10ft stone fireplace. Spacious oak kitchen w/ Wilsonart floor. Located on a quiet cul de sac with an extra large lot. Pool and deck for summer fun \$259,900 (614SU)



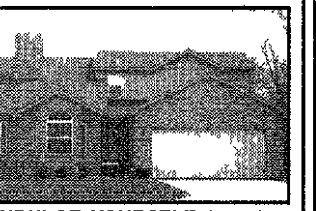
BUCKINGHAM PLACE 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial with a 3 car garage located on the commons. Finished LL, new granite counters, hardwood floors, dual sided fireplace, freshly painted deck plus brick paver patio and more. Really sharp. Come see for yourself \$459,900 (227WA)



SHARP CONDO IN TAYLOR! Former model with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath completely renovated in 99. Open floor plan, solid oak doors and oak kitchen vaulted ceilings, baths with dual sinks and whirlpool tub. Brick patio and nice landscaping. On Pardee south of Wick past Kinyon \$129,900 (433KI)



FIRST CLASS CONDO! Minutes from all freeways & shopping. 2 beds, 2.5 baths with a 2 car garage. Updates include new ceramic tile carpet, A/C, dishwasher, large kitchen leads to deck overlooking commons. Soaring ceilings in great room w/ natural fireplace. Private study \$244,900 (292CH)



INDULGE YOURSELF Luxuriate in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath condo in Canton! Skylights in cathedral ceiling, lovely gas fireplace, maple cabinets in large kitchen, hardwood floor in foyer, tons of storage, neutral decor, daylight basement deck w/awning & view of woods! \$274,500 (352CH)



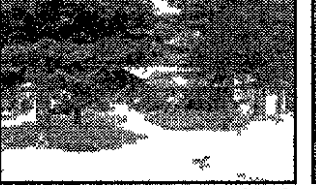
WOODLAND VIEWS Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Completely fenced with a drive thru gate. Attached 2 car garage plus a shed. Huge paver patio, beautifully appointed & meticulously maintained. Lovely view of the woods \$224,900 (335CR)



ENCHANTING PLYMOUTH COLONIAL Enter into the quaint vestibule and welcoming living room with a cozy natural fireplace. Opens to the formal dining room & kitchen with ceramic counter. Hardwood floors, newer electrical, bath, roof, furnace, windows and more \$239,900 (684PA)



FARMINGTON HILLS CAPE On a beautiful interior lot with 3BR/2.5BA. Great room floor plan, formal dining w/butler's pantry & huge kitchen w/maple cabinets. Bay window in nook, basement w/ premium carpet & lots of storage space \$375,000 (241AU)



LOVELY RANCH WITH 5 ACRES Spectacular 5 bedroom ranch with a finished walkout basement and den. Formal dining room, family room, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces and more. All on a quiet street with lots of room for a large family \$599,900 (150HA)



TRAIL WOOD COLONIAL 4 bedroom/2.5 bath on a treed professionally landscaped interior lot just a short walk to downtown Plymouth. Beautifully updated with neutral decor. Newer kitchen windows & roof. Walk to Schools and all Downtown activities \$318,999 (119AP)



HARD TO FIND DETACHED CONDO 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths in a quiet court setting. Oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry attached, 2 car garage, full basement even a treed yard with an inviting patio. Perfectly located close to the library, shopping and restaurants \$182,500 (296TW)



THE SEARCH IS OVER! Awesome 3 bedroom home with new carpeting with hardwood underneath a freshly painted interior, full finished basement, newer roof and more. Wonderful open floor plan. Close to the new Rec Center \$179,900 (827ME)



UNFORGETTABLE Pulte Arlington model with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Professionally decorated and landscaped. Upgraded lighting and fixtures. Extra deep basement, rich hardwood floors, large oak island kitchen, spacious master deck w/ hot tub & more \$239,900 (665DO)



OWNER'S PRIDE Really shows in this updated 2 bedroom Plymouth ranch condo. Updated kitchen & bath, vinyl windows and doorwall. Newer furnace, central air, roof and more. All appliances stay. Carport 55 and over community \$138,900 (856NE)



LARGE WOODED LOT Wonderful 3 bedroom ranch with a freshly painted interior, new carpeting and a new oak kitchen. Large floor plan with formal living and dining rooms plus a family room. Attached 2 car garage. Nice wooded lot \$214,700 (750TU)



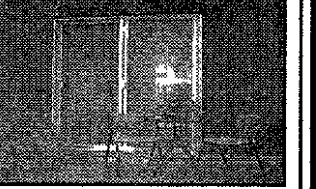
SUCH ADMIRABLE COMFORTS Its easy to love this unique 4BR colonial with custom upgrades throughout. Elegant 2 story foyer, impressive great room with 17 ceiling, formal dining library w/ built ins plus an ultra gourmet kitchen w/nook & butler's pantry. Finished basement & spectacular location! \$469,000 (751SA)



AFFORDABLE CONDO! Note Upper ranch condo with an open floor plan and cathedral ceilings. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths and over 1000 square feet of living space. Newer Berber carpet throughout, tastefully painted and a great location on N of Cherry Hill W of Lilley \$129,900 (536LI)



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IMMACULATE Lovely ground level condo with one bedroom and one bath has been very well kept. Freshly painted interior, newer carpet and air conditioning, a remodeled kitchen, lots of storage space and more! You must see the inside to appreciate \$79,900 (682WO)



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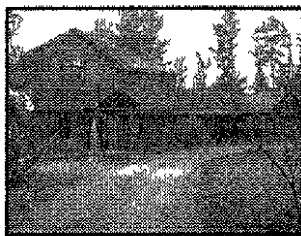


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Absolutely stunning detached condo Premium wooded location Custom kitchen Formal Din Rm & Great Rm w/gas FP Lg Fam Rm den or home office 1st flr mst ste W/O bsmt OEP 81War 888 870 9127



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Fabulous Home on Awesome Lot! Backing to wooded commons 3 Season room w/skyights to enjoy the seasons Open floor plan 1st flr den & laundry Huge master suite w/dual fireplace (BGN54WOO) 888 870 9123



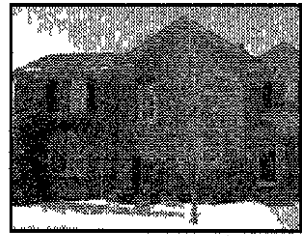
CANTON \$354,900
Location Means So Much Pride of ownership & attention to detail are evident in every room w/many recent updates Dual staircase full bsmt attached garage & very nice brick paver patio OEP 89Fer 888 870 9127



CANTON \$319,900
Ranch on inter lot backs to trees Gour kit nook w/Conan cntropts hwdv frs extra cnts & top of the line appls Lux mstr w/cath clg flash bath WIC GR w/soaring clg OEP 81Riv 888 870 9127



CANTON \$248,900
2 story colonial on golf course w/2 BRS 2 1/2 baths 2 story foyer Kit includes all appls Great rm w/gas FP Mast ste w/cath clg 2 car garage Bsmt w/dytl/garden win OEP 01Hog 888-870 9127



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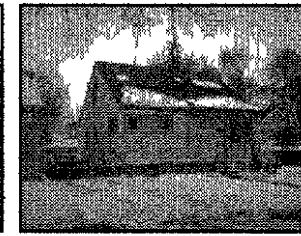
CANTON \$309,900
Stunning Former Model Home In Move In Condition! Upgrades Kit Cabs Ceramic Tile In Foyer & Bath Fixt Neut Carpet T/O Wind Furn Plumb Glass Blk Wind Elect Front/Back Doors OEL18KIM 888 870 9105



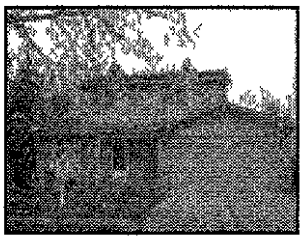
CANTON \$194,900
This one is definitely turn key! Lux mstr ste w/bath & vaulted ceiling GR w/soaring clgs 2 skylights & FP Din RM Spac kit & nook Full bsmt Att garage Neutral t/o OEP 71Whi 888 870 9127



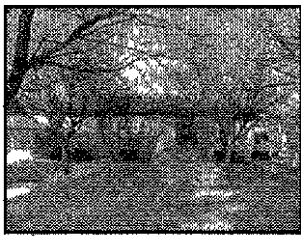
DEARBORN HTS \$134,900
Cozy Bungalow Updated kitchen w/New cabinets counters built in microwave & wood laminate floor neutral LR & bdrms Downstairs features covered wet plaster walls & New carpet part fin bsmt w/lush carpeted area OEL10VER 888 870 9105



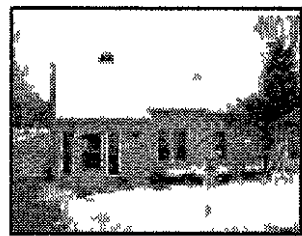
DETROIT \$80,000
Newer Roof Furnace & HWH Windows 2 Years Old Electrical Updates Being Sold as is City Inspection Has Been Completed Buyer Must Sign Cert Of Occupancy Prior To Closing Needs A Little TLC OEL08ANN 888 870 9105



CANTON \$199,900
Canton Colonial Huge Oak Kit FR W/frpl New Carp T/O Freshly Painted New Roof Vinyl Siding Newer Furn & C/A Windows Updated Baths Large Mst W/ WIC Totally Updated OEL25MER 888 870 9105



FARMINGTON \$184,900
Walk to Downtown Farmington! Remodeled kitchen (97) new furnace & CA (99) newer roof new electrical panel (99) new vinyl windows (94) Florida room partially fin bsmt & immed occupancy (BGN42SLO) 888 870 9123



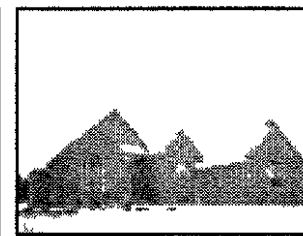
LIVONIA \$174,900
Excellent 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath Vinyl Sided Cape Cod Stunning Mst Bdrm & Formal Dining Rm Olde Style Kit w/new Counter Sink & Disposal Part Fin Bsmt OEL25ARD 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$164,900
3 Bdrm Brick Ranch Updated Kit W/oak Cab Sink Cntrs & Floor Bath Fixt Neut Carpet T/O Wind Furn Plumb Glass Blk Wind Elect Front/Back Doors OEL90HAT 888 870 9105



FARMINGTON HILLS \$240,000
Farmington Hills Brick Colonial! 3 bdrm formal living & dining rooms Cozy family room w/frpl Large eat in kitchen w/doorwall to deck Prof landscape w/sprinklers 2 car garage & bsmt (BGN49BUN) 888 870 9123



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Mint 3 Bdrm 2 Bath Brick Ranch Lg GR W/frpl Island Kitchen W/frpl Hickory Cabinets & Cer Fir Formal DR W/12 Ceiling Lg Bsmt 3 Car Att Garage & 3 Car Detached Heated Gar With Office And Work Area OEL00LIN 888 870 9105



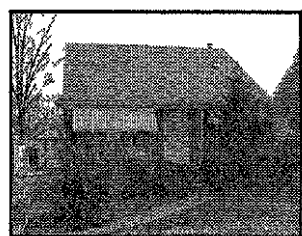
GARDEN CITY \$244,900
Builders own home Hardwood flrs ceramic 2 complet kitchens 3.5 baths Immaculate home w/ fully finished basement Too many extras to list 2 garages cedar deck Show this home (BGSly86BOC) 888 870 9131



HOWELL \$148,000
Seller s transferring Easy 1.96 access Oak hwd floor n kt All app stay neut a ceramic fr n bath CATT ga cubhouse w pool \$8 000 of upg ades move n cond Re o addendums reqd (BGSly59HAM) 888 870 9131



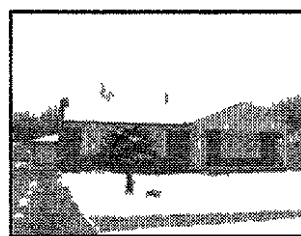
HOWELL \$144,900
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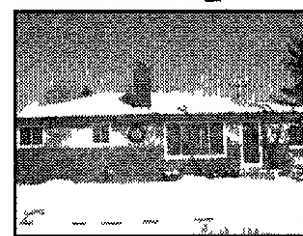
INKSTER \$124,900
Beautiful well maintained 4 bedroom 2 bath brick bungalow NE Inkster 2 1/2 car garage F n shed basement New Kitchen newer windows Freshly painted w newer carpet (BGSly35SHE) 888 870 9131



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Lovely 3 br 1.5 bath brick ranch Immed occup Move in condition! Dining area has doorwall leading to paved patio 2 car nsulated garage Lrg carpeted basement All appliances stay Fence n yard (BGSly21MID) 888 870 9131



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Run Dont Walk! Fabulous updated ranch w/spectacular family rm w/frpl kitchen w/custom cabinets updated bath 2.5 ca garage fn shed over evel One word WOW (BGN12M C) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$180,000
Super Sharp 3 Br Ranch In Livonia New Kitchen W/lg Pantry All New Pe la Wndws & Doorwall Full Fn Basement W/workroom 2.5 Car Gar W/addl Storage Area Hwdv Flrs Newer Furnace C/A Roof Bath/av Cement & Brk Pavers OEL05LAT 888 870 9105



MACOMB \$259,900
Mint Det Condo 2 story Foyer W/ balcony & 9 Ceil ngs 3 way Gas Frpl Maple Hw Floors Cover Main Floor Area Master Bath Has Jacuzzi Tub Brick Paver Patio With View Of Nature Area OEL36WES 888 870 9105



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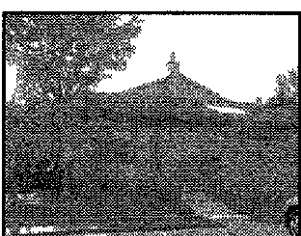
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Delightful Condo! Perfect ground floor location Private entrance & carport 2 BRs both w/lg closets Kit has newer oak cnts BA has new tile Refinished HDWD flrs t/o Very open Hurry! O&E 50Ann 888 870 9127



SOUTHFIELD \$195,000
Southfield Condo 3 Bdrm 2.5 Baths W/ Many Updates Inc Kit Cabs Mst Ste W/WIC Best Location In Southfield 2 Car Garage All Appliances Stay Excellent Value OEL42ROD 888 870 9105



SOUTH LYON \$429,900
Location location location Own a little bit of country with a touch of class! 2 1/2 acres 4 bdrms Great 1st flr master suite Open floor plan soaring ceilings 3-car garage Close to xways (BGSly30HEN) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$79,900
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WALLED LAKE \$133,888
Super nice town house! Spacious living room large master bedroom Finished basement private entrance facing commons area Why rent when you can own your own place? (BGSly34HAR) 888 870 9131



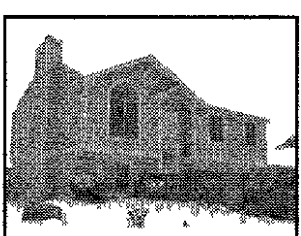
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$249,900
Lake Privileges! Contemporary West Bloomfield colonial boasts impressive great rm w/vaulted ceiling hwdv floor new Berber carpet freshly painted & ready for immed occupancy (BGN48RIC) 888 870 9123



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Exceptional 2 bdrm 2 bath Ranch Condo! All appliances are included Open floor plan club house & pool 2 car garage basement home warranty clean & neutral Sure to please (BGN07ELM) 888 870 9123



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Perfect Starter! 3br 1 bath w/ basement Updates galore! Windows roof counter & kitchen cabinet Artists home Room to build garage and much more Lake access upper straits (BGN35BET) 888 870 9123



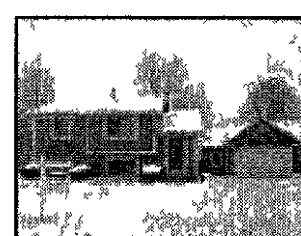
WESTLAND \$190,000
Mint 3br 1.5 bath! Cathedral ceilings newer pergio type floor in most of home Faux wood blinds great kit w/newer appl Fp fenced yd ornamental trees Great flow & home for the heart (BGN19NEL) 888 870 9123



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Spacious Cape Cod on Premium Lot! 3bdrm 2.5 bath basement & lovely deck w/beautiful wooded view of wetlands Neutral decor plus extra insulation make for quiet atmosphere (BGN84RAV) 888 870 9123



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Exceptional 3 BR colonial Wood cabinets in kitchen Hard wood floors in dining area 1st floor laundry Finished basement LL Rec Rm Office/study Lot overlooks nature preserve play area (BGSly94POS) 888 870 9131

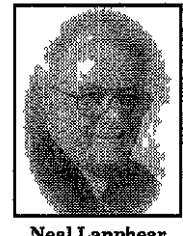


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Indian Wells Raised Ranch Updates inc Carpet Paint Cer Tile In Foyer Bath Kthn C/A 1998 Blt 2.5 Car Gar W/lg 2nd Story Storage OEL12WEN 888 870 9105



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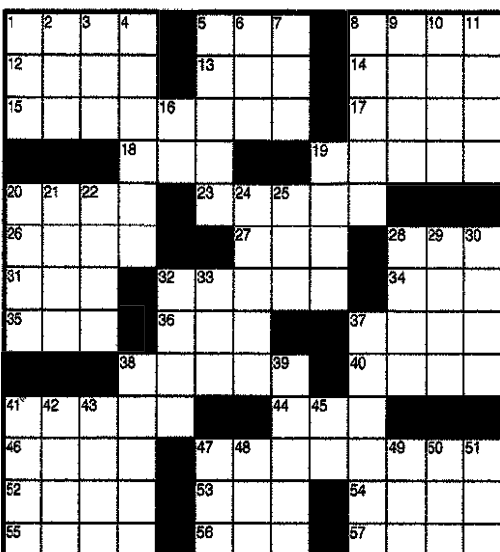
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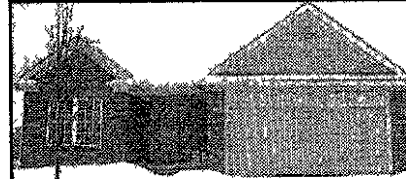
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4 BR 2.5 BA colonia located in Orchard Estates on approx 1.6 acres High quality 1/2 3 frp cs MBR suite w/garden tub & frplc Sunroom leads to secluded deck State of the art kit & appls W/O LL Newer roof & furn

(E25LEW) 248-349-5600 \$499,900



SOUTH LYON Trotter's Pointe Village
\$2,000 for C/A Super sharp 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 car attached garage FFL 1999 built colonial Basement frplc in FR Hdw'd fr sprinkers deck MBR w/BA jetted tub & sep shower Appliances & home warranty incl

(E51COL) 248-349-5600 \$284,900



GARDEN CITY Wow Cape Cod w/3 Baths
Great pr ce super sharp master suite + 2 vaulted ceilings first floor laundry brick & vinyl 2 car attached garage basement fireplace C/A builder pays trans tax

(E27BIR) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



SOUTH LYON Entertaining Floor Plan
3 bedrooms 2 baths cathedral ceilings Pergo flooring w/warranty C/A large bedrooms brick paver patio ceramic baths walk in closet Ve y open & airy floor plan Premium or Plus a home warranty

(E23PRI) 734-455-5600 \$209,900




VAN BUREN I Won't Last Long
3 bdrm 1.5 bath ranch on approx 5 acre w/2.5 car gar many major updates newer carpet t/o over hwd'd flrs C/A For da rm cer tile in bath newer windows & huge yard near x ways & walk to elem sch! Home warranty included

(E50HAG) 734-455-5600 \$134,900




CLAWSON Beautifully Updated
This is a showplace updated baths & kitchen Awesome open floor plan w/spacious bedrooms Vaulted ceilings custom moldings & lighting Newer appls included 1 you like pottery barn you'll love this

(E44SCH) 248-349-5600 \$239,900




WEST BLOOMFIELD Lake Living At Its Best
Beautiful 3 BR 3 BA 2 story home in a quiet bay location on Walnut Lake Spacious master suite w/bath her's baths & W/O GR w/frplc w/marble frplc and great view of lake Wh to kitchen & sun filled breakfast rm

(E85COM) 248-349-5600 \$899,000



GARDEN CITY New Community Very Nice
Ranch w/2 full baths fireplace daylight windows in basement 2 car attached garage spacious floor plan dining room kitchen w/snack bar P eassy e to show Builder pays tax

(E26BIR) 734-455-5600 \$195,475



WESTLAND A Special Colonial
3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/bright kitchen w/all appliances family room w/gas fireplace leading to private yard w/gas & hot tub Finished lower level & 2 ca attached garage

(E39BRY) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



REDFORD Ready To Move In!
3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch w/many of the high ticket items done Updates include w/windows tu new oak & new carpet Appliances & home warranty included

(E91LEN) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



NOVI Outstanding Inside & Out
This 4 BR 2.5 BA home has a bright & airy floor plan that includes a beautiful kitchen w/maple cabinets center island & breakfast room FR w/frp c FFL formal DR w/Fench doors MBR w/WIC Shower & tub Prof landscpp

(E6SAN) 248-349-5600 \$379,900



NORTHVILLE Beautiful Lot
3 BR 2.5 BA home recent updates w/croft patio on own mldgs & ce bath Kit w/ oak cabinets & ce flr On app ox 1/2 acre w/brick paver patio Walk to elem sch Close to Maybury Pk & easy access to x ways

(E47CHI) 248-349-5600 \$259,900




WAYNE Great Singles Home
Bring your antiques 3 bedroom home w/garage basement fireplace in living room all close to shopping & churches All built in 1920 w/irmediate occupancy

(E48WAY) 734-455-5600 \$111,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Community Condo!
A pleasure to show! Favorite 1st floor master open floor plan 2 story foyer curved staircase cer tile in foyer & kit + granite tops 42 cream cabs & SS appls cath ceiling in bsmt w/gas frplc + deck full bsmt & 2 car att gar

(E73LYO) 734-455-5600 \$379,900




WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
This home has all the bells and whistles Granite in kitchen ceramic tile & hardwood floors Walk out wooded lot Fireplace in FR 4 BR 2.5 BA 3 car garage grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area Bonus room FFL

(E80YAR) 248-349-5600 \$559,900




NOVI Rare 4 BR Ranch
Rossi ranch best of everything quality ceramic crown molding 4 bedrooms family room w/fireplace formal living room & dining room Newer kitchen counters partially finished basement & much more

(E62ROX) 248-349-5600 \$364,900



ROMULUS Gorgeous 3 Bedroom
First time buyers this house is completely refurbished see it for yourself Beautiful kitchen with ceramic tile Home sets way back on approx 35 acres of land with mature trees Seller will assist in closing costs

(E67EUR) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



DEARBORN HGTS Meticulously Maintained
Solid brick 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch w/updated kitchen floor countertop & cabinets updated bath w/Corian counter & ceramic tile 2 car garage finished basement w/bar & possible 4th bdrm A real must see!

(E55CEN) 734-455-5600 \$164,900




CANTON Wooded End Unit Ranch
Sharp like new 3 bedroom 2 bath condo offering 2 way fireplace great room formal dining room 1st floor laundry basement 2 car attached garage in excellent location

(E40HOQ) 734-455-5600 \$304,755



NORTHVILLE Lakes of Northville
Extensively updated 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial Hdw'd flrs newer carpet baths kit & more Spacious open floor plan Fin LL w/walk & gorgeous tree lot Multi level deck newly landscaped Transferable swim club opp

(E24WAT) 248-349-5600 \$424,900



NORTHVILLE Historic Northville
Vintage charm gracefully updated w/newer windows furnace HW/H A/C roof & more Baths recently remodeled by current owner/architect The investment is golden Lifestyle is sterling & potential is priceless

(E34RAY) 248-349-5600 \$329,900



AUBURN HILLS Brand New Condo
2 bedroom 2 bath raised ranch condo w/loads of upgrades from the cherry extra high cabinets to the ceramic baths and state of the art appliances Double crown moldings t/o Upgraded carpet & pad

(E23JOT) 248-349-5600 \$259,900



MILFORD Walk to Downtown Milford
Newest you'll love this 4 bdrm colonial! Studio ceiling in FR vaulted ceiling in master suite hwd'd flrs in foyer & kit A homey architectural design Perfect for someone who des res low outdoor maintenance

(E35TUR) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot
3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow w/2 car garage attached by breezeway finished basement w/2nd kitchen & bath Newer roof windows kitchen and carpet

(E16BRA) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



SOUTH LYON Too Many Fine Qualities
Spectacular best describes this stately 4 BR 3 1/2 BA custom colonial deep in golf community Certainly nothing spared \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck

(E5TSAT) 248-349-5600 \$349,000



NOVI Wonderful Ranch Home
Large ranch home on a double lot w/walled lake privileges 3 bedrooms 2 full baths & wraparound deck Lots of fresh paint and carpet Great access to freeways & 12 Oaks

(E30PAR) 248-349-5600 \$230,000




NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living
3 bedroom 2.5 bath suite entry and unit w/walk out Great room w/fireplace Master has luxurious bath & closet Lower level has terrific cherry cabs wet bar ceramic tile carpet & TV alcove

(E04LOC) 248-349-5600 \$442,500



REDFORD South Redford Brick Ranch
3 bedroom 2 bath home w/professionally finished basement 2 car garage w/workshop Newer vinyl windows fireplace w/gorgeous marble ceramic tile in kitchen & baths Convenient location Won't last

(E85BRA) 734-455-5600 \$151,900



LIVONIA 2 Homes For The Price Of One
Live in the 3 bedroom brick bungalow & rent out the 2nd house or use as in law quarters All appliances stay

(E00HAL) 734-455-5600 \$199,999



WEST BLOOMFIELD Chelsea Park Value
You will love all the goods 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial tucked away in the Forest of Chelsea Park on a cul de sac and backs up to woods Grand fireplace in FR Fabulous fin w/o w/theatre area & bedroom & lib

(E90PEM) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



WESTLAND Welcome Home
Awesome 4 bedroom 2 bath cape cod w/all the updates Newer windows C/A updated kitchen hardwood floors Beautiful yard with a garden Too many items to list Livonia Schools

(E43HEN) 248-349-5600 \$226,900



NOVI You Want It, We've Got It
All the most wanted features open floor plan 1st floor master fireplace finished lower level 4 bedrooms 4 baths first floor laundry large deck and wooded lot & a dewalks Northville schs Fresh paint

(E88MYS) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



WESTLAND Why Rent When You Can Buy
This 3 bedroom solid brick home has been extensively updated w/newer vinyl windows steel entry doors Pergo floor in kitchen w/newer cabinets & partially finished basement w/bar

(E23GLO) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



LINCOLN PARK Character & Charm
5 bedroom 2 full bath brick colonial w/2 car garage basement newer hot water heater 2001 formal dining room living room & 1 year home warranty

(E80PAR) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



ORCHARD LAKE Best Of Two Lakes
The views will amaze you Orchard Lake in front and Upper Strats in back 6 BR 3.5 BA contemporary home Huge DR can entertain your largest group Fabulous opportunity Has not been available for 30 yrs

(E47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$2,399,900



CANTON Charming Canton Condo
Nicely updated 3 bedroom condo w/basement Park like setting backs to commons area Freshly painted Newer HW heater windows deck Immediate occupancy

(E71FRA) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



REDFORD Ranch On Corner Lot
Great looking 3 bedroom home Breezeway provides a bonus room for an office or den Privacy fenced yard Lets you enjoy the above ground pool all summer

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NORTHVILLE \$1,195,000
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings gourmet kit w/granite Magnificent mstr ste fin d w/o bsmt Numerous amenities! (54W002)

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NORTHVILLE \$999,000
ELEGANT LAKEFRONT HOME IN NORTHVILLE 4 bdrm 3 baths/2 lavs Hrdwd granite 2 stairways Mstr ste w/glamour bath & 20x10 closet Neutral decor Lush landscaping Trex deck patio private beach (25PAR2)

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NOVI \$664,900
A HOUSE BEAUTIFUL DESIGN Magnificent home elegant LR & DR gorgeous kit & brkfst area w/great views of the wood lb spacious FR 4 lg brs charming mstr suite A remarkable palacell! (57HL2)

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CANTON \$629,900
PRIVATE BACK & SIDE YARD WITH TREES 4 BR 4.5 BA elaborate deck 2 tier oak paver patio lg grmt kit w/FP grnte cntropt study/5th BR mstr ste w/FP & whirlpool tub 2 WIC's dual strcs & more! (S48832)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$405,000
DECORATED TO PERFECTION! 4 bdrm 2.5 bath col 2 story foyer formal LR & DR gourmet kit mstr ste & bath 1st fir laundry Upgrades galore X large corner lot Walk to Dodson elemen (23W160)

734-455-7000



NOVI \$335,000
OUTSTANDING VALUE AND LOCATION! Beautifully maintained Dunbarton Pines colonial Large kitchen w/bay & nook FR w/plc cath ceiling bsmt prepped for bath extra deep garage newer roof (01FOR2)

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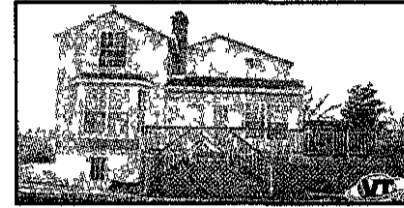
NOVI \$325,000
GREAT OPEN FLOOR PLAN! 4 bed 2.5 bath colonial freshly painted neutral in most rooms Fam rm has fireplace & wet bar Partial finished LL w/2nd fam rm & workshop Many updates. (60HUN2)

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LIVONIA \$288,500
LOVELY BURTON HOLLOW CAPE COD New siding ft dr & gar dr Newer roof 97 replmt vinyl win updated kit w/all appl updated baths new carpet 98 Swim club & elem school in sub Home warranty (12W002)

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CANTON \$274,999
RENOVATED FARMHOUSE Country living w/ all the finest upgrades Beautiful Cape Cod style with 4 bdrms 2 baths stone fireplace in great rm finished walkout basement and awesome lot (R614)

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NOVI \$265,900
READY TO MOVE? Updated col Nov schools Fin bsmt neut decor l/o Over 2100 sq ft (23S22637)

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HOWELL \$264,900
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN LAKE COMMUNITY Lakeshore Pointe site condo Access to Thompson Lake Walk out basement Four bedroom colonial (44RAV2)

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CANTON \$259,900
GORGEOUS COLONIAL on premium lot w/ pond view Fenced yard tiered deck 1st fir laun dry & kit Warm & friendly family rm w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace Full basement (23T464)

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CANTON \$249,900
WHY BUY NEW? Check out 3 yr old unit w/many expensive extras Premium lot prof fin walk out lower level 1st fir master 2 additl BR's & den upper 2 FP (P1866)

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LIVONIA \$239,900
HERE'S THAT NEWER RANCH you've been looking for 3 BR 2 BA GR w/cath cell FP & wet br mstr w/full ba cath cell formal DR lg kit huge part fin bsmt 2 car attd gar & more (028277)

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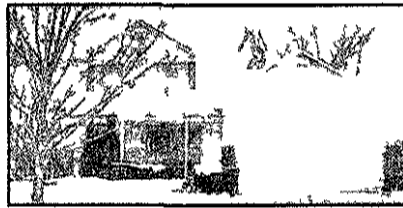
WESTLAND \$234,900
CUSTOM RANCH W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS On large lot 3 bdrms w/many updates custom oak kit formal DR ceramic tiled FR w/FP Full bsmt covered patio w/hot tub newer windows 2 1/2 car att garage (P346)

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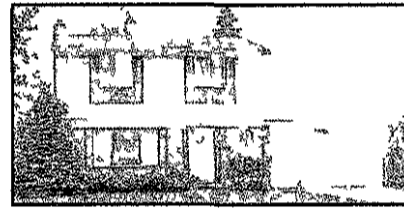
LIVONIA \$217,900
UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION! 5 MI & Newburgh ranch offers open fir plan w/2 car attached garage fin bsmt custom updated kitchen baths if furn & more (J38751)

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CANTON \$214,900
SHARP NEWER COLONIAL W/ALL THE EXTRAS Private lot open floor plan master bath 1st floor laundry 2 car attached garage & beautifully finished lower level (M1796)

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PLYMOUTH \$209,900
FAMILY HOME! 3 Bedroom home close to elementary school Updated kitchen large master bedroom with french doors Home warranty (23T8821)

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LIVONIA \$199,900
NEW OPPORTUNITY IN POPULAR KIMBERLY OAKS Loaded w/updates like a new kit & wndws beautiful freidstones gas FP brk paver patio & more This 1377sq ft ranch is looking for new owners! (B32755)

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NOVI \$196,500
COMPLETELY UPDATED NOVI RANCH! Sparking kit & brkfst area Beautiful lg FR w/ cathedral ceiling 3 BRs LR w/FP New windows newer hi eff furnace/AC newer roof New deck w/prv fenced yard (83LEB2)

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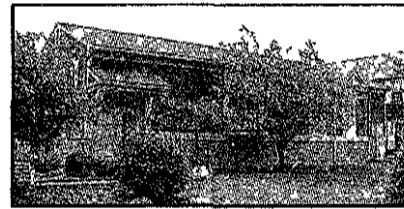
NORTHVILLE \$187,000
NORTHVILLE CONDO - ONE YEAR NEW! Uniquely beautiful Cozy warm & inviting Bright friendly kitchen large master bedroom with balcony Priced below state taxable value (Lease available) (65rv8)

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DEARBORN \$159,000
OUTSTANDING LOCATION! Open & airy 3 bedroom bungalow Cove ceilings huge master skylite 2.5 car garage with workshop Most appliances included (01NEW2)

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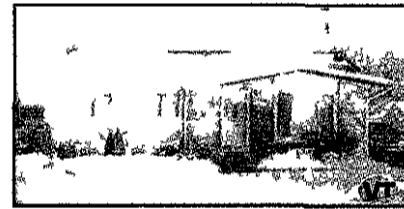
NOVI \$158,000
RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2 BR carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage new windows carpet neutral decor Very open floor plan Move right in! (45DEL2)

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BELLEVILLE \$155,000
BEAUTIFUL 2 BR CONDO W/ ROOM TO ROAM! 2 Story brick town home features a custom patio This condo is one of the few w/sco much open land behind it! Only 2 yrs old & ready for you to move right in! (H896)

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REDFORD \$146,900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP 3 BR 2.5 BA lots of updates newer vinyl wndws furn & c/a fresh paint updated kit fin bsmt w/rec rm neutral carpet approx 2 yrs cove ceilings & more (S8B18)

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WAYNE \$144,900
EXPAND WITHOUT EXPENSE This is a 1400 sq ft 3 BDRM brick home w/ 1 1/2 baths remodeled oak kitchen w/ 2 1/2 car garage hardwood floors newer windows & central air conditioning (C451)

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WESTLAND \$144,900
3 BEDROOM WESTLAND BRICK RANCH! Spacious dining rm & kit with appliances in cluded! Partially finished basement with tons of storage & glass block windows Newer roof wallside wncows HWH (23V6349)

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GARDEN CITY \$142,900
GREAT LOCATION!! South on Venoy from Ford to Hennepin 1 block west Recent updates shingles & siding on house & garage Doorwall from BR leads to wood deck in backyard (H332)

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REDFORD \$139,900
YOU'VE BEEN WAITING AND HERE IT IS! This updated & inviting home sides to park and elementary school Situated in one of Redford's finest areas New furn air r/ gutters plumb wndws & more! (D15651)

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WAYNE \$135,000
WAKE UP WITH A SMILE in this cute all brick ranch Beautiful updated kitchen newer windows doors alum trim Roof & A/C 8 years 2 car garage Home warranty All appl included (23M31620)

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REDFORD \$131,711
EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! Full brick! Three BRs Fin bsmt 24x24 block garage newer windows r/ shingles electcal copper plumbing & carpet Remodeled white kit privacy fenced yd (I20455)

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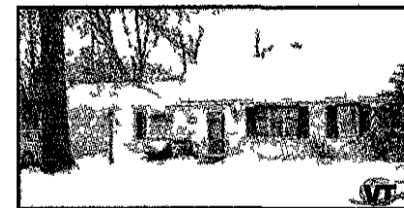
WESTLAND \$129,999
QUIET STREET 3 bedroom brick bungalow with newer vinyl windows ceramic bath hardwood floors under carpet glass block windows in basement 2.5 car garage (B146)

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LIVONIA \$129,900
ALL BRICK RANCH WITH FINISHED BASEMENT! Big kitchen hardwood floors that need refinishing 3 windows left to replace furn & C/A 4 yrs old bathroom has double sinks patio in back is brick & more! (I150)

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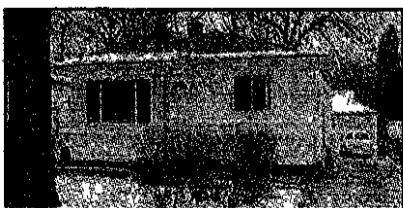
GARDEN CITY \$129,900
WANT CHARM COMFORT? This 3 BR aluminum ranch on an 80 ft lot has it all Att'd garage newer roof shingles greenhouse vinyl windows furnace carpet remodeled kitchen & more (B322)

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REDFORD \$114,900
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM! 3 BR bungalow has it all Updates include r/ furn ac bath rm elec vinyl siding All kitchen appliances stay along w/washer & dryer One yr home warranty (G17430)

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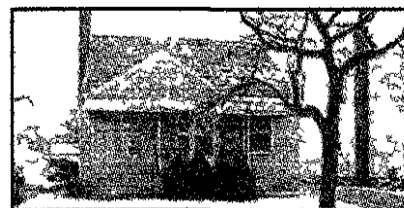
REDFORD \$111,900
GREAT STARTER HOME! New kitchen with brand new stove and refrigerator Nice back yard hardwood floors Move right in and make it your home! (P19775)

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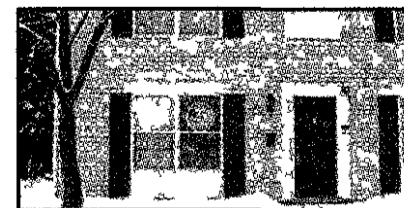
REDFORD \$104,900
FINALLY SOME EXTRA SPACE Updated ranch w/over 1200 SF Move right in & enjoy the huge 21x14 family rm w/drwll overlooking yd or up dated eat in kit Many updates thru out Much more! (A14950)

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DETROIT \$95,000
GREAT WARRENDALE BUNGALOW 3 BR 1.5 ba home w/full bsmt & 2 car gar 1099 sq ft ceramic tile in kit & DR hwdw in LR hall & bdrms New roof(03) newer furn hwh & ca Appl stay Home warranty (60BRA2)

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CANTON \$94,900
YES, THE PRICE IS \$94,900! Small price to pay for your new humble abode 2 Bedroom condo w/all appliances & some new furniture Doorwall leads out to the patio Plymouth/Canton schools (23C1756)

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WESTLAND \$79,900
A GREAT START IS YOURS in this aluminum Westland ranch With country kitchen and covered carport Newer roof shingles & covered patio complete the package (B334)

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NORTHVILLE \$184,900
CONVENIENCE, STYLE, & FUNCTIONALITY! Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl Incl New berber carpet paint & lg indry rm w/ lots of storage Neutral decor 1 car gar fin bsmt Hurry! 021226

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SOUTH LYON \$159,900
SUPER LOCATION! W/O END UNIT WITH FLA RM 2 BRS, 2 baths fam rm with gas FP att gar 65+ adult community lake priv clubhouse all appliances fabulous scenery and privacy Hurry! 64CAM2

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LIVONIA \$105,000
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The 2004 Toyota Tundra

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BY DALE BUSS

Bit by bit, Toyota is threatening to become the biggest player in the American automotive market besides General Motors. And for a glimpse at how they're going about it, the 2004 Tundra Double Cab pickup is a good place to start.

It's difficult to argue that Tundra represents as robust and complete a rendering of the all-American pickup truck as the Chevrolet Silverado or the Dodge Ram or the new Ford F-150, and it isn't even as formidable as the new Nissan Titan -- so I won't do that. But for all but the traditional, die-hard fans of Big Three pickin'-up trucks, Toyota Tundra Double Cab should represent a solid purchase and a satisfying ownership experience.

The new Double Cab model is a four-door crew cab truck featuring a deep, six-foot-long bed, which brings Toyota closer to having a true full-size pickup. The Double Cab is three inches taller, four inches wider, and is built on a longer chassis than the other Tundra pickups. With the addition of the Double Cab, the Tundra is now available in regular cab, extended cab, and crew cab bodies. Of course, making conventional space for a rear tier of seating has to come out of somewhere. Tundra's regular cab offers an eight-foot cargo bed and the Access Cab model a 6-1/2-foot bed.

There's something particularly Toyota-like about Tundra's outward appearance. Unlike the domestic makes' pickups, it's as if Toyota didn't feel the need so much to intimidate with its design of Tundra as to perform with the vehicle. So Tundra sports that very sleek, unperturbed, understated style that is so characteristic of most Toyota vehicles, and it fits the personality of the truck well. One more interesting design feature is a unique power-down rear window.



The 2004 Tundra is smooth, quiet and sure-footed even in the snow.

But Toyota makes up for its lack of obvious mass in other ways, and one of them is its performance. Compared with some domestic models, Tundra feels more sure-footed and more responsive, and the recent snowy and icy weather in metro Detroit certainly wasn't a significant obstacle. Traction and drivability were never issues with the four-speed automatic transmission in the vehicle.

Tundra also was smooth and quiet, its 4.7-liter, V8 engine providing exceptional power without all the growling Toyota's specs say that Tundra, properly equipped, can tow up to 7,100 pounds or haul up to 1,800 pounds. Still, mileage is 14 mpg in the city and 18 mpg on the highway. Even with the vehicle's huge gas tank, fuel disappears quickly with those kinds of numbers, even when you're not hauling or towing anything.

What was most impressive about Tundra was the inside. Not the accouterments or amenities,

but simply the fact that, in the Double Cab, Toyota finally had produced a vehicle that has it all, in a sense: hauling and towing capacity with plenty of room for five passengers. Like most Toyotas, Tundra is appointed in a way that suits the middle market, including as standard a deluxe stereo, cloth captains chairs, a center console with two cup holders, cruise control and power windows and door locks and so on.

But with the Double Cab SR5 model, Toyota moves a little bit upscale with a JBL six-CD stereo, an information center overhead, a power moon roof and other touches.

Toyota promises a completely redesigned Tundra line for 2006. But for now, with suggested retail prices starting for well under \$20,000 and continuing up to around \$30,000, the new Double Cab and other various Tundra models are suiting Toyota -- and its customers -- just fine.

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MP3 CD/cass. 4 wheel ABS fog lamps side mirror w/ power windows 5 spd auto O/D trans tires de box power equip group speed control 1.8 liter engine 4.0 liter engine 4.0 liter engine 4.0 liter engine
Stock #41576
Was \$26,015
\$15,057^{20*}

2004 F150 Supercab STX
Preferred equipment pkg 4.6L EFI 8 spd slip axle sliding trailer tow pkg speed control glass 4.0 liter engine 4.0 liter engine 4.0 liter engine 4.0 liter engine
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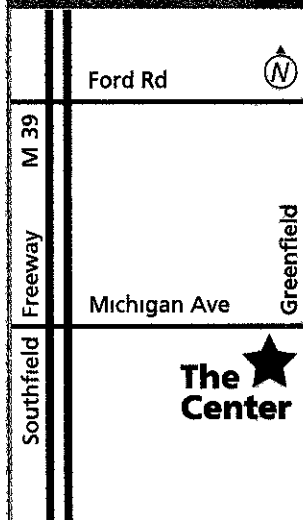
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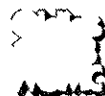


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new wave technology

Ima Robot may sound like '80s music - but with a harder edge

Alex Ebert stands alone in the middle of an unlit stage and flinches as if he's being shot with electricity. A crowd is filling the Toronto concert hall and barely notices Ebert. A full minute and many flinches later, the air is filled with sounds of a guitar being tuned. Ebert is still convulsing. The crowd watches a little more.

Now five long minutes pass and three others join the stage. White lights come on, the audience is more attentive, and the lanky twentysomething Ebert sings "Here's a story for the kuuuds."

The band is called Ima Robot and it plays an upbeat song titled *Dynomite* that's reminiscent of '80s new wave but definitely fresh and harder. One song passes and the audience is happily captured dancing, cheering and nodding their heads in approval - which is odd because Ima Robot isn't headlining. It's merely opening for Jane's Addiction.

Weeks later, Ima Robot sings *Dynomite* and *Alive* on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* Soon after, it's on *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

"Letterman was tremendous," Ebert said from his L.A. loft that was once a Liberace museum. "That was traumatic, I was terrified. Kimmel was just a lot of fun."

The Los Angeles band signed to Virgin Records last year and has already toured with The White Stripes, Jane's Addiction and will soon join the Warped Tour.

Playing their mesh of new-wave/punk and glam to such diverse rock audiences doesn't intimidate Ebert.

"We've never been booed off a stage because even if they don't like us, they can see that we're not f---ing around with this music," he said.

Ima Robot will play the Magic Bag in Ferndale with The Sounds and Kill Hanna on Feb. 20.

Ebert said the band is comfortable with its nonstop tour, it's how they built momentum in L.A. Its album *Alive!* is slowly rising on the charts. Its song *Scream* will soon be featured on Showtime's popular *Queer as Folk*.

THE START

Ebert was a popular graffiti artist and DJ around L.A. when he decided to form Ima Robot with guitarist and friend



While other rock bands sing about their misery, Ima Robot's fun new wave music, with a harder edge, is quickly gaining popularity.

IMA ROBOT

What: A triple bill show at the Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. The Sounds headline, followed by Kill Hannah and Ima Robot.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Tickets \$12 available at the office or through Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Call the Magic Bag at (248) 544-3030 for details.

The album: Check out samples of the music on www.imarobot.com. Their album, *Alive!* is available at record stores.

Timmy the Terror and keyboardist Young Olgee. They played to crowds of screaming teenage and twentysomething girls for about a year, but couldn't land a record deal. Then they grabbed drummer Joey Waronke and Beck's bassist Justin Medal Johnson.

Ima Robot played the city's raunchy and cutthroat nightclub scene even harder. The band, dressed in a mix of '80s stripes, sunglasses and resale gear, was soon selling out the clubs.

What makes the band unique is that its popularity surged through word of mouth from fans, not through a record

company. Not since Jane's Addiction in the late 1980s had an L.A. band packed nightclubs without the promotional support of a major record label.

Beyond L.A.'s borders, Ima Robot's fun style is gaining attention in a time when the most popular music is about anger and frustration a la Linkin Park and Puddle of Mudd. Ima Robot is still trying to stay grounded through it all.

"The first thing I did after getting signed was go out and buy a Cadillac," Ebert said. "I got rid of it really fast for a hybrid, I'm not interested in that kind of glamour."

Some could compare Ima Robot to Ebert's favorite bands like the Buzzcocks, or maybe hear a rumbling of Richard Hell deep within some songs. However, Ima Robot has more mainstream staying power even though Ebert isn't a mainstream guy. He's always admittedly had his ear to the ground on underground music, but he's usually onto a new sound before it gains popularity.

"I'm only comfortable doing something that's uncomfortable," he said. "I don't like to tread familiar waters in music. Some people might say, 'But you sound like this band, but to me I say, 'Well I never sounded like it before so it's new for me.' Our music is derived from a certain sound - old new wave/punk and glam, but all music is derived from something. The key is to move forward."

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Big screen '50 First Dates' a goofy romance

(AP) — Adam Sandler's new movie *50 First Dates* is a romantic comedy that has a goofy take on the question of predestination. If you start out from the same place, under the same circumstances, in the same state of mind, will your day end the same way?

The movie also has a gigantic walrus that sprays monstrous amounts of vomit on people.

That should illustrate the two forces at work in this picture.

THE PLOT

Sandler and company find honest and hard-won laughs in their premise. Drew Barrymore plays Lucy Whitmore, an accident victim who, when she goes to sleep, forgets everything that happened to her the previous day.

Her long-term memory is intact — she remembers her gruff dad (Blake Clark) and steroid-taking brother (Sean Astin) and other details from her life in Hawaii. But every day is a Sunday, her dad's birthday, and she freaks out when she realizes that more than a year has passed since then.

Of course, she's OK the next day when she awakes, thinking it's Sunday, her dad's

birthday — then it all starts again.

The truth is overwhelming for her, so dad and brother go along with her delusion — putting the same outdated newspaper on the kitchen table, eating the same kind of birthday cake for dinner and watching *The Sixth Sense* again and again and again each night — bored stupid, while she is always amazed by the twist ending.

The day she meets Henry Roth, played by Sandler, who's a veterinarian at a marine park and a notorious womanizer. He desperately wants her to remember him, and interferes with dad and brother's scheme, asking the salient question: How long can they keep this up?

The jokes come out of the different ways he has to win her over each day.

There really seems to be no hope for Barrymore's condition, so instead of being a story about how Sandler cures her through love, *50 First Dates* is really about how one man learns to love someone even though she can never really love him back.

That's kind of sad, but these two likable stars make it very funny, too.

50 First Dates a Columbia Pictures release is rated PG-13 for sexual humor and drug references. Running time: 91 minutes. Three stars out of four.



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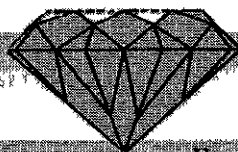
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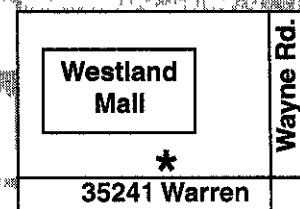
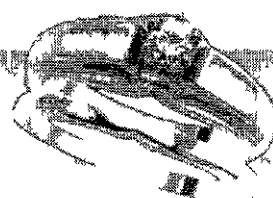
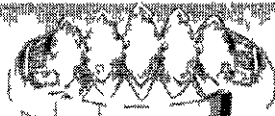
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But if you're looking for a closest-thing-to-being-there experience, check out Detroit's red carpet Oscar parties, which feature silver-screen live telecasts of the show.

After all, a little pretending never hurt anybody.

It's pretending that you're part of the event but here in Detroit, said Traci Armstrong, owner of Big Idea magazine, which sponsors the Silver Screen Soiree Academy Awards Event.

BLACK TIE

The black tie affair, a benefit for the Children's Hospital of Michigan, includes a sit-down dinner and caters to Detroit's advertising industry. The soiree begins at 5 p.m. inside the historic Lafayette Grande in Pontiac. Just beware of the spoof paparazzi and Joan Rivers look-alike.

For a more casual Oscar celebration,

there's the Annual Academy Awards Celebration at the Uptown Palladium 12 Film Theatre in downtown Birmingham. In its second year, the event starts at 7 p.m. and includes a buffet dinner and unlimited soft drinks and popcorn.

There's even an original Oscar statue on display for guests to photograph. The Oscar was awarded to the 1969 film *Hello Dolly!* for best set decoration.

For an official Academy Awards experience, head to the Star Southfield for Detroit's Oscar Night America party. A benefit for the Oakwood Healthcare Systems Foundation, the event is sanctioned by the Academy. Attendees even receive an official awards ceremony program - that's the same one in Julia Roberts' hands - and poster. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. and includes wine, beer, appetizers, a light supper, silent auction and pick-the-winners contest.

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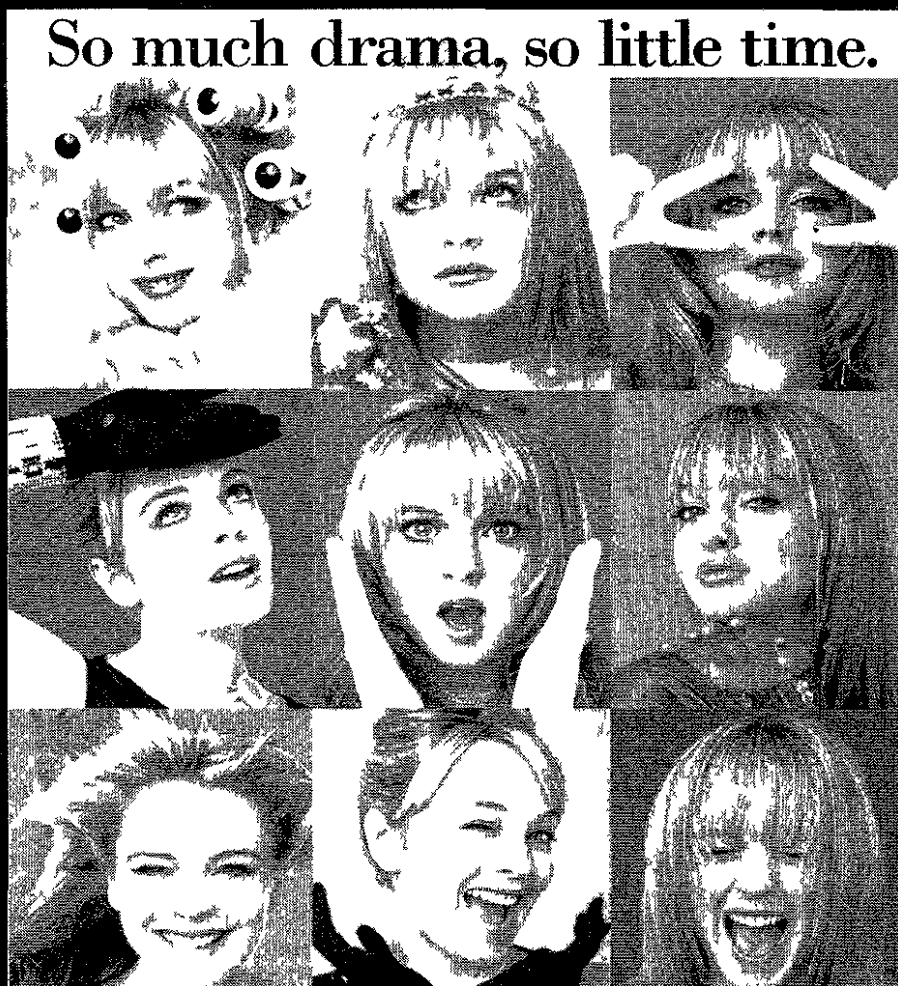
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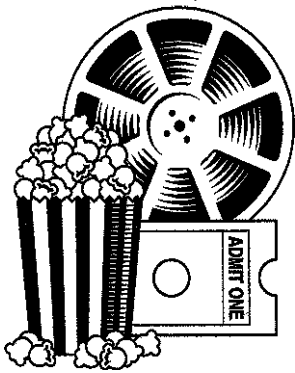
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More movies

Can you predict who will win an Oscar this year?

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

What movie is going to win the Oscar for best picture? Will it be *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*?

How about best actor? Will it be Johnny Depp, Ben Kingsley, Jude Law, Bill Murray or Sean Penn?

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Pretend you're a member of the Academy and cast your vote for Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Original Song. You can vote three ways - online at www.hometownlife.com, or fill out the Oscar Contest

Ballot in this week's *Filter* and mail or fax it to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

Then tune in the Academy Awards on ABC, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, to see how many of your predictions were right. If your predictions are right, you'll be entered into a drawing to win an annual pass to *Imagine Theatre* in Novi. Ten runners-up will receive a pair of tickets to *Imagine Theater*.

Winners will be notified by phone and listed in the Thursday, March 4, edition of *Filter*.

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Gibson defends 'The Passion of the Christ'

(AP) — Mel Gibson said the graphic depiction of Christ's crucifixion in his upcoming film *The Passion of the Christ* was meant to make viewers realize the extent of Christ's sacrifice.

"I think it pushes one over the edge so that they see the enormity, the enormity of that sacrifice," he said during an interview with Diane Sawyer for ABC's *Primetime*.

Gibson, who funded, directed and co-wrote the upcoming movie, said he wanted the movie to be shocking and extreme.

"It's very violent and if you don't like it, don't go, you know?" Gibson said in excerpts of the interview provided by ABC. "If you want to leave halfway through, go ahead."

The R-rated movie, set for release Feb. 25, details the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus. Gibson maintains it's a faithful biblical narrative, but some

worry that its depiction of the role of some Jews in the death of Christ may lead to an increase in anti-Semitism.

Among them is Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, who has seen the film twice.

Gibson told Sawyer the film was not anti-Semitic and was instead about 'faith, hope, love and forgiveness.'

To be anti-Semitic is a sin, the actor-director said. "It's been condemned by one Papal Council after another. To be anti-Semitic is to be un-Christian and I'm not."

Gibson appeared on *Primetime* with Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. Foxman told Sawyer he does not believe Gibson or the film are anti-Semitic but added that the movie has the potential to fuel anti-Semitism to reinforce it.

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So these comedians walk into a bar and ...

Mark Ridley enjoys giving new talent space to play

Mark Ridley knew and believed in comedian Tim Allen long before the television show *Home Improvement*

The founder and owner of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle - now in its 25th year - even gave the well-known comedian a few of his first onstage gigs

But Ridley of Rochester Hills doesn't take any credit for Allen's success

"I was the gym, I had nothing to do with his career other than I provided the venue"

That was back in the old days of comedy in metro Detroit, when Ridley, a self-described class clown, first hit the scene as an organizer of standup shows

After a brief stay in Los Angeles in the late '70s and many visits to the renowned Comedy Store, a breeding ground for up-and-coming comics, Ridley decided to bring standup to Detroit

He began by organizing ad hoc shows in the basements of area restaurants, most notably a 90-seat room inside what was then the Meating Place in West Bloomfield

But the idea took off one rainy night Mike Binder, who grew up in the Detroit area and now stars on HBO's *The Mind of the Married Man*, called Ridley to inquire about performing Ridley booked him and advertised the show

Literally 500 people showed up People were outside it was raining and the police came It was a real madhouse

That was in 1979

Suffice to say Ridley who also origi-

nated the three-person-ecce-middle-headliner format that's standard in the industry, got his own club

OPENING ACT

The opening act was Dennis Miller, who, as it turns out, had an audition for *Saturday Night Live* the following day

In 1990, Ridley moved to his current location in Royal Oak, and the rest is comedy history Hundreds of big-name comedians have performed at the 400-seat club, including Paul Reiser, Garry Shandling, Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno, Rosie O'Donnell and Ellen DeGeneres

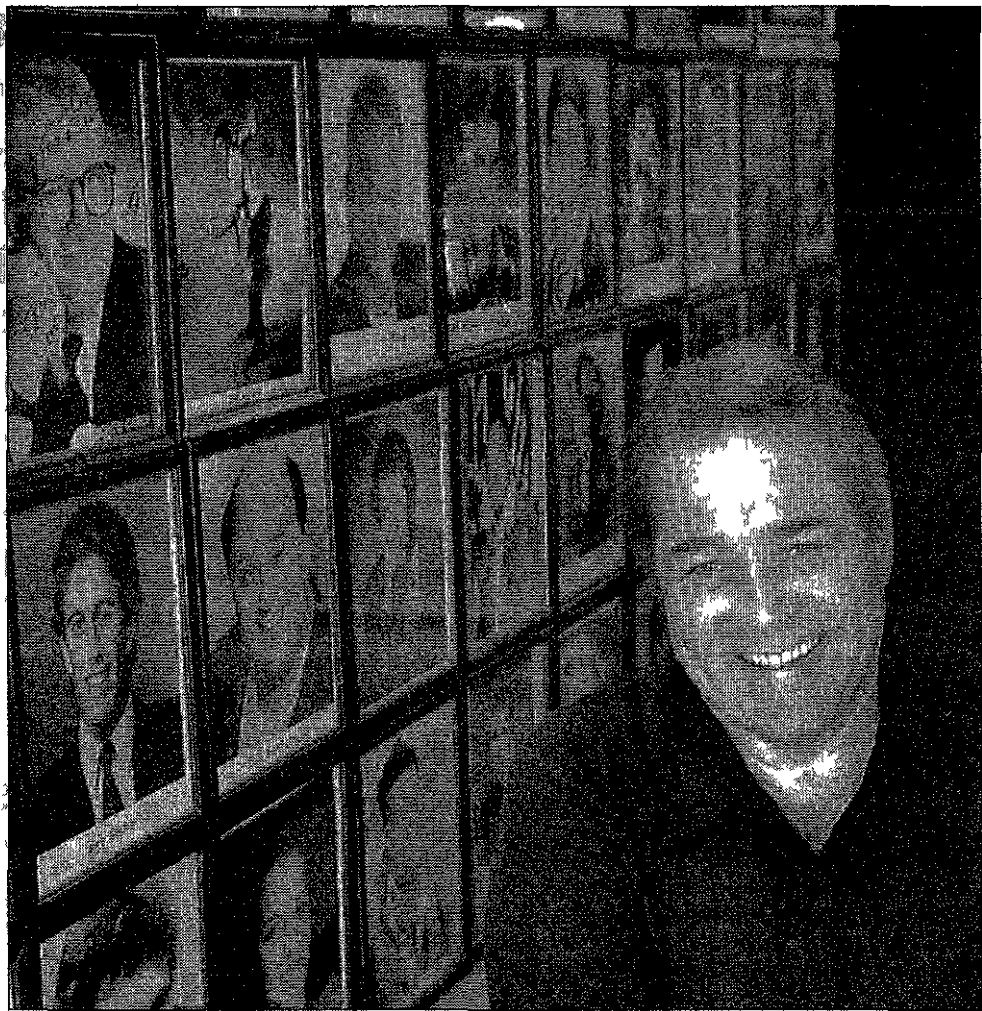
But Ridley keeps supporting local talent You could even say his latest objective is to help bring up a Detroit comedy star

"I want to do for comedy in Detroit what Bob Seger and Kid Rock have done for music"

Currently, he manages five comedians He has particularly high hopes for J Chris Newberg, a 34-year-old standup from Birmingham "I really believe that Chris has an extraordinary amount of talent."

Newberg, who recently made an appearance on the Comedy Central channel and just finished shooting a second show slated to air in the spring, said such support is rare in the industry

"I've learned a lot from the guy," Newberg said "He just gets it He gets comedy He's not the kind of guy who's just about the buck He's definitely an avid supporter



"I want to do for comedy in Detroit what Bob Seger and Kid Rock have done for music," says Mark Ridley, who's showcased many of the country's top comedians at his theater in Royal Oak

In the meantime, Ridley runs the Comedy Castle, coordinating each and every headline act while also growing the business

New additions to the club's lineup include Blue Mondays, an X-rated comedy night every fourth Monday of the month, and Comedy for Grown Folks, an urban comedy experience featuring national acts every third Sunday Headline shows run Thursday to Saturday Wednesday night is open mic featuring 14 comedians On Tuesday nights, there's Totally Unrehearsed Theatre improvisation plus performances by three improved open mic comics

TOUGH BUSINESS

"It's a tough business," Ridley said of running a comedy club "The classes and the theme nights have all sort of evolved over the last 10 years They're not bringing in big dollars by any means, but it does bring in a little income They talk about how competitive the music business is, comedy is the same"

So why doesn't Ridley take the stage?

"I did I emceed shows for 14 years and I still do it once a year or so," he said "I just didn't have that drive to go out and sacrifice everything Travel a lot and hear a lot of nos

Still there's no doubt Ridley loves comedy "Humor is the best medicine It's a cliché, but it's true

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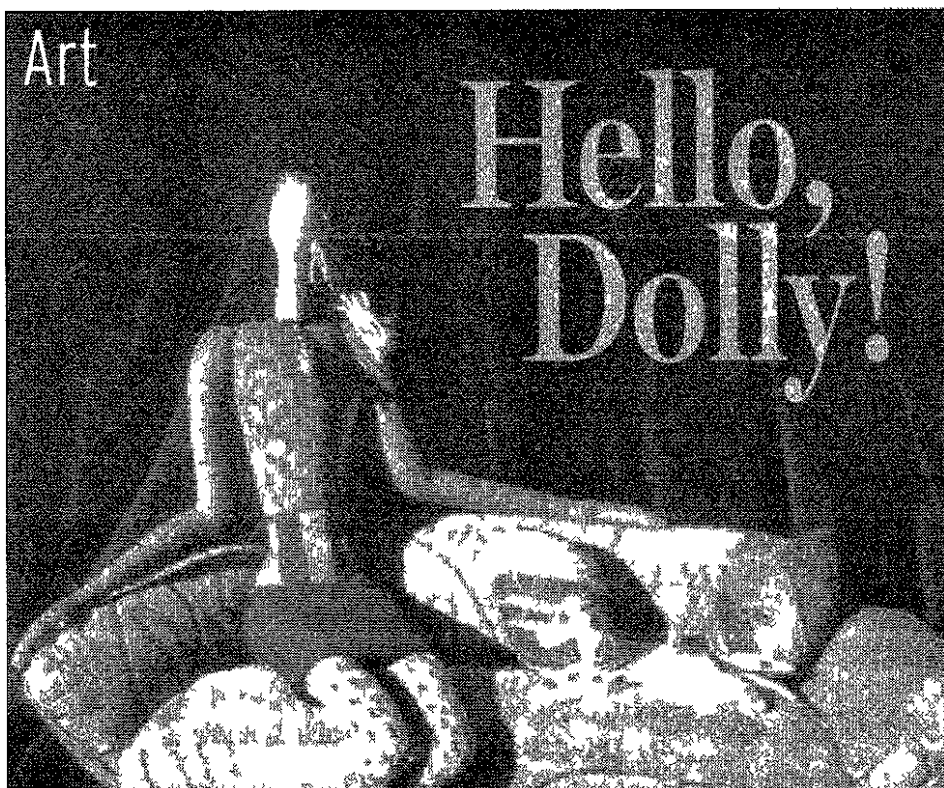
What: Lots of laughs at 25-year-old comedy club

When: Headliners perform 8 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday all other shows begin at 8 p.m. and include Blue Mondays (X-rated comedy) every fourth Monday of the month Totally Unrehearsed Theatre improv troupe every Tuesday open mic every Wednesday, and Comedy for Grown Folks every third Sunday of the month Jamie Lissow headlines this week with Rob Busboom

Where: Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 East Fourth St downtown Royal Oak

Admission: Headline shows, \$6-\$25 Blue Mondays \$7 Totally Unrehearsed Theatre \$5 open mic \$2 and Comedy for Grown Folks \$15 call (248) 542-9900 or visit www.comedycastle.com

Art



Langensiepen's streamlined dolls are fashionable works of art and are hot items at the JCC

Two doll collections tell very different stories

The art by fiber artist Julie Langensiepen is about fashion and nature

Her creations are whimsical and wildly textured. Her lean, stream-lined and playful dolls are selling right off the shelves at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in West Bloomfield.

The mood her dolls originally created for the opening of the show has changed as more dolls are purchased and replaced with different ones. Her style is wonderfully Tim Burton-esque yet unique, she plays with fashion, fabric and texture.

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ECOLOGY

Paintings are part of her show too. There she focuses solely on ecology.

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Her work focuses on the use of chemicals on lawns, water conservation and more.

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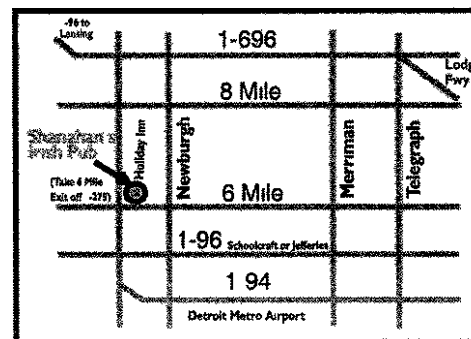
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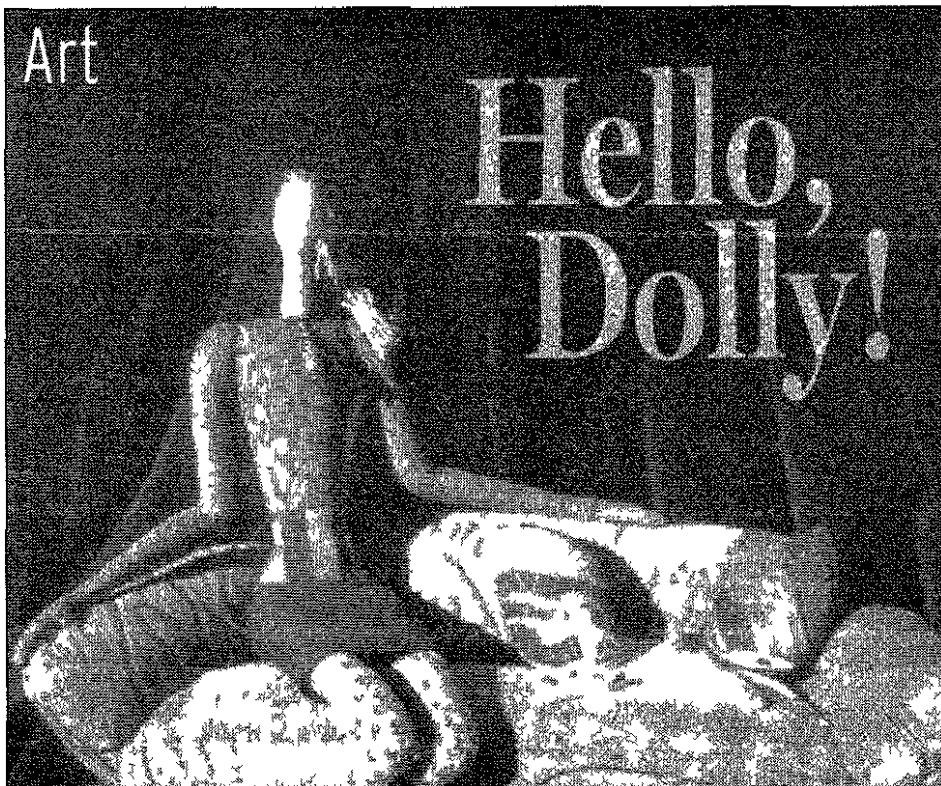
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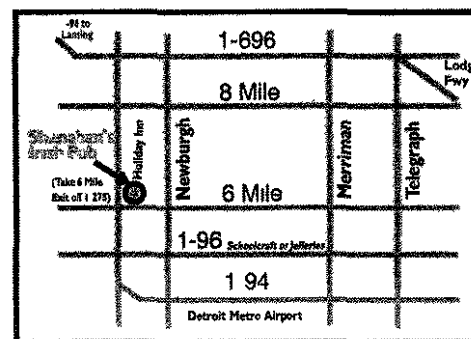
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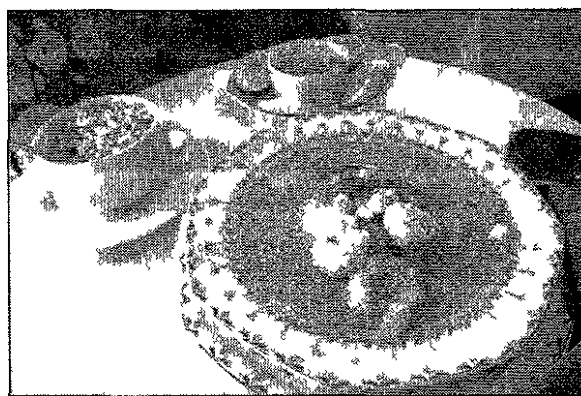
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Table hopping

Oo la la!

The French Gourmet celebrates new features

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT



Bouillabaisse a Mediterranean seafood soup that's chock full of lobster, shrimp, mussels and scallops, Indian Basmati Rice and Baguette slices with Rouille (pepper garlic sauce) are some of the highlights

After more than 10 successful years at its Woodward Avenue location in Ferndale, The French Gourmet secured a liquor license and has undergone a major renovation to celebrate the harmony of French food with French wine.

"It's a marriage that can't be broken," said Marvin Bernstein, who with wife Lina are the proprietors of The French Gourmet.

In typical small French restaurant fashion, Marvin runs the front of the house acting as a welcoming host, taking orders and serving the maximum 36 person seating capacity. Lina is the chef, making every classic on the menu from appetizers to desserts.

Three lines on the menu set a tone: "Never rush! Amour or la cuisine. We prepare your food with love. Your patience will be rewarded."

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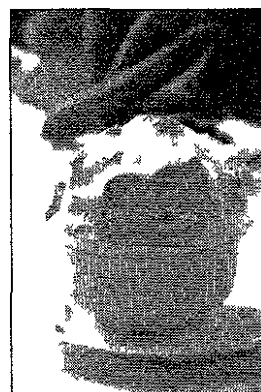
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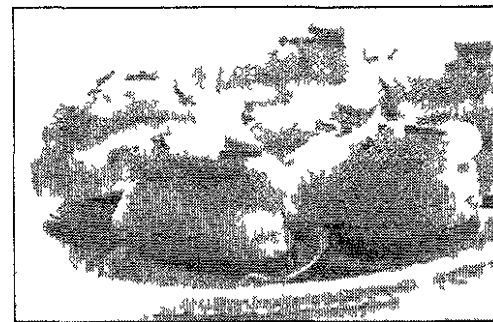
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Lina and Marvin Bernstein owners of The French Gourmet in Ferndale have secured a liquor license after 10 years of operating the restaurant

with artichoke hearts and gruyere cheese or merguez (spicy French North African lamb) sausage with French feta cheese

Brunch and lunch dessert selections are the same as the dinner menu and served with custom-roasted premium coffee

DINNER DELIGHTS

"If people are accustomed to typical French restaurant portion sizes, Marvin remarked, 'they'll be surprised by our generous servings"

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Among seven appetizers, lobster Newburg, sweetbreads and smoked salmon and French chevre cheese with brioche pastry are the most popular

Main dishes (called Specialties) are served with a seasonal salad tossed with housemade vinaigrette and accompanied by housemade rolls and bread

Bouillabaisse a Mediterranean seafood soup with rouille (pepper garlic sauce) is chock full of lobster, shrimp mussels and scallops As a contrast Spanish paella with similar fish plus chicken and andouille sausage is the only non-French menu item and a delicious seafood choice

A number of main course-sized salads offer alternatives for lighter eating Recommended are warm salad of duck and lobster, crab Louis or the unusual warm salad of chicken livers with raspberry sauce

DESSERT AND OTHER BITS OF HEAVEN

Save room for any of the splendid array of Chef Lina's desserts Among the most popular are the atypical brandy creme brulee, which is both warm and creamy, peach Melba, or a chocolate or Grand Marnier souffle (both of which need to be ordered with the main course)

A short but well-selected list of French wines and after dinner pours is amazingly well-priced The Bernsteins have chosen the wines with the same care they put into every aspect of their restaurant

The French Gourmet is singular Although her food is stellar, Chef Lina does not seek stardom Marvin extends a trace more formality and graciousness than encountered elsewhere yet he's never pretentious There are three simple house rules in this slice of culinary heaven No baseball caps no cell phones and no smoking

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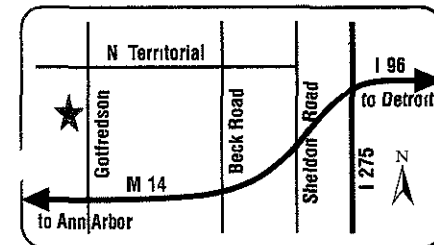
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BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
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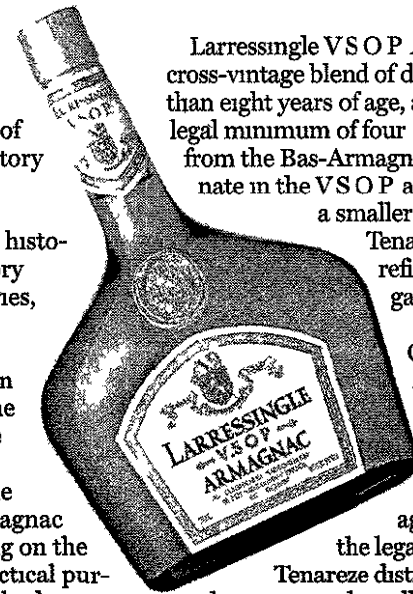
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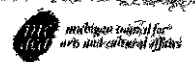
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Music

In world music's exotic landscape, musician stands out

There's growing interest in roots music, said musician and record label owner Ara Topouzian

Yuppie crowds growing bored with rock are seeking out traditional world beat CDs. Younger listeners are listening to more experimental music like techno infused with the dumbek (a Middle Eastern drum) or the oud.

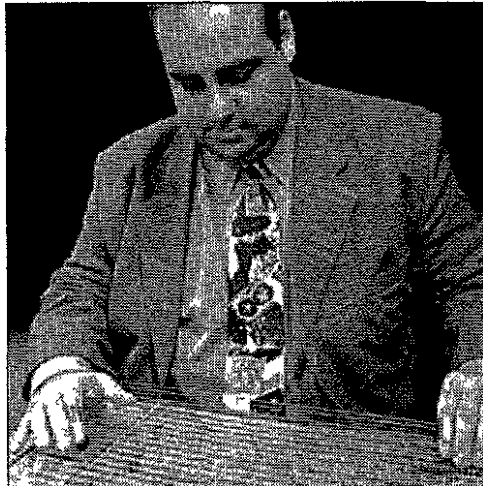
Topouzian, an Armenian kanun player, is the head of the Eastern Winds Ensemble and has been playing throughout the metro Detroit area at coffee and art houses like Xhedos and Detroit Art Space, festivals and other events. He'll play at Borders in Birmingham and Farmington later this month. In March he'll perform at Cranbrook.

"Playing Armenian music is a tough business because it's not as popular as Greek, Arabic or Turkish right now," Topouzian said.

Despite the struggle, he stays true to his Armenian roots.

"When I hear this music I get excited, I get butterflies," he said. "That's what good music does. I want it to fill my entire being."

The music is exotic, emotional — some-



Ara Topouzian will play his Armenian music at several free events throughout metro Detroit.

times it's romantic, sometimes somber, sometimes celebratory.

When Topouzian performs, the audience isn't limited to Armenian listeners, there's a curiosity for cultural understanding and music can help, he said.

"And people are starting to seek out dif-

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Ara Topouzian
musician/record label owner

ferent sounds,' he said.

"They'll go to Borders, grab a latte and a random world music CD just to see what's out there. What's happening in music right now is people are looking for something different, they're willing to seek out new sounds and experiment."

Topouzian's performances are to promote his CDs on his West Bloomfield-based record label, ARP Music, which distributes world music throughout the U.S. and overseas.

He specializes in Armenian, Middle Eastern, Bulgarian, New Age, Flamenco and Greek music.

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Movie moments go musical in 'Cinema Show'

Ever wished you could see your favorite movie in three-dimensional form?

At *Cinema Show*, a film-based musical running Feb. 24-29 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, you can

"When you see how similar each scene is to each movie, it's unreal," said the show's creator and producer Steve Zalac. "We try to copy everything just like it was in the movie."

And audience members can compare each stage scene to movie moment simultaneously. That's because each scene — recreated through song and dance — is performed against the backdrop of the movie itself, which is projected onto an enormous screen.

The fast-paced two-hour show recalls a whopping 55 famous films, including classics from

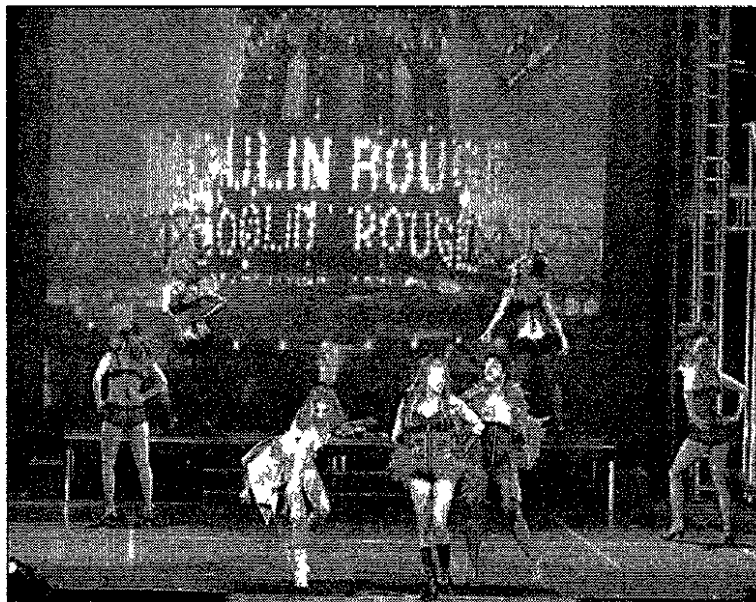
The Wizard of Oz and *My Fair Lady* to James Bond's *Live and Let Die*, *The Graduate* and *Easy Rider*.

Among the recent blockbusters are *Moulin Rouge*, *Forrest Gump* and *Men in Black*. There's also a tribute to the Western genre, a *West Side Story* medley, and dance scenes from *Dirty Dancing* and *Flashdance*.

"It's a weird mix when you look at it on a piece of paper, but it works," Zalac said.

Where dance wasn't an original element of the movie, new choreography emerges. There are 14 dancers, four musicians and eight singers performing numerous soundtrack-original songs.

Each scene works as a visual and auditory trigger, Zalac said, noting that certain movie moments burn themselves into



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The 'Cinema Show' cast belts out two tunes from the movie musical 'Moulin Rouge'

our memories. "And they trigger emotions like when you listen to a record."

The theme song from the movie *The Way We Were* — another film featured in *Cinema Show* —

SCREEN TO STAGE

What: 'Cinema Show', a musical based on famous movie scenes

When: Tuesday-Sunday Feb. 24-29, curtain 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

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makes men cry, Zalac said. "I can see men in the audience, their eyes getting moist. It triggers something that happened, an event."

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Contest

Winners share their magical 'Cinema' memories

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STAFF WRITER

Beverly Dzurda of Rochester, Kathy Snider of Canton and Diane King of Livonia are the winners of our *Cinema Show* contest. They will attend the 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, performance at the Fox Theatre with a guest, compliments of Olympia Entertainment and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

To qualify for the contest, readers wrote about their favorite movie scene of all time. *The Sound of Music* is very special to Dzurda. Her favorite song is *Climb Every Mountain* because it's about strength and holding onto your dreams. *So Long Farewell* is another because it's the song her daughters sang at a YMCA outing. They won first prize. Dzurda and her husband have been married 30 years. They began dating when she was 16, and he was 17.

Snider loves the final scene in *Flashdance* and the movie's theme song. The movie came out the first year she was in college. "Some friends and I had gone to see the movie on a lonely Friday night," she wrote. "We were feeling overwhelmed with college and responsibility. That song made me feel (and still gives me the feeling) that I could do anything I put my mind to. It became my battle cry for the next couple of years. You can have it all."

King still cries every time she sees the movie *An Affair to Remember* with Deborah Kerr and Cary Grant. Her favorite scene occurred when Grant came to Kerr's apartment after seeing her at the play and he gave her the gift from his grandmother.

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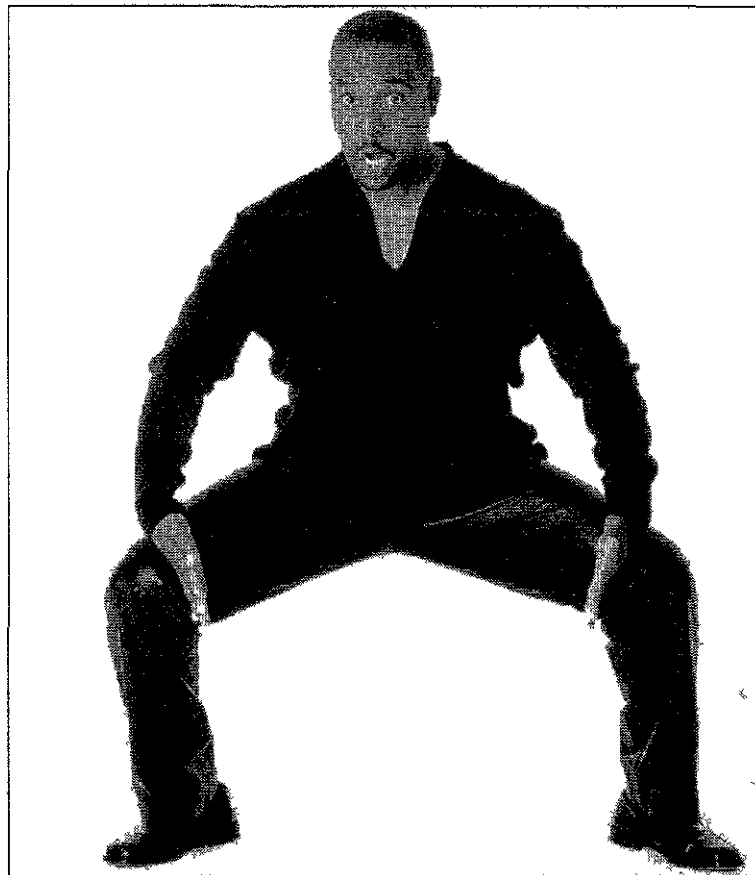
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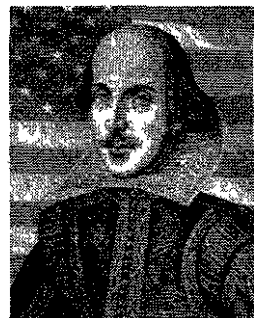
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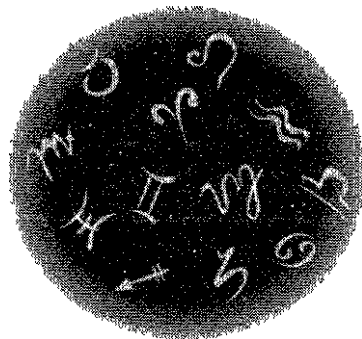


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ARIES (March 21-April 20)



The past several months seem to have been spent waging some sort of professional battle and you probably still feel you have an ax to grind. But in fact Friday's New Moon signifies the moment has come to withdraw and devote more attention to emotional ties.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



You probably long to distance yourself from situations which jar your nerves or revive unhappy memories now. However you are urged to brace yourself, put on a brave face and take the greatest possible advantage to air your opinions over intensely personal and professional matters ASAP!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



Don't allow current financial difficulties to make you feel inadequate. What you are experiencing may be difficult, but it also provides you with a unique opportunity to rebuild bridges and come up with solutions to emotional and professional problems.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



You are much too kind, patient and considerate to put up with others' selfishness or greed. Greed may be too harsh a word, but if you are a typical Moon Child, then you will now come to realize just how self-centered and materialistic certain associates really are.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



Accept what comes to light around the time of Friday's New Moon as confirmation that you are heading in the right direction. Above all, know that even enforced changes now taking place, either on the home front or at your place of work, are for the best and to your advantage in the long term. You'll see big results around your next birthday.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



Partners, coworkers and close companions must now accept you for what you are and not what you do or do not provide. Therefore, on no account be taken in by flattery or others' false modesty this week - even manage to mislay your checkbook for a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



Because most Librans are rather slow to take offense, it is extremely unwise to imagine that you are slow on the uptake, and what happens around Friday's New Moon will certainly enable you to dispel any notion others may have about your inability to go it alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



By all means look to the future with confidence and optimism now that Mercury is direct, and don't be afraid to press ahead with projects that have been on the drawing board far too long. Do, however, keep partners informed if you want to avoid any serious disputes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Make the most of any opportunities you get to spend some time by yourself now. Because, with both Mercury and Venus under the influence of Saturn in your solar chart, what you discover in quiet contemplation will far outweigh what you will give up socially.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



The outer planets seem to be making life difficult, especially where emotions are concerned. But is the picture quite as gloomy as you seem to be painting? Probably not. In fact, loved ones are under a great deal more pressure, and could do with a helping hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Be prepared to take off without a single regret of a moment's hesitation at this time. No matter your age or current circumstances, you will know that you are in exactly the right place at the right time to bring a very important cycle or chapter to a close and start anew.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



Now that the Sun has reentered your worry-wart, emotional sign, you may tend to dwell on what might have been and end up more confused than ever. However, if you re-examine matters lucidly, many pieces of a rather complex jigsaw will finally fit into place.

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Pure Picks

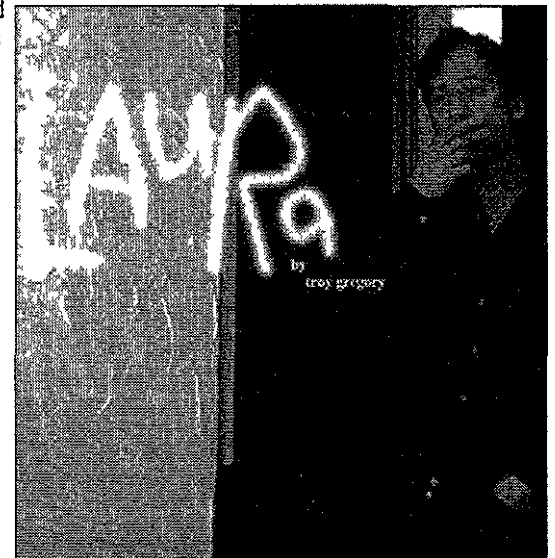
Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

Playing with the Electric Six, the Alphabet and subbing for The Dirtbombs and The Volebeats Witches.

frontman **Troy Gregory** gets around. And let us not forget his solo efforts. Gregory's second solo album, named after his wife **Laura**, includes the vocals of Detroit rock scene veteran Mick Collins and some of his Witches bandmates. Littered with feedback, the album showcases a love of '60s rock psychedelia while keeping an ear to classic funk. Cased in Detroit rock rebellion, the album is loud and quaking, as it pitches and rolls through 10 new songs. Turn it up to 11.

The album is available on Fall of Rome. www.fallofrome.com

Troy Gregory and The Stepsisters will play with Bisou Bisou Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Club Bart, 22726 Woodward in Ferndale. For more info, call (248) 548-8746.



Ongoing

Working at a newspaper means I work late on Friday

nights. Usually I don't mind, unless I remember that I am missing **Basement Jamz** at Hamtramck's Whiskey in the Jar.

Each Friday, DJ Linda Lexy invites local musicians to jam between her songs; the result is acoustic music at its absolute, dive bar best.

Local Goddess Liz Larin will appear this week, and who knows who else will drop by to play a few tunes - everyone from Kid Rock bandmates to Billy Brandt to rapper Hush's backup band have been known to show up.

Doors open at 9 p.m. 21 and up. Whiskey in the Jar is located at 2741 Yemans, Hamtramck. For more info, call (313) 873-4154.

Book

About a month ago I read about a teenage boy who recently built a fully functional atom splitter in his bedroom.

This type of young geek with too much time on his hands is exactly what veteran journalist Ken Silverstein writes about in his new book **The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor**.

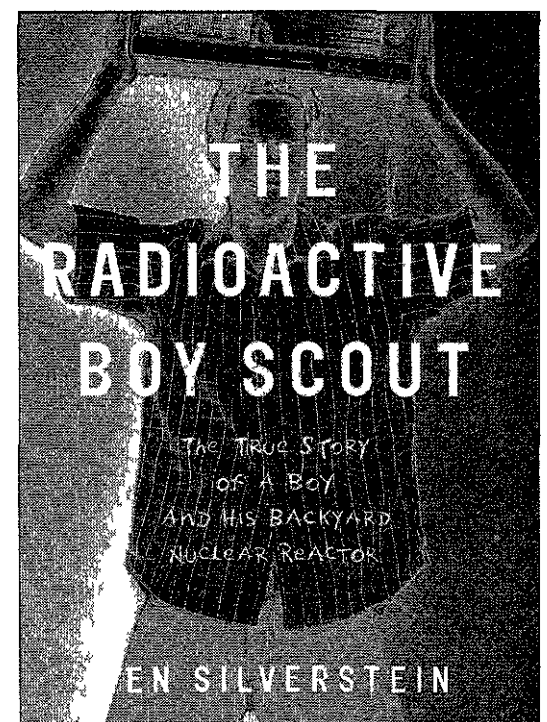
In the late '80s, Commerce Township resident David Hahn was just another Boy Scout with an obsession with science. Not your run-of-the-mill obsession, though; this obsession had him thinking big. To win a merit badge, Hahn attempted to build a nuclear breeder reactor in his toolshed using parts from old smoke detectors and gas lanterns.

The result endangered 40,000 people and required a massive EPA cleanup. Dipping into the United States' history with nuclear power and one boy's obsession with the chemistry, this book will suck you in with dreadful fascination. Available March 2 by Random House.

Show

Let's just get this out of the way first: **Back in Spades** guitarist Jackson Smith is the son of some famous Smiths.

Late MC5 guitarist Fred and singer-poet songwriter Patti to be exact. But the four-piece Back in Spades, with Stephen Palmer on vocals and guitar, Anthony Rochon on bass and Joe Leone on drums, is more than a bloodline band (though, admittedly, Jackson plays guitar like his father and the band opened up for Patti at New York's Bowery Ballroom in December). Crafty rock songs spot a Back in Spades performance and while they have been on the scene for a little while now, they are just starting to really gain some notoriety as the area's next best band. Go see what the buzz is about. Back in Spades will play Saturday with The Fags and Tiny Steps at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. Cover is \$8. For more, check out <http://www.themagicbag.com>. For more on the band, check out <http://www.backinspades.com/>.



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Celebration

Put on your dancing shoes, it's Mardi Gras time

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Can't hop on a plane and fly to New Orleans for Mardi Gras? Hurry, pick up the phone and make reservations to party on Sunday with Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society



Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society will play music for dancing at the Mardi Gras Costume Party

"It's a fun day," said Bill Knowles of the Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club, which is sponsoring the event. "Ticket sales are limited to 300 to assure ample room for dancing."

Come in costume, there are prizes for the best three, and don't forget your beads, mask and parasol. Mardi Gras favors on every table will help those who didn't come

prepared get in the spirit of things

Moss and the band will supply Dixieland music for dancing. He'll be joined by Dave Tatrow on trumpet, Jim Wyse, clarinet, Bob Pinterich, drums, Don Mayberry, bass, John Hammer, piano, and special guest Karen O'Leary, a singer, dancer, comic and crowd pleaser from North Carolina.

"I like Dixieland music," said Moss, who lives in Rochester Hills. "It's really sort of the beginning of jazz. It's happy music. The newest tune we'll be playing is *What a Wonderful World*. It's a pretty song."

The party's 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads in Livonia. Tickets are \$15, call Knowles (248) 476-2674 or Pat Elliot (586) 573-9564. No tickets will be sold at the door. Cash bar and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Can't come to the party? You can hear Moss play 2-5 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph in Southfield.

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BEST PICTURE

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"
 "Lost in Translation"
 "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"
 "Mystic River"
 "Seabiscuit"

BEST ACTOR

Johnny Depp "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"
 Ben Kingsley "House of Sand and Fog"
 Jude Law "Cold Mountain"
 Bill Murray "Lost in Translation"
 Sean Penn "Mystic River"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Alec Baldwin "The Cooler"
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 Djimon Hounsou "In America"
 Tim Robbins "Mystic River"
 Ken Watanabe "The Last Samurai"

BEST ACTRESS

Keisha Castle-Hughes "Whale Rider"
 Diane Keaton "Something's Gotta Give"
 Samantha Morton "In America"
 Charlize Theron "Monster"
 Naomi Watts "21 Grams"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Shohreh Aghdashloo "House of Sand and Fog"
 Patricia Clarkson "Pieces of April"
 Marcia Gay Harden "Mystic River"
 Holly Hunter "Thirteen"
 Renee Zellweger "Cold Mountain"

BEST ORIGINAL SONG

Bellefire "Bellefire"
 The Triplets of Belleville "The Triplets of Belleville"
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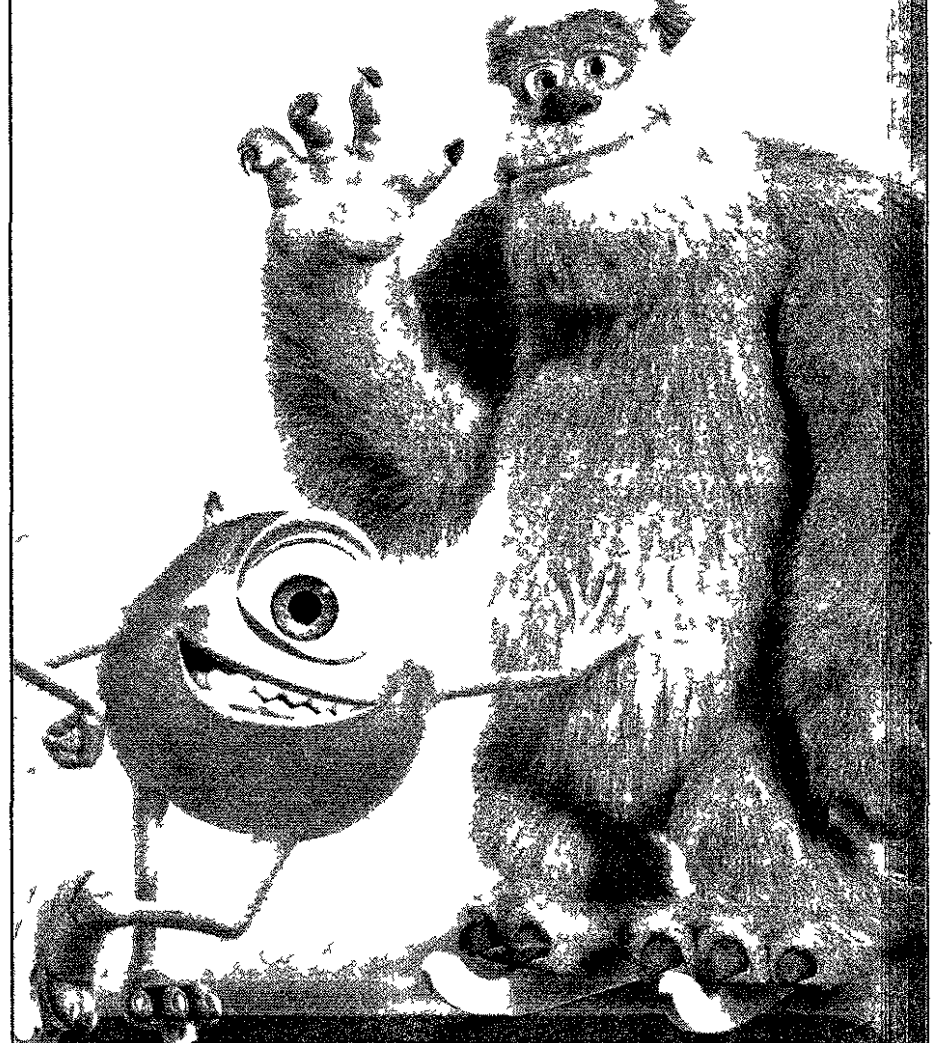
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