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## Pipeline

### NIE Winners

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### AAUW play

The Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, presents *Jack and the Beanstalk* at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) and Friday and 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday at the O'Leary Auditorium in Garden City High School.

It's the latest in the AAUW's 39-year history of presenting plays locally. The AAUW group, ranging in age from 26 to 88, volunteer an average of five hours a week for three months to put on the March production.

Tickets are \$4 and are available at the door.

For more information, call publicist Dawn Chorbaganian at (586) 492-3625.

### Theater lovers

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center hosts *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, a comedy by RJO Productions, in the Fox Classic Clubhouse at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The \$35 ticket includes dinner, dessert and the play. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. with the play immediately following.

For more information or for reservations, call (734) 453-7272.

### Lucky rabbits

If a rabbit's foot is lucky, just think of how much luck comes with a whole rabbit.

Specialty Pet Supplies of Plymouth hosts the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary March 13-14 at the store's Ann Arbor Road location.

Participants can pet a rabbit for a weekend of good luck, pick one up for a month of good tidings, or take one home for a lifetime of joy.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13 and from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. The public is invited to come meet bunnies available for adoption, learn about rabbit care, and have their pets' portraits taken by professional pet photographer Cindy Rogers.

People without pets can have their pictures taken with one of the bunnies, and 20 percent of picture proceeds go directly to Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

For more information, call (734) 453-6930.

# Township closes on Massey land

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township officials took a big step forward toward a new township hall

Wednesday, signing the purchase agreement for the land on which the new hall will be built.

Township Supervisor Steve Mann met with representatives of auto magnate Don Massey to finalize the details of the \$158 million purchase of some 95

acres at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

The deal helps move the \$12 million township hall project onto the fast track.

"We're happy to continue with the progress on the township hall project," Mann said. "This is just one in a number of continuing steps."

The next step, according to Mann, is finding an architect. Bids for that contract are due to the township by Friday, and

Mann said some 40 firms had already submitted bids.

The township hall committee will sift through them and make recommendations to the township board. Board members will then interview the top candidates and make a decision, hopefully within about four weeks, Mann said.

"Once the architect is on board, we expect the design phase to take about six months," Mann said. "We're hoping to

break ground and get some footings in the ground before the end of this year, but if not, it will certainly be by spring 2005."

Assuming that timetable is met, Mann said, township staffers could be in their new 56,000-square-foot digs before the end of 2005. Some 25,000 square feet will be township hall, the rest will house the police and fire departments. The township, which paid

cash for the Massey property, will also issue municipal bonds to offset half (\$6 million) of the total cost. Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said he's eyeing a May 1 date for those bonds.

"It's all driven by the economy," Edwards said. "We're trying to time it so we get the best interest rates for the community."

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Sybilla and Joseph Murphy of Redford, who've been married 67 years, enjoy the dance music and food at the golden anniversary party at Plymouth's Independence Village.

PHOTOS BY DONALD J. ALLEY

## Everlasting love Couples celebrate marriages

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Bennett chuckles when she thinks about her approaching 60th wedding anniversary.

She isn't laughing at the prospect of having spent 60 years with Leroy. Instead, she's amused by the memory of her thoughts at the time.

"I thought six years would be a long time," she said.

PLEASE SEE COUPLES, A4



Morris Gellerman and Norm Kleiner, both of Northville, talk with each other at the party Sunday.

## Collect books for school, win party

The *Observer Newspapers*, in cooperation with the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP), Edy's Ice Cream and Boscos, is sponsoring a book collection contest for elementary and middle schools in our circulation area. All public, parochial and private schools are invited to participate in "Pass It Along — Share the Gift of Reading."

The winning school will receive a pizza and ice cream party, courtesy of Boscos and Edy's Ice Cream. "Pass It Along — Share the Gift of Reading" challenges elementary and middle schools in the *Observer* circulation area to collect gently-used and/or new books for disadvantaged youngsters in Detroit.

Donations will go to Bridgepointe, a nonprofit organization which aids Neinas Elementary School in Detroit. Neinas has approximately 530 students in grades K-5 and 80 percent are living below the poverty level. There are few books in the school library and Neinas students have failed standardized tests in reading the last four years, according to a Bridgepointe.

"Bridgepointe believes in bridging communities together to help make a difference in our own backyards," said Sue Simcox, the organization's director.

"Bridgepointe is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty. There is no quick fix or easy answers. What we do know is that we are making a difference in the lives of these very special children. With your help, we can do more to create an environment of learning."

Participating schools must sign up in advance by phone, fax or email to Street Marketing, (248) 347-4350, fax (248) 347-4985 or jodi@streetmktg.com.

Include the name of your school and school district, address of school, phone number, principal's name and book drive contact name and daytime phone number. Also include how many students attend your school.

Schools can start collecting books Monday, March 8. The drive will end Monday, April 26.

The winning school will be announced in the Sunday, May 9, edition of your hometown *Observer*.

The winning school can schedule the pizza and ice cream party sometime before school ends in June. When the contest ends, representatives from MESP and Edy's will collect and count the books from each school.

All participating schools will be honored in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"Access to books is such an important part of childhood. The ability to use your imagination, travel to far away places and meet all kinds of people helps lay the ground work for a child's future," said Bruce Sheinhaus from the Michigan Education Savings Program, a partner in the book drive program.

## Foundation turns to eBay for fund-raising auction

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

How much is it worth for a night out to watch the Detroit Pistons for you and 13 of your friends in a mid-level suite at The Palace of Auburn Hills?

That will be determined Monday, as Plymouth-Canton Schools will be auctioning 14 tickets, parking passes and munchies at the game in a suite donated by Maximum Financial Group of Plymouth. And, in hopes of getting the maximum

amount of money, the package for the April 2 game against the Miami Heat will be available on the Internet auction site eBay, with the money going to the district's Educational Excellence Foundation.

"This has never happened before," said an excited Carole Kody, executive director of the EEF. "We're thrilled by the gift and the opportunity to make some money that will be used to support teaching and learning within the district. We're hoping it will be successful."

The donation came from Lou Wright, president of Maximum Financial Group. A 1965 graduate of the old Plymouth High School (currently Central Middle School), Wright said the

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# City looks for partnerships to bail out budget deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth city commission will make an all-out effort to find municipal partners to share in the costs of recreation and public works, as well as fire and police dispatch services, in an effort to trim a \$12 million budget deficit for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

"I've already sat down with the mayor of Northville and the supervisor from Northville Township, and within the next week will talk to them further," said Plymouth Mayor Stella Greene. "We are reaching out to the various communities that have the potential of being viable partners with us, giving them the opportunity to come to the table and talk with us about the options to be equal working partners in combining services when and where we can."

Green said recreation is probably the first item on the agenda.

There isn't as large an overhead, and we can do it quicker than some other areas," said Greene.

Currently, six-tenths of a mill is taken from the general fund to pay for recreation, which City Manager Paul Sincock said generates approximately \$220,000. Despite the millage

money and fees collected for the various programs, Sincock acknowledges the recreation department barely breaks even.

Officials from the city and township talked last year about partnering for recreation, but the sides couldn't reach an agreement and Plymouth Township trustees backed off.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer said the time has come for city officials to decide which programs are viable and which aren't.

"We have one of the best recreation departments in the state — my kids use it year-round — but if it's not cost-effective," he said. "We plow streets better than anyone around, and it's a great thing, but it's gone. That's my point of view. We have to figure what we want."

City officials have been discussing police dispatch fire services with Northville and Northville Township because of concerns with delivery of service and increasing costs in agreements with Plymouth Township.

"We're not really happy with the (dispatch and fire) agreement," said Commissioner Michele Potter, "and it's up in 2006."

At Monday's budget discussion, most commissioners

wanted to stay away from using the 'P' word. But, Commissioner Ron Loiselle said it needs to be deliberated.

The police department (budget of \$2.6 million) is close to half our (\$6 million general fund) budget," said Loiselle. "If we don't look at the police department, we're not going to save big amounts of money."

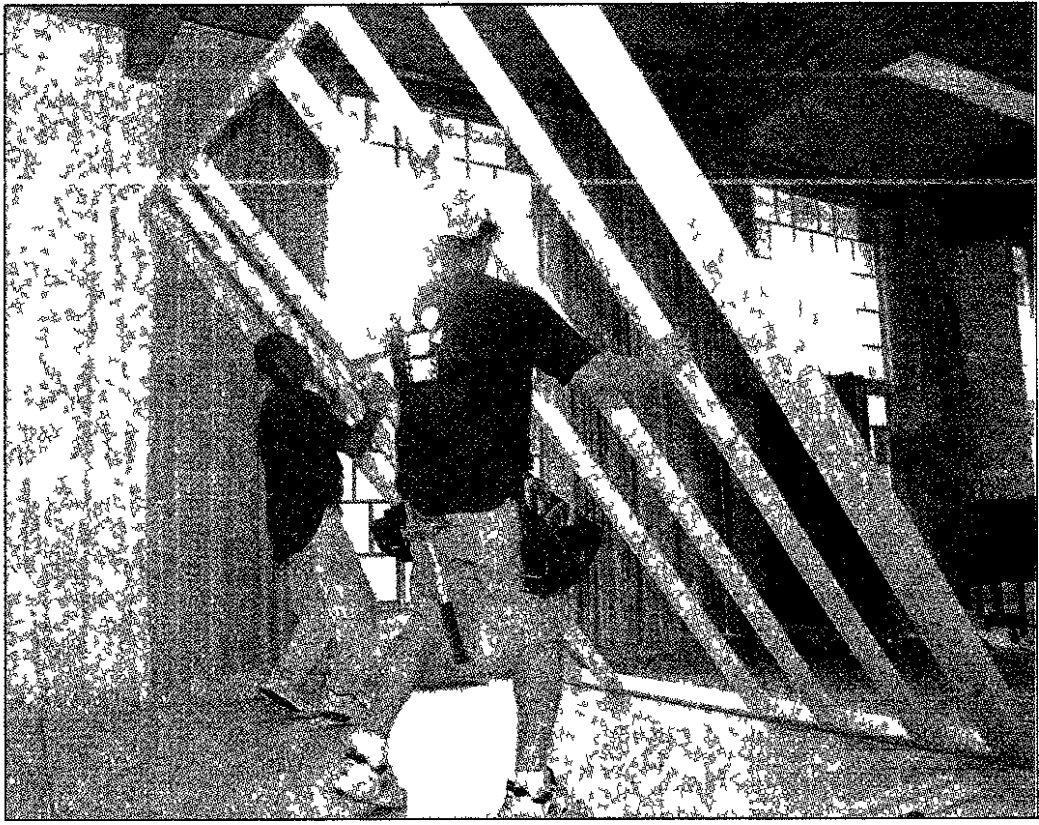
However, Greene noted the police department is already losing two police officers, whose positions are not being filled.

"It's obviously a very emotional topic at this table," she said. "Given the immediate priority we have before us in trimming the budget, we (should) step back from police and look at these other areas where there are cost factors we haven't looked at."

Commissioners also discussed the possibility of an early retirement program for the 19 eligible city employees — which could reduce the number of possible layoffs — to go along with the six unfilled positions.

"We could lose a total of 8-12 people, depending on who leaves, retirement options and how we consolidate our operations," said Sincock.

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Leonard Nabozny (foreground) and Arden Bolden (behind) of Woodbridge Building Company in Walled Lake built a new wall as part of the renovation of Friendship Station. Township trustees committed another \$75,000 to the project last week.

## Board invests in senior center

### Federal money pays for additional space

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

The renovation of Friendship Station will continue after the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved another \$76,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds this week.

The federal money, administered through Wayne County, must be spent primarily on low-income or senior citizen projects. The township board has, for the last several years, focused on senior citizen programs.

Work began last year on the township's only senior citizen facility, with the addition of floor space and new windows, along with some Americans with Disabilities Act compliance issues.

Other recent expenditures came in the form of a second van for the senior transportation program in partnership with the City of Plymouth.

The next step for Friendship Station is the addition of some 1,500 feet

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supervisor

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The total price tag for the renovation is nearly \$300,000. At a recent board

meeting, trustee Charles Curmi said it was too high a price to pay.

"I can't support spending that much," Curmi told board members.

But Mann said the expense is a necessary one.

"This is typical of many of our township facilities in that it was neglected for years," Mann said. "We're looking forward to bringing it in line with the needs of our residents."

The suggestion was made at a recent meeting to include some form of a senior facility in the new township hall, but Mann said that's unlikely.

"We've thought about it, but not a lot," the supervisor admitted.

"We're happy with having a separate facility. It gives us another polling place during elections, and it has other uses. Once we expand it, it'll have the possibility of even more diverse uses."

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## Symphony sponsors education campaign

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is launching an education campaign, "No Kid without a Concert," that allows sponsors to see a student through all five of the PSO's Youth Outreach Education programs for \$20.

The goal, symphony officials said, is to sponsor 2,000 students, raising \$40,000 to underwrite the cost of the programs. Donors are encouraged to sponsor five, 10, 25 or more students.

The PSO's education programs impact more than 4,000 students throughout Southeastern Michigan every year. There are five education programs offered to students: CLASSical Music Outreach, Concert for Kids, Instrumentorship, the

Celebration Youth Orchestra, and the Youth Artist Competition.

Through in-classroom visits, CLASSical Music Outreach introduces more than 4,000 third and fourth grade students to musical instruments, performers and top-notch classical and contemporary music.

The Concert for Kids entertains and educates over 2,000 fourth grade students with a broad range of musical classics. The concert highlight is always a conduct-along with PSO Conductor Nan Washburn and the story "Island of the Blue Dolphins."

The Instrumentorship program pairs aspiring middle school aged musicians with PSO musicians. Students' skills are showcased at the comple-

tion of the program with a side-by-side performance where students play with the full symphony at a public concert.

The newest of the education programs, the Celebration Youth Orchestra gives children grades 3-8 the opportunity to explore their musical interests, expand their talents and perform with peers. Encouraging on-going music education and appreciation, the Youth Artist Competition awards skilled student performers with scholarships to continue their musical endeavors.

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# UAW's Gettelfinger to speak at Madonna

UAW president Ron Gettelfinger will speak at the next Madonna University McManus Distinguished Business Lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the university. Gettelfinger will discuss the role of the UAW in the business world, the impact of the labor force on the economy, the leadership of the labor force in the community, and the chang-

ing role of management and labor relations in the last decade. The presentation will take place in Kresge Hall on campus. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend. A member of UAW Local 862 since 1964, Gettelfinger was elected president of the UAW, the largest labor union in the country, on

June 5, 2002 at the 33rd Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas. He previously served as the vice president in 1998 and was the director of UAW Region 3, representing UAW members in Indiana and Kentucky, for six years. For more information, contact Pat Moore, School of Business, at (734) 432-5356 or pmoore@madonna.edu

## COUPLES

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smiling wide 'I can't believe it's been 60'. The couple was among some two dozen taking advantage of a party hosted Sunday by Independence Village, the Plymouth Township senior assisted living center, to honor couples who have been married 50 years or longer.

The Bennetts, who moved into Independence Village last month, certainly fit that category, with their 60th anniversary coming in June. Leroy and Dorothy have known each other since they were 8, having grown up in the same Detroit neighborhood.

Leroy had to leave to take care of his grandfather, but would come back "to play," according to Dorothy. The friendship formed, then the sparks flew and the rest, as they say, is history.

A longstanding history, at that. The secret to their longevity, they say, is simple Love, Dorothy said, to which Leroy added, "You have to care for each other."

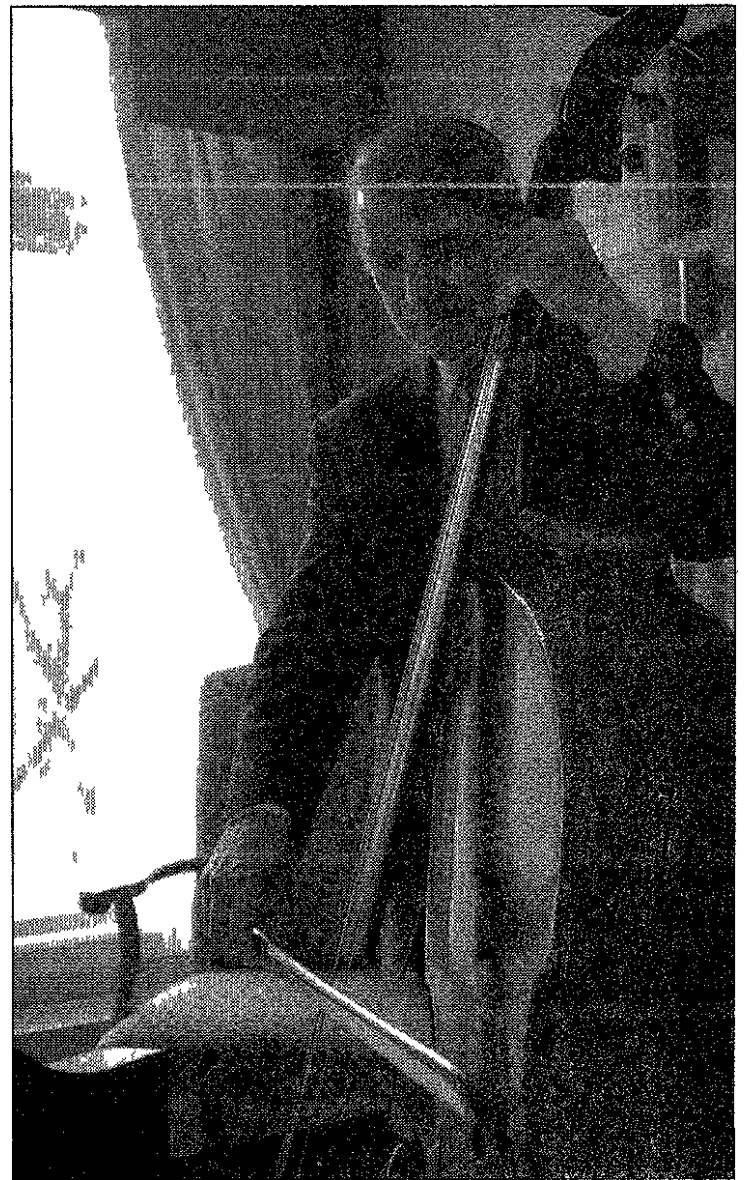
It was a recurring theme among the long-time marrieds on hand for the party, which Independence Village felt was a rousing success. The idea came out of a brainstorming session among staffers who wanted to find the right way to celebrate golden anniversaries.

"With the divorce rate as high as it is, it's nice to have something positive to focus on," said Lauren Lucas, Independence Village's community representative.

The party included a wedding cake, hors d'oeuvres and music. At the end of the evening, one couple won an anniversary party for themselves and 50 friends, compliments of Independence Village.

"The response was incredible," Lucas said. "The majority of the couples have been married well over 50 years."

William and Mary Thomas of Livonia are one such couple, having tied the knot June 8, 1946. It capped a courtship that sprang from letters Mary



DONALD J. ALLEY

Bassist Mario Capozzoli plays in the Michael Carluccio Combo entertaining the guests at the Independence Village golden anniversary party in Plymouth Sunday.

wrote to William while he was serving his country.

Seems William had been engaged to one of Mary's girlfriends, but Mary had found out the girl had begun seeing someone else. She wrote to William overseas in part, she said, because she felt bad for him.

The secret to longevity is a matter of common sense to the Livonia couple.

"It's commitment to each other, and to God, whom I took my vows before," Mary said. To which William added, "I love my wife. It's as simple as that."

Bob Laughman of Livonia chuckles when he thinks about how he and his wife, Ina Mae,

met. On a blind date more than 50 years ago.

"I couldn't see very well," he laughs, drawing a smile from Ina Mae, as well.

But he saw something he liked back then, and the pair have been married since Dec 30, 1950. The blind date was arranged by a friend of Ina Mae's, who was visiting a friend at Bethel College. Bob was a student at the Indiana college, as well.

Their secret? "We trust each other, and we have a strong faith in God," Bob said. That's brought us through lots of hard times.

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## FOR THE RECORD

### BIRTHS

**J**  
Landon Jordan Camden Jacobs, son of Tamara Jacobs of West Bloomfield, was born on Jan 1.

### DEATHS

**B**  
Raymond L. Broeder, 78, of Chesterfield Township, died Feb 13.

**G**  
Roberta E. Gietzen, 74, of Northville, died Feb 29.

**L**  
Loren "Bud" Gould, 82, of Plymouth, died Feb 16.

**B**  
Bernice Grabowski, 72, of Farmington Hills, died Feb 29.

**D**  
David Lee Grubbs, 50, of Southfield, died Feb 29.

**H**  
Alex Herman Jr., 7, of Sanford, died Feb 24.

**K**  
Grace C. Kabel, 70, of Plymouth, died Feb 21.

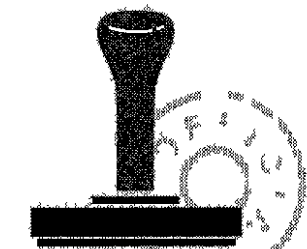
**L**  
Richard Carl Lishinski, 85, of South Lyon and formerly of Livonia, died March 1.

**M**  
Sister Mary Lucy McDonald, RSM, 92, died Feb 28.

**S**  
Hope L. Shoaff, 85, of Southfield, died Feb 29.

### POLICE BLOTTER

**Targeting seniors**  
Responding to a spate of recent scams targeting senior citizens, Plymouth Township Police Department Community Resource Officer Jamie Senkbeil will make a presentation next week aimed at shutting down scam artists. Senkbeil will talk to seniors about



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telemarketing fraud and other scams being perpetrated largely on seniors during a one hour discussion from 2-3 p.m. Friday, March 12 at Friendship Station. Friendship Station is located at 42375 Schoolcraft, where it meets 5 Mile Road. To register, call Ann DeGhetto, (734) 354-3203.

**Cop calls**  
■ Officials at McClain Food Services on Pilot Drive reported that someone broke into the back of the store's work van and stole some \$88 from inside the store.

■ Police noticed a Ford Contour go through a flashing red traffic signal at 5 Mile and Sheldon without stopping, and pulled the car over in the parking lot at Busch's Market.

The officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants, according to reports and administered blood-alcohol tests to both the driver and passenger. Identification showed both were under 21. The driver blew a 0.41, the passenger a 0.89. Officers cited both men for minor in-possession of alcohol.

■ An Oak Lane business owner reported that someone had stolen all four tires and wheels from the company's pickup truck sometime between 5 p.m. Feb 27 and 7:30 a.m. March 1. The owner said he suspected

juveniles living in the area, because he'd been victimized previously.

### FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following calls between Feb. 25-March 2.

■ Tuesday, March 2 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Main. Smoke investigation on Caprice special run on D Drive.

■ Monday, March 1 - Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Road, residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Main. Smoke investigation on N Territorial commercial rescue run on Haggerty.

■ Sunday, Feb. 29 - Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run at a public building on N Territorial residential rescue runs on Postiff on Pinetree and on howland Park Drive vehicle fire on Colony Farms.

■ Saturday, Feb. 28 - Commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs on Marlowe Brookline and on Newporte.

■ Friday, Feb. 27 - Industrial rescue runs on Industrial and on Sheldon commercial rescue runs on Beck, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Haggerty, fire on Haggerty residential rescue runs on Lilley and on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, rescue run at a public building on Five Mile.

■ Thursday, Feb. 26 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Applecreek, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, rescue run on Halyard.

■ Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Vehicle accidents on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon on Ann Arbor Road at Massey and on westbound M-14 at Sheldon. Smoke investigation on Tall Tree commercial rescue run on Haggerty residential rescue run on Pinewood.

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# Angry parishioners defend Canton priest

About 1,000 parishioners, most of them angry, almost all wearing green ribbons, showed up for a Tuesday night liturgy at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

They were seeking answers, or just information, as to why their priest, the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr., has been placed on administrative leave following an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor 33 years ago.

Auxiliary Bishop Walter A. Hurley fielded questions and comments from parishioners following the Mass. But many were not satisfied with the meeting.

"We didn't learn anymore than what we already knew," said Nancy Spencer, a member



Kelly

of the Parish Council.

But Mike Gerou, 35th District Court judge, a lawyer, a lifelong Catholic and a friend of Kelly for years, was

even more outspoken. Gerou was the first to address the meeting and questioned the legality of the proceedings against Kelly.

"To publicly remove someone without any finding of guilt or fault or assessment that he is a risk to anyone is unjust," Gerou said.

And Spencer echoed that sentiment.

"Supposedly in America

you're innocent until proven guilty," she said.

Kelly was relieved of his duties Feb. 26 and the congregation was officially notified of the action at Sunday Masses.

A statement released by the Archdiocese of Detroit read in part: "The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed substantive an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor involving Kelly dating back to the early years of his ministry in the Detroit archdiocese."

"Information about the allegation was received by civil authorities, who shared the information with the archdiocese late last year. The civil authorities chose, because of the passage of time, not to

investigate the allegation further."

Kelly was relieved of his pastoral duties under what has become known as the "zero tolerance policy" toward priests accused of sexual misconduct.

Hurley told the parishioners that a "credible accusation" is defined as "an accusation that a reasonable person might believe."

Gerou took issue with that concept.

"In a criminal case you have to prove guilt beyond all reasonable doubt," he said.

"In a civil case it's by a preponderance of the evidence. There's a reason we have a statute of limitations. There's no proof to my mind

that a crime was committed. Now he has to prove that something didn't happen 33 years ago."

Gerou said Catholics have a duty and responsibility to stand up for what's right and to rectify wrongs.

"What's being done to Father Kelly is absolutely wrong," he said.

Hurley addressed one question about a rumor circulating that Kelly's unidentified accuser had been undergoing repressed memory therapy.

While saying he could not discuss details of the case while it was under investigation, Hurley said that recovered memory is not considered by the church to be credible.

# 3 charged in resale of stolen over-the-counter drugs

Three men have been charged with racketeering over the theft and resale of some surprising goods — Nicorette, Senekot, diabetic testing strips and other over-the-counter medications.

The charges are that a group of shoplifters stole specific items, which also included razors and cigarettes, that were then sold to Chapel Market at Fenkell and Outer Drive in Detroit. The items were then repackaged and shipped out of state for resale by the pallet full.

The items were stolen from stores in suburban communities, including Livonia, Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville Township.

Arrested in Detroit's 36th District Court last week were store owner Zeki Butris, 54, and his son, Bernard Butris, 24, both of West Bloomfield and Karim Seiba, 25, of Sterling Heights. Each is charged with one charge of racketeering, a 20-year felony, with numerous other charges, such as operating a continuing criminal enterprise.

All three are currently free on bond and scheduled for preliminary examination today (Thursday).

"They were all employees of the store. Our investigation indicates they were all active participants in receiving and repackaging stolen goods from boosters (shoplifters)," said

Northville Township Police Lt. John Sherman, team leader for the multi-jurisdictional Western Wayne Community Response Team, which conducted the investigation.

Up to as many as 25 shoplifters, most addicted to heroin or another drug, would receive specific instructions on what items were being sought, Sherman said.

"It was very specific on what types of over-the-counter medications and expiration dates, Sherman said. "The items would be brought to the store and the boosters would be paid pennies on the dollar for the items."

The targeted items would be more expensive products, such as diabetic test strips which

might retail for \$45-48 per box, Sherman said.

The investigation found that one shoplifter took items from more than 60 stores within one month, Sherman said, receiving hundreds of dollars each week for the stolen items. Those same items brought millions in revenues, when repackaged and shipped for resale to at least three other non-bordering states where another man acted as the wholesaler.

"We established that this has been going on since 1997 at least and probably longer," Sherman said. "There were 20-25 shoplifters we know of. My feeling is that number is probably on the low side."

The shoplifting occurred at

stores including Farmer Jack, CVS Pharmacy, Meyer and Hiller's Market in communities surrounding Detroit.

An arrest was made in Northville Township which led the investigation to the Chapel Market, Sherman said. "When they (Northville Township officers) saw how many were involved in this, they asked us to take the case."

As part of their investigation, which began in the fall of 2002, Western Wayne CRT officers began conducting surveillance on some of the shoplifters, which led to more arrests.

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OUR VIEWS

## Time is now to get involved

More than 40 years ago, President John F. Kennedy implored the nation's youth to "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

With deadlines for filing applications to run for public office looming, perhaps it's appropriate to paraphrase the late president in terms of what residents can do for Plymouth Township and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

People wishing to run for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education have until April 12 to make that decision and get 40 signatures on a petition. You can pay a \$100 fee to get around the 40-signature requirement, but maybe if you don't know 40 people willing to support you, you should rethink the idea of running in the first place.

Thinking about running for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees? You've got until May 11 to get a minimum of 50 signatures on a petition.

Two seats are up for grabs in the June school board election. President Judy Mardigian and Trustee Liz Givens has indicated she won't seek re-election, which leaves at least one seat open for a newcomer.

In Plymouth Township, speculation is that at least one, and possibly two, incumbent trustees will not seek re-election, opening that board for some new faces.

It's especially important to get people involved in running for the school board. Traditionally, there isn't a lot of interest in being elected to it, although in the last couple of years it has grown somewhat.

It's also generally not a big draw for voters, last year's race drew a woeful 3.8 percent of some 71,000 registered voters. That's an astonishingly low figure considering every decision the school board makes directly affects the education of our children.

Four years ago, more than two dozen people ran for the seven spots on the township board. This year, at least two of the incumbents have been noncommittal about running again, and only four outside candidates have declared.

The potential pool of candidates for both school and township office is not only vast, but talented. They come from all personal, professional and economic walks of life. Vaunted fields in both races could be put together from such a diverse group.

Been thinking you'd like to know more about your school board or local government? Now's the time. Been thinking you'd like to hold a public office? Now's the time. Been thinking there must be something you can do for your community?

Now's the time.

## More women needed to seek public office

There's a lot of talk about Hillary Clinton in this election year, but the first woman to run for president did so even before women won the right to vote.

Victoria Woodhull, a stockbroker and publisher, ran for the nation's highest office on the Equal Rights Party ticket in 1872. The obstacles she faced were typical of any political campaign: fund-raising and organization. They didn't stop her, and they shouldn't stop any woman with political aspirations.

The rise of Michigan's first woman governor, Jennifer Granholm, shows some progress has been made. In 1979, only 12 women served in Michigan state government, all in the House of Representatives. Today, about three times as many women legislators hold office, but women are still vastly under-represented in Lansing.

At the local level, women are better represented (about 40 percent) on local school boards and township boards. However, at the city and county level, women occupy less than 30 percent of elected posts.

The problem isn't necessarily that people don't vote for women. According to a recent study by political scientists at Brown University and Union College, women are less likely than men to even consider seeking public office.

Only 2 percent of the women, as opposed to 43 percent of the men, said they were encouraged to run for office by someone else.

Women may face different obstacles when it comes to running for office, but they also bring a greatly needed perspective to the table. They're more likely to be consensus builders, a quality sorely needed.

On March 6, the Women Officials' Network will host a panel discussion featuring some of the area's best role models. It has a fitting title, "Me? Run for Political Office???" We hope many women will attend — and answer that question in the affirmative.



LETTERS

### Courage of conviction

I feel compelled to respond to (Neil) Goodbred's vitriolic comments regarding Sen. John Kerry.

Contrary to Mr. Goodbred's unsupported assertions, Kerry has served his country both in war and at home and deserves our respect. The mounting casualties of the Vietnam War were the result of political decisions.

In the newly released documentary, *Fog of War*, Robert McNamara, the secretary of defense during the Johnson administration and the man some called the "architect" of the war, discusses the process that led to our involvement in Vietnam, and our leadership's decision to remain in spite of growing dissent at home and an increasing awareness of our inability to win.

Unlike Mr. Goodbred, Mr. McNamara does not defend the war, nor does he place blame for mounting American deaths on the thousands of men and women who protested. As for Sen. Kerry's alleged association with Jane Fonda, the picture that forms this "link" was taken two years prior to Ms. Fonda's trip to Hanoi and shows a young John Kerry seated at least two rows behind Ms. Fonda in a crowd of probably hundreds.

On one hand, Mr. Goodbred espouses freedom, yet on the other he rails against Sen. Kerry's decision to speak out against a war which, based on first-hand knowledge, he viewed as wrong. Isn't the hallmark of a free society freedom of speech, particularly the freedom to speak against our own government's policies?

It is inconsistent with the principles on which our country is founded to condemn as traitors our citizens who exercise their right to criticize their government. That Sen. Kerry chose to follow his conscience and protest a failed policy demonstrates courage of conviction in the best tradition of our country.

Mary Brennan  
Plymouth

### Protecting wetlands?

Unfortunately, protecting wetlands is not happening. Even though a wetland is supposed to be protected, the developers will build as close as "legally" possible to the wetland. But the land surrounding the wetland is drastically changed. The wetland is dependent on this surrounding land. Nature is unforgiving. When one wetland dries up, it causes a chain reaction. Even the non-organic fertilizers and pesticides, which are in abundant use, are also a major cause of wetland and wildlife destruction.

Many people don't care and many people do care. We all need to care about protecting our environment and water supply. Water cannot be created. The water we use is the same water our ancestors used. Even pollution on the other side of the world is destroying our water. And pollution on this side of the world is destroying the water on the other side of the world. I care about the environment. I wish everybody did.

Linda Whiteaker  
Canton

### People so easily led

Evidently the "proud signer" doesn't read newspapers or watch the news. There were two different articles in both Detroit papers and on the news — TV and radio — that the church panel doing research has evidence the abuse is more widespread and has been going on before the '50s and into 2002.

It was not the good priests doing the evil cover-up — it was the bishops, the cardinals and the pope. In the southwest, the church owns and funds a retreat to help their monster priests. They moved them from parish to parish or let them retire or resign their priesthood, not known as a child molester, but free to kill another child's innocence.

It saddens my heart that Catholic women and men are so easily led. The cardinal gives a heart-rending speech that says it's your job to halt late abortion or all for that matter and then promises there will never be anymore children molested.

You sit and bobble heads — nodding away — pens in hand, ready to sign for the cardinal — who is as guilty as the monster priests and more so, he lied — protected his monster priests, and now he's telling you to save an unborn child's right to life and the pope's press release asking for charity and prays for his monster priests, who he knew about — and did nothing to stop.

Where is your anger? These innocent children are your children and you sit there still, and rush to sign what ever the very people who covered up and lied about everything horrible that was done to your children.

If these poor battered in body and mind men at long last find peace they still have to go to court, relive out loud the horrible acts again and be called a liar, who just wants money.

How can parents be so busy picketing clinics, pushing their nose into others' sexual practices and ignoring and denying what was happening to your children? So sign what the cardinal tells you, protect others — and do nothing to protect your children.

Janet Mercier

### Better reforms

Politicians and power brokers once chose party candidates in smoke-filled back rooms, but polls and primary elections supposedly are more representative.

Pollsters considered Howard Dean unstoppable until voters had an opportunity to reject him.

The McCain-Feingold reform may make this election bitterly contested as hanging chads did the last one. Better reform suggestions are: We could upgrade the back rooms to no smoking, make primaries more exciting or replace party ballots with write-ins. Americans would vote in greater numbers for a candidate they liked, rather than against one they dislike.

Hank Borgman

### Simple solutions

Simple solutions to complex problems appeal to me. Tax people who smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or drive gasoline consuming vehicles. Do so with a

smile of satisfaction because you're a good guy and everyone knows he or she is bad, bad.

Set aside those critics who talk about fair play, justice, and equality in a democracy founded on those principles. They search for causes, reasons, and consequences in governing a diverse people in an increasingly complicated world. For instance, they scoff at those people who criticize the annual MEAP test scores for schools because class size, home and neighborhood stability, attendance-punctuality, and parental expectations are not intrinsic parts of the picture.

Maybe I had better take another look at this whole issue. After all, I drink, smoke, and drive a car. Experts, with facts, say I'm paying more in taxes to enjoy a beer or a cigar or a trip to the store — all because I live in Michigan. Yes, our children benefited from attending school in Farmington rather than Detroit, our former address.

No, I won't jump on the bandwagon celebrating higher taxes for citizens who smoke or drink or drive, and I require a fuller picture of public schools in Michigan.

Lawrence Niblett

### Penalty may deter

I support the death penalty for those convicted of killing police officers in the line of duty.

As a parent, it is your duty to protect your child. The parents of Officers Matthew Bowens and Jennifer Fettig never had that chance. Their children were taken away from them and their lives will never be the same.

These officers risked their lives everyday and really enjoyed their jobs as Detroit police officers. It's a shame that officers do not receive an adequate salary for their service. When crime is escalating and violence is occurring daily around us, police officers are out there serving and protecting all communities. Shouldn't they be paid substantially more for their service?

Supporting the death penalty in this case would be a logical answer.

Maybe the next person to commit a crime like this will think twice before acting out.

Lisa M. Baum

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# Rhetoric obscures reality when it comes to education

These days, they're really shakin' and bakin' in the usually staid world of education

Consider

U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige last week called the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization" because it opposes some parts of the No Child Left Behind Act. The National Education Association called for Paige's resignation, after which the secretary sort of said he was sorry — "for the insensitive choice of words, I express my deepest regrets" — but said he still believed the NEA was obstructionist.

Last month, Michigan Republican Party Chairman Betsy DeVos called on state School Supt. Tom Watkins to resign "for failing to do what he has been hired to do — make schools accountable." Wayne State University Gov. Paul Massaron, a union official and a Democrat, called for DeVos' resignation. Both are still in their jobs.

Republicans in both houses of the Michigan Legislature introduced a joint resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to eliminate the State Board of Education's authority to appoint the state superintendent. Not to be outdone, *The Detroit News* called for the abolition of the entire state board. So far, however, no one is calling for the abolition of *The Detroit News*.

Plymouth philanthropist Robert Thompson last week put his \$200 million for Detroit public schools back on the table. Thompson last year offered to build 15 charter schools in Detroit, but Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the Detroit Federation of Teachers eventually nixed the deal for all the wrong reasons.

Steamy rhetoric usually obscures simple fundamentals.

**First fundamental:** Most public schools in Michigan are pretty good and gradually getting better. The districts that are in trouble are mostly in urban areas like Detroit, where poverty, unemployment, dysfunctional family structures, monopolistic and aggressive teachers unions and bizarre school board politics swirl evilly together. The bad districts get most of the press coverage, but most of the others are quietly getting on with their job of teaching kids.

In her attack on Watkins, DeVos called Michigan school graduation rates "frightening" and applied the same adjective to dropout rates. However, the graduation rate as reported by Michigan Center for Education Performance and Information has steadily increased from 83.8 percent in 1997 to 88.5 percent in 2002. According to Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services, the average state dropout rate has declined every year, from 4.5 percent in 1997 to 3.2 percent in 2002. This is hardly sufficient evidence to call for Watkins' resignation.

Sadly, however, some good school districts have been hard hit in the years following passage of Proposal A. The original deal was to increase support for weaker districts, but "hold harmless" the richer and better ones. Over the years, however, funding for the better districts has been capped while their expenses have risen with inflation. It's perverse that a consequence of the biggest school reform in Michigan history should be the systematic erosion of those few schools of high quality.

**Second fundamental:** The logic behind school reform is simple. Define what kids are supposed to learn, test what they are actually learning, use the results to improve the bad schools. I served for a decade on the board of the leading advocate for reform, the National Center for Education and the Economy, and we worked hard to persuade Presidents Bush I, Clinton and Bush II that this approach made sense. Indeed, this newspaper has over many years advocated public release of the MEAP test results for every individual school in the district on the grounds that information will help schools improve.

So some of us were enthused at the prospect of rigorous testing being placed at the heart of the No Child Left Behind Act. But as the legislation moved through Congress, however, the old adage that "two things you really don't want to watch being made are sausage and legislation" turned out to be all too true. The No Child Left Behind Act turned into a bureaucratic nightmare, replete with inflexible requirements producing no less than 50 ways whereby a school can be determined not to have made "adequate yearly progress." The testing required by NCLB has produced odd results in which schools rated exemplary in one year were downgraded as inadequate the next.

The No Child Left Behind Act offers federal money to American schools totaling about 7 percent of their collective budgets, yet the act also imposes performance requirements and testing methods for all schools at a cost often disproportionate to the federal contribution. A fair number of states are now considering rejecting the money from the feds.

**Third fundamental:** Our schools may be making progress, but the rest of the world is moving faster than we. Incremental improvement may not be enough to help our kids compete in a suddenly global world where kids in European and Asian schools score far better than ours in math and science. I'd love to see the state board demand a quantum improvement.

**Fourth fundamental:** It is very bad manners to scorn a gift sincerely offered. Kilpatrick and the Detroit Federation of Teachers were given a second chance by Thompson. I cannot believe they will be so stupid and self-destructive this time around.

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



Phil Power

# 'Passion' shines light on brutality, casts Jesus' message in shadow

In all honesty, I'm not going to see *The Passion of the Christ* for one main reason: I'm a wuss.

Gory, violent movies have always left me with permanently disturbing memories. I even had to stop watching *ER* because the increasingly bloody treatment and operating room scenes turned my stomach.

But there's more to my avoidance than any concern about the effect of flayed flesh and pools of dark red human blood. More to it even than having married a man who is Jewish, although the interfaith implications here are enormous.

Rabbi Daniel Nevins of Adat Shalom has gone on record saying this movie could damage progress made in Christian/Jewish relationships. Even some Catholic leaders say director/producer Mel Gibson's project violates many long-established guidelines for portraying the Passion of Christ.

Christians who've seen the movie say they've come away with a new and deeper understanding of what Christ suffered and sacrificed for their sins. For them, *The Passion of the Christ* demonstrates how we all put Christ on that cross.

Here's my question: Is *The Passion of the Christ* how people really want to remember such a loving and gentle soul?

Historically speaking, Jesus was different from the political rebels of his time. Many made attempts to overthrow the blood-thirsty Romans who crucified hundreds. Jesus was feared largely because he and his

followers were different. They didn't seek political power, rather, they sparked an enormous base of support with a message of love, forgiveness and a beneficent Father who longed to bless his children.

Look at the Gospels, each of which relates a slightly different version of the Passion. Jesus didn't call attention to his suffering and pain, but went off to pray just hours before his death. This is consistent with the story of how he began his ministry, wandering alone in the desert.

Gibson's movie — consistent with his cinematic style — shines a glaring light on brutality and blood-letting, casting in darkness the love and compassion Jesus shared with everyone he met.

Those cherished gifts are what I want to remember about Jesus, whose teachings have been a part of my life since I was old enough to mimic a nighttime prayer. I can no more focus on his death than that of my father, whose dying took nearly three months and caused the kind of pain drugs do little to relieve.

Once, Dad asked his pastor if it was a sin to pray for death. But with his family, he maintained a quiet strength and mustered enough energy to still share his deep Christian faith and show us we were loved.

It took me years to let go of those last three months. Only then could I enjoy my father's memory, without grief and sadness.

Mel Gibson's epic film has touched lives and moved people to tears. But Jesus of Nazareth has been dead for 2,000 years.

Isn't it time to move past the darkness of his death and fully embrace the light of his life?

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Joni Hubred-Golden

## LETTERS

### Soft hands

Enough is enough. I'm sick and tired of hearing people describe the "Vietnam era" National Guard as though it were a "safe haven" for the sons of politicians, connected folks and the occasional professional athlete.

Let me tell you, there was peril involved! I would defy anyone to look at the X-ray of Dan Quayle's tennis elbow and tell me "that didn't hurt."

Now we have these scurrilous rumors intimating that President George W. Bush was MIA for a year during his Air National Guard duty HOGWASH! The man showed his pay stubs and his honorable discharge. End of discussion!

Let me ask you this: Mr. tie-dyed protester and Ms. Jane Fonda wannabe. If in 1970 the Viet Cong had attempted to invade this country via Mexico, would you have been there to protect our southern border? I think NOT!

Instead, like at the Alamo, it would have been George W. and his fellow "fortunate sons" hacking and slashing at "Charlie" with 9-irons and tennis rackets and whatever else they could get their soft hands on.

Bless those boys!

William McCleverty

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- Straccali Chianti 15 LT ..... **\$9<sup>99</sup>**

### BAKERY

- Camelot Cakes Reg \$9.99 ..... **Sale \$6<sup>99</sup>**
- Bello Vino French Bread Reg \$1.99 ..... **Sale 99¢**
- Fresh Fruit Flans Reg \$5.99 ... **Sale \$4<sup>99</sup>**

### FRESH FLORAL

- Arrangements • Bouquets
- All Occasion • Roses
- 3-Bulb Potted Plants ..... **3 FOR \$10<sup>00</sup>**

### COFFEE/GELATO

- Free Coffee Samples Daily  
Compliments of Bello Vino
- Pints of Gelato ... **\$4<sup>99</sup>**
- Lavazza Italian Coffee 20 oz Cup ... **99¢**

### BEVERAGE

- Michigan's Own Arcadia Brewing Company
- Variety 12 pk Btls<sup>1</sup> ..... **\$11<sup>99</sup>**
- IPA 12 pk Btls ..... **\$11<sup>99</sup>**
- Heineken 12 pk Btls ..... **\$11<sup>99</sup>**
- Amstel Light 12 pk Btls ..... **\$11<sup>99</sup>**
- Bass Pale Ale 12 pk Btls ..... **\$11<sup>99</sup>**
- Guinness 4pk. Draught Cans ... **\$5<sup>99</sup>**
- Samuel Adams 12 Pack Btls.  
Light Boston Lager White Ale Everyday \$13.99 ... **\$11<sup>99</sup>**
- German Paulaner Hefe-Weizen **\$12<sup>99</sup>**  
12 pk Btls Everyday \$15.99
- Leopold Bros.  
of Ann Arbor 6 Pack Btls.  
Golden Lager Red Lager Pils ..... **\$6<sup>99</sup>**

### MEATS

- Hereford Standing Rib Roast Reg \$8.49 Lb ..... **\$4<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Hereford Bone In Ribeye Steak Reg \$8.99 Lb ..... **\$5<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Veal Loin Chops Reg \$11.99 Lb ... **\$5<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Lamb Loin Chops Reg \$11.99 Lb .. **\$7<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Leg of Lamb Reg \$4.99 Lb ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Baby Back Ribs Reg \$4.99 Lb ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Ground Sirloin ..... **\$1<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Bello Vino's Stuffed Pork Chops ..... **\$2<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast ..... **\$1<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Pork Tenderloin ..... **\$3<sup>89</sup> lb**

### SEAFOOD

- Sea Bass Reg \$14.99 Lb ..... **\$7<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Salmon Fillet Reg \$7.99 Lb ..... **\$4<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Salmon Steak Reg \$5.99 Lb ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup> lb**
- 31/40 Cooked Shrimp ..... **\$6<sup>99</sup> lb**

### DELI

- Whole Rotisserie Chicken ... **\$4<sup>99</sup> ea**
- Boar's Head Mesquite Smoked Turkey  
Reg \$6.99 lb ..... **\$5<sup>99</sup> lb**
- Switzerland Swiss  
Reg \$7.49 lb ..... **\$4<sup>99</sup> lb**  
Win a Swiss Watch by guessing  
the correct weight of the Swiss Wheel
- Grande Fresh Mozzarella **\$5<sup>99</sup>**  
Reg \$6.99 lb
- 3 Yr. Old Sharp Wisconsin Cheddar **\$3<sup>99</sup>**  
Reg \$5.99 lb

### GROCERY

- IBC Root Beer or Cream Soda **\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
4 pk 12 oz Bottles Reg \$3.99 ..... **\$1<sup>99</sup> + dep.**
- Absopure Spring Water **\$3<sup>99</sup>**  
1/2 Liter 24 pk case Reg \$7.99
- Twining Tea Bags **99¢**  
All Varieties 20-25 ct Reg \$2.79
- DiNicola Imported Pasta **\$1<sup>00</sup>**  
All Cuts, 1 Lb Pkg Reg 99¢ ..... **3 FOR \$1<sup>00</sup>**
- Bonne Maman Preserves **99¢**  
13 oz Jars All Varieties Reg \$2.69
- Antonio Amato Imported Potato Gnocchi **99¢**  
11 Lb Pkg Reg \$2.69
- Westsoy Light Soymilk Original or Vanilla **\$1<sup>00</sup>**  
32 oz Ctn Low Fat Reg \$1.59 ..... **2 FOR \$1<sup>00</sup>**
- Near East Couscous or Pilafs **99¢**  
Reg \$1.99
- Pita Snax Pita Chips Baked **99¢**  
6 oz Bags Reg \$2.49
- Mezzetta Napa Valley Bistro Pasta Sauce **\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
25 oz Jar, All Varieties Reg \$4.29
- Carrs Table Water Crackers **\$1<sup>29</sup>**  
4.5 oz Boxes All Varieties Reg \$2.49

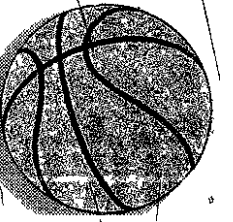
### DAIRY

- Edy's Ice Cream **\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
All Varieties 1/2 Gallon
- Stonyfield Farms Yogurt **\$1<sup>00</sup>**  
6 oz All Varieties Reg 89¢ ..... **3 FOR \$1<sup>00</sup>**
- Häagen Daz Ice Cream **\$3<sup>00</sup>**  
All Flavors Pints ..... **2 FOR \$3<sup>00</sup>**
- Country Dairy Milk **\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
Fat free 2% Vitamin D or 1% lowfat Gallon  
Reg \$3.59

### PRODUCE

- Navel Orange 8 Lb. Bag 36 ct size ... **\$2<sup>99</sup> bag**
- Bananas 4 Lbs ..... **\$1<sup>00</sup>**
- Earthbound Organic Salad Mixes Clamshell **\$2<sup>49</sup> ea**  
Spring Mix Arugala Spinach Baby Romaine
- Dole Golden Pineapples ..... **\$2<sup>99</sup> ea**
- Strawberries ..... **\$1<sup>49</sup> lb**
- Broccoli Crowns ..... **99¢ lb**
- Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice 1/2 Gallon ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup>**
- Green or Red Romaine Lettuce ... **99¢ lb**
- Artichokes Jumbo Size (18 ct) **\$1<sup>99</sup> ea**
- Green Beans (Fla.) ..... **99¢ lb**

We reserve the right to limit quantities.



## Sidelines

### Rocks get win

In a state tournament tune-up Saturday at Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, Salem's hockey team got two goals apiece from Tom Cooper and John Maurer in a dominating 7-2 win.

The Rocks led 4-0 before St. Mary's CC got on the board. Other Salem goal-scorers were Kyle Emmons (he also had an assist), Dan Crockett (he had two assists) and Mike Barr.

Brandon DeMars was in goal for Salem. Andrew Compean was in the Falcons' goal.

### Ocelots fall

Despite limiting Grand Rapids CC to just 27.4 percent shooting from the floor, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team couldn't take advantage, losing in the MCAA state semifinals 65-56 Feb. 25 in Grand Rapids.

The loss left the Ocelots at 21-7 going into the NJCAA District H Tournament Wednesday at Owens Tech. Grand Rapids improved to 18-9.

SC led 24-19 at the half, with the Raiders making just 6-of-37 shots (16.2 percent). In the second half, however, the Ocelots were outscored 46-32.

Grand Rapids won with defense, forcing 20 turnovers while committing just 12, rebounding (a 54-48 advantage, including a 22-12 edge in offensive boards), and free-throw shooting (the Raiders were 19-of-29, 65.5 percent, to SC's 11-of-15, 73.3 percent).

India Monteiro topped SC with 24 points and nine rebounds. Tara Charles had 12 points.

Grand Rapids got 23 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots from Autumn Kuitic. Stacey Jenema contributed 12 points and three steals, and Cara Flanders got eight points and 10 rebounds.

### 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 varsity 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.

### Road rally

The Canton Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball organization is hosting its second-annual Road Rally on March 13. Space is limited; early registration is suggested.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes meal, prizes and music. For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or on the Web at [thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com](http://thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com).

# Brighton eliminates Salem in state regional - again

The outcome was still very much in doubt.

Salem had chances in its first-round state regional hockey game against Brighton Monday at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The Rocks trailed 2-0 after one period and 3-0 before the second period was four minutes old, but a minute later Salem's Buddy Musa put a shot past Bulldog goalie Aaron Gidcomb and the momentum swung back to the Rocks.

Unfortunately, they couldn't capitalize on it. Brighton just waited for its chance — which came in the final 94 seconds of the second period. The Bulldogs scored three goals in 69 seconds, effectively

ruining any comeback hopes Salem entertained and ultimately ending the Rocks' season with a 7-3 loss.

Salem finishes at 12-10-3. It just wasn't bouncing our way,' said Salem coach Fred Feiler. 'I thought we outplayed them totally in the second period. We just didn't outluck them.' But I was proud of these guys. They never quit.

Eric Swiatek scored three goals for the Bulldogs, two of them in their four-goal second period. Mike Hautamski finished with a goal and two assists, Jeff Wiley had a goal and an assist, John Kivisto and Zachary Hitch each scored

goals, and team captain Todd Pietila collected four assists. Thomas Murphy and Davey Mika added two assists apiece.

For Salem, Musa scored two goals and assisted on another. Mike Barr got a goal early in the third period to make it a 6-2 game (assisted by Musa and John Peterson), but Swiatek's third goal of the game (unassisted) restored Brighton's five-goal advantage. Musa scored late, with assists from Brooks Belhart and Ryan Jones.

Belhart and Craigen Bauldry assisted on Musa's second-period goal. Brandon DeMars started in goal for

Salem, allowing six goals and making 12 saves in the first two periods. Joe Moore replaced DeMars in the third period and had 12 stops and gave up one goal. Gidcomb had 12 saves for Brighton.

The Bulldogs eliminated Salem last season in the regional final, also by a 7-3 score.

That Brighton team was ranked third in the state at the time.

'This is a better skating team than last year's,' said Feiler of the current Bulldogs. 'They're very disciplined — they wait for you to make a mistake.'

And then they pounce. That strategy worked well Monday.



Canton's Matt Oliver (middle) waits for the puck as Huron's Jeff Marley (right) tries to push out away from goalie Brian Commiskey in the third period.

## Coming so very close

### Canton can't quite pull off Huron upset

BY DAVE REGNIER  
STAFF WRITER

With time running out in the game and the season, Canton hockey coach Jim Wheaton pulled his goalie and held his breath. But despite a sixth man on the ice for Canton, Ann Arbor Huron dug its heels in and got the 5-4 win Tuesday night in a state regional game at Ann Arbor's Ice Cube Arena.

'With this team, the only thing that comes to mind is they give 100 percent,' said Canton coach Jim Wheaton of his team, which went 8-14-2 on the season. 'We're two very similar teams that matched up well. Unfortunately tonight, they scored last and won the game.'

It was a tight game from the first drop of the puck to the final sound of the horn ending the third, with neither side able to gain more than a

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## Ocelots falter in Region 12 vs. Vincennes

For the first time in four years, Schoolcraft College won't be making the trip to the NJCAA Division I men's basketball tournament.

In the Region 12 opener Wednesday night, host Vincennes University (Ind.) pulled away in the second half to oust the Ocelots, 88-70.

Vincennes, 27-4 overall and ranked No. 7 in the NJCAA national poll, led 39-32 at halftime and outscored the Ocelots 47-30 over the final 13 minutes to put the game away.

Tyrone Young, a 6-foot-4 forward, led the Trailblazers with a game-high 25 points. Carl Landry, a 6-8, 240-pound center headed to Purdue, chipped in with 24, while 6-foot guard Dale Parsons added 18.

'We did not play well against their 'Big Three,' said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose team had beaten Vincennes three straight years to earn the trip to Hutchinson, Kan. Landry killed us. We also could have done a better job of controlling the tempo in the second half. They had too much depth for us.'

Guards Ryan Baumgartner and Ray Metcalf scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, for the Ocelots, who bowed out at 27-4 overall.

Vincennes hit 25-of-34 free throws (73.5 percent) compared with 12-of-21 for Schoolcraft (57.1 percent).

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 18, played without two starters due to disciplinary reasons, 6-7 forward Anton Palmer (averaging 14 points) and point-guard Ricky Morgan (averaging nine).

I thought we had a good year winning both the (Eastern) conference and the state (MCAA) tournament,' Briggs said. 'We could have been tough to beat if we had been a little more focused off the court. But the kids who went down there competed, no doubt.'

Vincennes meets Kirtland (17-12), which received a first-round bye, tonight for the Region 12 title. The winner goes on to inter-district play.

## Madonna opens with 5-straight wins

It was glorious while it lasted. The winning streak for Madonna University's baseball team ended after five games when College of St. Thomas scored four runs in the second inning en route to a 9-2 victory Tuesday in Homestead, Fla.

Jeff Savage (0-1) was tagged with the loss for the Crusaders (5-1), giving up just four hits, but eight runs — six of them after allowing six walks. Savage, Ron Williams and Bobby Houchins (Farmington) teamed to strike out seven but walk 10 for the Crusaders.

Nestor Argote scattered five hits in getting the win for St. Thomas. Preston Picard (Farmington) had two of the hits for Madonna, while Tony Kern was 2-for-4 with two runs batted in.

The Crusaders started their trip with consecutive wins over Northwood University, 15-6, and Point Park, 5-2, on Saturday, Northwood, 2-1, on Sunday, and Point Park, 5-1 and 10-0, on Monday.

Leading the Madonna offense in those five wins were Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Harrison) with nine hits, a .600 batting average, one double, one home run and six RBI. Picard with 11 hits (.500), two doubles, a triple and four RBI. Jason Barbeau, with seven hits (.500) and four runs scored, Ben Galus, with seven hits (.500), three doubles, five runs scored and six RBI, and Joe Greene, with seven hits (.467), five runs scored and four RBI.

On the mound, Dan Duffey (Farmington Hills/Catholic Central),

Derek Dufrane, Mike Hand (North Farmington), Doug Brooks and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) were all 1-0. Duffey, Dufrane and Hand had each pitched at least six innings without surrendering an earned run. Indeed, they only allowed five hits combined in 18 2/3 innings, and the team earned run average was 1.80.

If there were any negatives for Madonna, it was the walks allowed (a total of 16 in 35 innings) and errors (nine in five games).

Although, considering it was the spring trip, such mistakes are acceptable — especially when the Crusaders are batting 388 as a team, while opponents are hitting just .123.

## Rocks' big day leads to a title

Everything came together for Salem's volleyball team at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament Saturday at Walled Lake Central.

And once things started to go the Rocks' way, they just kept building on it — in such a dominating fashion that they never did lose a game, beating regular-season champ Livonia Churchill 15-12, 15-10 in the final.

As impressive as that victory was, the other five matches Salem won were even more so. In fact, no opponent scored enough points in their two games combined against the Rocks to win a single game.

The key was our defense, serving and consistency,' said Salem coach Tom Teeters, his team now 48-8-5 overall. 'Against Churchill, we had to scratch and fight for every point.'

But our defense and serve receive was so strong, we just didn't let many balls drop.

Throughout the tournament, the Rocks dominated.

In pool play, they defeated Northville 15-7, 15-3, Walled Lake Western 15-7, 15-3, Livonia Franklin 15-7, 15-4, and Livonia Stevenson 15-5, 15-4, and in the WLAA semifinals, they handled Westland John Glenn

15-4, 15-9. Going into the tournament, Salem and Churchill had divided their four previous meetings, each winning twice. The Chargers finished ahead of the Rocks in the conference standings by virtue of their 15-9, 12-15, 15-8 win Jan. 28 at Churchill.

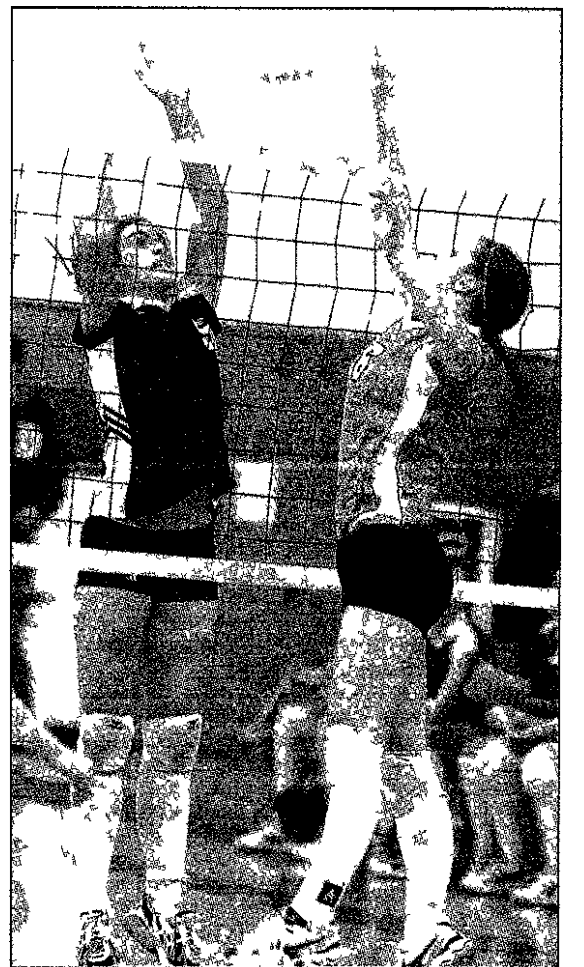
That equality continued at the WLAA Tournament. Like the Rocks, Churchill did not lose a single set until the championship match. The Chargers beat John Glenn 15-2, 15-8, Wayne 15-5, 15-3, Canton 15-5, 15-11, and Walled Lake Central 15-7, 15-9 in pool play, then topped Stevenson 15-13, 15-3 in the semifinals.

The final was a different story, however.

Salem outlasted Churchill in the first match to get a three-point win, but it seemed the Chargers would rebound in the second set.

'We put the first four balls into the net in the second game, but even with that we were very competitive,' said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, his team now 46-7-2.

Indeed, the next eight points went to the Chargers, who found themselves ahead 8-4. That's when the



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Salem's Ellen Canale (left) had 13 kills in the WLAA championship match against Livonia Churchill.

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# 3rd period lifts Whalers CC routs Redford

Two third-period goals did the trick for the Plymouth Whalers Saturday in front of a sold-out crowd at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, carrying them to a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa 67's

The win gave the Whalers a 29-22-9-3 record, solidifying their second-place position in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. They have 70 points in 63 games, trailing Sarnia (78 points in 62 games) but leading third-place Sault Ste. Marie by 10 points.

Ottawa is 26-26-6-4 (62 points), third in the OHL's East Division.

What proved to be the game-winning goal came on the power play from John Vigilante, his 30th of the season, with assists from John Mitchell and James Wisniewski, at 5:43 of the third period. For Mitchell, it capped a superb perform-

ance, it was his third assist of the game.

Vaclav Meidl provided some cushion with a goal at the 9:20 mark of the third period (assisted by Brent Mahon).

The Whalers had to overcome Ottawa leads in both the first and second periods. The 67's took a 1-0 lead on a score by Mark Mancari at 9:06 of the first, but Plymouth tied it just 1:21 later with a goal by Gino Pisellini (assisted by Mitchell and Vigilante).

Ottawa went ahead again with a goal by Corey Locke at 5:44 of the second. The Whalers tied it again with a Jonas Fiedler score (assisted by Mitchell and Richard Power).

Paul Drew stopped 18 of 20 shots on goal for Plymouth. Lukas Mensator faced 52 shots on net for the 67's, stopping 48.

Five-time defending Division I state hockey champion Redford Catholic Central (16-6-3) opened its defense with a lopsided 10-1 regional victory Monday over Redford Unified (12-12-1) at the Dearborn Indoor Skating Center.

Redford Unified's Eddie Brown struck first, but CC answered with 10 unanswered goals, one in the first period, four more in the second period and five in the third.

Harrison Niemann had two goals and one assist, while Kevin Horal added a goal and three assists.

Jason Lewarne and Jimmy Burns each contributed a goal and one assist. Other CC goal scorers included Drew Kahle (short-handed), David McGrorty, Mike Oakleaf and Dan Barczuk.

Billy Makela collected two assists, while Lewarne, Tim Buttery, T.J. Quattlander, Pete Pfeffer and Chris New added one each.

Redford Unified netminder Chris Donahue made 42 saves, while CC counterpart John Garza faced just 10 shots.

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one-goal lead.

Despite difficulties winning face-offs and getting outshot 26-18, Canton gave the seventh-ranked River Rats (12-7-5 for the season) a run for their money as the two teams traded goals.

Huron started first with an unassisted goal by Steven Wask at the 11:56 mark of the first period.

Canton's junior forward Garret Hyman tied it when he scored on a breakaway, set up by Matt Oliver and Ben Lauren at 3:03 in the second. Huron recaptured the lead with an unassisted goal by Phil Coron at 2:43 remaining in the second.

Twenty-one seconds later the Chiefs answered with a goal from Matt Oliver, assisted by Kyle Tollison and Reece McCabe. Canton defenseman Pat Davison then surprised the River Rats defense, scoring on a seemingly harmless-looking shot from the corner. Davison's goal, scored with 1:10 remaining in the second and assisted by Oliver and Lauren, gave the Chiefs a 3-2 lead going into the third peri-

od. Rob DeMuro put Huron back on top, scoring twice in a 29-second span to make it 4-3. The first came on the power play, with Jeff Marley and Noah Bradley assisting at 4:23. The second came on a tip-in of a Tim Nowling slap-shot at 4:52.

The Chiefs evened it up at the 6:40 mark with Oliver's second goal of the game, assisted by Mike Stewart. With the game tied at 4-4, DeMuro struck again for Huron, getting possession of the puck in the Canton zone, beating a defenseman and then circling behind the net until he found Coron, who one-timed DeMuro's pass to beat Canton goalie Chris Garrett for the game-winner.

"Our guys fought back in the third," said Huron coach Dave Debol. "Our problem all year has been our inability to put teams away."

"We need to play to get the next goal, to put the nail in the coffin. Our plan was to force them on the forecheck and just play our game. Give Canton credit, they had some great chances."

Huron looks to continue its season Thursday against Howell in the regional semifinals.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 24, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chairperson in Supervisor Yack's absence. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, Zarbo. Members Absent: Yack, Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda including Item G 9, Authorization to Purchase State Owned Mineral and Allied Rights for four (4) Acres/Haggerty Road by J.B. Donaldson. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 10, 2004. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Board Study Meeting of February 17, 2004. Motion carried by all members present.

**Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**Expenditure Recap for February 24, 2004**

General Fund	101	\$ 341,577.23
Fire Fund	206	124,625.40
Police Fund	207	154,645.54
Summit Operating	208	68,959.69
Cable TV Fund	230	5,933.32
Twp Improvement	246	30,114.92
E 911 Utility	261	2,160.42
Auto Forfeiture(w/va)	267	600.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	8,667.94
Auto Theft Grant	289	26,631.77
Downtown Dev Authority	294	1,035.00
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	2,172,721.02
Golf Fund	584	13,047.68
Water & Sewer Fund	592	724,848.97
Post Employ Benefits	736	24,133.11
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>3,699,702.01</b>

**Board Member Reports:** Trustee Zarbo passed out three written articles related to future Ford Road Corridor development. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. General Fund Budget Amendment - Emergency Preparedness (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the purchase of generators and equipment to use for power outages for Emergency Preparedness Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101,000,699,000 \$6,500.

Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Emergency Preparedness #101,426,970,000 \$6,500. This budget amendment increases the Emergency Preparedness Division budget from \$138,050 to \$144,150 and the General Fund Budget from \$24,174,805 to \$24,180,905. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 2. Reappointment to the Tax Board of Review (Supervisor)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to move that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the reappointment of Nick Kulka Jr. to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two year term to expire March 2, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 3. Approve DNR Emerald Ash Borer Grant Application (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Michigan DNR, in the amount of \$20,000, for tree replacement due to the ash borer infestation. I further move to authorize a match in the amount of \$20,000 split between line items #101-270, 818,0000 (Park Budget) and #534,756,971,0000, (Pheasant Run Land Improvements). Motion carried by all members present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Site Plan for White Castle Rebuild. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for White Castle Rebuild**

**WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Joseph Barts has requested site plan approval for the White Castle Rebuild to be located on Ford Road between Haggerty Road and I 275 (Tax ID #050,99,0009,001), 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.

**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. Joseph Barts to approve the site plan for the proposed White Castle Rebuild 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 Amendment #8 to the Cherry Hill PUD. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Amendment #8 to the Cherry Hill PUD**

**WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer has requested an amendment to the Cherry Hill Planned Unit Development agreement located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Morton Taylor Roads, (Tax ID #s 085,99,0001-001, 085,99,0002,704 and 085,99,0003,000) and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the amendment made and a recommendation to APPROVE the request to approve the amendment as proposed.

**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. Don Marhofer to approve Amendment #8 to the Cherry Hill Planned Unit Development agreement, 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 modification to section 6.04 F of the Forest Preservation Ordinance for the Hamptons Condominiums (part of the Cherry Hill PUD). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to grant the appeal by Mr. Don Marhofer project sponsor for the Hamptons, of the Forest Preservation Ordinance No. 124 Section 6.04 f that requires all replacement trees to be located on the same parcel of land on which tree removal occurs. An equivalent of sixty four (64) of the replacement trees required for The Hamptons project will be allowed to be planted on the adjacent Cherry Grove property in order to supplement the existing plantings along the common property line. The appeal is granted with the following conditions: The project sponsor will provide the Township with a \$24,000 cash bond, equivalent to the planting of 64 replacement trees. This bond will be to the benefit of the Cherry Grove Homeowner's Association. The Association will assume all responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the trees. Trees may be planted along the east Cherry Grove property line only. At least 64 trees must be planted. Shade trees must be a minimum of 2" caliper, measured 12 inches above grade and evergreen trees must have a minimum height of 8'. Arborvitae may not be used as

evergreen trees. All trees must be warranted for two years. Additional trees may be planted. However, the Township will reimburse the Association for not more than \$24,000. As specified in the Forest Preservation Ordinance, such monies are to be used only for the planting of trees. Therefore, reimbursement cannot be provided for landscape design services, irrigation, grading, removal of dead trees or other vegetation from the planting area or similar activities. After the trees are planted, Planning Services will inspect the trees to determine compliance with Ordinance requirements. After the trees are inspected and approved and upon submission of an itemized invoice from the supplier for the trees, including planting and a two year warranty, the cost of the trees not to exceed \$24,000 will be refunded to the Cherry Grove Homeowners Association. Any remaining monies will be returned to the project sponsor. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 4. Consider site plan approval for the Hamptons Condominiums (Part of the Cherry Hill PUD) (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for The Hamptons Condominiums**

**WHEREAS** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer has requested site plan approval for The Hamptons to be located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Morton Taylor Roads (Tax ID #085,99,0001,001,085,99,0002,704 and 085,99,0003,000), 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** the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees on February 24, 2004 approved a resolution to grant an appeal of the Forest Preservation Ordinance and allow the project sponsor to provide the Township with a \$24,000 cash bond equivalent to the planting of 64 replacement trees for the benefit of the Cherry Grove Homeowner's Association which will assume responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the said trees and,

**WHEREAS** in addition the project sponsor will place a temporary construction fence along the westerly property line running north to south,

following clearing and grubbing activity on the subject property. **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. Don Marhofer to approve the site plan for The Hamptons, 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 5. Consider Site Plan for Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV (Part of Cherry Hill PUD) (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Site Plan for Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV**

**WHEREAS** the Project Sponsor Mr. Don Marhofer has requested site plan approval for Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Lilley and Sheldon Roads identified as Tax EDP #085,99,0002,704 and 085,99,0003,000 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.

**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. Don Marhofer, to approve the site plan for the proposed Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV 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 6. Consider Authorizing Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. to Perform Property Surveys for the Lotz Road Right-of-Way. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to authorize Ayres Lewis Norris & May Inc. to perform the property surveys and legal descriptions for the right of way for the Lotz Road SAD in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 (#403,506,818,000). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 7. Consider Approval for Two Engineering Services Staff to Attend A SewerCAD Training Workshop in Minneapolis, MN, May 3-5, 2004. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize Bob Belar and Bill Serchak, Engineering Services Staff to attend a SewerCAD training workshop in Minneapolis, MN May 3-5, 2004. The not-to-exceed budget of \$4,000.00 will be paid from Engineering Services Conference and Seminars line item 592,441,951,0000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8. Approve the Purchase of Microsoft Office 2003 for Township Wide Deployment on Computer Systems (FDB)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the amended motion to purchase 400 workstation licenses totaling \$99,000, which was approved in the 2004 budget of Microsoft Office 2003, from Microsources Inc. 655 Fairfield Court Ann Arbor 48108 (#101,258,755,0000) Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 9. Authorization to Purchase State Owned Mineral and Allied Rights for four (4) Acres/Haggerty Road, by J.B. Donaldson** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton, to sign the Application to Purchase State Owned Mineral and Allied Rights for the parcel of property described as part of parcel, tax ID #71,095,0028,001 and described by the following: Part of the South of the West of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township Wayne County Michigan, being more particularly described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 of said Section 25 thence along a line being parallel with the East West 1/4 line at Section 25 as monumented North 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East 58.17 feet to the West line of Haggerty Road (120 feet wide) thence continuing North 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 32 seconds West 320.00 feet thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East, 587.61 feet to the Westerly line of Interstate 275 (variable row) said Westerly line being 197 feet Westerly of the Northbound construction centerline thence along said Westerly line 73.21 feet along a curve to the left with a radius of 5926.58 feet and chord that bears South 04 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds East 73.19 feet thence continuing along the Westerly line of Interstate 275 South 04 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East 247.69 feet thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds West 611.84 feet along a line parallel with the East West 1/4 line of Section 25 as monumented, to the point of beginning. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Study Session March 2, 2004 7:00 p.m. Public Art ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 7:55 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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## LEGAL NOTICE

### 1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Plymouth Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement.

The proposed improvements shall consist of two lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the westerly right-of-way line of Beck Road and proceeds along Amherst Court to the northerly right-of-way line of Powell Road. The project also includes Nicholas Lane in its entirety.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed.

The district limit for frontage along Amherst Court and Nicholas Lane consists of Lots 1 through 46 of the Plymouth Hills Subdivision, as well as parcels 990003001, 990003002, and 990003003, located in the Southeast of Section 29, T1S, R8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$332,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
42350 Ann Arbor Road  
Plymouth Michigan 48170  
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# Ocelots beat Grand Rapids, win MCCA title

When push came to shove, Schoolcraft College was not going to be denied in its bid for a fourth straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's basketball title.

The Ocelots, who led by as many as 17 points in the second half, withstood a three-point barrage from Grand Rapids to pull out a hard-fought 87-82 victory at Flint Mott.

Schoolcraft, which improved to 28-3 overall, got a lift off the bench from 6-foot-7, 260-pound reserve center Darien Bynum. The second-year player from Redford Bishop Borgess scored all 11 of his points in the second half.

Five other Ocelots scored in double figures led by Ryan Baumgartner with 17, Ray Metcalf and Marcus

Johnson, 16 apiece, Tyrone Scott, 13, and Derrick Ponder, 10.

Johnson, a 6-8, 225 pound forward from Dearborn Heights Robichaud, had a huge weekend on the boards. He grabbed 16 in the win over Grand Rapids and had 21 in a semifinal victory Friday over Wayne County CC.

Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, who suspended two starters for disciplinary reasons prior to Friday's semifinal, was elated with the outcome.

"It shows how hard our kids work in practice and about how hard our coaches work, too," Briggs said. "Even without two starters, it says a lot about the program. We had a limited rotation of guys, but they didn't quit despite all the distractions we had

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this week. They were able to keep their focus and concentration.

Schoolcraft led 45-32 at halftime thanks to a 14-0 run sparked by the play of Metcalf, Ponder, Baumgartner, Scott and Johnson. Schoolcraft hit 15 of 30 first half shots.

"We're best when we're scoring off our defense," Briggs said. "During that time we were able to get into transition and get some easy baskets."

After Baumgartner's second three-pointer put the Ocelots ahead 51-34 with 18:20 left in the game, Grand Rapids responded by going on a three-point binge of its own.

The Raiders (23-5) nailed 10 three-pointers in the second half and pulled to within five twice, including a triple by Quennel Young with 11:04 left and another try from leading scorer Brad Pompey with 8:46 remaining to make it 61-56.

But Bynum, who has been plagued by knee problems the past two years, came to the rescue by coming off the bench to score six straight points.

Grand Rapids never got closer than six as the Ocelots held them off by shooting 33 of 44 for the game from the foul line.

"We talked at halftime that we need another guy with bulk in there because Lamont (Arrington, Schoolcraft's 7-footer) was getting pushed around," Briggs said. "Darien came in and played well."

Bynum, ironically, did not play in the opening half, but logged 15 valuable minutes in the second half.

"I just had to get rebounds, put backs and box out on the defensive end," said Bynum, who was 3 of 4 from the field and 5-of-6 from the foul line to go along with four rebounds. "Coach (Gary) Mazza kept telling me to be ready."

This year, I've just tried to keep a good attitude and pray. I'm about 85 percent back. It (the knee surgery) has limited my jumping ability and I'm about 15 pounds overweight."

In addition to Pompey, Grand Rapids got a lift from forward Curtis Ludtke who finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Jamie Brown and Stuart Mayes each added 12 points, while Young finished with 11.

# Shamrocks are no match for OLSM

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
CORRESPONDENT

Brandon Cassise was hot enough to burn Catholic Central right out of the Detroit Catholic League Central-AA championship game.

Cassise equaled the fourth-most points scored in a championship game - 30 - Sunday at the University of Detroit's Calhoun Hall that paced Orchard Lake St. Mary's to a tougher-than-it-looked 69-56 victory over CC.

"I knew had to make shots," said Cassise, who burned the Shamrocks for 29 points when they met in the first game of

the season, a 64-52 Eaglets' victory. "We've been playing good lately (14-game winning streak) and we knew they are a good team."

"We knew Andre Ratliff and Cassise were the guys to stop," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "I don't know what Ratliff had (12 points) but Cassise torched us. He absolutely torched us. He's solid."

St. Mary's jumped out to an early 9-4 lead and kept fending off CC challenges. The Shamrocks were only able to lead once, 25-24, on a Dan Waterstradt jam with 3:22 left in the half.

But the Eaglets scored the

next six points, closing the half with a 9-2 run to take a 33-27 lead into the third quarter. CC fought back again, closing to 48-45 after three periods and scored the first basket of the fourth to make it 48-47.

But Cassise, who transferred to St. Mary's from Walled Lake Central, scored 13 of his points in the final period as the Eaglets made their first five shots to take a 59-52 lead. Overall, OLSM went 9-for-11 from the field in the last eight minutes - and the two shots it missed were blocked.

"That guy was hitting some shots," OLSM coach George Porritt said of Cassise. "A big

key for us was rebounding. We didn't give them many second shots. And Chris McLaurin made a couple of big put backs."

McLaurin also scored a dozen points for St. Mary's (15-4) while CC (15-4) got 21 points from Waterstradt, 14 from Jim Cash and eight from Kyle Smith.

They just made shots, Coratti said. Some were contested. What are you going to do? Then we started missing. We were pushing the ball up the floor and rushed our shots. It seemed like we could never get in a good rhythm in the game."

## ROCKS

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pivotal moment in the match surfaced, according to Teeters.

Jordan Falcusan, Salem's senior setter, stepped in to serve and ignited a five-point run. Following a Churchill timeout, the Rocks lost the serve, but not the momentum. They were ahead 9-8, and would never again face anything more than a one-point deficit.

"That was a big momentum change for us," said Teeters. Added Greiner: "We made a

lot of unforced errors. It was a disappointing match because we did not play too well. It hurts the ego."

"Hopefully, we'll be real motivated for the districts."

Against Churchill, Salems Ellen Canale had 13 kills, Teresa Coppelie had 12 kills, Lauren Price had six kills and two serve aces, Courtney Edwards had three aces, and Falcusan finished with 28 set assists, two kills and two aces.

In the semifinal win over Glenn, the Rocks got eight kills from Canale, six kills and six digs from Coppelie, two aces from Edwards and 16 set assists

and three aces from Falcusan.

For the tournament, Churchill's attack was paced by Kelsey Mack with 36 kills, Jacqu Gatt with 35 kills and Jenna Kirby with 25 kills. Gatt also had 64 digs and a 95.6 serve reception rate, while Mack totaled 41 digs, five aces and a 92.6 serve reception rate. Kirby got 14 digs, Ashley Cecil finished with 49 set assists and 17 digs, Krystyna Archer had 39 digs and 50 digs, and Stephanie Gorte had 32 digs and five aces.

Churchill could have one more meeting with Salem, if both advance to the Class A district final Friday at Churchill.

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March is American Red Cross Month. Watch your newspaper for articles this month about the work of the Red Cross in your community - including Blood Drives. Create a two minute news report describing all of the services of the American Red Cross.

March is Women's History Month. There are more women than men in the United States. Count the total number of stories in each section of your newspaper. How many of these stories include a woman or women as subjects? Convert those numbers to percentages and then to pie charts. Which sections have more news about women? What kind of news? Are women making more news than men? Write a paragraph explaining what you have found from this experiment. Then try this again with the next issue of the paper and compare the two.

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# Canton man is Observer & Eccentric trivia contest winner

Canton's Steve Bergmans was the grand prize winner in the *Observer & Eccentric* ShowSpan Fishing Trivia Contest Feb 20

"I went out to dinner after we called and won the tickets," Bergmans said "When I got home, I heard the news that I had won (the grand prize) and thought it was great I'll definitely put it to good use"

### Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

Boat, Sport and Fishing Show, Wednesday through Sunday at Ford Field Bergmans' name was drawn randomly from the pool of correct answers

In addition to a pair of tickets to the show, he also won an Abu Garcia 6-foot, one piece, medium light action spinning rod & reel combo and a Luhr Jensen Little Chief electric smoker

The trivia question was 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?

The correct answer is On the back of the fish behind the dorsal fin

The Boat, Sport and Fishing Show runs through Sunday at Ford Field and features an

assortment of new fishing and hunting gear, continual seminars by some of Michigan's top sportsmen and much more Show hours are 2-9 30 p m today, noon-9 30 p m, Friday, 10 a.m to 9 p m, Saturday, and 10 a.m to 5 p m Sunday Tickets are \$8 adult, \$4 children ages 6-15, and children age 5 and under are admitted free

### FLY FISHING EXPO ON TAP

For the past 25 years the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo has been held at the Southfield Civic Center But the popularity of the show has caused expo organizer Kevin Lipp to move the show this year to the Macomb Community College's Expo Center in Warren

"The expo has grown so much through the years that it was becoming impossible to keep up with the demand for booth space and still have enough room for demonstrations, semi-

nars and space for people to walk," Lipp said in a release

So the show has moved to a new home Floor space for this year's show has been expanded from about 28,000 at the Southfield venue to 65,000 at MCC That means this year's show will be even bigger and better than before

The Midwest Fly Fishing Expo, sponsored and Michigan Fly Fishing Club, features over 200 booths, a casting pond and an all-star lineup of speakers The show will be held March 13-14, beginning at 10 a.m each day

For more information visit the Michigan Fly Fishing Club's web site at [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org)

Spring turkey drawing Results of the 2004 spring turkey license drawing are posted on the DNR web site, [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) Click on hunting, then click on wild turkeys, then click on drawing results and type in your ID

number (drivers license number) If you did not receive the hunt you applied for don't despair, left-over license — over 42,000 — go on sale over the counter at 10 a.m Monday However, only individuals who applied but were not selected can purchase a left-over license

Michigan's spring turkey season runs April 19-May 31 If you applied but are not contacted by Friday should call (517) 373-3904 for assistance

### CAMPGROUND HOSTS WANTED

If spending the summer camping — free of charge — sounds like a winning plan it may be time to consider volunteering to serve as a campground host in a state park or state forest campground

Each year, the Parks Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources puts out a call for volunteers to work in its Campground Host Program CHP allows individuals to camp in state parks and state forest campgrounds free for one month In exchange, the camper must help out around the park by providing assistance to other campers

"Campground hosts play vital roles in helping other campers understand the features of state parks and state forests," said Jerry Bukoski, head of the Parks and Recreation Bureau's visitor service unit "They share their expertise and knowledge and help build camaraderie in the campground"

Duties of a campground host are pretty simple They greet campers and answer questions about the park, and arrange activities like coffee hours, kids fishing derbies and campfire sing-a-longs

Volunteer campground hosts are not required to take law enforcement measures, but do observe and notify park staff of problems

Hosts must be at least 18 years old and provide service for five days/30 hours each week, including holidays and weekends The hosts are responsible for providing their own camping equipment For more information visit the DNR web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors 805 E Maple Birmingham MI 48009

### NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to FS 713 78 on 03/11/04 at 10 00 A M

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	Lawn	Trailer	N/A
98	Ford	Mustang	1FAFP45X2WF161271
'83	BMW	533i	WBADB7406D1047609
'93	Ford	Escort	1FAPP11J6PW174238
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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following

David Medley ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road  
Canton MI 48188  
(734) 394 5260

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### 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 18th, 2004 for the following

#### BECK ROAD TREE PLANTING PROGRAM SPRING 2004

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225 All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan wil accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 p m, March 18th 2004 for the following

#### TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7 02 p m and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Supervisor Mann and Trustees Arnold Griffith and Munfakh were present Excused were Clerk Massengill Treasurer Edwards and Trustee Curm Also present was Deputy Clerk Bridgman

Ms Arnold moved to approve the Agenda for the February 24, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all

Ms Arnold moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 10 2004 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted Seconded by Mr Munfakh Ayes all

Mr Keith Cleveland a resident of Plymouth Hills Subdivision asked which point of procedure was being followed regarding the matter on the agenda concerning the Paving Special Assessment District for Plymouth Hills Subdivision

Mr Jim Anulewicz Director of Public Service indicated the Board would only be setting the date for the Public Hearing Notices will be mailed to residents prior to the March 9 hearing date

Susan Vignoe Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator and Jim Anulewicz Public Services Director addressed the Board and answered questions

Mr Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7 12 p m regarding the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Allocation

Township resident Arlene Karell asked whether all seniors in the Township have been polled as to their wishes for allocation of the Block Grant funds

Mr Anulewicz and Mr Mann explained that the multi year improvement program at the Friendship Center was already approved by the Board last year This year's approval is a reaffirmation of that program and once completed a survey of all seniors could be taken

Mr Mann closed the Public Hearing at 7 15 p m

Ms Arnold moved to approve the expenditure of the 2004 Community Block Grant funds as follows

\$ 8,900	Plymouth Council on Aging
24,800	Senior Transportation Program
12,100	Administration
76,100	Multi year Senior Center Improvements
\$121,900	TOTAL

\*\*The multi year project was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 11 2003 Seconded by Mr Munfakh Ayes all on a roll call vote

Ms Arnold moved to approve Application No 1815/1003 for rezoning from R 1 E Single Family Residential, to TAR Technology and Research District as described on the attached amended zoning map Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all A copy of the amended zoning map is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal

Mr Munfakh moved to set the date for the Public Hearing of Necessity to March 9 2004 and add this item to the agenda for that meeting Further he moved to approve Resolution 04-02 24 06, scheduling Hearing of Necessity for the Plymouth Hills Subdivision Road Paving S A D for March 9, 2004 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 Griffith moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Annual Permit "C" for Street Sweeping addendum Permit "C" and MDOT Permit and approve the Performance and Indemnification Resolution allowing the Charter Township of Plymouth to work within the right of way of roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Wayne and State of Michigan Seconded by Mr Munfakh Ayes all

Ms Arnold moved that March 23 2004 be established for Public

Hearing on the request from Moeller Manufacturing Company Inc for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed in their existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all

Mr Griffith moved that March 23, 2004 be established for Public Hearing on the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company a request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for rehabilitation of their existing facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township Wayne County Michigan Seconded by Mr Munfakh Ayes all

Mr Munfakh moved that March 23 2004 be established for Public Hearing on the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company's request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for an expansion to their existing facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive Metro West Technology Park, Phase 11, Plymouth Township Wayne County Michigan Seconded by Ms Arnold Ayes all

Ms Arnold moved to adopt Resolution 04-02 24 07, authorizing Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C 41250 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No 243 and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all by roll call vote A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal

Ms Arnold moved to approve Resolution No 04 02 24 08 to allow residents of the Charter Township of Plymouth to participate in the DNR Canada Goose Nest Destruction and Relocation programs Parties wishing to participate must still apply for the appropriate MDNR permit and follow its procedures and requirements 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

Ms Arnold announced the birth of her grandson

Mr Lewis updated Mr Munfakh on the progress of the Township Hall Committee, stating 21 or 22 RFP's had been issued for architectural services The bid opening date is scheduled for March 5

Mr Lewis also updated Mr Munfakh on the progress of the house being constructed on Ann Arbor Road He said he'd taken a walk through with the homeowner and the first floor is now essentially dry walled and parts have been painted They are moving along

Resident Jim Karell asked if it was an oversight that "Set date for Public Hearing" was not included as part of Agenda Item J.1, Special Assessment District for Plymouth Hills Subdivision Road Paving He felt many residents in the area came out to the meeting, not realizing that this would be the only action taken

Mr Mann noted he would check with Clerk Massengill when she returns

Mr Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Mr Munfakh Ayes all Mr Mann adjourned the meeting at 7 58 p m

Joseph Bridgman, Deputy Clerk Steven Mann, Supervisor  
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 24, 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 March 9, 2004.

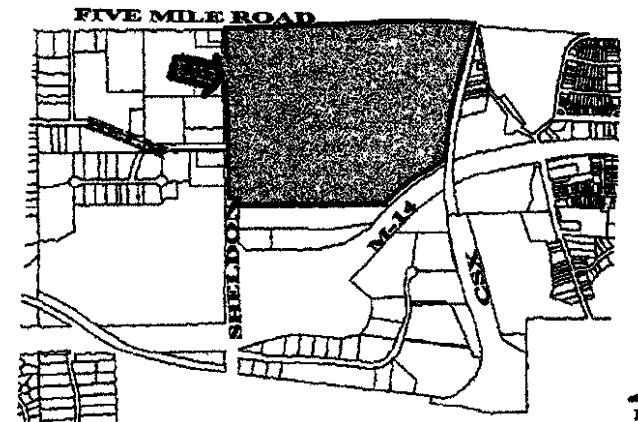
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION Requested Approval of the Planned Unit Development Option  
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday March 17 2004  
TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting the approval of the Planned Unit Development Option pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83 The subject property is located on the south side of Five Mile Road between Sheldon Road and Northville Road Tax ID Nos R78 013 01 0001 003, R78 013 99 0001 001 R78 018 03 0075 001 Application 1828/0204 Applicant, Archdiocese of Detroit

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours from 8 00 AM to 4 30 PM Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734-453 8131, ext 37 The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170

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KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

#### PROPOSED NEW ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT

ACTION: CONSIDER A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT TO REPLACE THE TEXT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO 83, IN ITS ENTIRETY

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, March 31 2004

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Michigan Public Act 184 of 1943 as amended, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing at 7 00 p.m on Wednesday March 31, 2004 for the purpose of considering a comprehensive revision of the zoning ordinance text for the entire Charter Township of Plymouth The new zoning ordinance text will replace the current Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance Ordinance No 83 in its entirety Revisions to the zoning map for the Township will be considered at a separate Planning Commission public hearing on April 7 2004

The public hearing will be held to explain the proposed Zoning Ordinance text to the public All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed new zoning ordinance text may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8 00 A M to 4 30 P M Application 1677 Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext 37 The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may be recommended approval to the Township Board of Trustees of the new zoning ordinance text as proposed, or as may be amended

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# Wayne's 'little man' is too big for Salem

It wasn't a big problem for Salem. Only about 5-foot-2, which, in the world of boys high school basketball, isn't very much.

Unless, of course, that "problem" is Geno Safford.

Wayne Memorial's diminutive senior point guard was nearly unstoppable Tuesday in what was the biggest game of the season thus far for both Wayne and Salem. With the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division title — and a berth in the WLAA championship opposite Northville on Friday — at stake, Safford struck for a career-high 32 points, including six three-pointers, to lift the Zebras to a 73-60 victory at Wayne.

Salem, which slipped to 8-11 overall and 5-3 in the division, hosts Canton in a WLAA crossover at 7 p.m. tonight. Wayne, 14-5 overall and 6-2 in the division, will entertain Northville for the title at 7 p.m. Friday.

"Good players rise to the occasion, and he did that," said Salem coach Bob Brodie of Safford's performance.

It wasn't just his outside shooting that frustrated the Rocks, either. One of his three-

pointers came the old-fashioned way, on a drive to the basket.

And in the final seconds of the first half, after Salem's Chris Haar had scored on a drive, was fouled and converted a three-point play, Safford took an inbound pass in the corner with just 1.59 seconds left and knocked down a triple, doubling the Zebras' advantage to 28-22.

That gave him 16 points in the first two quarters and gave Salem a challenge for the second half. Because if the Rocks were going to win, they had to stop Safford.

They didn't. He scored 16 more in the second half, and he did it in the clutch. He got another last-second basket to end the third quarter, this one a drive up the middle after dribbling 1.22 off the clock, pushing Wayne's lead to 52-37.

In the fourth quarter, after the Zebras increased their lead to 60-39 with 6:20 left, Salem got something going. A foul by Safford, followed by a technical called against him for slamming the ball to the floor, resulted in three free throws by Brian Bradley that ignited a 13-2 Rock run. Bradley had 11 of those points.

What had seemed an insur-

mountable lead just two minutes earlier was now in jeopardy, the Rocks within 10 with 4:04 left. They would not get any closer, however, thanks in part to Safford's free-throw shooting. He was 9-for-9 from the line, including 4-for-4 in the game's final minute.

Oh, by the way. He also had eight assists in the game.

"He stepped up and that was nice to see," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard of Safford's performance. Particularly impressive was his long-distance three-pointer to end the half. "That was big, to go from a three-point lead to six."

As good as he was, it took more than Safford to sink the Rocks. "I knew they were going to scrap," said Woodard. "It would have made their season if they could beat us and play for the championship."

Brodie knew that as well, and he made certain his players knew it, too. "We got to Game 19 of the season and were playing for the division championship," he said. "That's important."

And the Rocks got some standout play from several players, including Dominique Washington, who struck for 23 points, Haar, who had 14, and

Bradley, who finished with 13.

But Wayne had too many weapons. In the second half, the Zebras were 17-of-23 from the floor in the second half (74 percent), in addition to Safford, Gene Nix had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Danny Walsh scored 14 points.

"If they shoot like that, we're not going to beat 'em," said Brodie. "They're too quick. We were scrambling to catch up."

They never could. **Agape 63, Light and Life 60:** Canton Agape Christian repelled a Taylor Light and Life second-half comeback attempt, scoring the game's final four points to gain the victory Tuesday.

The Wolvernes finished their regular season at 15-5. Light and Life is 6-14.

Agape led 20-11 after one quarter and 36-25 at halftime. But the Crusaders battled back in the second half, eventually catching and — with a minute left — passing the Wolvernes, 60-59.

With 40 left, Agape's Charlie Henry was fouled. He hit both ends of a one-and-one opportunity to put the Wolvernes back in front. Defense did the rest for Agape, that and Jordan Napier's

rebound and putback with 15 to go that made it a three-point lead. Henry finished with 32 points, including six three-pointers, and four steals. Napier had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Wendell Claxton led Light and Life with 29 points. **Ply. Christian 59, Baptist Park 52:** Plymouth Christian Academy slugged it out with Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday, pulling away with a 22-13 final quarter to get the win at Baptist Park.

The Eagles improved to 12-7. Baptist Park is 10-9.

PCA got off to a slow start, trailing 16-11 after one quarter. The deficit was still four (24-20) at the half and two (39-37) after three quarters. A 12-of-16 performance at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter aided the Eagles.

"We got tough and got the job done in the second half," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We gutted out the win with desire and hustle."

Aaron Caborowski led the Eagles with 14 points and nine rebounds. Daniel Carty contributed 11 points, five steals and four assists. Lew Tripp had 11

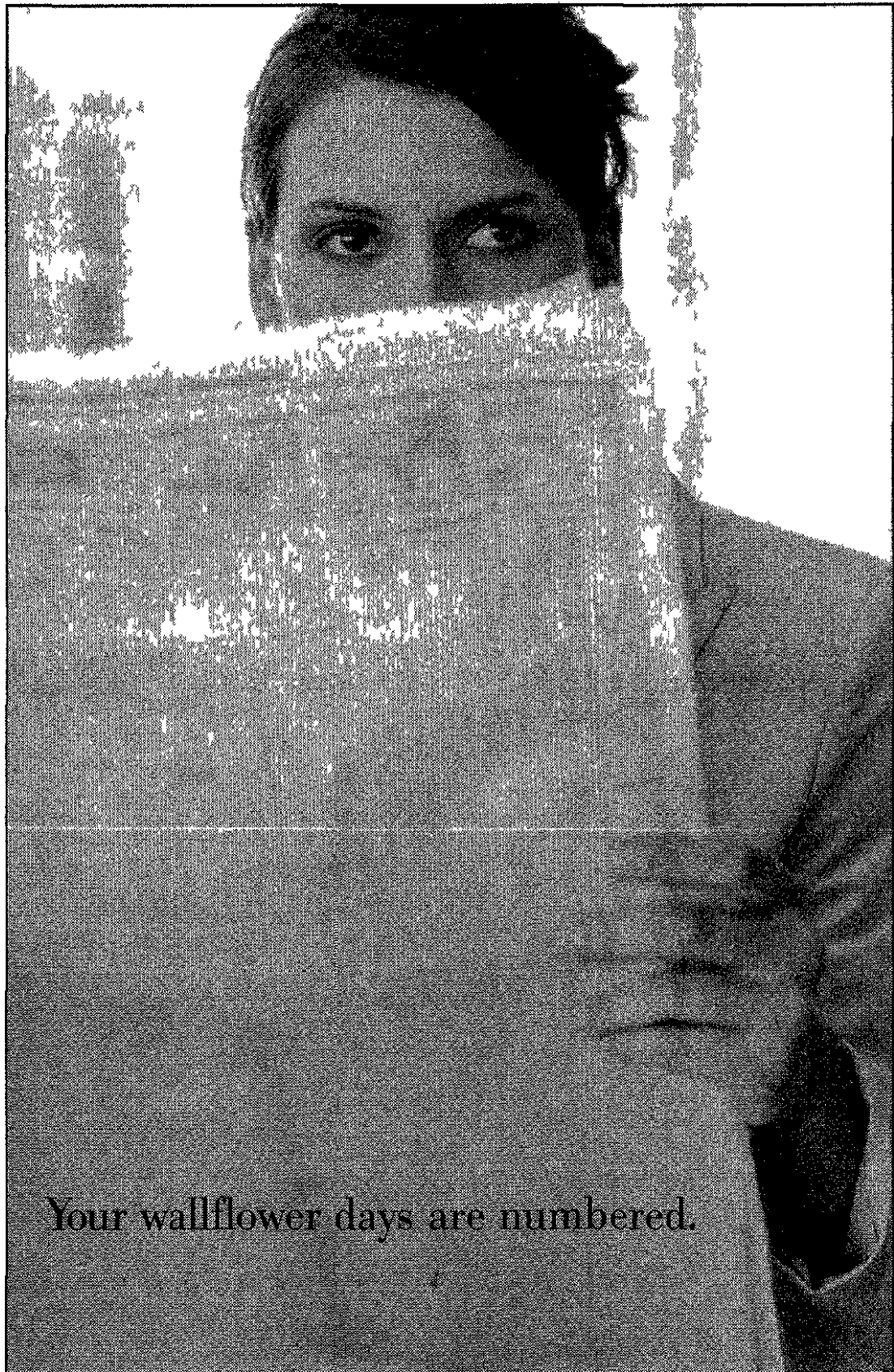
points and nine boards, and Ben Balogh had 10 points.

For Baptist Park, Derrick Bourlier scored 21 points, including four three-pointers. **Agape 63, Oakland Christian 56:** On Monday,

Agape made its trip to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian a successful one, pulling away with a 25-18 fourth quarter to earn the victory.

The Wolvernes finished their first-ever season in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 7-3 mark. The Lancers were 9-9 overall, 5-5 in the MIAC.

Agape's one-two punch of Jordan Napier and Charlie Henry proved unbeatable. Napier finished with 30 points and seven rebounds, while Henry scored 22 points, dished out seven assists and had six steals. Kevin Hall led Oakland Christian with 17 points. Matt Dion and Jamie Morrow each scored 10. Agape trailed 17-11 after one quarter, but narrowed that to 25-24 by halftime. The game was tied at 38-all entering the fourth quarter, when Henry's three-pointer gave the Wolvernes the lead for good.



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### Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2004

Regular meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.  
Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann  
Agenda - adopted as presented  
Minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2004 - approved  
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$703,971.18 - approved  
Operations & Maintenance Report for January 2004 - received and filed  
Acting Director's Report for February 2004 - received and filed  
Financial Statements for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003 - received and filed  
Yard Waste Composting, 2003 Annual Report - received and filed  
Election of Officers - Chair Thomas Yack, Vice Chair/Secretary, Mark Abbo, Treasurer Steve Mann, Assistant Secretary, Robert Biga  
Cafeteria and Vision Plan Options - approval to prepare a separate vision plan for employees  
Downstream Control Structure Design, Engineering Services Contract - tabled to discuss further at the next regular meeting  
WTUA Checking Account Signature Cards Update - approval to add Robert Biga to the checking account signature card  
Appointment of 401(a) and 457 Plans Trustee - approval to appoint Robert Biga as Trustee of both the WTUA 401(a) Pension Plan and Trust and the Eligible 457 Plan  
401(a) Pension Plan - Self Direct - approved  
457 Eligible Plan - Self Direct - approved  
2004 SSOM Work Plan Update - received and filed  
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed  
Director of Operations Contract - approved  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.  
Chairperson Alternate  
**TERRY BENNETT**

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road Canton, MI 48187 (or) by visiting our website at [www.wtua.org](http://www.wtua.org)  
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# Stevenson ends Salem's reign

Salem's 11-year stranglehold on the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swimming and diving championships came to an abrupt halt Saturday when Livonia Stevenson garnered its first title since 1992

The Spartans, who won their fifth WLAA crown since 1982, celebrated by throwing coach Jeff Shoemaker into the Salem pool after scoring team-high 567 points

Canton was runner-up with 453 5 points, just ahead of third-place Northville with 439 Salem settled for fourth in the 12-school field with 360 See complete results

The very first meeting we had this year, the league was all we talked about, Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said "If we put in the time as far as workouts, I told them it was going to pay off at the end Nothing during the season means anything until you win the league meet That's when it all comes into play

"From top to bottom, we swam well all the way through"

Stevenson swept all three relay events and racked up 65 points thanks a one-two-three sweep in the 100-yard butterfly led by junior Garrett Baringhaus, who clocked a 54 24 followed by teammates Steve Bruestle (54 36) and Steve Helewski (55 63)

"They all swam lifetime bests," Shoemaker said of the butterfly "I did not think we could have three flyers go around 54"

Stevenson started the off the meet with a bang by winning the 200 medley relay as Baringhaus, David Gosdzinski, Bruestle and Matt Massman combined for a time of 1:40 62

The foursome of Helewski, Travis Hatt, Massman and Brendan Cummings then captured the 200 freestyle relay in 1:32 76

Stevenson capped off the meet by edging Northville in the 400 freestyle relay as Andrew Schoff, Cummings,



Canton's Steve Reasor placed seventh in the 200-yard individual medley and ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke at the WLAA finals

Baringhaus and Hatt won in 3:20 11 Northville's time was 3:20 29

Hatt, a freshman, had a strong meet, taking part in two first-place relays and winning the 500 freestyle in 4:48 51 Hatt was also runner-up to Salem's Nick Dixon, who finished in 2:00 07 to repeat as league champion in the 200 individual medley (Hatt's time was 2:01 29)

"We stepped up in the 100 freestyle with Cummings and Schoff finishing third and fourth, and also in the 500 freestyle," Shoemaker said "And winning all three relays was huge

"Travis going 4:48 in the 500 (freestyle) was exceptional We expect a lot from him in the future If he fine-tunes a few things, he'll be powerful"

In diving, Livonia Franklin's Dan Rais, who also excels as a club gymnast, took the title with 384 70 points, while Stevenson's Cody Stafford placed second with 335 80

The meet's only individual double winner was Canton senior Joe Le, who repeated as champion in both the 50- and

100 freestyles with times of 22 38 and 48 85, respectively "We were happy with Joe Le's performance," Canton coach Ed Webber said "We're happy for James Sattler, he made the cut in the 200 free (by 001 in fourth place) We're happy with everything We had the most drops of anyone at the meet We did what we wanted as far as swimming fast

"Stevenson swam very fast They had very strong relays and we couldn't match that"

Even though Salem's 11-year reign came to an end, coach Chuck Olson saw some positives overall from the meet

"A lot of people didn't expect it to be as fast as it was," he said "We knew what they (Stevenson) were getting in with Hatt, Helewski (transfer from Walled Lake Western) and Schoff (transfer from Livonia Churchill) I thought we did great I'm very pleased We already had our relays qualify (for the state meet), so we really did what we needed to do

"We swam better today than we did on Thursday (in the prelims)

## WLAA SWIM RESULTS

### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SWIMMING Feb 28 at Salem HS

Team results: 1 Livonia Stevenson 567 points, 2 Canton 453 5 3 Northville 439 5 4 Salem 360 5 Walled Lake Central 260 6 Walled Lake Western 208 7 Wayne Memorial 206 8 Walled Lake Northern 140 9 Livonia Churchill 135 10 Livonia Franklin 104 11 Plymouth 92 12 Westland John Glenn 68

#### Individual results

200-yard medley relay: Championship final - 1 Stevenson (Garrett Baringhaus David Gosdzinski Steve Bruestle Matt Massman) 1:40 62 2 Northville 1:41 88 3 Salem 1:41 98 4 WL Central 1:43 38 5 Canton 1:44 80 6 WL Western 1:45 36

8 final - 7 Wayne 1:49 11 8 Churchill 1:49 39 9 WL Northern 1:56 60 10 John Glenn 1:59 05 11 Plymouth 1:59 94 12 Franklin 2:03 35

200 freestyle Championship final - 1 Chris Keady (N) 1:47 21 2 Brad Farris (N) 1:48 26 3 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:50 01 4 James Sattler (C) 1:50 38 5 Andrew Schoff (LS) 1:50 64 6 Chris Culkinn (N) 1:54 97

8 final - 7 Andy Grant (LC) 1:52 64 8 Brendan Cummings (LS) 1:53 08 9 Jeff Pauza (LS) 1:54 04 10 Sam Manees (C) 1:55 75 11 Aaron Flohr (N) 1:56 83 12 Jason Savage (WLW) 2:00 85

C final - 13 Aaron Van Proyen (C) 1:55 95 14 Jeff O'Donnell (WLC) 1:56 48 15 Salvatore Loria (LS) 1:56 95 16 Nick Landis (C) 1:57 22 17 Jordan Champagne (C) 1:58 53 18 Billy Horgan (S) 1:58 71

200 individual medley Championship final - 1 Nick Dixon (S) 2:00 07 2 Travis Hatt (LS) 2:01 29 3 Will Blicke (N) 2:01 72 4 Ryan Booms (WLC) 2:03 65 5 Hunter Schwartz (N) 2:11 22 6 Penn Chou (C) 2:12 06

8 final - 7 Steve Reasor (C) 2:08 35 8 Andrew Drennan (WM) 2:10 04 9 Gosdzinski (LS) 2:10 35 10 Weston Laabs (N) 2:11 07 11 Phil Watkins (WLC) 2:11 22 12 Matt Carlson (C) 2:13 53

C final - 13 Andy Knisley (P) 2:11 50 14 Jason Anderson (LS) 2:12 83 15 Chris Brown (LS) 2:13 00 16 Shogo Uno (C) 2:14 10 17 Jared Averbuch (WLC) 2:14 94 18 Greg Scully (LC) 2:15 54

50 freestyle Championship final - 1 Joe Le (C) 22 38 2 Joel Rnkevich (WLN) 22 77 3 Ben Jylikka (WLW) 22 92 4 Massman (LS) 23 21 5 Joe Horgan

(N) 23 36 6 John Faraoni (C) 23 42

8 final - 7 Steve Helewski (LS) 23 13 8 Matthew Feamster (WM) 23 42 9 Nick White (S) 23 92 10 Dan Lynam (WLC) 23 96 11 Dennis Hermatz (WM) 24 08 12 Bruestle (LS) 24 22

C final - 13 Mike Higgs (S) 23 35 14 Jack Temple (N) 24 06 15 Neal Brunner (C) 24 26 16 Jon Templeton (C) 24 68 17 Joe Bashara (LC) 24 72 18 Jason Williams (S) 24 84

Diving Championship final - 1 Dan Rais (LF) 384 70 points 2 Cody Stafford (LS) 335 80 3 Travis Kneale (WLN) 329 40 4 Andrew Murawski (S) 323 65 5 Brad Lempke (N) 315 60 6 Kevin Carafelli (C) 302 70 7 Ed Moore (LF) 271 75 8 James Quesada (WLW) 257 95 9 Jarett Machovec (WM) 239 50 10 Matt Williams (LC) 236 45 11 Nate Lndman (LS) 236 30 12 John Lundy (S) 230 30 13 Justin MacGill (P) 225 60 14 Steve Smith (LS) 223 20 15 Mike Hodde (WLW) 216 10 16 Jon Whitt (JG) 212 35 17 Kevin Youngpeter (JG) 204 20 18 Chad Mahanian (WLW) 190 20

100 butterfly Championship final - 1 Baringhaus (LS) 54 24 2 Bruestle (LS) 54 36 3 Helewski (WLC) 55 63 4 Faraoni (C) 55 75 5 Watkins (WLC) 56 58 6 Uno (C) 56 77

8 final - 7 Kyle Mlinek (N) 59 14 8 (tie) Champne (C) Casey Johnson (S) 59 61 10 Patrick Sautural (S) 1:00 14 11 Nathan Phillips (C) 1:00 20 12 Horgan (S) 1:00 89

C final - 13 Chris Folas (N) 1:00 77 14 Caius Boboescu (LS) 1:01 13 15 Andrew Hall (WLW) 1:02 42 16 Eric Budai (WLW) 1:02 54 17 John Kline (S) 1:03 45 18 Jon Wejroch (JG) 1:05 03

100 freestyle Championship final - 1 Le (C) 48 85 2 Rinkevich (WLN) 49 82 3 Cummings (LS) 51 02 4 Schoff (LS) 51 16 5 Chou (S) 51 47 6 Hermatz (WM) 52 70

8 final - 7 Grant (LC) 50 78 8 Jylikka (WLW) 51 21 9 Feamster (WM) 52 12 10 Horgan (N) 52 27 11 Massman (LS) 52 37 12 Manees (C) 53 04

C final - 13 Higgs (S) 52 19 14 Oliver (WLC) 52 50 15 Adam Whalen (LS) 52 74 16 Brunner (C) 53 21 17 Ken Belrose (WLW) 53 31 18 Mark Stuber (N) 53 67

500 freestyle Championship final - 1 Hatt (LS) 4:48 51 2 Blicke (N) 4:48 90 3 Keady (N) 4:51 56 4 Dixon (S) 4:56 40 5 Gannghaus (LS) 5:01 24 6 Sattler (C) 5:02 81

8 final - 7 Culkinn (N) 5:02 61 8 Brown (LS) 5:08 87 9 Landis (C) 5:13 15 10 Van Proyen (C) 5:15 36 11 O'Donnell (WLC) 5:20 76 12 Flohr (N) 5:22 23

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200 freestyle relay Championship final - 1 Stevenson (Helewski Hatt Massman Cummings) 1:32 76 2 Salem 1:33 67 3 Wayne 1:33 96 4 Canton 1:34 04 5 Northville 1:34 30 6 WL Central 1:34 75

8 final - 7 WL Northern 1:36 96 8 WL Western 1:37 05 9 Churchill 1:41 97 10 John Glenn 1:42 49 11 Franklin 1:46 18 12 Plymouth 2:05 60

100 backstroke Championship final - 1 Savage (WLW) 56 21 2 Farris (N) 56 98 3 (tie) Schwartz (N) Jurcak (S) 57 02 5 Oliver (WLC) 57 60 6 Pauza (LS) 59 05

8 final - 7 Whalen (LS) 59 00 8 Phillips (C) 1:00 19 9 Scully (LC) 1:01 60 10 Calabrese (C) 1:02 96 11 Blaesser (C) 1:03 78 12 Brian Gurta (WLC) 1:04 02

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100 breaststroke Championship final - 1 Booms (WLC) 1:02 99 2 Gosdzinski (LS) 1:03 38 3 Drennan (WM) 1:03 63 4 Anderson (LS) 1:05 62 5 Johnson (S) 1:05 63 6 Knisley (P) 1:05 74

8 final - 7 Laabs (N) 1:06 41 8 Jeff Kotowski (WLC) 1:07 21 9 Reasor (C) 1:08 00 10 (tie) Matt Carlson (C) Josh Richey (WLW) 1:09 13 12 Geoff Wrobel (WLC) 1:09 34

C final - 13 Silva (LF) 1:09 12 14 Averbuch (WLC) 1:09 77 15 (tie) Andrew Hall (WLW) Dan Anthony (C) 1:11 68 17 Jerard Welch (WLW) 1:12 22 18 Kevin Burek (LC) 1:12 62

400 freestyle relay Championship final - 1 Stevenson (Schoff Cummings Baringhaus Hatt) 3:20 11 2 Northville 3:20 29 3 Canton 3:21 89 4 Salem 3:22 43 5 Wayne 3:27 80 6 WL Western 3:29 22

8 final - 7 WL Central 3:33 85 8 Churchill 3:34 50 9 WL Northern 3:50 45 10 Plymouth 4:01 22 11 Franklin 4:05 48 12 John Glenn 4:11 11

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### DIVISION I at LIVONIA CHURCHILL

First round (A) Livonia Churchill vs (B) Canton 4 p.m.

Semifinals Salem vs. South Lyon 5:30 p.m. Northville vs. A B winner 5:30 p.m.

Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 13 at Chelsea vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln district champion)

### CLASS B at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round (A) Plymouth vs (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood 4:30 p.m. (C) Livonia Ladywood vs (D) Dearborn Heights Robichaud 4:30 p.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. A B winner 5:30 p.m. Dearborn Divine Child vs. C D winner 5:30 p.m.

Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 13 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Notre Dame Prep district champion)

### CLASS D at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

First round (A) Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner vs (B) Saline Washtenaw Christian 10 a.m. (C) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs (D) Novi Franklin Road Christian 11 a.m.

Semifinals Plymouth Christian vs. A B winner noon Canton Agape Christian vs. C D winner 1 p.m.

Championship final 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 6 at Adrian Lenawee Christian vs. Litchfield district champion)

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday March 4  
Canton at Salem 7 p.m.

Saturday March 6  
(Operation Friendship at U D Mercy's Callahan Hall)

Redford CC vs. Detroit 1 p.m.

Renaissance vs. O.L. St. Mary 2:30 p.m.

50 HOCKEY STATE PLAYOFFS (First Round) at NOVI ICE ARENA Saturday March 6

WL Unified vs. Pt. Huron Unified 5:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Bloomfield Hills 6 p.m.

Luggett vs. Ply. Canton Salem 7:15 p.m.

Mercy vs. Northville 7:45 p.m.

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## Accents

### Land protection

The Oakland Land Conservancy will have its annual meeting 6-8 30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road, just north of Orion Road in Oakland Township.

Garret Johnson, director of government relations, The Nature Conservancy-Michigan Chapter, will speak on Restoring Michigan's Leadership in Land Protection.

Admission is free. The public may attend. RSVPs are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call Oakland Land Conservancy at (248) 601-2816 or e-mail executive director Donna Folland at folland@wnnet.net.

The schedule is 6-7:30 p.m. - light supper, board elections, Conservation Priorities for 2004 report, awards and recognition, 7:30-8:15 p.m. - featured speaker, 8:15 p.m. - raffle for Detroit Pistons basketball and other prizes.

### Enthrall with toile

Pamper her with this elegant, red on white, cotton toile nightshirt, available at The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

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### Boost child safety

Parents use child passenger restraint seats for infants and toddlers, but when it comes to older children, they just don't restrain them often enough. Estimates indicate less than 10 percent of children aged 4 to 8 use booster seats. Many of these children are too big for child safety seats, but too small to properly wear safety belts, which are designed for adults.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has initiated a public awareness effort consisting of an ad campaign from the Ad Council showing how booster seats save children's lives. The campaign also will include a new Web site, [www.boosterseat.gov](http://www.boosterseat.gov), that provides information and helpful tools such as a guide to choosing the right restraint for children, as well as a teacher's guide and educational outreach on booster seats.

The 4 Steps for Kids program includes the following stages:

■ Rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds

■ Forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age 1 to about 4 and 20 to 40 pounds

For information, visit [www.boosterseat.gov](http://www.boosterseat.gov).

# Living WITH History



This dining room features a gateleg table, among other Jacobean furnishings.



If these walls could talk" is the usual phrase. But in a Birmingham home it's the furnishings that appear to have tales to tell.

They are the beautiful and intriguing antiques — furniture and accents — that fill Ed and Jan's residence. (The couple asked that their last names be withheld.)

Many of the pieces were bought at the Community House Antiques Festival in Birmingham. Now in its 14th year, the event will take place next week. (See related article inside.)

"They have so much character," said Jan, who

chaired the festival for two consecutive years in the past.

This house doesn't have a "hands off" rule or "hold your breath" feeling about the antiques, some of which are from the 17th century. They are used and enjoyed. "We live with 'em," Jan said.

The mix of antiques forms warm arrangements throughout the rooms.

While the Jacobean pieces seem made for the English style house with its wooden floors, items from other eras and lands smoothly blend in, as in the mahogany plates that have similar colors of the area rugs.

A stately furnishing Jan calls a "chest on chest" stands in the living room. Nearby is a "gossip chair," and a compact "davenport desk" that wheels easily around. The beautiful wood of the latter is the setting for a display that includes antique eyeglasses, a blotter and a letter holder.

Other unusual items are in the room. Among them a coal shutter and a fender near or in the fireplace, and a taltalus — a set of decanters in a carrier that could be kept locked — on a table.

In the center of the dining

PLEASE SEE ANTIQUES, C2



A taltalus, which could be locked, is one of the unusual antiques in the living room. At right, a carving of a woman is featured on each leg of a chair. On top, this davenport desk wheels easily around. Other antiques are arranged on its top.



ANGIE WILKIE

Members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc. demonstrate creative flair in their presentations at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome. This display is from last year, with the theme of Women of the World.

## Garden clubs stage 'Broadway'

There may not be curtains parting or an orchestra striking up an overture, but the excitement of Broadway will be in the air at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome.

At the event, members of District I of the Federated

'It's always interesting to see how creative people can be.'

Angie Wilkie  
general chairman

Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc. will present Broadway A Standard Flower Show. Depicting the Joys, Sorrows, Music and Triumphs of the Broadway Stage.

"It's always interesting to see how creative people can be," said District I member Angie Wilkie of Livonia, general chairman.

"If anyone loves creativity they will love this."

District I encompasses communities from Port Huron to Trenton, and west to South Lyon and Canton. It consists of about 48 garden clubs in five areas, including the Western Area (Farmington, Livonia and Dearborn) and North Area (Rochester and North Oakland).

Among members' activities are meetings, flower shows, garden walks and community projects. There are two district meetings a year, a state convention and schools on flower shows, garden culture, landscape design and environmental issues.

Plant materials are the stars of this "Broadway." Artificial flowers, fruit or foliage, and cut fruit and/or vegetables, aren't permitted.

The event will feature arrangements that interpret familiar Broadway shows. The designs are in 13 classes.

For example, in a class eligible for the Designer's Choice Award, the *South Pacific* and *Show Boat* displays will be staged in niches, while *Funny Girl* will be placed on a 24-inch cube. *La Cage Aux Folles* will hang in a frame, *The Phantom of the Opera* will incorporate black light.

"The Phantom of the Opera (arrangement) should be very interesting," said district member Gloria Minnebo of Commerce Township.

In a class eligible for the Petite Award, each staged in a box measuring 8 inches high, 8 inches wide and 4 inches deep, *Cats* will feature some fresh plant material, *Mame* will use all

PLEASE SEE SHOW, C3

## MARKET PLACE

### Submissions

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

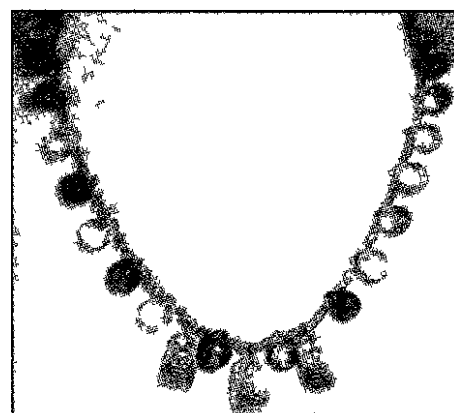


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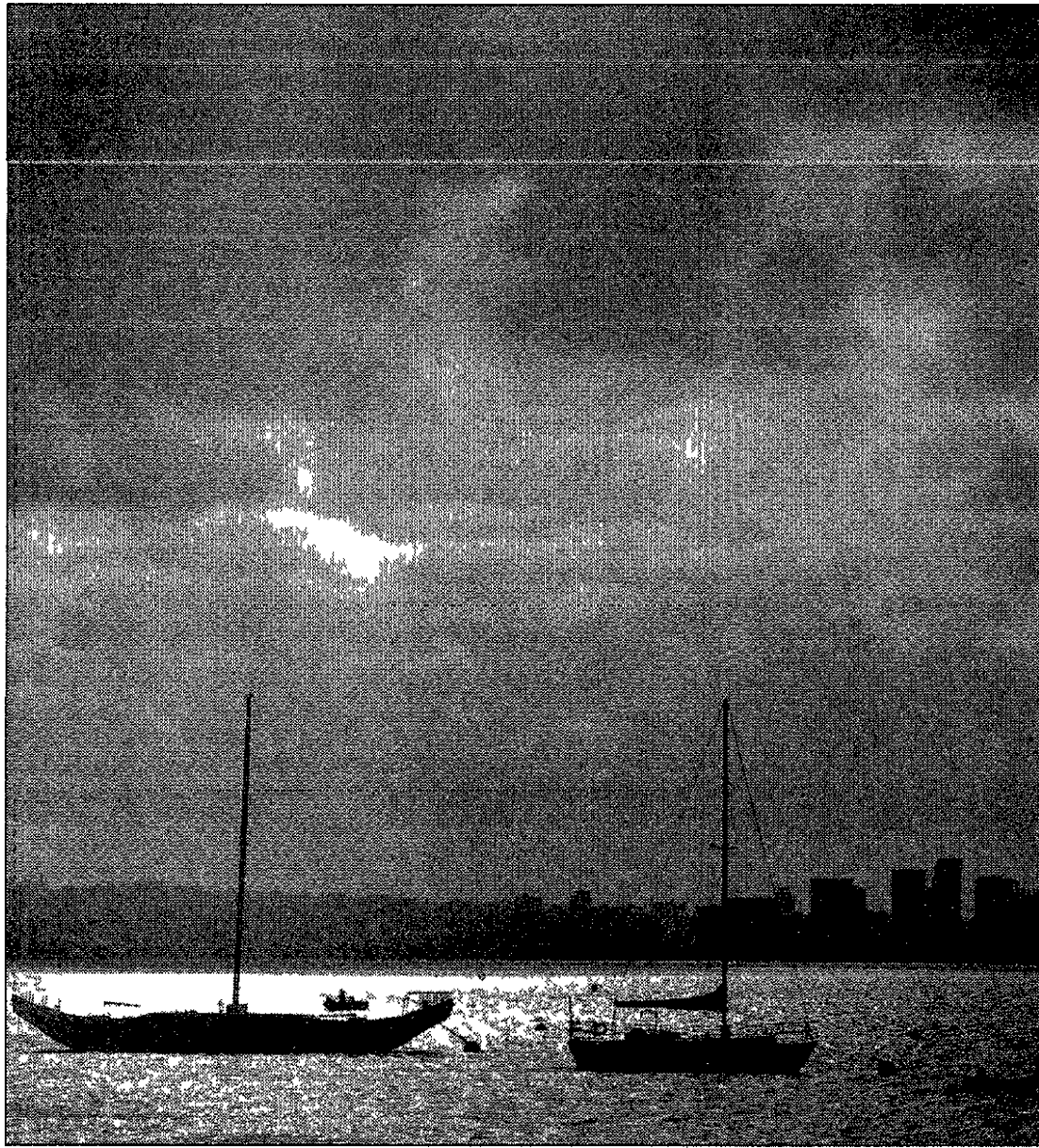
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Monte Nagler prefers film cameras. This sunrise was taken just outside of San Diego.

## You can decide between digital or film cameras

The digital era has descended upon us in full force. It is evidenced in increasing ways in our day-to-day lives. We can't go through a day without being impacted in some way by digital devices.



**Focus on Photography**

Photography, too, has exploded around us with so many digital choices that change on an almost daily basis. It's become mind-boggling. Digital cameras are improving, features are abundant, printers

and printing quality are getting better. There are more options than ever.

Photography has reached a crossroads. For many, it's time to sit down and decide on a course of action. Do I switch to digital, stay with film or perhaps do both?

Many wedding and portrait photographers I know have switched to digital and for good reason. Instant feedback, fast results and the ability to digitally manipulate in order to optimize a finished print. Not just the pros, but the amateur with some computer savvy can combine numerous images into one, alter backgrounds, remove unwanted objects and utilize special programs that can make a photograph even

look like it's not even a photograph.

But to me, there's something to be said about what we've learned over the years: film cameras. It's sticking with basics. There's a special magic in film and darkroom work is truly exciting. Producing a fine art print in my darkroom is a welcome challenge that gives me the opportunity to fully express myself through my photography. And because each print is done one at a time, no two are exactly the same. Whatever your choice, digital or film, the basic fundamentals are still with us: good composition, good exposure and, most important, the ability to see a good picture and share it with others.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## ANTIQUES

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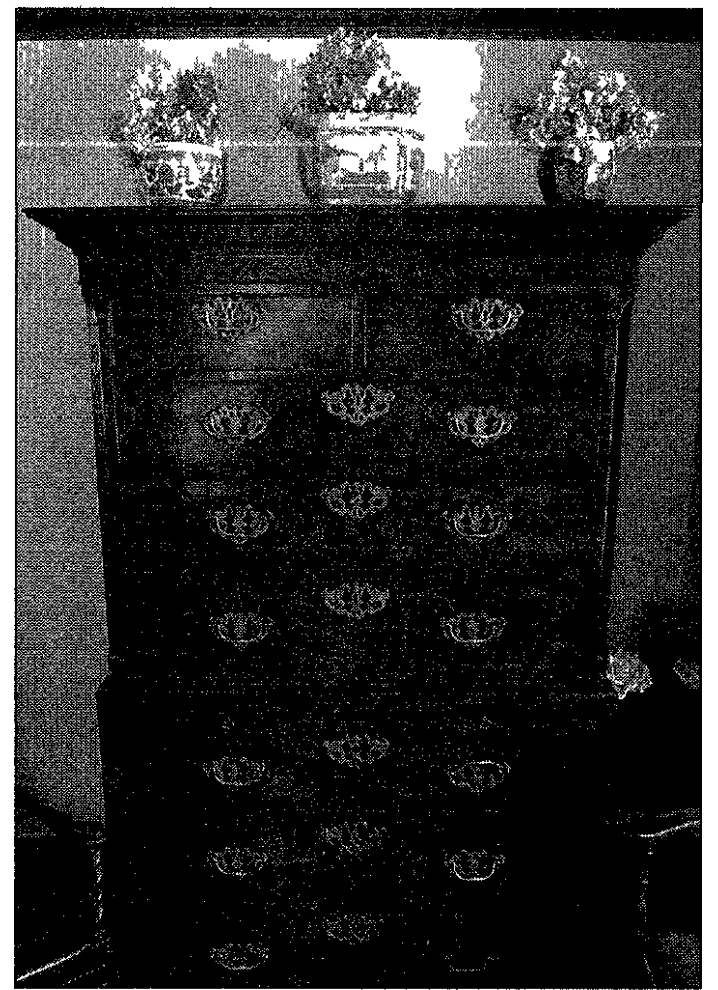
room is a gateleg table. Pewter and iron are exhibited on a sideboard. A corner cabinet houses glassware and part of Jan's Staffordshire ceramic dog collection. Along one wall is a potboard, originally used to store pots and now another type of sideboard. A dough bin, made as a place for dough to rise, now serves as a mini bar in another room. The front of this piece features a carving of a woman with wheat, nearby stands a chair with a carved figure of a woman on each front leg. On top of the dough bin is a biscuit jar that is now an ice bucket.

Jan encourages visitors to feel comfortable at the antiques festival.

"The nice thing about the show is the wonderful dealers, and they have a lot of interesting items," she said.

"You can add to collections. You can start collections."

Ed and Jan's house is a living example of how to live comfortably with antiques. "Just enjoy them," she said.



A "chest on chest" stands in the living room. While many of the pieces seem made for Ed and Jan's English style house, items from other eras are used in smooth, warm arrangements.

## THE COMMUNITY HOUSE ANTIQUES FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** Friday-Sunday, March 12-14

**HOURS:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 12-13, noon to 5 p.m. March 14

**WHERE:** The Community House, 380 S. Bates south of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham

**ADMISSION:** \$10

**FEATURES:** The festival will present more than 40 booths showcasing everything from English furniture and porcelain to American silver collections and early glass. During festival hours, Boutiques and Blooms will sell silk and dried floral arrangements as well as other fine gifts for the home and garden.

The Antiques Festival Cafe will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 12-13, and from noon to 3 p.m. March 14. It will offer sandwiches, salads, soups, coffees and desserts.

■ A Preview Party will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at The Community House, including a strolling supper and a silent auction.

Preview Party attendees will have the opportunity to buy antiques prior to the festival opening.

For the preview, Patron tickets are \$125 with admission at 6 p.m., Friend tickets are \$55 with admission at 7 p.m.

■ Show attendees March 12 and 13 can begin their day 9-10:15 a.m. with Croissants and Quimper. Former HB Henriot Quimper president Paul Janssens, currently the sole importer of HB Henriot Quimper in the United States, will present a lecture: The History of Quimper. There's More to Quimper Than Little Men and Women.

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**HOME CALENDAR**

**Home decor**  
Birmingham Community Education presents a variety of home decor classes Call (248) 203 3800 for information  
The schedule includes Venetian Plaster and Stucco Tuesday March 9 In this class learn a plaster finishing system that can develop a highly polished marble like appearance The fee is \$25

**Bookmarks**  
In honor of National Reading Month in March guests are invited to pick up a complimentary Reading is Fun book mark from Art Van Furniture Sunday March 7 while supplies last The book marks will be available at all Art Van stores Sunday

**Room organization**  
A program Teen Organize Your Room will take place 6 30 8 30 p m Thursday March 18 at the Southfield Public Library  
Organizing expert Beverly Rogers will lead teens and their parents through a brainstorming session that will have them creating their own exciting plans to transform their rooms from blah to brilliant!  
Registration is required For more information call (248) 796 4200  
The Southfield Public Library is in the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26300 Evergreen Visit the library's Home Page at www.sfldlib.org

**Sheer quilts**  
The CAMEO Quilt Guild will present

Sheer Quilts a lecture by Jill Ault 7 p m Thursday March 18 at the UAW International Hall 1640 Stephenson Highway in Troy  
The presentation will show an unusual technique for special effects in fabric art  
A short business meeting will take place before the lecture Guest fee \$5 Call (248) 689 8189 for more information

*If you have an item for the calendar please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published Send to Ken Abramczyk At Home editor Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or e mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net*

**SHOW**

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fresh plant material, and *Evita* will feature all dried plant material

In a class eligible for the Table Artistry Award, *Hello, Dolly!* will be staged on a buffet table for six, and *Teahouse of the August Moon* will be presented on a table for two

The artistic crafts exhibits will consist of a decorated fan (*My Fair Lady*), a decorated program and a corsage

District I members also made masks decorating the entry level and other areas throughout the garden show

In addition, the show will feature youth exhibits (up to age 18), a horticultural display and educational exhibits

The horticultural display will include floor plants, house

**THE MICHIGAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW**

A show featuring Broadway an exhibit by members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan The Michigan Home & Garden Show also features displays seminars and events related to the home and garden

**When:** Thursday Sunday March 4 7 Hours are 3 9 30 p m Thursday noon to 9 30 p m Friday 10 a m to 9 30 p m Saturday 10 a m to 6 p m Sunday

**Where:** The Pontiac Silverdome Take I 75 to M 59 go west on M 59 to the first exit Opdyke Road The Silverdome is on the corner of M 59 and Opdyke Road

**Admission:** \$7 for adults \$3 for ages 6 14 free for ages 5 and under

**For information:** Visit www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com

plants, hanging plants, forced bulbs, potted herbs, dish gardens, orchids, cacti and succulents, topiaries and evergreen branches

Among the educational exhibits will be displays from the African Violet Society and

the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, and an exhibit of Japanese flower arranging

"We love doing it," Minnebo said "It's always interesting to see what the different interpretations are going to be"

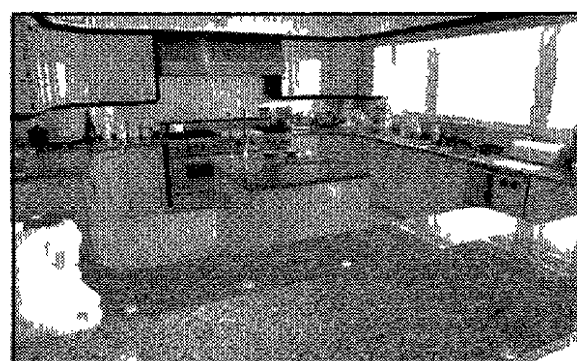
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## Tips help with installing wall paneling

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

In the 1960s and 70s, home centers had an abundant supply of wall paneling. Retailers had to keep the shelves stocked to meet the ferocious demand of consumers looking for an easy-to-install and affordable means of dressing up barren walls.

During that era, hardwood flooring, short-pile carpeting and plaster or wallboard walls were out, and wall-to-wall shag carpeting and paneling were the rage.

Across the land, folks were covering stark walls with rich-looking wall paneling of varying wood species, styles and shades. Decorating trends changed from paint to wood paneling of walnut, oak, pine and birch - to name a few.

And, there were decisions other than species. Should the paneling be grooved, and if so, which pattern? What shade of stain, or should you use a natural finish?

For some, finishing the paneling defeated their reason for choosing wall paneling in the first place.

This "set it and forget it" mentality fueled the synthetic "photo finish vinyl" counterpart to natural wood veneer paneling.

What consumers have discovered (as they have with vinyl siding) is that nothing is totally maintenance-free, and when tastes and trends change, the vinyl finish cannot be successfully painted or papered over.

Before minivans and SUVs, the back end of the family station wagon or bed of a pickup truck served to transport sheets of wall paneling from the home center to the home.

There, do-it-yourselfers undertook an interior facelift that would change the look of their homes - that is until the '80s and '90s, when they grew tired of raking their avocado green shag carpet and discovered that their paneling absorbed natural light, making the home dark and unpleasant.

Thus, home-improvement retailers experienced a drop in wall paneling sales. However, the cash register was ringing in the paint and wallpaper

department, as do-it-yourselfers sought ways to brighten their homes without removing the paneling.

Consumers traded hammers and panel adhesive for detergent and a scrub brush - materials necessary to degloss the paneling and then cover it with paint or wallpaper.

### CHANGES

What comes around goes around. Hardwood floor is more popular than ever, variegated shag carpeting is back, wallpaper is increasingly in use and homeowners again are singing the praises of natural wood finishes - wall paneling included.

What's different today? It's not all about one finish or the other. Rather it's about a blend of finishes throughout the home. Some hardwood here, wall-to-wall carpeting there, and a clever combination of paint, wallpaper and paneling can go a long way to create the ideal space.

### TIPS

Now that it's back in good graces among do-it-yourselfers, we offer the following wall paneling installation tips to make your paneling project easier.

A partial sheet of plywood or a couple of studs draped across a couple of sawhorses offers solid support and makes the job of sawing the paneling easier and safer.

To prevent the material from splintering, use a fine-tool hand saw or circular-saw blade when trimming paneling.

If the paneling will run from floor to ceiling, leave a half-inch gap between the bottom of the paneling and the floor to allow for movement and expansion.

There are two means of fastening paneling - paneling nails and/or adhesive. Use one or both. Though an adhesive-installed paneling job (without nails) can be more attractive - since no nail heads are exposed - be prepared for substantial wallboard repair should you ever decide to remove the paneling.

Begin hanging the paneling in a corner and work your way

around the room.

Establish a vertical or plumb line about 47 inches (a standard sheet is 48 inches wide) out from the corner, which will allow you to scribe the material to the shape of the corner trim using a saw.

Matching trim can be installed at corners, the floor and ceiling to conceal less-than-perfect joints.

When using panel adhesive, squeeze a generous amount in a serpentine pattern on the wall where the paneling will be installed. Hold the adhesive back a few inches from the perimeter so that it doesn't ooze into the joints. Allow the adhesive to sit for a few minutes until it becomes tacky.

Put the first sheet of paneling into place, carefully aligning it with the plumb line. Press the entire sheet against the wall, firmly embedding it into the adhesive. Drive a couple of paneling nails at either corner of the two top corners to prevent the sheet from slipping. Drive additional nails at 6 inch centers along the top and bottom edge of the paneling.

If you will also be nailing the paneling in the field, now would be the time to do it - before the adhesive sets up.

With the first sheet of paneling firmly in place, butt the next sheet up against the first (leaving about a dime's width between panels for expansion) and repeat the process with each successive sheet. Install corner trim and baseboard using a miter saw and panel nails.

Hint: Use a dark paint on the walls behind the joints to make the connections less obvious.

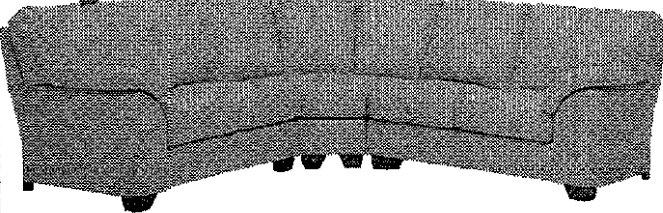
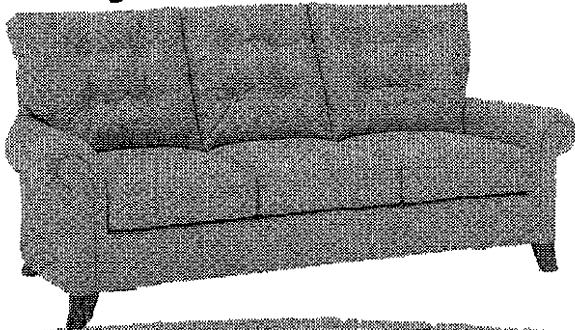
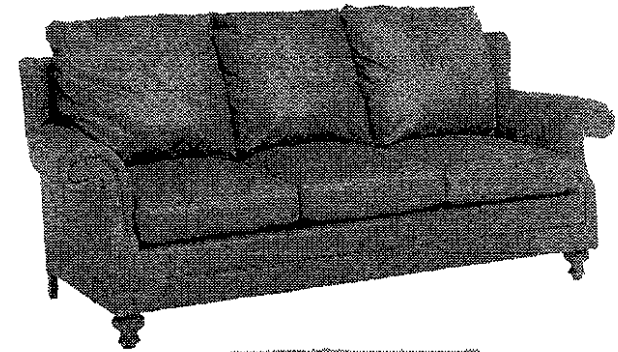
Make cutting out for electrical outlets and switches an easy job by ruling the edges of the box with chalk, and press the back of the panel against it before applying the adhesive.

Drill a pilot hole and use a jigsaw to make cutouts for outlets. Use a utility knife with a sharp blade to score the line before cutting. This prevents splintering.

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- 1 p.m. - How to Install a Laminate Floor
- 2 p.m. - New Products for Decks
- 3 p.m. - Landscaping Ideas
- 4 p.m. - Kitchen and Bath Design

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- 11 a.m. - Drywall Repair
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- 1 p.m. - Swing into Spring - Color trends & design ideas for the season
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With this cold weather and no thought of gardening outside, there's still plenty of time to sit back in your favorite chair and peruse the stacks of catalogs that began arriving last month. Here you will find sources for plants, seeds, bulbs and gardening supplies including the newest products.



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Marty Figley

To learn more, visit the NGA's Web site at [www.mailordergardening.com](http://www.mailordergardening.com). For a copy of their Catalog Guide, which contains tips plus information about more than 125 garden catalogs and magazines, send \$2 to MGA, Dept SC-51, 5836 Rockburn Woods Way, Elkridge, MD 21075.

In 2004 the exciting new flower is expected to be the Orange Meadowbrite Coneflower - Echinacea 'Art's

Pride, developed by the Chicagoland Growers program. I saw this beauty while attending the Garden Writers annual meeting in August, and it was the "Belle of the Ball," with everyone wanting to pose with it. If you want this plant you might be lucky if you order early, even though distribution is generally in the Chicago area. Wayside Gardens ((800) 213-0379) and White Flower Farm ((800) 503-9624) are two sources.

You'll find great information and photos in the February 2004 issue of *Garden Gate* magazine and the supplement issue that lists more than 200 new plants for the year. For subscriptions, or questions, write to Customer Service at 2200 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312, or call ((800) 341-4769, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT or visit their Web site [www.GardenGateMagazine.com](http://www.GardenGateMagazine.com).

As promised in an earlier column, here's the scoop on how to keep your poinsettia going. Stop watering when it drops its leaves, move to a semi-shaded window and

water once a month. In late March or early April, cut stems back to 4 inches, then place in a warm, shady spot. In summer, repot in new soil combine 2 parts all-purpose loam, 2 parts sand and 2 parts peat moss (look at the Pro-Mix products). Place in a sunny window and water sparingly. After the last frost, set poinsettia outdoors in full sun. Prune to prevent legginess and keep evenly moist. Bring it back indoors in September, place in a dark spot, like a closet, for at least 14 hours a day through October. When new growth sprouts, water and feed once a week. Good luck!

Last February we had the pleasure of sailing through the Panama Canal and visited several countries along the way. We always learn something interesting when we travel and this trip was no exception.

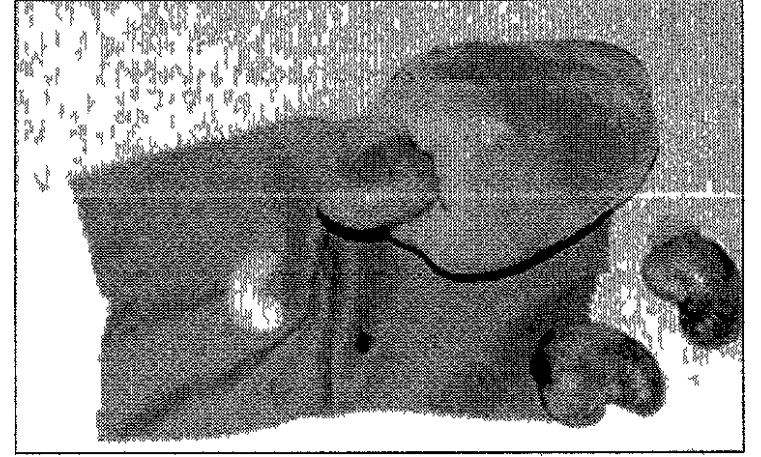
In Puntarenas, Costa Rica, we saw cashew fruit that resembled a yellow/orange sweet pepper (It had been one of the exotic fruits on the buffet table on the ship). The fla-

vor was rather bland, the skin had a slightly bitter taste.

Why am I telling you this? The stem of the fruit of this plant encloses the actual cashew nut with which we are all familiar! We learned this at a roadside market where they put the nuts in narrow sleeves of plastic and sell them. By golly, they're real thing!

The Perennial Plant Association has named *Athyrium niponicum* "Pictum" the 2004 Perennial Plant of the Year. This low-maintenance Japanese painted fern is one of the showiest ferns for shade gardens. It's hardy in zones 3 to 8, grows 18 inches tall, and as it multiplies can make a clump more than 2 feet wide. The 18-inch fronds are a soft shade of metallic silver-gray with hints of red and blue. It makes an outstanding combination plant that contrasts well with other shade-lovers such as hosta, bleeding heart, columbine, astilbe and coral bells, Tiarella (foam flower), and others.

"Pictum" needs a well-



The fruit of the cashew resembles sweet pepper. The nut (to the left) is what we eat.

drained, compost-rich soil and flourishes where moisture and humidity abounds. It has the best color in light shade. Add 2-3 inches of compost or peat moss to the beds each spring or fall.

Watch for a new gardening show on public TV this month when *Smart Gardening* will debut. Host Asha Blake will entertain guests who are avid gardeners. Proven Winners, a leading brand of flowering plants, is the sponsor. Check your local station for time.

The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village invite you to a

special program Heirloom Bulbs. Four Seasons, Forty Centuries will be presented by Scott Kunst, landscape historian, preservationist and owner of Old House Gardens. Don't miss his exciting program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 15. There is no charge for the program, which will be held at the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. More info: Susan, (248) 443-1703 evenings/weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

## Horticultural conference set

The Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association will have its 26th annual conference, Horticultural Therapy Connecting People and Plants, Friday-Saturday, March 12-13. In conjunction with Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week at Michigan State University, the conference will take place on campus in the Plant and Soil Sciences Building.

Returning as keynote speaker, Mitchell Hewson will present *Developing Innovative Horticultural Therapy Programs*.

Hewson will explore ways of creating more enriching and stimulating horticultural therapy programs. He will share the dynamics of using horticulture as a therapeutic tool with a variety of specialized populations.

Author of *Horticulture as Therapy*, and a respected international consultant, Hewson has 30 years of experience as a horticultural therapist at the Homewood Health Centre in Guelph, Ontario.

The MHTA conference will take place 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 12, featuring a variety of breakout sessions, including Memory Gardens, People, Plants and Prisons, Therapeutic Garden Design, Horticulture and Humor and Plant Propagation.

Also featured will be hands-on craft workshops (botanical prints, decorative flower pots, hanging baskets), displays, refreshments, book sales, door prizes, the 12th annual Seedy Character contest, a visit to the MSU Indoor

Children's Garden and lunch in the Conservatory.

This day of learning and networking is useful for master gardeners, garden club members, teachers, landscapers, activity directors, long-term care facilities, hospices, therapeutic recreation programs and others. Attendees receive AHTA accreditation certificates. The March 12 conference fee is \$35 for MHTA members, \$45 for non-members, if postmarked by Friday, March 5. Annual membership is \$15 and open to all. After March 5, fees will be \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

A box lunch, with vegetarian option, will be available for \$6.

Three concurrent events will take place 9 a.m. to noon March 13. Brent Labatut will present *People, Plants, and Prisons: Cultivating Humanity*, and David Houseman will present *Horticulture and Humor*. Registration is \$25 for each (\$35 after March 5).

Labatut is a horticulturalist at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Houseman is the "inventor" of the Seedy Character Contest and *Strange Herbs in the Night*.

For more information or a brochure, visit [www.mhtachapter.org](http://www.mhtachapter.org), or contact Cathy Leavey at (517) 655-4969 (evenings) or [leavey123@aol.com](mailto:leavey123@aol.com), David Houseman at (517) 627-3907 (days/evenings) or [creative@acd.net](mailto:creative@acd.net), or John Murphy at (269) 345-6039 (evenings).

### Ken Druse

Ken Druse, author of *A Passion for Gardening*, will be the next speaker in Goldner Walsh Nursery's Cabin Fever Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Friday, March 5 at Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Cost is \$30 per person. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For information or reservations call (248) 332-6430.

The lecture series is designed to bring in nationally known garden celebrities who entertain with a gardening lecture, a slide presentation with a question and answer session, and a book signing.

### Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R. in Troy. The church is just south of Wattles on the west side of the street. Janet Macunovich, professional perennial gardener and author, will speak on *Myths and Realities of Perennial Gardening*. She will give gardeners information that will help them avoid committing to perennials that won't work in Michigan and advise us on ways to make the most of the winners that do well in our climate. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Visitors are welcome. For reservations and more information call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

### Heirloom bulbs

Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty Centuries, a presentation by landscape historian and preservationist Scott Kunst, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 15 in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. The free program is offered by the Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village. After a whirlwind history of bulbs from prehistory through the 1950s, Kunst's lively slide lecture will focus on a season-by-season encyclopedia of antique varieties that are still available to gardeners today, including

wild hyacinths and lilies, Aztec tuberoses, colonial daffodils, Victorian tulips and cannas, and Jazz Age dahlias.

Kunst is the owner of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, the country's only mail order source devoted to heirloom flower bulbs. Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn 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 and weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

### Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 8 in the Royal Oak Public Library Auditorium, 222 E. 11 Mile. Landscape designer Mollie Mobley of Four Seasons Nursery will introduce exciting new plants for the 2004 season. The public may attend. Admission is free.

### Herb conference

Michigan Herb Associates will have their 17th annual conference Wednesday-Thursday, March 10-11 at Wells Hall at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The public may attend. Pre-registration rates are \$65 for both days and \$35 for one day for MHA members. \$85 for both days and \$55 for one day for non-members. Walk-ins add \$10 to the rates. You can register in person at the conference, but won't be able to obtain luncheon and banquet tickets; you can bring your own lunch or go out to eat. Registration and membership forms can be downloaded from MHA's Web site [www.hrt.msu.edu/herb/](http://www.hrt.msu.edu/herb/). For information about the program call (248) 685-2204, (517) 349-1709, (231) 386-9242, (517) 849-2470 or (616) 363-1795.

The theme of the conference is *Herbs Are Hot*. Garlic is the Herb of the Year

## GARDEN CALENDAR

for 2004. The conference will feature programs on herb culture, crafting and cooking and spa herbs. Meetings, educational displays and book and craft sales will be included.

### 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 and east of Telegraph. Register early.

Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit [www.michigangarden.org](http://www.michigangarden.org). The schedule includes Lawn Pest Management two Thursdays beginning March 4 in Livonia (fee is \$72).

Shade Gardens Mondays, March 8-15 in Livonia (\$69). Perennial Combinations Tuesday, March 9 in Livonia or Wednesday, March 10 in Pontiac (\$40). Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines, three sessions beginning Wednesday, March 10 in Pontiac (\$98). Landscape Design, seven sessions beginning Thursday, March 11 in Livonia or Monday, March 15 in Pontiac (\$224) and Estimating Landscape and Garden Work, two sessions beginning Tuesday, March 16 in Livonia (\$92).

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail [kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net).

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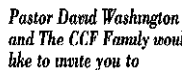
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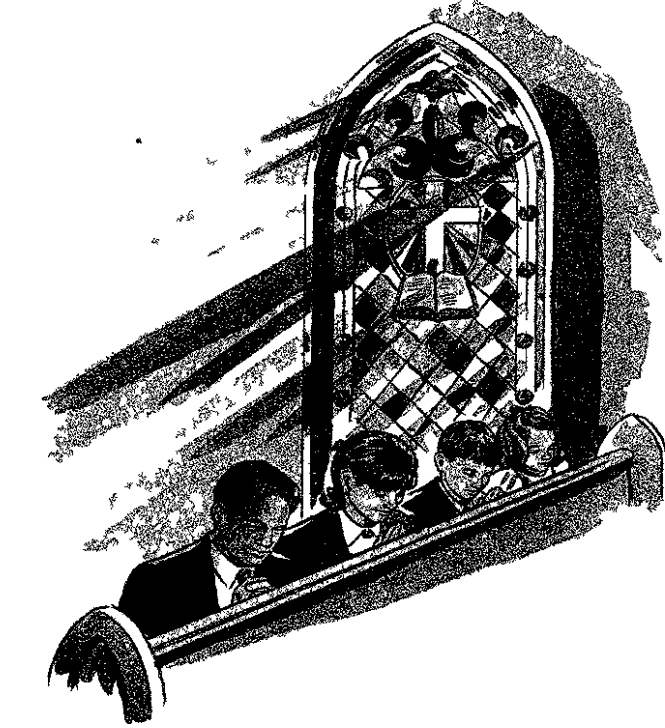
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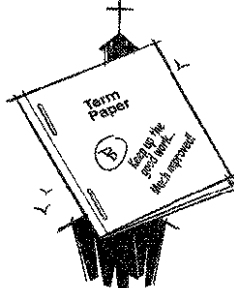
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Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop 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. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15



# Organize your sewing, craft supplies

How do you organize sewing supplies? My threads are tangled, it is hard to find needles and I hunt for scissors in every room in my house.



**Domestic Planner**

Diana Koenig

Whether you are a professional seamstress or you simply need to mend a small tear in a pocket, you must be able to find a needle, thread and a pair of scissors. Keep your sewing supplies organized so you can spend time on projects instead of sorting through sewing materials. Some people have sewing rooms and others have sewing areas or use a box with sewing supplies. Whatever your circumstances make sure you have a system that enables you to find what you need. I have a sewing area and future dreams of a sewing room. Right now all my potential sewing rooms are filled with children. My future room will have a lot of light and many shelves. I will make it a combination sewing/ironing room.

My present sewing area is in a space between my bedroom and my walk-in closet. It is a small area but well lit and not visible when entering my bedroom. I keep my sewing sup-

plies in my walk-in-closet and on a shelf in my basement.

I have been sewing and doing crafts for 30 years so I have accumulated a lot of supplies.

I developed a system to organize supplies no matter what the quantity. You should purchase several different sized plastic containers to organize materials. Use the system of dividing into categories.

I keep all of my patterns in two containers. One container has patterns for crafts and the other container is for clothing projects. File the crafts alphabetically, couch covers, dolls, pot holders, and so on. File clothing patterns into types (children's and adults) and by size.

I have several boxes of material from previous sewing projects as well as larger pieces I have purchased for future use. I have a box filled with Christmas scraps, one with calico, one with lace, silk and satin, one with corduroy, wool, felt and other scraps, and one with new material I have purchased.

Put yarn, ribbon and lace trim in a separate container. Buttons can be separated by colors, types and sizes in glass jars. Group thread by colors in a plastic container created for spools.

I spent many years doing counted cross-stitch. Thread can be wrapped around cardboard, separated by color and

placed in a container. File pattern books alphabetically. Store cross-stitch material in a separate container. I work on several projects at once so each project is in a separate container with the patterns, cross-stitch material and thread colors needed for the specific project.

It is very important to use the right tools when sewing. I have a pair of scissors, a rotary cutter and pinky shears for cutting material. I keep smaller scissors for cutting thread and a special pair for cross-stitch. All of these are used exclusively for sewing and nothing else.

Store miscellaneous sewing supplies in a sewing box divided by compartments. This box would include things like elastic, pins, needles, tape measure, seam ripper and scissors. In your sewing machine keep bobbins, pins, needles, and scissors.

Sewing projects create messes. It is important to return items where they belong when you have completed a project.

## TODAY'S REFRIGERATOR

### BULLETIN:

"Spend time sewing, not hunting for supplies!"

Send your questions and success stories to **Diana Koenig**, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011. Email: dianakoening@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com

# Check the dishwasher's drain hose

Bruce wrote me with questions about his dishwasher. Bruce owns a 16-year-old White-Westinghouse dishwasher. After it fills for a wash cycle, it pumps a portion of the water



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

back out immediately. Bruce wondered whether that was normal. Bruce also noted a more significant problem - the lower arm never moved, but could be moved by hand, so it was not stuck, he reported.

"Is there something simple to check or should I be shopping because I've certainly gotten good life out of this machine?" Bruce asked.

Most dishwashers, even those built back 16 years ago, have a "pump-out" cycle when you initially turn it on. This process has to do with safety and washing performance.

If any water remains in the bottom from a spilled container from the last time you unloaded clean dishes, you don't want to use the old water for the current wash, so it pumps it out the minute you turn on the timer. (This lasts for a very short period. You can hear the water coming out if you put your ear near

the sink drain.)

The next sound you should hear is the valve opening and water filling the bottom of the dishwasher. Next should be a slight "thump" sound as the fill valve closes and then the motor starts to work. During the time of the wash cycle, there should not be any water running out of dishwasher into the sink or drain. If there is, it's time to check the drain hose.

To check the drain hose, remove the lower front kick panel by removing the retaining screws. You can observe the rubber drain hose which leads to either the drain line or to the side of the garbage disposer. The drain line is supposed to be elevated or looped so it sits higher than its connection. If it does not, you will have a gravity drain condition.

You can create a siphon by sucking the air out of the hose to get it going and then gravity takes over similar to siphoning gas from a vehicle. (You can also use a handheld siphon pump from a hardware store.) If you break the flow by lifting the hose even for a second, you have to start the procedure all over again. (For those like myself who used to spend 20 cents for a gallon of gas back in the 1950s, we are very versed on this procedure.)

Judging from the circumstances you describe, the drain hose problem is quite common.

The wash arm in the bottom of the dishwasher will not spin if there is not enough water in the bottom of the dishwasher and your dishes won't get clean. I'll bet that if you added a couple of big pots of hot water to the bottom, the wash arm would spin during the wash cycle.

Remember the quick tips I have so often written about. Always let the hot water run at the faucet for a few minutes before turning on the dishwasher. Make sure the hot water coming out of the faucet gets up to 140° F or more for proper cleaning and sanitizing of dishes.

Use the proper amount of powdered detergent in the container (2 teaspoons total when using a water softener system in your home and 7 teaspoons when on city water. When on well water, fill the container to the top.) Rounded bowls will prevent the spray from hitting other dishes and decrease efficiency. Glasses and cups should be placed at an angle to prevent them from holding water in the beveled areas. Give a Tang treatment twice a year and call me if you haven't heard that one before.

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

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# Here's how to remove oil, grease stains

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sawdust by grinding it in with the sole of your shoe. Sweep it up and then pour enough of a cola beverage over the affected areas to cover them completely. Let it soak for at least 20 minutes, but don't permit it to dry. Then brush it out with a regular household broom or

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**CLELAND**

**Robert Douglas**, died on February 28th 2004 near his home in Pentwater MI. Born on November 3rd, 1932 in Buffalo, NY. He grew up in Cincinnati, OH and lived most of his working life in Rochester MI. He retired from General Motors Corporation after 42 years of dedicated service and was also a proud Veteran of the Korean War. Bob shared his passion for hunting ducks with many friends and family members up until his death at the age of 71. "The Duck Hunter" also enjoyed salmon fishing on his beloved Chris Craft. He was a very competitive and enthusiastic golfer who maintained a low handicap into his latter years. Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 pm (Visitation 11 am - 1 pm) at Pricley Funeral Home in Rochester, MI on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2004. Funeral Services will be held at Tate Funeral Home in Hart, MI on Friday, March 5th, 2004 at 2 pm (Visitation 1 - 2 pm). Surviving are his daughter, Brenda Lee Warden and husband, Gregory Scott Warden of Davisburg, MI son, Douglas Charles Cleland and wife Jessica Anne Cleland of Metamora, MI and six grandchildren: Carly Elizabeth Warden Molly Amanda Warden Griffin Scott Warden Emily Anne Cleland, Grace Katherine Cleland and Keaton Charles Cleland. Also survived by brother Brent Nelson Cleland and wife Bonnie Sue Cleland, of Rochester Hills MI sister Diana Beth Cleland-Boyle and husband Arthur Boyle of Portland, OR. Charitable contributions can be made to the American Heart Association at 24445 Northwestern Highway Southfield, MI 48075.

### DuVall

**Clair, 96**, of Pompano Beach, Florida, originally from Birmingham, died February 4, 2004. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie Loving father of Debbie and Dave Parker. Owen and Anne DuVall grandfather of Melissa (Kirk) Bunnell, Bruce (Marsha) Parker, Lindsay and Michael DuVall & great grandfather of Olivia Bunnell. Clair was a well known painting and decorating contractor in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area and very active in the community and church. He was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Moslem Temple of Detroit and a Life Member of Birmingham Lodge 44. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the Congregational Church of Birmingham (of which he was a founding member) 1000 Cranbrook Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

### GIETZEN

**Roberta E.**, Feb 29 2004, age 74 of Northville, formerly of Wayne. Beloved wife of Joseph P. dear mother of Karen (Jack) Gietzen-Stewart, Kathryn (Steven) Card, Kaye (Bill) Philip & Karol (Bob) Williams. Also survived by 9 grandchildren. Instate at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer Rd., Westland, Fr 9am until time of service at 10am. Friends may visit at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Wed 3-9pm & Thur 12-5pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

### JEWHRST

**Dorothy S.**, Age 83 of Farmington Hills, passed away on March 1. Survived by a loving daughter and granddaughter. She assisted her husband in running their music school and store. Visitation with family Sunday, March 7 from 1pm-3pm. Memorials to Brian Injury Association of MI 8619 W Grand River, Suite I, Brighton MI 48116. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home, 248-541-8325.

### LEWIS

**Freda** Born in Houtzdale Pennsylvania on August 7, 1907, died February 27 2004 at home in Farmington Hills, MI at the age of 96. Beloved Wife of the late Chester F. for 54 years. Dearest Mother of Josephine L. Jones of Buckeye, AZ, Ronald G. (Judy) Lewis of Plymouth Twp., MI, Gary D. (Clara) Lewis of Littleton, CO, Maron C. (Roy) Severs of Farmington Hills, MI & Sharon P. Ott of Redford, MI. Loving Grandmother to 10, Great-Grandmother to 17 and Great-Great-Grandmother to 3. Born to Lebanese American parents George and Mary Elias. Freda had to give up her schooling at the age of 12 after her father died. She always missed school, so she returned to study at the Farmington Community School and received a High School Diploma at the age of 85. However, this endeavor was not unusual for her. She was always learning and in turn, teaching her five children about how to live life fully. Although she loved her job as a homemaker, in later years she became active in the Eastern Stars, and as an Avon representative. She was a devoted member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Troy where she satisfied her passion for cooking by working on bake sales. Her culinary skills were well known by her family and friends. She worked as a companion to invalids until her heart attack at age 89. She touched so many lives with her gentleness and spirit. She will be deeply missed, especially by her children to whom she gave the gift of love and laughter. Funeral services were held March 1st at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Troy. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple Road, Troy MI 48083 or Make a Wish Foundation of MI 3390 Pinetree Road, Suite 20 Lansing, MI 48911-4212. ARRANGEMENTS BY Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington

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**Sister Mary Lucy McDonald**, a Sister of Mercy for 71 years, died on February 28 2004 at the age of 92. She was born to Charles and Leona (Bowles) McDonald on April 9, 1911 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and given the name, Lucille, at her baptism in St. Francis Xavier Parish. After graduating from Mt. Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids in 1929, she joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1932 at Mt. St. Agnes in Dubuque, Iowa and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1938 in Cincinnati Ohio. Sister Mary Lucy held a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit and Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She pursued additional courses at Notre Dame University, Fordham University and the Catholic University of America. Her 45 years in education included ten years an elementary school teacher followed by a longer term in secondary education. She served in Catholic schools in Early and Independence, Iowa as well as Michigan schools in Midland, Grand Haven, Ada, Bay City, Saginaw, Pinconning, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Cheboygan and Farmington Hills. Sister Mary Lucy specialized in the teaching of Latin, English and journalism and often served as faculty advisor for the high school yearbook. She readily acquainted her students with academic discipline, insisting that they do things right the first time, but always with great understanding & support. Sister Mary Lucy also served as a school librarian. She became the archivist for the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit in 1980 and authored "By Her Fruits" a biography of Mother Mary Joseph Lynch, founder of the Sisters of Mercy in Grand Rapids. Sister Mary Lucy retired to McAuley Center in 1993. She is remembered as a devoted scholar teacher & member of the religious community. She is survived by her sister, Marguerite Meyers of Petoskey several nieces and nephews, many friends & the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center on March 2, 2004 at 3 pm, followed by a scripture vigil at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on March 3, 2004 at 10 am in the Sacred Heart Chapel, McAuley Center. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Arrangements are under the direction of the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI 48331-1405.

### WEST

**Joan E.** Beloved mother of Craig (Marcia) West and Karri (Gregg) Mihalik. Loving grandmother of Shane Chelsea Hunter and Gunnar. Will also be missed by many relatives and friends. Memorial Mass Friday 10:30am at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi. In lieu of flowers memorial donation to American Cancer Society Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home 248-541-8325.



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**MARCH**

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Madonna University will hold a Lenten Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday March 6 in Kresge Hall on the campus at 196 and Levan Road Livonia This year's theme is Weeding Our Soul During Lent The day long event for alumni friends students and their families includes Morning Prayer Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament three Lenten conferences time for confessions and the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows and Stations of the Cross led by students The day concludes with evening Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent Leading the day's activities is Rev. Paul Czarnota associate pastor Our Lady of Victory Northville The cost of the retreat is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments Students faculty and staff are \$10 Advanced reservations are required for meal purposes For more information or to register call (734) 432 5419 (734) 432 5427 or send e-mail to cam.pusministry@madonna.edu

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David Dark author of Everyday Apocalypse The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead The Simpsons and other Pop Culture Icons presents the conference Apocalyptic for the People How The Simpsons and Radiohead (and other Pop Culture Icons) Might Save Your Life 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday March 20 at Trinity Church 14800 Middlebelt Livonia

Advance tickets are \$15 \$12 Evangelical Covenant Church members and students Tickets at the door will be an additional \$3 For more information call (734) 425 2800 or send e-mail to TrinCovCh@aol.com In the book he challenges a removed definition of apocalypse calling his readers back to the root of the word which is revelation Dark calls us to imagine apocalypse as a more watchful way of being in the world He draws on the wisdom of popular culture including The Simpsons Beck and Coen brothers films to expose the moral bankruptcy of our imaginations

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Campbell will prepare chocolate-covered profiteroles with vanilla sauce, tropical trifle with coconut rum, chocolate cups with hazelnut chocolate mousse and vanilla cheesecake tartlets with vanilla-vodka berries.

Campbell will be working with students from GRCC's Hospitality Department. Before his move to GRCC in 1991, Campbell lived in the Bahamas for four years where he did culinary training in the Caribbean Islands. Campbell achieved a master craftsman status in his native Scotland, the highest level in culinary arts.

Campbell's television show, *Cooking With Angus Campbell*, airs on the local college channel and has been picked up by several other channels statewide.

His Web site is [www.chefangus.tv](http://www.chefangus.tv)

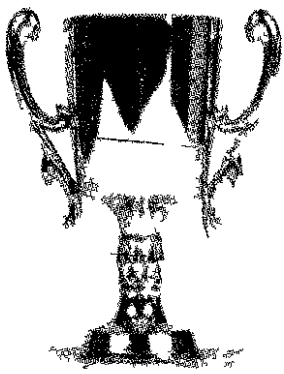
The Home & Garden Show hours are 3:30 p.m. today, noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$7-\$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free.

Advance tickets, including a free parking pass, are available online at [www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com](http://www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com). For more information call (800) 328-6550.

### Winners

Sasha Johnson, 6, of Redford and Erika Yelder, 7, of Auburn Hills were two of four runners-up in

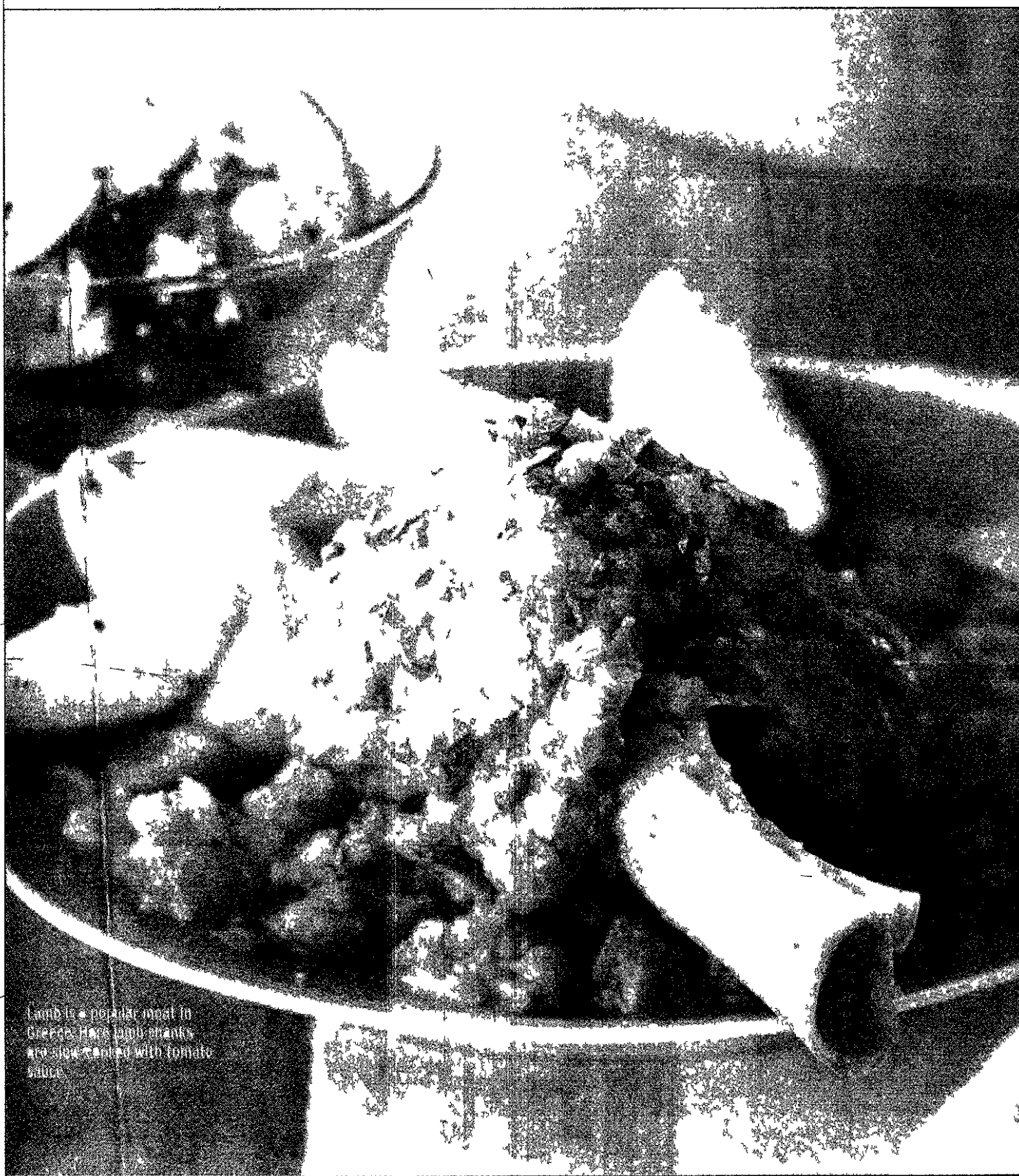


the Big Boy Restaurants Annie Color and Win coloring contest for children 12 and under.

Hundreds of contestants entered coloring sheets available on the Big Boy and Nederlander Web sites.

The runners-up won family four packs of tickets to a showing of *Annie*, while the grand prize winner, Tyler Gardiner of Warren, won six VIP tickets to a matinee performance of *Annie* at Masonic Temple Theatre.

Tyler and his guests also had an opportunity to meet with the star of *Annie* during a special meet and greet after the show. He also won \$50 in Big Boy certificates.



Lamb is a popular meat in Greece. Here, lamb shanks are slow-cooked with tomato sauce.

THE GOURMET SLOW COOKER

# Slow good

One-pot meals embraced by many cultures

Nearly 50 years ago, food and beverage residues were discovered at what appeared to be a funerary feast of an ancient Phrygian king near the city of Gordian in central Turkey.

In 1998, Dr. Patrick McGovern, an archaeologist and senior research scientist at the University of Pennsylvania Museum's Applied Science Center, subjected these residues to a lab analysis.

The results were stunning. The analysis showed that the feast, which may have

belonged to the King Midas of legend and prepared in about 800 B.C., consisted of stew simmered in a bronze cauldron.

Fatty acids and triglycerides indicate that the main ingredient was lamb or goat, while phenanthrene and cresol indicated that the meat had been grilled before it was cut off the bone and placed in the cauldron. Other acids suggest that olives or olive oil, wine and honey, and protein-indicating lentils, were all included in the single pot.

That history, highlighted in *The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World* by Lynn Alley, TenSpeed Press, \$18.95, shows that one-pot meals have existed with many cultures for hundreds and hundreds of years.

Lynn Alley from the book



Potato, cheddar and chive soup is one of the American dishes highlighted in *The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World* by Lynn Alley.



Pot roast is a big favorite throughout northern Italy.



Spinach, carrots and celery add different textures and flavors to this bean soup.

PLEASE SEE MEALS, D2

## Rich cabernet tradition maintained at Martini

In 2002, the Gallo family purchased the Louis M. Martini winery and vineyards in St. Helena, Calif. "We now have the resources to carry the Martini name into the marketplace and the future," winemaker Michael Martini said.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Renovation of the historic Louis Martini winery is nearly complete. It only took money. But what a smart buy for Gallo. It now has a showcase for its wines on Highway 29 in the heart of Napa Valley.

Historically, Gallo's home has been Modesto, Calif., and more recently, Sonoma County, where it farms more than 2,000 acres of grapes and is making some of Sonoma's best wines.

Gallo's infusion of money and talent can already be seen in the wines of Louis M. Martini winery. "We're

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All wines mentioned are available in metro Detroit. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

FROM THE BEGINNING

Louis M. Martini (Michael's grandfather) arrived in San Francisco from Genoa, Italy, in 1899 at 12 years of age. He worked in his father's

fresh fish business and made wine with his father in their backyard.

At 19, Louis returned to Italy to study winemaking, but after graduation, settled in California to apply his knowledge. In San Francisco, he continued to help his father during the day and made wine at night. The wine was sold from the same wagon used for delivering fish in the city.

Even before the repeal of Prohibition, Louis anticipated the demand for California and especially Napa Valley wine. With financial backing in 1922, he produced sacramental wine as well as grape juice and concentrate for home winemakers. By 1933 and the end of Prohibition, he began building his new winery in Napa Valley and continued to invest in vineyards in Napa, Sonoma and Carneros.

Louis M.'s son, Louis P. Martini, carried on the tradition established by his father and became a winemaker in 1954. "He could really size up good vineyard land," Michael said. "His acquisitions in Carneros, the Russian River Valley, Chiles Valley, Pope Valley and Lake County made him a pioneer in vineyard development."

BACK TO THE FUTURE

After graduating from the University of California-Davis in 1977, with a degree in fermentation science, Michael took the reins as third-generation winemaker. He has traveled in France with legendary cabernet winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff, studying winemaking techniques in Bordeaux and Burgundy.

"Our Sonoma and Napa cabernets

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## MEALS

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And Alley highlights them taking readers worldwide from Mexico to Great Britain, from the United States to India. Alley upgrades the traditional one-pot recipes, emphasizing freshness while maintaining the integrity of the dishes' ethnicity.

"My goal with these recipes was to present fresh ideas a cut above the kind of food usually associated with slow cookers," Alley writes.

"I wanted to try a more gourmet approach, for people who appreciate simple meals, but don't want to sacrifice flavor and complexity."

Slow cookers have undergone a revival of sorts. Betty Crocker Kitchens found that 80 percent of U.S. households own a slow cooker in a study in June 2002.

The book contains 56 recipes.

Alley visits Mexico with chicken mole and pork stew with tomatillo sauce, then readers are transported to France with Provencal beef stew and split pea soup.

Greek dishes make an appearance with lamb shanks in tomato sauce and baked eggplant.

From the United States, there's chicken and dumplings, Boston baked beans and potato, cheddar and chive soup.

Alley also gives wine suggestions for her recipes and a few tips for the slow cooker.

Place ingredients that take longer to cook, such as larger pieces of meat, carrots or potatoes, near the bottom of the slow cooker.

Speed up your slow cooking. Most of the recipes in this book call for an initial sauteing of ingredients to impart some caramelization and flavor, but that isn't always necessary. "In many cases, the outcome of the dish would not be adversely affected if you skipped this step and simply combined all the ingredients in the slow cooker at once," Alley writes.

Browning the meat in a saute pan before slow cooking can jump-start the heating

process and kill any bacteria on the meat's surface.

"If you are particularly concerned about health risks, follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recommendation of cooking such recipes on high for the first hour, and then decreasing the heat for the balance of cooking," she said.

Alley added that most slow cooker cookbooks caution against lifting the lid, because the food will take longer to cook.

"But I think that lifting the lid, smelling the food and poking it around is half the fun of cooking. I highly recommend it," she said.

And, of course, it's always better the next day.

## ONE-POT RECIPES

### POTATO, CHEDDAR, AND CHIVE SOUP

The combination of potatoes and cheese just can't be beat, especially here, in this rich, filling soup.

- 6 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock, plus more as needed
- 1 large clove garlic
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese or a mixture of sharp Cheddar and smoked Gouda
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream, half and half or sour cream (optional)
- 1/4 cup crumbled sharp Cheddar cheese for garnish

Place the potatoes and 1 cup of the stock in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 2 hours, or until the potatoes are just tender.

Transfer two-thirds of the potatoes to a food processor or blender, along with the cooking liquid. Add the garlic. Blend to the desired consistency. A blender will yield a smooth texture, a food processor a rough, rustic consistency.

Return the potato puree to the slow cooker and stir in the shredded cheese, the remaining 1/2 cup stock, and the chives. Cover and cook on low for 30 minutes, or until the soup is well heated. Add extra stock or water if the soup is too thick. Break up the whole potato slices with a fork to

achieve a texture that suits you. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the cream just before serving.

Ladle into soup bowls, sprinkle with the crumbled cheese, and serve immediately.

Southwestern Potato-Cheddar Soup For a Southwestern version of this soup, use cilantro instead of chives, and add 1 can (4 ounces) chopped roasted green chiles and 1 teaspoon each ground cumin and coriander. Serves 4 to 6.

### ITALIAN POT ROAST

Pot roast is a big favorite throughout northern Italy, just as it is in the United States. A cut of beef stewed in a hearty red wine and tomato sauce. The longer you cook it, the better it gets, as the meat begins to fall away from the bone and meld into the sauce. This dish is traditionally cooked in an earthenware casserole, glazed on the inside.

- 1 cinnamon stick, broken into pieces
- 4 whole cloves
- 3 allspice berries
- 6 black peppercorns
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 1/2 pounds beef pot roast, trimmed of excess fat
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup hearty dry red wine
- 1 (28 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- salt

chopped fresh parsley for garnish.

Combine the cinnamon, cloves, allspice, and peppercorns in a mortar or coffee grinder and grind to a fine powder.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. Add the meat and cook, turning, for 10 to 15 minutes, until browned on all sides.

Using tongs, transfer to the slow cooker.

Add the onion to the sauté pan and saute, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the spice mixture and cook for 2 minutes. Add the red wine and cook for about 10 minutes, until reduced by about one-third. Stir in the crushed tomatoes and salt to taste. Pour the sauce over the meat in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for about 8 hours, until the meat falls away from the bone.

Transfer to a warmed serving dish and garnish with the parsley. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

### LAMB SHANKS IN TOMATO SAUCE

Lamb is unquestionably the most popular meat in Greece. Kapama usually refers to any dish cooked in a tomato sauce flavored with cinnamon and cloves, but the work also refers to the traditional glazed earthenware casserole dish with a conical lid in which these stews are cooked. This dish goes well with noodles or roasted, grilled, or baked small potatoes, and a salad of spring greens.

Lamb shanks, even when well trimmed, contain a lot of fat. If you prefer a leaner dish, make this one day ahead of time, refrigerate it, then remove the congealed fat. Or, buy a butterflied leg of lamb, trim it of all fat, and cut the meat into 1 1/2-inch cubes.

- 1 cinnamon stick, broken into pieces
- 4 whole cloves
- 8 allspice berries
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 lamb shanks, trimmed
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup Metaxa (Greek brandy) or other brandy
- 2 cups peeled and coarsely chopped fresh tomatoes or 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Combine the cinnamon, cloves, and allspice in a mortar or coffee grinder and grind to a fine powder.

Heat a large saute pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. Add the lamb and cook, turn-

ing, for 7 to 10 minutes, until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer the lamb to the slow cooker.

Add the onion to the sauté pan and cook, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the spice mixture and brandy to the onion and stir for 2 to 3 minutes to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the tomatoes and stir well. Pour over the lamb shanks in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the meat is very tender and easily comes away from the bone. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Divide the lamb and sauce among dinner plates and serve immediately. Serves 4.

### BEAN SOUP

The Greeks have a saying "Beans are life." Although bean soup is popular throughout Greece, it is especially so in the northern parts of the country, where the climate is cold and damp.

- 2 cups dried white beans
- 6 to 8 cups water or chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and finely diced
- 3 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ham bone (optional)
- 3 large ripe tomatoes, peeled and diced or 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- Leaves from 2 sprigs oregano, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup packed spinach leaves
- young dandelion greens or arugula
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley for garnish

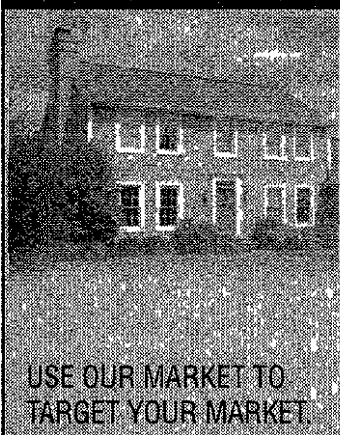
Rinse and sort through the beans. Place them in the slow cooker and add enough of the water to cover. Cover and cook on high for about 2 hours, until the beans begin to soften. Or, soak the beans with water to cover overnight, then drain, rinse, and transfer to the slow cooker. Add the water to cover.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. Add the onion, carrots, celery, and garlic and saute, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the vegetables and ham bone to the beans in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the beans are tender. (At this point, you can puree some of the beans for a thicker consistency if you like.)

A few minutes before serving, stir in the tomatoes, oregano, spinach, and salt. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with the parsley. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

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# Pillsbury Bake-off now accepting entries

Ever since the first Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest, past contestants have offered would-be entrants scores of great tips and tricks for creating an unbeatable dish.

But the simplest tip is the one many often forget: Enter.

With the 41st Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest now accepting entries for the June 26-29 finals in Hollywood, Calif., creative cooks who are interested in vying for the contest's \$1 million grand prize should start working on their recipe entries today.

Deadline for Bake-Off entries is March 10, and consumers can enter online or print a copy of the entry form by visiting the contest Web site at [www.pillsbury.com/bakeoff](http://www.pillsbury.com/bakeoff). Entry forms also are available by sending your name and address to Pillsbury Bake-Off Entry Form Request, P.O. Box 7200, Melville, NY 11775-7200.

Maria Baldwin of Mesa, Ariz., a winner of a set of GE Profile kitchen appliances in the 40th Bake-Off Contest in 2002, nearly ignored the important piece of advice about entering. Even though Baldwin had dreamed of someday going to the Bake-Off Contest, the day before the entry deadline she had no recipe to submit.

"I wasn't even thinking about it, really," she said.

Eating lunch at a local restaurant that day inspired her to create her own version of a menu item, flavorful Spicy Asian Lettuce Wraps. When her recipe won a standing ovation from her two teenage daughters, Baldwin quickly jumped up from the dinner table and logged onto the contest Web site. She finalized and submitted her entry about

three minutes before the deadline.

As Baldwin learned, great Bake-Off recipes don't have to come from years of experience or research, but often spring from a single moment of inspiration and the simple belief that you too can be a winner. "If you try," she says, you can eventually come up with something." Created using Green Giant Create a Meal meal starter, Baldwin's recipe is an example of the kind of entry that could be selected in the Weekends Made Special category for the current Bake-Off Contest.

Another Bake-Off finalist in 2002, Misty Waltman of Lyons, Ind., had been cooking "since she could reach the stove," but her job as a touring country and western singer didn't leave much time for preparing elaborate meals. "I am a busy person, but I want to serve nutritious, good-tasting food," she said. Her love of seafood prompted her to begin inventing original seafood recipes in her spare time, and much to her (and her family's) delight, Waltman created her very own chart-topper Seafood Appetizers.

After some encouragement from her family, Waltman entered her recipe in the appetizers category. Made with Pillsbury crescent rolls, these easy-to-make treats pack loads of seafood flavor into just seven ingredients.

When Waltman learned she was a finalist, she immediately called her family and friends. "I was astonished. I couldn't believe it was really happening. I was so excited." But not nearly as excited as when her first entry into competitive cooking won \$2,000. In this year's Bake-Off Contest, a recipe like

Waltman's would fit into the Fast Snacks & Appetizers category. Her recipe also uses a total of 1-1/2 cups of two varieties of American-made cow's milk cheese, so it's also an example of the kind of recipe that could win a new prize, America's Greatest Cheese Recipe Awards. Sponsored by American Dairy Association, this Award will give four \$5,000 prizes to the best recipes made with cheese.

Finalist Phil Capaldi of Souderstown, R.I., discovered that necessity truly is the mother of invention when he devised his 40th Bake-Off recipe.

Looking for a warm pick-me-up while painting his house on a cool September day, Capaldi created a fast and tasty new twist on the classic club sandwich that was perfect for holding in one hand while tending his young sons.

The secret of Pat Murphy's prize-winning entry wasn't so much what he added as what he was forced to leave out. Murphy, a postal worker from Modesto, Calif., was just about to prepare chicken wings for his son when he realized he was nearly out of cooking oil. "I didn't feel like going back out for oil, so I rummaged through what I had. The result of that last-minute improvisation was a recipe that earned \$10,000 in the 40th Bake-Off Contest.

These accounts are just a small portion of the stories that come from every Bake-Off Contest. To inspire potential Bake-Off entrants for the 41st contest, the Pillsbury Editors have created a new magazine that pays tribute to years of amazing recipes and finalists.

*Real People, Everyday Recipes* is a special edition

Bake-Off magazine that provides a collection of recipes and personal profiles celebrating the people and recipes that make the contest great.

It includes recipes from throughout the Bake-Off Contest's history, such as Crab Cakes Italiano, Crafty Crescent Lasagna, Honey Nut Snap Peas and Magic Marshmallow Crescent Puffs.

In addition to great recipes, *Real People, Everyday Recipes* includes personal stories from 14 past finalists.

Would-be finalists will also find a helpful preview of the upcoming 41st Bake-Off Contest in Hollywood, Calif., as well as a 2004 entry form. The 96-page, digest-sized magazine is available for \$3.99 and is on sale at supermarket and discount store checkouts nationwide.

Four recipe categories define the kinds of recipes consumers should submit for the Bake-Off competition.

New this year is the Breakfast Favorites category, which is for casual brunch or on-the-go breakfast recipes. The Weekends Made Special category reinforces consumers' interest in taking a bit more time on the weekend to prepare meals and desserts that bring people together. The Dinner Made Easy category is for easy-to-make main dish recipes, such as one-dish meals, casseroles or skillet meals. The fourth category, Fast Snacks & Appetizers, focuses on quick-to-fix savory snack, appetizer or mini-meal recipes requiring minimal ingredients. Three of the categories have limits on preparation time or ingredients to reflect consumers' interest in quick and easy cooking and baking.

## Bakeoff finalist shares recipe

### SPICY ASIAN LETTUCE WRAPS

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 (1 pound 5 ounces) package Green Giant Create a Meal Frozen Stir Fry Lo Mein Meal Starter
- 2 tablespoons purchased chili garlic sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons water
- 8 large leaves Bibb lettuce
- 1 1/2 cups grated carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro if desired



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Maria Baldwin of Mesa, Ariz., was a 2002 finalist in the Pillsbury Bake-Off with these Asian lettuce wraps.

noodles and vegetables from meal starter. Cook 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring frequently.

To remaining soy sauce mixture in small bowl, add sugar, peanut butter and water, mix well. Arrange lettuce on part of large serving platter. Spoon carrots onto platter next to lettuce. Arrange cooked vegetables and noodles on platter. Place chicken over vegetables and noodles. Sprinkle chicken with peanuts, onions and cilantro.

To serve, spread peanut sauce in center of each lettuce leaf. Top with chicken and vegetable mixture and carrots. Wrap lettuce around filling. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition Information per serving: Serving size, 1/8 of recipe; calories 270, calories from fat 115, total fat, 13 g, saturated, 2 g, cholesterol, 35 mg, sodium, 680 mg, total carbohydrate, 20 g, dietary fiber, 3 g, sugars, 8 g, protein, 18 g.

Exchanges: 1 starch, 1 vegetable, 2 very lean meat, 2 fat, 1 carbohydrate choice.

Recipe created by Maria Baldwin of Mesa, Ariz.

## WINE

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reflect their differences in terrain," he said. "Days are cooler in Sonoma with warmer nights, while Napa days are warmer with cooler nights."

From this we get more blackberry flavors in the Sonoma cabernet and cherry overtones in Napa. The Napa cab is long and lean, while the Sonoma cab is rounder in the mouth. Our Alexander

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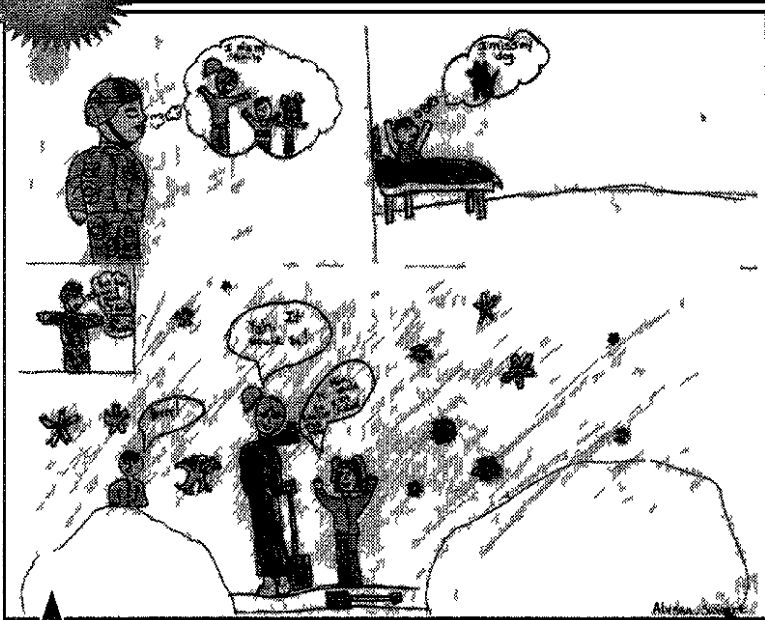
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Draw a cartoon for the troops to bring a smile to their faces

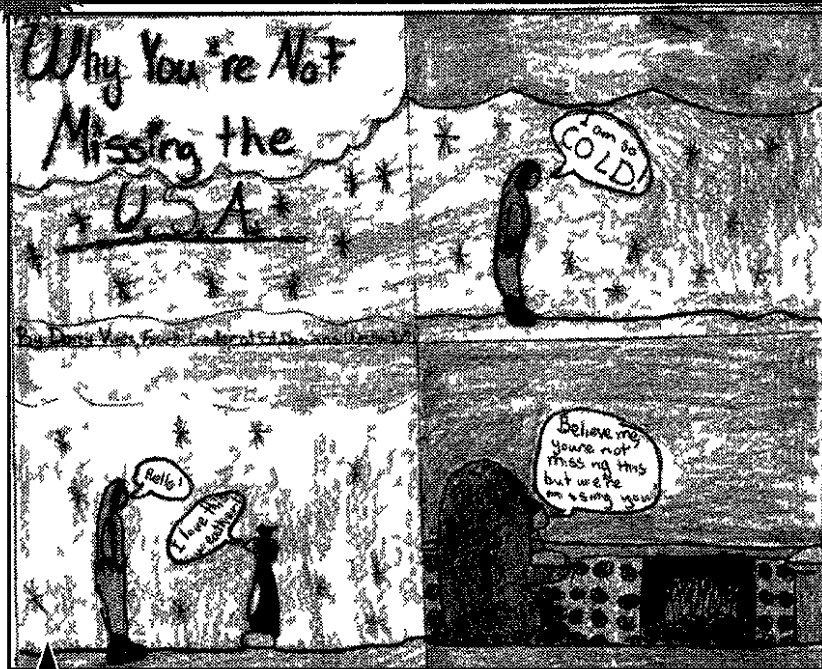
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**Alyssa Swigart,**  
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Honorable Mention

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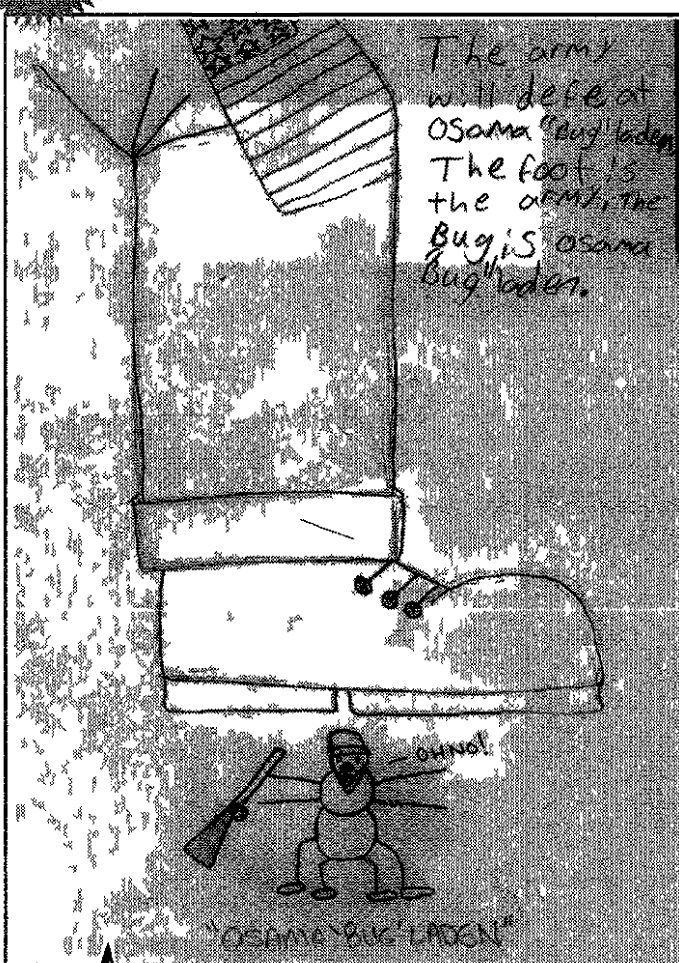
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**Darcy Vines,**  
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Honorable Mention

**Jon Jimenez** Discovery Middle School Westland

### FIRST PLACE - 7th - 9th GRADE



**Brett Karpinski,**  
Marshall Middle School, Inkster  
Honorable Mention

**James Easterly,** Boulan Middle School Troy  
Tied with

**Jennifer Miller,** Boulan Middle School Troy

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

### FIRST PLACE - 10th - 12th GRADE

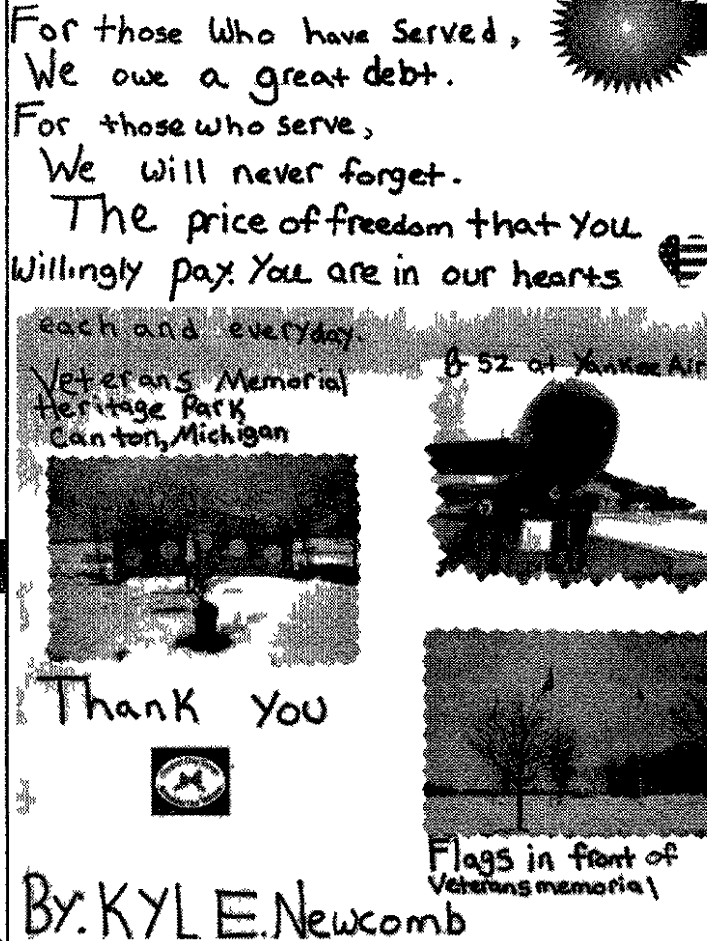


**Cameron Lewis,**  
Novi High School Novi

## CATEGORY 2 WINNERS — CARTOON

Take a picture of something that is being displayed in your home or school that shows the troops are being remembered locally

### FIRST PLACE - 4th - 6th GRADE



**Kyle Newcomb,**  
Discovery Middle School, Canton  
Honorable Mention  
**Mike Wonnacott,** Saint Damian School Livonia

### FIRST PLACE - 7th - 9th GRADE



**Jennie Rokakis,**  
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### CATEGORY 3 WINNERS —EDITORIAL

Write a brief editorial 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

#### FIRST PLACE - 2nd to 3rd GRADE

##### Ian J. McCracken

Saint Damian School Livonia

**IRAQ Agree with the troops:** I think that the troops should be in Iraq because they are helping the people take back their country. The Iraqi people are happy that our soldiers captured Saddam Hussein. After the government is working and the country is put back together, then our troops can come home. The Iraqi people are grateful for all that the United States has done for them.

Honorable Mention

**Amy Stefanovski**, Saint Damian School Livonia

TIE

#### FIRST PLACE - 7th to 9th GRADE

##### Ryan Staniszewski

Emerson School, Livonia

I think the troops in Iraq are doing a good job. I appreciate what the troops are doing. My opinion, though, is that the war was a bad idea.

This is how I support my position. We lost too many soldiers because our president lied to the U.S.A. We still haven't found any weapons of mass destruction and the country of Iraq didn't attack our country directly before. In addition, we have alienated the UN (United Nations).

There are some reasons why I agree with what we did and what we are doing. Saddam was a big threat because he had ties to terrorist organizations. After what happened on 9/11, the president probably wouldn't tolerate any more terrorism. Also, the people of Iraq didn't have many rights or freedom, but I still disagree with the war in Iraq.

In conclusion, we should make sure the statements of the president are true so this doesn't happen again. Why did our president lie to the country? I just hope our troops stay alive.

##### Vishnu Pemmaraju

Boulan Park Middle School, Troy

Saddam Hussein killed many people. He tortured those of different religions and backgrounds. Such evil lingered in Iraq for over twenty years.

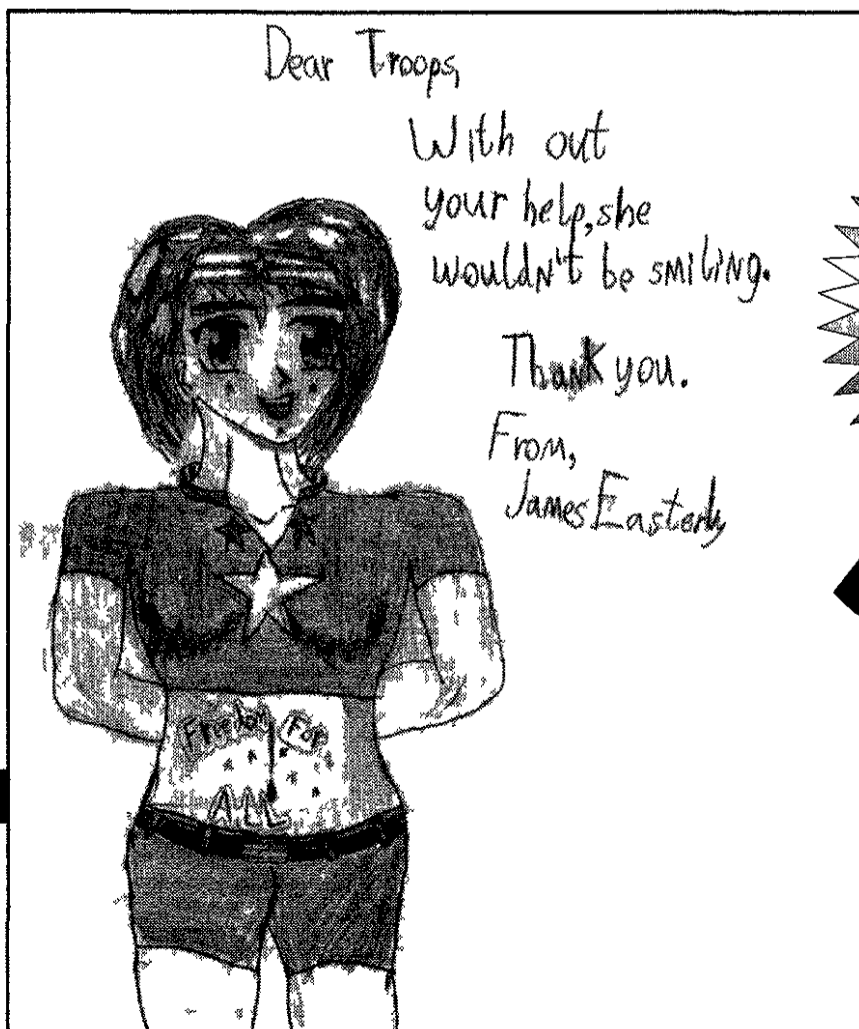
I thank you for ending that evil and allowing a child, like me, somewhere in Iraq, to go to school and live a better life.

You risked everything: your family, your normal habits, and even your life. One requires a great amount of courage to make those ultimate sacrifices. Every second of your stay there, you are faced with grave dangers. Terrorists on the streets blowing up whole buildings, murderers looting and plundering everyone they see, and even confused civilians, brainwashed for two decades. But if anyone can stop that madness, that person is you. Every one of your fellow Americans back home are cheering you on. Go and win your ultimate battle.

Honorable Mention

**Andreana Masters**, Boulan Park Middle School Troy

James and Jennifer entered two very good cartoons and we wanted to share them with you:



**CARTOONS  
Honorable  
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TIE

#### FIRST PLACE - 4th to 6th GRADE

##### Krithika Rajkuma

Meadows Upper Elementary School, Rochester Hills

##### Should American Troops fight war in Iraq?

Why waste our money? Why destroy lives of innocent people? Do we really have to fight war? We really need to shape up, and think of what's good for us and the rest of the world.

Although removing Saddam Hussein would be better for all of us, what impact would it have on our lives? Many people think that sending troops to Iraq to fight the war on terror, but is that really true? It is a fact that Saddam Hussein became a major threat to the stability of the Middle Eastern countries, but is it worth risking so many lives to just get rid of one Saddam?

By sending troops to Iraq we are wasting so many things like time and money. We have spent over 100 million dollars on the war on terror, but people in the U.S. are already losing their jobs and we have to pay higher taxes in order to meet the various expenses towards food, shelter and other needs of the American soldiers there.

Many countries are already asking "Why is the U.S. butting into other people's business without any hard evidence that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction?"

I greatly appreciate the service that the troops are doing in Iraq, but they should really stop and think about the feelings of their families back here in the U.S. That's why Americans should stop sending troops to Iraq.

##### Varsha Koduvayur

Meadows Upper Elementary School Rochester Hills

I really appreciate what the troops are doing in Iraq. It feels good to know that I'm safe. I agree and support the reasons we sent troops to Iraq. If there are any terrorists in Iraq, the troops are there to capture them. Some people might disagree with me.

You may be thinking, "Stop butting into other people's business," and that, too, is reasonable. Maybe we should let other people handle their own business. But all the same, it's good that troops are there. The jeopardy isn't over until we track down Osama Bin Laden and his group of terrorists. Don't you agree? Also, the troops are there protecting the Iraqis, too. Nobody wants to see another dictator, and Iraq should be able to govern itself, too.

Overall, I'm very happy and pleased at the troop's actions. I hope that they come home safely.

#### FIRST PLACE - 10th to 12th GRADE

##### Maureen K. Gilmour

Seaholm High School, Birmingham

Many children command mock battles in their backyards with Super Soakers and information they learn from admiring the soldiers they see on television and read about on the internet. A soldier is defined in Merriam Webster's Dictionary as, "an enlisted man or woman." This definition hardly grasps the true meaning of the word, though. A US soldier personifies the qualities of honor, justice, and courage while they selflessly defend the United States against the threats of the modern world.

When the United States received intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction, it was their every right to free the world of this dictator who used the tools of fear and torture to accomplish his goals. The soldiers serving in Iraq have not only made the world safer, but they stand for freedom and prove that the United States will not fall to terrorism or fear, and will fight gallantly to stand for freedom.

I hope one day to become an Air Force officer so I may get the opportunity to defend our country. It is because of the men and women serving in Iraq that many of my friends also aspire to be soldiers when they are older. The servicemen's display of courage and honor sets an example for civilians and soldiers alike - a country as great as the United States can only prosper in the world, and many people commend the servicemen in Iraq for displaying that message every day they fight for freedom.



# Enjoy a ray of sun on a rainy day

Brighten a dull gray wintry day with some bright colored citrus fruits

Grapefruit, oranges, lemons, limes and kumquats can brighten salads, make a tasty drink, be a wonderful snack or used as a bright beautiful garnish. They can be a key ingredient in many dishes or make a colorful table centerpiece.

Citrus is the primary source of Vitamin C, which needs to be replenished everyday. Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) has valuable health benefits, it promotes wound healing, fights infection and helps the body absorb iron from fruits, vegetables and grains.

Eating citrus provides the added benefit of pectin, a soluble fiber that helps lower blood cholesterol levels. They also contain folacin, calcium, potassium, thiamin, niacin and magnesium. Citrus is a "super" vitamin in a natural form.

Kumquats are very small, round or oval shaped, they can be orange or yellow in color. Kumquats are mild in flavor and have an edible rind. They are great as a garnish, mixed in a salad or eaten as a snack.

Grapefruit are the largest fruit of the citrus family. Varieties are white, Red Ruby and Star Ruby. The Red Ruby and Star Ruby are the sweetest of all grapefruits.

With lemons, the juice can be used numerous ways in drinks or cooking. Don't forget to use the colored outer layer for zest.

Limes can be used for

drinks, cooking or for zest. The color ranges from dark to lighter green or yellow-green.

Oranges basically come in three groups, regular, navel and blood. Navel and Valencia are the most popular. Valencia oranges are the most versatile, they make good juice and can easily be eaten out of hand. They have thin skins and have only a few seeds. The navel orange is seedless and is really considered an eating orange.

Mandarin is really a class of small oranges that have loose, easy to peel, "zipper" like skin. These are tangerines, clementines, Temple and Tangelos. A Temple is a cross between a tangerine and an orange and resembles an overgrown juicy tangerine with seeds. A Tangelo is a cross between a tangerine and a grapefruit and have a taste all their own.

Tangerine juice mixed with strawberries or raspberries, peaches, bananas, pineapple or cranberry juice in a blender makes a wonderful breakfast drink.

When buying oranges, look for firmness, heaviness and even shapes. Rule of thumb, the thin-skinned oranges are juicier than thick-skinned and small- to medium-sized fruits are sweeter than the larger ones. Mandarins will feel soft and heavy compared to an orange but still should feel heavy for their size.

Don't try to freeze whole oranges or other citrus fruits. Very cold storage makes brown spots on the skin but won't hurt the taste.

Most oranges are sold in bags that have holes so they can breathe.

Freshly squeezed orange juice can be frozen up to four months.

Oranges can be kept at room

temperature for one to two weeks, or refrigerated for longer storage. Tangerines will stay nice for one week at room temperature, but refrigeration is the best for them. The skin protects the vitamin C, so after you peel the orange, eat it.

Room temperature oranges yield the most juice, especially if you roll them on the counter or microwave for 20-30 seconds before juicing. The citrus shells can be frozen for use later. They make beautiful serving containers for salads, desserts and sauces.

Warm maple flavored syrup and orange slices or make a great tasting topping for French toast, waffles or pancakes. Marinate meat, fish or poultry in orange juice. Cook white or brown rice in orange juice and water with a pinch of zest to serve with chicken.

Slice peeled oranges, sprinkle with shredded coconut and powdered sugar and top with a little white wine or orange liqueur.

Orange slices can also be added to tossed green or cabbage salads.

Add a little grated orange or lemon peel to your favorite sandwich spread.

Grated orange rind can flavor custards, creams, dough, stews, pastries and cookies. Oranges and all citrus bring the feeling of sunshine and freshness into a dull winter diet.

If you're not able to visit Florida, California or Texas this winter to pick your own citrus fruits, visit the local grocery store and buy some fresh to brighten your day.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist at the Oakland County office of Michigan State University Extension Services.

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AGE 10

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Odor in the court!

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<p><b>BRANDON JOHNSON</b> AGE 11</p> <p><i>Why couldn't the pirates play cards?</i></p> <p>Because the captain was standing on the deck.</p>	<p><b>KRISTEN and SYDNEY VOSS</b> AGE 4 and 6</p> <p><i>What did the tie say to the hat?</i></p> <p>You go on a head and I will hang around!</p>
<p><b>JOHN HOLLY</b> AGE 4</p> <p><i>Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team?</i></p> <p>Because she ran away from the ball!</p>	<p><b>SHANE PREVO</b> AGE 5</p> <p><i>Why did the cookie go to the doctor?</i></p> <p>Because he was feeling kind of crummy!</p>
<p><b>CHRISTION BOONE</b> AGE 3</p> <p><i>What did the baby corn say to mom corn?</i></p> <p>Where is pop corn?</p>	<p><b>ALEX HOSKO</b> AGE 7</p> <p><i>What did one math book say to the other math book?</i></p> <p>Boy, do I have problems!</p>
<p><b>KIM GLENN</b> AGE 3</p> <p><i>How do you fix a broken pizza?</i></p> <p>With tomato paste!</p>	<p><b>CONNER McMANUS</b> AGE 8</p> <p><i>What did the lawyer wear to the court?</i></p> <p>A law suit!</p>
<p><b>PETER FREEMAN</b> AGE 5</p> <p><i>What does the Gingerbread man have on his bed?</i></p> <p>Cookie sheets!</p>	<p><b>ANGELA SWIRLS</b> AGE 10</p> <p><i>What did the digital clock say to the grandfather clock?</i></p> <p>Look, Pop, no hands!</p>
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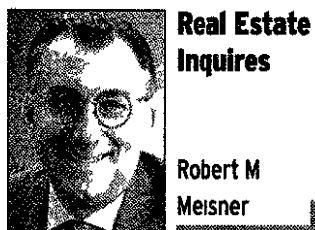
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Robert M Meisner

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We have a co-owner who is threatening a sexual harassment case against the association. Have any courts ruled that housing providers can violate the Fair Housing Act by permitting a hostile sexual environment to exist?

There are a number of cases from around the country where courts have ruled that housing providers can violate the Fair Housing Act by permitting a hostile sexual environment to exist. Some courts have extended that to board members who have been involved in discrimination. You are best advised to consult with your association attorney in regard to potential liability of the association and its Board of Directors

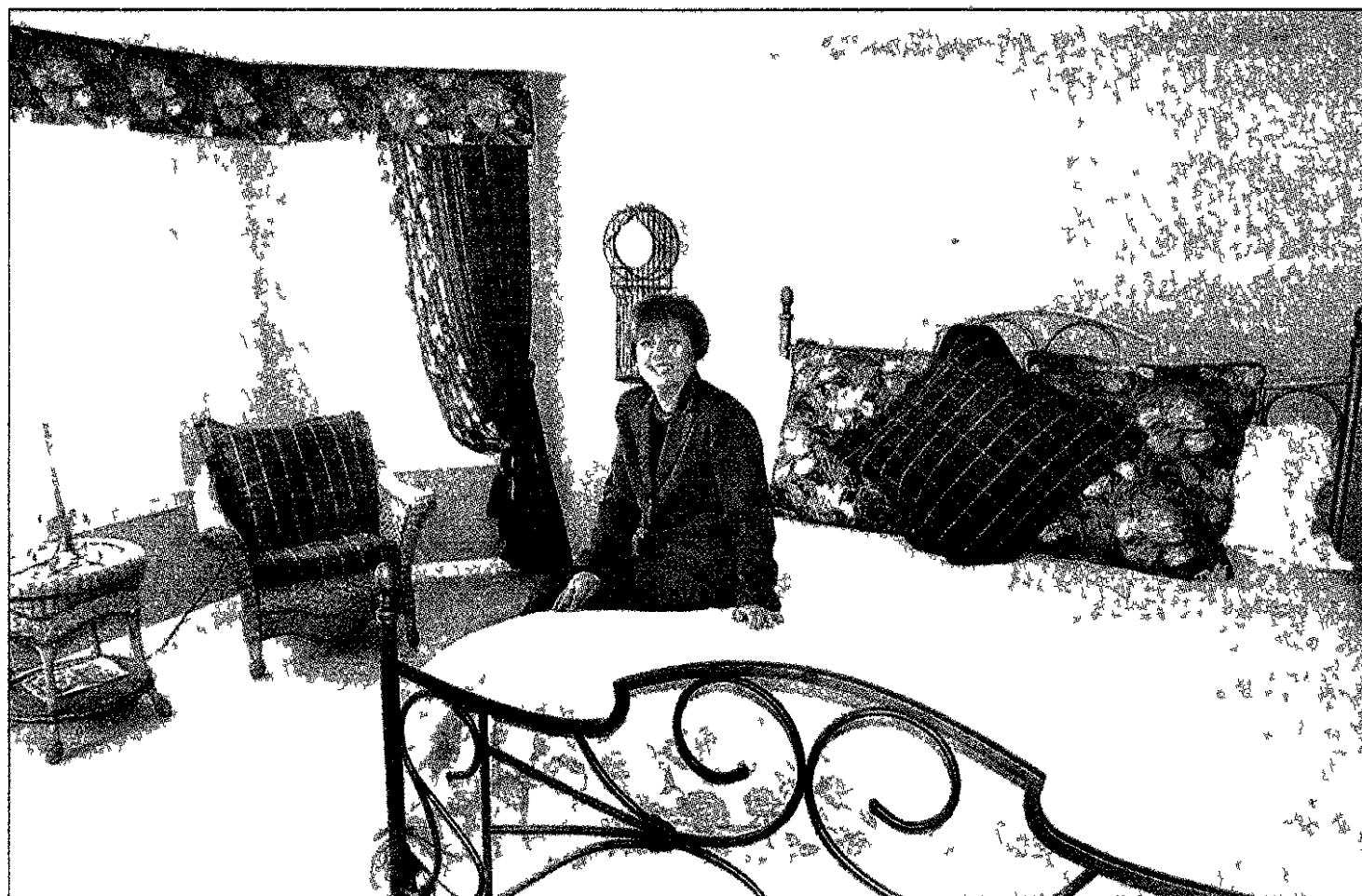
Our condominium association is experiencing substantial increases of insurance premiums. We have not amended our documents. Do you have any suggestions?

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

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Marlene Kinney in master bedroom of a home she 'staged' for sale in Clarkston

## Expert helps sellers set stage for new owners

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Want to sell your house? Beware of the Chachka Syndrome

Chachka is Yiddish for "inexpensive showy trinket," from the Polish czaczka

Homes flowing with chachkas and other "visually distracting" objects, furnishings, and whatever are giving momentum to a specialized activity in home-selling called staging

On Broadway, staging means putting on a show and that's just what it means when a staging expert comes through your front door and starts pointing to stuff that has to go or be moved to another spot

The expert, generally a person with experience in interior design, will explain the goal is to depersonalize and declutter your home so it might be easier for buyers to imagine it being theirs

Marlene Kinney will tell you that's the purpose of her work. She's a 30-year veteran of interior design work and runs a company called Room Solutions Inc., from her home office in Commerce

### WARM AND INVITING

"It's about making homes more sellable," Kinney said. "It's about aesthetics, decor,



Patti Gilman and Marlene Kinney in the family room of a home for sale in Clarkston. Kinney removed clutter from the room to make it appear larger and more appealing to potential buyers

furnishings, accessories. Sometimes the colors aren't sellable. If you're a buyer when you come in you think that this is what it would look like when it's your house

"People are visually motivated. Color is a big thing. It sets their mood. Good colors are earth tones, warm and inviting."

With a staging designer, Kinney said the real estate agent can step back and not get yelled at as they have been by some homeowners over the years. It's not new, Kinney said, for the seller to be told to make the house more presentable, even make it smell better

"It has to do with getting rid of their clutter. Sometimes moving a sofa six inches makes

the room appear so much larger. Move a picture from one room to another and it looks better," said Kinney

At \$60 an hour, she'll come to the house you want to sell and tell you if you need a new shower curtain or if grandpa's easy chair ought to be hidden in the basement. "Usually the agent pays," Kinney said. "If it's paint, the agent usually has the homeowner pay."

Sometimes, she said, the problem is "inappropriate-size furniture or too much furniture in a room. Let the room appear less crowded and more pleasing to the eye. I want the buyer to be able to envision living in this home"

Kinney said she's careful to

### SOURCES

- Gail Freid - First Impression Staging and Design Consultants (248) 894-6207
- Patti Gilman - Coldwell Banker Schweitzer (248) 625-5556, Ext. 121
- Marlene Kinney - Room Solutions Inc., (248) 363-4096

not talk to the homeowners as if criticizing their taste. The problems she might face are universal across the home-price spectrum. "There's no relationship between taste and the value of the home," she said

But there is a relationship between the appearance of a house and the price it might bring, Patti Gilman said. Gilman, a sales consultant with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston, said she knows of a house where the seller avoided \$10,000 or more in price reductions with a \$3,500 painting job recommended by a staging designer

Gilman regularly uses Kinney's services to enhance the appearance of the houses she offers. "Buyers today," said Gilman, "expect perfection"

## Designer offers tip on conquering the Chachka Syndrome

Gail Freid has been an interior designer for 15 years and now runs First Impression Staging and Design Consultants from her Oak Park home office. She offered insight to her approach to staging

■ Many people have a lot of small items around. Very decorative. Lots of small pictures or lots of little objects. The Chachka Syndrome. All of those should be put away. I take owners to the front door and ask them to look at the house from the point of view of a buyer walking in. Many people have a lot of photos of fam-

ily on the wall. I suggest those all come down. Buyers want to think of the house as theirs

■ Any kind of cultural or ethnic pictures or art should come down. Create a neutral environment so buyers don't connect with someone else. Nothing that defines the occupants. Yes, take away the menorah or the crucifix

■ You want buyers to say, "what a beautiful room," not "What a beautiful couch or table. That magnificent table inlaid with marble - put a cloth over it. But the homeowner says, 'This is my pride and joy,'" and I say, "Do you

want people looking at the dining room table or at the dining room?"

■ The problems can be in every room. Closets stuffed to the gills and disorganized. Pack away out-of-season clothes and things not used regularly. Rent a storage facility and physically remove from the house what you're going to pack anyway. Start now. Use tough love and get rid of all your extras

■ In the bedroom, take family pictures off of the walls. Let the bed be the focal point with fresh, neutral, fluffy bedding. Make the room look comfortable and inviting. A place

where the buyers can imagine themselves sleeping

■ The bathroom probably isn't clean enough and there's a lot of stuff around. Clear off the counters and place one small piece of statuary or a pot of flowers. Put in fresh new towels in colors that go with the room.

■ The kitchen table sometimes isn't the right size or shape. I like a small round table in the breakfast room, set for breakfast. They'll think, "what a lovely place to have coffee." Everything off the kitchen counters except three canisters or something else in threes. No dirty towels or oven mitts

## Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



## When failure's not an option

Just about anybody can sell a home. Just like anybody can hit a baseball, pull a tooth, write a will, fly an airplane, cook a meal, or perform heart surgery. However, two questions persist: What is the true value of a job well done? And what happens if there's a glitch?

I absolutely love working with true full-time professionals, and I enjoy paying them fairly for their work. Why? If all goes well, the result is usually fantastic. If there's a hiccup, a real professional coolly brings the issue to a satisfactory resolution - sometimes without you even knowing there was a problem

My all-time favorite movie quote came from *Apollo 13* when Gene Kranz, the NASA flight director at Mission Control, said, "Failure, gentlemen, is not an option." For true professionals, failure is truly beyond comprehension. It's an anomaly

All-star hockey players expect to score. Commercial pilots take off fully expecting to land safely. Professional Realtors expect to sell every property they list. And mortgage professionals get real estate money to the table every time

### REAL PROS

True professionals get paid well because failure in their industries is more costly than the wage they demand. Real pros will not scalp you, nor will they scalp themselves. Professionals deserve to be paid based on their ability to serve you. If you expect five-star service at a fast food restaurant, you will go hungry

As handy as I am around my home, there are certain tasks - like hard-wiring new electrical service and cutting down 200-foot tree - that I leave to professionals. Why? I cannot deal with the "down side risk" of a goof-up

Any property buyer or seller who has had a transaction go bad will tell you, in retrospect, that they got burned by trying to cut corners. They used the brother-in-law who is new in the mortgage business, or the Realtor who is a friend-of-a-friend

If you have the expertise required to sell your own home, go for it! If you don't, then don't short yourself by skimping on experience and expertise. When failure is not an option, hire a professional

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# 30-year mortgage rates steady, others mixed

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages held steady at a seven-month low this week, while rates for other types of mortgages were mixed.

The average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages was 5.58 percent, unchanged from the previous week, which had marked the lowest rate since 5.52 percent of the week ending July 11, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Feb 26 in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages sank to 5.21 percent in the middle of June, the lowest level in more than four decades. Since then rates have bounced up and down.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates rose to 4.89 percent this week, up from 4.87 percent last week.

### ADJUSTABLE RATES

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, meanwhile, decreased to 3.50 percent, compared with 3.53 percent last week.

"There was very little movement either way this week," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "And it looks like consumers are taking advantage of the low level of mortgage rates as applications for home purchases and refinancing are up for the last two weeks."

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its gauge tracking mortgage loan applications for home purchases and refinancings increased by 2.1 percent last week from the previous week.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan earlier this week questioned consumers' preference for fixed-rate mortgage loans.

"American homeowners clearly like the certainty of

fixed-mortgage payments," he said. That stands in sharp contrast with homeowners in other countries, who prefer adjustable-rate mortgages, he noted.

"American consumers might benefit if lenders provided greater mortgage product alternatives to the traditional fixed-rate mortgage," Greenspan said.

"To the degree that households are driven by fears of payment shocks but are willing to manage their own interest rate risks, the traditional fixed-rate mortgage may be an expensive method of financing a home," he said.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.79 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.14 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.83 percent.

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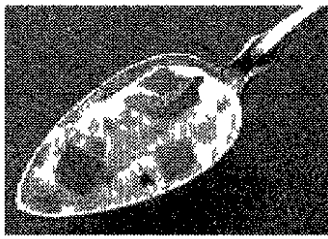


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Learn how to avoid the biggest mistakes you can make when buying a home how to choose a buyer's agent about new government loan programs financing and other related topics Tuesdays March 16 and April 20 at 1st Michigan Title Six Mile Road at I 275 in Livonia No charge but seating is limited Call (734) 420 9600 for information/reservations

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**BRIGHTON TENNIS ANYONE?** Regulation tennis court & pool accompany this mini estate on eight acres Home offers four bedrooms three baths two 1/2 baths spacious kitchen formal finished walkout + three car garage HURRY! \$599 900 (L01Hus)

**REDFORD UNBEATABLE VALUE!** This spacious well-maintained three bedroom brick ranch is located in S Redford's most desirable area! Neutral décor & well appointed Newer windows furnace C/A & interior doors + finished basement w/ wet bar 4th bedroom/office workshop etc Enjoy the large Florida room! CLEAN! \$159 900 (L40Sem)

**ROYAL OAK OLD WORLD CHARM** only begins to describe this 3 BR bungalow! Come see the gas fireplace with marlite in the living room hardwood floors wet plaster 16x10 heated sun room overlooking 8 ft inground pool & dbl lot fin bsmt w/half BA & office or 4th BR w/ WIC Lots of updates! \$210 900 (L10Aie)

**REDFORD NEED SPACE?** 1550 sq ft bungalow is on a quiet tree lined street w/ a 200 ft deep fenced lot Features include MBR w/half BA & sitting room (study) lg LR DR beautiful Florida rm KIT w/table space + a full part fin bsmt Great home for the \$\$! \$148 900 (L85Nor)













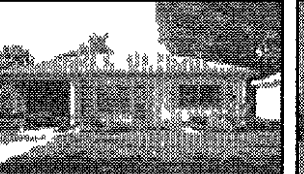



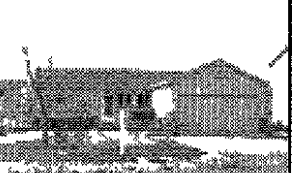




**DETROIT LOVE & CARE** are the hallmarks of this spotless home in Detroit There have been many updates including bathroom kitchen windows C/A, and hardwood floors! There's a door off the bedroom leading to a patio and fenced yard! This home is IMMACULATE and affordable at \$69 900! (L60Fau)

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 <p><b>CRISP, CLEAN &amp; UPDATED</b> Brick 3 bedroom ranch with newer concrete drive walk landscaping windows &amp; sunroom! Gleaming hwdw firs updated kitchen 2 5 car garage copper plumbing glass block in the basement the list goes on &amp; on! \$163 900 (393CH)</p>	 <p><b>STUNNING!</b> New oak kitchen with breakfast bar &amp; porcelain floors new carpet new plumbing new deck and a fantastic lower level with glass block Take a look you won't be disappointed! \$174 500 (600FL)</p>	 <p><b>IMMACULATE BRICK RANCH</b> 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths with an oak kitchen updated bath hardwood floors vinyl windows maintenance free exterior sprinkler system central air and more Immediate occupancy \$222 500 (841WV)</p>	 <p><b>LAKE ACCESS</b> Spacious 4 bedroom 2 5 bath ranch that is walking distance to Sand Shore Lake New carpeting new roof with a park like yard Huge furnace and windows Finished basement with a bar and half bath Sun porch w/hot tub! \$299 900 (842EM)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT STARTER HOME</b> 3 bedroom brick bungalow with many updates Nicely landscaped 2 baths with new carpet and a freshly painted interior Open floor plan with a great view of the courtyard All appliances remain Master with walk in closet and sitting area 2 5 car garage \$154 000 (186PO)</p>	 <p><b>CHARMING RANCH CONDO</b> Ground floor end unit that is ready to move into! 2 bedrooms and 2 baths with new carpet and a freshly painted interior Open floor plan with a great view of the courtyard All appliances remain \$122 900 (551LI)</p>	 <p><b>POPULAR LIVONIA SUB</b> Brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms 1 5 baths and a 2 5 car garage New Pergo floor in the neutral kitchen Updated full bath with ceramic tile &amp; a jetted tub All appliances included Full basement a Florida room &amp; a nice sized corner lot Call for details \$184 500 (949PI)</p>
 <p><b>OLD WORLD CHARM</b> Dearborn colonial situated on a double lot with 3 bedrooms 1 5 baths and a 2 car garage Newer vinyl windows heated and enclosed front porch formal dining full basement and a huge 23x12 master bedroom Fenced yard &amp; more Call today \$188 900 (232CO)</p>	 <p><b>BRICK END UNIT</b> With a carport in a prime location Neutral decor new carpet and finished basement with Berber carpeting Updated windows furnace and central air 55 and over community with numerous activities \$142 900 (425NE)</p>	 <p><b>IN THE BEST OF TASTE</b> Engaging 4 bedroom colonial w/ gracious formal living &amp; dining areas a private study and a family room w/nat Fireplace &amp; wet bar Hardwood floors &amp; Berber carpet add charm &amp; warmth A large kitchen w/ nook &amp; first class master suite complete the package \$269,900 (668BA)</p>	 <p><b>ABSOLUTE DREAM HOME</b> First class 4 bedroom home in prestigious Plymouth's Hough Park Looks like a Homes and Gardens model Custom kit w/ granite skylights heated sunroom luxury master top of the line everything French doors to paver patio \$465 000 (635MC)</p>	 <p><b>SUNFLOWER VILLAGE RANCH</b> Come and see this well kept 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch! Attached 2 car garage oak kitchen with bay window hardwood floors natural fireplace and more Amenities galore \$269 900 (538MA)</p>	 <p><b>PLYMOUTH INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY</b> Walk to downtown Plymouth - great investment for 2 bedroom ranch with 1st floor laundry newer roof and carpeting central air furnace - 2002 Ready to move in or expand \$145 900 (032FI)</p>	 <p><b>WHERE DO I START?</b> This one is like a new home! 3 bedroom ranch with a new roof gutters vinyl siding front porch windows electrical paint carpet furnace central air remodeled kitchen &amp; bath The list goes on and on! Must see to appreciate \$124 900 (546LE)</p>
 <p><b>HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!</b> Perfect opportunity for a first time buyer to own this 3 bedroom ranch with all the major updates already done for you! New furnace A/C windows roof insulation circuit breakers new carpet oak doors shed and more! \$90 000 (236BE)</p>	 <p><b>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</b> In this great looking 3 bedroom 1 5 bath brick ranch located on a low traffic dead end street Ideal for families with small children Fenced yard 2 car garage and a basement Call for details \$129 900 (154NE)</p>	 <p><b>THREE BEDROOM RANCH</b> In a desirable location in Westland Large kitchen open to the great room with cathedral ceiling Freshly painted interior convenient 1st floor laundry and an attached 2 car garage Nice open floor plan \$169 900 (754TL)</p>	 <p><b>GREAT LOCATION</b> 7005 Foxcreek Dr - 3 bedroom 2 5 bath brick Colonial backing to a wooded park like commons Formal living &amp; dining vaulted ceilings skylights fireplace open kitchen with hardwood floor &amp; eating area Doorwall to the cedar deck Enter S off Warren to Foxcreek Blvd \$284 900 (005FO)</p>	 <p><b>SURE TO PLEASE</b> Even the fustiest buyer will love this beautiful ranch with 3 beds &amp; 2 baths Updated furnace C/A roof driveway vinyl siding gutters Master w/whirlpool tub Newer carpet &amp; fresh paint Brand new 2 5 car garage basement deck &amp; home warranty \$178 899 (142GU)</p>	 <p><b>LIVONIA SCHOOLS!</b> Great home in a nice area with 3 bedrooms and 1140 square feet of living space Remodeled kitchen with Pergo floor new hot water heater and dishwasher freshly painted interior with neutral décor open floor plan 1st floor laundry and a large lot! \$136 900 (400FL)</p>	 <p><b>JUST MOVE IN!</b> Walking distance to shopping area 2 bedroom vinyl sided home with newer Wallside windows roof and furnace Large 60x309 lot Great for starters or retirees \$109 500 (616GL)</p>

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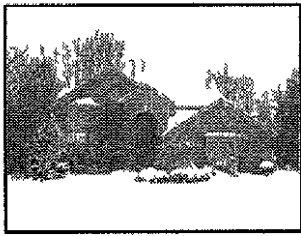
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**CANTON \$548,750**  
Why Build? 4BR 3 full & 2 half bath Carrington brick colonial Prvt ctt setting backing to woods Kit & nook w/cherry cbnts & granite cntrtops 2 story FR w/dry bar Lux master OEP 84Sta 888 870 9127



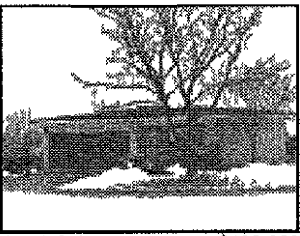
**CANTON \$379,900**  
Fabulous Home on Awesome Lot! Backing to wooded commons 3 Season room w/skylights to enjoy the seasons Open floor plan 1st fir den & laundry Huge master suite w/dual fireplace (BGN54WOO) 888 870 9123



**CANTON \$349,997**  
Too many upgrades to mention Gorgeous home overlooking 26th tee Oak flooring in foyer and kitchen 1st floor master crown molding large eat in kitchen professionally finished lower (BGS51V1S) 888 870 9131



**CANTON \$264,900**  
A Great North Canton 3brdm Ranch! In Sunflower sub 2 full baths full basement large great room hugh deck 2 car attached garage & much more Priced right (BGN20HAN) 888 870 9123



**CANTON \$199,900**  
Family Value! All this for under \$200,000 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch in much desired Windsor Park sub New furnace carpet & kitchen floor Newer CA Fenced corner lot close to park OEP 42Der 888 870 9127



**COMMERCE TWP \$159,900**  
Cozy cedar shake ranch! Within walking distance to all sports Lake 3 br basement & garage Large country kitchen w/french doors to lovely private fenced yard Wood burning stove (BGS5193STA) 888 870 9131



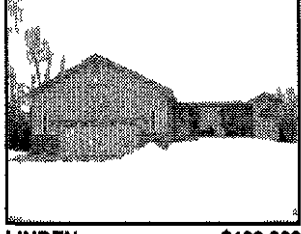
**FARMINGTON \$250,000**  
It's all about Lifestyle! Walk to downtown Farmington school & library in cub! Updated ranch w/ add brdm & full bath in bsmt Private 1/3 acre lot w/oversized deck (BGN17OAK) 888 870 9123



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$399,900**  
Absolutely Stunning! 2 Story Foyer w/9 Ceilings Entry W/wood Flrs That Flow to Kitchen W/maple Cabinets & Butlers Pantry Farm Rm w/FP& Surround System Master Suite W/cathedral Ceiling & Bay Window OEL06WIN 888 870 9105



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$374,900**  
Sharp Farmington Hills Condo! Quick occupancy first floor master private study finished lower level w/rec rm & 2nd kitchen deck & updated landscaping (BGN01RUS) 888 870 9123



**LIVONIA \$189,900**  
Hard to find newer california style brick ranch 3 br 2 ba full finished basement heated 2 car garage Cathedral ceiling & gas fireplace in greatroom Hardwood floors in kitchen (BGS5146VAL) 888 870 9131



**LIVONIA \$409,900**  
2.4 Acres In NW Livonia Country Living In City 3 4 Bdrms 2.5 Baths 1st Flr Laundry Updates Include Windows electrical kitchen W/oak Cabinets all Appliances new Carpet t/o 2.5 Car Garage & Cement Slab(15x20) OEL51LAU 888 870 9105



**LIVONIA \$266,900**  
Woodcreek Farms Sub! 3 BRs 2.5 BAs Updated Kitchen W/ceramic Tile Fin Bsmnt & Newer Wins DR W/doorwall To Deck Cement Patio W/Pond Open Floor Plan & Oak Hdwd Floors T/O Extensive Landscaping & Sprink Sys OEL69WOO 888 870 9105



**LIVONIA \$204,900**  
Move in Condition Updated 3 brdm 1 bath 1300 sq ft brick colonial in NW Liv Updated kit w/oak cabs counters and all appliances FR w/frpl full fin Bsmt MANY updates OEL33YAL 888 870 91058



**LIVONIA \$186,000**  
Well Maintained Home! This well maintained home has 3br 1.5 baths a 3 season rm finished bsmt & 2.5 car garage Close to schools parks & shopping Home warranty provided (BGN21BRE) 888 870 9123



**LIVONIA \$185,000**  
Run Dont Walk! Fabulous updated ranch w/spectacular family rm w/frpl kitchen w/custom cabinets updated bath 2.5 car garage finished lower level! One word WOW! (BGN12MIC) 888 870 9123



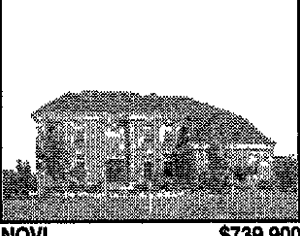
**MILFORD \$189,000**  
Super open floor plan on this ranch in Milford All appl stay 1st flr laundry 3rd brdm in finished lower level Lrg fenced backyard w/deck Finished basement has rec rm 24X18 & office C/A & two car garage (BGS515OAK) 888 870 9131



**NORTHVILLE \$694,900**  
Peninsula at Stonewater Colonial 4BR 3.1BA home on prem site w/lake view 2 pc crown molding in parlor DR FR upper hall & foyer Brazilian cherry flrs in 1st fir Kit w/granite tops island pantry OEP 77Man 888-870 9127



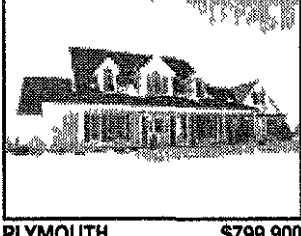
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**NORTHVILLE \$319,500**  
Freshly Decorated 4br! W/updated shingles windows doorwall heat & air Baths & lvs Breakfast bay overlooks wooded parklike yard Family room den Home warranty (BGN84STE) 888-870-9123



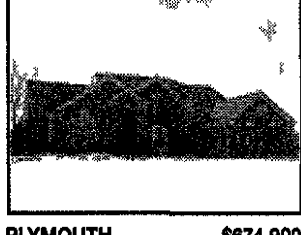
**NOVI \$739,900**  
Truly Elegant! A home you deserve! 4 BR 3.1 BA colonial Dual staircase Granite cntrtops w/i pantry & cherry cbnts 19 x 9 Sun Room off kitchen Hdwd flrs in kitchen nook & DR OEP 30Abe 888-870 9127



**PINCKNEY \$39,900**  
Priced below SEV! Nice build site 1 block from golf course Deeded access on Rush Lake Private lake with beaches Land contract available (BGS51VLCOU) 888-870 9131



**PLYMOUTH \$799,900**  
Features Are Truly Special! Own your own estate! 5.0 acres Spacious gourmet kitchen & nook. First fir master that walk out to inground pool 40x60 pole barn 4 car garage Must See! OEP 55Nap 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH \$674,900**  
Executive Style! 4 BR 3.5 BA cape cod on an oversized setting w/a walkout lower level 1st floor master True gourmet kit w/sitting area Dramatic great room w/gas FP 4 car garage OEP 39Ply 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH \$529,900**  
Beacon Meadows Sub 4BR 3.1BA Colonial Spac kit w/nook lg island w/smooth cooktop MBR w/FP jetted tub Tiled foyer w/oak staircase DW to lg deck Fin bsmt w/full bath & wet bar OEP 01Wes 888 870 9127



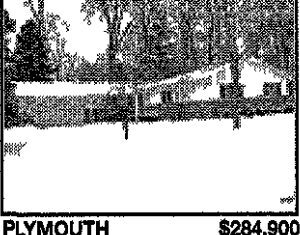
**PLYMOUTH \$497,500**  
New const on small lake w/ stonecast FP cherry cbnt granite cntrs Custom mlds & trim Brazilian hdwd flrs Ceramic BA & laundry 4BR 2.5BA daylight bsmt OEP 78iro 888 870 9127



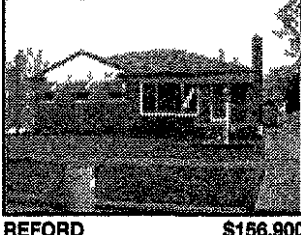
**PLYMOUTH \$419,900**  
Be one with Nature on 2.6 Wooded Acres! Huge kitchen & informal dining room Lrg great room w/cozy fireplace Andresen windows new siding many upgrades Hurry on this beauty (BGN84MAR) 888 870 9123



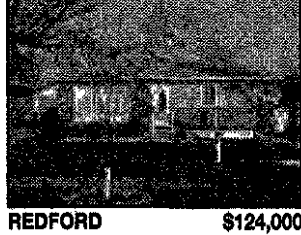
**PLYMOUTH \$389,900**  
Secluded Elegance on private treed lot Soaring ceilings in GR & DR Gourmet kit w/Corian & huge island cozy den lux mstr bdrmm/bath guest rm w/prv bath Cedar deck to admire woods OEP 65Arb 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH \$284,900**  
Desirable Plymouth Colony! 3 BR 3 BA brk ranch Formal LR w/FP is open to DR FR which overlooks private treed yard Deck 2 car att gar 1st fir Indry Updated BA s lots of space 1 yr warr OEP 11Pri 888-870 9127



**REFORD \$156,900**  
Open Floor Plans 3 Good Sized Bedrooms 1 W/walk In Closet & Bath Access 1.5 Baths (main floor) updated Wndws Roof furnace c/a electrical kitchen & Baths Freshly painted Fin Basement OEL28COL 888-870 9105



**REDFORD \$124,000**  
3br 1 Bath Brick Ranch Open Floor Plan W/Large Eat-in Kitchen Storage Space In Attic W/pull Down Ladder Updates Furnace & Hwt Circuit Breakers Windows Storm Doors Interior Doors Bthrm Vinyl Gate & Garage OEL64ROY 888-870-9105



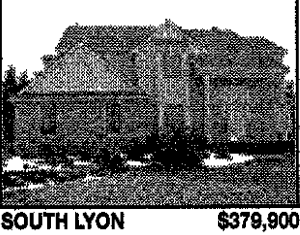
**ROSEVILLE \$164,900**  
3 brdm 2 bath brick ranch w/ Neut Decor T/O LR W/ Cath Ceilings Lg Kitchen W/bfast Nook Ceramic Tile Floor & Oak Cabinets Oversized Fenced Yard W/ Shed Full Basement OEL75BER 888-870-9105



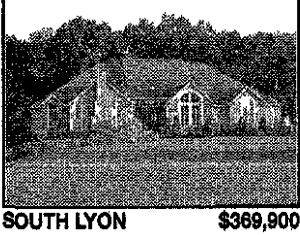
**SALEM \$194,900**  
New construction home in growing small town! Superior craftsmanship in this 3 brdm 2 bth home Master on 1st floor 2 car garage 200 sq ft unfinished bsmt room over garage Super insulation package (BGS514MCF) 888 870 9131



**SOUTH LYON \$1,200,000**  
Great investment opportunity! Almost 7 acres of development friendly land in the city of South Lyon All utilities to property (BGS5100STR) 888 870 9131



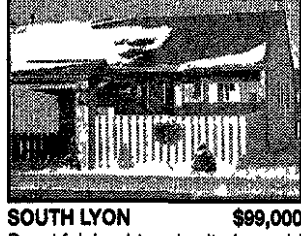
**SOUTH LYON \$379,900**  
Colonial W/Open Floor Plan Prem 6 Acre Lot Deep In Sub 2 Story Hrdwd Foyer 2-way Gas Frplc Between Lr & Dr Kit W/new Textrd Ceramic Floor & Oak Cabs Mstr Bath W/sep Shower Rev Osm Water Filter/Softner OEL45BRO 888 870-9105



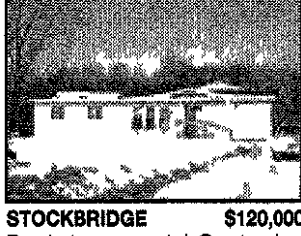
**SOUTH LYON \$369,900**  
Sprawling 4 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch On 1/2 acre choice setting Glass doorwalls open to picturesque views 1st fir laundry Walkout bsmt entertainers delight! Immediate occupancy (BGS5144CLO) 888 870-9131



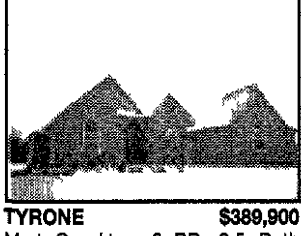
**SOUTH LYON \$149,000**  
Prime Location 2.50 acres Recent perk Ready to build Improvement Gas & electric zoned residential Just bring your plans (BGS51VNLIN) 888 870 9131



**SOUTH LYON \$99,000**  
Beautiful bright end unit 4 yrs old neutral tones berber carpet & Hardwood finished lower level Family room w/frplace C/A all appliances 2 br 2 bath Adult community 55+ (BGS5141ARL) 888 870 9131



**STOCKBRIDGE \$120,000**  
Ready to move into! Great value! This 4 bedroom ranch offers 1826 sq ft and 3/4 acre Newer windows drywall well furnace roof Newer deck with great view!(BGS5100CHA) 888 870 9131



**TYRONE \$389,900**  
Mint Condition 3 BR 2.5 Bath Brick Ranch Great Room w/FP Island Kthn Hickory Cabinets & Ceramic Flooring Formal DR w/ 12' Ceiling 3 Car Att Garage & 3 Car Det Heated Gar w/Office & Work Area 30 X 14 OEL00LIN 888 870 9105



**WARREN \$136,000**  
Hit a Home Run w/this Winner! Roof kitchen most newer windows flooring front door Location convenience privacy & wonderful finished bsmt & 2+ car gar 1 year home warranty (BGN85CUN) 888 870-9123



**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$399,000**  
Magnificent Colonial! Sits High on the Hill! For a private retreat This 4brdm brick colonial has a lot to offer-formal dining room full finished bsmt multi tiered wet bar (BGN80PCN) 888 870 9123



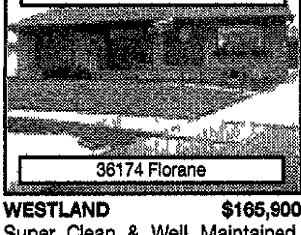
**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$244,900**  
Lake Privileges! Contemporary West Bloomfield colonial boasts impressive great rm w/vaulted ceiling hdwd floor new Berber carpet freshly painted & ready for imme occupancy (BGN48RIC) 888 870 9123



**WESTLAND \$189,900**  
Sprawling 3 brdm col Has huge mst brdm & mst bath suite w/ jetted tub Tons of updates wrap around porch Anderson Wndws newer roof furnace & C/A Charming fp updated kit Lg 1/4 acre lot OEL28GLE 888 870 9105



**WESTLAND \$170,900**  
3 brdm 1 bath brick colonial New Kitchen Cupboards Baths Roof Windows And Vinyl Siding all Since 2001 Newer Garage Door W/opener 6 panel Doors Plus Carpeting & Refinished Hardwood Floors On Both Levels OEL10SOM 888 870 9105



**WESTLAND \$165,900**  
Super Clean & Well Maintained 3BR 1.5BA brick ranch Many updates HWH furnace windows doors electrical copper plumbing Largest lot in sub New garage 96 Cedar deck Security alarm OEP 74Flo 888 870 9127



**WESTLAND \$163,000**  
End Unit Condo! 2brdm 1.5 bath berber carpeting new entry leaded glass dr 4 yr old kitchen counters Impeccable! Fin bsmt new doorwall to 15x12 deck All appl stay 1 car gar (BGN01RIV) 888 870 9123



**WESTLAND \$149,900**  
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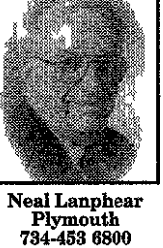


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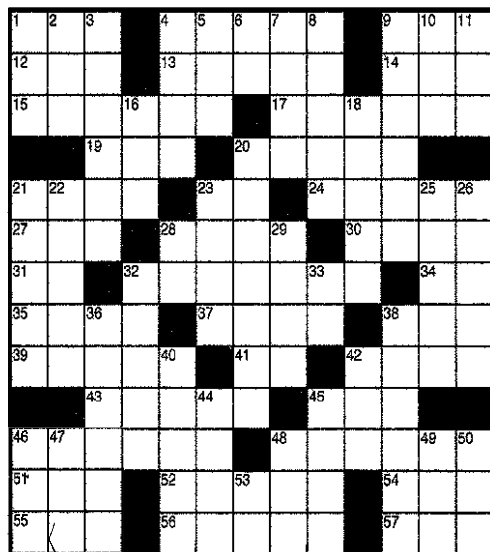


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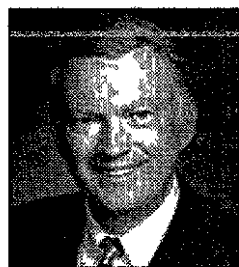
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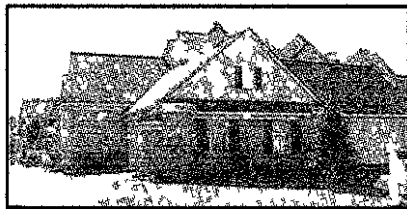
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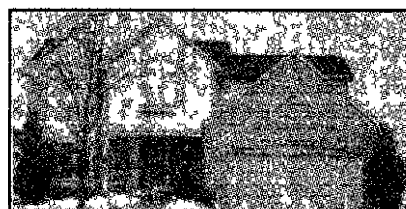
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**BRIGHTON \$274,900**  
EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION Beautiful home on lg cul de sac Great rm w/cath ceiling & gas fireplace 2nd floor loft 2 bdrms & full bath 1st flr master ste Prof finished bsmt Many upgrades (25A1R2)

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**NOVI \$269,000**  
OVER 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI! Almost 2000 SF 2001 bldt 3 BR 2 1/2 BA colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR den FR open flr plan & Novi schools Must see! (36CLA2)

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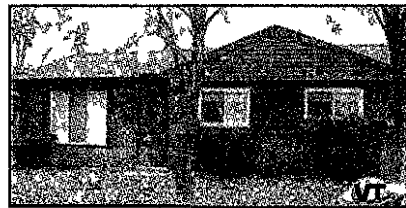
**WESTLAND \$214,900**  
PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME! Located on a dead end str on almost a half acre wooded lot Bldt in 93 w/new wndws barber crpt 2 Full updated baths Mstr ste has a Jacuzzi Fin bsmt & more! (23M37744)

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**GARDEN CITY \$204,900**  
BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION! Wow! Builder built this one in Livonia last and it sold before we could finish it! Mstr 1st flr vaulted GR ceilings 2 car attd 70x145 lot (H1731)

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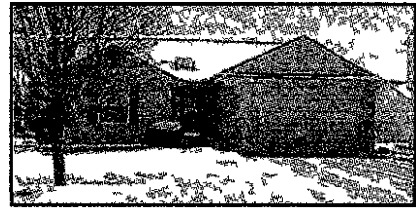
**PLYMOUTH \$201,900**  
A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH! Walking distance from downtown limited traffic sub 1236 SF 3 BR 1 1/2 bath low maintenance in & out Brk FP in FR 2 Car gar newer wndws furn HWH & more! (A42520)

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UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem school or walk to Hines Park either way this charming ranch has location all over it Full base 2 car det FR w/a FP & tons of updates (H11520)

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**YPSILANTI \$199,900**  
BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY RANCH Great 3 bdr 3 bath home built in 94 HWD floor in foyer GR w/cozy fp 1st flr laun fin bsmt w/FR den and 3rd bath 2 car att gar Lg deck off great room (13IND2)

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BE THE FIRST OWNER This 3 Bdrm 2 bath beauty has all the amenities Sit in front of the fireplace or grill out on the back porch Full basement you can finish how you want it (H452)

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**ROYAL OAK \$175,000**  
THIS HOME IS A PERFECT 10! Everything is new & updated No work to be done Fresh paint new kitchen new bath carpet roof windows Doors & floors! New! (D713)

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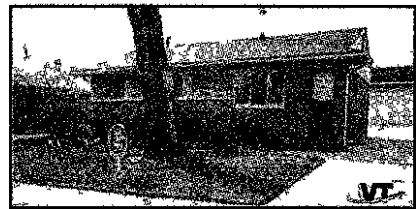
**LIVONIA \$174,900**  
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch cathe dral ceilings thru out 3 BR 1 1/2 baths on main flr newer wndws elec & plumb c/a bsmt has wet bar 2+ car garage Hurry won't last!! (O19184)

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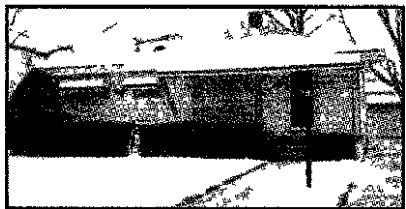
**WAYNE \$169,999**  
GREAT BRICK RANCH 4 bedroom 2 baths offers big rooms Bay window in living rm bow in kitchen Newer doors roof windows blinds Hardwood floors day light windows in bsmt (T321)

734 326 2000



**WESTLAND \$164,900**  
NEW PRICE! 3 BR ranch Beautiful new birch cabs new flr appli stay patio full bsmt oversized 2 car gar tear off rf in 10/03 newer furn a/c window A great home! (M304)

734-591-9200



**GARDEN CITY \$164,900**  
CLEAN AS IT CAN BE Over 1 300sq ft 3 BR 2 full bath W/ oak kit cabs pantry & snack bar lg dining area FR with deck C/A finished bsmt 2 Car garage W/ electric door & opener (G814)

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**DEARBORN \$157,500**  
DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bed room brick bungalow is waiting for you Finished basement 2 1/2 car garage Seller says Bring me an offer! (23A2130)

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**SOUTHFIELD \$150,499**  
HURRY HURRY!!! This beauty will not last long Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch condo In much sought after area Many updates End unit 2 carports (F265)

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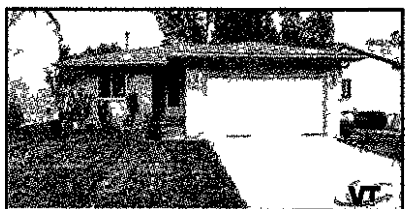
**NORTHVILLE \$150,000**  
DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE BUSINESS! This card shop has it all cards stationary gift wrap shower supplies balloons Computer & card generating software Complete w/ fixtures cash register etc (15MAI2)

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$149,900**  
HAWTHORNE HILLS SUB 3 BR 1 1/2 BA fin ished bsmt 10x14 Florida rm 2 car side entry garage All new items rf wndws furn w/ac hwh kit all appliances stay (B8600)

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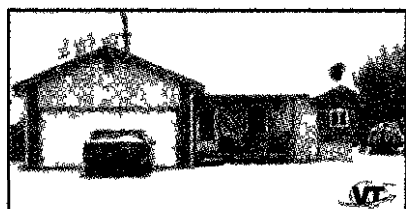
**REDFORD \$149,900**  
UNIQUE & ROOMY! Walk out bsmt is fin in dry wall All updates are done Home has open flr plan w/tasteful neutral decor Doorwall in lower level walks out to patio & nice yd (B14148)

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**REDFORD \$139,900**  
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes Within a block of Lawson Field offers tennis basketball & play area Nice floor plan with finished basement (L19158)

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**WAYNE \$139,900**  
BEAUTY, WARMTH VALUE Flowing open floor plan in this 1996 3 bdrm 2 bath with great room lovely oak kitchen decks front & rear Neutral colors 2 car garage Shows well (A324)

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**REDFORD \$131,711**  
EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! Full brick! Three BRs! Fin bsmt 24x24 block garage newer windows rf shingles electrical copper plumbing & carpet Remodeled white kit pr vacy fenced yd (I20455)

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**REDFORD \$129,900**  
WELL MAINTAINED BROADFRONT BUNGALOW 3 BR fin bsmt w/bar new kitchen countertop new glass blk wndws newer carpet thru out bay window fenced yd 1 1/2 car attd garage Lg pie shaped lot & more! (L19507)

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**REDFORD \$117,500**  
STYLISH & CHARMING HOME has been art fully decorated with many updates including both baths kit vinyl siding newer rf You won't believe how cute this is inside & out (S20091)

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**REDFORD \$111,900**  
GREAT STARTER HOME! New kitchen with brand new stove and refrigerator formal DR newer kit elect wndws shinglas 1st flr laun dry 2 car garage beautiful landscape L27901 \$147 900

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**PLYMOUTH \$78,900**  
LOCATION IS EVERYTHING! Ground floor 1 bedroom condo Central air private basement all appliances included Great commons view Lowest price lowered (23S1199)

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WOW, WHAT A PRICE 1 Bdrm overlooking pool & above the clubhouse Private entry with lots of storage Perfect investment or place to start very quiet area well maintained (H217)

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**PINCKNEY \$250,000**  
BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS PINCKNEY COLONIAL Newer corian kit w/ stainless appliances 3 br 2 1/2 ba lg gr rm w/fp formal dr w/bay window mast bath w/jacuzzi fin bsmt 3 car gar great deck backs to commons! 87VIN2

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UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION! 5 & Newburgh ranch offers open flr plan w/2 car attached garage fin bsmt custom updated kitchen baths rf furn & more J38751

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**LIVONIA \$147,900**  
THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER of fers huge living rm w/newer carpeting formal DR newer kit elect wndws shinglas 1st flr laun dry 2 car garage beautiful landscape L27901 \$147 900

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Suburban Detroit management company has an opening for a regional manager to supervise multiple residential locations. We are looking for a strong individual with great people skills and an ability to get the job done. Wage package includes great benefits with medical and 401(k) plans. Experience preferred. Send resume in confidence with salary requirements to Property Management Division P.O. Box 78013 Livonia MI 48176

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11878 Hubbard  
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734 853 5044 Fax  
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Busy Livonia shop 734 421 9504

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**PRODUCTION/MANUFACTURING**  
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**REAL PAINTERS NEEDED**  
Quality conscious and motivated. Medical Dental Prescription 401(k) 248 922 1515

**RECEPTIONIST/TECH** for animal hospital in Novi. Exp preferred. Will train. Part or full time. Send or fax resume to Novi Veterinary Clinic 43377 Grand River Novi MI 48375 Fax # (248)349 3208

**RECEPTIONISTS**  
Aura Day Spa in Farmington Hills is looking for professional friendly enthusiastic service oriented persons with computer knowledge willing to learn and a team player. Fax resume to 248 592 1623

**REGIONAL MANAGER**  
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**JOB CODE RS/JB/SMRT**  
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11878 Hubbard  
Livonia MI 48150  
734 853 5044 Fax  
humanresources@psi-corp.com  
EOE

**SHOP HELPER**  
Livonia area tool shop seeks Shop Helper for light machining and janitorial work. Send resume & desired salary to Box 0811 The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper 36251 Schoolcraft MI 48150

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**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
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**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
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28104 Orchard Lake Road  
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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Full time fast paced Livonia practice specializing in weight loss 734 422 8040

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Mini-Vans. Advertisement for OLDS 1999 Silhouette.

PONTIAC 2001 Montana van black 27K.

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GMC SAVANA Panel Van 2001 V8.

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Sports Utility. Advertisement for YUKON 2001 SLT.

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Buick. Advertisement for LESABRE 2003 Custom.

REGAL 1998 25th Ann loaded moonroof.

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## The 2004 Ford Focus

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

It isn't even summer yet, but some cars give you that feeling year-round. And Ford Focus is one of them.

Well, alright, this is a very personal sentiment, not universally shared. But zipping around recently in Ford's very worthy entry in the fast-dwindling, American-made small-car segment, I couldn't help but be impressed by what a great little ride the Focus gives. And it made me wistful for the days when, as a college freshman, I bought my first car, a manual-transmission Chevrolet Chevette. Now, that car gave first cars a bad name.

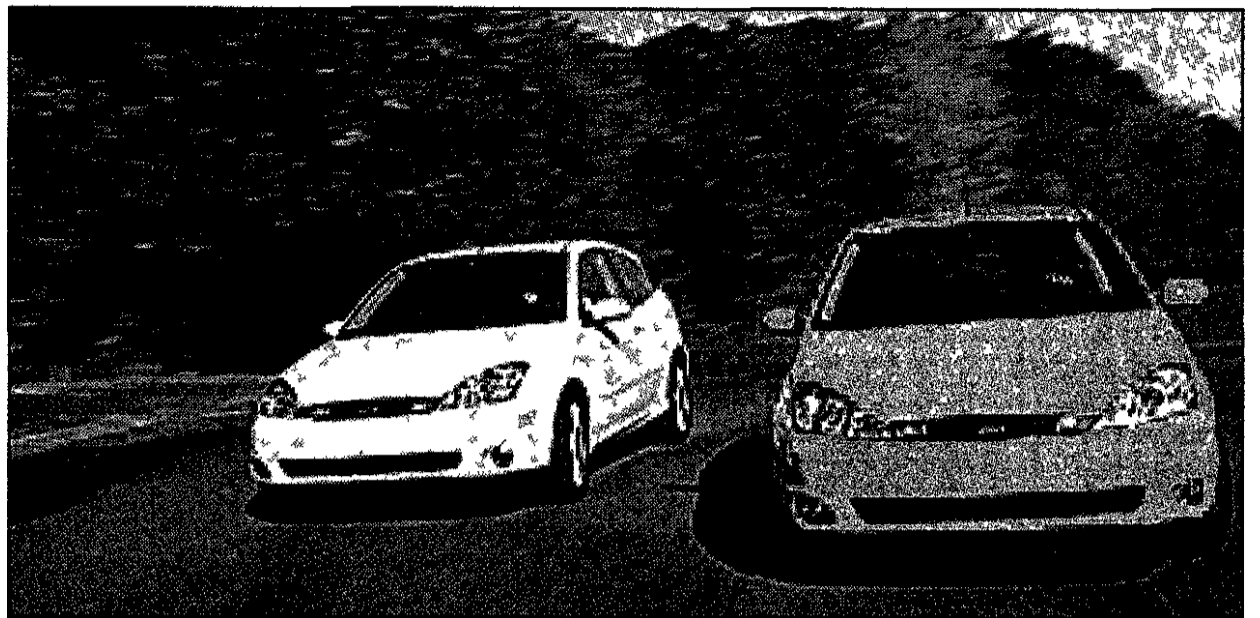
But Focus is an entirely different proposition. It's still great to look at, even a few years after its cheeky styling debuted. It's appealing both to men and women, to girls and boys, as indicated by the thousands of teenage males who are wont to soup up this vehicle. Focus is not just spritely but downright zippy in its performance, yet it yields 25 mpg in city driving and 33 mpg on the highway. It's got an appealing interior with more than adequate amenities for an entry-level vehicle.

And at a suggested retail price of just \$18,760 even for the ZX5 Premium version I drove, it's plenty affordable for many people as a first vehicle — and even, dare I say, appropriate for all sorts of twentysomethings?

Did I say I like this car?

Focus's styling remains fresh even a few years after it supplanted Escort as Ford's economy-car stalwart. And, in fact, it's possible to argue that the styling influenced many other small vehicles that came afterward, some of them much pricier — much as Ford's groundbreaking "jelly-bean" design of Taurus clearly did in 1986.

Focus's large and downswept windshield, sweeping arcs, large pie-section headlamps, crisp creases, robust wedginess and eye-high taillights blend very nicely into a distinct design statement. Clean, effi-



The Ford Focus is downright zippy in its performance, yet it yields 25 mpg in city and 33 mpg on the highway.

cient, even hip, yet substantial. The roofline is highly arched, which particularly makes Focus stand out when it's parked next to other vehicles. Lower bodyside PVC coating provides protection from stone dings on all models. ZX3 and LX versions have black rather than body-color bodyside protective molding, which is offset in the ZX3 by black rocker panels.

I'm hearing that the 130-horsepower, two-liter engine that comes in most Focus models is plenty adequate, starting instantly and providing a smooth, quiet ride. But I was very happy to have been driving the ZX5, which comes pumped up with a 2.3-liter, dual-overhead-cam engine paired with a five-speed manual transaxle. Driving this car was just a load of fun. For one thing, it proceeded crisply through the gears, much more smoothly than many a vehicle I've driven that cost twice as much as Focus.

Focus was very responsive, providing plenty of power in every driving situation and not seeming to strain a bit. I especially enjoyed the car's handling, which was taut but not overly sensitive, smooth in cornering and stopping, and simply pleasant to pilot overall. Missing was the usual noise, vibration and harshness that four-cylinder

engines often issue, and I couldn't even get much wind noise going at way past the speed limit on the freeway.

Neither does Focus disappoint when it comes to the interior. The front seats were plenty roomy, and so were the rear. The only area where I noticed a pinch was the cargo area in the rear — but you can't have everything. Suffice it to say that there's plenty of room with the rear seats folded down for whatever a couple would need to stash in the car for a weekend trip or even a week-long vacation trek.

Nice touches abound in the ZX5. They include a power moonroof with a moonshade. I also liked the simple layout of the climate controls and nifty little discoveries such as a wedge-shaped coin tray just to the right of the instrument panel. Design-wise, too, I appreciated the interior, especially the upswept design of the dashboard.

This is a vehicle that makes a great statement not only about Ford but about what US carmakers still are able to do in the long woebegone small-car marketplace. Long live Focus.

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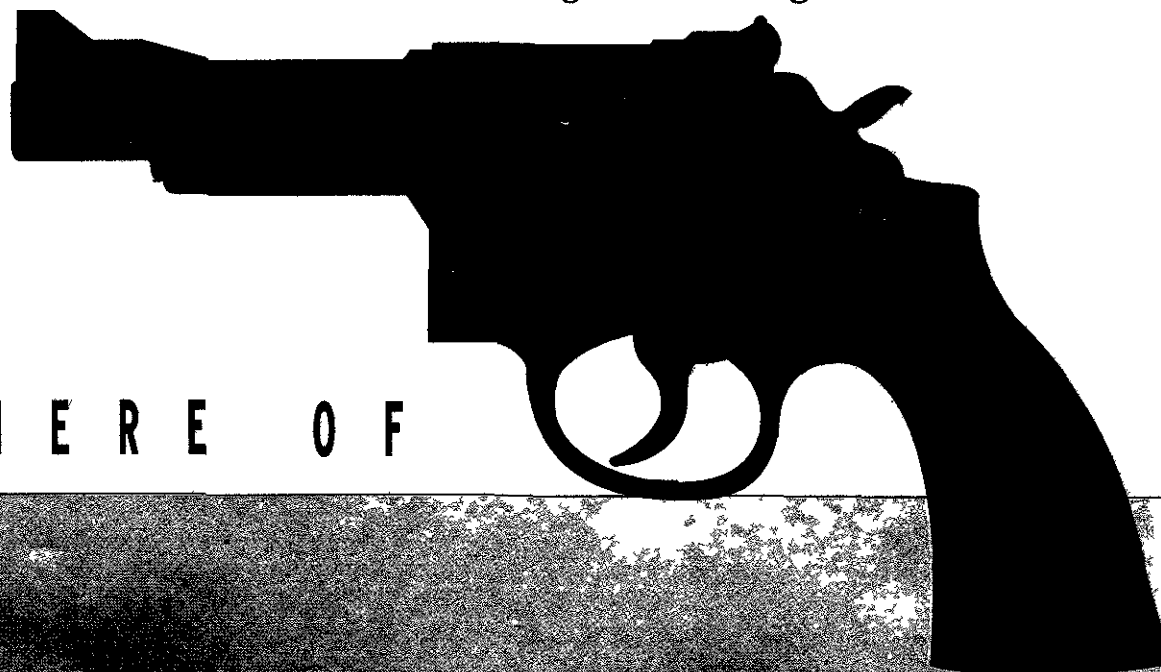
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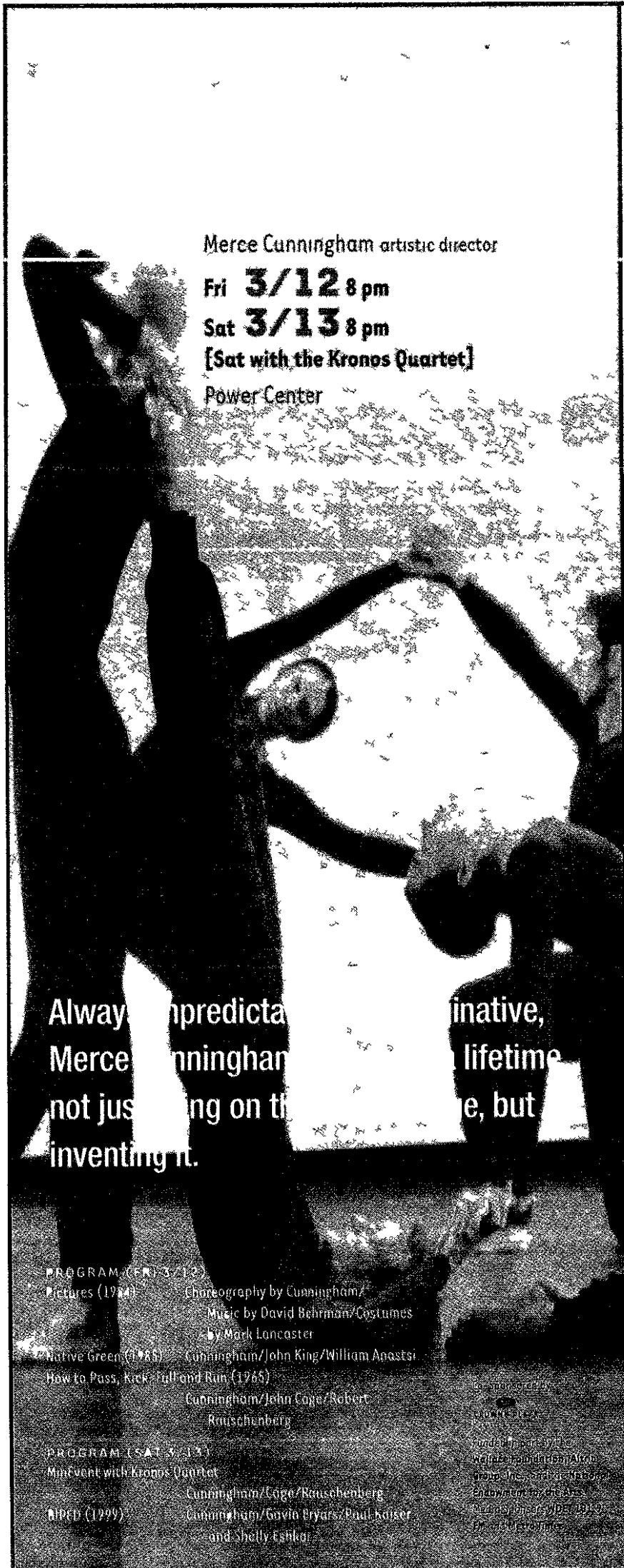
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# Relationships

## Muslims find love online

BY DEBORAH KONG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Part of her hoped she'd find her soul mate when she joined www.naseeb.com, a new online Muslim community

But getting a marriage proposal just three months later - while on a snowboarding trip in Pennsylvania - was way beyond Saara Sheikh's expectations

Raised by conservative, Pakistani Muslim parents, Sheikh knew dating was out. Still, she rebelled at the idea of a traditional arranged marriage, skipping out on meetings her parents set up with potential spouses

"They've been trying to hook me up since I was, like, 20," said Sheikh, a 25-year-old Franklin Lakes, N.J., mental health professional. "I told my mom I would want to find somebody on my own. The arranged thing would be very hard for me."

Naseeb seemed like a good compromise. Sometimes called the Muslim version of Friendster, the site allows people to network with friends of friends

Like the company, which is based in San Jose, Calif., but has engineering operations in Lahore, Pakistan, many of Naseeb's users are a blend of East and West, comfortable with technology yet tied to tradition

In Naseeb, they've found a culturally sensitive middle ground that lies somewhere between dating, which experts say is discouraged by Islamic law, and the old-fashioned practice of marriages brokered by parents

In the Muslim community, arranged marriages vary by ethnicity - they are more common among South Asians and some Arabs than American blacks

Naseeb is one example of how that tradition has evolved in the United States, said Ahmar Masood, Sheikh's fiance

It may actually allow for more people to connect on their own, versus only arranged marriage, said Masood, a 26-year-old Reston, Va., information technology consultant

It definitely gives a little more control to the younger generation in how to meet people



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# Hot Ticket

# Presumed Innocent

Inmates tell their stories in 'The Exonerated'

*The Exonerated* takes a hard look at capital punishment — from the standpoint of the accused, convicted and now vindicated.

And there's no mincing words; all the play's dialogue comes from court documents, depositions, arrest reports and the spoken words of death row inmates who were later exonerated.

"I'm drawn to it because of the words," said Robert Carradine, who stars in the show during its Detroit run through Sunday, March 14, at the Fisher Theatre. "When you hear these stories, the preposterousness that it could happen at all."

Carradine, who recently reprised his role as Lizzie's father in the hit Disney movie *Lizzie McGuire*, plays a Texas man who sat on death row for 22 years after being convicted for a murder he didn't commit. DNA evidence earned him an acquittal.

"He was just a teenager that happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Carradine.

Also starring in the show,

which tells the stories of six exonerated death-row inmates, are Mia Farrow, Carol Kane, Eric Roberts and Lynn Redgrave.

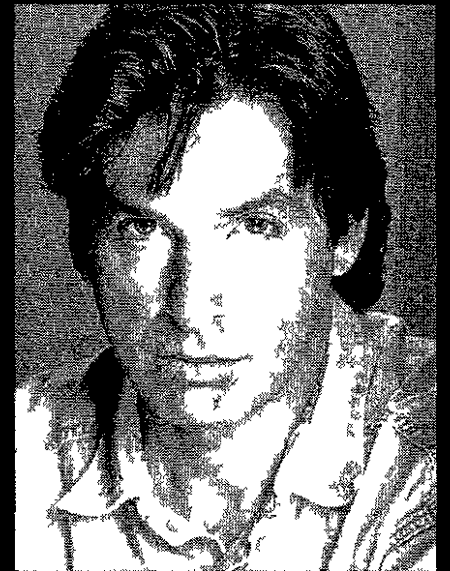
Described as a docudrama, the play comes from two authors who traveled across the United States and interviewed 40 death-row prisoners in 2000.

The interviewees represented a variety of ethnic, religious and educational backgrounds. They had spent from two to 22 years on death row.

### STARK

Staged much like a dramatic reading without entrances, exits or scenery — actors are positioned in front of stands with open books — *The Exonerated* is stark and plainspoken, but allows the audience to focus on the words.

"We're not sugar-coating it. We kind of give it to you without any BS," said Carradine. "It really works. What can I tell you? I'm doing it because it's good theater."



Robert Carradine, top, and Mia Farrow are part of the touring cast performing in 'The Exonerated.'

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Big screen

# Gibson's 'The Passion of Christ' brutally shocking

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The frightened speculation from religious leaders and frantic banter from 24-hour cable news pundits can end now. *The Passion of the Christ* is playing in theaters – about 2,800 of them – in a shrewd

marketing move by Mel Gibson to let the everyone see and judge the film for themselves

And the film is frightening – not for its dogma, but for the relentlessness of its brutality

Gibson, as director, producer and co-writer, is fetishistic in his depiction of the

pain Jesus suffered during the last 12 hours of his life. The beating and whipping and ripping of skin become so repetitive, they'll leave the audience emotionally drained and stunned

## HUMANITY OF SACRIFICE

Yes, yes. That's the point, Gibson has said – he wants his film to be shockingly graphic to show the humanity of Christ's sacrifice

But the idea that children should see *The Passion* as a learning device – that churches are organizing screenings and theater trips for their parishioners and catechism classes – is truly shocking. Grown-ups – even true believers – will have difficulty sitting through the film. Just think of the trauma it will inflict on kids.

As for the widely reported criticisms that *The Passion* might foster anti-Semitism, let's just say nearly everyone ends up looking responsible for the death of Jesus (a lean and intense Jim Caviezel).

Roman soldiers, speaking Latin, strip him down to practically nothing, chain him to a rock and scourge him until he collapses in a bloody heap of shredded flesh, when Pontius Pilate asks the surging crowd, "Isn't this enough?" Jewish elders, speaking Aramaic, call for Jesus' Crucifixion, which the Romans gleefully carry out.

The few sympathetic figures are Jewish: Jesus' mother, Mary (Maia Morgenstern, a Jewish actress whom Gibson frequently consulted on the set), his disciples, and Mary Magdalene (Monica Bellucci).

## BEAUTIFULLY PHOTOGRAPHED

Despite its gruesome content, *The Passion* is beautifully photographed – and it's a huge, meticulously detailed film, as



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Jim Caviezel portrays Jesus in 'The Passion of the Christ'

you would expect anything from Gibson to be. Early scenes in the Garden of Olives, where Jesus is being tempted by Satan (the androgynous Rosalinda Celantano), are bathed in mist and moonlight, similar to the opening battle sequence in *Braveheart*, which earned Gibson Oscars for best picture and best director.

Gibson asked cinematographer Caleb Deschanel to make the film look like a painting by the Baroque artist Caravaggio, and Deschanel has accomplished that. The lighting of the Italian locations is intimate and dramatic, often ominous in its contrast with the consuming darkness.

But any of the film's subtle beauty, or the possibility for religious inspiration, will be drowned out by John Debney's score – which is unnecessarily insistent considering the intensity of the action on screen – and washed away amid the bloodshed.

*The Passion of the Christ* a Newmarket Films release runs 127 minutes. In Latin and Aramaic with English subtitles. Two stars out of four.

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## Reviews mixed on 'Passion'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reviews of Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* range from unabashed raves to raging eviscerations. Here's a sampling from the criticisms released last week.

■ Roger Ebert, *Chicago-Sun Times*  
"What Gibson has provided for me, for the first time in my life, is a visceral idea of what the Passion consisted of. That his film is superficial in terms of the surrounding message – that we get only a few passing references to the teachings of Jesus – is, I suppose, not the point. Is the film good or great? I imagine

each person's reaction (visceral, theological, artistic) will differ. I was moved by the depth of feeling, by the skill of the actors and technicians, by their desire to see this project through no matter what."

■ David Denby, *The New Yorker*  
"The movie Gibson has made from his personal obsessions is a sickening death trip, a grimly unilluminating procession of treachery, beatings, blood, and agony. Gibson is so thoroughly fixated on the scourging and crushing of Christ, and so meagerly involved in the spiritual meanings of the final hours, that he falls in danger of altering Jesus' message of love into one of hate."



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# Contest winners are real Oscar stars

BY KEELY KALESKI  
STAFF WRITER

Shawn Campion of Canton is the grand-prize winner of the *Observer & Eccentric* and Emagine Theatre, Novi Oscar Contest.

He won an annual pass to Emagine Theatre in Novi

The 10 runners-up - Diane Roelant of Bloomfield Hills, Janet Sowards, Westland, Joseph Savale, Canton, Helen Pietrzak, Livonia; Harriet Yert, Redford, Tim Turrall, Rochester Hills, Terr Jenks, Livonia, Diane Sands, Farmington Hills, Carol Mason, Lake Orion, Mary Jane Davies, Bingham Farms - will receive a pair of tickets to the Emagine Theater in Novi

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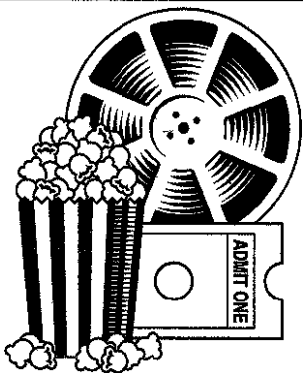
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# Small screen

# Peter Sellers triumphs in his masterpiece, 'Being There'

BY DAVID MACGREGOR  
CORRESPONDENT

Chance the Gardener, the hero of 1979's *Being There*, is perhaps the simplest, most literal protagonist to ever appear in a film.

Based on Jerzy Kosinski's novel of the same name, *Being There* is the story of a man who is almost entirely devoid of content.

He is a perpetual blank slate, capable of little more than mimicking the words and actions of the people around him or what he sees on television. In fact, Chance's motto, which he repeats several times throughout the film, is simply, "I like to watch."

This may seem like a dubious idea for a film. After all, film protagonists are always supposed to be striving to accomplish something, and they have to overcome one obstacle after another before they ultimately triumph.

Chance really wants nothing more than to tend to a garden and to watch television. When he is turned out of the home he has lived in since he was a child, Chance wanders the streets, utterly lost, having no idea where he is because he has never been out of the house before.

When he is accidentally struck by a limousine belonging to a Washington, D.C.,



'Being There' features Peter Sellers as Chance the Gardener

power broker, Chance's fortunes take a turn for the better.

He is taken to a palatial estate for medical attention, and it is there that his silence is mistaken for strength. His innocent comments about plants and trees are taken

as profound metaphors for the state of the country and the economy.

Whether being questioned by journalists or diplomats, all the people he meets project their own meaning onto Chance. Soon enough, he is regarded as a sage, a man of immense wisdom and knowledge, and all the more appealing because he seems to have appeared out of nowhere.

The film was a pet project of Sellers', and one he desperately wanted to make.

After the novel was published in 1971, Kosinski received a telegram from Chance the Gardener that simply said, "Available in my garden or outside of it." When Kosinski called the accompanying telephone number, Peter Sellers answered.

As an actor, Sellers claimed to feel a

strong affinity for Chance, capable only of repeating words created by others and with no true personality of his own.

While this is arguably Sellers' masterpiece, he is ably assisted in the film by his co-stars Melvyn Douglas and Shirley MacLaine, both ideally cast as the crusty old plutocrat who comes to admire Chance and his younger wife who comes to love Chance.

And if you think that bodes ill for Chance,

think again. The dying plutocrat gladly hands his wife off to Chance, knowing she will be in good hands.

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David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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Tony Soprano (James Gandolfini) is one of the leaders of the New Jersey family.

His old Uncle Junior is the boss — even though Tony actually runs everything. Tony cheats on wife Carmella whenever he can. She always suspected infidelity but confirmed it at the same time she fell in love with a mobster named Furio. Still, she never consummated it, and he moved back to Naples broken-hearted. Tony and Carmella are now separated and things are expected to get heated and maybe violent between them this year. They have two grown children, AJ

and Meadow. Both are aware of Dad's work but no one wants to discuss it.

Tony kills a lot and this obviously makes him bitter, angry and confused. So he sees a competent therapist named Dr. Melfi. She's torn between wanting to help him, being intrigued and also being very afraid.

Tony and gang run a sleazy strip club called Bada Bing!, where they do much of their business in a small dingy backroom. Usually, they just seem bored, which is why young mobster Christopher took to heroin. He went clean at the end of last season.

Also last season Christopher's typically loyal bombshell fiancée Adriana started wearing a wire. If she refused, the cops said she'd go to jail for cocaine use.

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Don't have HBO? No problem, you can join the Sopranos — make that the SOAPRANOS — for dinner and laughs.

The New York Dinner Theater is presenting *The Sopranos: Tony Soprano Comedy Retirement Party* at a handful of local restaurants. The cast is Michigan-based.

### THE PARODY

You're a guest at Tony's retirement party in this interactive parody dinner theater. Tony's decided to quit the mafia (but will they keep pulling him back in?) *The Sopranos* is being presented at Castello Di Bologna, the Novi Sheraton, Pontiac Marriott, The Barrister House and Club Monte Carlo.

Guests are part of Tony's retirement party, so dancing is a necessity.

*Sopranos* co-writer and producer Rick Stack said the dinner show is different from *Tony N Tina's Wedding* because the audience plays a bigger role. Since Tony Soprano is retiring in the parody, the entire family — including AJ and Meadow — bids for the job of boss. Audience members apply and train for jobs as hitmen. Then they vote for the winners.

"Usually the audience will choose someone not obvious for the job, like an 80-year-old woman," Stack said. "It really is fun."

Director Bill Primavera, also a co-writer, said the show follows a script, but each presentation takes on its own life.

"We alter it occasionally when major events happen in the show," Primavera said.

To keep it fresh, they add *Sopranos* nuances too.

"When Janice stole the wooden leg, our Janless brought one to the retirement party," he said. "The audience loved it."

### LOCAL CAST

Some of the cast of the *Sopranos* have altered names. There's CarNella, Meadow, Tony Rigatoni and a new character, Petey, who's a gay relative.

Michaela Dionne of Livonia plays Mama, Shannon Egenolf of Novi is Janless, Lesley Harding of Waterford is Carnella, Christy Nyahay of Rochester Hills plays Ireema and Barb Storteboom of

Oxford is Meadow.

Casting the role of Tony was the hardest, but Primavera said when St. Clair Shores actor Sal Rubino walked into the audition, the decision was final.

He was the guy, it was that simple, he's perfect, Primavera said.

Finding an actor to play Christopher was also difficult — his role is almost as big as Tony's.

"But we found Thomas Ventimiglio and it was instant."

### THE HIT

The traveling show has been popular on the East Coast for several years, and Stack said since *The Sopranos* will be on for at least two more seasons, the dinner show could thrive for that long too.

"The show is so popular with people from every age, we get a big mix of people in the audience," Stack said.

Unlike the series, *The Sopranos* isn't violent.

"It's definitely a comedy," Stack said. "We make fun of the violence in the show. After all, the idea of bullies is a kindergarten-mentality."

### DINNER WITH THE SOPRANOS

**What:** *The Sopranos: Tony Soprano Comedy Retirement Party* — an interactive parody of HBO's hit *The Sopranos*.

**When:** Fun begins at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Saturday, March 6 & March 13, Castello Di Bologna, 2325 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, Saturday, March 20 and April 17, Club Monte Carlo, 50265 Van Dyke, Utica, Friday, March 26, Sheraton Novi, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi, Saturday, March 27, The Barrister House, 21801 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, Saturday, April 3, Marriott Pontiac Auburn Hills, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. **Cost:** \$55 per person includes dinner, show, music, dancing and gratuities, (800) 383-6080.

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### ■ Season Premiere

**What:** The Sopranos fifth season opener.

**When:** 9 p.m. Sunday on HBO.



# Nightspot

## Pretend it's summer at Beach Bash

BY KEELY KALESKI  
STAFF WRITER

Sick of winter and longing to wiggle your toes in the sand?

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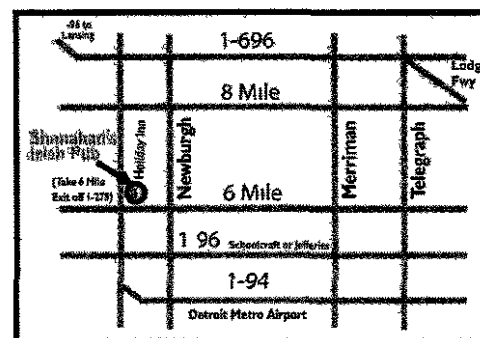
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Table hopping

# Potbelly

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

From antiques in Chicago in 1977 to a new-age deli today,  
that's the simple story of Potbelly Sandwich Works.

Attempting to strengthen their antique business, an Illinois  
couple (who now seek anonymity) began making sandwiches  
for customers. Shortly, folks who didn't give two hoots about  
antiques stopped by for sandwiches and homemade desserts in  
the shop with crazy antiques and potbelly stove.

Popularity grew. Sandwich toasting ovens and booths were  
added. Then came hand-dipped ice cream and live music. An  
antique shop became a one-of-a-kind sandwich shop and the  
origin of today's Potbelly Sandwich Works.

Current owner Bryant Keil pur-  
chased the business in 1996 and has  
since expanded its Chicago presence  
to 19 locations. In addition, Potbelly  
went national in 2002. In March  
2003, Potbelly opened a store in  
Ann Arbor, followed by openings in  
Troy, Dearborn and the GM  
Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Potbelly has been featured in  
major restaurant trade magazines  
and national newspapers, including  
*USA Today* and *The Wall Street  
Journal*. This expansion has also  
attracted top-notch investors. An  
\$11 million round of private equity  
financing provided Potbelly with  
capital to grow to the next level of  
20 to 30 stores.

As part of the offering, Howard  
Schultz, founder and chairman of  
Starbucks, joined Potbelly's board.

## ON THE SANDWICH BOARD

All sandwiches on fresh Italian  
rolls are made to order and come  
with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles  
and Italian seasoning. Mayo, mus-  
tard and peppers are optional.

Among choices are turkey breast  
with Swiss cheese. Italian includes  
capicola, mortadella, pepperoni,  
salami and provolone cheese.  
Vegetarian has mushrooms with  
Swiss, provolone and American  
cheese.

The signature "A Wreck" features  
salami, roast beef, turkey and ham  
with Swiss cheese.

Smoked ham, tuna salad, chicken  
salad, roast beef and meatball sand-  
wich are classics, and Big Jack's  
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## SOUP AND OTHER STUFF

Old-fashioned chicken noodle and  
hearty vegetable are the standard  
soup offerings.

Plain baked BBQ Sour Cream and  
Salt and Sour chips along with pret-  
zels are signature nibbles, while  
sides include potato salad, coleslaw,  
macaroni salad, hot peppers, a  
whole pickle or whole banana.

In addition to assorted flavors of  
shakes, malts and yogurt smoothies,  
other soda thirst quenchers abound.

The Homemade Potbelly Cookie  
is oatmeal chocolate chip. Oatmeal,  
caramel and chocolate are combined  
in Sheila's Dream Bar. The Ice  
Cream Sandwich is made with two  
homemade Potbelly Cookies. And  
again, for the kid in you, there's a  
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was on the money.

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pumps out sandwiches with speed.

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Clockwise from top left Potbelly's signature sandwich 'A Wreck' features salami, roast beef, turkey and ham with Swiss cheese. At Potbelly Sandwich Works, Diane Hentz, director of marketing, and other employees are encouraged to have fun. Michael Niekamp (left) and Adam Lage prepare sandwiches during the lunch rush. It's lunchtime at Potbelly Sandwich Works, a new-age deli.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

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Cassis berries are harvested and carefully crushed to avoid breaking the bitter seeds and immediately macerated in eau-de-vie to stop oxidation during a process of color and aroma extraction that lasts two months or longer

Once infusion is complete, the liquid is drawn off the skins and seeds, sweetened with neutral beet sugar and adjusted for alcohol content. No fruit juice additives, colorings or flavorings are permitted to alter the slow fruit maceration. After resting for several days in lined neutral vats, the creme de cassis is bottled.

Aside from its purity and great fruit fla-

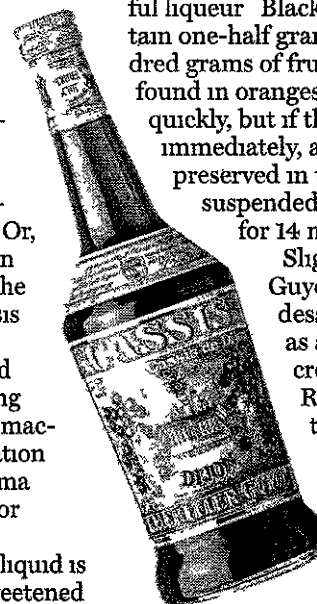
vors, creme de cassis is arguably a healthful liqueur. Black currants naturally contain one-half gram of vitamin C per hundred grams of fruit — seven times that found in oranges. Vitamin C oxidizes quickly, but if the fruit is processed immediately, a high degree remains suspended in the finished liqueur for 14 months or longer.

Slightly chilled L Heritier-Guyot Creme de Cassis is dessert in a glass, delicious as a topping for vanilla ice cream or served as Kir Royale when a splash is topped off with champagne in a flute.

Store unopened bottles of creme de cassis away from heat and light. Once opened, they should be kept refrigerated and used as

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# Club scene

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Now the Jacksonville rock band — which is getting heavy radio rotation for its single, *Fly From the Inside* — is playing with Tantric on Friday at The Shelter in Detroit.

"There were so many things that we wanted to try on this album," said vocalist Brent Smith. "We approached it in as cool and calm a manner as we could, but there's no denying that a lot of the time we were like kids in a candy store. That's how excited we were. That energy found its way into the music, which was our intent from the very beginning."

### INSIGHTFUL LYRICS

Shinedown is heavy without being overbearing. While its approach on songs such as *45* is dark and even negative, the underlying tones have a feeling of hope. The lyrics are insightful without sounding preachy.

### SHINEDOWN

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday

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"We want each song to carry the listener on a journey, and we want to make sure the ride is as interesting as possible," Smith said. "The best way I can describe it is to say that this band is a celebration of being alive. We all have our problems, but if you're honest with yourself, you can draw from that darkness and turn it into something great."

Shinedown's music is pure rock n' roll mixed with influences like Otis Redding and even Tool. The result is bold guitars, blues-influenced vocals and an overall metal sound.


"We pride ourselves in taking some things you might think you know and then twisting them around. We're not trying to necessarily be different — it's just the way we are. That keeps it interesting for us and interesting for the fans as well."



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# Russian pianist finds freedom in jazz

Eugene Maslov is never enchanted when listening to the music he creates. Perhaps that's why he's so good.

As a child, my father always picked apart my music saying when you become satisfied you stop growing,' the Russian jazz pianist said.

Maslov, a classically trained pianist, turned to jazz for its creative freedom. He's signed to Detroit-based Mack Avenue Records and will play on Friday at Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit.

He's yearned to be part of the American jazz community and is excited about playing at the legendary Baker's. Maslov's promoting his third Mack Avenue CD, *The Fuse is Lit*. He's accompanied by Vinnie Colautta, Boris Kozlov, Hubert Laws, Pete Christlieb and Joe Labarbera.

Maslov performed in Russia last month and just returned to the U.S. Russian audiences, he said, are thankfully accepting of jazz.

## TRAINING

Born in Novotroitsk, in the Russian Urals, Maslov and his father shared a love for music. His father, a factory worker,

## EUGENE MASLOV

**Genre:** Jazz

**When:** 9:30 p.m. Friday

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was a self-taught balalaika instructor. When Maslov was 6, his father bought him a piano.

"Every day my father would go to the music store to teach himself and then he taught me to study theory, to harmonize," said Maslov.

Maslov started his formal musical training at age 7 and soon won many classical music competitions. He graduated seven years later with honors. When he was 15, without his father's knowledge, Maslov went to St. Petersburg to apply at the renowned Mussorgsky College — "a wise

decision," he said.

His life changed when he heard jazz. "It was when I first heard a recording of Ella (Fitzgerald) that I fell in love with jazz music," he said. "Not long after, I heard Oscar Peterson's *I Remember Clifford* and that convinced me without any doubt that I wanted to be a jazz pianist."

The problem was he and other Russian musicians didn't have a jazz scene to embrace. Maslov was thrilled when a friend invited him to live in Boston. For the past 14 years he's played nightclubs and halls throughout the country, including a three-year stint at the Universal Hilton Hotel in L.A. He also played at Carnegie Hall in a concert to honor Antonio Carlos Jobim.

## ON THE PROGRAM

Maslov's performance at Baker's will include classic jazz standards that he says allow for greater creativity.

"When you have the base established, you can present your ideas, your emotions and if the audience is willing, you can take them to where you feel," he said.



Pianist Eugene Maslov, formerly of Novotroitsk, Russia, says his homeland is embracing the world of jazz.

His show at Baker's, like his CD, will include bright up-tempo tunes and, of course, ballads. The audience will also hear silence — something that Maslov said can be performed.

"When you play silence, when you're silent together," he said. "It changes the feeling, you can feel a spirit, it inspires you to feel more."



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**WURZELWERK**, an exhibition of ceramic pieces by well-known Nova Scotia artist Neil Forrest, opens 6-8 p.m. Friday

A week later, the Detroit studio celebrates its 101st anniversary with a birthday party on Saturday, March 13. The event, which features complementary tours of the facility, including the fabrication room, is open and free to the general public.

**WURZELWERK**, which showcases two of Forrest's sculptural, matrix-like installations of ceramic, steel and wire, runs through May 8. One of the ornamental, yet contemporary, installations spans 7 by 5 feet and hangs from the ceiling.

"We try to find pieces that are very different and interesting," said Sara Jaeger, special events coordinator. "Part of our mission is to exhibit well-known and emerging artists."



PHOTO COURTESY OF PEWABIC POTTERY

Pewabic Pottery presents the installation work of artist Neil Forrest in a show called 'WURZELWERK'

At the same time, Pewabic Pottery strives to engage the public in its deep Detroit history. Last year's popular 100th birthday bash, with nearly 800 attendees, many of whom had never been to the museum, led to the decision to throw the party every year.

### TOUR

The big draw: free guided tours that take visitors behind the scenes

for a look at the facility's original kilns and clay-making equipment.

The tour, which normally lasts about 45 minutes, includes a tile-pressing demonstration, historical lecture and spin through the design studio and galleries.

Ordinarily, tours are priced \$3 per person with a minimum requirement of 20 people or \$60. In addition to birthday cake, the illustrator and writer of the new children's book, *Fired Magic, Detroit's Pewabic Pottery Treasures*, will hold a book-signing.

The 1907 building is a nationally recognized historic monument, and facilities are all original.

"People are just so interested in the kilns because they're so massive," said Jaeger.

"That and the history and hands-on nature of the work."

### SHOW & CELEBRATION

**What:** Opening of 'WURZELWERK', an exhibition by Nova Scotia artist Neil Forrest and Pewabic Pottery's 101st birthday party.

**When:** 'WURZELWERK' opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday. Exhibit runs through May 8, birthday party 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13, regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

**Where:** Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

**Tickets:** Both exhibition and birthday celebration are free and open to the public, call (313) 822-0954 or visit [www.pewabic.com](http://www.pewabic.com).

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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

### Meadow Brook Theatre

*Of Mice and Men* through Sunday at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills Call (248) 377 3300 or visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com) for tickets and show times

### Jewish Ensemble Theatre

*Boy Gets Girl* by Rebecca Gilman through March 21 Aaron DeRoy Theatre 6600 W Maple West Bloomfield 7 30 p m Wednesday Thursday & Sunday 8 p m Saturday 2 p m Wednesday March 10 (no evening performance) \$25 \$32 (248) 788 2900 [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org)

### UMS

Shakespeare's *Othello* presented by the Guthrie Theatre 8 p m Thursday Saturday 2 p m Saturday Sunday Power Center 121 Fletcher St Ann Arbor \$16 \$50 (734) 764 2538 [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Yellowman* through March 21 8 30 p m Thursday Friday 3 p m & 8 30 p m Saturday 2 p m & 7 30 p m Sunday 13130 Woodrow Wilson Detroit (313) 868 1347 [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com)

### Purple Rose Theatre

*Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Manton through Saturday March 13 performances 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday 3 p m Wednesday & Saturday \$17.50 to \$25 (734) 433 PRTC [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org)

### Masonic Temple

*Jesus Christ Superstar* March 9 14 7 30 p m Tuesday Thursday & Sunday 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Saturday Sunday \$19.50 \$59.50 (248) 645 6666 (313) 872 1000 [www.nederlanderdetroit.com](http://www.nederlanderdetroit.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Michigan Opera Theatre

Dance Theatre of Harlem six shows Thursday Sunday Detroit Opera House (313) 237 SING (248) 645 6666 for more information call (313) 237 7464 or visit [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org)

## COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

### Bloomfield Players

*Honk* 7 30 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday March 5 7 March 12 14 Andover High School 4200 Andover Road Bloomfield Hills (Long Lake Road at Telegraph) (248) 433 0885 [www.bloomfieldplayers.org](http://www.bloomfieldplayers.org)

### Ridgedale Players

*Guys & Dolls* March 5 28 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday 205 W Long Lake Road Troy \$15 students & seniors \$14 (Sunday) (248) 988 7049

### Sara Smith Productions

*Fiddler on the Roof* Junior 10 30 a m and 2 p m Saturday 2 p m and 6 p m Sunday The Community House 380 S Bates St Birmingham \$8 in advance \$10 at the door (248) 644 5832 [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com)

### Jazz opera

*Forgotten The Murder at the Ford Rouge Plant* a musical that honors Detroit history and tells the story of a Depression era minister's efforts to help workers 8 p m Friday Saturday 3 p m Sunday Marygrove College Theatre 8425 W McNichols east of Wyoming Detroit \$25 (313) 577 4003

### Broadway Onstage

*Graceland & Asleep on the Wind* two companion one act comedies by Ellen Bryon open on Friday Shows 8 p m Friday Saturday and 2 p m on select Sundays through Saturday March 27 Broadway Onstage Live Theatre 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile Road) Eastpointe opening night \$13 all other performances \$15 (586) 771 6333

### Avon Players

*Death Trap* by Ira Levin March 5 20 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills \$14 seniors/students \$12 on Sunday (248) 608 9077 [www.avonplayers.org](http://www.avonplayers.org)

### Detroit Ensemble Theatre

*First Night* by Jack Neary March 5 21 8 p m Friday Saturday 3 p m Sunday 25213A Gratiot (in the Dinover Plaza next to Thai House restaurant) Roseville (586) 790 5666

### Players Guild of Dearborn

*Marvin's Room* opens 8 p m Friday

Performances 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 30 p m Sunday through March 21 21730 Madison southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive Dearborn \$11 reserved (313) 561 TKTS [www.playersguildofdearborn.org](http://www.playersguildofdearborn.org)

### Novi Theatres

*South Pacific* 7 30 p m Friday Saturday March 5 6 March 12 13 2 p m Sunday March 7 & 14 Novi Civic Center Stage 45175 W 10 Mile Road Novi \$17 reserved (248) 347 0400

### Village Players of Birmingham

*Night and Her Stars* community theater premiere of a drama about the quiz show scandals in the early days of TV 8 p m Friday Saturday March 12 13 March 19 20 2 p m Sunday March 14 & 21 34660 Woodward Ave Birmingham \$15 (248) 644 2075

### St Dunstan's Theatre Guild

*The Vast Difference* by Jeff Daniels 8 p m Friday Saturday March 12 13 March 19 20 2 p m Sunday March 21 8 p m Thursday Saturday March 25 27 400 Lone Pine Road Cranbrook campus Bloomfield Hills \$13 adults \$11 students/seniors (248) 644 0527 [www.stdunstanstheatre.com](http://www.stdunstanstheatre.com) For dinner/theater package opening night call (248) 645 5936

## DINNER THEATRE

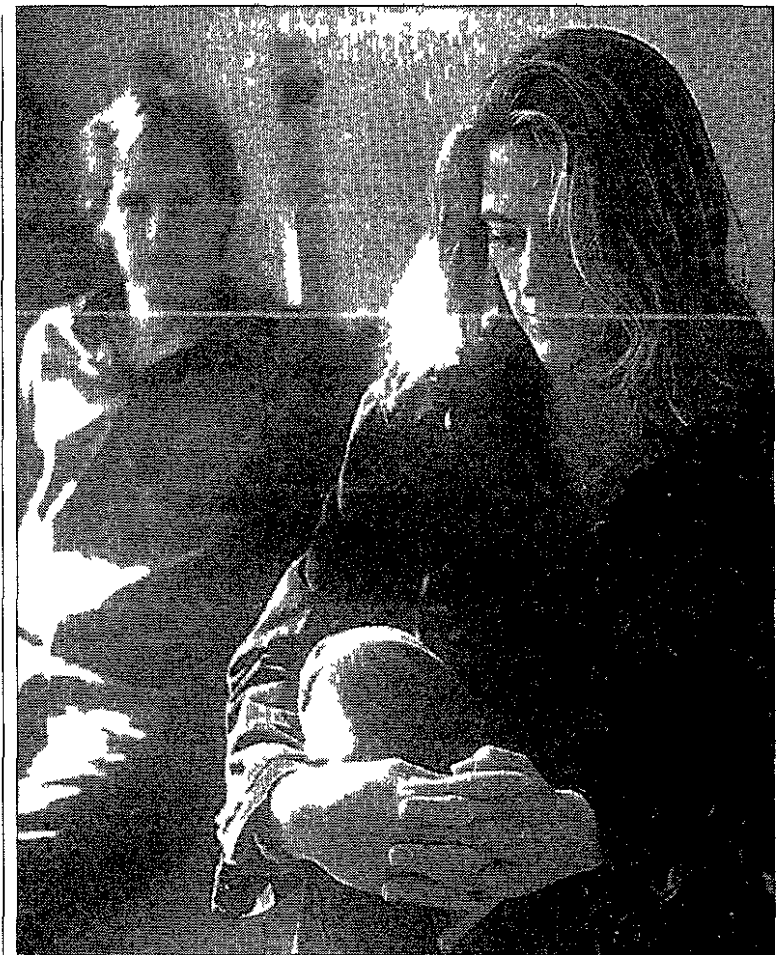
### 14th Street Bar & Grille

*Love Letters* by A R Gurney Friday Saturday through March 13 cocktails 6 30 p m dinner 7 p m curtain 8 p m 350 E 14 Mile Road east of John R Madison Heights \$37.50 per person including tax and tip (248) 589 9900

## AUDITIONS

### Home Town Super-Star

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Jen and Scott Smith and their band, Naked Blue, perform with Joe Rohan 8 p m Friday at Trinity House Theatre 38840 W Six Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road, Livonia Tickets \$10, call (734) 464-6302, or visit [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org) For more on the band, visit [www.nakedblue.com](http://www.nakedblue.com)

### Paper Bag Productions

*Annie Jr* 4 30 8 30 p m Friday 10 a m to 1 p m and 3 6 p m Saturday 4 30 6 30 p m Monday Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt Children 5 18 welcome to audition Show opens April 17 (586) 344 7774

### Players Guild of Dearborn

*On the Town* 7 30 p m Monday Tuesday March 8 9, Players Guild of Dearborn 21730 Madison Dearborn (313) 561 TKTS [www.playersguildofdearborn.org](http://www.playersguildofdearborn.org)

### Stagecrafters

*South Pacific* children's registration 10 a m Saturday March 6 auditions 11 a m adults register 11 a m auditions begin at noon 5 30 p m Tuesday March 9 (adults only) auditions 6 30 p m at Starr Presbyterian Church 1717 W 13 Mile Road (corner of Crooks Road) Royal Oak (248) 541 8027 [www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org)

### Avon Players

*Jesus Christ Superstar* 6 p m Sunday 7 p m Monday March 8 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills Register one hour prior to auditions For more information visit [www.avonplayers.org](http://www.avonplayers.org)

### Great Lakes Lyric Opera

Johann Strauss *Die Fledermaus* 11 a m to 3 p m Saturday March 13 William Tyndale College's Kresge Chapel 35700 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills [glo@comcast.net](mailto:glo@comcast.net)

## FAMILY FUN

### Disney on Ice

Pixar's *Monster's Inc* 7 30 p m Thursday 11 a m and 7 30 p m Friday 11 30 a m 3 30 p m and 7 30 p m Saturday 1 p m and 5 p m Sunday \$15 \$50 the Palace of Auburn Hills (248) 645 6666 [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com)

### Shanghai Circus

Featuring the Incredible Acrobats of China 10 a m 1 p m 3 30 p m (\$10 based on availability) and 8 p m Saturday \$19 \$26 Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township (586) 286 2222 (800) 585 3737 [www.macombcenter.com](http://www.macombcenter.com)

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Featuring the DSO's Ambassador String Quintet in an interactive program of music 11 a m Saturday Farmington Players Barn Theatre 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills meet the musicians at 10 30 a m \$11 (248) 473 1857

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### 'Melvin Goes to Dinner'

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 1 4 p m Saturday March 13 Screening Room Michigan Theatre 603 Liberty Ann Arbor See and discuss the anatomy of a low budget indi film with the screenwriter Michael Blieden Tickets \$50 \$25 and \$10 students For more information call Nancy Blieden (248) 352 5999 or Lena Ehrlich (734) 662 7570

### JAZZ/BLUES/POPULAR

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With Chris Collins reeds and the Wayne State University Jazz Lab Band 7 30 11 p m Wednesday Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 without dinner two drink minimum reservations recommended (734) 762 7756

#### Mancini at the Movies

\*Starring Monica Mancini and the Henry Mancini Orchestra 3 p m Sunday \$27 \$32 Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township (586) 286 2222 (800) 585 3737 www.macombcenter.com

#### Royal Oak Theatre

Meissa Etheridge 8 p m Tuesday Thursday March 9 11 \$75 318 W Fourth St Royal Oak (248) 399 2980 (248) 645 6666

### FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

#### Irish Rovers

7 30 p m. today at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township tickets \$29 \$36 (586) 286 2222 (800) 585 3737 www.MacombCenter.com or 8 p m Friday at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn Tickets \$29 \$32 call (313) 943 2354 or visit www.DearbornFordCenter.com

#### Boys of the Lough

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Community College 7 30 p m Friday 739 S Washington corner of Lincoln Royal Oak \$15 (248) 246 2625 or (248) 246 2627

#### Don Ross

Presented by the Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society 8 p m Saturday First United Methodist Church 22331 Woodward Ave Ferndale \$15 (248) 646 4030 www.fingerstyle.org

#### John Cowley & Sons

The McGloughlin Sisters 9 30 p m Thursday Kelly's Heroes 10 p m Friday Saturday 33338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941 www.john.cowleys.com

#### The Ark

Uncle Bonsai 8 p m Saturday \$20 Claudia Schmidt 8 p m Thursday March 11 316 S Main St Ann Arbor (734) 761 1451 www.a2ark.org

#### Blackthorn

In concert 7 30 p m Tuesday Wednesday March 9-10 Farmington Players Barn Theatre 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills \$15 adults \$12 seniors/students (248) 473 1857 some tickets may be available at the door

### CLASSICAL

#### DSO

Violinist Nadja Salerno Sonnenberg Plays Bach 10 45 a m and 8 p m Friday 8 30 p m Saturday 3 p m Sunday The Max 3711 Woodward Ave Detroit \$15 \$60 Detroit Symphony Civic Sinfonia youth concert 7 p m Sunday \$10 (313) 576 5111 www.detroitssymphony.com

#### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings brass

With organists Tom Trenney and Jeremy David Tarrant presents Pistons and Pipes 7 30 p m Sunday First Presbyterian Church 1669 W Maple Birmingham and 4 p m Sunday March 14 Cathedral Church of St Paul 4800 Woodward Ave Detroit Trenney will present the Mysteries of the Organ as a preview on March 7 \$25 \$19 for students and seniors over 60 at the door or call (248) 559 2095 www.detroitchamberwinds.org

#### Daniel Roth

French organist 7 30 p m Tuesday March 9 Metropolitan United Methodist Church 8000 Woodward five blocks north of Grand Boulevard Detroit \$15 \$12 college students \$8 youth ages 12 17 no charge children under 11 accompa

nied by parent (313) 875 7407 Ext 324

### GALLERY RECEPTIONS

#### Oakland University

40 Years of Collecting 75 Masterworks from the OU Arts Collection 4 30 7 p m Friday Meadow Brook Art Gallery 208 Wilson Hall Rochester continues to April 11 www.oakland.edu/mbag (248) 370 3005

#### Birmingham-Bloomfield Arts Center

Michigan Fine Arts Competition opening reception 6 8 p m Friday awards 7 p m 1516 S Cranbrook Road Birmingham (248) 644-0866 www.bbartscenter.org display continues to April 9

#### Lawrence St Gallery

Abstract artwork by Anita Boulan Stromberg and Sri Guha through March 27 artist reception 7 10 p m Friday 22620 Woodward Ave Ferndale south of 9 Mile Road (248) 544 0394 www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

#### Ellen Kayrod Gallery

Paintings sculpture & drawings by Peter Gilleran Jay Holland & Nancy Patek through April 9 artist reception 5 8 p m Friday musical performance by Djeto

Juncaj and Mark Sawasky of The Immigrant Suns 4750 Woodward Ave three blocks south of the DIA Detroit (313) 833 1300

#### Lemberg Gallery

Janet Hamrick New Paintings March 6 through April 17 reception 5 7 p m Saturday 23241 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 591-6623 www.leberggallery.com

### COMEDY

#### Joey's Comedy Club

John Joseph 8 15 & 10 45 p m Friday Saturday 7 p m Sunday dinner show option available at Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscmedy.com or www.paisano1.com

#### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Ben Creed 8 p m Thursday 8 p m & 10 30 p m Friday Saturday 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor discount for tickets purchased in advance (734) 996 9080

#### Mark Ridley Comedy Castle

Bobby Collins 8 p m Thursday 8 p m & 10 30 p m Friday Saturday 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900

#### Second City Detroit

Ten 8 p m Wednesday Thursday (\$15) 7 30 p m and 10 p m Friday Saturday (\$20) Best of the Second City Touring Company 7 p m Sunday (\$12) 2301 Woodward Ave Detroit (313) 965 2222 Dinner show packages available Call for information

#### Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

Best of Second City through March 13 7:30 p m Wednesday Thursday (\$23) 7 p m & 9 30 p m Friday Saturday (\$28) 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township (586) 286 2222 (800) 585 3737 www.MacombCenter.com

### FILM

#### Redford Theatre

Holiday 8 p m Friday Saturday organ overture 7 30 p m 2 p m Saturday organ overture 1 30 p m 17360 Lahser Road Detroit (313) 537 2560 www.redfordtheatre.com

#### Uptown Birmingham 8

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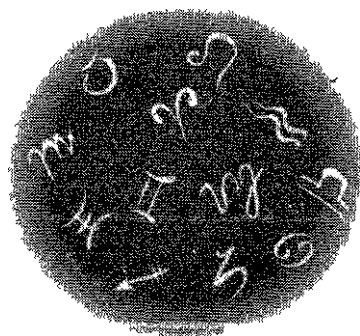


# Horoscope



## Star Struck

(March 4 - March 6)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You'll come on loud, cranky and strong this weekend as your passions get the best of you both at home and with friends. No matter how cool and collected you try to be, a fire will be kindled that will be hard to go out. Just be careful that it doesn't consume you. Ram!

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You've been somewhat reserved in recent weeks, but that will change tomorrow when loving Venus moves in your sign. The more you present a positive face to the world, the more you'll attract people who are worth knowing. Life's too short to waste time being glum.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Be careful what you say and do outside of home and on the work front over the next few days because the planets warn that you could be a bit too aggressive for your own good. It's OK to be assertive and ambitious, but it's not OK to make enemies along the way.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Regardless of what's going on in your life, it's time to focus on old chums and loved ones now. Don't let the full moon get the best of you, because you'll later regret what you do out of depression or anger. Be less judgmental, don't be such a worry wart. MoonKid!

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You've started the ball rolling, now all you have to do is keep it moving. Lion! That might sound easy, but with this weekend's full moon, you could easily lose sight of your long term goals. You won't care about right and wrong, you'll care only about your own way.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

If you find yourself stuck now, unable to move either forward or back, it's because you're thinking in outdated ways. Your values may be fixed, but that doesn't mean the world around you is fixed. If you can't keep up with the times, it might be wise to get out of the game.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You can be a bit too easygoing for your own good, and the next few days' outer planet activity warns that if you let things slide financially, you'll regret it by the end of the month. Don't trust others when it's your time and cash on the line. Get your own way, now!

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you want to get the most out of the weekend, you must bite the big one. It may appear to others as if you're rock solid and that nothing ever bothers you, but deep down you have anxieties like everyone else. Confront them now and they'll worry you no more.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You know what you want, you know where to get it, and you know you have the strength to take it and keep it. Sadge! What you may not know is that once you have it, you'll probably decide it wasn't what you wanted after all. No matter. Be curious, not controlling.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

A full moon in your element means that you'll find it hard to get settled emotionally now, but in a way that's good, because you don't want to be too satisfied with life. A sense that something is missing will spur you to try things you might not otherwise have considered.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

You can wriggle out of your commitments now if you really want to, but Uranus, your ruler, warns that what you fail to do now, you'll have to do sooner than later. The more you let others be slack or longer you delay, the harder it'll be to catch up financially.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

If you want to get through this weekend in one piece, make an effort to see things from the other person's point of view, both at home and at work. You're allowed to disagree, but if you know what's good for you, you won't make too big of an issue of a small problem.

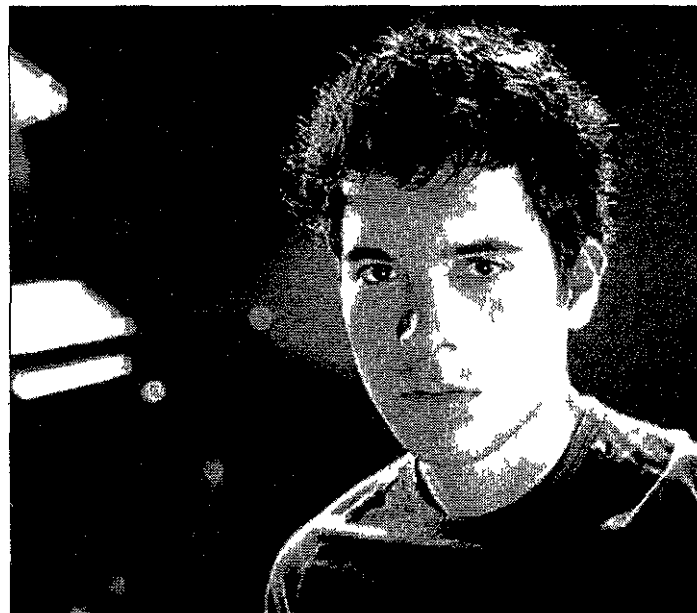
Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

# Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

## Show

Advice for those of you who plan to attend **The Von Bondies** record release show. Get there super early. With write ups in everything from *Spin* to *The New York Times* recently, the band is finally getting due credit and fulfilling their buzz as Detroit's next big thing – and consequently the show is sure to be a sell out. The Von Bondies will play in support of their new disk, the polished *Pawn Shoppe Heart* (Sire) on Tuesday at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. The Valentinos and upstarts The Avatars will open. Doors open at 8 p.m. Ten bucks gets you in, 18 and up. For more on the band, check out [www.thevonbondies.com](http://www.thevonbondies.com). Lest I need to tell you again, early arrival will ensure you don't miss the most talked about local rock show this side of summer.



Matthew Dear brings his hotness to 'Untitled' at the Shelter

## Regular

Like *OMG*, this is seriously the hottest thing going on in Detroit right now. Ghostly International has teamed up with Blackbox to bring "Untitled" to the Shelter each Saturday night. The night will have you shaking your tail feather to classic electro, Detroit techno and house music. This Saturday's set will feature Jeff Samuel. Others regularly featured include Matthew Dear, Derek Plaslaiko, Tadd Mullinix, Ryan Elliot and Mike Servito. The Shelter is located at 431 East Congress Street in Detroit, 18 and up. Doors open at 10 p.m. For more info, click on [www.ghostly.com](http://www.ghostly.com).

## Web Site

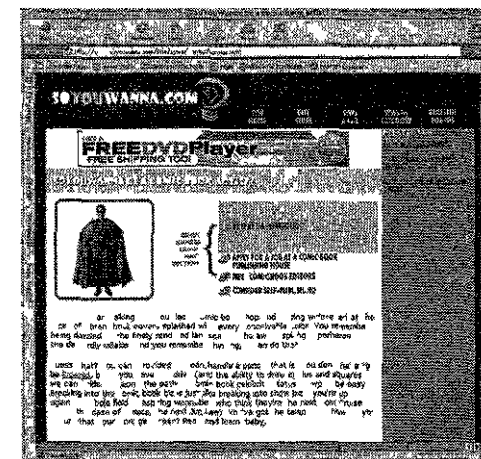
With the motto "The wild goose chase ends here," [soyouwanna.com](http://soyouwanna.com) has the answers to things you didn't learn in school and may not be able to pick up in a *Dummies Guide To*. Follow the easy step-by-step guides on things practical (So You Wanna join the Peace Corps? Ace a job interview? Train your dog?) to just plain silly (So You Wanna be a sitcom writer? Get a pet ferret? Convert to Mormonism?). I've already learned how to fake an appreciation for art and opera through the site's often hilarious, upbeat and surprisingly helpful guides. The site also includes a bulletin board and mini wannas – mini guides for those wanting to learn things like table manners, but only having enough time to learn how to eat soup correctly.

You might be surprised that sometimes silly things can be given practical everyday applications. For example, the how-to guide on lying persuasively allowed me to come to a conclusion on what happened after seeing *Capturing the Friedmans*, thus allowing me to forgo the days of angst my friends had after seeing the film. Check it out at <http://www.soyouwanna.com>.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. She is always looking for new local bands and musicians. Send her your demos and Web site links! Know of something else you would like considered for this space? To submit information on local entertainment, films, clubs, restaurants or other ideas to be featured in this column, e-mail [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net) or write to her at 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

## Misc.

Couldn't make it into The Von Bondies show? Fear you'll never see the inside of the Magic Stick again? Have no fear. Part scientific, part old-timey carnival fun, Royal Oak resident John Tenney will present his "Mysteries of the World" on the day after the hipsters clear the floor. Promising to be as equally entertaining as educational, Tenney will explore paranormal activities through sound pictures and words. The night also will offer psychic readings. Don't miss this rare appearance of the area's paranormal expert. Tenney will appear Wednesday, March 10, at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cover is \$5, 18 and up.





## Family fun

# Theater gives puppets stage to play on

BY SARAH KARUSH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

What do you get when you mix papier-maché, umbrella skeletons and other prosaic ingredients with a bit of Old World storytelling magic and let it simmer in the heart of Detroit?

The PuppetART Detroit Puppet Theater — a center of imagination and color that rivets audiences with tales from places as diverse as Russia, West Africa and Japan

Founded six years ago by three Russian immigrants, the theater performs weekly for general audiences and more frequently for schools and other groups. In the current season, the troupe has played week after week to full or overflow crowds in its cozy theater that seats 70.

*Firebird*, based on a Russian story, features rod puppets — the kind that are supported by sticks held by people hidden behind a wall. Depending on the puppet, a variety of rods and levers under its clothes can make hands and legs move and eyes roll.

Like almost all the theater's puppets and sets, the firebird is the work of Irina Baranovskaya, one of PuppetART's three founders. In addition to traditional materials like papier-mache and foam, she also incorporates objects from everyday life such as umbrellas, milk jugs and straw baskets into her creations.

Both Baranovskaya and her husband, Igor Gozman, the theater's artistic director, worked in puppet theaters in Russia. They came to the United States in 1990 and soon made their new home in Southfield, working at everything but puppetry.

Eventually, they teamed up with Lyudmila Mikheyenko to create PuppetART. Today, the three founders are joined by a handful of volunteers and actors brought in for particular shows.

### PUPPETART

**Where:** 25 East Grand River Detroit  
**Curtain:** 2 p.m. Saturday shows change every month

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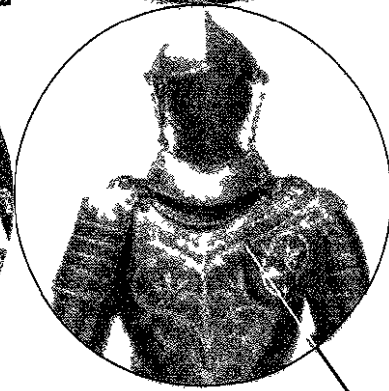


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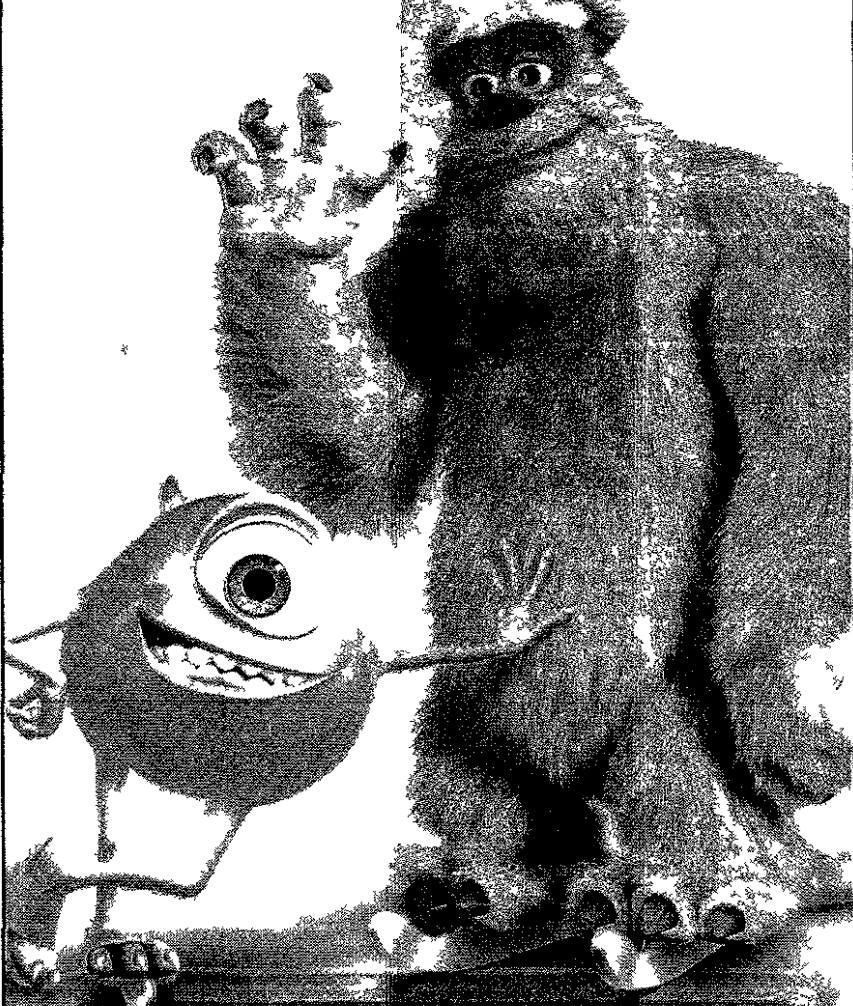


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