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Proposal A draws mixed reviews

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Proposal A was designed to

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said The fundamental

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Showcase Plymouth

Businesses and restaurants that want to take part in the annual Showcase Plymouth and Taste of Plymouth event sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce should get enrolled soon

Chamber officials say booth space is filling quickly for the annual business expo, hosted by St John's Golf & Conference Center The expo is set for 5-7 30 pm Tuesday, May 4

Booth space costs \$80 (\$100 in the Atrium), and all vendors must provide a door prize valued at at least \$20

For more information, hit the chamber s Web site at www plymouthml org or call (734) 453-1540.

Phoenix Mill

The Phoenix Mill Women's Museum kicks off the 2004 bus tour program Monday March 15, in downtown Northville

The tour starts at 10 am, with a \$15 cost per person

An additional tour has been added Monday. April 26

There are also opportunities to become a tour guide for the museum

For more information on this and other Phoenix Mill Women's Museum programs call Debbie Wanamaker at (313) 224-0946

Un stage

Plymouth-Canton residents John DeRuiter, Joe Kaliz, Rachael Dameron-Hissong and Brandon Hynes will be in the chorus when the Divine Child High School Fine Arts Department puts on its production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Oklahoma!

The musical includes the songs O, What a Beautiful Morning, Surrey with the Fringe on Top and People Will Say We're in Love

A cast of more than 40 students has been rehearsing since January

The play opens with a 730 pm curtain call March 26

Other play dates and times March 27 and April 2-3 at 7 30 pm and March 28 and April 4 at

All performances are at the Divine Child auditorium, 1001 N Silvery Lane ın Dearborn

Tickets are \$5 at the

Builder keeps priorities in order

BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Ten years after voters in

Michigan approved Proposal

A, Michigan school districts

are in the bind many predicted

local property taxes to the state

In good times, there would

be plenty of money to spread

around In times of economic

uncertainty, there would be a

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BY BRAD KADRICH

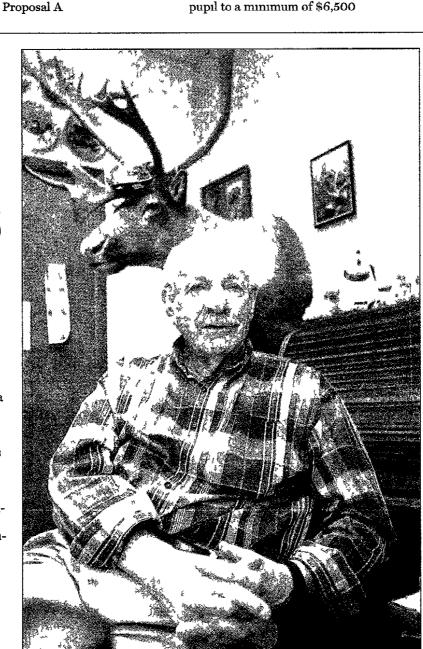
It isn't hard to figure out what's important to Jim Jabara Where many people wear

their hearts on their sleeve, Jabara, a longtime Plymouth real estate developer, wears his on the walls of his Ann Arbor Trail office

On the most important wall are pictures of his family - children, grandchildren On a second wall are vestiges of his education at Michigan Tech A third wall shows photos of planes - a longtime passion to fly, as yet largely unfulfilled And, on walls all over the

office, there are trophies from various hunting expeditions, yet another passion of a 75year-old man bent on leading a

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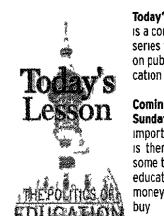


Jim Jabara displays his passions on the walls of his office, everything from his family

And, it helped property owners - especially those on fixed incomes - who were paying property taxes among the highest in the nation A big minus of Proposal A,

according to many, is the loss of local control of money and how to spend it Before Proposal A, communities passed millages to support districts, taxing themselves as they saw fit

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Today's Lesson is a continuing series focusing on public edu

Coming Sunday, as important as it is there are some things in education money can t

Plymouth Township questions chief list

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township doesn't have a new fire chief yet, and it may well be because its Civil Service Commission violated the state law under which it determined candidate eligibility

The commission, chaired by local attorney Cameron Miller, certified all five candidates who tested for the position, despite the fact only two of them appear to have met requirements set forth in Public Act 78

Only Capt Randy Maycock and Lt James Jury topped the 70-point mark in the commission's testing procedure, which included a two-part assessment process With 10 points also allowed for seniority, Maycock (71 63) and Jury (70 52) both passed the criteria

Under the provisions of Public Act 78, the job must be offered to the eligible candidate with the highest score The position has been open since former Chief Larry Groth retired in September, with Assistant Chief Mark

Wendel filling in

"Act 78 requires each candidate pass the given process, whether it's written or oral, with a 70-percent score," township Supervisor Steve Mann said "Unfortunately, we had three candidates who didn't achieve that level Nonetheless, the commission still proceeded to certify them That's in confict with the act'

Mann sent Miller a letter asking him to reconvene the commission and amend the list so that it complies with Public Act 78, but he said Miller still has not responded Miller did not return phone calls from the *Plymouth* Observer seeking comment

Mann said potential legal problems are created by considering candidates who don't meet the act's threshold The township, he said, could be exposed to possible lawsuits from other candidates who weren't initially eligible, but who think testing should be redone rather than give the position to someone the act says is ınelıgıble

Marriage amendment can't pass House

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School math teacher Tom Patrick was pleased to hear the Michigan House of Representatives failed in its attempt Tuesday to pass a constitutional amendment that would have banned same-sex marriages

Patrick, who has been in a committed relationship for almost seven years and has three adopted children, said he hopes the 65-38 vote - eight shy of the necessary two-thirds majority needed to send it to the Senate and ultimately a statewide vote by citizens - will put the

'It upset me that there's such confusion over the issue of homosexuality."

Tom Patrick testified in front of House subcommittee

issue to rest. "It upset me that there's such confusion over the issue of homosexuality,' said Patrick, who testified in front of a House subcommittee on the issue several weeks ago "I wanted them to know the face of one person they were trying to protect themselves from, and told them about my family and children.

"The testimony in favor of the proposal confused religious marriage with civil marriage,' he said "I hope that if it's argued again, it's argued honestly It's a civil rights issue, not a religious issue"

West Middle School music teacher Mike Chiumento was beaming with excitement when he heard news of the vote

"I'm ecstatic," said Chiumento 'It's a huge victory for fairness I was really concerned about them writing discrimination into our own constitution '

Chiumento, whose same-sex relationship has lasted for 13 years, said "we don't need

PLEASE SEE GAY, A4



Celebrating Seuss

Third-grade students at Fiegel Elementary in Plymouth Township celebrated Dr Seuss' 100th birthday and 'Hats off to Reading' earlier this month The second-annual event was presented by Michele Mitchell and Annette Fredrick

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LIBRARY PROGRAM

Oldies 104 3 WOMC and Community Financial will



sponsor radio personality Jackie Purtan ın March Home with a Book at the Plymouth District Library, at 4 p m Monday, March 15

All area children are invited to this story time as Purtan reads several children's books Registration is not required

HOSPICE BENEFIT

Community Hospice and Palliative Care host "The Art of Caring" charity event from 6-11 pm Saturday, March 20, at St John's Golf & Conference

Center in Plymouth Township The event is designed to raise money and "share, educate and inspire the community through the presentation of art, entertainment and information," benefit organizers said Proceeds from the event will help cover the cost of endof-life and bereavement care for local families in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Monroe counties Donations for individual tickets are \$35 for the preview party only, and \$95 for the preview and dinner program The preview party, which starts at 6 p m, includes beverages and hors d'oeuvres Dinner is at 7, and the evening also features live and silent auctions Visit www.chpc info or call (734) 522-4244 for more information

OPEN SKATING

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The Plymouth Recreation Department offers a special open-skating session Saturday evenings from 6-7 30 p m beginning March 20 through May 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena

The \$5 'cheapskate' special includes admission, a slice of pizza and a can of soda Skate rental is available for \$2

For more information, call (734) 455-6620

MAIN STREET OPEN HOUSE

Main Street Therapy for Children and Families hosts an open house from 9 a m -noon Saturday, March 20 The business is located in the Farmer's Insurance Building at 859 S Main in Plymouth

The staff will be introducing themselves to the local community, and participants can ask questions, get a bite to eat, schedule a free consultation and pick up free literature

Visit the Web site at www mainstreetherapy com or call (734) 612-0985

COMEDY NIGHT BENEFIT

New Hope Center for Grief Support presents "Laughing On The Outside" comedy night at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 7 p m Friday, May 14

Emcee will be Eric Wilson, weatherman for WDIV Local 4 Comedian Rich Higginbottom kicks things off at 8, with headliner Mike Green from 9-9 45 p m

The event includes a live auction with Blue Willow,



Career women honored

The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women has elected its new board of directors and named its Career Woman of the Year and Mentor of the Year Board members include treasurer Cathy Day hospitality chair Carolyn Arlen of Flowers with a Flair secretary Bonnie Myhrum of Professional Secretary, president Brenda Durling of Schoolcraft College, membership chair Karen Salswedel of Northwood University, Diane Burns of Schoolcraft College, Tracey Huff of Graphic Visions, and (not pictured) Penny Pennington of Edward Jones Lisa Kaberna, chairman of Tifco Gage and Gear, is Career Woman of the Year and Karen Salswedel was named Mentor of the Year The NACW meets at noon the second Tuesday of each month at noon at Ernesto's restaurant in Plymouth For more information, call Carolyn Arlen at (248) 474-4241

prize drawings and a raffle The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer

All proceeds from this event will benefit New Hope Center, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center that provides grief support services free of charge to men, women, teens and children throughout southeastern Michigan

Cost is \$50 (\$30 of which is tax deductible) Call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 to register and visit the Web site at www newhopecenter net for more information

VFW ST. PATTY'S DAY

The Plymouth VFW is welcoming anyone who wishes to come to its St Patrick's Day feast Wednesday, March 17

There will be a corned beefand-cabbage dinner available for \$7, or you can get a corned beef sandwich for \$4

The VFW is at 1426 S Mill For takeout orders, call (734) 459-6700

POP CONCERT

Royal Oak-based pop artist Sinjon Smith performs at Boulder's Lounge in Plymouth at 10 p m Saturday, March 20

Smith is a culture-pop-rock project featuring the writing team of locals Chris Wietzke and Diane Smith, who was recently chosen as a finalist for the Detroit Pistons Idol contest and sang in front of thousands of Pistons fans during the halftime show at a game

"We've put together a kıller

show that consists of our originals and some carefully chosen cover songs designed to please all musical tastes," Wietzke

Boulder's is located at 1020 W Ann Arbor Rd in Plymouth, MI There is a \$5 cover charge Call Boulder's at (734) 459-4190

LUTHERAN HIGH OPEN HOUSE

Lutheran High School in Westland hosts an open house for prospective students and their families from 4-7 p m Saturday The high school is located at 33300 Cowan Road half a mile east of Westland Shopping Center

The open house will feature the new lobby addition, gymnasium and upgraded science facilities A formal presentation will begin at 4 15 p m followed by a guided tour of the building and selected classrooms Teachers and students will provide information on the various academic and extracurricular program offerings The areas of music, art, computers, long-distance learning and science will be featured Highlights of the afternoon are an Alumni versus Varsity basketball game at 5 p m and a Faculty versus Seniors basketball game at 6 p m The games are free to everyone who attends the Open House Reservations for the Open House are not required and families may drop in at any time throughout the afternoon to tour the facilities

For information about the open house or enrollment at Lutheran High School-Westland, please call (734) 422-2090 or visit the school Web site at www lhwl lhsa com

ADHD AUTHORS

Authors Kate Kelly and Peggy Ramundo will answer

questions regarding AD/HD and life, love and relationships online at ADD Consults (www.addconsults.com)

Thursday, March 25 at 9 p m Kelly and Ramundo are pioneers in the field of AD/HD They are nationally known speakers and workshop leaders, offering topics related to AD/HD Currently, Peggy and Kate are revising the Lazy Crazy book and writing a third book on AD/HD and relationships

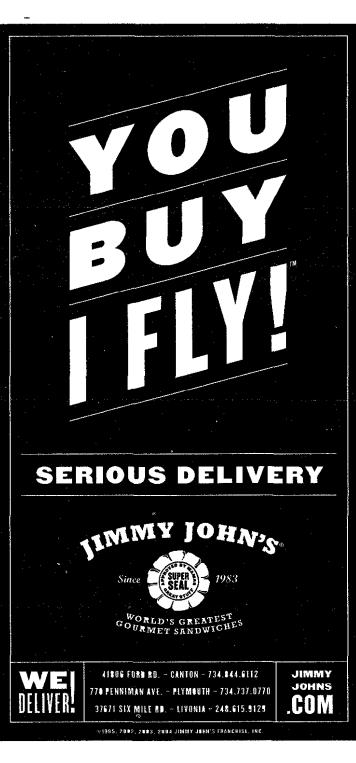
This informative workshop is open to anyone interested in learning more about life with AD/HD adults with AD/HD, parents, students, coaches, mental health professionals, educators and anyone who would like to learn more about AD/HD Registered attendees will have the opportunity to have their questions answered by Kelly and Ramudno personally ADD Consults is the world's only online eClinic and offers information, resources and support for those touched by attention deficit disorder It was founded in 2000 by Terry Matlen, ACSW a psychotherapist, ADD coach, lecturer and board member of the Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

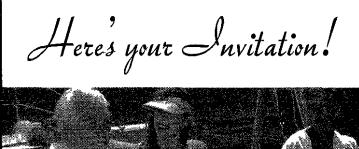
TEEN EVENT

The first in a series of poetry events will be held this week at the Plymouth District Library

Larry Frances, language arts teacher from Canton High School, will conduct the series "Getting the Words on Paper" takes place from 3 30-5 p m Thursday, March II This workshop is for poets at all levels of experience

Register for this free event by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4 For more information on this and other teen programs, go to plymouthlibrary org/ya htm





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Prop A crafters reflect on its origination

In the late 1980s and early 90s, property taxes in Michigan were out of control In 1993, Michigan's property taxes were 34 percent higher than the national average

Proposal A was first and foremost an attempt to stop the property tax wildfire

Ten years ago this month, voters approved shifting primary funding for local schools from local property taxes to an increase in the state sales tax after the state Legislature had set a deadline for ending property taxes as the primary funding source for public schools

Two major players in the creation of Proposal A were then state Sen Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat and the senior member of the tax and finance committee, and Michigan Gov John Engler, a Republican They differ on how Proposal A came to be

Eleven times between 1972 and 1992 we tried to lower property taxes This was an ongoing struggle," said





Stabenow

Stabenow, now a U S senator from Michigan

Stabenow said she was aware that Engler was going to propose a 20 percent cut in property taxes without providing an alternative funding method for schools

"I had been talking about getting everyone to the table, she said I had said the only way to get people to do it was to put a deadline on the old

In July 1993, Stabenow surprised the political community by proposing a July 1, 1994, deadline on using property taxes to fund schools

LESSON IN POLITICS

'There was a lot spinning on this, but it forced people to

PROPOSAL A HIGHLIGHTS

Capped property taxes

■ Shifted school funding from local property tax to state sales tax

■ Capped property tax increase at 5 percent or rate of inflation whichever is lower

Increased state sales tax from 4 percent to 6 percent

Prevented local school districts and local units of government from increasing operating millages

have the political will to do something," she said

As Engler remembers it, Stabenow was not the major impetus behind the proposal

'That was a ploy that was tried, said Engler, who is now

an executive with EDS in Vırgınıa "Sen (Arthur) Mıller (Democrat minority leader) came up with that gambit in an attempt to embarrass Republicans in the Senate We called their bluff and gave impetus to school finance

reform" Engler said in 24 hours he had a bill on his desk to eliminate property taxes, setting off months of debate through late 1993 and early 1994

The Legislature approved a ballot proposal to increase the state sales tax by 50 percent, from 4 percent to 6 percent, with a partial restoration of property taxes leveled locally and by the state On March 15, 1994, voters approved the proposal by a wide margin

'BIG SUCCESS'

'On the property tax side, taxes dropped from 34 percent above the national average to 15 percent below the national average On property tax, it has been a big success,' Stabenow

Engler agrees

'It literally saved thousands of people their homes and protected taxpayers,' he said

On the issue of school equity, Stabenow said Proposal A has helped but that challenges remain

The process of reviewing Proposal A, this is an important time to review that in terms of equity I think there are important questions and tradeoffs that need to be looked at,' she said

Engler said Proposal A "tweakers are tax talkers I don't think there needs to be a new round of tax hikes

Engler said every school district in Michigan is spending more than they did before Proposal A He said studies show that even when schools receive the same funding, they don't perform the same and the problem isn't a question of

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Doug Roberts, state treasurer under Engler and now interım director of Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, said that Proposal A has suc-

ceeded in its principal aims In my opinion, it's done an excellent job of dealing with the two issues it set out to

address, he said In a report by David Plank and David Arsen of the Michigan State University **Education Policy Center** released in November, Proposal A had three major impacts First, it produced a major reduction in property tax, second, it produced a "dramatic centralization of Michigan's school finance system, and, third, it made school funding more equitable

It gave Michigan a state system of public education instead of many local districts, Plank said

"The change is only now becoming apparent"

Engler and Stabenow will speak at a daylong forum March 15 organized by the MSU Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at the Lansing Center in Lansing For more information on the forum see www ippsrmsu edu

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'Now, we have this central location of power the state and I don't think that's a healthy movement," said Mark Slavens, vice president of the Plymouth-Canton school board and founder of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding 'We get top-down directives telling us what to do, but they're not providing any additional dollars to do it"

Plymouth-Canton with its perpupil allotment of \$7,025 lags behind neighboring school districts, some of which get \$1,000 or more than P-C per student

"Unfortunately, legislators have not kept the promise of Proposal A in keeping with equity," Slavens said 'They've continued to give everybody the same increase or decrease across the board, so we have a permanent two-tier system, the haves and have nots

While other districts can afford small class sizes and foreign lan guages in elementary grades, we re paying for things like music, art and athletics," he said

Mark Horvath, a former Plymouth-Canton school board president whose first of four years on the board came during implementation of Proposal A, said school district administrators brought it upon themselves

'Proposal A is bad because it takes away local control of finances, but people got sick and tired of districts going back for millages all the time,' he said

The people in power wouldn't take no for an answer, and would keep coming back with the same proposal until it passed

The good thing about Proposal A is it gives an idea of how much money districts will get, which forces a district to make a longer financial plan than what happened pre-Proposal A, Horvath

While many believe Proposal A was meant to bring equality to school districts, Horvath said that's wishful thinking He'd like to see the state provide funding for the three Rs - reading, writing and arithmetic - but let school districts pass millages to provide the so-called extras

"Whatever we do, not every child is going to get an identical education, but everyone should get an equitable education," he said "The kids in Plymouth-Canton aren't ever going to operate from a district with the same tax rate as the kids in West Bloomfield Let the state provide the basic education, and let the communities be allowed to supplement additional programs

Back in 1993, when Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jim Ryan was head of the Reed City Schools, he remembers telling Rotary club members they should vote in favor of Proposal A because it gave tax relief and would give Reed City schools more money

Now, it's a much different story "If it wasn t for the increasing enrollment (which brings in more state funding), I can't imagine how we would make ends meet,' said Ryan 'I think we do a whale of a job with the low funding we get, but we can t afford a bus replacement program, technology replacement and facility upgrades"

Plymouth-Canton, whose foundation grant is being cut \$74 per student the next fiscal year as a result of Gov Jennifer Granholm's executive order, is expected to have a \$9 3 million budget deficit

"I just wish something could be done because it looks like we're whining," said Ryan "But, the next round of budget cuts will make people wonder what's happening to their school district

State Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said districts shouldn't come looking to Lansing

"There's no consensus in the Legislature, at this point in time, to change Proposal A," said

Stewart, because there appears to be minimal adequate yearly funding, and the deficits aren't knocking at the door quite yet

Stewart said as long as districts have fund balances left -Plymouth-Cantons is \$15 million - don't come knocking However, Plymouth-Canton is predicting that amount could disappear very quickly over the next couple of

years Horvath thinks the future of education in Michigan, under the current terms of Proposal A, will be somewhat bare bones

Once we went to Proposal A, and put districts on a fixed income, it's like getting money for just food, water and shelter," he said 'I think we'll end up with the bad parts (of Proposal A), with the state controlling public education ın Mıchıgan"

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Send St. Pat's Day wishes to armed forces

The Knights of Equity and the United Irish Societies are helping residents pay tribute this St Patricks Day to members of the US Armed Forces who have served or are now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

The organizations are sending St Patricks Day cards to US soldiers Military personnel also will be named honorary marshals of this year's St Patrick's Parade, set for 2 p m, Sunday, March 14, on Michigan Avenue in Detroits Corktown

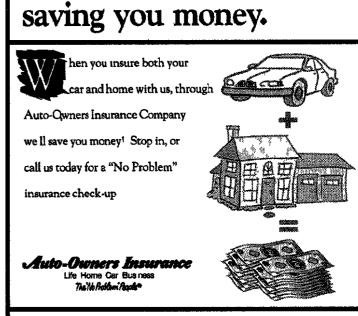
Please submit names and mailing addresses of the service person no later than March 9. 2004 to Thomas Mulcahy, chairman, Knights of Equity, at (248) 608-0995 He will also need the name and phone number of a local contact

Information may also be sent or faxed to Patrick O'Hara, 3263 Penobscot Building, Detroit, MI 48226, Fax (313) 962-4902 For more information, call O Hara at (313) 962-

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DEATHS

Kathryn Benner Randall, of Vero Beach, Fla, died Feb 29

Grace Civitella, 86, of Novi, died March 4

Joseph Edward Dupraw, 85, of Redford died at home

Laura Jane Fleenor, 33 of Taylor, died March 7

Charlene K Heideman, 71, died March 3 Mary E Hunter, 88, of Novi (former-

ly of Southfield), died March 6

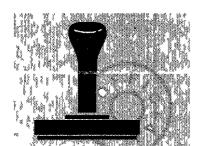
died Feb 25 in Oberlin, Ohio

Thomas Henry Liewellyn, 82, of Milford, died March 4 Adelaide (Heidi) Kern Licklider, 87,

Carol Jean Miller, of Westland, died March 6

Linda M Schneemann, 53, of Farmington Hills, died March 5 Dorothy M Serrico, of Northville, died March 5

John Albert Stoinicki, 56, of Farmington Hills, died March 2 Joshua R Swanson, 18, of



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For the Record appears in every. edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home section in Passages on page C7

Farmington Hills, died March 9

Alfred C Thompson, 82, of South Lyon, died March 6

Kenneth Weiss, of Clarkston, died March 7 Ryan Wight, died March 1 Leonard G Winekoff, 84, of Van Buren Township, died March 4 Fay (Fronek) Wright, 57, of St Petersburg, Fla , formerly of Garden City, died Feb 28

Robert John Zinkel Jr, 50, of Birmingham, died March 8.

FOR THE RECORD

POLICE

A 25-year-old former Plymouth man has been indicted by the federal government for possessing an explosive device which was taken inside Plymouth City Hall Nov 5, 2002, disrupting election day activ-

Detective Jamie Grabowski said 24-year-old David Porcaro, a Garden City native whose last known address was in Westland, has been charged with possession of an unregistered explosive

hand grenade from a friend down south in the summer of 2002, and transported it to Michigan According to police, Porcaro eventually stored the explosive in the basement of his gırlfriend's Sunset Street home in Plymouth and forgot about it

Porcaro reportedly bought the

On election day, the woman's new boyfriend brought the device to city hall, claiming they found it in the yard However, Grabowski said the investigation indicated the couple found the forgotten grenade in the basement of the home and took it to City Hall

Police evacuated City Hall and placed the explosive outside until the Michigan State Police bomb squad took the device to the vacant Bathey property on Mill Street to detonate it. The incident delayed by several hours the counting of absentee ballots, which had been in progress at city hall Police secured the room where the ballots

were being counted and posted quards outside all city half entrances

A joint investigation between Plymouth police and the federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms division led to the charge against Porcaro, who turned himself in Tuesday for arraignment in U.S. District Court in Detroit Grabowski said if convicted, Porcaro could be sentenced to 10 years in prison

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 to shutting down scam artists

Targeting seniors

Senkbeil will talk to seniors about 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

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between March

■ Tuesday, March 9 — Industrial rescue run on Beck; residential rescue runs on Newport, on Weston, on Sheridan, on Portsmouth Crossing and on Creekwood Circle, vehicle

accident on Sandalwood ■ Monday, March 8 - Residential rescue runs on lyywood, on Ann

Arbor Trail and on Deer, vehicle accident on southbound I-275 north of 5 Mile, rescue run at a public building on 5 Mile, commercial rescue run on Northville Road, industrial rescue runs on Halyard, carbon monoxide detector run on Oakland Court

■ Sunday, March 7 - Residential rescue runs on Orangelawn and on Sheridan, investigation on McKinley, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Main, industrial rescue run on Haiyard

■ Saturday, March 6 - Hazardous materials run on Plymouth Road, commercial rescue runs on General Drive and on Ann Arbor Trail, residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Greenview Place and on Harding

Friday, March 5 - Commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Ann Arbor Trail, downed wires on Adams, on Palmer and on Schoolcraft, residential rescue run on Main, hazardous materials run on Oakwood, vehicle accident with wash-down on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon: rescue run on Liberty: carbon monoxide detector run on Point Crossing, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road

■ Thursday, March 4 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Northville Road and on Greenbriar, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, industrial rescue run on Sheldon

GAY

FROM PAGE A1

anyone to validate our relationship, but we would like to have equality like others

"Heterosexuals can keep the word 'marriage,'" said Chiumento "But, I would like to have the benefit of living in a committed relationship where if my partner gets sick and is taken to the hospital he's covered under my health care benefits, or I can see him without being told I'm not a member of the family, and when I retire I can pass on my retirement benefits to him, should I die

State Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, was a cosponsor of the legislation and voted in favor of the measure

"People have certain rights, and we shouldn't discriminate on the basis of their sexuality," said LaJoy "But, I believe marriage is between a man and a woman It's just that simple'

Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, also voted in favor of the constitutional amendment "If we really are Christians, we should be able to have an acceptance and love for those who have other preferences," said Stewart "But, the sanctity of marriage is still equivalent to one man and one woman, and there's no acceptance in society for anything other than that"

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CLARIFICATION

In Sunday's story on No Child Left Behind, the story should have said that the federal education law, not the state,

requires that 95 percent of students in a school take the MEAP tests for the school to reach adequate yearly progress.

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FROM PAGE AT

fulfilling life

"I like to work," said Jabara, who moved to Plymouth in 1976 "But you can tell by the walls, family comes first After that it's probably a toss-up between the flying and hunting"

Born to Lebanese immigrants – Jabara's father spent three months on a steamer on his way to Boyne City in the early 1900s – in January 1929, Jabara grew up in the northern Michigan town of Mancelona

THE EARLY YEARS

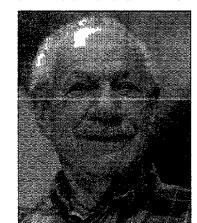
One of six children (one sister passed away some 18 years ago), Jabara and his brother, Kal, bought a small steel fabricating shop in Plymouth, primarily making storage tanks

Jabara, whose developments run into the millions of dollars now, remembers a staff of three – one driver, one welder and one helper – making a total of \$6 per hour That was in 1959

"Today, those people would probably be making more than \$20 per hour," Jabara said with a smile

When the brothers sold the business 17 years later, there were three plants employing some 150 people

Kal now owns Parkside Gallery (formerly Wild Wings), while Jim has been a major force in development in this area. Forest Place and Westchester Square in downtown Plymouth are among the



Jim Jabara who recently celebrated his 75th birthday, is a former city commissioner and is active in a variety of civic groups, including the Kiwanis Club

many projects that bear Jabara's mark He recently finished a 14,000-square-foot day care center in Canton

Ann Milligan has worked for Jabara for 35 years In fact, Jabara hired her 'when other people were telling me I was too old to be hired,' Milligan

'He's the greatest guy you would ever want to meet," Milligan said 'Everyone should have a boss like him He's very understanding, very easy-going, generous and very conscientious'

GIVING BACK

And, while hes been busy making his mark in the business community, Jabara may be best known for his numerous civic undertakings. He's been a Plymouth city commissioner, and he's a devoted member of the Plymouth. Kiwanis Club, which meets at

noon Thursdays at Ernesto's He used to belong to the evening club, but couldn't make the meetings once he got elected, so he helped establish the noon club in 1967

Jabara is also a valuable member of the Plymouth Salvation Army, serving on its advisory board, ringing bells for the annual Red Kettle Campaign and essentially giving his time whenever it's needed

'He is our go-to guy when we need something done," said the Salvation Army's Maj Jacqueline Hull 'He knows everyone"

Jabara shrugs off such praise, figuring instead that serving your community is simply a vital contribution

"You take some, you put some back," Jabara said of his community service "If everyone put back just a little, it'd be a much better place Some people don't have it in their heart That's where it has to come from"

Jabara's personal interests tend to be outdoorsy. He's an avid hunter, yet another interest to which Kal introduced him Kal was 16, Jim was 14 when they started by hunting grouse and rabbits. Now, his walls are adorned with any number of trophies he has captured through the years.

Another passion is flying, although he's never gone so far as to get his pilot's license. He thought about it years ago, when his son was 12, but put it off in order not to entice the child. The irony? Jabara's son has his license.

"I always wanted to fly, but we decided I'd hold off until the kid was in college," Jabara said, a smile spreading across his face "I held off for him, and then he went and beat me

Jabara had two sons – Marty and Mike – with his wife of 40 years, Jean, who passed away in 1991 after a bout with multiple sclerosis Jabara developed another of his interests – cooking – while caring for Jean, who was bound to a wheelchair the last 15 years of her life

The yen for cooking paid off in a different way about eight years ago A friend of Jabara's began bugging him to allow a blind-date setup with a woman named Anita, an Italian-born girl who moved to the US at the age of 10

Jabara took the number and called Anita, setting up their first date. He took along a self-baked apple pie. The couple has been married now for eight years.

Sons Mike, a venture capitalist in Las Vegas, and Marty, who conducts a small orchestra in Germany, will be part of the annual Jabara family reunion, as will his three 'beautiful grandchildren,' 18-year-old Zan and 17-year-old James and Jenna

It's part of a ritual the family's been doing for 23 years, and Jabara is happy because this year he won't have to travel far

'This year it's in Plymouth, he said, smiling again at the prospect of being with family 'It's important to stay together" Collect books, win a pizza 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."

Hoben and Bentley elementary schools, in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, have already joined the field of competing schools. 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

"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 e-mail to Street Marketing, (248) 347-4350, fax (248) 347-4985 or e-mail at jodi@streetmktg.com

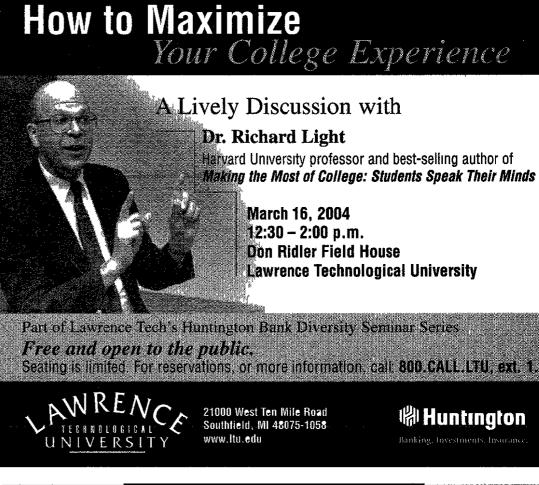
Include the name of your school and school district, address of school, phone number, principal's name and book drive contact name and daytime phone number Also include how many students attend your school

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





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OUR VIEWS

Partnerships start at home

It isn't hard to understand why Plymouth city commissioners and Plymouth Township board members immediately look at the possibility of partnership with a jaundiced eye

Neither side is exactly ecstatic about how agreements for emergency dispatch and fire protection services have worked out from a contractual standpoint Commissioners think they should have more of a say in how those operations are financed, since they foot at least a quarter of the bill Township board members figure the intergovernmental agreements give them control

But with the city facing a \$1 2 million budget deficit and desperate for any partnerships that will help them out of it, this would be a good time to revisit the idea of teaming up with the township

The last time the city made such a proposal, it didn't work out so well The city would have essentially taken control of much of the township's park system and run recreational programs such as soccer, baseball and softball in them

The benefit to the township would have been reduced costs to residents who participate in these programs anyway, and the creation of a de facto recreation program without the cost of establishing it Township board members balked because they didn't want to give up control of their parks

That's certainly a valid concern, though it shouldn't have been a deal breaker Surely there is a way to work out such details to the mutual benefit of all parties concerned

While a partnership with Northville might make financial sense, and there would seem to be a natural inclination to look that way since City Manager Paul Sincock's wife, Traci, heads Northville's recreation program, we think an all-Plymouth arrangement should be put back on the table

The same can be said for public works and certainly for public safety issues There's already an intergovernmental agreement in place for dispatch and fire Why not revisit it if commissioners are unhappy? It makes more sense to the township, too, since refining the existing agreement, and therefore retaining the revenue generated by it, should be preferable to losing it completely

We applaud city officials for trying to look outside the box in digging itself out of its financial morass And, if township board members continue to balk, the city is certainly obligated to find the best available deal

City and township residents have always taken pride in the sense of "community" this area fosters. Their governments should make every effort to keep it that way

Education act needs to be re-evaluated

The goal of the federal No Child Left Behind Act is 100 percent proficiency in reading and mathematics by 2013-14

In Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, we found general support for the goals of NCLB Local education leaders were skeptical about reaching 100 percent but they were supportive of increased accountability, regular testing and a national standard for proficiency

But NCLB has become a hot political issue Though the act was passed by an overwhelming bipartisan vote in 2001, many Democrats have openly criticized the Bush administration for not adequately funding the program

The Bush administration argues that spending on education has grown over the last four years, even while allowing that funding for NCLB is not at authorized levels But, they argue, the funding is adequate to do the job

Educators in our communities, and across the country, are telling the administration that the funding is not adequate to meet the current demands and will be even less adequate when the government begins to impose "remedies" on Title I schools that fail to reach adequate yearly progress

In addition, educators are complaining about various aspects of the program that they assert are unfair Notably, they object that special education students and students who speak English as a second language are included in a school's general population for testing, which puts some schools at a disadvantage toward reaching AYP

Educators also complain that for high-achieving schools in the suburbs, it becomes harder each year to exceed an already high level They also point out that in some districts students opt out of taking the state's MEAP test because they don't think the test is meaningful for their educational goals NCLB requires 95 percent of students take the test for a school to reach AYP

We believe the administration and the Congress need to reach out to the education community, listen to their views and work toward fine-tuning a program with such laudable goals

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LETTERS

Missing the point

With all due respect, how is it possible for you to give a critique of a movie you have not seen ("'Passion' shines light on brutality, casts Jesus' message in shadow, Plymouth Observer, March 4) Not only are you very misguided on your point of view of the movie, but also on your point of view of the actual passion of Christ 2,000 years ago

If you focus on the brutality you have missed the point The entire point of Christ's passion is in fact His love for us The people who took a hand in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ were you and me and everyone we know With each denial of Jesus, with each harsh word, bit of gossip, slander, greed, vanity, etc , we helped to put those gruesome stripes into His flesh We helped to put the nails in His feet and hands

He already knew this about us, and yet he succumbed to the will of God Out of love for us, so we would not perish Without Jesus Christ, we would not be reconciled to God How can we possibly look at Jesus and not remember what He gave for us, before we take delight in His light and resurrection

So you call yourself a Christian, and yet you take the word of one man who is a sinner, just as you and I are, and yet turned your back on the one man who embraces all of humanity You do not have to see a movie to feel love for Jesus Christ and his suffering for us

You need simply to look at the cross and embrace it As for Mel Gibson, may God continue to bless him with the vision and courage to make more movies embracing Christianity The war has been long in Hollywood, and finally we are starting to win a battle Be proud of your faith — do not hide it under a bushel basket or under the pretense of being a wuss Stand firm May God bless

> **Mary Beth Soignet** Plymouth

Great carrier

Eric Bartel has been my Observer carrier for many years Next fall, he will be a senior in high school with plans to attend automotive school after graduation

Since I have watched him grow up I can attest to the fact he is a fine, mannerly and dedicated young man Eric has a great work ethic and I want to applaud a super young Plymouth citizen and his family

Thanks, and good luck, Eric I will miss you!

> Diane Montagano Plymouth

Special ed short-changed

As a parent of a child in the Plymouth-Canton district who attends a PPI program and has multiple special needs, I am incensed and disappointed that during the "spotlight on education' segment of the March 9 meeting, special education directors Julie Woodhams and Wally Jurewicz were only scheduled for 10-15 minutes to present to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on special education in the district

This appears to be a "slap" in the face to those of us in the district whose children they are supposed to be representing Since future meeting agendas are not listed on the Web site (as they publicly should be), am I to assume this will be the only opportunity, this year, before June, that special education will have the opportunity to do a presentation to the board in a public setting?

Since there are approximately 2,000 students in the district receiving parttime and full-time special education services in the district, I am assuming that special education directors would be allowed more than 10-15 minutes of board time once a year?

Also, I am curious as to how many board members or administrators have ever observed any of the special education classes or services in our district?

As an aside, I would like to point out that I am writing as a spokesperson for parents of children with special needs in the district, not as a mouthpiece for my husband, Richard Ham-Kucharski, a trustee of the board, out of respect for $\,$ whom out I have kept quiet for so long

> Dawn Ham-Kucharski mother of Alex age 5

Assuming guilt

As a parishioner of St Thomas I would like to go on record as stating that I am outraged at the loss of our priest, Father

All of us who know this man realize that the accusations against him are totally false Father Kelly has been with us for 11 years In those 11 years he has conducted himself with compassion, integrity and love His devotion to the church and his parish family is unshakeable Again, I stress those of us who know Father Kelly realize that he is inno-

I am saddened, troubled and angry at what is being done to him. As so many have stated, in America you are innocent until proven guilty Yet it seems as if our priests are now excluded from this right

that we are all supposed to share Because of the actions of some very sick priests ALL of our priests now are being made to suffer We cannot condemn ALL for the actions of SOME I am the first to say that I am sickened by what some priests have done in the past

and were allowed to do As a victim of rape I take sexual abuse issues very strongly However, we must not forget that until someone is proven guilty you do not treat them as a criminal Our Catholic church is in serious trouble I agree that what was allowed to happen in the past is wretched. It was

But it is also wrong to assume that just because someone points a finger and makes an accusation that the other party is assumed to be guilty and treated as such If this is the case then we are ALL in trouble, not just our priests

> Lauren Lucas Plymouth

Stewart helps

I am a senior at Salem High School in

Canton It has been my dream to attend Michigan State University I have always tried my hardest in school but at the beginning of my senior year I fell just short of my goal, I was deferred from the university

I reached out to (state Rep) John Stewart in hopes he could direct me in the right direction to somehow make my dreams come true He did more for me than I could have ever expected of him John Stewart is the kind of representa-

tive that every community should be blessed with I can't imagine another man so fitting for the job that he does He set the tone for the rest of my life Thanks to him, I am getting a chance to show Michigan State what I really can do I was recently accepted there and I will never be able to thank him quite enough

> Carrie L. Podrasky Salem senior

Tread lightly

I read with amusement the letter from Mr McClevarty which sarcastically described the military service of President Bush and former Vice President Dan Quayle As an aside to my main point, I don't believe that Mr Quayle is running for anything this time, but liberals just can t seem to get over anything, can they?

If Mr McClevarty was attempting to be clever by disparaging the service of those who did not serve in a combat theater, he may want to tread a little lightly Many veterans served honorably without seeing combat

The fact that they wore the uniform deserves our gratitude and respect, even John Kerry My dear late father did not have to serve due to extremely acute astigmatism, but he was able to cheat on an eye exam and get into the uniform He served proudly in World War II and the Korean war without seeing combat

If Mr McClevarty's clever intent was to disparage the National Guard, might I remind him that Timothy McVeigh served in the regular US Army in the first gulf war, and that Lee Harvey Oswald served in the regular US Marine Corps

Mark F. Tooze Plymouth Township

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"The role of school board members is to think globally, know the community well, and do what's best for all kids. There will always be special interests and special needs groups, but you have to balance the needs of one child against the needs of another in what's best for the whole."

- School board member Elizabeth Givens on the role of the school board

Trading college tuition cap for state aid is terrible idea

eaders with long memories may remember something called the University Investment Commission, a group led by Paul Hillegonds which met on and off during the fall of 2002 The idea was to invent a vehicle for a broad cross-section of citizens to reflect on how much a great university system benefits the state and to consider how best to deal with a terrible state economic climate. The panel deliberately did not include university folks, whose participation could have seemed self-serving

I served on the commission, and I can report that our discussions were pretty much true to the

> original idea. We wound up writing a report that was duly disseminated to various and sundry, including the governor and the state Legislature We also urged the University Presidents' Council to follow up on some of our suggestions This report, signed by Irvin Reid, president of Wayne State University, and Mike Boulus, executive director of the UPC, arrived recently



Plainly, universities in Michigan are responding to tough times State appropriations dropped by \$240 million or 15 percent between December 2002 and December 2003 During the same time, public universities cut another \$160 million from their collective budgets and laid off more than 1,400 full-time employees Course offerings are being reduced and class sizes increased

One of our commission's recommendations had to do with finding collective ways to save money The universities helped start the Higher Education/State of Michigan Purchasing Consortium, which bundles purchasing power among universities on such things as gas and electric utilities, mail, printing, fleet management, travel and information technology This partnership just signed a contract with Consumers Energy that will save MSU, Western Michigan University and UM-Flint an estimated \$730,000 in electricity costs over the next two years A similar collective bid for natural gas is in

Rising health care costs are hitting everybody, and the universities have responded by starting the Michigan Universities Coalition on Health to create a composite picture of their collective health care services and costs These data are being used to inform competitive bidding from health care providers. The numbers involved are not trivial A consulting firm, Hewitt and Associates, estimates medical expenses will increase at an annual rate of 12 percent, while the prices of drugs will increase by 20 percent annu-

ally through 2008 Increases of this magnitude could mean that state universities' health care costs could approach \$500 million annually - a substantial target for cost savings

Affordability loomed large in our commission's discussions, as declines in state support inevitably produce increases in university tuition and fees There are at least three aspects to this issue 1) Students and their families are understandably grumpy at having to pay increases in tuition that exceed inflation 2) Politicians love to trumpet how they're working to keep tuition low (as though they think students and their families aren't smart enough to see that tuition increases are the direct result of reduced state support) 3) In higher education, as in everything else, you tend to get what you pay for, a cheap university degree isn't necessarily the best degree and may render the recipient uncompetitive with equally well-trained but much cheaper workers abroad

The Granholm administration has now produced a plan under which those universities that limit their fall 2004 tuition increases to the rate of inflation (currently 2 4 percent) will receive a rebate of 3 percent of this year's 5 percent Executive Order appropriations reduction and no further appropriations reductions for the fiscal year that begins Oct 1, 2004 Most universities are considering taking up the governor's offer

But beware! Accepting a cap on tuition increases risks setting a dangerous precedent, especially for high-quality institutions. Once a universal expectation arises that tuition will not increase faster than inflation, any university that wishes to increase quality will find itself in a terrible bind

Michigan State University confronted exactly that problem in the 1990s, when President M Peter McPherson unilaterally announced that MSU tuition would rise no faster than inflation The chain of causation was inevitable Inflation was low, costs steadily increased, faculty salaries and other academic expenses were in effect frozen, faculty became grumpy, academic quality declined Ultimately, McPherson was forced to reverse course

Sorry to say it, but if Michigan is going to compete with the rest of the world for good jobs, that competition will in large part be won or lost on the basis of the quality of education, faculty and research in our universities A politically convenient cap on college tuition in exchange for reduced cuts in state support may sound good at first But it will likely turn out to be a terrible idea in the end

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 ppow er@homecomm net

| Will front-page story run when priest is cleared?

was shocked and deeply saddened to read the Detroit Free Press reports of Father Kelly's suspension This is a man I have known and respected for more than 30 years The newspaper report was both sensational and irresponsible In a letter to parishioners dated Feb 28, Father Kelly absolutely denied these allegations Father Kelly's denial was not mentioned in this front-page report. The report quoted someone not affiliated with the Prosecutor's Office (hearsay) as saying there was either not enough evidence to file criminal

> charges or that the statute of limitations had expired Which was it? There is an enormous difference

I understand a newspaper wanting to protect the identity of an alleged victim if the victim does not consent to having their name published, nevertheless a responsible report would have included other pertinent or alleged facts What are the details of this alleged offense and is there any proof to support

them? When did these allegations surface? The alleged victim is now in his 40s. Why did it take so long to come forward? Did the victim demand compensation and did the Archdiocese pay this person money? Have there been other allegations against this priest? How old was the alleged victim at the time of the event? Do the allegations involve a single incident? Was force or coercion allegedly involved? Were there physical or psychological injuries and is there any proof to support either?

Gerou

The current scandal in the Catholic Church spanning some 50 years includes everything from pedophiles preying on young children to consensual acts with 17-year-olds This report gave no indication of where in that spectrum this allegation falls, but alluded to the more grievous problems facing the church

To print where this man, who has not been convicted of anything, specifically resides is outrageous This is a very emotionally

charged issue and there is a vigilante element in the public One convicted pedophile priest has already been brutally murdered in prison To speculate on why this man took a leave of absence 30 years ago and to state that he graduated from a seminary class where 10 percent of the graduates have been accused of abuse is simply reckless. How is that different than saying 10 percent of certain heinous crimes are committed by a certain ethnic minority, and by the way, the accused also belongs to that minority? When was the bar lowered to guilt by association? By what logic should one connect Father Kelly's alleged actions with those of the 10 percent minority and not with the 90 percent majority who have lived exemplary lives?

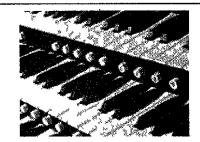
The Catholic Church has a serious problem, one of its own making to a large degree, however, two wrongs never make a right Where is the due process? The Catholic bishop's burden of proof is far below that required for a criminal conviction. To my knowledge, what we have is an unsubstantiated 33-year-old allegation that has recently arisen from an unknown victim who has been an adult for many years, which has been vehemently denied by a man who has dedicated his entire adult life to doing the work of God There will be no criminal prosecution, hence, he will have no chance to confront the witness against him in a court of law Meanwhile, this man's life has been publicly destroyed while he scrambles to try to prove

that something didn't happen 33 years ago Will there be front-page coverage in the event Father Kelly is cleared?

My Catholic faith has not been shaken one 10ta by the scandal in our church If there is one thing I have learned from my 15 years of Catholic education is that one has the duty to stand up for the oppressed and for what is right and to rectify wrongs, especially wrongs that you have perpetuated It is shameful how this affair has been handled and reported

Michael Gerou is a Canton resident and judge with the 35th District Court

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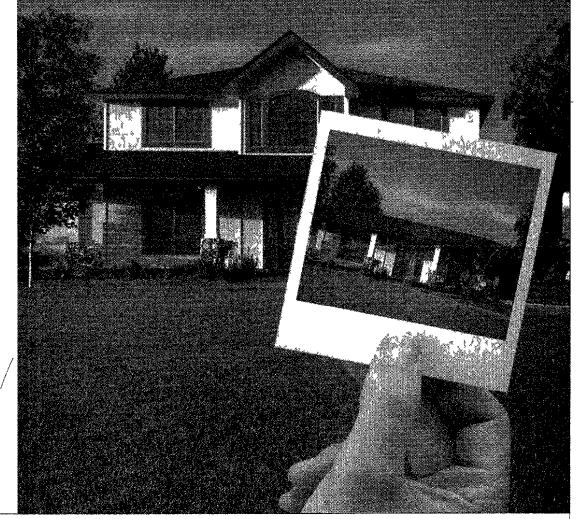
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National champs

The Plymouth Kicks '89, a U-15 boys indoor 6on-6 soccer team are the reigning national champions after surviving the regional tournament at High Velocity in Canton in January to earn a trip to the National Tournament February 14-15 in Chicago

In Chicago, the Kicks met and defeated teams from Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York in the preliminary rounds in the semifinals, they topped Westside United (Ind.), 5.4 in overtime

That put them up against the Kalamazoo Kingdom in the final, a game they won by a 6-5 score

It was the eighthstraight time the Kicks have qualified for the national tournament Team members are **Brooks Belhart, Brett** Brazier, Adam Brown, Mike Chang, Kevin Costa, John Farmer, Josh Hammond, Brian Hunscher, Nosa Iyoha, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Alex Lumley, Bryan Montaivo, Eric Szydłowski and Brian Walsh

The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley, Kulczycki was recently named th e2003 MSYSA coach of the year he will be presented his award at the annual state meeting March 27

District champs

Plymouth Christian Academy outdueled Canton Agape Christian 15-2, 15-8 to win the Class D voileyball district at Plymouth Christian Academy Saturday.

The Eagles advance to the Class D Regional hosted by Adrian Lenawee Christian They will play Camden-Frontier in the regional semifinal Among the PCA leaders

in the district tournament were junior Kelli Seller with 15 kills and 10 digs, sophomore Kelsie Tretjen with eight kills, two blocks and 15 points served, senior Lindsay Pew with 11 digs and 25 set assists, and Julie Bahbah with 15 digs and 18 points served

Diver qualifies

Livonia Franklin senior Dan Rais captured the Division I boys diving regional Tuesday hosted



by Ann Arbor Pioneer Rais, the Western Lakes **Activities Association** champ who finished 10th in the state meet a year ago, will be joined in Ann Arbor this weekend by Salem's Andrew Murawski, who was 10th at the regional (32760)

Hoop shooter

Andrew Tidwell, a sixthgrader at Discovery Middle School from Canton, scored 34 points in one minute to finish second at the MRPA Regional Hoop Shoot Basketball Skills Competition Sunday in

Saline He finished two points behind Kyle Young, a sev enth-grader from Belleville

Salem falls short in district upset bid of Northville

Everything went according to plan That's Salem's plan for its Class A district basketball opener against Northville Monday The Rocks, hosting this district tournament, wanted to keep the game under control and limit the mistakes that were so costly in their 57-38 loss at Northville Feb 3

"They executed the game plan to the hilt and stuck with it,' said Salem coach Bob Brodie "We wanted to control the ball on offense and take care of the ball,

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A lower-scoring game? 'Not necessarily lower scoring," replied Brodie "We just wanted a chance at the end'

The Rocks got it, a three-pointer by Brian Bradley in the final seconds that hit the rim and bounced out, making Northville a 30-29 winner

Salem ends its season at 8-13 Northville, now 14-7, met South Lyon Wednesday night in the district semifi-

You know what they say, that sometimes it's better to be lucky," said Northville coach Darryl Schumacher "Ugly is ugly, but we'll take it

They did what we thought teams would do against us play zone (defense) and try to force us outside'

Lower scoring was the result Neither team ever had a double-digit lead, Northville's biggest was seven on two occasions, and Salem's largest was five

The Mustangs finished the third quarter with a 23-16 advantage and, after a basket by Salem's Chris Haar 33 into the fourth, Marcus Davis restored Northville's seven-point lead with a score inside

But the Rocks, who scored a meager two points in the third quarter, came alive after Davis' hoop A three-point play by Brad Clark followed two minutes later by a three-pointer by Bradley

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Wolverines overtake **Detroit City**

It took forever for Canton Agape Christian to catch Detroit City on Tuesday night

But when the Wolvermes caught up, they did nothing but pull away as they came through with a 57-44 win over the Bears in a Class D district opener at Detroit Urban Lutheran

"We played a methodical game," said Agape coach Chuck Henry as his team improved to 16-5, they will play Redford Bishop Borgess in tonight's 8 p m. semifinal "It was good fortune for us not to get caught in a running game

Being methodical paid off in the third quarter when Agape trailed 30-22 But slowly, Detroit City's lead melted away and by the end of the third it was only 35-34

In the fourth quarter, the Wolverines took over They got the lead on a baseline drive by Jordan Napier and traded baskets for the next few minutes,

Napier's three-pointer and a layup by Charlie Henry made it 44-39, and Agape was never headed The Bears ended a five-minute scoring drought with 1 30 left with a layup by Keith Wartley to cut the deficit to 49-41

Agape's Gabe Molnar pretty much wrapped up the game with 45 left City inbounded the ball and the guards tried to let it roll up the court so the clock wouldn't start Molnar intervened, picking the ball up and driving in for the layup to seal the game

"We played much better in the second half," said Henry "We had 10 turnovers in the first half, but they didn't convert them to points

Charlie Henry led the Wolverines with 23 points - despite battling the flu until a few hours before game time Napier added 19 and Gabe and Matt Molnar had four points each Charles Streater and Antoine Hardie had 11 points each for City, which finished its season at 6-15

Novi pulls away from Canton



Canton's Andy Cortellini drives past Novi's Brad Chandler, something Cortellini found difficult to do in Wednesday's district semifinal Cortellini finished with 7 points

For three-and-a-half quarters, Canton gave Novi all it could handle in a Class A district basketball semifinal Wednesday at Salem

But 28 of 32 minutes wasn't enough, not against a team the caliber of Novi A three-point play by D J Bridges with 4 18 left put the Chiefs up 48-47, but the Wildcats followed with a 13-point run that carried them to a 60-50 win

Canton ends its season at 13-8 Novi, now 19-3, advances to Friday's district final against Northville

"It's the story of our season," said Canton coach Charlie Pave "We play three good quarters, and

"But I give our guys credit, they played hard They battled all year' Until Novi's final run, the outcome of this game was never certain A burst by one team was always answered by the other

Example An eight-point Novi streak at the end of the first quarter was followed by a Bridges' basket After a Wildcat turnover, Canton's Jason Houdek was fouled on his desperation buzzer shot from mid-court He hit all three free throws to make it 19-17

Novi scored the first eight of the second quarter to go up 27-17, but the Chiefs followed with a 7-2 run, and it was 29-24 at the half

Canton started to take command in the third quarter, scoring nine straight to go up 39-36 But it was Novi's turn to reply with a seven-point run

The 'Cats led 43-41 after three and the Chiefs seemed to be gaining momentum But they couldn't answer that final 13-point Novi run, including 9-of-14 free throws

Bridges led Canton with 17 points Matt Paye scored eight Brad Simpson netted 26 for Novi, with Brad Chandler adding 14 and Trevor Hoover eight

CC freezes Pioneer to reach semis

Now that the extended road trip to Dearborn is over, it's time for Redford Catholic Central's hockey team to return home - literally and figuratively

The Shamrocks pounced out to a 3-0 lead thanks to a deer-in-the-headlights first period by Ann Arbor Pioneer The Pioneers woke up to make it a game, but CC still came away with a 6-2 win in Wednesday's Division 1 quarterfinal

The win at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center - the fourth game in 10 days for CC at the rink - moves the five-time defending state champion Shamrocks into the semifinals against East Kentwood at 8 30 p m Friday at Compuware Arena

"It was the first game in the last 15, I think, that we scored first, so it was nice to get the lead," said CC coach Todd Johnson 'I don't know what happened to them in the first period, but they came out ready to go in the second period'

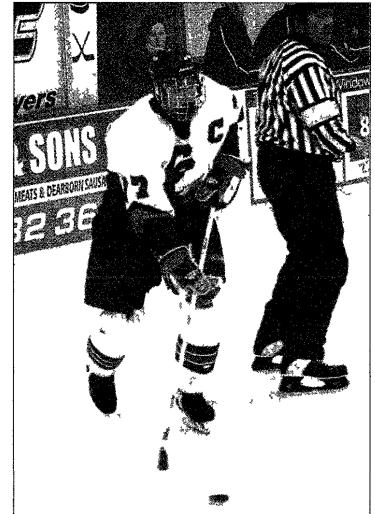
After several good scoring chances were stoned by Pioneer goalie Joonas Kyllianen, the Shamrocks (19-6-3) broke through with three goals in less than two minutes

Jimmy Burns, Pete Pfeffer and Dan Barczuk tallied the first-period goals Pioneer (23-3-1) came back in the second

period with goals by Mike Weber and Gary Evan Owen, cutting the lead to 3-2 Twenty-eight seconds after Owen's goal, CC's Dave McGrorty scored from Jason

Lewarne In the third, Pfeffer made it 5-1 with a turnaround in the front of the goal that beat Kyllianen with 2 41 left Mike Oakleaf closed out the scoring with 1 15 left by wristing a

shot past Kyllianen with Barczuk assisting Andrew Godoshian had a fine game, making 20 saves while Kyllianen stopped 28



CC's Mike Monterey scored the winning goal with 27 seconds left against Birmingham Unified on Saturday

Canton, Salem shine at region

For Canton and Salem, last Saturday's Region II Gymnastics Meet at Plymouth HS was sensational For Livonia Unified, it was good - certainly good

All three, and Northville/Novi (which finished first), qualified for Friday's team state meet at Plymouth The ındıvıdual state finals will be Saturday, also at Plymouth

The Region II meet provided the "wild card" qualifier for state Salem, which had the top team score (must be over 140) of all

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the regions fourth-place finishers The Rocks scored 143 35, their

best mark of the season

But even more impressive was Canton's performance The Chiefs posted a 144 725, breaking the school team record they set in their first meet of the season and placing them second Northville/Novi, competing with one of its top gymnasts, Sara Wilchowski, out of the lineup, still managed to take top honors with a 146 775

And what about Livonia Unified, the Western Lakes Activities Association champions? Livonia was third with a 144 65 (see statistical summary)

"I actually thought we might be able to catch Northville/Novi," said Canton coach John Cunningham,

"but boy, are they deep 'Our (balance) beam and vault were near perfect. We

had a nice balance - all the kids did well" Livonia coach Christa Hinderliter was happy her team qualified for state but not all that pleased with their overall performance "We've seen better days," she said, noting in particular the 146 55 they scored at the

PLEASE SEE **REGION II, B4**

Plymouth can't keep pace with S'western

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For two quarters — the first and third — Plymouth played Detroit Southwestern evenly in their Class B district basketball openers Monday at Plymouth HS

But the other two quarters weren't so even

The Prospecters dominated Plymouth in those periods, outscoring the Wildcats 12-3 in the second and 16-4 in the fourth, to claim a 57-34 victory Plymouth's freshmen and sophomores finish at 13-3 overall, 6-3 against varsity squads, Southwestern took a 6-12 overall record into Wednesday's district semifinal against Detroit Renaissance, then No 1ranked team overall in the

"The shots fell early and we stuck with them,' said Plymouth coach Dave Van Wagoner, whose team trailed

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15-13 after one quarter and 27-16 at the half "It was a real physical game I thought we could make a run after (the third quarter, trailing 41-30), but they got a dunk early and it kind of got them going"

The dunk came from Paul Roper, who ledall scorers with 20 points Carlos Lovelady was next best for Southwestern with 10

Plymouth got 12 points from Jim Wilbur, nine points and eight rebounds from A J Davey, and six points and six assists from Brent James

"I was real proud of the way my kids played,' said Van Wagoner "They were real tough They were just playing a team a little better than us

Urban Lutheran 74, Ply.

Christian 56: As bad as the final outcome might seem, the truth is Plymouth Christian Academy played pretty well in losing in its Class D district opener Monday at Detroit Urban Lutheran

The Vikings improved to 18-3 with the victory PCA bows out at 13-8

'They hurt us inside on second-chance points,' said Eagles' coach Doug Taylor "We actually played pretty well It's not that bad getting beat by a better team

"We didn't give the game away They're a very good basketball team

Aaron Ciborowski led led PCA with 18 points Ben Baloga netted 12 and Daniel Carty scored 11 The Eagles trailed by three points at halftime and by nine after three

Shamrocks rout Thurston in opener

In actual distance, Thurston and Catholic Central are separated by mere blocks

In basketball Monday night, the difference was light years

CC used some torrid first-half shooting, solid defense and a bad case of nerves by the Eagles to roll to a 76-56 win in their Class A district opener at Livonia Stevenson

'We weren't mentally ready to play, Thurston coach Brian Bates said after his team ended the season at 14-7 "I think it was a little case of it being CC and it got in the kids head And we didn't have guard Brandon Paige (on crutches with a bad ankle) That didn't help

Simply, it was first-quarter shooting that allowed the Shamrocks (16-5) to move on CC could hit, Thurston could not The Shamrocks were 10-of-14 in the first quarter, while the Eagles were just 5-of-16 CC cooled down a touch in the second quarter, making only 8-of-14 with four 3-pointers — three of them by Jim Cash Thurston was just 3-of-9 in the quarter and, what's worse, the Eagles also turned the ball over five times

"Both teams had good looks at the basket," CC coach Rick Coratti said "But our shots were uncontested and we tried to get a body on them That was the difference If the shots are uncontested, most kids will eventu-

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ally make them I thought we played pretty good defense"

The offense wasn't too shabby either, although the defense helped CC took a 44-19 halftime lead, thanks to its outside shooting and Dan Waterstradt underneath with 10 of his 15 points

Thurston tried to stem the bleeding in the third quarter with seven of Chaz Bryant's team-high 15 points, but Cash and Derek Brooks kept draining triples and CC held a 65-33 lead after three

The Eagles finally got going in the fourth, but it was far too late

'We stood around on the perimeter too much," Bates said 'When we started falling behind, we started pressing ourselves and began to act like we had to make every shot When you miss, you start to worry and the next time you get more tense and it snow-

Cash led all scorers with 21 points, while Brooks had 15 and Kyle Smith had six Bryant was the only Eagle in double figures, while Brandon Cooper added six CC cooled off down the stretch and was 29-of-56 from the floor - but 18-of-28 in the first half did the damage Thurston was 22-of-57 for the game, but just 8-of-25 in the first 16 min-

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SALEM

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trımmed the Mustangs' lead to 25-24, and suddenly a new challenge emerged The first one to 30 points would win

A Salem turnover led to a fast-break score by Mark Sorensen, giving the Mustangs a three-point lead The Rocks' Dominique Washington responded with a jumper that made it 27-26 with 1 50 to

Brett Asher got inside and scored for Northville to make it a three-point game, but then Washington was fouled on a three-point try from the wing Despite Northville timeouts after Washington's first and second tries, he made all three free throws to knot the game at 29-all with 1 07 to go

The Mustangs ran the clock down to 20 as Salem went to a man-to-man defense to apply pressure That's when Tim Singleton drove the baseline and was fouled by Eric Vanston

with 172 remaining, Singleton missed the first try but made the second for a one-point Mustang lead

The Rocks rotated the ball in

search of a clear shot, which is what Bradley got from just outside the three-point arc in the final seconds - but it wouldn't

drop Leading scorers? Well, no

one reached double figures, the top scorer was Salem's Washington with eight points Bradley had seven and Clark

For Northville, Asher, Davis and Sorensen all finished with six points

Although a Singleton free throw ended up as the gamewinning point, it was the Mustangs' performance at the line that nearly doomed them They were just 7-of-16 (43 8 percent), Salem was 5-of-7 (71 4 percent)

"We did what we had to do," Brodie said "We followed the game plan

'Everything went well except the final score

Working to keep his clients for life

By Candy Parent DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Curt Fournier is more than just a mortgage broker

From the moment a client enters, they will notice the differences While waiting, customers can enjoy a selection off of the snack and beverage menu and relax while watching Nemo and other fish swim in aquariums built into the wall And once a client begins working with Curt, they will find the entire office devoted to securing them the best mortgage possi

When a client visits Curt, he looks at their credit rating their current financial situation and their short and long term goals to find the mortgage that will save them the most money

"I give people expert advice," he says

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"Every person's situation is different Everyone's goals are different" Curt says 'Choosing

the right program is crucial ' For example, some clients may benefit from an interest only loan The interest only loan allows customers to make low minimum payments, free



Curt Fournier, far left, has a staff of six dedicated to helping clients. Pictured from left are Fournier, Eric Lewandowski, Tami Rogers, Deniele LaButte, Carla Eagan and Victoria Januscewski (seated). Jason Foumier is not pictured.

ing up cash to pay off non tax deductible, high-interest credit cards or to help someone through a temporary financial

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Curt says And, with property

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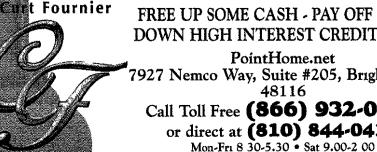
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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT PAIRINGS CLASS A at LIVONIA STEVENSON

Friday March 12 Championsh p final 7 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Macomb Dakota vs. the Detroit Mumford district champion.) at ROMULUS

Friday March 12 Champ onship final 7 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Romulus vs. the Southgate Anderson district champion.)

at SALEM

Friday March 12 Championship final 7 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Birmingham Groves vs Rochester district champion)

CLASS B at CLAWSON

Friday March 12 Championship final 7 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Warren Woods Tower vs St Clair Shores Lakeview district champion) CLASS D

at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN

Thursday, March 11 Westland Huron
Valley Lutheran vs A B winner 6 p m C D
winner vs E F winner 8 p m
Friday March 12 Championship final 7
p m (Winner advances to the regional
semifinal at Chelsea vs Britton Macon dis

trict champion)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

REGIONAL PAIRINGS CLASS C

(Friday March 12) at BURTON-BENDLE

Semifinals Lutheran Westland vs

Marlette 6 pm Burton Atherton vs Royal

Oak Shrine 7 pm
Championship final 8 pm (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday March 16 at Whitmore Lake vs Petersburg Summerfield regional champi

CLASS A (Saturday March 13) at CHELSEA

Semifinals Livonia Stevenson vs Chelsea 10 am Livonia Churchili vs Westland John Glenn noon

Championship final 2 p m (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday March 16 at Dundee vs Dearborn Heights Crestwood regional champion)

CLASS B
(Saturday March 13)
at PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP

Semifinals R verview vs Royal Oak Dondero 10 am Livonia Ladywood vs Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 11 am Championship final Noon (Winner

Championship final Noon (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday March 16 at Armada vs Marysville regional champion)

PREP WRESTLING
INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS
at PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
Thursday March 11
First round 2 45 pm

Friday March 12
Consolation 8 30 a m semifinals 7 p m
Saturday, March 13
Consolation 8 30 a m finals 4 45 p m

BOYS SWIMMING Friday Saturday March 12-13 Division I meet at Univ of Michigan noon

ision I meet at Univ of Michiga noon GIRLS GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS at PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Friday March 12
Team competition 4 p m
Saturday March 13
Division I individual noon
Division II individual 3 30 p m
GiRLS HOCKEY STATE SEMIFINALS
at NOVI ICE ARENA

Thursday March 11
Ladywood vs G P South 6 p m
Kingswood vs Northville 8 p m
Saturday March 13
State finals at Novi Ice Arena 7 30 p m
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday March 12 Whalers at Kitchener 730 p m Saturday March 13 Whalers at Erie Otters 730 p m Sunday, March 14

Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware) 2 p m COLLEGE BASEBALL Friday March 12

Madonna vs Spaulding 3 p m
Saturday March 13
Spaulding U Round Robin (Louisville
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Spaulding U Round Robin (Louisville

Madonna vs. IU Southeast (DH) noon Sunday, March 14 Spaulding U Round Robin (Louisville Ky)

Madonna vs Spaulding noon

TBA – time to be announced

Madonna stumbles after fast start on spring trip

Good start, lousy finish

That summarizes the spring trip of Madonna University's baseball team The Crusaders won their first five games, then went 4-7 the rest of the way for a 9-7 mark

The final two games on the trip were Monday, with Madonna winning the first, 13-0 over Judson College (Elgin, Ill) and losing the second, 7-4 to Malone College (Canton, OH)

In the first, a five-inning mercy, Chris Behrns got the pitching win with four scoreless innings, allowing three hits and a walk while striking out six

Gary VanAllen led the offense with three hits including a double, two runs scored and five runs batted in Kevin Zerbo (from Farmington Harrison) added two hits, with a two-run home run in the third inning, four runs scored and three RBI

It was a different story in the loss to Malone Starter Doug Brooks was tagged for seven runs (five earned) on nine hits and two walks in four innings, he struck out five in dropping to 0-3 this season

Preston Picard (Farmington) and Tony Kern each had two hits for the Crusaders, Picard driving in a run

In other games last weekend, Madonna lost 2-1 to Dakota Wesleyan (S D) Friday, defeated Malone 10-0 and Millersville (Pa)5-3 on Saturday, then lost 2-1 to Dakota Wesleyan Sunday

There were several bright spots for

the Crusaders on the trip Offensively, Picard was solid with a team-highs in batting average 449, hits (22), stolen bases (five) and triples (two), hes tied with Ben Galus for most doubles (four), and has eight runs scored and seven RBI

Other standouts were Kellen Fry with a 400 average, three doubles and six RBI, Zerbo with a 378 average and team bests in runs (12), home runs (two) and RBI (13, Jason Barbeau with a 324 average and eight runs, VanAllen with a 297 average, three doubles and 12 RBI, and Galus with a 292 average, 11 runs, four doubles and 11 RBI

Three starting pitchers won two games apiece for Madonna Dan Duffey (Farmington Hills/Redford Catholic Central), who was 2-0 and allowed just one unearned run on two hits and seven walks with 11 strikeouts in 12 2/3 innings, Derek Dufrane, who also was 2-0 with a 0 69 earned run average, giving up three runs (one earned) on six hits and four walks with seven strikeouts in 13 innings, and Mike Hand (North Farmington), who was 2-0 with a 1 50 ERA, allowing two earned runs on eight hits and two walks with seven strikeouts in 12 innings Kyle Fedorka added two saves and a 1 00 ERA in five appearances, allowing one run on five hits and two walks with six strikeouts in nine innings Madonna travels this weekend to Lexington, Ky, for the Spaulding University Round Robin Tournament.

STATE WRESTLING

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FIRST-ROUND PAIRINGS March 11 at Palace of Auburn Hills DIVISION I

275 pounds Pat Drahe m (Livonia Churchill) Jr 47 5 vs Steven Thatcher (Rochester Adams) Jr 34 14 John Morasso (Redford Catholic Central) Jr 38 16 vs Eric Chapman (Waterford Mott) Sr 38 1 Jeremy Walker (Salem) Sr 33 4 vs Liam Knapp (Battle Creek Central) Jr 47 4

103 Alex Fowler (Churchill) Soph 35 14 vs Jeff Shutich (Rockford) Fr 45 1

112 Jason Crothers (Wayne Memorial) Jr 24 7 vs John Johnson (Rockford) Fr 41 4 Mike Warren (Livonia Franklin) Soph 25 13 vs Josh Williams (Grand Blanc) Jr 51 4

119 Justin Smith (Churchill) Jr 38 5 vs Chris Mullins (Saline) Jr 45 12

125 Kris Felice (Churchill) Sr 46 3 vs Aaron Williams (Grand Ledge) Sr 37 7

130 Ryan Hawkins (Franklin) Sr 21 12 vs Tony Lajoie (Clarkston) Sr 48 2

135 Tim Hammer (Wayne) Sr 36 1 vs Matt Fulgenzi (East Detroit) Jr 31 15 Jim Moore (Redford Union) Jr 41 4 vs Ryan Henderson (Hartland) Sr 21 6 Ryan Webb (Canton) Jr 38 5 vs Scott Kowalski (Chippewa Valley) Sr 31 9

vs Jamal Williams (Battle Creek Central) Sr 26 4 Rece Cox (Westland John Glenn) Jr 46 2 vs Keenan Duffie (Davison) Soph 27 8 Dave Watkins (Franklin) Jr 33 16 vs Kyle Ghastin (Holt) Sr 318

145 Dario Mainella (Livonia Stevenson) Sr 48 2 vs Nick Reyes (Romeo) Sr 20 6 152 Ben Adams (Churchill) Jr 38 11 vs Marty Everin (Ann Arbor Pioneer) Sr 48 2 Brad Bartram (Redford Catholic Central) Jr 39 9 vs Bryce Bankowski

9 vs Bryce Bankowski (Temperance Bedford) Sr 48 14 Daron Cruickshank (John Glenn) Sr 44 10 vs Justin Petrone (Roseville) Sr 46 4 160 Trevor Stewart (Redford

160 Trevor Stewart (Redford CC) Jr 54 1 vs Sean Hanton (Holt) Sr 36 12 Emilio Perez (Garden City) Sr 39 6 vs Andrew Pierce (Troy) Sr 43 7

171 Bryan Longton (Wayne) Sr 39 10 vs Nick Vogtman (Grand Rap ds Forest Hills Central) Sr 39 4 Scott Schwarziose (Redford CC) Sr 44 6 vs Roger Cato (Troy) Sr 42 8 Jeremy Sparks (Garden City) Sr 47 4 vs Dustin Pomarius (Rockford) Sr 38 11

189 Joe Bargerstock (Stevenson) Jr 41 11 vs Adam Stephens (Saline) Sr 29 12 Jake Fairchild (John Glenn) Sr 50 5 vs Zak Wagner (West Bloomfield) Jr 30 13

215 Hafeez Qureshi (Churchill)
Jr 447 vs Josh Dahlman (Grand
Haven) Jr 42 9 Eric Schambers
(John Glenn) Sr 46 5 vs Andrew
Middleton (Romeo) Sr 43 9 Eric
Vojtkofsky (Redford CC) Jr 22 6
vs Jes Smith (Forest Hills Central)

DIVISION IV

275 pounds Jameson Higgins (Lutheran Westland) Sr 36 11 vs Rudy Pineda (Montague) Sr 38 3 152 Brandon Noble (Lutheran

Westland) Sr 46 5 vs Nick Wolf (Olivet) Sr 41 12 171 Dan Haller (Lutheran

171 Dan Haller (Lutheran Westland) Sr 43 5 vs Arron Fitzpatrick (Martin) Sr 49 12

189 Neal Kemp (Lutheran & Westland) Sr 480 vs Ray Porter (Bangor) Jr 216

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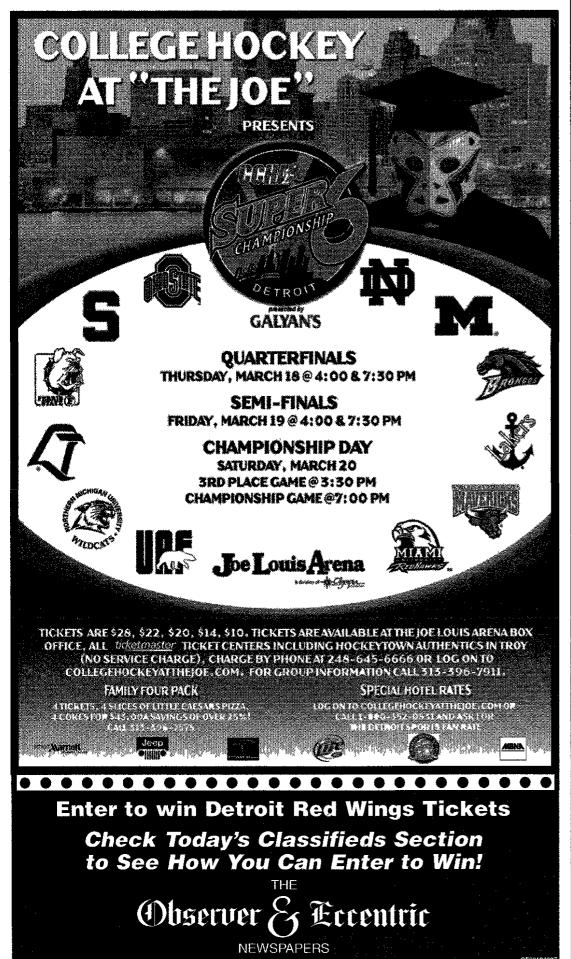
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It was one of those hockey games where you hate to see it end, let alone end the way it did

But the bottom line was that a controversial penalty with 32 seconds left led to an unquestionable goal five seconds later, allowing five-time defending Division 1 state champ Catholic Central to escape with a 2-1 win over second-ranked and previously unbeaten Birmingham Unified in Saturday night's regional final

"This was the real state title game," a red-eved Birmingham Unified coach Steve McIntyre said after his team ended the season at 21-1-5 "The referees did an excellent job all game But in this situation, with so much on the line, I say you don't make that call If it happened the other way and we went up 2-1 on a penalty, I'd feel the same way"

With less than 40 seconds left and the score tied at 1-1, CC's Jimmy Burns skated toward the net to the left of Birmingham goalie Bobby Howe BU's Mark Cromer appeared to get his stick up around Burns' neck, hauled him down and was called for the penalty

The faceoff started with 32 2 seconds

left to Howe's left CC's Jason Lawarne won the draw, sent the puck back to defenseman Tim Buttery, who sent it cross-ice to defensive mate Mike Monterey Monterey sent the puck flying past Howe high on the glove side, which then sent the crowd of 1,600 into pande-

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REQUEST FOR BID

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HOCKEY

"The only thing I can guess is the officials saw the stick around the neck on a potential scoring opportunity, so they felt they had to call it," CC coach Todd Johnson said after his team improved to 18-6-3 "I could see that the stick hit him, but you've still got to make the call This

Indeed, BU stayed with the Shamrocks stride for stride and check for check for most of the game, although CC did outshoot Unified for the game, 33-18

As was the case in every game this on the board first

Cromer led the way on a two-on-one and, once he got over the blue line, sent a pass to Mike Barrett, who one-timed the

Dan Mannes got the assist with 6 19

For the better part of the next 20 minutes, the scoring chances happened for both teams, but CC had more opportunities But both teams had plenty of chances that hit the post

The Shamrocks finally got on the board with 2 46 left in the second period as Drew Kahle outquicked his defensive

'The only thing I can guess is the officials saw the stick around the neck on a potential scoring opportunity, so they felt they had to call it.'

Todd Johnson CC coach

the stick side to tie the score Travis Hamway earned the assist

And that's the way it stood until the final minute CC appeared to be fresher at the end, but stamma for overtime which would have been two straight games for BU - was rendered moot with 27 seconds left

We were tired, but I think a longer game favored us," Johnson said "We were running all four lines and six defensemen, and they were coming off OT"

BU went with three lines for most of the third period and didn't change much "We played the game we played the

entire year," McIntyre said "We tried to pinch the play to the side and take away the chances'

'You could tell they've talked to a lot of coaches to figure out how to play against us," Johnson said "But they had a great team with some great skaters"

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

GYMNASTICS MEET March 6 at Plymouth HS

Team results 1 Northysile/Novi 146775 2 Canton 144725 3 Livonia Unified 144650 4 Salem 143 350 5 Ann Arbor Huron 133,125 6 Ann Arbor Pioneer 131 425 7 Saline 128 500 8 Tecumseh 127 300 9 Napolean 127 075 10 Plymouth 126 075 11 Adrian 122 925 12 Jackson Lumen Christi 122 800 13 Trenton 121 900 14 Jackson Western 120 550 15 Jackson Northwest

individual results (Top 8 qualify for individual state meet) Division One

Vault 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 95 2 Megan Chappo (C) 935 3 Martina Totkov (Saline) 9275 4 Andrea Pisani (LU) 92 5 Stephanie Nowak (Tec.) 915 6 (tie) Emma Platt (N/N) Katherine Brown (AAH) 91 8 Kate Staley (C) 895

Uneven parallel bars: 1 Pisani (LU) 935 2 (tie) Chappo (C) Jessy Meyerhoff (AAP) 91 4 Nowak (Tec.) 905 5 Sarah Bugosh (Salem) 90 6 Totkov (Saline) 895 7 Danielle Sassano (AAP) 89 8 (tre) Kacy Risner (LU) Alicia Fedrigo (LU) 885 Balance beam 1 Totkov (Saline) 9.35 2 Kelley

(C) 9.25 3 Chappo (C) 9.2 4 Kara Ahern (C) 915 5 Brown (AAH) 905 6 Sarah Bugosh (Salem) 90 7 Gina Maceri (EU) 895 8 (tie) Lindsey Reed (LU) Kate Staley (C) 89

Floor exercise: 1 Totkov (Saline) 9675 2 Kara Ahern (C) 9.5 3 Pisani (LU) 9425 4 Lindsey Reed (LU) 94 5 Chappo (C) 9275 6 Brown (AAH) 9.25, 7 Maceri (LU) 92 8 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 915

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All around (top 6 qualify for state) 1 Totkov (Saline) 37250 2 Chappo (C) 36925 3 Pisani (LU) 36 525 4 Kelley (C) 36.50 5 Brown (AAH) 36 20 6 Bugosh (Salem) 35 95

Division Two Vault. 1 Julie Foucher (N/N) 945 2 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 9225 3 (tie) Ashley Aguinto (Salem) Jacqueline Gazette (N/N) 9.2 5 Paige Albers (Lti) 91 6 Janna Ramsey (N/N) 905 7 Jessica Glancy (N/N) 90 8 Elena Gueorguiev (Safem) 895

Uneven parallel bars: 1 Maggie Mills (N/N) 94 2 Gueorguiev (Salem) 93 3 Sarah Ilkhani Pour (N/N) 925 4 Aguinto (Salem) 915 5 Julie Foucher (N/N) 905 6 Patricia Brownsfield (N/N) 8 95 7 (tie) Alyssa Supplee (LU) Krista Osikowicz

Balance beam 1 Brownsfield (N/N) 92 2 Aquinto (Salem) 91 3 (tie) Audra Ahern (C) Jenn Mehl (N/N) 90 5 (tie) likhani Pour (N/N) Allie Vraniak (Salem) 895 7 (tie) Supplee (LU) Megan McCarthy (Salem) 885

Floor exercise 1 Mills (N/N) 9525 2 (tie) Foucher (N/N) Albers (N/N) 945 4 Rachel Deneau (N/N) 94 5 (tie) Aguinto (Salem) Gueorgulev (Salem) 925 7 Lisa Thompson (LU) 91 8 Brownsfield (N/N) 90

All-around (top 6 qualify for state) 1 Aquinto (Salem) 3670 2 Foucher (N/N) 3640 3 Mills (N/N) 36 275 4 Gueorguiev (Salem) 36 05 5 Supplee (LU) 35725 6 Albers (LU) 3540

events together for the first time

REGION II

WLAA finals "It was a long day, and we got to beam and did not have our best beam day So we had to make up for it on floor (exercise) Luckily, we're really good on floor"

That Livonia was, posting the best team mark on floor (37425) - after having the lowest team score on beam of the top four finishers (35 90)

Salem excelled thanks to the return to near 100 percent health of Ashley Aquinto, who was first in the Division II allaround with a 36 70 Aquinto's lowest score in any event was 9 1, and that put her second in beam She posted a 9 2 to tie for third in vault, had a 9 15 for a fourth in uneven parallel bars, and got a 9 25 to tie for fifth in floor exercise

"Having Ashley back in the all-around helped us immensely," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll "And our freshman (Sarah Bugosh) put all her

this season'

While Livonia faltered on beam, Canton prospered The Chiefs had just two falls from all seven beam competitors, with

Alyssa Kelley finishing second overall (9 25), Megan Chappo third (9 2), Kara Ahern fourth (9 15) and Kate Staley eighth (89) in Division One In Division One vault, another event the Chiefs have at times

struggled in due to injuries, they had a solid showing, with Kelley placing first (9 5) and Chappo second (9 35) Staley was also eighth (8 95) In the Division One all-

around, Chappo was second (36 925), Livonia's Andrea Pısanı was thırd (36 525), Kelley was fourth (36 50), and Salem's Bugosh was sixth (35 95) Pisani had a solid day for Livonia, winning the bars (9 35), taking third in floor (9 425) and finishing fourth in vault (9 2)

In Division II, Livonia had a pair of all-around qualifiers in Alyssa Supplee, who placed fifth (35 725) with a second in the vault (9 225) and a pair of sevenths in bars (8 8) and beam (8 85), and Paige Albers, who was sixth (35 40) with a second in floor (9 45) and a fifth in vault (91) Salem also got good showings from Bugosh in Division One - she was fifth in bars (90) and sixth in beam (90) - and from Elena Gueorguiev in Division II - she was fourth in the allaround (36 05) with a second in bars (9 3), a fifth in floor (9 25) and an eighth in vault (8 95)

Now Will this carry over to Friday's state meet? All three teams are hoping for something even better

"It's a confidence factor," said Canton's Cunningham of how his team's regional performance will be a boost "This sport is 80 percent mental

"I told the girls this will be their hardest competition all vear It will be a hard meet on Friday and another hard meet

on Saturday" Livonia's Hinderliter figures it will be the beam that will be decisive

"The beam can make you or break you," she said "Hopefully, we'll top out on it this weekend'

Salem's Driscoll agrees with Hinderliter's beam assessment, which could help the Rocks "Floor and beam are potentially our best events," she said "We had a solid beam (at the region-

al), but it could have been better "By far we've exceeded the expectations we had just a couple of weeks ago Hey, anything's

possible" How true, how true



was a great game between two great teams

week, CC trailed early as Birmingham got

shot past goalie John Garza

left in the first

shadow on a four-on-four, found himself open and wristed the puck past Howe on

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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PROPOSED NEW ZONING MAP

CONSIDER A NEW ZONING MAP TO REPLACE THE MAP OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ACTION: ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO 83, IN ITS ENTIRETY Wednesday, April 7, 2004

TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

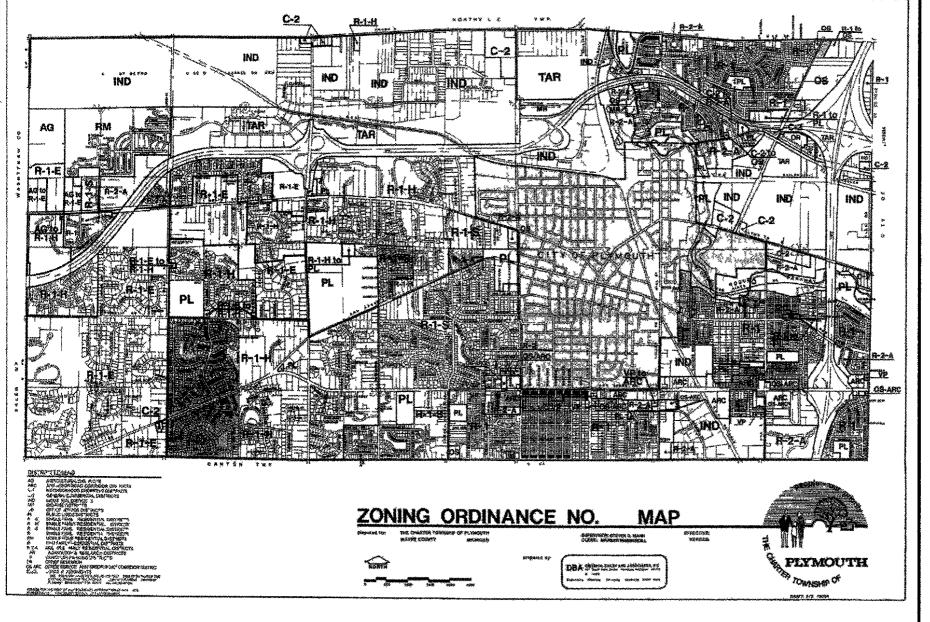
DATE OF HEARING:

TIME OF HEARING: 700 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 pm on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, for the purpose of considering a new zoning map for the entire Charter Township of Plymouth The new zoning map will revise and replace the map of the current Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No 83, in its entirety Revisions to the zoning ordinance text for the Township will be considered at a separate Planning Commission public hearing on March 31 2004

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



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed new zoning map 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 PM 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 recommend approval to the Township Board of Trustees of the new zoning ordinance map as proposed, or as may be

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone (734) 453 3840 TDD users 1-800 849 3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

> KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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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

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

LACROSSE SIGN-UP

The Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring a Youth Lacrosse League, with the league running from March through June

New and experienced players may join either the fifth-sixth grade team or the seventheighth grade team Indoor practices are available in February

Players must supply their own equipment, including helmet, stick, mouth guard, protective equipment and shoulder pads Teams must have a minimum of 10 players and no more than 25 Included in the \$100 per player fee is a uniform, indoor practice tıme, a 12-week league schedule and an end-of-the-year jamboree tournament

Players may register right now at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway For more information. call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600

ROAD RALLY

The Canton Thunderbirds gırls fast-pıtch 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

to home.

includes meal, prizes and music For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or on the Web at thunderbirdsoftball tripod com.

DEK, ROLLER HOCKEY

 $\operatorname{\mathsf{High}}\nolimits\operatorname{\mathsf{Velocity}}\nolimits\operatorname{\mathsf{Sports}}\nolimits\left(\operatorname{\mathsf{HVS}}\right)$ of Canton is now accepting registrations from individuals and teams for the spring roller hockey session The season runs April 12-July 18, registration deadhne is March 29 Individuals that sign up without a team pay \$135 per player plus a \$20 jersey fee The team fee is \$1,000 for teams that pay in full by March 29, \$1,200 for teams that pay by

include 10 games plus playoffs A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline skates) is available for 4-6 year olds The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the

their first game The fees

game The fee is \$65 per player Dek (floor) hockey is also offered for adults The season and deadlines are the same as the above-listed roller hockey dates, however the team fee is \$800 if paid by March 29 or \$1,000 by the team's first game The individual fee is \$85 per player

For the more seasoned roller hockey player, HVS offers a Cub league for 5-7 year olds This league is for children that can already skate and are ready to play in league games

HVS also offers youth roller hockey leagues for Atom (8and-under), Mite (10-andunder), Squirt (12-and-under), PeeWee (14-and-under), and Midget (17-and-under) players

The adult roller hockey leagues include Copper (recreational), Bronze (intermediate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues

For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available Check www.hvsports.com for updated

days, times and fees HVS will host the 2004 St. Paddy's Day Labeda Cup March 19-21 The team fee is \$400 or ındıvıduals pay \$50 each

For more information on roller or dek (floor) hockey at HVS, or to register, please visit us at www hysports com or call (734) HV-SPORT

SKATING LESSONS

Basic skills classes in skating are being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department now through March 13. These classes range from beginning to advanced freestyle skating Each class is 25 minutes, with an additional 25 minutes for practice either before or after the lesson

(depending on ice scheduling) Cost is \$70 for city of Plymouth residents, \$90 for non-residents For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, or check out the Web site at

www.ci plymouth mi us

BASEBALL TRYOUT

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p m Wednesdays and 8 a.m Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class (Webbed water gloves provided You must wear your own water shoes to each class)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility It is also therapy for sports injuries Swim ability is not necessary Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own You must wear your own water shoes to each class

For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci livonia.mi us

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-

Lessons are by appointment only

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons Call 248-668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB

The Sunday Health Club at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275, will be open for 26 Sundays for 2003-04

The Sunday Health Club is designed for individuals or families from 1-5 p m with access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball, six courts for handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball weightlifting equipment and aerobic equipment such as treadmills, exercise bikes, swimming pools with a pair of 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards, and saunas in both the mens and women's locker-

Members must furnish their own locks and towels, and children under the age of 16 much be accompanied by an adult or guardian

Individual membership fees are \$45 for the fall or winter terms or \$75 for both sessions Families pay \$85 for individual terms or \$155 for both terms Anyone can drop by and use the facilities for a \$5 fee, payable at the door, each Sunday

For more information, call (734) 462-4448, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu (Click on schedules and registration forms, and on fall 2003 noninstruction health and fitness)

ADULT REC HOCKEY

Adult recreation hockey leagues playing out of the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth and Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, will be offered Sunday evenings now through March

Among the leagues offered include men and women over-21, -30, -40 and -50, along with an adult novice league

Drop-in hockey for seniors

over-50 is available each Tuesday and Friday morning at the Arctic Pond

For more information call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663, or to obtain a registration form, visit www rspi net You can also call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or email him at john@rspi net

DROP-IN HOCKEY

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer ice time for drop-in hockey from 9-11 p m on Fridays, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth Cost is \$10 per player per session, the first four goalies skate for free For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620

YMCA COACHES WANTED

The Livonia YMCA is seeking part-time gymnastics coaches for its recreational program

Applicants must be available to teach evenings between 4-8 p.m and must be willing to work with a variety of levels and age groups

Anyone interesting in joining the YMCA coaching staff will receive training from current staff members Some experience in the sport is preferred

For more information, call Vanessa Marsh at the YMCA at (734) 261-2161

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591 7279 or mailed to the Observer 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECOMMENDING RENEWAL, REVOCATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH The City of Plymouth Liquor **Management Ordinance**

Plymouth City Commission Commission Chambers 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170 March 15, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 9 b5 of the City's Liquor Management Ordinance States "The City Commission may recommend non renewal or revocation of a license or permit originally authorized to operate in the City of Plymouth on or before June 30, 2003 to the Liquor Control Commission upon a determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the Hearing that any of the following exists 5) Failure to pay taxes or make other payments due to the City in a timely manner

The City of Plymouth may provide correspondence, reports and/or public comment from the City Manager Police Chief, City Clerk Building Official, Fire Chief or Inspector, City Treasurer and/or other members of the City of Plymouth Staff

Licenses are required to notify the City's Attorney's Office at least three (3) days prior to the hearing date if they intend to contest the proposed action, and to provide the names of witnesses known at the time who will testify on their behalf. (Section 8,B6) City Attorney Office - Plunkett & Cooney, Robert Marzano 248-901-4000.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC, City Clerk

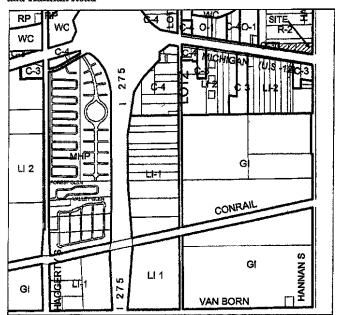
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT-TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7.00 p m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

SIMPSON REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 141 99 0003 000 141 99 0004 000 AND 141 99 0005 001 FROM R 2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE), TO C 3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL Property is located at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road



SECTION 36





Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, April 1, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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Oakwood welcomes pediatric ear, nose and throat surgeons

When it's your child, you want quality care close

Children always seem to have earaches Or sore throats and the sniffles When these little inconviences turn into continued problems, you want to see a specialist Now you can The Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton is home for Drs Walter Belenky, Michael Haupert and David Madgy This group of pediatric ear, nose and throat surgeons has been in practice together for more than 10 years. They won't be spending all their time in the office. When an outpatient procedure or surgery needs to be performed, your child will get the best care with the latest technology at the new surgery center located at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Drs Belenky, Haupert and Madgy are now accepting patients at 734 454 2710. For more information on Oakwood Annapolis Hospital or Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton, please log onto www oakwood org



Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton

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Whalers drop Erie, solidify playoff spot

Ryan Ramsay scored two goals and assisted on another and James Wisniewski assisted on all four goals as the Plymouth Whalers held off the Erie Otters for a 4-3 win Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena

The victory raised Plymouth's record to 31-22-9-3 (74 points), second in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division Erie is 29-24-6-7 (71 points), fourth in the Midwest Division

Three of the four Whaler goals came on the power play, two of them in the first period Tim Sestito got the first, with Wisniewski and Richard Power drawing assists, Ramsay scored the second, with assists from Vaclav Meidl and Wisniewski

It remained a 2-0 game until

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

the third period, when the Otters trimmed it to 2-1 with a goal by Alex Karaulchuk However, Ramsay countered that with his second goal of the game and 27th of the season, with assists from Wisniewski and John Mitchell

Just 1 07 later, the Whalers made it a 4-1 game with a score from Mitchell — his 25th of the year - Wisniewski and Ramsay assisting

Late Erie goals from Rob Hisey and Chris Campoli, the latter with 12 to play, changed the score but not the outcome

Paul Drew stopped 35 of 38 shots on goal for the Whalers

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Josh Disher had 18 stops for

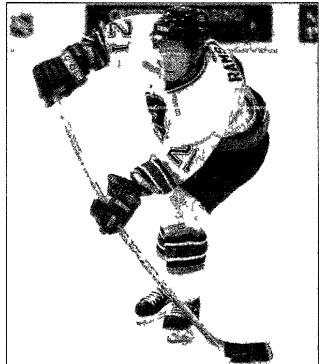
With three games remaining in the regular season, Plymouth's playoff position is starting to solidify The Whalers can do no better than the fourth seed in the Western Conference, Midwest Division

Midwest and the OHL with 99 points, will have the first and third seeds in the conference

Sarnia (82 points) will be the second seed as the winner of the West Division Sarnia and Plymouth will be the only teams from the West in the eight-team conference playoffs, the other five will come from the Midwest Division

At present, Kitchener (74 points) appears to be Plymouth's first-round oppo-

Who gets home-ice advantage may depend on the winner of Friday's game between the two ın Kıtchener





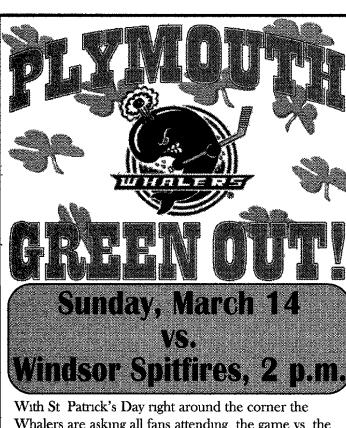








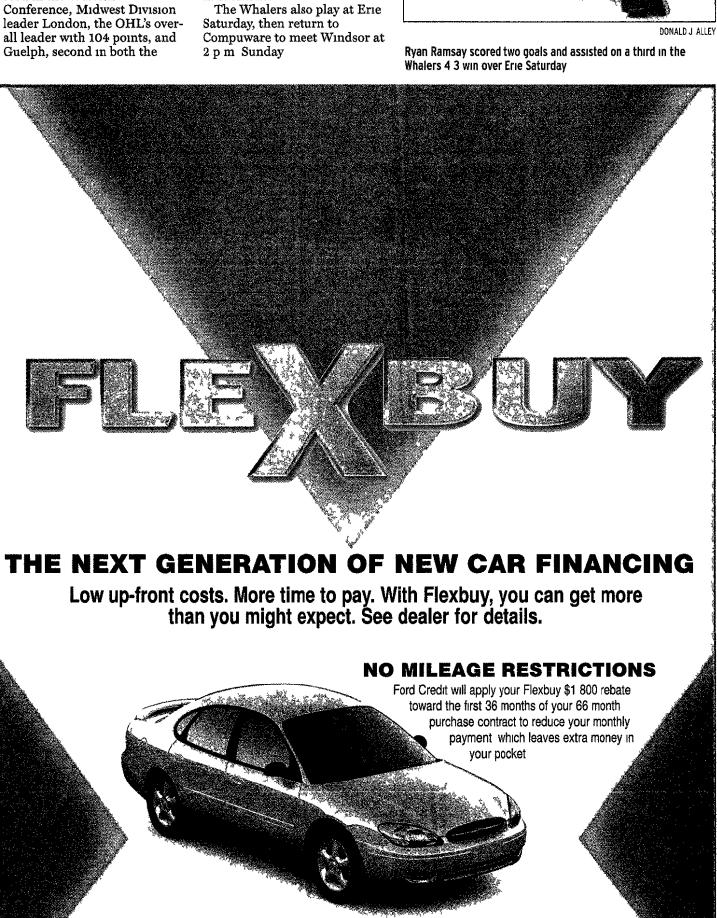




Whalers are asking all fans attending the game vs the Windsor Spitfires to wear their Whalers Green Every fan wearing a solid green colored shirt or sweatshirt will receive a free gift when entering the arena. In addition, any fan who wears a Plymouth Whalers Green Shirt (3rd jersey, long sleeve t-shirt, hooded sweatshirt) will special concession discounts

Individual Tickets just \$9 and \$12 14900 Beck Rd • Plymouth • MI Between M-14 and 5-mile

Call (734) 453-8400 to charge tickets by phone



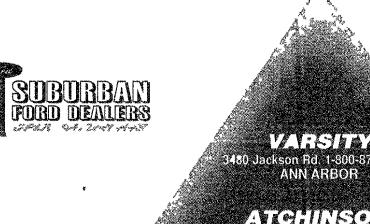
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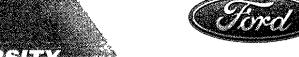
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Quotable Quimper

Paul Janssens, former **HB** Henriot Quimper president, will visit La Belle Provence, 185 W Maple in Birmingham, 11 am to 530 pm Friday



and Saturday, March 12 and 13

Janssens will introduce the newest collection of Quimper, as well as sign new and old pieces

The first 100 visitors to make a Quimper purchase during Janssens' visit to the store will receive a complementary package of Quimper goods valued at more than \$50 The package includes a small, handpainted metal tray, napkins, postcard, note pad and a new book, The History of Quimper

"Mr Janssens will be introducing and signing the latest Quimper pieces, of which there are many," said Leslie Benser Luciani, owner of La Belle Provence "We're also inviting people to bring in their current Quimper pieces from home to have Mr Janssens look at and sign them

Everyone is very excited about Mr Janssens' visit We'll have wine and a selection of cheeses available during the event"

La Belle Provence has one of the largest selection of Quimper products in metropolitan Detroit. For more information, call (248) 540-3876

Janssens' visit is sponsored by La Belle Provence in conjunction with The Community House Antiques Festival, which is taking place at The Community House in Birmingham the same weekend

He will give a lecture at the festival, "The History of Quimper There's More to Quimper Than Little Men and Women," 9-10 15 a m Friday and Saturday For information on the festival, call (248) 594-6403 or visit www.community-

house com Craft month cited

Did you know that 80 percent of families include a crafter?

They scrapbook, knit, bead and paint while enjoying the benefits of crafting, which range from relaxation to higher self-esteem.

And every March, the Hobby Industry Association spreads the word on crafting by sponsoring National Craft Month

Many craft retailers offer special classes. demonstrations, tips and projects to get customers involved

Check with your local craft store or visit www.icraft com

This site also sponsors a weekly contest with four winners who will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate for their favorite craft store



A look from the family room into the kitchen, which also was remodeled by Lambrecht. The family room now exists where the garage once did

Gathering Old garage turns into family room Dlace



Freshly painted green walls and a fireplace in the family room along with wood flooring in the kitchen/nook area exude warmth in Lambrecht's ranch home. The vaulted ceilings create a wide open, relaxing living space. A television sits behind the two-way mirror over the fireplace

In January 2003, Ann Lambrecht had a few minutes to herself after Mass on a Sunday morning before she visited her son, Patrick, ın Royal Oak

The attorney thought she'd drive in the neighborhoods in Beverly Hills, looking at homes Soon she drove past a 1950 ranch home that was for sale

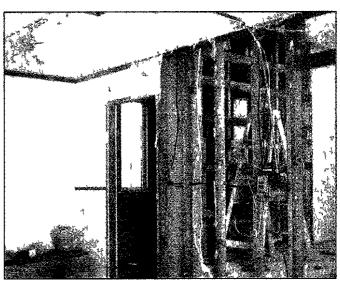
Lambrecht wanted to see it, and she called to set up

an appointment "And I saw the home at 1 p m that day," she said, smiling She liked it, so she bought it

Lambrecht saw the home was the perfect size for entertaining family and friends, but it needed work

Paint had deteriorated on the garage along with the wood Every room in the house was painted white

PLEASE SEE REMODEL. C8



BEFORE In this photo taken last May, this doorway leads into the mudroom and the wall shown that is stripped of drywall once separated the kitchen from the garage

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? Wed like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece along with information to Ken Abramczyk At Home editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia 48150

Berry popular

Americans love strawberries and can't seem to satisfy their desire for more Today's consumer obsession with this delectable summer fruit is crystallized by its use as a popular home decor item and during the coldest part of the winter PartyLite Gifts, a leading direct seller of candles and candle accessories says its number one selling candle fragrance to date in 2004 is strawberry rhubarb Three of the top four candles PartyLite sells are these sweet strawberry-scented candles that are mixed with a hint of tangy rhubarb

Shown here (clockwise from center top) are Garden Lites Hurricane (\$69 95) with Strawberry Rhubarb 3-by-7-inch Bell Pillar (\$9 95), Garden Lites Decorative Shade and Tray (\$27 95 a set) with Strawberry Rhubarb Barrel Jar (\$16 95), Garden Lites Votive Holder (\$26 95) with Strawberry Rhubarb Votive (\$10 90 a dozen), and Radiant Glow Stemmed Trio (\$39 95 for a set of three) with Strawberry Rhubarb Tealights (\$6 95 a dozen)

To learn more about PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100 or visit www partylite com

Showcase features displays, ceramic designer

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Looking for some new decorating ideas for your home?

Want your home to have the look of a professional decorator without hiring one?

On Thursday, March 18, a Southern Living At HOME Showcase at St Johns Golf & Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road, at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon Roads, in Plymouth Township, will feature more than a dozen home decor displays with practical ideas for decorating and entertaining

From elegant tabletops to festive centerpieces to mantel decor, each display will provide how-to's and tips for seasoned decorators as well as

Included in the Showcase is a personal appearance by ceramics designer Gail Pittman

Pittman, a native of Mississippi, distributes her hand-painted dinnerware and accessories in nearly 300 retail stores across the country

However, she has two exclusive lines offered through Southern Living At HOME

'I m thrilled to be a part of this exciting event," Pittman said Its my first trip to Michigan, and I am honored to be able to share my passion for pottery and Southern Living At HOME in this part of the country'

Pittman will be signing pieces for Showcase attendees as well as discussing her inspiration and hand-painting tech-

Bill Shaw, vice president of marketing and business development for Southern Living At HOME, will share his company's story

This event will support Southern Living At HOME -Cut It Out, Salons Against Domestic Abuse

This program trains salon professionals across the country to spot signs of domestic

abuse and to refer clients to help This evening will be funded through donations and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for Gail Pittmans exclusive hand-signed pieces Admission is free to the general public

The Showcase runs from 6-9 p m Attendees will also have the opportunity to find out how to become an Independent Consultant as well as how to purchase Southern Living At HOME products

For more information, contact Connie Ashburn at (248) 676-9009 or Stacy Sova at (248) 889-7125

Southern Living At HOME is the direct selling company of Southern Progress Corporation, a division of Time Inc, offering consumers home and garden decor that reflects the style of Southern Living magazine and providing entrepreneurs the opportunity to build their own businesses

GARDEN CALENDAR

master gardener Nancy Szerlag and

Heirloom bulbs

Heirloom Bulbs Four Seasons Forty Centuries a presentation by land scape historian and preservationist Scott Kunst will take place 6 30 8 30 pm 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 Gardeneers 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 liftes 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 dis play tables with information on healthy garden practices rain gar dens composting mulching biodi versity and lawn care before the pro gram (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

Canton Garden Club

Just in time for spring the Canton Garden Club and the Canton Library are teaming up to offer Ideas for Entrance Gardens a program taking place 7 p m Tuesday March 16 at the Canton Library 1200 S Canton

and weekends or (313) 202 7842 days

This special program will help you make your entry gardens truly grand Garden designer Janet Macunovich will show you beautiful entryways side passages and courtyards and explain how the techniques can east. ly translate to your front door To register call the library at (734) 397 0999

Honey of a day

The Southern Michigan Unit of the Herb Society of America will present A Honey of a Day 10 a m to 2 p m Thursday March 25 at Trevarrow Inc. 1295 N Opdyke in Auburn Hills Doors open 9 30 a m

The event will feature guest speakers (Chef Randy Emert director of food services at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester freelance writer and

unit member and master gardener Jackie Walley who has her own cot tage business Herbal Thymes and Gatherings) and a gift boutique Emert will prepare A Honey of a Dish Szerlag will present A Bee uti ful Garden and a book signing will be featured Walley will demonstrate fla vored honeys. A box lunch prepared by Emert and his culinary team will be served at noon Tickets are \$30 and will be picked up at the door Seating is limited Register by Friday March 19 Make checks payable to HSA SMU and send to HSA SMU c/o Shella Mohr 5360 Forest Way Bloomfield Hills 48302 Money earned from the event will

help maintain the Herb Garden at Cranbrook House and Gardens pro mote herbal education and provide horticultural scholarships. The unit has maintained the Cranbrook herb garden for more than 30 years For more information call Sheila at (248) 851 6691 or Annie at (248) 582

Bromeliad society

The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society will meet 2 p.m. Saturday March 20 for Displaying Your Bromeliads a workshop at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills Visitors are welcome. For informa tion call (248) 380 7359 The work shop will feature tips on using bromeliads as accents in the garden demonstration and practice mount

ing bromeliads on wood cork and rock and attractive long lasting combinations (dish gardens bromeli ad treeş and terrariums) Use the greenhouse entrance from Long Lake Road

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2 30 pm Sunday March 21 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits in Birmingham Darrin Norton of Mountain Orchids Vermont, will talk on cool growing Dendrobiums orchids Visitors welcome Admission is free

Water gardening

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program Introduction to Water Gardening 7 pm Monday March 22 The program will take place at The Community House 380 S Bates in Birmingham south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward Nanette Winowiecki the owner of The

Pond Place in Milford will speak on containers fountains bogs pre form ponds liner ponds concrete ponds and earth/natural ponds and give an overview of pond site selection/design and water garden

The presentation will last one hour A 15 minute question and answer peri od will be featured Guest fee \$5 For more information call Pat Jerzy at The Community House (248) 644 5832

Trees and shrubs

Monday March 29 is the deadline to order trees and shrubs in the Oakland Conservation District's 2004 Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale This year's selection has many native trees and shrubs. Orders may be picked up 15 pm Friday April 23 and 10 a m to 3 p m Saturday April 24 at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg

For a catalog and order form call the Oakland Conservation District at (248) 673 4496 or e mail Bob Mrozek at Bob Mrozek@mi nacdnet org

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 Piaza and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph Register early Seating is limited

Some classes have pre requisites For more information call (248) 4 GAR DEN or visit www michigangarden ing com

The schedule includes Landscape Design seven sessions beginning Thursday March 11 in Livonia or Monday March 15 in Pontiac (fee is \$224) Estimating Landscape and Garden Work two sessions beginning Tuesday March 16 in Livonia (\$92) Putting Down Roots in the Wake of Lost Ash Trees Tuesday March 23 in Livonia (\$10) Roses Wednesday March 24 in Livonia (\$40) and Pruning Trees and Shrubs three ses sions beginning Wednesday March 24 in Pontiac (\$98)

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 kabram czyk@oe homecomm net



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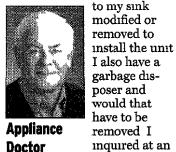
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far outsell portables the great photo

received an e-mail from Dawn who is debating whether to have a dishwasher installed or buy a portable dishwasher

She writes "If I have a dish washer installed, I will have to have the kitchen cabinets next



Doctor

Joe

would cost to Gagnon ınstall the dishwasher and they estimated the cost at about \$250

appliance store

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"Would I have a new electrical line run to operate the dishwasher? I currently still have fuses in the house and not circuit breakers The house was built in 1952"

OK, everyone, just think back to 1952 and remember when she washed and you dried You couldn't leave the house for the corner store or sock hop without putting those cleaned and dried dishes away Life was different then and along came the product that saved you from

dishpan hands" That beautiful wonderful portable dishwasher was purchased, placed in a corner of the kitchen and rolled over to the sink right after dinner time You attached hoses to the sink with a snap connection and it did it all for you For the first 15 years or so after the dishwasher was invented there were more portable models sold than the built-in ones They even served a dual purpose when a manufacturer placed a thick piece of wood, a chopping block, on top of the unit That's where a homemaker did a lot of food preparation

and it really served its pur-

Today it's another story in the American kitchen

Many kitchens are showcased in today's homes Dishwashers sitting in a corner waiting to be rolled to the sink are a thing of the past Known to be the most expensive room, the kitchen is also the most time-consuming It is the constant gathering spot for a typical family Last year's sales number of dishwashers verify how far the kitchen has progressed in modern design and appearance Built-in dishwashers outsold portable models by 6 3 million to 148,100 and that difference keeps increasing every year

Let's go back to Dawn's kitchen, where I assume the kitchen looks like a 1952 model Unless you plan on remodeling soon, why not go with the portable dishwasher? The appliance store threw out a figure of \$250 to install a built-in dishwasher, but judging from the picture you ve painted for me, it will cost more than that The old fuse box you have may certainly need some upgrade work done to it It should be a 20-amp service and city codes require that the room must be hard-wired with a separate electrical line The cost of an electrician alone could exceed the \$250 figure I would bet the floor in your kitchen has been replaced at one time or another Added flooring could create some problems when you're trying to slide in a builtın dıshwasher under a cabınet or countertop Some floors are

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Built-in dishwashers Early bird catches

id you ever wonder when is the best time of day to photograph?

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been my favorite time to get the best shots There's a softness in the lighting, a stillness in the air and a mood in the sky that is offered by no other time of day Here are some reasons

why I like pho-

tographing in

the morning To start with, there's usually an absence of wind and breeze meaning that tree limbs and grasses will 'hold still" for your camera That also means you can put foliage in the foreground of your composition and know that everything will come out sharp and in focus

The stillness of water in the early morning will produce endless opportunities for

reflection pictures And sunrises, as the one shown here in northern Thailand, will have a special magic

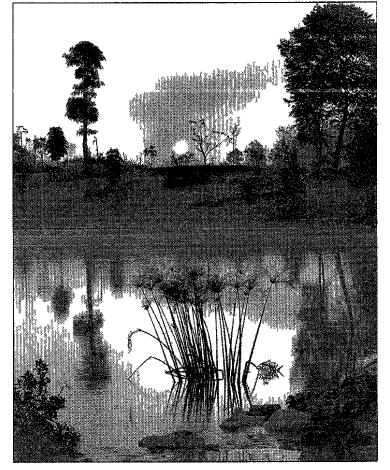
Flowers, often covered with dew, are very still in the morning just waiting for your camera If you're lucky, you may find one with a butterfly And because a butterfly's wings are weighed down with moisture in the early morning making it difficult for them to fly away, you should be able to move in close for an impact-filled shot

Another reason to photograph in the morning is that you'll often find fog and mist Low lying mist over the lake or layers of fog in the countryside will give your photos an element of mood no other time of day will offer

And keep on the lookout for unusual morning cloud pat-

They will often have a dramatic mood that could turn your picture into a winner

Keep this in mind, too Because of the low angle of the sun, morning light produces shadows, textures and tones just not available under a noon

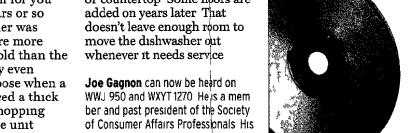


Monte Nagler never sleeps in on a photography trip. Getting up early got him this sunrise in Chiang Mai, Thailand

sun So remember "early to bed, early to rise, makes someone healthy, wealthy and wise enough to get great early morning photographs'

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What about a day with nothing to do? Make a mental list of what sounds relaxing to you and then put your list into action by scheduling "Time Off" Schedule your relaxing time the same way you schedule work, appointments, errands, household chores, and carpool The busier you get, the greater will be your need to relax.

Each person will have a dif-

ferent list What relaxes one individual may add stress to someone else Camping, boating, and climbing a mountain could either relax or add stress

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to your life Let's look at a couple of examples Suppose your career involves constant reading Reading a good book in the park may not be a good way for you to relax Suppose you are a golf instructor Golf is a form of relaxation for many people but you may need a different activity Relax with purpose Participating in activities that are relaxing will rejuvenate you You will work at a higher level of efficiency and actually accomplish more if you take time to relax

Suggestions for relaxing ■ 15 minute delight Try each day to schedule one or more 15-minute periods in which to relax Use this time to eat a favorite food, browse through a catalog, manicure your nails, do a facial, look at photo albums, read a book, play a game with one of your children, write down an idea,

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M Shopping is very pleasurable This does not always mean spending money You may find rt relaxing to browse and dream about plans to decorate a room in your home You may spend months or years planning a room before the finished product becomes a reality The planning can be fun and relaxing

■ Talking with family and friends is fun Schedule one or more of these times each day This should be a time for enjoyable conversation, not conflict resolution

Consider taking up a physical sport like tennis, golf, bowling, dancing or roller skating Schedule this time regularly with a friend or spouse Try to improve your game but basically play for fun

■ Schedule a regular time to meet a friend at a restaurant for lunch or dinner Chatting over food is relaxing, especially if you did not spend time preparing the meal

family or friends Serve snacks as you play board games, word games or card games

■ If you enjoy creative activities, schedule a time to sew, quilt, paint or work on another craft that is of interest Be adventurous and try something new

■ If you enjoy taking photos, do something special with them Put them in a photo-safe album, write down important events and decorate with stickers and colored paper Photo scrapbooking can be very relaxing both in the process of putting it together and looking at your masterpiece when it is complete It is like looking at a storybook that you have created of memorable events of your life

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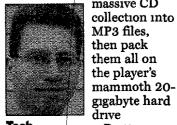
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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

cle for Seth was finding the time to feed each and every one of his 200-plus CDs into his computer, then wait the 10 min-

drive

utes or so for the MP3 conversion process to complete Even if he devoted a few hours to it every evening and weekend, the project would

still take weeks to complete Not too practical for a busy guy like Seth

And not much fun having to wait all that time to enjoy the new MP3 player

Enter Get Digital (www getdigital net), a clever service for time-strapped audio-

philes It works like this The company sends you a box containing one or more empty spindles You fill them with your CDs, then ship the box back (using the supplied prepaid

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For instance, you can choose Apple's AAC or Microsoft's WMA format instead of MP3 You can specify what bit rate you want for your audio (My advice Go for 192Kbps MP3s or 128Kbps WMAs)

You can even have your collection loaded onto an external hard drive instead of DVDs

As you may have guessed, Get Digital gets expensive The first 200 CDs will cost you \$1 99 apiece

CDs 201 to 400 run \$1 49 each, and so on

Thus, you could easily spend more converting your CDs to digital audio than you spent on your portable player

If you like the idea of Get Digital but not the price tag, there's probably a techsavvy teen in your neighborhood - maybe even in your house - you could pay \$50 to do the job (For \$100 you could probably talk me into it)

Or, if you're bound and determined to do it yourself, consider buying a fast CD-RW burner (about \$75)

While any CD-ROM drive is fine for "ripping" (the slang term for copying songs from CDs), upgrading from, say, an old 16X drive to one that spins at 48X will make a huge difference in the time it takes to rip each disc

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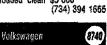
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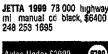
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The 14th annual Community House Antiques Festival will take place Friday Sunday March 12 14 at The Community House 380 S Bates south of Maple (15 Mile) between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham Hours are 10 a m to 6 p m Friday Saturday noon to 5 pm Sunday Admission is \$10 Call (248) 594 6403 or visit www.communityhouse.com for information

The festival will present more than 40 booths showcasing everything from English furniture and porcelain to American silver collections and early

Boutiques and Blooms will sell silk and dried floral arrangements as well as other fine gifts for the home and gar den The Antiques Festival Cafe will be open 11 30 a m to 3 p m Friday Saturday and noon to 3 pm Sunday A Preview Party will take place 6-9 pm Thursday 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 openina

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

Show attendees Friday and Saturday can begin their day 9 10 15 a m with Croissants and Quimper featuring a lecture by former HB Henriot Quimper president Paul Janssens currently the sole importer of HB Henriot Quimper in the United States

Tickets to Croissants and Quimper are \$20 and include festival admission

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 though a brainstorming session that will have them creating their own exciting plans to transform their rooms from blah to brillianti

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 pm 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 lec ture Guest fee \$5 Call (248) 689 8189 for more information

Antiques market

Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market will take place Friday Sunday March 19 21 at the Southfield Municipal Complex 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile) Hours are 2 9 pm March 19 10 a m to 6 pm March 20 noon to 5 pm March 21 Admission is \$7 regular \$6 with any ads or listings of the event free for ages 12 and under One paid admis sion is good for all three days of the show Preview the event at www.antiqnet.com/M&M The show will resemble an outdoor market Exquisite antique garden set tings will be filled with decorative antiques and accessories for the home the garden and personal adorn ment including jewelry furniture gar den and architectural pieces bird baths benches silver glass and ceramics for the table paintings and prints ornamental iron and garden gates guilts and folk art vintage clothing purses and perfumes

Hummel artist

Christina Goihl the talented artist from the W Goebel Porzellanfabrik in Germany will demonstrate the hand painting process involved in creating beloved M | Hummel figurines 4 8 p.m. Thursday March 25 at Hesiop's 22790 Heslop Drive in Novi (phone (313) 522

Admission is free The event is open to the public As part of her presenta tion the ceramic painter will display the different tools and materials used to create the world famous M I Hummel figurines

Goihl will also sign individual purchas es and provide an expert s knowledge about the brand

The figurines are based on the origi nal art work of Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel Instantly popular since their debut in 1935 the figurines continue to be among the world's most cher ished collectibles

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

Books focus on different home styles

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Your home takes shape not only brick by brick, but book by book

■ Think that classic interiors require plain eggshell-colored walls? The classicists were in fact masters of using deep, rich colors or unusual shades, as shown in Paint and Color in Decoration Farrow ♂ Ball (Rızzolı, \$45 hardcover, spring), by Tom Helme and Joseph Friedman, with photographs by Ivan Terestchenko

The examples show great houses in Britain and Ireland, and while your own great house may not have the scale of these, they will inspire effective ways of using dark or subtle shades with your classic architecture or furnish-

Helme, a director at the British paint company Farrow & Ball, has decorated and restored historic interiors, and Friedman is an author and architectural historian

■ Some fine examples of

Irish architecture and interiors also show up in Living in Dublin (Thames & Hudson, \$45 hardcover), by Robert O Byrne, with photographs by

Alex Ramsay While the neoclassic interiors of Dublin Castle are included, the authors also tune into the light-filled modern home of botanical artist Patricia Jorgensen and the funky, cluttered Ranelagh district domain of book enthusiasts Patrick Bowe and Nicola Gordon Bowe

The book, of course, goes well beyond decorating schemes to portray Dublin life in colorful public and private glimpses of the modern and ancient city

■ The Mediterranean has long been a source of design, with its exotic and intense patternwork in tiles, wood, iron, fabrics and other media

Barbara and Rene Stoeltie set their sights on these in Living in Morocco (Taschen, \$29 99 hardcover, with text in English and German), offering rare pictures of both grand and intimate domestic interiors, all

evoking the Arabian Nights You'd just love to have an old house, full of Old World feeling and comfort But there aren't a whole lot of these houses still standing In other words, demand outstrips sup-

Author-architect Russell Versacı offers a startlingly simple plan Build one

In Creating a New Old House (The Taunton Press, \$39 95 hardcover), Versacı argues that it's possible to bring classic styles back to life by studying the disciplines and details of the originals The author specializes in doing just that for his clients

"We have unearthed forgotten details of style, building techniques and materials with timeless character and integrated them with the benefits of modern conveniences," he writes

His book showcases homes all over the country, representing regional tradition through

its history, but all built in the modern era

■ A new entry in Taunton's Updating Classic America series is Ranches (The Taunton Press, \$29 95 hardcover), by M Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman

The ranch house, once a symbol of American mass-produced suburbia, turns out to be a flexible style that offers endless possibilities in rehab restyling The book shows how ranches have become modern, rustic, eclectic or even traditional homes

■ Some people are attracted to the thrill of cutting edge design, and they'll find eyecatching examples in Brave New Houses Adventures in Southern California Living (Rızzoli, \$55 hardcover), by Michael Webb

Inviting his readers to think outside the literal box, Webb shows houses built with circular curves, irregular angles, soaring rooflines and other feats of engineering and architectural skill

Refinishing improves longevity of fixture

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Jeannie asks: In the past I have seen several advertisements about refinishing bathtubs, sinks and other bathroom fixtures. Now I'm in the market for this service, and I can't find a single advertisement anywhere! The bathtub in my house has lost its sheen and seems to be getting dingier each day. What method do you suggest to restore the enameled finish, short of replacing the tub? Also, how do I go

about finding someone qualified to perform this type of work?

A The process you refer to is called bathtub and fixture refinishing This is where the existing fixture is in sound structural condition, but may have a chip here or there or a dated, ugly color Repairing chips and refinishing the bathtub will not only improve the longevity of

the fixture but can do wonders

to enhance the appearance of

yoùr bathroom, as well

This method isn't for everyone If you are planning extensive remodeling and repair work that will require removal of the existing tub, you will find that the cost of a new tub might be only slightly more than to refinish the existing one Bathtub refinishing contractors tell us that you can expect to spend anywhere from \$300, for a standard white finish, to about \$450, for a special color The process includes a

chemical cleaning, followed by a chemical etching that prepares the surface to accept the new finish Then chips are repaired, and finally, the new finish is applied

The result is a smooth and porcelain-like surface Most companies are able to perform the work in a 24-hour period Many offer a written warranty of one to five years How do you find these guys? Look in the Yellow Pages under "bathtubs"

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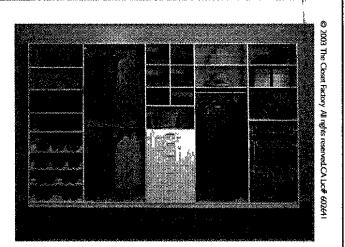
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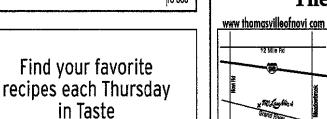
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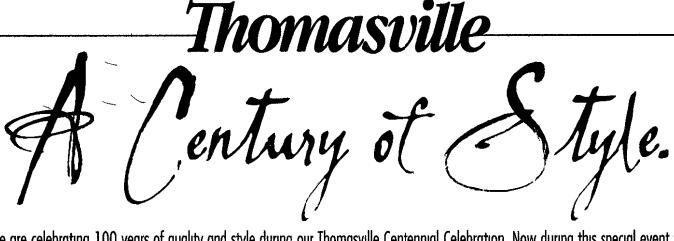
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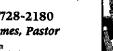




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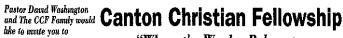
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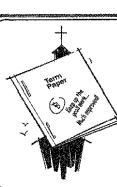


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if you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591 7279 or write Religion Calendar Observer Newspaper 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia MI 48150 The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon

MARCH

Birmingham-First Concert Series

Presents Brahms Requiem 730 pm Friday March 12 at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 1669 W Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads A Meet the Artists Receptions follows the concert. No charge Freewill offerings are collected to support future concert series events Featured guests are the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church and soloists Paul Tipton and Kimberley Dolanski Orchestration includes four hand plano by Charles Kennedy and Rob Abbott joined by strings and tim pani. A vocal quartet will offer excerpts from the Liebslieder Waltzes

Lenten Fish Fry

4307 pm every Friday during Lent at SS Simon & Jude Church 32500 Palmer between Merriman and Joy Westland All are welcome Cost for deep fried or baked fish is \$6.50 adults \$3 50 children age 12 and under \$2 50 for grilled cheese sand wich For more information call (734) 722 1343

Single Adult Ministries

A panel discussion for single men and women will present Single Minds Want to Know What? at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville For infor mation call (248) 374 5920 A round table discussion and refreshments follow Free childcare provided

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communica tion skills learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other takes place March 12 14 April 16 18 and May 14 16 at St John's Family Life Center 44011 Five Mile Plymouth There is a \$50 registration fee For more information or to register call (248) 528 2512 or (810) 286 5524 or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme

Dinner dance benefit

The senior high youth at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia will hold a Spring Fling Dinner Dance from 6 9 p m Saturday March 13 with proceeds going to support their summer mis sion trip Join the St Paul's youth for a spaghetti dinner and dancing to live Big Band music Tickets are \$10 each with advanced purchase or \$15 at the door all are welcome to attend fo more information or to purchase tick ets call (734)422 1470

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Irish Sing-along

As part St Hilary Parish's 50th anniversary there will be an Irish sing along corned beef sandwiches soda bread nibbles door prizes and entertainment by The Pub People 730 pm Saturday March 13 at 23901 Elmira Redford Donation is \$12 Limited seating For reservations call Dorothy at (313) 533 5698 or Betty (313) 533 8239

Lenten Activities

Witness God's Love in Outreach and Music begins with a baked potato din ner 5 30 pm Sunday March 14 at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia For more information call (734) 422 6038 Donations go to support the Society of St. Andrew a national hunger pro gram Hot dogs will be available for children Evening continues with music by flutist Bob Stead who per forms with the Michigan Flute Orchestra and Rose Flute Ensemble one of the oldest flute ensembles in

Activities continue 10 a m Sunday March 21 worship and guest speaker Frank Turner an Emmy award winning journalist and broadcaster for 20 vears An 11 a m pancake breakfast follows Donations will be accepted to benefit the Senior High Youth Trip to Ichthus a 3 day Christian music festi val in Kentucky in April 🗸 Lenten activities continue with a potluck dinner 5 30 pm Sunday March 28 Bring a dish to pass 630 p m concert follows with the Cass Ambassador a group of former home less men who are rebuilding their lives A freewill offering will be received to help support the Ambassadors ministry Through a pro gram sponsored by Cass United Methodist Church the Scott Building has facilities that provides multiple services including housing for 42 for merly homeless men Final Lenten program begins 5 30 p m Palm Sunday April 4 with a family friendly Bible Times Dinner The pro gram is interactive and educational and includes the story of Moses and the first Passover Everyone is invited Easter Sunday April 11 witness God's

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Cantor's Concert

An evening of Ladino and Yiddish music celebrating the bast spectrum of Jewish chorale repertoire 7 p m Sunday March 14 features Cantor Earl Berris The Zamir Chorale of Metro Detroit Cantorial soloist Zach Mondrow and The Klezmatics (Binai Moshe Klezmer Band) at Congregation B Nai Moshe 6800 Drake West Bloomfield General unre served seating Refreshments and light refreshments follow the concert All are welcome For more informa tion call (248) 788 0600

Organ/flute concert

Mark Rich organist at St. John Lutheran Church will present an hour for Music for Flute and Organ assist ed by flutists Cam Kureth and Susan Brackett 4 pm Sunday March 14 at St John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills Light refresh ments follow the concert

Rhythm Rhymes and Java

An even of poetry music and art 8 pm (doors open at 7 pm) Friday March 19 at First Baptist Institutional Church 17101 W Seven Mile between Greenfield and Southfield Detroit Cost is \$5 For more information call (248) 563 4493 or (313) 533 6442

Apocalypse conference

David Dark author of Everyday Apocalypse The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead The Simpsons and other Pop Culture Icons presents the con ference Apocalyptic for the People How The Simpsons and Radiohead (and other Pop Culture Icons) Might Save Your Life 930 am to noon Saturday March 20 at Trinity Church 14800 Middlebelt Livonia Advance tickets are \$15 \$12 Evangelical Covenant Church members and stu dents 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

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Parable Treasure Fair

Come and find the treasure of Jesus Word 3 5 p m Sunday March 21 in the social half at St. Maurice Church 32765 Lyndon Livonia Games craft and refreshments are included in the parishs religious education program No charge For more information call (734) 421 5240

Adult education series

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

Transforming the Global Village First Baptist Church of Plymouth is

organizing a conference Transforming the Global Village What

one person can do on March 27 at 45000 North Territorial Road The guest speaker is Dr John Sundquist director of the board of International Ministries He currently teaches at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a well known national and international Speaker For more information call (734) 455 2300 in the Light of recent increase in vio lence and moral decay around us we want to focus on How can we trans form our community. The violence in Detroit and suburban homes has been increasing. We want to come together and learn how our personal faith can have world wide impact. We invite the community to come together and play an effective role in changing our fam

Detroit Lutheran Singers

ily community and the nation

Perform a varied program of sacred choral music 3 30 pm Sunday March 28 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia The major work in the concert will be The Peaceable Kingdom a sequence of choruses based on texts from the Prophecy of Isaiah Isaiah phrased his message in very strong and descriptive terms and composer Randall Thompson interpreted Isaiah's words with superb text painting The audience will join the Singers encouraging one another to spread the Good News in O Zion Haste to tell all the world that God is Light

Director Eric Freudigman who has led The Singers since 1973 is well known for his work with choral groups hav ing served as director of the Kenneth Jewell Chorale and the choruses of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Doris Hall DLS accompanist is

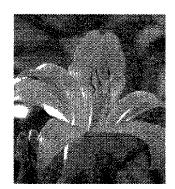
organist at Birmingham First United Methodist Church and a member of the American Guild of Organists All are welcome Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for seniors and students) and can be purchased in advance or at the door For ticket information call (248) 988 0604 Please join us following the concert for refreshments and fellow

Memorial Concert Series

The Galliard Brass Ensemble performs as part of the Musicians Memorial Concert 4 pm Sunday March 28 at St John's Episcopal Church 574 South Sheldon Plymouth Seating is limited tickets are required even though there is no charge. A free will dona tion will be taken which will assist with future concerts For tickets call Michael Brittenback at (734) 453 0190 Ext 16 or send e mail to mbritten@stjohnsplymouth org

An Ordinary Day With Jesus

The Lenten study opportunity contin ues through April 21 Participants should feel free to move back and forth between the two groups at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford The community is invited to participate in these sessions by call ing (313) 937 1199 or e mailing trinity cobmi@earthlink net Imagine spending a day of your life waking up eating working and socializing with Jesus During the season of Lent Trinity's pastor Mike Fletcher will be leading the congregation in the study Participants are invited to explore the promise that it is possible to live every moment of every day in the presence of Jesus



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Sallie Link, age 55, of Rochester Birmingham and has lived in Rochester Hills for 35 years She was an art teacher She was preceded in death by her mother Virgina F Link and is survived by her children Kellie Kaitlin and Mollie Faudie father Arthur F Link Jr and sister, Kathleen Vaughn of Florida Sallie was employed by Rochester Community Schools for over 30 years working with elementary students developing their talents and love of art She will be missed by the staff students and families of University Hills Elementary Funeral mass Friday 11 00 am at St Andrew Catholic Church 1400 Inglewood, Rochester Visitation Wednesday 6 9pm and Thursday 3 5 & 7 9pm at the Pixley Funeral Home 322 W University Dr Rochester Contributions may be made to the U of M Cancer Center Cancer Center Development Office 1500 E Medical Center Dr Ann Arbor MI 48109 0843

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MILLS & March 7 2004 Beloved husband of Jean Dear father of Michael (Jane) Peggy Gerou Tom (Patty) Laura (Gary) Carmickle Brother of Gordon and Richard Also survived by 7 grandchildren and many nephews and nieces Respecting his wishes Miles was cremated In heu of flowers the family requests donations to the Salvation Army or to MS Research A Memorial Mass cel ebrating his life Saturday, 11am at St Kenneth Catholic Church 14951 Haggerty Rd, (S of 5 Mile Rd)

Margaret Cage 97 of Garden City died March 7 2004 Beloved mother of Catherine (Wesley) Stewart Charles (Husband) of Festus MO Victoria Wesley Fisher (Daniel) of Garden City Grandmother of Jennifer R Tinsley (Brent) Matthew R Stewart Loving great grandmother to Aaron Michael Fisher & Zane Tuneral service at St Dunstan's Garden City Bock & Belton off Inkster, Sat March 13th at 10am fol lowed by brunch in church hall

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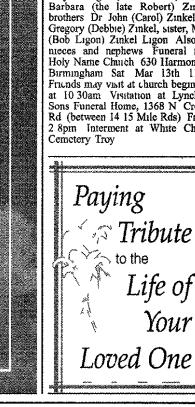
JOTTOW.

Robert John Jr., age 50, died sudden ly March 8 2004 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Mr Zinkel was born Dec 16 1953 in

ZINKEL

Detroit and was a life-long resident of

Birmingham He attended Holy Name Catholic School in Birmingham and was a graduate of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills Mr Zinkel received his BS from Ohio Northern University in Ada Ohio in 1976 with a dual major in Accounting and Business Administration While at Ohio Northern, he lettered in Varsity Share a Memorial Tribute with the family at griffinturneralhome com | Football and Varsity Track In 1984, he earned a JD degree from Ohio Northern University School at Law where he was President of the Student Bar Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Moot Court While in law school he taught accounting and tax courses at Lima Technical College Mr Zinkel's pro-fessional memberships and distinc-tions included National Order of Barristers Board of Advocates Tax Society and the Michigan Bai Association He was also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club Detroit Gun Club ant Trout Unlimited Mr Zinkel passed his CPA exam in 1981 and was an Attorney at Law specializing in tax and business law Family always came first with Rob He had a great sense of humor and was always the life of the party keeping his family laughing at holiday gatherings A loyal man he was the kind of person you could always count on to be there to hand out a basketball or job advice to his little sister teach his children many important life lessons, or just be fun Uncle Rob at countless birthday parties and numerous family events with his 10 nieces and nephews. Rob's strength of character and warm heart made others feel strong and loved He often did things that were hard or unappealing because it was the right and good thing to do always going the extra Rob was a strong person and tough fighter in the face of adversity and challenges from fourth quarter touch downs and high hurdle relays to passing the the Bar and CPA exams, to bringing chents through tax audits and tough legal battles He was an avid sportsman outdoorsman, automobile restoration enthusiast and budding guitarist Mr Zinkel is survived by his wife of 21 years, Pamela son Frik Lloyd daughter, Kaitlin Ann, mother Barbara (the late Robert) Zinkel, brothers Dr John (Carol) Zinkel and Gregory (Debbie) Zinkel, sister, Mary (Bob Ligon) Zinkel Ligon Also 10 nieces and nephews Funeral from Holy Name Chuich 630 Harmon St, Birmingham Sat Mar 13th 11am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10 30am Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N Crooks Rd (between 14 15 Mile Rds) Friday 2 8pm Interment at White Chapel Cemetery Troy





REMODEL

FROM PAGE C1

The kitchen - and the rest of the house looked dated

A makeover was needed in every room of the 1500 square foot home

Lambrecht who also loves to cook, not only remodeled the kitchen and refurbished sever al rooms in the home (includ ing the office master bedroom, living room and dining 100m/sunroom) she also focused much of her attention on an unlikely location - the garage With the garages location so close to the kitchen, it seemed a natural gathering place We went up in the rafters and I knew then that I could do it Lambrecht said

She talked with architect Jason Krieger who drew up plans and she received approval from the building department and a site plan variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals last summer, to add the garage

FAMILY ROOM

A wall between a mud room adjacent to the old garage and the kitchen was demolished Drywall was ripped out down

to the studs in the garage, and the boards were ripped out on the outside wall

Lambrecht installed a vaulted ceiling in the new entertainment/family room that opens the room up to those old garage rafters That entryway between the new garage and the new family room is now located where the previous owners drove their vehicles into the garage A 5-by-5-foot half bath was added

On the other side of the entryway, a 5-by-5-foot closet sits in the northeast corner of the family room, storing the sound system and some pantry shelves The speakers for the room's sound system are hardly noticed, as they're stored in the vaulted ceiling, housed at various locations to balance the sound The size of the speaker grilles are similar to the recessed lighting, also new to the ceiling Unless you specifically look for the speakers, you hardly notice them

Lambrecht also installed a two-way mirror, with a television behind it

With that sound and television package all stored and tucked away in the closet, the room looks more open

With no wall separating the family room and kitchen, only a step down from the wooden



Ann Lambrecht sits inside her new family/entertainment room, which she created by converting and remodeling her

floor of the kitchen and nook area gets you into the family room Flames dance in a direct vent fireplace, exuding warmth with its presence along the wall A new window was installed on the south wall. while another was removed from the north side of the home Lambrecht painted the wall a deep green (caraway green), matching up that color from a pattern on the sectional sofa Green carpeting warms the floor

KITCHEN

The kitchen floor presents a deep rich and strong red tone of cherry-stained maple, which Lambrecht found for \$6 a square foot

She also found the two-way mirror over the television for \$25 at a garage sale, and added a great touch to the half-bath when she bought a cabinet at Home Expo Her nephew and her plumber, Harley Higgins, cut a hole in the top and

ing storage with style

The kitchen also has new cabinetry from KSI Lambrecht added Black Cloud granite countertops, a stainless steel sink and Bianco faucet A wine refrigerator chills favorite beverages The walls are painted, of all colors, nacho cheese, deeper than the butter yellow of the living room

All in all, Lambrecht now has a new 2-1/2-car, 24-by-24foot garage, a new 14-by-14 unfinished breezeway, and the new 16-by-16-foot family/entertainment room.

where that old garage was Lambrecht's not finished yet Plans include a new courtyard, and she expects to redo the guest bedroom and master bathroom once she finishes the breezeway

And she said she stayed

within \$8,000 of her budget, which made her 'very happy," considering the new look, openness and warmth of the entire ranch from the cherrystained wood floors of the kitchen to the green walls of

the converted garage 'I hope that everyone who sees that when you move to an older home in Beverly Hills, you want to update the home and maintain the character of the home, this is the way to do it, Lambrecht said "The project was done well, it's beautiful inside, it's done economically, had wonderful contractors, and I m very happy with it This is a way to show what you can do without changing the footprint of the house

Ann Lambrecht will be conducting a seminar about her remodeling project and will

WHO HELPED

Slightly more than a year later Ann Lambrecht enjoys what has since transpired with her original remod eling plans of her home in Beverly Hills and appreciates the archi tect's vision and the contractors efforts on the project And she credits the following con tractors for her home s new stylish

Real estate agent Billy Currier from the McBroom Team sold her the house and helped connect her with many of the contractors who redid the house

Jason Krieger architect from Royal Oak worked on plans while Chuck Cairns urban planner from Beverly Hills assisted her in her discus sions with the Zoning Board of Appeals

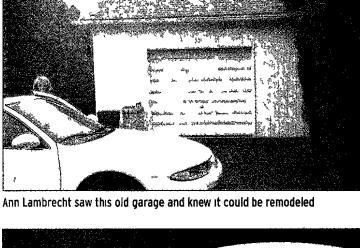
Chris Buchta was the general con tractor who did all the framing of the garage and drywalling work in the kitchen

Harley Higgins Lambrecht's nephew was the plumber Miguel Merkhofer a handyman did the tear down and installed French drains outside

George Haacke completed the fine carpentry painting and all the dry wall repair in the house including the mantel in the fireplace in the living room

Kevin Heffin of Beverly Hills built the garage and installed the kitchen Lambrecht put in insula tion helped with the tear down and nailed baseboard molding

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is spon-

sored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine with locations in Grosse Pointe Woods Dearborn and Royal Oak Patrons must be 21 years of age and provide identification at the door Tickets are \$40 per person and include fine culinary cuisine, up to 50 tastings of assorted beers, door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass Tickets can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the **Student Activities Office** at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462-4422

Apples exported

All tickets are pre-sale

The first shipments of Michigan apples were sent to Mexico on Feb 27 on two refrigerated trucks The trucks were loaded with red delicious apples and left for Mexico City An inspector from Mexico arrived in Grand Rapids to oversee the opening of storage rooms and packing of shipments

Denise Yockey, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee, said the committee believes Mexico can be the single biggest export market for apples. selling up to 500 million cases worth \$6 million annually within five years Approximately 3 to 5 percent of the state's fresh apples are exported, with two thirds of them going to Latin America Apple growers, shippers and agriculture officials were required to develop a phytosanitary procedure to convince Mexican agricultural offi cials that no insects or diseases would be exported along with the fruit

It starts in the cart

Safe food handling starts right in the gro cery cart, according to Sylvia Treitman, county extension educator from Michigan State University Extension's

Oakland County office If any raw meat juices from chicken or meat drip on fresh produce in the grocery cart, you may be bringing home bacteria that won't get cooked away and it can cause food poisoning

Here are a few tips for the grocery store

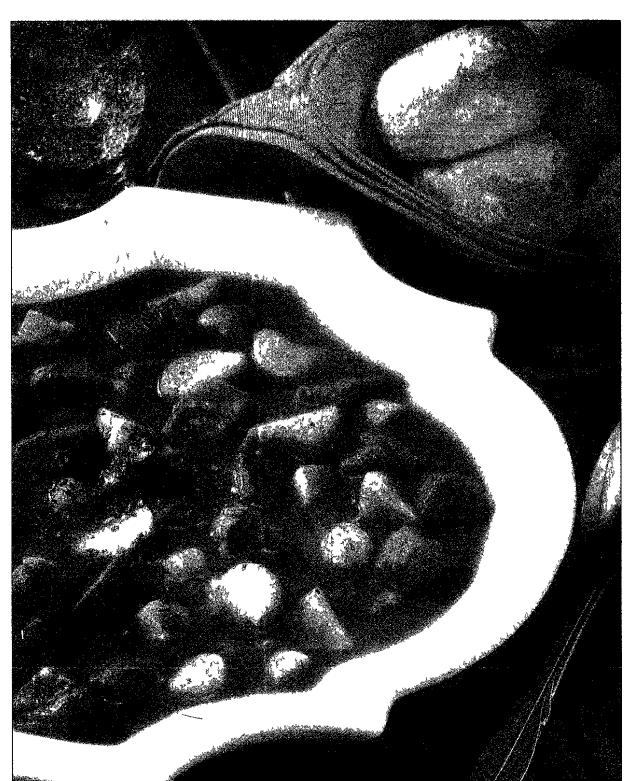
■ Separate fresh meat, poultry and fish from fresh produce Put these items in plastic bags (supplied by the grocery store) and keep them separate in the grocery cart

■ Put all fresh vegetables and fruits in plastic bags so they don't pick up dirt and bacteria on the cashier's conveyor belt when checking out

ITISh hospitality

St. Patrick's Day is fun and festive Corned beef and winter vegetables complement each other well





For a change of pace from the traditional corned beef and cabbage, try a lamb or beef stew for St. Patrick's Day. This beef stew contains plenty of winter vegetables for a hearty meal

rish hospitality reigns over the Emerald Isle It is a reputation that has been nurtured throughout

generations Julie Demery of Beverly Hills, treasurer of the Irish Cultural Forum, remembers her mother always enjoying company and feeding guests at her home while Julie was growing up in Ireland

"It's just in them," Demery said of Irish hospitality "They like people and being with people, and doing everything they can so that they can do that It's very much a part of Corned beef and cabbage will fill plenty of them, and is sort of a national trait'

Irish people are famous for being can be found inside on pages D2-3 friendly to outsiders, writes Noel

Cullen in Elegant Irish Cooking "Hospitality was seen as a basic duty, a warm welcome and warm food were basic rights of any traveler," he writes "Any caller could not be turned away without bringing bad luck and a bad name to the household

"The Christian belief that a stranger calling might be the Savior coming to test the goodwill of the household also played a part Travelers to Ireland, from the Norsemen on, all commented on the unusual extent of Irish hospi-

And it extends to the dinner table, too, well beyond the Americanized corned beef and cabbage combinations promoted by many of the taverns in town (Corned beef, of course, is cured, a method used by the Irish and other nations to preserve meats for



plates next Wednesday on St Patrick's Day Many recipes for St Patrick's Day fare salmon," Demery said

longer periods of time)

Demery said many of the forum's cooking classes, instructed by Pam and Jerry Maloney of Southfield, are geared toward entertaining Jerry is vice president of the Irish Cultural Forum "Many of the people who sign up for the classes will have company over and the dinner will be served to a larger group of people," Demery said

The Maloneys have traveled to Ireland about 12 times to take cooking classes at Ballymaloe Cooking School

Bacon, ham, beef, mutton, lamb and pork are all popular meats in Ireland Goat's milk is farmed commercially there Vegetables, particularly potatoes, cabbage and root vegetables like carrots and turnips, grace many a table in Ireland

Of course, the Irish love their

potatoes, another food Demery

remembers from her homeland "We had chili con carne with mashed potatoes, creamed chicken with potatoes, and sauerkraut with potatoes," Demery said "My dad loved chili on potatoes" In fact she dıdn't know chili was supposed to be a bowl of the stewed meat by itself until she had it at a restau-

"(Potatoes) are one of those com-

fort foods," she said Beef stew with Guinness Stout also is good on mashed potatoes, Demery said

"They also love their lamb and

There is a great variety of fish off the coast, some of which Americans are familiar with including cod, hake, haddock, black sole and whiting along with plaice and ling Shellfish also are available, including crabs, mussels, scallops, oysters, prawns and lob-

The Japanese aren't the only people to use seaweed, so do the Irish Carrageen moss is an edible algae, rich in iron and minerals, used in soups and is used as a setting agent instead of gelatin Dulse or dillisk is another seaweed, added to fish or vegetable soups

Then there are the dishes them-

Coddle is a dish originated from Dublin Sausages, onions, bacon, herbs and potatoes are boiled together and it is usually served as a Saturday evening dish

PLEASE SEE IRISH, D2

Foley and LinCourt tout Santa Barbara appellations

ather Junipero Serra
brought vine cuttings from Mexico and planted them in Santa Barbara County, Calif, in 1782 Yet it wasn't until the early 1960s



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Davis revealed that Santa Barbara County is one of the

conducted at

University of

California-

the

coolest wine regions in California, cooler than Napa or Sonoma counties and that the climate, soil and water portend great potential for Santa Barbara as a wine growing region Nowhere else in California

does one find east-west oriented valleys that open to the, Pacific Ocean on the west Vineyards benefit from the resulting maritime influence that blankets the vines with morning and evening fog, protecting them from excessive sun and heat

Moving east in these valleys and away from the ocean, the climate warms, providing a variety of microclimates hospitable to most of the classic wine grapes from cool (chardonnay and pinot noir) to warm (cabernet sauvignon and merlot) climate varieties

The result of ocean influence is a longer growing season granting wines elegant structure, sumptuous fruit and extended finish

APPELLATION TRIO

There are three appellations within Santa Barbara County From north to south, they are the Santa Maria Valley, known for chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah, the Santa Ynez Valley where cabernet sauvignon, merlot, syrah, sauvignon and riesling grow well, and the Santa Rita Hills (actually a sub-appellation within the Santa Ynez Valley closest to the ocean) cultivating fine chardonnay

and pinot noir Santa Barbara County boasts about 60 wineries, producing 1 million cases of premium wines annually They use approximately onehalf of the grapes grown on 21,000 vineyard acres The remainder are sold to wineries outside the Santa Barbara

area The Santa Barbara wineries of Foley Estates and LinCourt Vineyards are the realized dream of William P Foley, a connoisseur of Burgundian style wines, intent on producing the finest chardonnay and pinot noir in Santa Barbara

County Foley purchased his first winery and renamed it LinCourt after his two daughters, Lindsay and Courtney He named his second winery Foley Estates Vineyard & Winery Veteran winemaker Alan Phillips

oversees both properties Together, Foley and Phillips searched and located. a vineyard with the soil and climate necessary to grow Burgundian grape varieties and produce quality chardon-

nay and pinot noir In 1998, Foley purchased a 460-acre ranch in the Santa Rita Hills, the coolest region within the Santa Ynez Valley near the Pacific Ocean Over the following two years, he

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2

Corned beef and cabbage is Irish tradition Celebrate Irish heritage with these recipes

Everyone does seem to be a httle bit Irish on March 17

It's a day that evokes celebration everywhere - whether you're Irish or not Parades, fireworks and food often mark this festive day (which actually is the anniversary of St Patrick's death in the fifth cen-

Even though St Patty's Day is on a busy Monday this year, don't let that keep you from preparing a traditional feast of Corned Beef & Cabbage Corned beef brisket is a perfect menu choice for the slow cooker, and the slow cooker is the perfect cooking choice for busy cooks Just put the corned beef in the cooker with seasonings, onions and celery and cook no attention needed!

The accompanying cabbage, carrots and potatoes can be cooked in the microwave oven just before serving An easy Red Currant-Mustard Sauce lends a delicious sweet-tangy accent to the corned beef if you wish to add an extra special touch Soda bread or potato rolls from the supermarket bakery make a traditional accompaniment for the menu

Whether you're using the slow cooker or cooking the corned beef on the stovetop, the secret to success is simple Don't try to speed up the cooking Brisket needs long, slow cooking to result in perfect fork-tender beef Another must - don't peek during cooking Every time the lid is lifted, steam escapes, adding extra cooking time

built a new Foley Estates win-

vines, 125 acres of chardonnay,

100 acres of pinot noir and the

Rancho Santa Rosa, came into

full production with the 2003

LinCourt produces chardon-

nay, pinot noir and syrah, all

with a Santa Barbara County

appellation Foley Estate is a

small lot, vineyard-designated

luxury winery, focusing on

wines including sauvignon

harvest Each of William Foley's wineries has a specialty

The vineyard, known as

remainder to syrah

ery and planted 240 acres to

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE WITH RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

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2 1/2 to 3 pound boneless corned beef brisket

3 ribs celery cut into 3 inch lengths

2 medium onions cut lengthwise

ınto quarters 3 1/2 cups water

1 pound green cabbage cut into 3 inch wedges

1 pound red potatoes cut into 2 inch pieces

6 to 8 small carrots tops trimmed or 4 medium car rots cut crosswise into thirds

1/2 cup water 2 tablespoons butter melted

Salt and pepper Red Currant Mustard Sauce (recipe follows)

Chopped parsley (optional)

Place celery and onions in 4-1/2- to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker, top with corned beef brisket Add corned beef seasoning packet, if included, and 3-1/2 cups water Cover and cook on high 7 hours, or on low 9 to 10 hours, or until brisket is fork-tender Remove brisket, set aside Discard cooking liquid and solids

Place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in 2-1/2 quart microwavesafe casserole, add 1/2 cup water Cover and microwave on high 15 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring once Drain vegetables, add butter and salt and pepper, as desired, toss to coat

Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices Serve with vegetables and Red Currant-Mustard Sauce Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired

blane, chardonnay, pinot noir

RECOMMENDED WINES

■ 2001 Foley Estate

tropical fruit aromas with

notes of lemongrass

Sauvignon Blanc (\$17) exhibits

and merlot

Makes 6 to 8 servings

Cooks Tip If corned beef does not come with seasoning packet, substitute 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns and 1 bay leaf

Variation To cook on stovetop, bring corned beef, seasoning, onions, celery and water to boil Reduce heat and simmer until fork-tender, about 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours Prepare vegetables as directed above

Nutritional information per serving (1/6 of recipe), excluding sauce: 389 calories, 22 g protein, 21 g carbohydrate, 24 g fat, 1,265 mg sodium, 115 mg cholesterol, 46 mg macin, 06 mg vitamin B6, 17 mg vitamin B12, 27 mg iron, 53 mg zinc

RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

1 jar (12 ounces) red currant jelly

3 tablespoons coarse grain Dijon-style mustard

Place jelly in medium microwave-safe bowl Cover and microwave on high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until smooth, stirring once

Whisk in mustard Cover and microwave on high 30 seconds Makes about

Nutrition information per serving (3 tablespoons): 146 calories, 0 g protein, 37 g carbohydrate, 0 g fat, 94 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol, 0 1 mg niacin, 0 mg vitamin B6, 0 mg vitamin B12, 1 0 mg iron, 0 mg

Recipe courtesy of Cattlemen's Beef Board

CELERIAC SOUP WITH SMOKED BACON AND POTATO BREAD

Potato bread is also known in some regions of Ireland as boxty In the United States, celeriac is better known as celery root It is not the root of ordinary celery and does not develop large stalks above the ground

> Soup 1 tablespoon unsalted butter 2 medium onions diced

1 head celeriac peeled and diced 2 ounces low salt smoked bacon chopped

1 bay leaf 1 quart chicken or vegetable

stock salt and ground white pepper whipped cream for garnish

chervil for garnish

Potato Bread

1 /2 pounds boiling potatoes peeled and diced 4 cup all purpose flour

/s teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon unsaited butter melted

/s teaspoon mixed herbs such as parsley sage or thyme 2 tablespoons clarified butter

For the soup

Melt butter in a 2-quart. heavy-bottomed saucepan Sauté the onions and bacon, 3-5 min-

Add diced celeriac, bay leaf, and stock. Bring to a boil Simmer, gently, uncovered 20 minutes Skim excess fat Remove bay leaf Puree soup in a food processor until smooth Adjust seasoning

For the potato bread

Preheat a heavy-bottom frying pan Boil the potatoes and mash to a puree While the potatoes are still hot, mix with flour, herbs and salt Add the melted butter, knead briefly On a lightly floured surface roll out the potato mixture to½-inch thickness

Using a 2-inch round biscuit cutter, cut out individual circles

Add a little clarified butter to the hot pan and cook circles until both sides are golden brown Repeat until all potato mixture is used Serves 6

CARROTS IN ORANGE SAUCE

Carrots and other root vegetables have been eaten in Ireland since prehistoric times. History records they were part of St Ciaran's evening dinner

/2 cup orange juice 1 teaspoon orange zest 1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon cornstarch 2 medium carrots peeled and

sliced /2 teaspoon salt

/2 teaspoon granulated sugar

Place the orange juice in a medium saucepan Bring to a boil Add orange zest and lemon

Dissolve cornstarch in a tablespoon of cold water Add to orange juice mixture, stir until sauce thickens

Gently boil carrots in water seasoned with salt and sugar until crisp-tender Shock in ice water Mix carrots into sauce Reheat Serve hot Serves 4

BELLA CULLEN'S COLCANNON

My mother, Bella Cullen, would make this dish on Halloween and, in keeping with an ancient Irish custom, would wrap some coins in parchment paper and place them in the colcannon for us children to find

8 medium all purpose potatoes I head curly kale chopped fine 1 /4 cups milk

6 scallions diced fine

1 tablespoon chopped parsley /2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme 8 tablespoons butter divided

Peel potatoes In a saucepan, cover with cold salted water Bring to a boil and cook, 20 minutes, or until done Strain off

water Let potatoes dry, then hand mash In a 2-quart pot boil the kale in salted water, until tender, about 25 minutes

In a large saucepan, over low heat, heat the milk with scallions,

parsley and thyme Strain the chopped kale and add to milk. Simmer, 3 minutes Add mashed potatoes to kale, stir

ın 4 tablespoons butter Mix to a smooth creamy consistency Correct seasoning Serves 8

Recipes from Elegant Irish Cooking by Noel Cullen

BEEF & WINTER VEGETABLE STEW

2 pounds beef for stew cut into 1 inch pieces

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 cups chopped onions /2 teaspoon salt

/4 teaspoon pepper

1 can (13 ³/₄ to 14 /₂ ounces) ready to serve beef broth 1 cup dark beer or nonalcoholic

1 pound small red potatoes quar

3 medium carrots cut into/rinch

pieces 2 tablespoons cornstarch dis

solved in 3 tablespoons water Chopped fresh parsley Heat oil in Dutch oven over

medium heat until hot Add beef and onions (half at a time) and brown evenly, stir occasionally Pour off drippings Return beef mixture to pan Season with salt and pepper Stir in broth and beer Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low Cover tightly and simmer 1-1/4 hours

Add potatoes and carrots Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low Cover tightly and continue cooking 20 to 30 minutes or until beef and vegetables are ten-

Stir in cornstarch mixture Bring to a boil, cook and stir 1 minute or until thickened Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired Makes 6 servings Recipe courtesy of Cattlemen's

Beef Board

■ 2000 LinCourt Chardonnay (\$15) showcases bright acidity generous and velvety with with toasty oak in a style meant pretty flavors that highlight

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■ 2000 Foley Estate Santa Maria Hills Pinot Noir (\$30) is cherry and dark bernes

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Potatoes are an important staple of the Irish diet, as they help create boxty, which are potato pancakes, and champ or bruitin, a mashed potato dish made with milk, seasonings and scallions, with butter atop the dish

dish still common on the Emerald Isle, consisting of kale or cabbage, onions, potatoes, seasonings, milk and but-

Breads include the Irish soda bread (soda farls) and griddle bread, thin and fried on both sides White soda breads with fruit are common in Northern Ireland

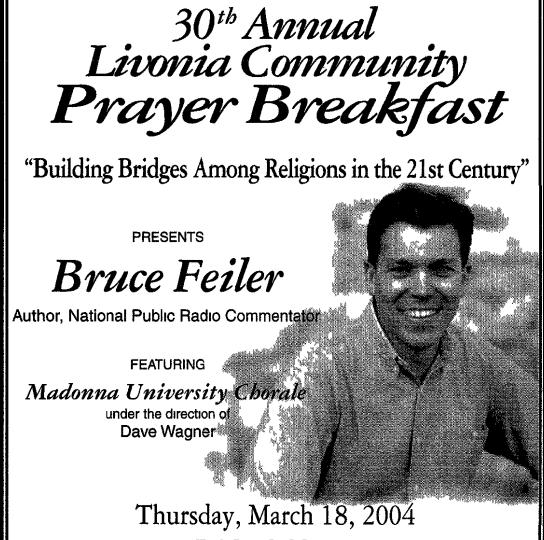
Brown soda bread is the most widely baked bread with wholemeal wheat flour and buttermilk or sour milk

Demery expects she will be busy with activities in the days before and on St Patrick's Day, including a Mass at Holy Trinity Church For her, it is a time to take pride in her Irish heritage

"It sets us apart a little bit," she said

(The Irish) had hard times, and they were considered second-class citizens originally I guess in a way it's a little bit of that in your face, and that we don't think we are

"We call it the High Holy Day and we have a good time"



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Cabbage can create a hearty soup

Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw once said There is no love sincerer than the love of food And in recent years, the cooks in Ireland have begun to agree with him Cooking has enjoyed a major renaissance in Ireland and fine dining now is the rule, rather

than the exception But the lowly cabbage has held its place as a staple in Irish cuisine So it is always appropriate at a meal celebrat ing St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland St Patrick's Day is the only national holiday in Ireland and is celebrated in church as well as with parades and parties And cabbage always has a place on an Irish table on St Patrick's Day

Cabbage is the ancestor of many of its more contemporary relatives, like Brussels sprouts and cauliflower The word 'cabbage" comes from the French word caboche, a colloquial word for 'head

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all prized cabbage as a healthy food, and the modern world thinks the same Cabbage is one of nature's most nutritious vegetables

Cabbage comes in many forms It can be flat or round, compact or loose, curly or straight When buying cabbage, look for a head heavy for its size and with leaves that look crisp and firmly packed Tightly wrapped, cabbage will hold in the refrigerator for up to a week

Cruciferous vegetables like cabbage, broccoli, Brussels



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Simmer up a soup with chicken broth cabbage parsley and parmesan cheese

sprouts, cauliflower and kale contain a compound called sulforaphane, a natural substance that scientists think helps fight

So welcome cabbage to your St Patrick's Day feast and you may have the luck of the Irish

St. Patrick's Cabbage Soup

11 pound cabbage cored and quartered Boiling water Canola oil spray

1 medium onion chopped /2 cup peeled cubed potato

/4 /2 teaspoon ground nutmeg or

2 tablespoons flour 2 cups reduced fat (2 percent)

2 cups fat free reduced sodium ch cken broth

1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat leaf parsley 1 tablespoon chopped fresh

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan

Place cabbage in a large bowl Pour enough boiling water over to cover Let stand 5 minutes Drain well Pat dry with paper towels then cut into thin slices Spray large heavy saucepan

with oil Saute onions until ten der but not brown (about 10 minutes) Add cabbage and potato and cook, stirring, about 5 minutes Add nutmeg and flour and stir 2 minutes Gradu ally add milk and broth Bring to a boil, stirring often

Reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes Set aside to cool

Puree vegetables in batches in blender or food processor until smooth Return to saucepan, season with salt and pepper Bring to a simmer, ladle into bowls and sprinkle with parsley, chives and Parmesan Makes 5

Enjoy cabbage slaw on St. Patrick's Day

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

On St Patricks Day, the air will be rich with the aromas of cabbage, corned beef, crusty Irish soda bread and perhaps a stew studded with potatoes and carrots These traditional Irish dishes, nostalgically emoved by Irish-Americans and other Americans feeling Irish for the day, are a far cry from what is on many Irish tables today

Ireland has not given up its love of colcannon, boxty, and fish 'n' chips, all dishes made with potatoes But starting in the 1980s, a gastronomic revo-lution spread through much of the country Fine local ingredients - from salmon, leeks and cabbage to dairy products and fresh berries – began attracting young, creative chefs to cosmopolitan Dublin and far-flung counties from Cork to Donegal These chefs are inspired by local farmhouse cheeses, like Cashel blue, or hand-tended vegetables, freshly-harvested oysters, or spring lamb They also take pride in a long Celtic heritage which, unlike the rest of Europe, was influenced by few foreign cultures

Today, food fairs and unique, award-winning restaurants attract tourists who now visit Ireland just to dine Kenmare, in County Kerry, for example, has more award-winning restaurants per capita than Paris, including several with highly-prized Michelin stars Even the government, via its Irish Food Board, acknowledges what has happened by promoting this culinary renaissance

IRISH CABBAGE AND POTATO SLAW

2 medium white potatoes (8 ounces) peeled and cut in/2inch slices

1 small Savoy cabbage (about 1/4 pound) or

/2 medium head green cabbage 1 carrot shredded

4 scallions green part only chopped

2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar

1/2 teaspoons dry mustard pow

1 teaspoon sugar 1 teaspoon salt

/s teaspoon ground black pepper or to taste

1 tablespoon canola oil

/4 cup fat free or low fat butter

Place potatoes in a medium saucepan Cover with cold water to a depth of 2 inches Cook over medium high heat When the potatoes still have some resist ance to a thin knife drain them Cut them into/2-inch strips and set aside While potatoes cook quarter the cabbage, cut away the core and shred into/z-inch strips (There should be about 6 cups) Place cabbage in a large mixing bowl Add carrots and scallions

In a small bowl combine vine gar, mustard powder, sugar salt and pepper, mixing until sugar dissolves Mix in the oil Pour dressing over vegetables Using hands, mix to coat vegetables with dressing Add potatoes and mix again Cover slaw and set aside for 15 minutes to wilt cab-

Pour in buttermilk and mix again Cover and refrigerate slaw until ready to serve, or up to 6 hours The slaw is best when the cabbage and carrots still have some crunch

Makes 16 servings

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New Topamax and Zonagran stop sweet and starch cravings

celebrates facility

A black-tie optional gala fund-raiser Saturday, April 3 will celebrate the Schoolcraft College Culmary Arts Department's new home in the VisTaTech Center After a strolling buffet, patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant

Gala guests will dine on a variety of gourmet delicacies with an international flair as they stroll through the six instructional kitchens The food will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrées, breads, pastries and desserts All will be prepared by the Schoolcraft culmary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs

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Gala tickets are \$150 per person, with \$90 of that amount tax deductible All proceeds will support the culinary arts department

The Schoolcraft salon team won first place in the American Culmary Federation national Jumor Hot Food Competition in July 2003 During the same event, the Knowledge Bowl team won the national title, marking the first time one culinary program swept both prizes

Many of greater Detroit's finest restaurants employ Schoolcraft graduates

For more information or tickets, call 734-462-4400, ext

Schoolcraft gala Schoolcraft offers baking program

The Culmary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College will introduce a new baking and pastry certificate program in the fall 2004 semester The program begins with a one-week orientation in May and August, followed by a 30-week program of intensive study and production, half devoted to baking and half to

Students will attend fivehour, three-day work weeks for 15 weeks of baking and fivehour four-day weeks for 15 weeks of pastry instruction The new program will be limited to 32 students and cost approximately \$4,000 for a resident of the Schoolcraft College district

Joseph Decker, one of a handful of certified master pastry chefs in the country, will instruct students in the art of

creating exquisite, mouthwatering items, from apple pies and miniature pastries, to flans, crème brulées and tortes

Students will learn in a new instructional kitchen with steam-jacketed pastry kettles, rotating rack ovens, flat-screen monitors, in-house video equipment and a temperature controlled chocolate and sugar

Decker served as director of research and development for the Awrey Baking Co, and worked at the Golden Mushroom restaurant He is a Certified National Judge for the American Culinary Federation cooking and pastry competitions and was a member of the 1995 World Pastry Cup Team He has won medals in world competitions in France and Germany and national competitions in

Chicago and Detroit

Bakery students will learn from the expertise of certified master chef Jeffrey Gabriel, creating an array of baked goods They include all types of artisan breads, cookies, muffins, rolls, Danish and other bakeshop goodies

The new bake shop instructional kitchen is distinguished by five-inch thick hardwood work stations, a state-of-theart computer controlled dough proofer/retarder and steaminjected ovens with four stone decks The media system allows students to view live demonstrations, power point presentations and other visual instructions

Gabriel is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and has been chef de cuisine at the Harbor Beach Resort, Les Autuers and The Detroit Yacht

Club He owns The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin He has been a member of several Culmary Olympic teams, has won Olympic gold medals including two with distinction, and has won 10 national American Culmary Federation medals

Bakers and pastry chefs generally work in the early morning and during the day, making the career attractive to parents who want work while their children are in school or persons who want to start a small business from their home

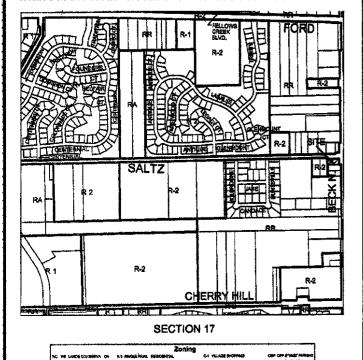
The new Schoolcraft program will equip students with the skills to work as an assistant baker or assistant pastry chef For more information on the program or to tour the kitchens, call the Admissions Office at (734) 462-4426 or e-mail admissions@schoolcraft edu

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

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The request is on file in the Clerk's office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 800 am to 430 p m, Monday through Friday Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may

Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting Telephone number

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Technology Park Plymouth Township Wayne County, Michigan

consider the request The public hearing, commencing at $7\,00~p\,m$, will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road,

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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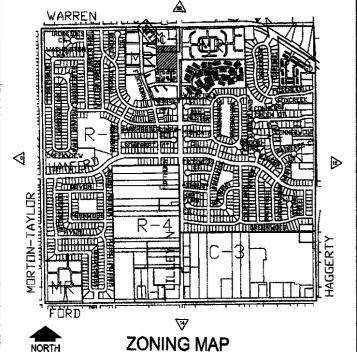
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WILLOW CREEK PUD AMENDMENT NO. 3 / (HEARTLAND HEALTH CARE) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND PUD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 042 02 0197 301 (PART OF) AND 042 02 0197 302 Property is located on the west side of Lilley Road and south of Warren Road



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON STUDY SESSION BOARD PROCEEDINGS **MARCH 2, 2004**

A regular study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 704 PM Roll Call Members Present Bennett, Burdziak Kirchgatter McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Members Staff Present Director Durack, Director Conklin, Sean Fletcher, Mike Ager Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda Motion carried

ITEM 1: ROOF TOP UNITS AT THE SUMMIT ON THE PARK There are 14 units on the rooftop of the Summit that control the heating and cooling of the building. The cost of an new unit is about \$24,000 00 per unit. A rooftop test and inspection by the vendor was done on the present 14 units in July of 2003 The inspection found that four (4) units needed to be replaced Eight other units needed a variety of repairs The cost to repair all of the units is \$117,583 The cost to repair the 8 units and replace four (4) units is \$125,402 00 A 36 month lease/ 60 month lease is available for consideration The Board requested Mr Fletcher to proceed with the development of an RFP

ITEM 2: PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE The Board of Trustees is committed to integrating Public Art projects into the community The public areas of the community are a source of public pride and represent the values held by the community All Public Art will be located on public land. The collection could include loans and temporary pieces. Public funds for the Art will come from a variety of sources, inclusive of the DDA, General Fund, Bond Capital Projects, Gifts, Developer Contributions, and Grants The most immediate goals include development of a master plan for public art in the DDA, development of a master plan for a sculpture garden in Heritage Park and development of polices for purchase donation and consignment Art in the public areas A funding scale for Capital projects, that was presented, would allow for the Board of Trustees to appropriate funds for Public Art projects The Board of Trustees recommended that the proposed scale be scraped and a case by case appropriation and approval process be presented to the Board of Trustees for each project

ITEM 3: REVISED REQUEST OF BOARD ACTION FORM A new format for Board Action Requests was given to the Board Comments were generally positive Board Members expressed the desire to continue to have creators supply complete information related to the Board item

ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Bennett seconded by Kirchgatter to adjourn Motion carried unanimously Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 8 40 p m

THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor TERRY G BENNETT Clerk

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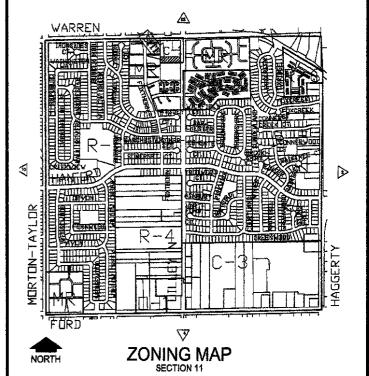
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Beer tasting

Enjoy various samplings and tastings of beer at the ninth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting 7 9 30 p m Wednesday March 24 in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus 18600 Haggerty Road between 6 Mile and 7 Mile roads

The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine with locations in Grosse Pointe Woods Dearborn and Royal Oak Patrons must be 21 years of age and provide identification at the door Tickets are \$40 per person and include fine culinary cuisine up to 50 tastings of assorted beers door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass Tickets can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the Student Activities Office at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462 4422 All tickets are pre sale only

Great American Meatout

Kick the meat habit at the 20th Annual Great American Meatout noon 4 p m Sunday March 28 at the Gerry Kulick Community Center 1201 Livernois in Ferndale Admission is \$5 for adults and no fee for children under 12

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information call (248) 5 Great Lakes Great Wine

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Wine Walk Around will be presented on
Thursday April 1 by the Culinary
Studies Institute at Oakland
Community College in the third floor of
Building J on the college's Orchard
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the more than 500 wine selections
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Broil mustard-herb chops, serve with greens

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charla Draper of Chicago is a soul food devotee who has developed her own healthy approach to soul food cuisine for those who love the taste but wish to cut back on the fat and calories. As a nationally recognized food writer and former food editor of Ebony magazine, she brings some authority to her task.

Here are two of her recipes, for other fans of soul food to try The dishes sound familiar – mustardy pork chops with Southern-style greens But

there's a difference
"I developed these recipes by
taking some of our favorite
foods and making them
healthier by simply changing
the preparation," Draper
explains By using different
cooking methods you can still
enjoy what she refers to as "the
legacy of foods considered soul

food

"Most people don't realize that you can keep these delicious, flavorful foods on the dining table by simply trimming some of the fat, calories and sodium from the ingredient list"

The recipes below give specific details Some general guidelines from Draper for slimmed-down soul food

- Choose lean cuts of meat, including pork tenderloin or pork loin chops Look for loin on the label
- Pile the plate high with nutrient-rich foods that are naturally low-fat, such as sweet potatoes and leafy green vegetables
- For extra flavor, use lowsodium seasonings like garlic powder or cayenne pepper instead of salt

MUSTARD-HERB PORK CHOPS

¼ cup Dyon mustard

- 1 tablespoon minced garlic /2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh
- rosemary
 4 center cut rib loin chops
- about/ ε inch thick 3 4 cup unseasoned dry bread
- /2 teaspoon paprika
- /2 teaspoon pap /2 teaspoon salt
- /z teaspoon cracked black pepper

In small mixing bowl combine mustard, garlic and rosemary, mixing until blended Spread each pork chop with mustard mixture, coating both sides Chill in refrigerator several hours or overnight

Combine bread crumbs, paprika, salt and pepper, mix well Coat each pork chop with crumb mixture Place pork chops on broiler pan sprayed with nonfat cooking spray Broil 6 inches from heat for 6 to 8 minutes Turn chops once, con tinue cooking 6 to 8 minutes or until chops register internal

temperature of 160 F with a meat thermometer Garnish with fresh rosemary, if desired

Makes 4 servings

Nutritional information per serving: 214 cal, 9 g fat (3 g saturated), 35 mg chol, 871 mg sodium, 17 g carbo, 16 g pro, 1 g fiber

Southern-Style Greens

2 pounds collard greens 2 strips thick cut bacon ½ cup chopped onion 2 large garlic cloves minced 1 ½ cups water

2 tablespoons granulated sugar /4 to/2 teaspoon crushed red pep per flakes

1/3 cup cider vinegar

Wash greens in sink of cold water Drain greens, wash a second time Drain greens and remove any heavy stems Tear leaves into bite-size pieces Set aside In 6-quart Dutch oven, cook bacon until lightly browned Add onions, cook over medium heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onions soften and start to brown. Stir in garlic Add water to hot pan, stirring to loosen any particles from bottom of pan Stir in sugar and red pepper Continue cooking until mixture boils Add greens to boiling water mixture, reduce heat Cover and simmer for 30 minutes

Stir in vinegar

Continue cooking additional 20 to 25 minutes or until desired tenderness

Cut into bite-size pieces before serving Serve with chopped tomatoes, green onion and additional vinegar, if desired Makes 8 servings (3/4-cup servings)

Note Traditionally purchased in bunches, greens are now available in 16-ounce bags, prewashed and ready to use as conveniently as packaged salads

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Slow cook these vegetarian dishes

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CONCORD, N H (AP) -Winter is the time for long Sunday breakfasts spent lingering over a thick newspaper, a mug of strong brew and a bowl of warm cereal

Trouble 1s, unless you settle for instant oatmeal, preparing warm cereal is more agony than appetizing

In an age of coffee pots that have your brew waiting for you when you wake, who is willing to stand over the stove for 40 minutes while whole grains become porridge? There are funnies waiting to be read

Thankfully, Robin Robertson offers a solution - and an uncommon use for a common appliance - in her recent cookbook, Fresh From the Vegetarian Slow Cooker (Harvard Common Press, 2004, \$14 95)

As the title suggests, Robertson's book offers more than 200 recipes using the ubiquitous slow cooker, along with interesting facts about them (including that manufacturer Rival alone has sold more than 81 million since 1971)

Slow cookers have an obvious appeal - simplicity Pile in the ingredients, turn it on and leave Notemany home-cooked meals can be had with that sort

Robertson's book offers plenty of tempting one-dish, lowlabor meals, including pestopotato soup with toasted pine nuts, sweet and spicy lentil chili, and bobotie (a South African curry casserole)

But I was particularly drawn to a short chapter at the back of the book that offers 13 recipes for warm cereals and breads that would be perfect for a snowy Sunday morning with the newspaper

Despite a love for hot wholegrain cereals packed with nuts and dried fruit, I'm reluctant to make them Most mornings it is because there is no time. On weekends it is because cooking is the last thing I want to spend my morning doing

Robertson's solution is to cook the grains overnight in a slow cooker so your cereal is ready for when you rise

Many of the recipes cook at low temperature and require about eight hours, perfect for starting as you turn in

For dishes that require less cooking time, Robertson sug gests plugging the slow cooker into a timer switch, the sort that turns lamps on and off at preset times These inexpensive devices are available at most hardware stores

She cautions that timers should not be set for more than a two-hour delay, uncooked food should not be left out longer

Many of the whole grains called for in Robertson's recipes can be purchased in the bulk sections of grocers and natural food stores

CREAM OF WHEAT BERRIES WITH CRANBERRIES AND CARDAMOM

- /2 cup wheat berries
- /4 cup cracked wheat
- /2 cup rolled oats (not instant or quick cooking)
- 4 cups water
- /2 teaspoon salt
- /4 teaspoon ground cardamom /2 cup sweetened dried cranber

In a 3/z to 4-quart slow cook er, combine the wheat berries, cracked wheat, oats and water Stir in salt and cardamom Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours

Stir in cranberries just before serving

Makes 4 servings

(Recipe from Robin Robertson's Fresh From the Vegetarian Slow Cooker, Harvard Common Press, 2004,

CORNMEAL PORRIDGE WITH **ALMONDS AND DATES**

- 1/2 cups medium or coarse
- ground cornmeal
- 5 cups water ¾ teaspoon salt
- /2 cup chopped dates /2 cup slivered almonds lightly
- toasted Maple syrup for serving

slow cooker Cover and cook on low for 6

Combine the cornmeal, water,

salt and dates in a 31/2- to 4-quart

Stir in the almonds when the porridge is ready to serve

Spoon into serving bowls and drizzle with maple syrup Makes 4 servings

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BREAKFAST BREAD PUDDING

- 4/2 cups cubed French or Italian bread
- 3 large cooking apples (such as Granny Smith) peeled cored and chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon h teaspoon ground allspice
- /4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- /4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk or soy milk /4 cup maple syrup
- 12 ounces cooked soy sausage crumbled

Lightly oil the inside of a 4quart slow cooker

Press half of the bread cubes into the bottom of the cooker

In a large mixing bowl, combine the apples, cinnamon, allspice, brown sugar and salt Add the milk and maple syrup and mıx well

Pour half of the apple mixture over the bread in the slow cook-

Gently press down on the apples to ensure the liquid is absorbed by the bread

Spread half of the soy sausage over the apples followed by the remaining bread

Top the bread with the remaining sausage followed by the remaining apple mixture

the liquid is absorbed Cover and cook on low for 6 hours Makes 4 to 6 servings

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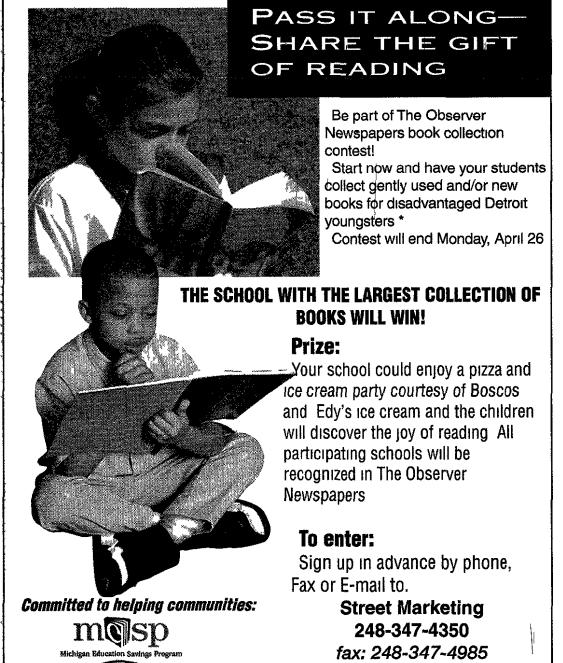
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Robert M Meisner

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track sec ond edition it is available for \$9 95 plus \$2 shipping and han dling For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeis ner@mich com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice

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BY NORMAN PRAD CORRESPONDENT

In the old days, Frank Chimento said, "you'd take along a chunk of rock salt. But now you bring a bottle of vermouth'

The salt, he said, was "to avert the evil eye or the gaze of anyone realous of you To blind the evil eye It hasn't been used in many years Most of the time now you bring sweet vermouth and everyone sits around and has a little shot," Chimento said of Italian

housewarming practices When he opened Chimento's tahan Market in Livonia, he said someone brought a chunk of salt from the Detroit salt mines That was 20-30 years

These days, you'd most likely have to find a salt-chunk substitute to fight the evil eye, that mythical or mystical concept or being or whatever that occurs in cultures throughout the world – or so we're told

"In our process, when the salt hits the surface it's already been crushed to less than quarter-inch pieces to spread on the road, so no big rocks come up," said Kim Roberts, a manager at Detroit Salt Company, the only remaining mine from a once-busier local industry

"Probably the most popular of well-known housewarming gifts would be something about the evil eye," said Karl Khoury, cultural outreach coordinator at the Arab Community Center, Dearborn

as the rabbi approached the

'Probably the most popular of well-known housewarming gifts would be something about the evil eye. It's an **Eastern cultural thing.**'

Karl Khoury **Arab Community Center**

"It's an Eastern cultural thing," Khoury said Things that have to do with the supernatural, evil spirits Some people would give a gift of a speal cross made to the entrance to protect the house, or a Bible that's been passed down from one generation to the next A housewarming gift could be a hookah, the smoking device we call argeela. Or a coffee pot Or cups for Turkish or Arabic coffee"

As an American, Khoury said, old country traditions slip away from him When he moved recently someone gave him a DVD player Another person gave bamboo and said it was for good luck

POUNDING

And then there's the housewarming gift called pounding, something the Rev Mary Jean Bird, associate pastor at First Presbyteman Church of Plymouth, said she's heard of but doesn't link directly to her religion's practices

"You take a pound of flour or sugar to a new pastor or to a

RESOURCES

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- Chimento's Italian Market, Livonia (734) 421-3800
- First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, (734) 453-6464 ■ Philippine American Community Center, Southfield, (248)
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- Tradition Tradition, Southfield, (248) 557-0109

new house as a gift," she said Having recently moved here

from Oregon, Bird said she'd enjoy being the beneficiary of the pounding practice "as long as not too many people brought it" Bird said she'd be concerned about filling her new house with more flour and sugar than she could store

For members of the Filipino community, the ideal housewarming gift would be something spiritual, according to Fred Porte at the Philippine American Community Center ın Southfield

"In most instances," Porte said, "you'd bring a priest to bless the house

"Danny," who works at Chaldean Food & Bakery, Southfield, expressed an earthly view of housewarming

"An envelope," Danny said "You give an envelope with as much money as you like, an envelope is good'

For Jews, Rabbi Adam Chalom of the Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills, said, "Bread and salt are a traditional gift.

That might have been a way to welcome a king, so you're flattering people by bringing that to their he said "The most visible and well known symbol of dedicating a Jewish house is the little box that's put on the doorpost The mezuzah It's based on a passage in Deuteronomy 'You will put these words on the doorpost of your home and the gates of your city'

"The box contains a scroll with biblical prophesies about what happens if you keep or break the Commandments Imagine good things happen if you follow the rules and bad things happen if you don't"

Alicia Nelson knows about bread and salt as housewarming gifts, "and a broom to sweep out unhappiness," and can show you a selection of mezuzahs at her store, Tradition Tradition, in Southfield

They range from \$10 up to \$500 for a mezuzah created by an artist - such as Marc Chagall," Nelson said,



A father's tale ...

A local man delights in telling of the day the rabbi came to his home for the bris, the ritual circumcision of his newborn son The new father noticed that

door and raised his moistened fingers in the traditional kiss of the mezuzah, he hesitated What could be wrong, the father wondered The mezuzah, put on the doorpost by the previous residents,

looked OK to him

After the procedure, a slice of sponge cake and a glass of wine, the rabbi turned to the new mother and said, "You have a lovely little boy I wish you great happiness with him And by the way, the mezuzah at your front door is upside down'

"It's OK, rabbı," she saıd "We're only renting'

~ Norman Prady

Mortgage



Interest-only loan improves your cash flow

have had a flurry of phone calls lately from past clients and current readers about interest-only loans Who wants to pay only interest for a home? Isn't the idea to actually pay down the principal on your mortgage to eventually own your home?

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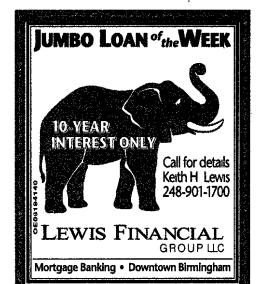
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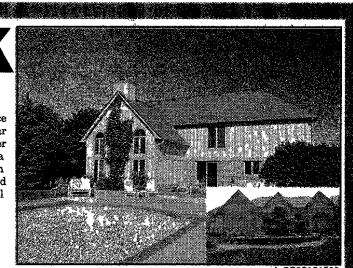
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rate mortgages was 5 59 percent mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported last Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates That weeks rate was up only

slightly from the seven-month low of 5 58 percent seen in the previous two weeks

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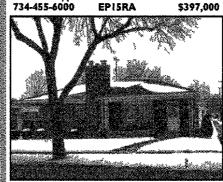
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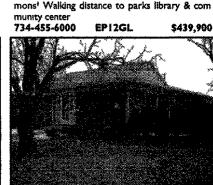
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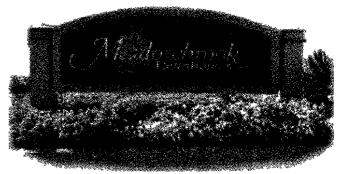
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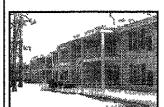


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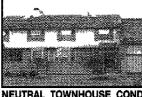
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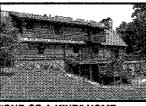
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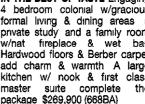


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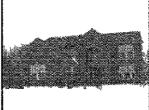
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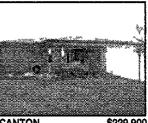
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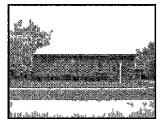
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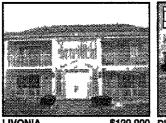
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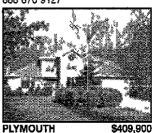
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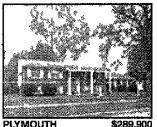
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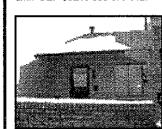
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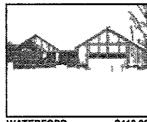


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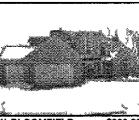
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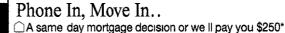
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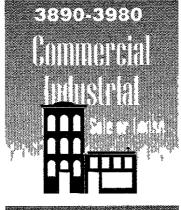




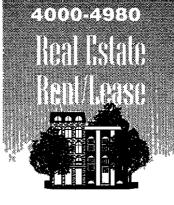


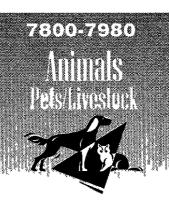




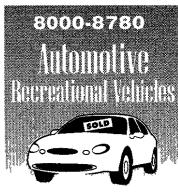












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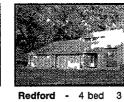
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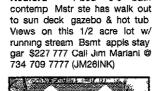
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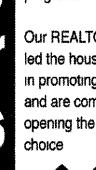
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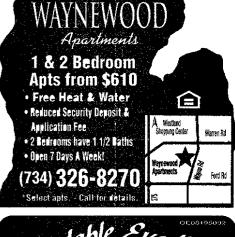
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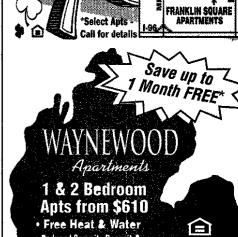
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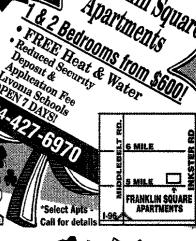
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SOUTH LYON Country Near The City
uper 4 bedroom ranch 2 5 baths great room w/cathe
ral ceiling master surte 2 frierlaces Deck basement 2
ir attached garage Bring your borses car attached garage Bring your horses 8 acres, barr w/hay loft 3 stalls fences shed South Lyon Schools (E25EIG) 734-455 5600 \$435,000

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GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial Large 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home on wooded lot offers master suite w/Jaccuzz tub & vaulted ceiling formal living room dining room family room w/fright first floor laundry fin bsmt 2 car att gar sprinklers & brick patio \$369,999



PLYMOUTH This One is A Beauty!
Walk to town from your 4 bedroom remodeled home
Newer cherry k tohen w/ceramic floor huge family
room w/hnck fireplace Updated baths newer doors
windows & carpet Partially finished basement



\$282,000

\$229,500

PLYMOUTH Beautiful Undated 3 bdrm 2 bath home w/abundance of cabs in eat in kit FR w/firep ace hdwd floors in bedrooms freeshly paint ed Pella windows w/bu it in blinds furn C/A & HWH new 02 brick paver patio sprinklers 2 car att gar (E31ASP) 734-455-5600



CANTON What A Beauty!
3 bdrm 1 5 bath colonial w/lg cozy fam rm w/frg
doorwall to deck & pool part fin bsmt 2 c att gar

rm w/frplc

\$211,900

PLYMOUTH Custom Contemporary Home Exquisite t/ol 3 story atrium foyer spiral oak staircase GR w/irpic opens to sunroom kit w/newer granite coun ters formal DR w/hdwd fir iib or music rm mstr ste w/irpic jetted tub fin w/o to Inground pool



TROY Candidate for Architectural Digest Spec 4 bdrm 5 bath cust bit ranch w/over 5000 sq. ft presents spac GR w/cath ceiling gournet kit w/hexa gon bkfst rm & cust cab fully equipped kit in LL+ bdrm & office Hobbyist or collectors gar +3 c att gar (E32ADA) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN A Perfect 10!
3 BR 1 Ba bungalow with loads of updates Some of them are hardwood all newly painted updated kit/bath

newer furn/AC/HWH front porch w/recessed lights

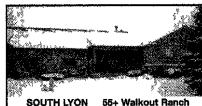
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Covered porch leads to this 3BR 1 BA Mechanical
updated July 2003 include C/A furn and ductwork
Large open backyard with room for garage 1 year home
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SOUTH LYON Welcome Home 3 BR 25 BA brick ranch w/open floor plan on a large country lot Newer windows & hardwood floors Oak kitchen brick fireplace & FFL 3 car side entry garage \$272,500 (E34DEL) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE 2 Story Condo
3 BR 2 5 BA end unit with large square footage View of
the water out of your door Basement newer Wallside
windows And some hardwood flooring (E18DEA) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



NORTHVILLE Downtown
Two bedroom home w/formal DR large living room FR
w/vaulted ceiking & gas froic Updated kit baths win
dows roof furnace & A/C Basement & 1 car att gar
This home is on a lot that has a CBD zoning

SUPERIOR TWP Sharp New Home & Sub 4 BR colonial w/hrdwd firs in kit & upgrade cak cab GR w/marb surround berber carp MBR ste w/cath ceiling WIC tied BA his/her vanties Glass shower Cui de sac loçation Nice open floor plan Great for enter

NORTHVILLE CONDO CONVENIENCE
Northville schools easy access to x ways Newly pant
ed & newer carpet in LL 3 Br 2 5 BA large WitC in
MBR Storage in basement Assoc fee includes gas &

water Highland Lakes offers gool tennis clubhouse

\$249,900

\$194,500

\$294,900

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(E14RAY) 248 349-5600

SOUTH LYON 55+ Walkout Ranch 2 BR 2 BA condo w/formal DR large kit, covered porch fireplace in large FR C/A crowned moldangs & ceiling fans All appliances Gar clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake (E76SHE) 248 349-5600 \$150,000



BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Colonial
4 bedroom 25 bath 2 car attached garage romantic
master suite w/3 skylights large great room oak
kitchen w/contemporary lighting bay door kitchen
nook view of wetlands & wildlife basement Corner lot

\$239,999

CANTON Needs A Little Love
3 bedrooms 25 baths beautiful colonia w/finished
basement 25 car garage lots of updates C/A awe
some landscaping sprinkler system large corner lot
Bank owned good investment opportunity

WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacrous Colonial Wonderful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/finished base ment famly room w/cath ceilings fibrary w/glass doors updated kitchen w/Cor an countertop & ceram c tile 2 car attached garage (E36SIL) 734 455-5600 \$374,900

CANTON Sunflowers Finest!
4 bdrm 25 bath colon at w/newer ceramic fir in foyer kit & powder rm. LR opens to formal DR w/newer hdrvd fir kit has newer cherry cabs. Corian counter FR w/gas

froic newer Andersen doorwall to deck + 2 car att gar

(E33CAM) 734-455 5600

PLYMOUTH Exquisite Entertaining Home Lovely 4 bedroom 3 5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage 2 fireplaces finished walk out family room library master suite w/jetted tub dual staircases w/2 (E74FOX) 734 455-5600 \$600,000



CANTON New Const Condo 2 bdrm 1 full & 1 half baths 2 c att gar, bmst w/garden windows CA 1st fir laundry deck overlooking pond (E58AVI) 734-455-5600 \$209,900



ROMULUS Brand New Model Home Golf course community 2 story with quality upgrades Side car garage sprinklers w/full landscaping ceramic premium krichen C/A designer wallpaper Other homes

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NORTHVILLE Large Colonial
Plenty of room many updates including newer carpet
T/O paint appliances 4 BR 3 5 BA w/a 5th BR in lower
level Large shaded yard backs to commons

NORTHVILLE Beauty
Recent updates include furnace/air conditioning, howe floor through Pella Windows sprinkler sys Freshly painted inter fin bsmt and much more to make this a terrific buy Northville schools and great neighborhood (E90SPR) 248-349-5600 \$359,000



\$280,000 (E77KAR) 734 455 5600



cases w/2 story fover (E74FOX) 734-455-5600 \$600,000



Approx 2 acres w/pond 3BR 25 BA walk out ranch Fin bemt w/full bath & fireplace 3 car gar Large krt. 1st floor laundry Large deck newer windows & roof Nawer septic & water system South Lyon Schools (E77TEN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA Country Lot

Open floor plan custom kit updated master RA management of wins gar door 9 Open floor plan custom kit updated master BA power room roof wins gar door & opener furn HWH C/A Awesome fin LL 1st floor laundry/mud room Attached garage private court location Northville schools (E24NOR) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN Great Starter Home 3 BR 1 BA bungalow in west Dearborn Roof & win dows 02 tub enclosure updated kit cabinets freshly painted in neutral colors Fenced yard stoe to park & schools Appliances stay (E00UNI) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



WEBSTER TWP Quality 4 Bedroom Colonial Unique, 4 BR 2.5 8A home wwrap around porch large kit & DR w/Pergo floor Large master wextra large bath full bsmt 2 car att gar & 3 car detached w/heat & elec

tric Above ground pool w/deck Home protection plan

\$375,000

(E42RYN) 734 455 5600

CANTON Move Right Inl pedroom 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car /2 car attached Sharp 3 bedroo garage basement great room w/gas log fireplace sprinkler system profess onally landscaped yard large oak kitchen w/plenty of counter space (E83STR) 734 455 5600 \$219,850



CANTON Don't Miss This One!
On desirable lot backing to commons area offers open floor plan spacious LR large FR w/irpic partially fin bsmt 2 car att gar Updated kit main bath doorwall

CANTON Golf Course Community 5 bdrm 3 5 bath colonial w/2 car gar 2 story foyer w/howd firs FFL master suite w/cath cellangs fin bsmt w/library counter area for enterta ning FR w/frpic office w/French doors sprinkler & sec sys Home warr (E70HIG) 734 455-5600 \$420 000



NOV! Welcome Home
Totally updated 3 BR 2 BA home w/bonus room w/private entry Great for home business Family room at ceramic filed recessed lighting cust paint 2 car heat ed gar Walk out LL 1 ered deck pool & Novi Schools

NOVI Just Listed 4 BR 1 5 BA stone house on approx 3 5 acres Newly renovated whate kit & some newer carpeting Huge Pole barn w/large work area. Close to Novi schools 12 Oaks mell and acres features. (E55TEN) 248-349-5600 \$399,000



CANTON Wow What Hash t Been Done in this 2 BR 1 5 BA end unit condo? New doors/mold ings ceram floors in foyer both baths kit all newer applian plus washer & dryer newer winds & roof Across from golf course (E23ORC) 248-349-5600 \$127,500





MILFORD Walk To Downtown Milford
New const you II fove this 4 bedroom colonial! Studio
ceiling in FR vaulted ceiling in master suite hardwood
floors in foyer & kit A homey architectural design
Perfect for someone who desires low outdoor maint (E35TUR) 734 455-5600



CANTON impeccable! Voted #1

Exceptional cherry kitchen Corlan counters designed appls hdwd firs 25 baths FFL gas fireplace pond set ting Kohler fixtures custom t/o deck SS basement 2 car att gar 2 tone paint Robertson built lot

PLYMOUTH Cape Cod On Premium Lot 1st floor master w/WIC close to pool & tennis ct FFL den extra deep besmt w/walkout gas fripli in GR island in kit 4 bedrooms 2 5 baths for d ning area C/A hdwd firs in kit & hall all appls incl & deck + 2 car att gar (E57NOR) 734-455-5600 \$372 500



2 BR 2 BA garden level condo w/newer HWH kitchen & DR flooring Lots of storage and in unit laundry All Appliances including washer & dryer Freship painted & 6 panel doors Carport located just outside your door (E70TWE)248-349-5600 \$110,000



PLYMOUTH Updated Plymouth Charmer
Absolute move in condition Spacious 4 BR home woak
cabinets and Pergo floors Newer windows entry &
patro doors Top rated Plymouth schools Walk to ele \$205,000 (E53ORE) 248-349-5600

OXFORD Vintage Home in Oxford
3 BR 3 BA colonial within waling distance of down
town 10 ceilings FFL built is bay window and a huge
old time overed front porch perfect for friends One
year home warranty included (E17PON) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



(AE21WES) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



CANTON Pride Of Ownership
ous 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial w/2 car attached Spacious 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial w/2 car attached parage basement family room w/f replace dining room custom crown molding & inground pool All packing to protected woodlands (E06WIL) 734-455-5600 \$254,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Condo
Pride of ownership shines through in this 2BR 2 BA
condo w/updated kit MBR w/full BA & WIC LR w/trpic
& balcony FFL new carpet in 04 & fin bsmt All apph (E90EIG) 248-349-5600





WESTLAND Awesome Condo
Absolutely lovely and spac grnd lev condo Newly
painted carpeted w/neutral decor Lrge liv rm w/frplc door wall to patic overlocks beaut, pond with fountain air conditioned Liv schools & immed occ A must see \$74,900 (AE65WOO) 248 349-5600



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BR mstr ste w/FP & whirlpool tub 2 WIC's dual

strcs & morel (S48832)

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\$329,900 LIVONIA NEW CONSTRUCTION BROOKSHIRE Pre mlum elevation now being constructed 4 BR 2.5 BA oak hrdwd firs thru out ceramic in BAs & laundry mstr w/jacuzzi & sep shower oak kit 2144 SF & more (C29959)



\$259,900 BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 3 Bdrm 2 1/2 Bth Mstr W/sitting area Whirlpootub Certile Hrdwd Firs on Kit Foyer 1st Fir Indry Bsmt 12x12 Deck 2 Car att Gar Close to down

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LIVONIA \$212,900 UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION!

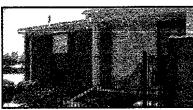
5 & Newburgh ranch offers open fir plan w/2 car attached garage fin bsmnt custom updated kitchen baths rf furn & more (J38751)

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\$194,900 CONDO WITH A VIEWI Contemporary ranch condo by the waters edge 2 brs 3 ba finished Il garage Close to everything what more do you need? Also comes w/ pool cabana & tennis courts (70EDG2)

\$149,900 LARGE, BEAUTIFUL RANCH Come see this huge ranch with four bedrooms. Home features two bay windows eat in kitchen full partially fin

ished basement Nicely landscaped yard (B320)

\$129,900 TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS Sharp oak kitchen w/ceramic floor windows copper plumb ing cement storm doors 4 ceiling fans roof shingles 3 borm 2 bath part fin bsmt 2 car ga

PC220462



\$124,900 REDFORD LOOK NO FURTHER! Great home with lots of space! Lg lot bsmt & attd2car garage updated lg kit newer furn & hwh new half-bath in bsmt newer wndws & a FP in living rm (W15491)

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PLYMOUTH LIKE A FINE WINE this home has improved each year since it was built. You il love the wood work ceilings & the ambiance of fine living Up per flat w/sep entr can be rented out 23S353

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NORTHVILLE \$449,900 OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE SUB LOCA
TIONI*Spacious 4 br 3 5 ba colonial w/3252
sfiFam rm w/fieldstone fp formal dr w/hw fl Island
kit w/wl pantry Beautiful private yard w/ingr
pool Fin bsmt & more! (44RAV2)

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NORTHVILLE OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE CONDO! This 2002 built 1938 of home offers 2 br 2 1 ba, gr rm w/gas fp granite kit w/hdwd floors huge master suite w/ceramic luxury bath full fin bsmt & 2 car garagel (21LYO2)

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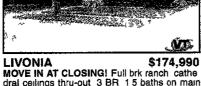
DEARBORN \$249,900 2000 SQUARE FOOT DEARBORN COLONIAL Remodeled in 2002 4 bern 3 baths custom kitchen garage fin bsmt/w bar office Hardwood floors newer carpet C/A Near Levagood Pk Land Contract terms (D172)

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\$204,900 **GARDEN CITY**

BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION! Wow!
Builder built this one in Livonia last and it sold before we could finish it! Mstr 1st fir vaulted GR ceilings 2 car attd 70x145 lot (H1731) 734-591-9200



MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch cathe drai ceilings thru-out 3 BR 15 baths on main filr newer windws elec & plumb c/a bsmt has wet bar 2+ car garage Hurry won't last!!!

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REDFORD \$149,900
OPEN CONTEMPORARY DESIGN: Great open \$149.900 floor plan with 3 brs 1 5 baths living room w/ fireplace large fr hardwood firs & more 2 5 car garage & covered patio Super starter homel (31WOR2)

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REDFORD \$129.900 WELL MAINTAINED BROAD FRONT BUNGA-LOW 3 BR fin bsmt w/bar new kitchen countertop new glass blk wndws newer carpet thru out bay window fenced yd 15 car attd garage Lg pie shaped lot & morel (L19507)

CANTON **\$124,900** EVERY ROOM UPDATED! COME SEE 2 Bdrm 2 Bath Updated mirrored doors kitchen baths Fresh new paint ready to move in today close to feed the deer in your yard You will fall in love (L427)

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GREEN OAK WHITMORE BAY QUALITY NEW CONSTRUC TION! 15 lots available Lake access dock avail able (included in price) Great amenities include grante in kit mstr ste w/WIC and garden tub Starting in 200 s 00WHI2 \$297,900 248-348-6430



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tennis basketball & play area Nice floor plan

FOUR BEDROOMS, LARGE LOT Full brick Bungalow basement 2 car garage many up dates fromal dining room corner lot Hardwood floors in living rm and dining rm Must see to appreciate (A324)



NORTHVILLE \$309,900 YOU DESERVE THE BEST! This 3 bdrm 2 5 bath ranch will please LR & dining area Newer firs in kit & laundry rm Newer roof furnace & air FR w/frpic Full bsmt 2 car gar

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\$249,900 CANTON WHY BUY NEW? Check out 3 yr old unit w/many expensive extras Premium lot prof fin walk out lower level 1st fir master 2 addition BRs & den upper 2 FP (P1886)

734-591 9200



PLYMOUTH \$199,900 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)



\$164,985 HOWELL HOWELL CHARMER! Cute 3 BR Bungalow in downtown Howell Hdwd firs new windows T/O new bathroom Lg Kit DR Bsmt private deck fenced yard 2 Car Gar w/wkshp & much morel (09JEW2)

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WESTLAND \$144,900 BEAUTIFUL BILEVEL IN WESTLAND 3 bed room bath and a half well maintained home with new carpet Anderson windows updated kitchen bath and lavatory Many more features to see

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LIVONIA \$129,900 COZY CLEAN CONDO Ground floor ranch ap pliances doorwall to patio Lots of storage Up dated kit & bath W/shower separate tub C/A newer carpet master bdrm w/waik in closet

CANTON \$121,500 AFFORDABLE & NICE! Canton condo in The Winds complex Townhome style 2 bedroom 1 full bath Patro carport all appliances!

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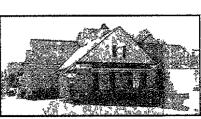
PLYMOUTH YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMAN-SHIP 3 BR 15 BA brk colonial tastefully deco rated w/xtra special touches Lg eat in kit w/oak cabinetry FR w/gas log FP remodeled bath hrdwd firs & much more! C9343 \$214,900



SWEET SWEET SWEET 3 BR bungalow loaded w/updates A pleasure to see Very clean and well maintained Maintenance free exterior

Lovely landscaping Call to see (K20470)

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NORTHVILLE \$429,000 STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed listi 2BRS 2.5 Baths Numerous up grades incl granite lighting carpet & cabinets Extra Crown midg Luxury Mstr Bath (80LYO2)

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character & tastefully

THE LOOK OF LOVE! Great location backing to pond 2 603 sq ft GR DR fab kit w/maple conts corian entrs granite is! Sound sys mstr

ste w/vitd ceil Daylight wndws in bsmt

GOLF CLUB COMMUNITY, MAPLES OF NOVI

Detached condo 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths fam rm/ cathedral ceiling fireplace Generous deck over

looks a nice open area dining room full base ment 2 car att garage (14PAL2)

LOADED WITH CHARM! Ideally located in downtown Plymouth 3 bedrooms 2 full baths

MAINTENANCE FREE! Custom ranch with ca thedral cellings newer carpeting and windows wood/cermic kitchen screened porch Great

access to Hines Park and downtown Plymouth (66LAK2)

WESTLAND \$164,900 NEW PRICE! 3 BR ranch Beautiful new birch

cabs new fir appl stay patio full bsmt oversized 2 car gar tear off rf in 10/03 newer furn a/c window A great home! (M304)

Updates galore Quality chara decorated A winnerl (23A465)

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BRIGHTON \$274,900 **EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION Beau** tiful home on Ig cui de sac Great rm w/cath ce l ing & gas fireplace 2nd floor loft 2 bdrms & full bath 1st fir master ste Prof finished bsmt Many Upgrades (25AIR2)

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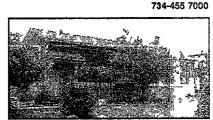
MAKE A MUST SEE! Tastefully decorated 3 bed room 2 bath home loaded with upgrades Huge backyard with custom wood fence 2.5 car gar with storage Close to freeways school (23K42770)

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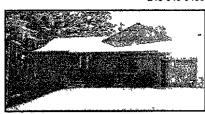
\$196,440

UNDER \$200,000 IN CANTON! 3 bdrm 1 5 bath colonial Upgrades include windows doorwall wood kit floor landscaping etc Backs to woods Plymouth/Canton schools Call now! (23P44000)



\$156,000 NOVI RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2br carr age unit w/1 car direct access garage new windows carpet neutral decor Very open floor plan Move

248-348 6430



SOUTH LYON \$138,000 SUPER LOCATION! W/O END UNIT WITH FLA RM 2BRS 2 Baths Fam Rm with gas FP Att Gar 55+ Adult Community Lake Priv Club House all pliances fabulous scenery and privacy Hurry

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LOVELY RANCHI 3 bdrm 2 bath dead end str Above grnd pool Ig lot w/mstr bdrm & bath Frplc in open FR kit & DR All on 1st fir City inspec tions done & approved (23H6132) 734-455 7000



GREAT PRICE AWESOME PRICE Georgous 1 200 Sq Ft 3 Bdr updated beauty W/ part fn Ished Bsmt Fabulous Kitchen Huge MB newer furnace windows plumbing elec Cement pad ready for garage (F176) DETROIT

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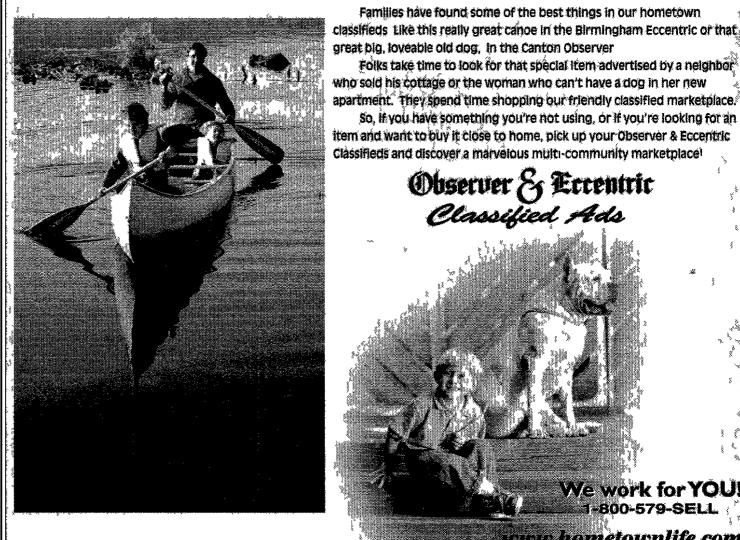
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SWF 44 who loves the loud pipes
Harley's also likes The Red
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SBF 22 enjoys going to church Looking for a fun respectable clean cut SB gentleman 18 30 N/S N/D who is serious about a

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children and quiet times at home

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who if fun loving enjoys traveling

dancing and is looking for a

She is 36 milk chocolate com-plexed petite curvaceous and

sweet as can be! Are you a tall

passion for lazz the theater and

ready for her sparkling personali

This SWF 44 works in health care

and has long brown hair blue

eyes and is open to new interests

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Professional attractive SBF 46

55 full figured hazel eyes

Looking for a professional N/S SM 40 52 who strust worthy out

going and energetic Ad# 621077

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working out theater movies walk

63 plus 53 62 who is well

groomed and profess onal for friendship first Ad# 470261

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friendly and bubbly Enjoys long drives walks movies cuddling

and much more Seeking an hor

est and caring SM 35.52

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tionship Ad# 640217 TRY IT OUT

He should be intelligent financial ly/emotionally secure handsome generous & marriage minded Ad# 640050

nave fun and good times together Ad# 640037

SWF 42 I Enjoy life family cook ing and movies Seeking an SWM who is honest sincere. You must

SOFT SPOKEN LADIES
SWF 51 5 3 with very blue eyes
who enjoys quiet times camping

COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST

S8M 28 511 big boned N/S N/D Enjoys bowling movies casi nos travel and time with friends

SBF 31 57 145 lbs light com

SWF 58 54 with green eyes Enjoys the water and trying any thing once in search of a tali SWM 55-66 who is honest with a

ing I m searching for a SBM 55

Enjoys shopping travel dining concerts the outdoors pionics and more Seeking a SBM 40-80 who is sincere outgoing fun loving family oriented and is a kid at heart Ad# 442747

hair green eyes She is seeking a man who loves children has a sense of humor is honest and enjoys quiet times at home Ad# 633192

Spontaneous and outgoing SWF 70 5 6 ash blonde hair and green eyes Loves going to the movies

FUN TO BE WITH

SWF 48 attractive intelligent lov no and dedicated. Seeking a SWM 45+ a N/S who is sincere intelligent humorous and honest for a ong term devoted relationship Ad# 448774 CARING & HONEST

SWCF 44 N/S N/D who enjoys camping waking the outdoors fishing my children and experience ing new things f you are a N/S N/D SWCM 36.52 and are ofer ested call me and well talk! Ad# 417121

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A REAL GENTLEMAN Retired educated SWM 60 59 160 lbs with blue eyes & dark hair Enjoys bowling long walks

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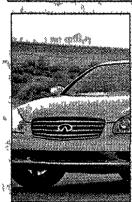
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The 2004 Dodge Durango

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BY DALE BUSS

McDonalds may be done with super-sizing, thanks to the guilt that has somehow been lain upon fast-food chains for the unprecedented obesity of Americans Not much longer will McDonalds customers have the choice of asking for cheap and ample fries or drinks, as McDonalds tries to comport itself with the "food police's" idea of what and how much Americans should be eating

But Chrysler has responded in exactly the opposite way to the fringe element that has sought to deep-six the intimidating, gas-guzzling sport-utility vehicles that have earned their wrath and their protests over the last few years Chrysler's in yourface answer is the new Dodge Durango

No. it's not slimmed down, flimsier or, especially, more fuel efficient It doesn't do anything for smaller vehicles that it might flatten in accidents. It makes no allowances, in short, for political correct-

In fact, what Chrysler promised with the 2004 Durango is exactly what the company delivered a longer, wider, higher and more powerful Durango than the earlier version, finally giving the company a deserving entry in the truly full-sized SUV segment that it hasn't had since some of those great big Grand Cherokees of yesteryear helped create

I appreciate the fact that Chrysler stuck to its guns and came out with the vehicle it wanted to rather than cringe at the possibility that radical environmentalists might light a few new Durangos on fire in protest But having said that, for all the expectations that Chrysler has been heaping on the 2004 Durango, I'm not sure the larger-dimensioned vehicle lives up to the rest of its hype

My overall impression was favorable, certainly, but I didn't find that the Durango SLT version I drove stood out in any significant way from competition including the Chevrolet Tahoe, Ford Expedition or Toyota Land Cruiser The new model



It only takes Durango eight seconds to reach 60 m.p.h. with the new Hemi V8.

now gives Chrysler a reasonable entry in that derby, but that's about all I can say for it

Durango's styling certainly is an improvement over the rounded and rather soft shape of its predecessor, which was trailblazing for the segment when the first Durango hit the market a few years ago The new version has more organic design, with sharper lines and some creases As such, it definitely cuts a more impressive figure on the road although a reviewer for The Wall Street Journal recently wrote that "the front end resembles a wild boar sniffing the ground"

Under the hood is where Durango makes a good deal of its impression and separates itself a bit from the competition Chrysler's new Hemi V8 engine, a 5 7-liter monstrosity that Dodge features ın its advertising, is indeed a beast, delivering 335 horsepower, which far outpaces competitors such as Expedition (260 hp) and Acura MDX (265) You can feel it, too, in how the Durango responds at stoplights with a powerful growl, cruises in passing mode and excels everywhere else as well It takes Durango only eight seconds to reach 60 seconds Of course, the Hemi is a \$900 option, not the standard

And equally predictably, all that power and

verve come at a price gas mileage Durango gets a paltry 13 miles a gallon in the city, which is nearly at the low end of practically every mainstream SUV that's ever been introduced, and only 18 mpg on the highway In an era of \$1 70-a-gallon gasoline that looks like it may last for awhile, this could be a particularly glaring problem for sales of this new

Though it's built on a truck platform, Durango handles well enough, with firm and sharp steering and handling It's notable that Durango includes low-range gears that are a must for drivers who would want to take it off-road Yet the vehicle didn't include running boards, which I thought was a glaring oversight for something that is so high off the ground

Inside, room in the second and third rows was ample, and the DVD player for rear passengers in the Durango has become sine qua non in its category Controls were well laid out and easy to use There were amenities aplenty In short, Durango makes for a worthy entry in the hog-SUV sweep-

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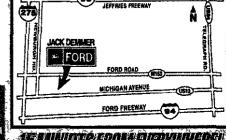
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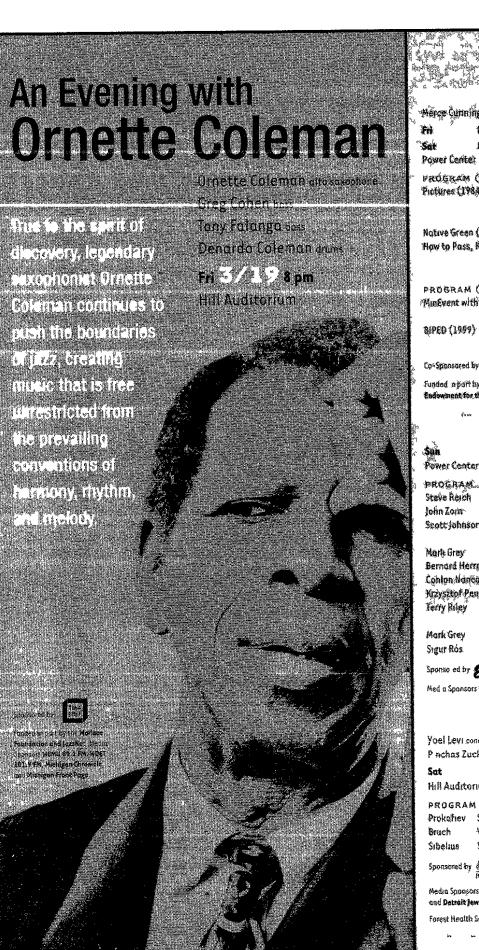


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The film festival will move to Wells Hall on the Michigan State University campus 7 p m March 19

Among the diverse selection of films offered will be the Oscar-nominated documentary, The Weather Underground, 7 pm, the very funny Scottish film, Wilbur (Wants to Kill Himself), 9 30 pm, the ever-popular Shorts Program, 7 p m, a documentary about a nomadic tribe in the Gobi Desert, 9 p m, and the comedy, Quebec-Montreal, and the Iranian film, Noora

Documentaries will be shown March 20 including the environmental film, A Lot in Common, 1 30 p m, A Great Wonder, about the Lost Boys of Sudan, 1 30 pm, Trading Women, about the sex trade in Asia, and The Agronomist, directed by Jonathan Demme, about Haitian militant Jean Dominique

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Far out

A² festival embraces independents

The outer limits of independent film drives the Ann Arbor Film Festival

But this year's event, slated Tuesday, March 16, to Sunday, March 21, at Ann Arbor's historic Michigan Theater, embraces all the ranks of self-supporting movie makers

In its 42nd year, the festival has opened its competition to video and digital formats – the less expensive and more accessible filmmaking techniques currently fueling the independent movement

"It means that you will see more independent and experimental films," said Chrisstina Hamilton, festival director "The level of competition rose dramatically, too"

Entries numbered 1,600, compared to only 500 last year, she said

Of the 105 works selected for the festival, seven come from local filmmakers, including *Late*, by Diane Cheklich of Royal Oak, and *Ash Wednesday 2* by Brent Coughenour of Southfield Genres include animation, narrative, documentary, short and feature-length film

The festival, which runs movies as early as noon and as late as 10 p m daily, also features special programs 'Out Night," for instance, offers gay and lesbian films while 'Other Voices' subsumes West Philadelphia's Lost Film Festival and a screening of the movie Fourth World War The feature-length documentary made by a former Ann Arbor resident takes on the effects of corporate global vectors.

"Other Voices is dedicated to looking at films that are kind of out of the mainstream media,' Hamilton said, describing Fourth World War as a must-see for festival goers. It's a tough subject, but it's a very uplifting film. It shows many instances where people have made a difference

There's also SuperCinematics, which showcases off screen activities, from stage performances to art exhibitions organized as part of the film festival

Ann Arbor dancer and choreographer Peter Sparling, for example, kicks off the festival with a performance at the



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Highlights of the film festival include War, a feature-length narrative about the demise of rural life in America that ran at the Sundance Film Festival, and Tarnation, another Sundance selection representing 20 years of footage shot by a young kid who decided to document his life War is slated 9 30 pm Thursday, March 18 Tarnation, which has been hailed by Gus Van Sant, director of Drugstore Cowboy shows at 8 pm Saturday, March 20

He never thought he was making a movie, Hamilton said of *Tarnation's* director, now in his 30s and planning to introduce his film at the festival "It's an absolutely amazing film"

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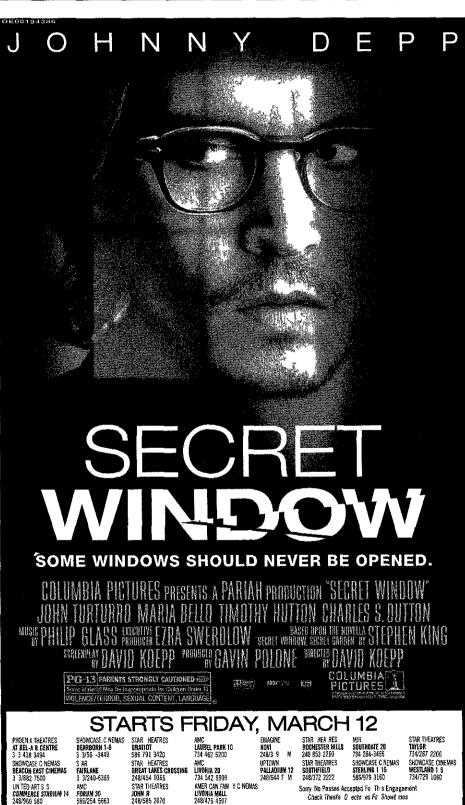
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Big screen

'Starsky & Hutch' runs out of humor

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

They could have played Ponch and Jon or Crockett and Tubbs or even Lenny and Squiggy – and they probably will some day

For now, you can sit back and watch the sporadically amusing, comfortably numbing familiarity of Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson bouncing off each other in Starsky & Hutch

It's not so much a movie version of the 1970s buddy-cop TV show as it is Zoolander with guns

Here, as in that 2001 movie about dimwitted male models, Stiller plays the uptight guy who takes himself way too seriously and Wilson plays the easygoing guy whom everyone likes

That these off-screen friends have established such an easy on-screen camaraderie is a good thing and a bad thing

They're obviously comfortable with each other and they can be fun to watch, though the script amounts to little more than a series of sketches, loosely held together by the grooves of a chicka-chicka-wa-wa soundtrack and the growls of Starsky's Gran Torino engine

But Stiller (who plays Starsky) and Wilson (Hutch) have fallen into a predictable rut following nearly identical performances in *Meet the Parents, The Royal Tenenbaums* and, most recently, *Zoolander*

Instead of male models, they play undercover cops who look like male models – or, rather, like male models look today in emulating the style Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul cultivated on the TV series nearly three decades ago, with sunglasses that were too big and jeans that were too small

Old School director Todd Phillips, who co-wrote the script with John O Brien and his Road Trip writing partner Scot Armstrong, goes truly old school here, and the attention to detail is obsessive – from the bad perms and Fu Manchu mustaches to the eight-track tapes and pimped-out Lincoln Continental that Snoop Dogg drives as Huggy Bear, Starsky and Hutch's informant

(Snoop is a natural choice for the role, by the way, if only because he appears to have provided his own wardrobe)

But the novelty of gawking with horrified fascination at the Superfly style of the times grows old quickly, and the fact that this is a one-joke movie becomes painfully obvious after about 45 minutes – at



Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson star in in Warner Bros Pictures' 'Starsky & Hutch'

which point, you're only about halfway done

There is some semblance of a story line, though, and it entails showing us how opposites Starsky and Hutch ended up as partners on the mean streets of Bay City

While investigating a murder, they begin to suspect the wealthy Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn), a drug kingpin who has developed a special strain of cocaine ("New Coke," if you will) that s impossible for drug-sniffing dogs to detect

Really, though, the case is just an excuse for Starsky and Hutch to play dress-up

They pretend they're bikers in an *Easy Rider* takeoff and play mimes to infiltrate Feldmans daughter's bat mitzvah. They even go to a disco with a couple of cheerleaders (Carmen Electra and Amy Smart) who may have information on the killing

(While they're there, Starsky competes in a dance-off that's a rip-off of the "walkoff" he participated in as Derek Zoolander)

But it's clear that Starsky and Hutch only have eyes for each other, if the TV show had a vague homoerotic vibe, the movie practically outs them

Not that there's anything wrong with that But speaking of Seinfeld, here's an idea Maybe Stiller and Wilson will play movie versions of Jerry Seinfeld and Cosmo Kramer in 20 years

Starsky & Hutch a Warner Bros release is rated PG 13 for drug content sexual situations partial nudity language and some violence Running time 97 minutes. Two stars out of four

Politics and hara-kiri: 'Mishima' shows complex view of writer

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
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It's fair to say that most films tend to focus more on their stories than the way those stories are told. It's not that film-makers are opposed to style necessarily, but the emphasis in most films is generally on getting the audience emotionally involved with the characters, and issues of set design, lighting, camerawork, editing and sound tend to be pushed somewhat into the background.

However, there are films that are able to merge story and style almost seamlessly, a good example of such a film is Mishima A Life in Four Chapters, which was released in 1985

Yukio Mishima was one of Japan's most popular and most critically acclaimed novelists. He produced 35 novels, short stories, plays, screenplays, and also found time to act in films, take up bodybuilding, get married and have children, indulge his affinity for female impersonators and cre ate his own private army (which he named the Shield Society)

What he is best known for are his actions on Nov 25, 1970. On that day, he and four other members of the Shield Society went to Army Headquarters in Tokyo, where Mishima took the base commander hostage and demanded that he be allowed to address the troops. In his subsequent address to the soldiers he implored them to rebel against Japan's U.S.-imposed constitution and help him in his quest to restore Japan's Imperial system.

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Director Paul Schrader's film attempts to make sense of Mishima's life and actions by presenting three separate narrative strands

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And third are excerpted dramatizations from three of Mishima's novels. The Temple of the Golden Pavilion, Kyoko's House and Runaway Horses. These excerpts are all highly stylized and are drenched with color and an array of fantastic geometrical forms, all of which is backed by a beautiful score by composer. Philip Glass.

The intertwining of these three storylines is an effective way of building tension to Mishima's final act. We see how his childhood and adolescence shaped his adult outlook and the novel excerpts give considerable insight into the ideas and preoccupations that colored Mishima's existence

By the time Mishima arrives at Army Headquarters on his final day, its not hard at all to understand how he came to this bizarre and fantastic place in his life

It should be noted that this is a film made by adults for adults Although the principal creative forces behind the film were American (e.g. the executive producers were George Lucas and Francis Ford Coppola), the film uses Japanese actors and there are subtitles throughout There is a voiceover that is supposed to be Mishima speaking to us, but hearing Roy Scheider's voice is the single most jarring aspect of the film

His flat, laconic tone adds nothing to the film and doesn't even faintly resemble Mishima's own soft-spoken tones (among his many other accomplishments, Mishima spoke excellent English)

However, that aspect of the film aside, Mishima A Life in Four Chapters provides a truly multi-faceted view of one of the most remarkable and controversial writers of the 20th century

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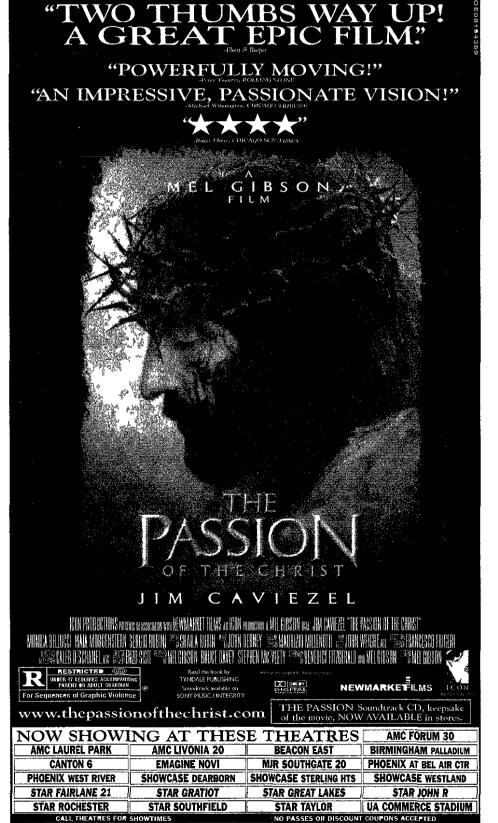
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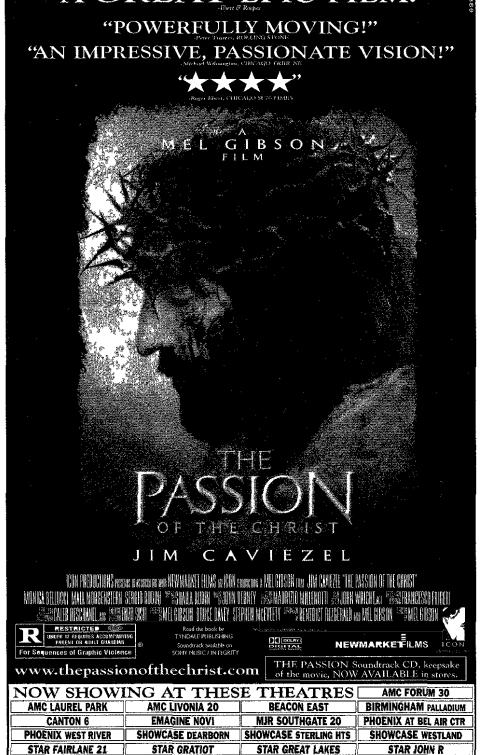
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'Drama Queen' doesn't merit applause

BY DAVID GERMAIN

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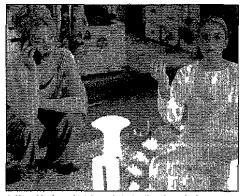
Punishment and penance usually follow confession. The people behind Confessions of a Drama Queen need to schedule a long day of atonement for the mess they've wrought with this girl-power comedy.

Despite earnest performances from Lindsay Lohan and her teen co-stars, Drama Queen is a painfully unfunny affair dolled up with hip fashions and a gazilliondollar music budget, none of the trappings able to disguise the story's shallowness

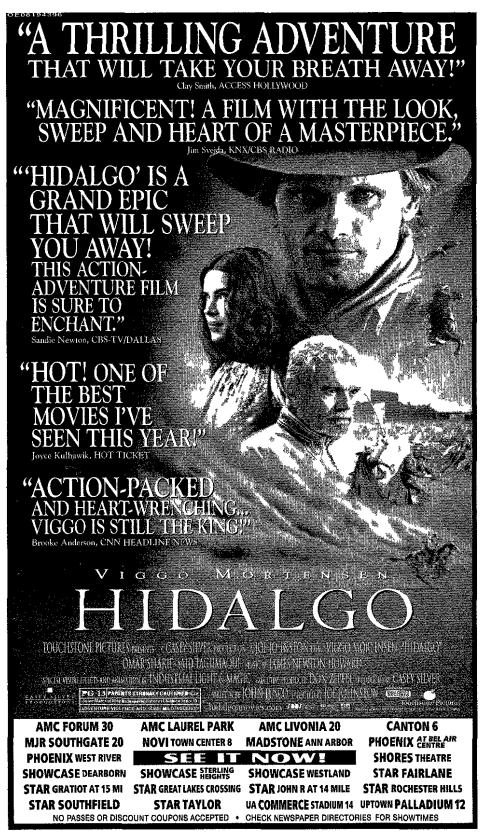
Lohan plays Lola, a die-hard Manhattanite horrified at the prospect of moving to the New Jersey hinterlands with her mom (Glenne Headly) and twin sisters

Viewing herself as a 'flamingo in a flock of pigeons," Lola sets out to elevate the cultural sensibilities of her new classmates in Jersey She finds friends and allies in timid Ella (Alison Pill) and Sam (Eli Marienthal) But class princess Carla (Megan Fox) and her gang of harpies set out to undermine Lola *Drama Queen* may well capture the single-minded intent of teens over inconsequential matters, but it's a tiresome picture, watching Lola whine endlessly

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen a Walt Disney release One and a half stars out of four



A New York girl at heart, Lola (Lindsay Lohan, right) searches for answers when her mother (Glenne Headly, left) moves her to New Jersey in 'Confessions of a Teenage Prama Queen'





Cover story in the

Whistler - and his mother make a rare visit to Detroit

There's nothing wrong with a little quid pro quo for art's sake Especially when the deal brings one of the world's most famous paintings to Detroit

Whistler's Mother, as the painting is commonly known, is the crown jewel of the Detroit Institute of Arts upcoming exhibit And some rank the portrait second only to Leonardo da Vincis Mona Lisa

American Attitude Whistler and His

Followers, opens Sunday and runs through June 6

The iconic portrait -Arrangement in Grey and Black Portrait of the Artist's Mother by American-born artist James McNeill Whistler (1834-1903) has been reproduced everywhere, from postage stamps to greeting cards

Procuring the painting, owned by the prestigious Musee d'Orsay in Paris, is a story in itself The DIA obtained the rare loan by lending one of its Whistler's paintings, Nocturne in Black and Gold Falling Rocket

"As I never tire of telling people, the DIA has one of the greatest collections in the world and that is our currency We all lend to each James McNeill Whistler's other,' said Graham WJ Beal, museum director 'We don't like quid pro quo but we lend to one another all the time"

Falling Rocket is among the 13 Whistler paintings in the show In all, 63 make up the exhibit with the remaining paintings by artists influenced by Whistler, including John Singer Sargent, William Merritt Chase and



What: American Attitude Whistler and His Followers Where: Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Ave

When: Sunday March 14 to Sunday June 6 Museum hours are 10 a m to 4 p m Wednesday Thursday 10 a m to 9 pm Friday and 10 a m to 5 pm Saturday Sunday Tickets: Individual \$12.50 groups of 20 or more \$10 per person children age 6 17 \$6 members free museum admission and audio tour included. To order advance tickets call (877) 342 8487 or visit www.dia.org (\$3.50 per ticket handling fee) for information (313) 833 7900

African-American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner

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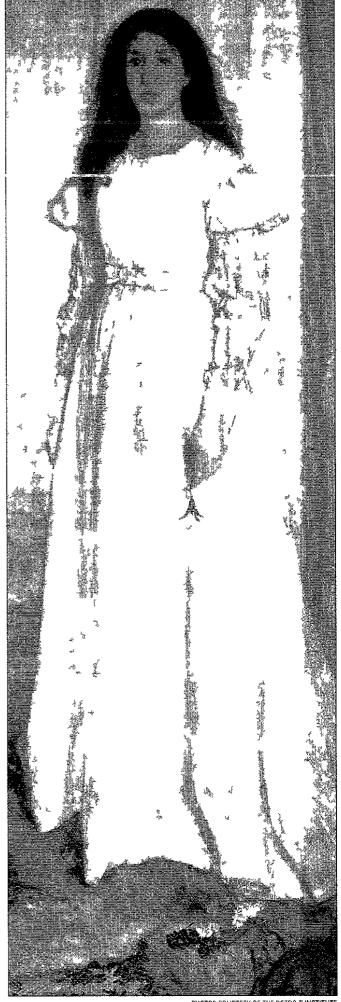
Whistler's revolutionary style, modern aesthetic and inventive use of colors had a profound effect on his contemporaries and American art

Born in Massachusetts, Whistler left for Europe at age 21 and never returned

American Attitude juxtaposes Whistler's famous paintings with works created by American artists in response, creating an environment where attendees can deepen their understanding of American art

The DIA has devoted six galleries to the exhibit with the first containing four major Whistler portraits, including The White Girl, which is on loan from the National Gallery in Washington, DC

"These are images that really influenced American artists," Beal said It represents a major shift And if people have an image of Whistler's work as thin paint and ghostly figures, it's not all that There's lots of gutsy, Impressionist-style painting



Above from the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC comes James McNeill Whistler's 'Symphony in White No 1 The White Girl, 1862 oil on canvas Top left from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is 'William Merritt Chase,' 1885 oil on canvas

'Arrangement in Grev

1872, oil on canvas

Portrait of the Painter'

Family fun



The cast (back row, left to right) Todd Eldredge, David Pelletier, Todd Sand, John Zimmerman and Alexei Yagudin Middle row, Yuka Sato, Elena Berezhnaya, Jenni Meno Front row, Anton Sikharulidze, Jamie Sale and Kyoko Ina

Coming home to skate is always fun for Todd Eldredge

This year's Stars on Ice has a new twist and it's about time — literally

Time is the theme of Smucker's Stars on Ice coming to The Palace 7 30 p m Saturday, March 20 It features the movers and shakers of figure skating

Olympic gold medalist Alexei Yagudin will be there Rochester's Todd Eldredge will, too The show will also feature Kurt Browning, Oksana Baiul and Olympic pair champs Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze

'What really makes it fresh is that Scott Hamilton produced it and Christopher Dean choreographed and directed it, that made it really exciting," Eldredge said, while ice skating in Royal Oak earlier this week.

"(Hamilton) has been my inspiration since I was a kid," he said "He really made things more interesting during this show.

The two-time Olympic winner has competed professionally since 1987 and has skated with the Stars on Ice for three consecutive years. He is one of only five men to win the U.S. National men's title five times and the first since Dick Button in 1950. He earned the World Championship in 1996. He is the only skater that has been off the podium for three years, from a 1992-1994 back injury, to return and win the United

States Championship

The 18-year figure skating tour loosely focuses on 'time' Eldredge said it begins with the idea of rising from bed early in the morning and continues through the afternoon into a Joe Jackson song medley that includes the song Steppin' Out to represent evening

"It takes us into a Friday night when the guys go out looking for girls," Eldredge said

Eldredge will skate to a saucy flamenco song and later to a Garth Brooks ballad.

"This show is different because rather than just have a show featuring skater after skater and each doing their own thing. This time we're all somehow intertwined through the theme of 'time' Everyone skates together at one time or another"

Also skating are Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, Yuka Sato, Jenni Meno and Todd Sand and Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman

For Eldredge, skating in his hometown is always fun

"There is a huge skating community here," Eldredge said "And there's a nice feeling to skate in a town where you know people personally"

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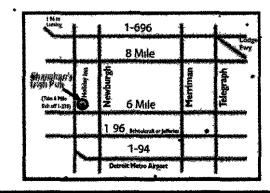
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There will be rivers of green beer and mounds of corned beef for sure, but St Patrick's Day in the Detroit area has blossomed in recent years to offer much more diversity to both rowdy revelers and quieter celebrants who come together on a day that marks the coming of spring

Everyone's Irish on St Patrick's Day, the old adage goes, and the growing number of Irish pub and restaurant owners in the area are all set to treat their guests to a day filled with good music and good food and drink.

"The Guinness flows here, it's our bloodline,' said Sam Khashan, who along with father and son team John and Shane Callaghan opened Sean O'Callaghan's three years ago in Plymouth

With woodwork and glasswork imported from Ireland and a floor plan designed to replicate Victorian-style pubs that exist in Ireland, O'Callaghan's is emblematic of the authentic turn new Irish pubs like Shanahans in Livonia, Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham and Conor O'Neil's in Ann Arbor have taken in this country

Normally, O'Callaghan's menu features a broad range of seafood dishes, steaks, chops and pasta as well as traditional Irish food like bangers (Irish sausage), Shepard's pie and lamb stew, but O'Callaghan's will offer a limited St Patrick's Day menu, including fish and chips, corned beef dinners and sandwiches

"Everyone wants a Gunness and a corned beef melt on St Patrick's Day," said Khashan, who expects to see a line at the pub's door when the establishment opens at 7 a m on the big day

Besides the appearance of the pub, and the menu, which has been carefully designed by O'Callaghan's executive chef John Schofer, Khashan is most proud of an Irish import that's as indefinable as it is pleasurable

It's called the craic (pronounced crack) of

"Ît's what we would call the buzz," Khashan said "Ît's socializing, singing along and conversation When all that comes together that's the real feel of a pub."

To ensure that the craic at O'Callaghan's hits the high 90s, Khashan is planning on flying over the Oyster Boys, a group of musicians from County Monaghan in Ireland

"That's as traditional as it gets," Khashan

NEW

The newest Irish pub to hit the area is Shanahan's, which recently opened in the space formerly occupied by Tremors, in the Holiday Inn of Livonia adjacent to Laurel Park mall.

Former Tremors customers won't recog-



Executive Chef John Schofer presents (clockwise from! Chicken and Asparagus with Portabella Mushrooms Bai and Fried Brie with Spring Berries

nize the place, as it's been completely gutted and rebuilt to include gothic, cottage and rotunda sections to replicate features of the Old Sod

"It's almost like a museum, there's so much to look at," said assistant general manager Ann Marie Spayd "When people walk in, they're awestruck. It almost looks like and old Irish castle when you walk in'

Spayd said that besides offering authentic Irish cuisine, music and a drawing for a trip to Ireland on St Patrick's Day, Shanahan's has made arrangements for discounted rooms at the Holiday Inn for customers who don't want to drink and drive

'We'd like to get away from how everyone associates St Patrick's Day with drinking," Spayed said

Although the level of partying on St. Patrick's Day is on the rise in Ireland, due primarily to the example set by the United States, St Patrick's Day in the old country very much remains a holy day, according to Conor O'Neil's Dublin-born general manager Caroline King

'We don't do the whole drinking thing," King said "We go to Mass, then we go to the parade, and it always rains"

TRADITION

For nearly 20 years, Irish native Mick Gavin has been nurturing the family-safe Irish Fest at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

usic on St. Patrick's Day



iwer left) Spring Morel and Asparagus Pasta, Grilled ey's Irish Cream Creme Brulee Pan Fried Crab Cakes,



John Callaghan (left) and Sam Khashan are the proprietors of Sean O'Callaghan's

This year, over 40 musical performers and two schools of dance will be on hand to entertain and delight patrons looking for an Irish cultural experience on St Patrick's Day

"It's quite different from the pub scene, it's a lot of dancing and song," said Gavin, a native of County Clare who moved to Redford in 1974

"It's something to look forward to every year It's a really fun day and we don't charge for kids," said Gavin "People start to go home at 8 p m and at 11 p m we're all done We don't get the crazy drinkers, and that's fine with us"

Of course, the new Irish pubs in the suburbs will be competing for customers with tried and true Detroit establishments like

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- Nancy Whiskey 2638 Harrison Detroit (313) 962 4247, live entertainment
- Old Shillelagh 349 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 964-0007, live entertainment

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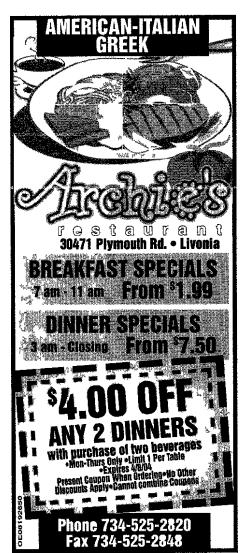
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The room features 50 SNL machines, including an in-house progressive Saturday Night Frenzy game

"Saturday Night Live continues to be a television ratings buster and the proving ground for some of the nation's hottest comics from past to present," said Dee Mara, vice president of marketing for Greektown Casino "We're confident the SNL theme slot room will be a winner with our guests"

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including the Blues Brothers with the song Soul Man Hanz & Franz in the Pumpatorium is another

The machines showcase SNL music, images, animation and audio clips from the show, which has been on the air for 29 years



Dee Mara, vice president of marketing for Greektown casino, expects the 'Saturday Night Live!' theme slot room to be a hit with players







Singer shares 'Stories & Songs'

Mark Schultz's album Stories & Songs spent weeks on the Billboard chart, his song, Child of Mine, was No 1 for seven weeks

He recently grabbed four Dove Award nominations including song of the year, pop/contemporary album of the year and best male vocalist. And he's performing with Avalon on Friday at Tri City Christian Center in Canton

So why is the name of this hip, greeneyed singer so unfamiliar?

Because his music is inspirational Christian music rarely makes VH-1, but its popularity over the last 10 years is steadily increasing

Along with lovers of Christian pop music, Schultz' listeners tend to be Billy Joel or Garth Brook fans, the kind of people who like to hear stories á la Piano Man

Storytelling is Schultz' niche on his third and latest CD Stories & Songs

"For my first two records, all my songs were coming from my experiences - and I was either recording or touring," Schultz, 32, said "But for this record, I got to spend a lot of time back home reconnecting with people who are important to me This album's all about the depth of relationships"

MARK SCHULTZ WITH AVALON

Genre Inspirational pop When 7 pm Friday

Where

Tri City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road Canton

Tickets

\$18 call (734) 397 1777 or visit www markschultzmusic com

STORIES

Storytelling was an extraordinarily common form of communication during ancient times with Jesus using the art form to teach the multitudes Today story telling, Schultz said, is a lost art

His tales in songs from his previous album like He's My Son, Remember Me, Let's Go and I Have Been There have all been chart-toppers

His newest album is even more meticulously crafted and sometimes gut-wrenching

The song, Letters of War, is one of the most interesting on the album as it's based on letters exchanged between his great-grandmother and one of her sons during World War II

He uses personal and universal themes, humor, insight and more Helping him grow, he said, was a long sabbatical spent in solitude in the Canadian mountains

I always used to want validation from other people, to make other people like me, Schultz revealed "But one of the big differences this year is that I finally learned to accept God's validation You ride a roller coaster otherwise and it's tiring to keep the plates spinning all the

That's part of the theme of his album "I have spent so much of my time, like most people, living as the main character of my own small story Through the struggles of growing and maturing over the last two years, God has allowed me to see that he is inviting them to take part in his larger story I hope that through these songs you will hear a quiet voice inside calling you to the larger story'

That was the inspiration to You're a Child of Mine



Mark Schultz will sing songs from his critically praised pop album 'Stories & Songs' on Friday, March 12 in Canton

You are a child of mine, born of my own design and you bare the heart of life no matter where you go Oh you will know you have been made free in Christ You are a child of mine'

Other songs are just downright funny, Running Just to Catch Myself is about the fast world of cell phones and traffic jams

Inspirational music might not appeal to everyone, but sometimes it's fun just to hear a good story

Schultz does it well

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March 11-13": Jimmy Pardo

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March 18-20th: Chris Bliss

Has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" He has a comedy CD called My Act With Your Eyes Closed His first one man show an autobiographical monologue play titled 'Walking On the Moon' debuted in late 1999 and has been produced in Minneapolis and Los Angeles

www.hometownlife.com

Contest

Tell us about your hero to win 'Miss Saigon' tickets

Tell us about the hero in your life, some- and Moon and The American Dream one who has had an extraordinary influence on you, or made a sacrifice for you or someone you know, to win a pair of tickets to the 8 p m Thursday, March 25, performance of Miss Saigon at the Fox Theatre

Three pairs of tickets will be awarded Deadline to enter is Friday, March 19 Send entries to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor, features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

Fax entries to Kaleski's attention at (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kkaleski@oe homecomm net

Miss Saigon, an epic musical love story from the creators of Les Misérables, plays Detroit's Fox Theatre March 23-28 as part of the "Broadway at the Fox" series

Written by Alain Boubhl (book, lyrics and original French lyrics), Claude-Michel Schoenberg (book and music) and Richard Maltby Jr (lyrics), Miss Saigon was originally produced by Cameron Mackintosh at The Theatre Royal Drury Lane, London, in September 1989 The production opened on Broadway in April 1991 with three North American Companies following

This newly conceived touring production of Miss Saigon is produced by Big League Theatricals

THE SETTING

Set in 1975 during the final days leading up to the American evacuation of Saigon, Miss Saigon is the story of two young lovers torn apart and the fate of a small

The score of Miss Saigon has been acclaimed as uplifting, exuberant, hopeful and true It features unforgettable songs such as The Heat is On in Saigon, The Movie in My Mind, Why God Why?, Sun

The sixth-longest running show in Broadway history, Miss Saigon has won 29 awards, and been performed in 13 countries in eight different languages

Curtain times are 8 p m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 30 p m Sunday, and 2 p m Saturday-Sunday

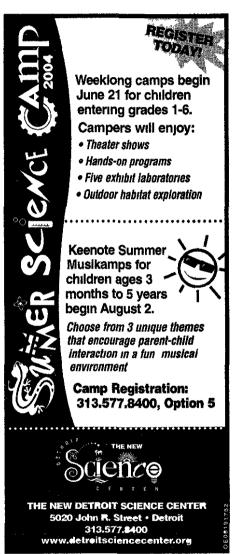
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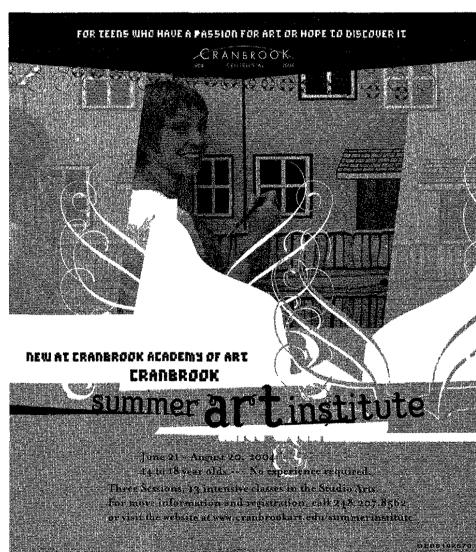
chased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and Hockevtown Authentics in Troy (without service charges) and at all Ticketmaster locations To charge tickets by phone, call (248)

For more information, call (313) 471-6611 or visit www OlympiaEntertainment com



Kim (Jennifer Hubilla) and Chris (Alan Gillespie) sing 'Sun and Moon' in a scene from 'Miss Saigon'







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PROFESSIONAL THEATER/DANCE

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Boy Gets Girl by Rebecca Gilman through March 21 Aaron DeRoy Theatre 6600 W Maple West Bioomfield 7 30 p m Wednesday Thursday & Sunday 8 p m Saturday \$25 \$32 (248) 788 2900 www.iettheatre.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

Masonic Temple

Jesus Christ Superstar through Sunday 7 30 p m 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.or www.ticketmaster.com

Merce Cunningham Dance Company

Presented by the University of Michigan Musical Society 8 pm Friday Saturday Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher St Ann Arbor \$16 \$44 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

The Mikado 8 pm Friday 15801 Michigan Ave at Greenfield Dearborn (313) 943 2354 www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Planet Ant

Living with the Sevinsens an all original comedy play through March 28 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday \$15 adults \$10 students with/ID 2357 Caniff Hamtramck (313) 365 4948 Ext 1 www.planetanttheatre.com

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Bloomfield Players

Honk 730 pm Friday Saturday 2 pm Sunday Andover High School 4200 Andover Road Bloomfield Hills (Long Lake Road at Telegraph) (248) 433 0885 www.bloomfieldplayers.org



Patrick Lynch (left to right) Mary Callaghan Lynch, and Caitlin Lynch will perform with the Motor City Lyric Opera as it presents its annual Patricktide concert 4 p m Sunday at The Max M Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Ave, Detroit Tickets \$15 adults \$7 50 children under 12 (313) 576 5111 Patricktide will feature Irish songs timeless poetry, the Motor City Lyric Opera's children's chorus, soprano Mary Callaghan Lynch The Michael O Hare Dance Ensemble with harpist Onita Sanders

Ridgedale Players

Guys & Dolls through March 28 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday 205 W Long Lake Road Troy \$15 students & seniors \$14 (Sunday) (248) 988 7049

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 through March 20 8 pm Friday Saturday 2 pm 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

Detroit Ensemble Theatre

First Night by Jack Neary 8 p m Friday Saturday 3 p m Sunday to March 21 25213A Gratiot (in the Dinover Plaza next to Thai House restaurant) Roseville (586) 790 5666

Players Guild of Dearborn

Marvin's Room 8 pm Friday Saturday 2 30 pm Sunday to March 21 21730 Madison southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive Dearborn \$11 reserved (313) 561 TKTS www.playersquildofdearborn.org

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 pm Friday Saturday March 12 13 March 19 20 2 pm Sunday March 14 & 21 34660 Woodward Ave Birmingham \$15 (248) 644 2075

St Dunstan's Theatre Guild

The Vast Difference by Jeff Daniels 8 pm Friday Saturday March 12 13 March 19 20 2 pm Sunday March 21 8 pm Thursday Saturday March 25 27 400 Lone Pine Road Cranbrook campus Bloomfield Hills \$13 adults \$11 stu dents/seniors (248) 644 0527 www.stdunstanstheatre.com For din ner/theater package opening night call (248) 645 5936

Clarkston Village Players

Trophies by John J Wooten 730 pm Thursday 2 pm Sunday 8 pm Friday Saturday to March 27 Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre \$10 Thursday & Sunday \$12 Friday Saturday (248) 625 8811 or www.ciarkstonvillageplayers.org

Farmington Players

Weekend Comedy opens Friday runs 8 pm Friday Saturday through March 20 matinees 2 pm Sunday March 14 & March 21 Players Barn 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills (248) 553 2955

Marguis Theatre

The Shoemaker and the Elves 2 30 p m Saturday Sunday through May 2 135 E Main St Northville No children under 3 \$750 (248) 349 8110

Genitti's Hole in the Wall

Wedding Bell Blues interactive dinner theater comedy \$45 per person The trouble with 12 children's lunch theater interactive comedy Saturday Sunday \$14.95 kids \$16.95 adults 108 E Main St Northville (248) 349 0522 for reservations/info or www.genittis.com

Bonstelle Theatre

The House of Bernarda Alba 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday 3424 Woodward Ave Detroit \$10 students \$8 (313) 577 2960

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Great Lakes Lyric Opera

Die Fledermaus 11 am to 3 pm Saturday March 13 William Tyndale College's Kresge Chapel 35700 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills gllo@comcast net

Main Stage Theatre Guild

Guys & Dolls 7 10 pm Monday Tuesday March 15 16 Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt Livonia (586) 344 7774

Village Players of Birmingham

The Recruiting Officer restoration come dy with music 7 p m Sunday March 28 and Tuesday March 30 Village Players 34660 Woodward Ave Birmingham Registration 6 30 p m performances June 14 20 (248) 643 0971

SPECIAL EVENTS

Country Western Dance

Hosted by Wolverine Silverspur Dancers on Saturday at the Italian Cultural Center 28111 Imperial Dr Warren Doors open 7 p m lesson 7 30 p m open dancing 8 11 30 p m \$10 00 includes lesson snacks coffee and large hardwood floor Call Mary (586) 573 4993 or email dij@comcast net for more info Singles and couples welcomed

Celtic & Classical

Detroit Concert Choir performs Irish favorites 3 p m Sunday Old St Mary s in

Greektown 646 Monroe and 3 p m Sunday March 21 Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church 19950 Mack Ave Grosse Pointe Woods \$15 adults \$12 sen ior/student (313) 882 0118 www.detroit concertchoir org

Metropolitan Singers

Free family concert celebrating St Patrick's Day 3:30 pm Sunday Southfield Civic Center Parks and Recreation Room 115 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center

Balduck Mountain Ramblers

Present two shows at Nemo s 1384
Michigan Ave Corktown Detroit noon to
6 p m Sunday for the annual St Patrick's
Day Parade that take s place on Michigan
Avenue and noon to 7 p m on St
Patrick's Day (313) 965 3180

Jewelry and Vintage Apparel Show

At the Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills 11 a m to 5 p m Saturday \$4 adults kids 12 and under free Antique designer and costume jewelry vintage apparel (248) 988 0924 or (248) 646 1047

David Copperfield

An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion 5 30 pm & 9 pm Saturday noon 3 pm & 6 pm Sunday Fox Theatre Detroit \$29 50 \$39 50 \$49 50 discount for groups of 15 or more seniors 55 and older children 12 and under call (313) 471 3099 For all other tickets (248) 433 1515 or www OlympiaEntertainment com for info (313) 471 6611

Beach Bash

Beaver Creek & Tackle 1609 N Wayne south of Ford Road Westland Friday Saturday March 12 13 19 20 sand dance floor tropical food & drink specials live entertainment (734) 722 5330

BENEFIT

'Melvin Goes to Dinner'

Benefit for the Academic Council of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Society and the Association for Psychoanalytic Thought 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. Film was selected for the Sundance Film Channel. Tickets \$50. \$25. and \$10. students. For more information call Nancy Blieden. (248) 352. 5999 or Lena Ehrlich. (734) 662. 7570.

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Matt Michaels Trio

with Judie Cochill vocals 7 30 11 p m
Wednesday March 17 Rons Fireside Inn
28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with
dinner \$10 without dinner two drink
minimum reservations recommended
(734) 762 7756 Bill Lucas trumpet
March 24 Barbara Ware vocals March 31

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Featuring Kim Simmonds 8 p m Friday Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale \$20 (248) 645 6666 info (248) 544 3030 www.themagicbag.com

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Blackthorn

At Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus 7350 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 730 pm Friday \$15 (248) 942 3241 or (248) 942 3242

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Turkish music and dances Spanish Flamenco Romanian tunes and more 3 & 7 pm Sunday Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township \$30 golden circle \$25 adult \$22 student (586) 286 2222 (800) 585 3737 www.MacombCenter.com

CONCERTS

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Orchestra
Its Awesome BBSO Wind Ensemble 7
pm Sunday Temple Beth El 14 Mile Road

at Telegraph Bloomfield Hills (248) 645 BBSO www BBSO org \$25

Plymouth Symphony

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Grammy Award-winning guitarist Eric Johnson performs 8 p m Tuesday, March 16 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave , Ferndale Tickets \$25 at the box office or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

dents up to grade 12 admitted free (734) 451 2112 www.plymouthsymphony.org

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

With the Ward Presbyterian Church and Madonna University Choirs in Bach's St Matthew's Passion and Symphony No 5 Reformation by Mendelssohn 730 p m Saturday Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 W Six Mile Road west of Haggerty Road \$17 children/students \$8

Royal Oak Community Orchestra

Spring concert 8 pm Friday Kimball High School corner of Crooks and Normandy Roads Royal Oak Featured works include Brahms Academic Festival Overture Enesco's Romanian Rhapsody and Liadov's Eight Russian Folk Songs \$10 adults \$7 seniors/stu dents at the door (248) 988 6991

Mozart and Mahler with Ying Huang soprano 8 p m Thursday Friday 8 30 p m Saturday The Max 3711 Woodward Ave Detroit \$15 \$60 Detroit Civic Orchestra performs *The Rite of Spring* 3 p m Sunday \$10 \$15 and \$30 (313) 576 5111 www.detroitsymphony.com

Kronos Quartet

Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher St Ann Arbor 6 p m Sunday \$16 \$38 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

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ARTS

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Say Goodbye collection of photographs from members and volunteers March 12 21 reception 7 10 p m Friday downtown Rochester 309 Main St Suite 250 on the upper level access is from the alley open 5 9 p m Thursday Friday noon to 8 p m Saturday noon to 4 p m Sunday

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Call for entries for 57th annual exhibition. July 9 to Aug. 6 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slides due May 1 \$5,000 in cash awards. Open to Michigan artists 18 or older or former Michigan residents up to two color 35mm slides submitted water media on paper up to 60 by 48 framed with plexiglass. Entry fee \$20 members. \$35 nonmembers for prospectus call Chris Santoro (248) 548 5776 or e.mail.chrissantoro@mac.com

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Tony Rock 8 p m Thursday 8 p m & 10 30 p m Friday Saturday 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor discount for tickets pur chased in advance (734) 996 9080

Mark Ridley Comedy Castle

Jimmy Pardo 8 pm Thursday 8 pm & 10 30 pm Friday Saturday 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542-9900

Second City Detroit

Ten 8 pm Wednesday Thursday (\$15) 7 30 pm and 10 pm Friday Saturday (\$20) Best of the Second City Touring Company 7 p m Sunday (\$12) 2301 Woodward Ave Detroit (\$13) 965-2222 Dinner show packages available Call for information

FILM

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Detroit Film Theatre

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With Ray MacDonald the last Friday of each month 9 11 p m at the Scarab Club 217 Farnsworth Detroit Discussion of the month's film showing at the Detroit Film Theatre Donation \$5 (313) 831 1250

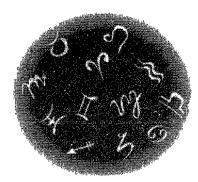


Horoscope



Star Struck

(March 11 March 13) By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Try not to get carried away with someone whose role in your world may be less significant than you would like to believe Mercury the communication planet enters your sign manana and may encourage you to let wishful thinking get in the way of common sense. Don't let it happen

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You don't have to explain your actions now because partners are in a much more forgiving mood than usual. However don't squander your resources on nonessentials because Mercury's sign shift warns that while you may be long on energy you're still short on cash

GEMIN (May 22-June 21)

What you learn about a close companion or business associate will be hard to swallow and there may be moments this week when you wonder if all your loyalty and devotion to duty have been worth it. They have and by this time next week you will understand why

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Thanks to sober planet Saturn, what is now at stake, personally and professionally is the right to determine your own future MoonKid Therefore care less about what others say or do and care more about following the route through life that suits you best. Start now!

LO (July 24-Aug. 23)

A serious change in direction demands imagination and courage, and you are now in a position to prove you have both Don't let anyone especially family dissuade you from what you know is right It's your life and the choice must be yours as well

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Even if the tide of fortune seems feeble now, continue to believe that some sort of break through is now within sight. Of course, much depends on the state of your finances, but if your resources are low then chances are your physical energy is too. Ease up and take a rest!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Be thankful that challenges between the Sun and Pluto is bringing family disputes into the open because the longer certain situations drag on the harder they will be to resolve. So take the bull by the horns and insist that everyone says their piece - and then makes peace

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

What comes to light unexpectedly this weekend is bound to get your adrenaline flowing. But before you blow your top bear in mind that partners are also under a great deal of pressure at this time and will respond more favorably to sympathy than to criticism

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Addistant friendship is poised to take center stage. Archer What transpires this weekend may lead you to the realization that there are some things that matter less than you think and Some that count more indications are that good times are ready to roll

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Avoid focusing on what went wrong or turned sour and let your real need to do your own thing set you free What others say belongs to them - you are simply going with the flow now You are free to follow the dictates of your heart 24/7 from now on kiddo

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Take the greatest possible advantage of clear headed Mercury changing signs now to get your life back on track again by ridding yourself of responsibilities that no longer serve a useful pur spose Inner peace can be yours once you learn to let go of what is no longer needed

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

The remainder of March is liable to be taxing tiresome and turbulent. However don't try to hang on to what has obviously outlived its usefulness. Cut out what is no longer necessary, and refuse point blank to cut your conscience to fit someone else's fashions. Fish

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 2004

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week Filtered just for you

Celebrate your Irish

heritage (or your love of

alcohol) this Wednesday

when the green returns

Whip up some corned

beef hash or Colcannon

(recipes are in our Taste

section) grab a green ale

at your local pub put on

your Kiss Me I m Irish

of us

button and celebrate St

Patrick's Day with the rest

But most importantly

whatever you're doing

right now but down this

newspaper and go write

write yourself a post it

it someplace you won t forget - it's your only

insurance against show

ing up to an office or

classroom full of no

note to wear green Place

The last time noise rockers The Sick Lipstick came to town they played at a roller rink

That proved to be the perfect backdrop to the band's girlie vocals set over angular break beats

This time around the band is billed with two other great post The Sick Lipstick punk/no wave/new

wave/progressive (in other words music to make you shake your tailfeather) bands. Via Employee and Thunderbirds are Nowl

The Sick Lipstick will play Friday at the Detroit Art Space 101 E Baltimore in Detroit Cover is \$6 All ages Doors open at 9 p.m.

For more info call (313) 664 0445 For more on the band check out www.thesicklipstick.com

Detroit rock band 19

full length disc Jawbreaker Saturday at the

Midwest rock band. I would put them in the

songwriting Jettison Red and The Gelheads

will open Doors open at 8 pm Cover is \$7

hotline at (248) 544 3030 For more on the

band click on http://www.19wheels.com

a knockout combo of hooks and smart

Magic Bag 19 Wheels call themselves simply a

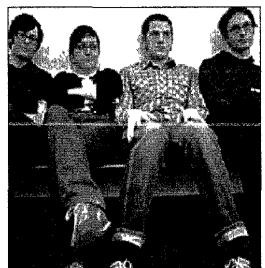
same vein as the Gin Blossoms. Their new CD is

The Magic Bag is located at 22920 Woodward

Avenue Ferndale For more info call the event

Wheels will play a record

release show for their new



If you haven t had a chance to catch ZertGerst Detroit's "3 Twenty Minute Plays (With

green pinchers

Drinking in Between) 2: Another Experiment in Drama" this is your last weekend to do so Playwright Troy Richard has created three edgy experimental short plays that push the boundaries and include audi ence participation Performances are scheduled for 8 p m Friday and Saturday Admission is \$15 \$10 with a student ID

Zeitgeist Theater is located at 2661 Michigan Ave in Detroit For more info call (313) 965 9192 e mail the ater@zeitgeistdetroit org. For a brief summary of the three plays click on http://www.zeitgeistdetroit.org

Attention Detroit area promoters Lansing based band The Giveaway should be

playing shows in our area. With an open mike night beginning Mark Barry (drums) Mark Colwell (guitars vocals) Josh Hoisington (bass) Paul Krauss (piano synth vocals) and Travis Shaver (guitar lead vocals) play pop music that is a breath of fresh air from the local garage rock revival

On their latest self titled 4 song EP the band channels Brit rockers the likes of Travis and Coldplay with the earnestness of Death Cab for Cutie and Phantom Planet (who the band will open for Monday April 12 at the MSU Ballroom) The albums strongest song Clouds Collide has keyboards reminiscent of The Anniversary and musings a la Dashboard Confessional - it's enough to make you wonder why they aren t

signed to Vagrant yet not to mention breaking into Detroit. Let's hope that changes soon For more on the band including a full show schedule sample MP3s and CDs for purchase check out http://thegiveaway.net

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 or write to her at 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009



Gallery

Art of Money

Watercolors illustrate antique currency

Do you have an old com that might be valuable?

If so, take it to The Community House in Birmingham on Friday to find out Numismatist John L. Frank will be appraising coins and bank notes during the Antiques Festival at The Birmingham Community House

Then go check out Suzanne Bauman's paintings of 19th century U S currency, including Native American bank notes, at Frank's Coin Gallery in Birmingham

"Suzanne's watercolor interpretations are stunning in every respect,' Frank said

Bauman's paintings feature images of antique bank notes, US battleships and Native American Chief Hollow Horn Bear

Frank's favorite prints are based on Bauman's paintings of \$1, \$2 and \$5 bills issued in 1896

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