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Pipeline

Road project

Wayne County officials have notified Plymouth and Plymouth Township that the paving project along Sheldon Road from Joy to Ann Arbor Trail is scheduled to start Monday, March 29. The project was originally supposed to coincide with the Sheldon Road underpass project, but that has been delayed until at least November. Traffic in the area is expected to be affected for up to three months. Work in the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon is likely to shut down traffic for a brief period of time. After that, intermittent lane closures will be conducted by county officials along the stretch of the project.

Hot stoves

Members of the Salem High School Culinary Arts team said before competing in the state competition that winning a national championship didn't matter, all they wanted was to go to Florida for the contest.



They get their chance now, after winning the state competition earlier this month in Grand Rapids, where their recipe for lamb shank, salad and chocolate and strawberry-passion fruit mousse won them first-place honors from the Michigan Restaurant Association. The public can taste food prepared by students in the culinary arts program at the Rock Cafe, located in Salem High School. It's open 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Friday.

Farmers market

The 2004 Plymouth Farmers Market is expanding, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials announced this week. The market, held every Saturday starting May 8, features a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, hot coffee and lemonade. This year, it expands to both sides of Penniman between Main and Union. Market hours are 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the exception of the Saturday of Fall Festival (Sept. 11).

Partnership hopes to turn page on reading

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

There's a popular advertising campaign on television that says, "Reading is fundamental." A new program being pushed by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the

Canton Public Library and the Plymouth District Library is hoping to get parents and children alike to focus on the "fun" part of that slogan.

The "What Are You Reading?" campaign is aimed at getting people to treat reading as an entertainment option in an age

when so many choices are available.

"It doesn't matter what you're reading, as long as you're reading," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton schools.

PLEASE SEE READING, A4



Community partners in reading.
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What are you reading?

A Jim of all trades

Real estate mogul lives life with hands in many pies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Jim Courtney says he doesn't gamble, he takes calculated risks. And not too many people can argue his success rate.

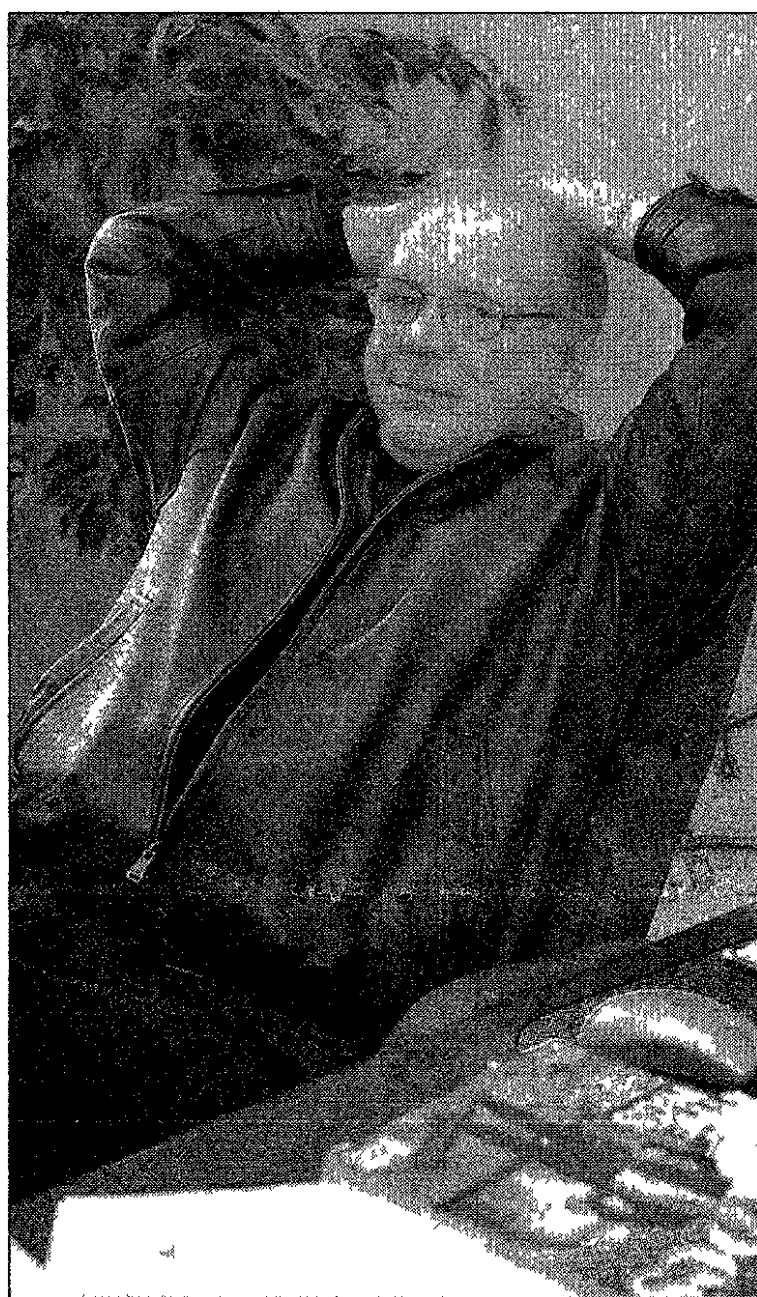
Courtney is a top real estate agent and broker, a stand-up comedian, an executive producer of several movies and a world-class poker player.

Not bad for someone who quit high school twice before graduating and was too poor to go to college.

"I've tried a lot in life, and not every one was a winner," said Courtney, 59, of Plymouth Township. "But, I've won more than I've lost."

Courtney has used life's experiences and his business expertise to meet people, many who have become his business partners.

"You never know where a good idea or person will



PLEASE SEE JIM, A8
Jim Courtney has tried his hand at a lot of things, and been successful at most of them, throughout his life.

Compari's a double winner

The readers have spoken in the Plymouth Observer, and that's an especially good thing for the folks at Compari's.

The downtown restaurant was the only multiple winner in the 2004 Best of Plymouth readership survey conducted in the paper over the last couple of months. Hundreds of readers responded to the poll, and Compari's won in both the "Best Pizza" and "Best Restaurant" categories.

"That's wonderful," Compari's owner Frank Yaquinto said. "I'm somewhat shocked, and I'm certainly proud of our staff and crew. I'm especially happy to see our customers enjoy the restaurant."

Yaquinto, who has owned a pizzeria in Dearborn since 1969, said the key to Compari's pizza is the manner in which it's put together, which is the same as he's been doing since he got into the pizza business. "Our pizza is truly a throwback to the 60s," he said. "We make them the same way we've been making them for 30 or 40 years. We've been in the pizza business forever and we haven't changed a thing."

He credits the restaurant's overall success — and popularity with readers — to its serv-

ice-oriented and family atmosphere.

"We put our best foot forward to make people feel they're our guests coming into our home," said

Yaquinto, whose nephew is the restaurant's head chef. "Our staff is very good at that. A lot of customers let us know they feel comfortable when they come in."

The Best of Plymouth survey sought winners in 10 different categories. The other winners included:

- Best Burger — The Box Bar
- Best Local Politician — Freshman state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township
- Best Coffee — The Coffee Bean, the tiny coffee shop on Penniman edged corporate giant Starbucks by a single vote
- Best Local Landmark — Kellogg Park
- Best Barber/Hair Salon — Mel's Golden Razor
- Best Bar — A tie between Kellogg Park and Plymouth Township Park
- Best Ice Cream — Dairy King, in the survey's widest margin of victory
- Best Bar — Sean O'Callaghan's Pub

Upcoming editions of the Plymouth Observer will feature each of the winners.



Firm stamps name on safety honor

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth became the first automotive metal stamping company in the state to receive the prestigious Michigan Voluntary Protection Program's STAR Award, given to companies that are committed and excel in worker occupational safety and health.

In a ceremony at the Industrial Drive plant Tuesday morning, many of the company's 280 employees watched as president and owner Wes Smith was presented the award by U.S. Labor Department Assistant Secretary for

A legislator and local CEO discuss job outsourcing. News, page A5.

Occupational Safety and Health John Henshaw.

The MVPP STAR Award is given to companies that work toward achieving safety and health excellence, and that pass rigorous tests and inspections. One condition for the STAR Award is having injury and illness incidence rates below the industry average for three straight years.

Smith said he remembers five years ago meeting with 50 employees to describe and define the corporate culture. "The first word they

identified was safety, followed by fairness, hard work and respect," Smith said. "The tangible benefits (of safety) were obvious, such as lower workman's comp rates, and higher productivity and quality from higher employee morale. Our corporate culture also defines ours, and what should be everyone's, corporate responsibilities."

"By winning this award, the E&E team shows that it deeply cares about the associates who work here and the importance of safety on the job site,"

Smith said. "These tests and inspections are incredibly thorough, and we passed them with flying colors. E&E has been, and will continue to be, a leading advocate for worker safety."

Mark Caudell of Belleville works in engineering at E&E, and said it's obvious safety is the No. 1 concern at the stamping company.

"We have people constantly looking for ways to improve safety to make sure people don't get injured," Caudell said. "I've worked at a lot of different places, and when you walk through this building you can see there are extra steps being



E&E Manufacturing owner Wes Smith (right) poses with David Hollister (center), director of the state's Department of Labor and Economic Development, and E&E's Rich Sbraglia after receiving the prestigious Michigan Voluntary Protection Program's STAR Award.

taken to make sure people don't get injured."

Carolyn Logan of Southfield has worked at E&E for seven years in the packaging department, and said it's like working with family. "It's a great place to work," she said. "We care

about each other around here, and look out for each other's safety."

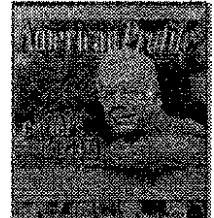
State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) said he's nominated E&E to be named the No. 1 manufacturing company in the state by the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

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CLARIFICATION

The Plymouth YMCA Summer Camp Open House and The Healthy Kids Day location has been changed to McClumpha Park, located on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township. The event is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. April 25.

for its preschool programs for Fall 2004.

The program for 3-year-olds runs Tuesday and Thursday, the program for 4-year-olds runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.

THREE-DAY SALE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors a three-day sale in downtown Plymouth April 1-3.

Participating stores will offer sales on home decor, fashions, products and services. Free horse-and-carriage rides take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3, and a family buffet breakfast with the Easter Bunny will also be served Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and again Sunday, April 4, in Westchester Square Mall.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

ARTWORK CRITIQUE

Farmington Hills artist Jeri Fellwock will display some of her own work and critique others' work during an appearance for the Three Cities Art Club from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Building, located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 262-9711.

SPRING MUD FLING

Pottery workshops for the whole family are scheduled at the Plymouth Community Arts Council during Spring break. PCAC officials are heading the annual 'Mud Fling' from 10 a.m. to noon April 13-15 as "the most fun you will have in the mud (clay) all year."

Participants can create, for example, a decorative tile or fancy cup, paint it with colored clay and the instructors from the Village Potters Guild will glaze and fire it to pick up a few weeks after the fun.

For more information call (734) 416-4278 or stop in at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon.

SYMPHONY GALA

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, presents "Best of Broadway," the symphony's annual pops benefit dinner and auction, at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The concert will feature songs from favorite Broadway musicals, including selections from *Chicago*, *Cats*, *My Fair*



Lucky day

Terrri O'Brien and Joe Keller celebrate St. Patrick's Day as well as their wedding anniversary, at the Bennigan's in Plymouth.

12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2004 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The CYO is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Students should prepare a piece of their choice and a scale representative of their ability. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at 734 451 2112 or by email at CelebrationYO@aol.com.

DOG JOG

The Kiwanis Dog Jog is right around the corner, scheduled this year for May 8 in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The annual event raises money for the Plymouth Kiwanis Club and the Michigan Humane Society. Last year's Dog Jog raised more than \$6,000.

The event primarily features owners and their dogs taking part in a run or walk of approximately a two-mile course through Plymouth.

Owners solicit pledges based on completion of the course. There is a fee that covers the Kiwanis Club's costs and programs.

Participants receive a T-shirt, a dog bandana and a bag of items for the pets.

Awards are given in categories such as best-dressed dog, biggest tail, owner/pet look-a-likes and other categories judges see as significant.

Lady, and *The Music Man*. Prior to the concert guests can enjoy dinner catered by Laurel Manor.

Throughout the evening the Plymouth Symphony League's annual silent and live auctions will take place. Items to be auctioned include a weekend condo stay near Sleeping Bear Dunes, a diamond ring courtesy of Showroom of Elegance, a VIP tour of the Detroit Zoo, dinner at numerous restaurants in the area, and a chance to conduct the Plymouth Symphony U-of-M and MSU fans will also have the chance to outbid each other to hear their fight song performed by the symphony.

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

invitation sponsor is Mike and Mary Gladchun, RE/MAX on the Trail.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children. Table sponsorship for groups is also available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, please contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2004-05 school year Saturday, May 15, at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages

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Madonna hosts wine-tasting, dinner, auction for scholarships

Madonna University's 16th annual Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Auction Gala will be Friday, April 23, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"This is the main fund raiser Madonna University holds each year to support student scholarships," said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, Madonna University president. "Our mission is to make education accessible to a diverse student body. This auction affords students the opportunity to complete their college degree which otherwise might not have been possible."

Scholarships help many students, including Myra Porter, a sophomore in the education program.

More than 50 new wines from Australia, personally selected by John Jonna of Merchants Fine Wines, will be among the evening's highlights. The wines will be accompanied by elaborate hors d'oeuvres and a sit-down dinner presented by the chefs of Laurel Manor for discriminating diners and wine connoisseurs. The general chairs are Special Drill & Reamer Corporation President Michael Obloy, chairman of the Madonna University board of trustees, and his wife, Jo.

The silent auction focuses on fine jewelry pieces with several "right-hand rings," including the latest trend in uniquely colored diamonds, such as canary yellow, turquoise and cognac colored diamonds.

During the live auction, guests will be impressed with the enthusiasm of auctioneer Ed King of Clare, Michigan. John Jonna will conduct the wine auction and will share his expertise in the art of fine wine enjoyment.

One lucky winner will have a choice of either a fully-equipped 2004 Chevrolet Corvette two-door coupe, courtesy of Madonna University and Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia, or \$25,000 cash. Tickets are currently on sale at \$200 and



The 2004 Corvette shown at the Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union on Five Mile Road is part of a raffle to benefit Madonna University students through scholarships. The winner will be drawn at Madonna's Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Auction Gala April 23. Pictured (standing, from left) are auction general chairs Jo Obloy and Michael Obloy, Kit Tennyson of Tennyson Chevrolet, and Peter Bagazinski, CEO, Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union (kneeling left) scholarship recipients Jennifer and Bill Pless and David Carey.

only 650 tickets will be sold. Tickets will also be sold at \$10 each for a "Your Choice" raffle which offers an opportunity to win one of five items, including a Kawai digital piano, diamond jewelry, an in-vehicle DVD player/LCD monitor donated by Al Long Ford of Warren or \$1,000 cash. In each raffle, the winner need not be present at the drawing that evening. Reserved seating is \$150. Open seating tickets are \$125 before April 9, after that, tickets are \$150. For more details, visit www.madonna.edu or contact Rose Kachnowski at rkachnowski@madonna.edu or (734) 432-5421.

O&E celebrates senior life at May expo

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, in cooperation with Schoolcraft College, presents a senior citizens expo — "Celebrating Senior Life in America" — Wednesday, May 19.

The event is expected to draw thousands of older adults to Schoolcraft's new Vista Tech Center on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Businesses are invited to exhibit their services and/or products at the event, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sponsorships and booth opportunities are available ranging from \$2,995 to \$895. Early bird rates are in effect until April 1. Exhibitor registration deadline is April 15.

In addition to offering booth

space, exhibitors will also appear in a special senior citizens expo section to be distributed Thursday, May 13, in more than 200,000 newspapers — 15 editions of the *Observer & Eccentric*, plus four *Hometown Newspapers* (Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Milford).

Statistics show that the mature consumer has the highest net worth of any age group — more than \$7 trillion, according to *The Media Audit*, January 2004 survey.

Health care service and equipment providers, along with financial firms, Schoolcraft College Music Department, travel and leisure businesses and others, are invited to participate in this event.

"This expo celebrates the

active, vital older adult who makes choices about health care, housing, investments and travel," said Cathy Young, promotions manager for the O&E.

Thousands of seniors are expected to attend the event and view the products and services on display. Lunch will be available at a charge for those attending and the day will be filled with special giveaways. It's a great opportunity also for baby boomers to see what services may be available for their parents.

Free parking is available and golf carts will provide a shuttle from the parking lot to expo entrance.

More information is available online at www.hometownlife.com or contact Young at (734) 953-2155 or by e-mail at cyoung@oehomecomm.net.



Shannon Durkin, 17, and Amber Skupski, 18, both from Plymouth Township, work on a mural for House of Bread in Plymouth Township.

Wall to wall

Bread store rises with students' painting

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Two budding artists from Plymouth Township are getting firsthand experience, producing a giant mural for the new bread store in the Busch's Shopping Center at Five Mile and Sheldon.

"All of the House of Bread stores have a mural of a wheat field in them," said owner Mark Denis.

"We're all about getting into the community, so I figured why not have someone in the community do it."

Denis gave a call to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Starkweather Education Center, and the two Salem High School seniors applied for the job.

I heard about it in school from my drawing teacher, so I decided to check it out, said Amber

Skupski. "I've never done anything like this before. I asked Amber if I could help her," said Shannon Durkin.

"We took turns sketching it out, and he (Denis) told us which one he liked."

The two artists first had to sketch the mural, which is 6 1/2 feet high and 24 feet wide.

Shannon does much of the work at the top on a ladder, and I do a lot at the bottom, said Skupski.

As of this week, with an April 5 target date looming, the mural was about a third complete.

"We had to step back a few times to make things bigger or smaller," said Durkin.

"I think it's coming together pretty good so far."

While Skupski said she's painting the mural for fun, Durkin is planning a career

as an artist. "I think this will look great in my portfolio, she said."

"I'm going to Central Michigan for a couple of years, and then on to London to become a fashion illustrator."

Denis said he's pleased with what he's seen thus far on the wall of his yet-to-be-opened store.

"We talked about the concept and I showed them some ideas I had, and they came back with a couple of sketches," said Denis.

"We revised them a bit, and here they are. They're doing a good job."

"I'm sure they want it to be good because their names will be on it," he said.

"It will be here for years and years to come."

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READING

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"There are a million things for kids to do these days. We want to encourage people to pick up a book and read."

"What Are You Reading" is an off-shoot of the school district's new language arts curriculum, launched last fall after three years in development. The curriculum, which is in line with state standards and benchmarks, is designed to help students become better readers, which will, teachers believe, help them improve their math, science and social studies skills.

"Language arts is the largest content area," said Penny Joy, the district's coordinator for language arts and social studies. "If you integrate language arts into other areas of the curriculum, they'll be reading other materials which will also improve their language arts skills."

According to proponents of the program, even short stints of reading can help students achieve greater success

'We're trying to get people to make reading less of a 'task.'

Susan Stoney
public relations specialist

in school

Kids who read as little as 11 minutes a day significantly improve their scores on standardized exams," said Kevin Scanlon, the Canton Public Library's teen librarian.

But in addition to helping students advance their school skills, "What Are You Reading" seeks to promote reading as a viable recreational option. Both libraries feature book discussion books, and the school's curriculum center has a shelf where people can donate and borrow used books. The trick is to get people to take advantage of them.

"We're trying to get people to make reading less of a 'task,'" said Susan Stoney, public relations specialist at the Plymouth District Library. "We're trying to get people to look at reading as entertainment."

The two-year "What Are You Reading" program will push reading in several ways. Posters featuring school Supt. Jim Ryan have appeared asking the question, and the committee hopes to bring in authors as guest speakers to various library and other civic functions.

The committee will also work with the district's Educational Excellence Foundation to provide classroom libraries.

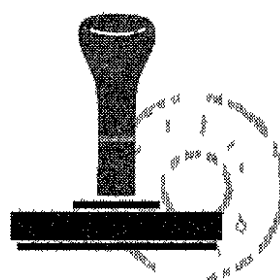
"Research is very strong that books must be readily accessible," Joy said. "The power of having books in the classroom is very strong."

Since the committee wants to focus not only on students, but on all people, the libraries were obvious partners for the project, because they tend to reach a wider audience.

"Libraries have the capacity to expand this virtually from birth to death," Stoney said. "We have programs where we get parents to read to 3-month-olds, and we take books to senior (citizen) centers. We're trying to expand the use of books to all ages."

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FOR THE RECORD



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.

DEATHS

- B**
Jacqueline Barnes, 72, of Lake Orion died March 22.
William L. Bland, of Pontiac died March 19.
Victoria Brown, 45, of Plymouth died March 22.
- C**
Dennis Courtney, 56, of New Hudson, died March 21.
- D**
Laura K. DeOrlow, formerly of Birmingham, died March 19.
Michael J. DeVonce, 79, of Troy, died March 18.
- G**
Robert H. Gotshall, 76, died March 16.
Stella M. Groth, 71, of Livonia, died March 22.
- J**
Keith Carl Johnson, 50, of Plymouth, died March 17.
Royce T. Joier, 19, of Southfield, died March 19.
- L**
Lois Marion Lane, 83, of Plymouth, died March 15.
Sister Mary André Lytle, 96, of Farmington Hills, died March 21.
- M**
James Mech, 70, of Farmington Hills, died March 23.
- R**
Sister Mary Victorine Rapin, 96, of Farmington Hills, died March 21.
Carl F. Rentschler Jr., 78, of Leonard, died March 20.
- S**
Walter C. Sanders, 67, formerly of Troy, died March 21.
Richard A. Schlegel, 78, formerly of Beverly Hills, died March 21.
- T**
Maurice S. Teeter, 77, died March 18.
- V**
Raymond Verrot, 72, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died March 16.
- W**
Elizabeth L. Warner, 94, of Bloomfield Hills, died March 1

BIRTHS

Aidan Browning
Michael and Jennifer Browning of

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire

POLICE BLOTTER

Sometime between 7 p.m. March 17 and 5:30 a.m. March 18, someone broke into Majeske Machine on General Court and stole some 42 20 pound metal forging plates. The plates had been stored in a wood crate in front of the business. No other items were discovered missing.

Someone stole a set of golf clubs from a garage on Plymouth Ridge.

The clubs, valued at some \$1,000, were left in the open garage. There was no sign of forced entry.

Department responded to the following runs between March 17-23:
 ■ Tuesday, March 23 – Commercial rescue runs on Port, on Haggerty and on Galleon, residential rescue runs on Heritage on Newport on Northern on Simpson and on Manton, downed wires on Penniman, industrial rescue runs on Sheldon on Galleon and on Plymouth Road, vehicle fire on Sheldon, special run on Haggerty.

■ Monday, March 22 – Residential rescue runs on Pinetree on North Territorial, on Sheridan and on Eckles, vehicle accident at Beck and Ann Arbor Trail.

■ Sunday, March 21 – Investigations on Firwood and on Northview, smoke investigation on Sheridan, residential rescue runs on Northville Road on Sycamore, on Mill and on Red Maple, commercial rescue run on Main.

■ Saturday, March 20 – Residential rescue runs on Pinewood on Breckenridge, on Hilltop and on Sheridan, smoke investigation on 5 Mile, commercial rescue run on Penniman.

■ Friday, March 19 – Residential rescue runs on Burroughs, on Roosevelt Court on Ann Arbor Trail and on Jener, investigation on Richard, smoke investigation on Penniman.

■ Thursday, March 18 – Rescue run on Lakeview, south of Hines, residential rescue run on Haggerty, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Wednesday, March 17 – Rescue run at public buildings on 5 Mile and on North Territorial, residential rescue runs on Pinetree, on Ann Arbor Trail and on A Drive, vehicle fire at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, commercial rescue run on Main, rescue run at Sheldon and Judson.

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District disconnects cellular phones

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Cell phones and other electronic communication devices used by students in Plymouth-Canton schools, on school property and at after-school events must be turned off and put out of sight

That comes after the Board of Education Tuesday night passed new regulations, in accordance with state law, which also call for prohibition of cell phones, especially those with picture-taking capabilities, in restrooms and locker rooms

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski expressed concerns that students with picture phones could copy tests given in the morning and pass them on to students taking the same test later in the day

"That sucks," said Tamara Shurey, 17, of Plymouth Township, who was meeting her dad after classes in the Salem High School parking lot, with a cell phone in her hand

"I use my cell phone a lot, especially during passing time. I call my mom to tell her what happens at school, or when work leaves a message to cover shifts," said Shurey. "It will be an inconvenience for me"

Shurey's dad, Jack Deakins, said he likes the new rules regarding cell phone usage by students

"I don't think they should be using cell phones during school hours for personal calls," he said. "I think they should be able to carry them, as long as they're out of sight, in case of

'I don't think they should be using cell phones during school hours for personal calls. I think they should be able to carry them, as long as they're out of sight, in case of emergencies.'

Jack Deakins
parent

emergencies

"During those times, they should be able to use them to call parents and let them know they're safe," added Deakins. "These are changing times"

Leaving class for the day, the first thing 14-year-old Abby Finkelstein of Canton did was reach for her cell phone

"That's not cool," said Finkelstein after hearing of the new regulations. "I use my cell phone to call my friends during lunch and passing time. I've never been caught with it before. I usually put it on vibrate during class"

Students say cell phones ringing during class isn't a problem as most kids put them away. Violators will have their cell phones confiscated

The school administration acknowledged that students will be able to get permission to make calls in the school office, and coaches will have the discretion to allow students to call home for rides or when events are running late

Legislator, Plymouth CEO blast job outsourcing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Moments before receiving the prestigious Michigan Voluntary Protection Programs STAR Award for exemplary safety and health excellence in the workplace, E&E Manufacturing president and CEO Wes Smith took time to take a shot at those companies who are sending manufacturing jobs overseas

The ultimately responsibility of a corporation should be to its community and employees,"

said Smith. "Many companies still provide jobs to Americans, still contribute to charities and invest in their communities. I believe as a business leader this is our calling"

"Unfortunately, today an increasing number of CEOs feel that they only have an obligation to shareholders. What that CEO is saying is that their ultimate responsibility is to themselves"

"Short term thinking and meeting Wall Street's quarterly expectations is the fuel that feeds the raging fires of

outsourcing," said Smith. "As a company, Wall Street rewards you because you have just lowered your cost of inputs. As a nation, however, you have made yourself weaker because you have moved productive capacity"

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, on hand to honor E&E for receiving the STAR Award, likened the outsourcing of manufacturing jobs to the dot com boom and bust, and said he'll be working hard to reverse the trend

It has come to my

realization that any trade agreement must promote democracy in other countries, have real opportunity for American citizens and provide for the national security of this country," said McCotter

"If all three are not met in those agreements, it shouldn't be passed because in the end it will be a short-term Wall Street gain and a long-term loss for the people of this country"

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New Main Street Bank opens for business in Northville

Main Street Bank has opened for business in Northville

The announcement was made recently by Rick Shaffner, chairman and CEO, and Audrey Mistor, president and COO. Main Street Bank received its State Banking Charter from the state's Office of Financial and Insurance Services March 1. In addition, the Bank's deposits are FDIC

insured. The bank is located in the heart of downtown and will be the only community bank based in Northville

"Main Street Bank will be uniquely positioned to support the community, given its local management, directors and investors," Shaffner said. "Through our active involvement in the community and our local relationships, we will be better equipped to support

the financial needs of the area." Six of the bank's nine directors, including Shaffner and Mistor, are Northville residents. Mistor is a 23-year banker who believes in creating a relaxed, friendly and attentive environment at Main Street Bank

"At Main Street Bank, it's all about service," she said. "We are in a position to offer products and services that will rival,

if not best, the big guys and we'll be able to do it with a hometown, personal touch. Because we are a hometown bank, we can respond to our customers' needs quickly and directly." The bank is located at 201 E. Main Street, and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call (248) 449-3700 for more information

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OUR VIEWS

Reading program a solid initiative

In a day and age when everyone is too busy or too engrossed in television or the Internet to think of much else, we love the program the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth District Library and others are putting together. Aply titled "What Are You Reading," the initiative, part of the school district's new language arts curriculum, is aimed at getting everyone — not just kids — to pick up a book, magazine or newspaper and actually spend time reading it.

It's not that no one reads anymore. What with school reports and homework and spread sheets and work-related documents, we all spend a good portion of our time reading. But those things are required reading, items we have to peruse in order to survive in our school or work environment.

The nifty thing about the "What Are You Reading" campaign is it pushes the idea of reading for enjoyment, rather than out of obligation.

The committee forming the program, which has been kicking ideas around for nearly a year, has developed several strategies to forge the idea of reading as an entertainment option. Some are subtle — for instance, posters featuring public figures reading books and asking the central question, "What are you reading?" — while others are more substantial.

For instance, one initiative aims at getting more students to sign up for library cards, which will be music to the ears of librarians in both Plymouth and Canton. Another program calls for bringing in guest speakers, possibly authors, to speak at either school or library venues.

While pushing reading as an entertainment possibility is the primary focus, the program can also provide ancillary benefits. For instance, Kevin Scanlon of the Canton Public Library points out that studies show students who read as little as 11 minutes per day dramatically improve their scores on standardized tests.

The initiative isn't aimed just at students, though. It's aimed at everyone, including adjusting the habits of those who read consistently. Used to reading a newspaper? This program encourages you to also pick up a book. Voracious novel reader, are you? "What Are You Reading" encourages you to read a magazine.

Many people, particularly adults, think of public libraries and the first thought that crosses their minds is, "I haven't been to a library in years." This program encourages people to change that thought process. And, frankly, with the quality of the libraries in both Canton and Plymouth, it's a good idea.

Tipping fee, bottle deposits both needed

State of Michigan officials believe too much trash is coming in unchecked from outside our boundaries, while at the same time some local municipalities are being forced to make a choice between necessities such as police patrols and niceties such as curbside recycling. A diverse coalition is mobilizing behind an effort they believe can cure both ills. Senate Bill 721, recently introduced by six state senators as a means to perhaps halt the onslaught of foreign trash and provide a funding mechanism to help local governments with recycling programs.

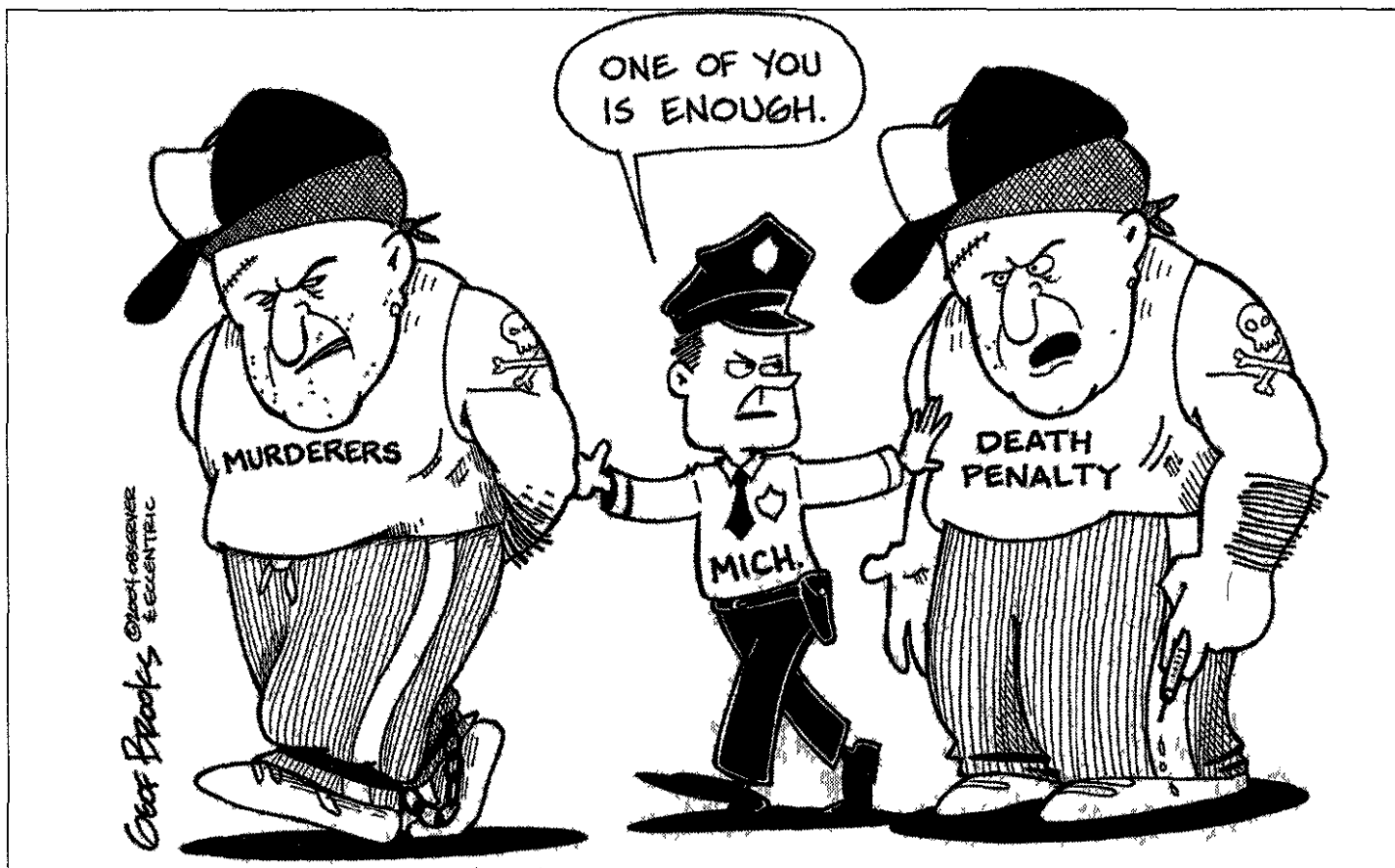
We believe the measure is worth consideration. The bill would impose a \$3 tipping charge for every ton of trash dumped in Michigan landfills, a fee the Michigan Environmental Council, representing nearly 70 environmental groups, believes would generate some \$42 million annually for recycling programs.

The money would be deposited into a waste diversion fund local communities could tap into to save failing recycling programs. The bill is currently being debated in the Senate's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Bill proponents believe, and we agree, the tipping fee would discourage at least some of the haulers who routinely use Michigan as a dumping ground.

Senate Bill 721 is actually gathering support because an effort at expanding recycling can't seem to gain traction. Environmentalists would like to see an expansion of the state's "bottle bill" to include noncarbonated drink containers such as water bottles, but such a measure drew little support at a series of Republican-sponsored public hearings.

Food retailers and bottlers make up the bulk of the opposition to expanding the bottle bill, citing the cost. Passing the tipping fee bill cures a lot of financial ills. Expanding the bottle bill eases some environmental ones.



LETTERS

Simple tax solution

I would like to comment on the articles in the March 11 *Observer* regarding the 10-year anniversary of Proposal A. I am chairman of the Plymouth Tax Board of Review. My role is to be an advocate for our citizens to see they have a fair hearing and all the pertinent facts are taken into account in evaluating their petitions.

Owners of residential property will see their actual taxes (taxable value assessment) rise this year 2.3 percent as a result of the Headlee Amendment, which calls for the actual monetary increases to coincide with the annual CPI. In any event, the increase in the TV will not exceed 5 percent for any given year. All well and good, at least according to the overwhelmingly positive vote for Proposal A 10 years ago.

This formula begins to unravel when the "assessed value" is thrown into the mix, determined by sales figures over the preceding two-year period, based on city neighborhoods which are rather loosely amalgamated according to housing style homogeneity and geographic proximity. This year the range of sales went from minus-10 percent to plus-22 percent, a 33-percent spread.

Over the years, the impact of this phenomenon has been extraordinary, e.g., if you have remained in your home for the last 10 years, while you own or are paying down a mortgage to own eventually, and you have done nothing to upgrade the overall size of the home, the actual taxes will advance only by the CPI. But the AV of your home could advance dramatically. The upshot of this could be that the assessed value of your home could easily be double the taxable value.

Before you head off to the casinos with all those bucks, note what's happening. Current owners, much to their credit, are becoming aware of one of the real grabbers in Proposal A. So long as you own your house and live in it, everything is smooth.

Upon legal sale or transfer, the following year the home will be subject to "uncapping," whereupon it will be reassessed based on that year's neighborhood market analysis. The major kicker will then be that the taxable value must be adjusted to equal the resultant assessed value. All of a sudden, the actual taxes paid prior to sale or transfer could double. What the buyer thought was \$3,000 in annual taxes could actually be \$6,000 the year following sale or transfer.

Property owners are becoming aware of this wonderful characteristic of Proposal A and are increasingly not so much protesting their annual taxes but the assessed values, in anticipation of eventual sale, when an increasingly knowledgeable buying public says, "Can we really afford the mortgage payment and the huge increased tax bite?"

I would like to offer up this simple (perhaps simplistic?) and possibly temporary solution. Subject the assessed values to a similar annual guideline as the taxable values have been for the last 10 years. Then, once an actual sale has occurred, the assessed value and taxable value can be established to coordinate with the fair market value based on the sale.

In recent years, we have seen a net loss of 45,000 "young" people (18- to 45-year-olds) to other states where jobs and

affordable housing are more possible. This statistic will not improve unless we can show our young citizens it is to their advantage to remain in Michigan. I know my proposal will potentially harm the already damaged bottom line of the city budget, but I can only hope in the long run it will be beneficial to current and potential residents, and thus to the city.

Frederick J. Libbing
Plymouth

Still viable

Just because a businessman fails at a venture doesn't mean the business is not viable. Maybe it means the businessman didn't properly adapt to the community, understand his customer base and execute a properly proportioned business plan.

It's not all instant profit and gratification. Sometimes there is a long-term commitment. Some business ideas, like a family owned corner store, thrive best not as a speculative venture but as a livelihood that may only provide a decent income, a fair living and a marginally growing profit for the owners.

The facade of the Penn was renovated at a cost of around \$150,000 and never once were Preservation Tax credits applied for to help offset a good portion of the cost. Maybe the owner didn't want to be burdened by Plymouth's historic-minded laws or its downtown development mission, or maybe he didn't even realize he was an integral part of the Kellogg Park Historic District. Part of success is understanding your customer base and the community you live in.

Here is an idea — how about turning that Penn building into a small-town, single-screen movie theater with art deco verve? Wouldn't that help Plymouth remain a unique, "cool" city?

Glenn Kremer
Plymouth

Advice to Spain

On Sept. 11, 2001, my team-teacher and I were discussing the philosophies of Thomas Hobbes with our students. Ironically, a key philosophy in Hobbes' purpose for government was to keep us from the state of war.

Upon hearing about the attacks we immediately tuned into CNN and watched what was happening to our country. As the days unfolded my students stopped worrying about their differences. In those post-9/11 days we were not young, or old, or white, or black, or Democrat or Republican. In the days following the attacks the president's approval rating surpassed 90 percent and for the first time in my life I felt as though we truly were the United States.

In the upcoming days our president laid out his plan to keep America safe and the world jumped on board. Jean-Marie Colombani may have stated it best on Sept. 12, 2001, when he said, "In this tragic moment, when words seem so inadequate to express the shock people feel, the first thing that comes to mind is this: We are all Americans!" Across the world people did what they could to show their sympathy for America. Many lit candles, some prayed, most cried and still others waved our American flag beside their own and talked of unity.

The support we received from the world was heartfelt and unwavering. President Bush could even say the world was "with us."

Together the international community put down the Taliban and drove a wedge into the power structure of al Qaeda. Many good things were accomplished but the war on terrorism was not complete. Our president was given a tremendous opportunity to continue to use this cohesion to make the world safer, but instead our time leading the charge on real terrorism was, in the enduring words of Hobbes, "nasty, brutish and short."

Since the day America began its "Shock and Awe" campaign in Iraq on March 20, 2003, we have lost at least 43 American soldiers in Afghanistan during "Operation Enduring Freedom." Seven of those brave soldiers died in an explosion Jan. 29. Had we continued to focus all our resources on the main goal at hand, finding Osama bin Laden and destroying al-Qaeda, those 43 individuals may be safe at home and their mission accomplished. America and the world would have been safer than it is today. But, our President had his agenda.

According to Paul O'Neill, in the first meeting of the National Security Council the president told his council "Go find me a way to do this. This was more than seven months before the attacks of Sept. 11 and well before he and his administration would continually infer that Saddam Hussein was somehow involved in those attacks."

My suspicions arose when on the march to Baghdad our troops were used to destroy an inflammatory mosaic of President Bush's father's head, not used to search for the weapons of mass destruction that we heard so much about from Secretary Powell.

By March of last year we had entered into war with Saddam Hussein telling the world we would be made safer without him. Instead, we made Iraq the newest hotbed of terrorist growth and left our underpaid military men and woman as sitting ducks.

To date we have lost 564 of our soldiers in Iraq, all while the real war or terrorism is left incomplete. The recent brutal attacks in Madrid have proven this to be true. Today we all unify behind the Spaniards in their fight for peace in their country and the world. My advice for the leaders of Spain: Unify to fight those that pose you the greatest imminent threat and you will be supported. If you use this time to settle old scores you will do it alone.

Darrin H. Silvester
Civics teacher
Plymouth

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"They asked me about the community and what makes it special, and what we thought we had to offer that differentiates us from other communities. I talked about the new development going on, the various restaurants in town, and about Kellogg Park, all of which ... makes us a destination place."

— Plymouth Mayor Stella Greene, on promotions that will run during CNN Headline News

Reshaping workforce is vitally important

Job training is vitally important, but has got to be one of the more boring subjects around. I should know, since I've put more than my share of audiences to sleep while serving as chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council back in the 1980s. At the end of the day, however, job training turns out to be one of those things — like eating spinach, flossing your teeth, avoiding fatty foods — that might be tedious, but turns out to be an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.



Phil Power

For the economy of any state, an effective job training system — or, to make it sound more sexy, a cutting edge system to invest in human capital — is an essential part of any economic growth strategy.

Consider the facts we face in Michigan. We have lost more than 175,000 manufacturing jobs over the past four years, and our economy is still shedding jobs in the midst of what's being called a national "jobless" economic recovery. Both blue- and white-collar jobs are being outsourced to other countries, and Michigan firms are suddenly finding themselves competing around the globe with companies that pay their workers \$10-\$20 less per hour than they do.

Moreover, Michigan is gaining population much more slowly than most other states, which is why we have lost four congressional seats since 1980. Worse, we are losing precisely the kinds of people we need to be competitive in the future: young, highly skilled, college-educated.

Fewer Michigan citizens now earn degrees beyond high school than the national average, and too many of those that do move away from Michigan after graduation, supposedly drawn by "cool" cities and "vibrant" lifestyles — one key aspect of which has to be the opportunity for a good job.

And the various impacts of the state's long-running budget crisis are beginning to add up. Funding levels for K-12 schools have been essentially flat for three years, and anecdotal evidence — as well as stories ably reported in these papers in recent weeks — suggests the impact of Proposal A on those few first-class school systems has been disastrous. State support for public universities has fallen by 15 percent over the past two years.

All this spells trouble for a state now reeling from an unprecedented challenge in which it is necessary to shift from our traditional base in mass manufacturing to one focusing on flexible manufacturing and the service sector. These are things Michigan must do in order to prosper in a very competitive globalizing economy.

One part of the solution is obvious. A wholesale change in the way we think about workforce skills. More than strong backs, our workers need quick minds. Instead of dutifully turning up on time to take their bor-

ing place on the repetitive assembly line, our workers need to be innovative and adaptable. Instead of accepting their fate when laid off for lack of skills, our workers need to seize the opportunity of lifelong learning to master new skills to get new and better jobs. Instead of being juggernauts of mass manufacturing, our firms need to be more entrepreneurial, agile, questing.

Getting there won't be easy. But it's imperative. Which is why the Granholm administration, driven by David Hollister, has spent nearly two years working on an integrated plan to reshape Michigan's workforce. A report now being quietly circulated by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth starts: "No issue is more central to Michigan's economic vitality than the strength and innovation of our workforce."

"Consequently, strategic workforce investment must be at the heart of our economic development strategy. In a world economy — where information, people and jobs can move literally anywhere — our prosperity will be determined by our ability to enhance the unique assets that give our state an economic advantage."

The core idea, elegant in power and simplicity, is to directly connect economic development with workforce development. Hence the newly named Department of Labor and Economic Growth. In past years, the structure of state government confined various activities to separate, unconnected silos of bureaucratic jurisdiction: unemployment compensation, post-secondary school training, labor market information and various federal programs such as the Workforce Investment Act. Never have these components of state workforce policy ever been linked with the gritty realities of economic development.

Now, the specific charge of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth is "to align policy, management and resources in support of an integrated economic and workforce development action plan."

There are lots of very useful ideas scattered through the report. Hollister wants to radically improve the workings of the state workforce board, to define clear and measurable outcomes for both workforce and economic development. He would link the economic development functions of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. with state workforce policies and research, and do other such sensible things.

None of this is likely to make hearts beat faster immediately. But taken together, the attempt to reshape Michigan's workforce is a fundamentally important initiative. If it succeeds, it will eventually pay enormous dividends in helping our workers and our firms succeed in an environment of very tough global competition. The alternative is something we don't want to think about.

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Column errs in 'Sunday School' liberal portrayal of Jesus

Jon Hubred-Golden's March 4 column reflects a common error with regard to Jesus — that He was "such a loving and gentle soul," the "Now I lay me down to sleep" gentle and mild Jesus, with soft hair, dewy eyes, at home with little lambs and doilies.

It's the Sunday School image of Jesus, the image of early 20th century polite liberalism, but hardly the New Testament image.

In the first sermon to His hometown synagogue, Jesus put it to them in such a striking way that they tried to kill Him, right then and there.



Rev. Thomas P. Eggebeen

At any number of points, the power-brokers of Judea and Jerusalem were infuriated by His preaching. He violated the Sabbath laws, he disregarded dietary regulations, he contravened custom by accepting a woman as one of his students ("Mary sat at His feet"), and He scandalized the community with His easy relationships with sinners and prostitutes.

He accused His own disciples of being shallow and faithless. He called the Pharisees white-washed tombs. He predicted the destruction of the temple and overturned the tables of a multi-million shekel exchange business.

Removed as we are from the context, it's difficult for us to understand just how offensive, irritating and dangerous He was, but that's why they finally decided to kill Him.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus makes it clear that He goes to Jerusalem for one purpose, to suffer and to die there. It's a bloody business for God to undo the ravages of sin. The Hebrews drained the blood of millions of animals over the centuries, and God said, "There's life in that blood" and by that blood, your sins are forgiven. At the heart of the Israelite faith is death — the bloody death of a goat, a bull, a sheep, a dove — that exchange of innocent life for our guilt.

With the loss of the temple in C.E. 70, a huge shift occurred in the Hebrew faith, but there is no Judaism, even today, without the memory of the temple — hence the enormous devotion displayed at the Western Wall, all that's left of the Second Temple.

Jesus taught the realities of God's purpose and what it means to love God with all of our heart, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is nothing either gentle or mild in any of it. When folks heard it, they were likely to scoff at His teachings, and when He persisted, they began to lay the groundwork for His death. To His disciples, He said, "Don't be surprised when the world hates you, remember, it hated me first."

In collusion with Rome, the power-brokers of Judea arranged His arrest and execution, and they did it in very public way, so that all the world could see what happens to anyone who would threaten either the temple industry and/or its protectorate, the Empire.

Indeed, if Jesus would have been only "a loving and gentle soul," there would have been no need for His execution. They would have embraced "the light of his life."

Has the Roman Catholic Church overplayed the gore of His death? Perhaps.

But has Protestantism underplayed it with its sanitized crosses and jolly preachers?

Is American culture obsessed with happiness and delight? Are we all the more likely to avert our eyes from suffering and avoid dark realities? We love our Disney World world, and that's where we try so hard to live — sunshine and plastic.

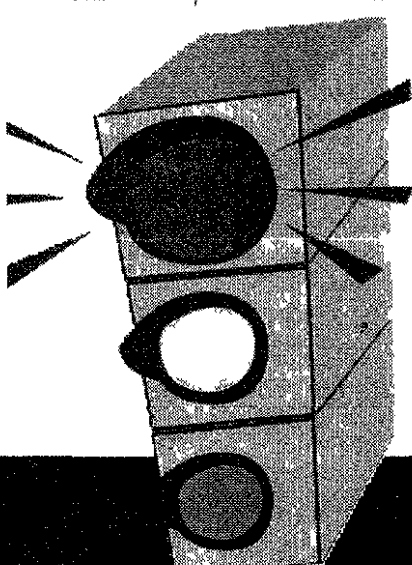
The Jesus of Mel Gibson's movie, though perhaps overplayed, saves us from the spiritual shallowness of our age and our fixation on truth-lite. But more than the movie, the gospels show us a robust and determined carpenter with rough hands, a biting humor, a tenderness for the weak and the fallen, and a scathing sarcasm for the proud and the puffed up.

For those who wanted ease and comfort in their faith, He said, "To follow me, you will have to deny yourselves and take up your own cross." To those seeking an easy way out, He said, "Let the dead bury the dead."

No wonder they killed Him. And no wonder that we'd rather not go there.

The suffering of Jesus gives us a context of courage and even peace to face squarely the suffering of others, and to face it someday for ourselves, too, and to do so with faith and trust — "Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me!"

Thomas P. Eggebeen is pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile in Livonia.



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Crestwood Dodge will have 228 bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and pass those savings on to their customers. "These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," Kenny Hall (Used Car Sales Manager at Crestwood Dodge) said. "Our Creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately — regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale than that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Kenny. "To make these bargains even easier we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and pick a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range or vehicle will be available, from luxury to 4x4's to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Kenny said. We have flown in extra sales and financial staff from three states to ensure prompt, courteous, service and the best finance terms possible. Kenny said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about everyone who is employed, regardless of past history."


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come from," said Courtney
Courtney moved with his family from a small town near Toronto to Detroit when he was 10. School wasn't Courtney's passion, and he quit Cooley High School twice.
"The third time I had to beg to get back in, and they made me go to summer school to prove I really would study," he said. "I really hated that I made the honor roll in the 11th grade just to show them."

MOVING AROUND

After graduation, and not knowing what he wanted to do, Courtney had "umpteenth zillion jobs. I just tried all sorts of things."
So, when he was tired of working in the power tool department at Montgomery Ward, selling cars, driving a dirt hauler and flipping burgers, Courtney said he got some advice from his dad.
"He said, 'You like to work with people, why don't you try real estate?'" said Courtney. "I asked him what real estate was."
At 22, Courtney interviewed and was hired as a real estate agent by a broker who decided to give him a chance.
"I started to walk out of the office and he asked me what kind of car I had," remembered Courtney. "I told him I didn't have one, and he asked me how was I going to sell real estate. I said, 'You said you'd train me.'"
Courtney took the bus to work every day, borrowed a car to show his listings, and became one of the company's top agents in less than 18 months. The owner helped finance a car for Courtney, who then became manager of the Livonia office and in 1970 bought 10 percent of the business.
Four years later, Courtney and his partners bought the rights to Century 21 in Michigan, and he became the marketing director, buying and

selling franchises.
"By this time, my partner Jim Preston and I were like a maintenance organization for Century 21, just sit here and collect fees with nowhere to go," said Courtney. "It wasn't exciting enough for me, so I suggested starting our own company. I came up with the name Remerica one morning at the Big Boy in 1983. We sold our Century 21 offices and opened Remerica with four agents a year later."

PROVING SKEPTICS WRONG

When Courtney told his agents they would franchise Remerica, he received some raised eyebrows. Remerica - with Courtney, Jim Preston and Marilyn Henry as partners for 24 years - now has 40 offices, and is branching out to other states.
"Jim's a very astute business person, and I like his work ethic," said Preston. "If you can't trust your business partner, then it doesn't work out. He's above board and fair, and that's why he's been very successful."
Courtney said now the fun for him now is helping others become successful. In fact, Courtney's sons, Chris and Tim, are brokers who own offices of their own in Plymouth and South Lyon.
Courtney has used his success in real estate to venture into other undertakings.
"Real estate is my foundation, but I like to take shots with other things," he said. "I'm not a money lover. I want to use it."
In the early 1970s, Courtney performed with the Plymouth Theatre Guild, starring in several plays. He got his Screen Actors Guild card and did a few commercials, and eventually did some stand-up comedy.
Courtney performed for Mark Ridley, owner of the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.
"I went under the name Jimmy C," said Courtney. "Mark said people would call and ask when I would be performing."
There wasn't much money in



Jim Courtney of Plymouth Township is a top real estate agent and broker, a stand-up comedian, an executive producer of several movies and a world-class poker player.

stand-up unless you traveled, but Courtney wasn't willing to go on the road and leave his children behind.
However, he did stay in touch with Ridley.
"Mark didn't have a place of his own at the time, so I put up some seed money to help him get investors," said Courtney. "I've been a partner with him

for 19 years, and the Comedy Castle was voted by *USA Today* as the sixth-best comedy club in the country."
Ridley said Courtney was a decent comic, but a better friend and business partner.
"Jim wasn't a bad comic," said Ridley. "He's the kind of guy that once he sets his sights on something, he's determined to make it successful. Comedy wasn't going to be a full-time profession, more of a hobby."
"However, he's the perfect silent partner," admits Ridley with a laugh. "I've known him for 25 years, and he's always open to new ideas, and very analytical, which makes him a good businessman. I'm never afraid to approach him with an idea, and if he says it's not going to work, it probably won't."
Ridley helped book comedy acts for the Penn Theatre, before Courtney and his part-

ners sold it just last week.
"I'm a little upset because I believe we had the finest piece of real estate in downtown Plymouth," said Courtney of the sale. "But, I can't fault my partners for wanting to sell."
POKER TRIP
Next month, Courtney will again participate in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, which he's done every year but two since 1984. His best-ever finish was third, when he won \$125,000. Last year, he finished 14th, winning \$9,300.
"When we moved to Detroit I had a broken leg. I wanted to fit in with the other kids, but since I couldn't play sports, we started playing nickel-and-dime poker," he said. "I don't consider myself a gambler, I'm a poker player. I don't play craps or the slots, that's really gambling."
He's currently pitching a

syndicated television game show based on poker.
Courtney has also had his hand in producing a number of movies, including *Time Quest*, which was shot in Detroit and is showing in Europe, as well as on video in the U.S.
"It details what would have happened if President John F. Kennedy had lived," he said.
But, despite all the successful ventures, Courtney said it's his family life that keeps him happy.
He and his wife, Linda, have their four children - Chris, Tim, Melissa and Kelly, along with the six grandchildren - get together often.
"We all get together for dinner on most Sundays," he said. "The family is a big priority. I like to keep the family very tight, very close."
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Top pitcher

Shannon Noder, a freshman on Madonna University's softball team, earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pitcher of the week honors for her performance last weekend at the Bethel (Ind.) College Tournament. Noder started two of the Crusaders four games over the weekend, earning one win and getting a no-decision. Her win was a 16-0, five-inning mercy of St. Francis (Ind.), in which she allowed four hits and one walk. Her no-decision was even more impressive: eight innings in a game against Indiana Wesleyan that was called by darkness with the score tied at 1-1. Noder allowed one run on two hits and three walks, striking out 10.

For the season, she has a 4-2 record, allowing 14 earned runs on 41 hits and 24 walks in 531 innings with 34 strike outs and a 2.36 earned run average.

Registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association will have registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the Chestnut Room of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls 4-18 years old who are residents of Canton or Plymouth, or who live in the PCCS school district. All registrants must show proof of residency and age at time of registration.

Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues, travel teams' rates are higher.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27, and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem HS gym.

Three hours of baseball instruction from the Salem varsity players and coaches, for players ages 7-15, is included. Lunch is provided as well, registration fee is \$20.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Walking club

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Every day, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or they can blaze their own trail.

There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m., the evening start time is 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.

Whalers blank Rangers, open up 3-1 lead

The total had been steadily climbing two, then three, and on Monday it reached five.

The Plymouth Whalers survived the first two games with backup goalie Ryan Nie in the net for the injured Paul Drew, largely due to Nie's performance. But when you're playing a team like the Kitchener Rangers, the defending Ontario Hockey League champions and one of this season's top offensive teams, one can only wonder if it will collapse.

Did Monday's 5-4 loss in Kitchener herald the end for the Whalers? Were the Rangers goal totals going to continue to climb, together with Plymouth's number of losses?

Wednesday's game at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the fourth in the series, would go a long way toward answering that query.

Nie stopped all 28 shots Kitchener unleashed at him, collecting his first shutout of the season and giving the Whalers a three-games-to-one lead by backstopping a 2-0 victory.

Game Five will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Kitchener. If a Game Six is necessary, it will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Compuware Arena.

"Plymouth was the better team tonight," said Rangers' coach Pete DeBoer. "They came at us with better speed. Our goalie (Brad Topping) kept us in it, we hung around, but we didn't get enough scoring opportunities."

Which pleased Whaler coach Mike Vellucci. The challenge was great enough going into this opening-round playoff against a team like Kitchener, but losing Drew to an ankle injury for what likely could be the rest of the season made it all the more difficult. Nie had hardly played in the last month of the season, he would need support from his teammates.

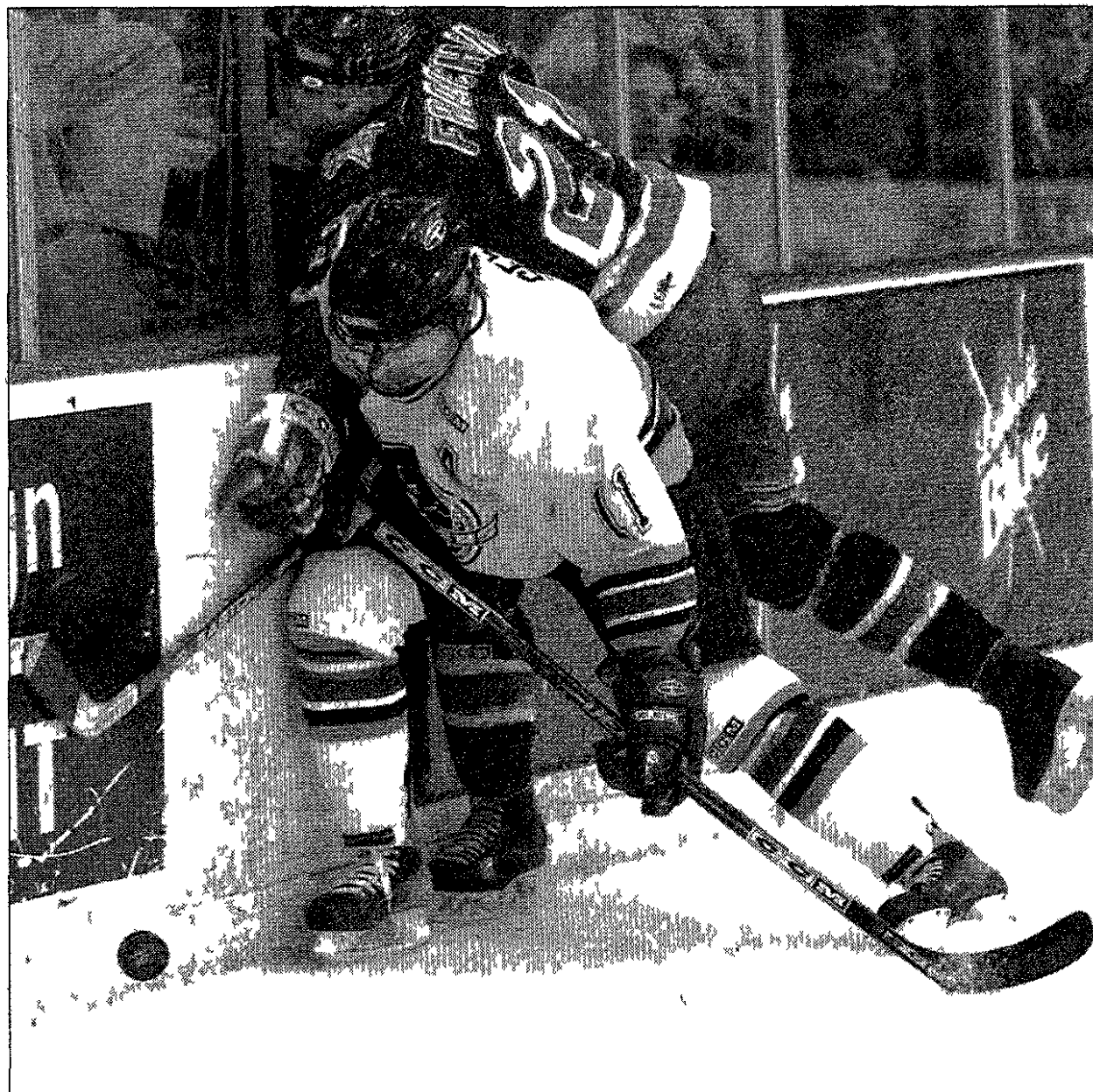
On Wednesday he got it, particularly from the Whalers' special teams. They converted 2-of-4 power-play chances, and that's all they would need, since their penalty-kill units were equally effective, completely shutting down the Rangers and allowing just four shots on goal on four power plays.

"Our special teams were the difference," Vellucci said. "We had a ton of chances, but their goalie was playing really well."

Not quite well enough, however. With Kitchener's Peter Franchin off for holding seven minutes into the first period, the Whalers started teeing off on Topping — in particular defenseman James Wisniewski, who quarterbacked Plymouth's power-play unit.

Wisniewski unleashed a couple of hard shots from the blue line that Topping turned away, but a shot by Tim Sestito from between the circles dribbled through his pads and into the net for a 1-0 Whaler lead. Vaclav Meidl and Jonas Fiedler assisted.

It remained that way until late in the second period. With 4:06 left, the Rangers' Boris Valabik was sent off



Plymouth's Tim Sestito (11) battles Kitchener's Peter Franchin along the boards for possession of the puck. Sestito scored the Whalers' first goal of Wednesday's game.

for roughing. With 20 left in the Whalers' power play, John Mitchell took a pass in the right circle and flipped a shot over the sprawling Topping, increasing Plymouth's lead to 2-0. Mike Letizia and John Vigilante assisted.

That would be all Nie would need. The Whalers ended up with a commanding 39-28 advantage in shots on goal.

As satisfying as the win was, Vellucci wasn't ready to start thinking about the next round of the playoffs. "We need another win," he said.

And he knows his special teams will have to carry a heavy load. "No matter what round we go through, they'll have to play well," he said. "We don't score a lot of even-strength goals. We rely on our power play." It's been working well so far.

Chiefs still figure to be powerful

One could say this isn't a typical Canton girls soccer team. That isn't to say the Chiefs won't be challenging for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship once again — they will.

The difference is in the numbers. Don Smith will have just 20 players on his roster, the fewest number he's had since his first season as coach, some 18 years ago.

Although about a half-dozen players short of his normal roster size, Canton still figures to be a force in both the conference and the state. How much of a force won't take long to determine. The Chiefs open the season with a slew of state powers, starting with Novi on Monday (at Canton), followed by Birmingham Seaholm, Troy, Grosse Pointe North, Ann Arbor Pioneer and, after a match against Walled Lake Central, an away game at Troy Athens.

Any coach would be thankful to break even against a slate like that. Canton, which lost to Salem in the WLAA championship but won its state district title (beating the Rocks in the semifinal) and posted a 15-4-2 record, could do better than that.

"We start out very tough," said Smith. "We'll either be feeling good about ourselves or licking our wounds."

There are some notable losses, to be sure. Gone are top scorer Erica Ahrens (16 goals, 12 assists), all-conference keeper Briana Wolcott, attacking midfielder Kara Marsh and defensive midfielder Danielle Shepard.

Replacing them won't be easy, but as Smith noted, "Well, we're going to try. Someone always steps up."

"We're going to be a pretty good squad. We have some playing experience at midfield."

Smith will be moving some key players around to bolster his team,

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Standouts could carry Salem a long ways

Any girls soccer coach in the state would like to have the problems Joe Nora faces as Salem's coach.

Simply because there aren't too many. The Rocks did something last season they hadn't done since 1987. They won a Western Lakes Activities Association championship, beating Canton in the title match.

Now they want to do something they haven't managed to accomplish since Nora, entering his fifth season, has been coach. win a state district title and, hopefully, go much further than that in the tournament.

It won't be easy, for sure, but the Rocks have the ingredients to make a run at the state crown. Of course, they were in a similar position last season, when they went 14-2-2, losing twice to Canton —

the second time in the districts.

That's because Marissa Sarkesian and Jordan Falcusan were roaming the midfield as juniors. Both were, and still are, considered two of the state's best players, indeed, Falcusan was named the state's top player last year, with Falcusan one of the finalists.

A playmaker, Sarkesian had 17 goals and 17 assists as a junior. Falcusan finished with 11 goals and six assists.

"There's not too much they can't do," said Nora. "They can pretty much play anywhere on the field. They are awesomely well-rounded players."

But now, as senior captains (they were co-captains last season as juniors), can they propel the Rocks to the next level?

"That's the big question going into the year," Nora said. "I've already seen

improvement in their game, not only their playing together but their ability to link up with their teammates is better already."

That alone should make Salem very dangerous, but Nora is quick to point out that "we're not a two-player team. What we have going for us is our depth."

Six players were lost from last season's squad: keeper Heather Jones, midfielders Janae Bucks, Nicole Gemrich and Macy Lepper, stopper Lindsay Stiver and defender Janelle Miller.

But there are still 14 returning players, which includes Sarkesian and Falcusan, all of whom have considerable experience.

Like senior keeper Kristen O'Beirne,

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B5

Stevenson wins league, coach gets title

It had to happen. And Livonia Stevenson boys swim coach Jeff Shoemaker was ecstatic that his team was the one to manage it.

The 'it', of course, was wresting the Western Lakes Activities Association championship away from Salem HS,



Shoemaker

which had dominated the league for the previous 11 years. A combination of events, including a determined effort by the Spartans,

allowed them to accomplish their objective. Winning the WLAA title, combined with an undefeated record in conference dual meets and a first-place finish in the WLAA Relays, led to Shoemaker being proclaimed the Observer boys swim coach of the year.

Typically, he wasn't willing to take too much credit for what the Spartans did this season. The third high school



Matt Jurcak swam on three relays and in the 100-yard backstroke at the state meet for Salem, good reasons for his selection to the all-Observer team (story on B2).

opening in the Plymouth-Canton district cost Salem several top swimmers, as Shoemaker put it, the "distribution of athletes just caught up with them."

The same terminology could be applied to Stevenson, a team that started with a sturdy foundation and was built into a conference cham-

pion through hard work and some notable roster additions.

"This is the best team I've coached at Stevenson," said Shoemaker, who just completed his fourth season as head coach. He was an assistant coach for five years prior to that.

"Our veteran swimmers did a lot of off-season training," he replied when asked what took

this team to the title. "We had a great freshmen class, too. And we got a couple of transfers, (senior) Steve Helewski from Walled Lake Western and (junior) Andrew Schoff from Livonia Churchill."

"They definitely helped us. They made the (conference) win a little more cushioned."

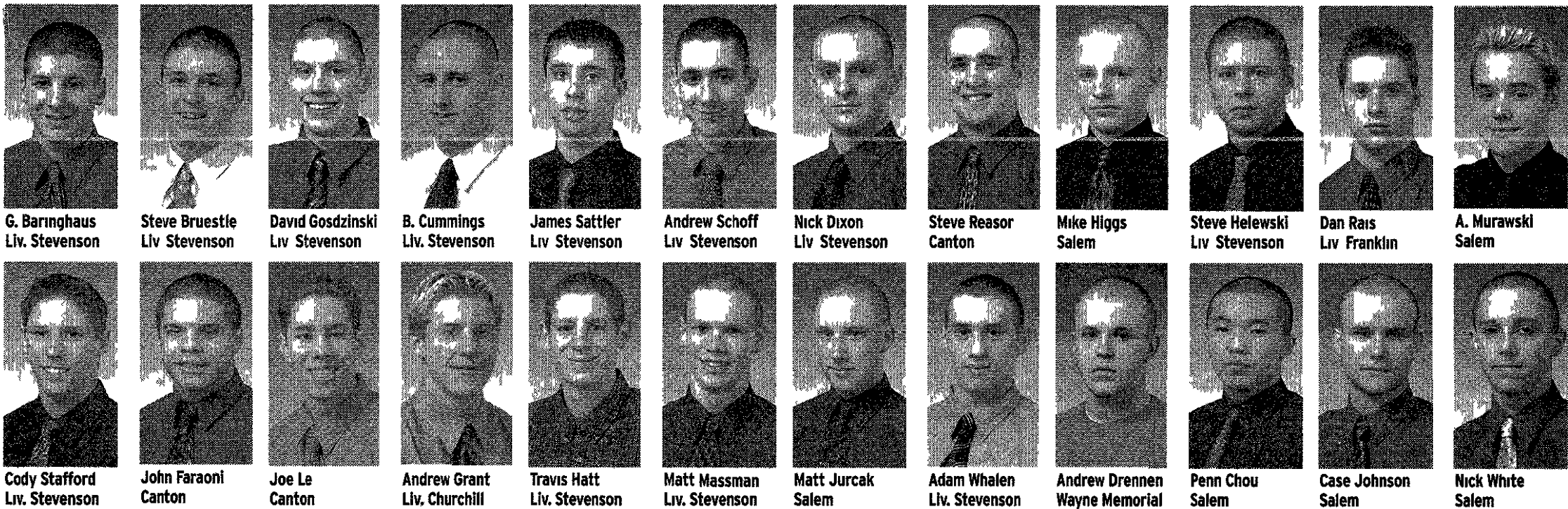
And have no doubts: winning the WLAA was the Spartans top priority.

"Our main concern was winning the league meet this year," said Shoemaker. "Now that we've accomplished that, we'll be looking at the state meet next year."

Of course, the WLAA championship will remain on Stevenson's agenda, too. And as Shoemaker, the Observer's coach of the year for the second-straight season, was well aware, winning the league crown will remain high on his adversaries' lists, too.

Only now Stevenson, not Salem, will be the targeted team — a distinction proudly earned.

See All Area boys swimming on page B2



FIRST TEAM

James Sattler 200-yard freestyle Canton What Sattler wanted to do his senior season at Canton was make an impact and he did. He qualified for the state finals in the 200 freestyle, bettered his best time at the state meet and finished better than he was seeded.

Sattler placed fourth in the 200 free and was sixth in the 500 free at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and he was part of two state qualifying relays.

James has been our main distance swimmer for the past two years, said Canton coach Ed Weber. His off-season training made a positive impact on his season and will help motivate other team athletes to do the same.

Nick Dixon 200 individual medley Salem Perhaps the most accomplished swimmer in the Observerland area, Dixon finished first in the 200 individual medley and was fourth in the 500 free at the WLAAs. Then placed fourth in the 200 IM (1:56.99) and seventh in the 100 backstroke in 53.67 at the state finals. His performance at state earned him All-American consideration in both events.

He was also on two relay teams that scored at state. And the best part as far as Salem is concerned is that Dixon is just a junior.

Nick is an outstanding swimmer as well as a person, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. He trains as hard as he competes and provides leadership in every phase of the student-athlete.

Mike Higgs 50 freestyle Salem Higgs a junior rebounded from a mediocre performance at the WLAAs in both the 50 and 100 free. He placed 13th in both, although his time in the finals of the 50 (23.35) was the sixth fastest. To post the second best time in Observerland in the 50 when it counted, leading off the 200 free relay in 22.88.

Higgs was part of all three relays that scored points for the Rocks at the state meet.

Mike made a big difference in his first conference meet and state meet competition, said Olson. He gained a lot of experience as a junior that should lead to a great senior year.

Dan Rais diving Livonia Franklin The sen-

ior finished ninth in the Division I state meet improving one place over last season. He also won the WLAAs and regional meets with 11 dive totals of 38.70 and 36.45 respectively.

He is Franklin's school record holder for six dives (261.50) and is a team record holder for six dives (265.80).

Rais is a four-year letter winner and four-year state qualifier. He finished undefeated this season in dual meets.

The Franklin scholar athlete is also an accomplished Level 1 gymnast.

Steve Bruestle 100 butterfly Livonia Stevenson The sophomore posted a season best 53.85 at the Division I state meet, 18th best time in the prelims. He was also runner-up in the WLAAs meet with a time of 54.36.

Steve had amazing improvement over his freshman year. Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said, "I look for him to score big points at the state meet next year. What makes him go is his personal motivation with a desire to win."

Joe Le 100 freestyle Canton This senior headed for Eastern Michigan made his final season with the Chiefs an exceptional one. He won both the 50 and 100 freestyle at the WLAAs. He qualified for state in both, then placed fifth in the 100 free at state (48.05), he went 47.99 in the prelims after narrowly missing qualifying in the 50 (he was 17th in 22.10, out of the top 16).

Le's been all state in the 100 free the past two years, was part of the school record setting 400 free relay and was on the 200 free relay that set the pool record at Livonia Churchill.

Joe has come into each season with a goal in mind, said Weber. No matter how big a goal, Joe has focused his season around accomplishing it.

Travis Hatt 500 freestyle Stevenson The freshman won the Western Lakes meet with a time of 4:48.51 and had the 18th best clocking in the Division I state meet prelims (4:55.29).

He was a state qualifier in three different events and was runner-up in the WLAAs meet in the 200 IM (2:01.29).

Travis can swim anything, Shoemaker said. He's the best freshman I've seen come through the program in a long time. He will be very valuable for the next three years. I am looking forward to seeing how fast

2003-04 ALL-AREA SWIMMING TEAM

200-yard freestyle 1 James Sattler Sr. Canton 2 Andrew Schoff Jr. Livonia Stevenson

200 individual medley 1 Nick Dixon Jr. Salem Steve Reasor Sr. Canton

50 freestyle 1 Mike Higgs Jr. Salem 2 Steve Helewski Sr. Stevenson

Diving 1 Dan Rais Sr. Livonia Franklin 2 (tie) Cody Andrew Murawski Jr. Salem Cody Stafford Jr. Livonia Stevenson

100 butterfly 1 Steve Bruestle Soph. Stevenson 2 John Faraoni Jr. Canton

100 freestyle 1 Joe Le Sr. Canton 2 Andy Grant Sr. Livonia Churchill

500 freestyle 1 Travis Hatt Fr. Livonia Stevenson 2 Garrett Baringhaus Jr. Livonia Stevenson

100 backstroke 1 Matt Jurcak Jr. Salem 2 Adam Whalen Jr. Stevenson

100 breaststroke 1 Andrew Drennen Sr. Wayne Memorial 2 David Gosdzinski Soph. Livonia Stevenson

Travis actually gets in the years to come. **Matt Jurcak 100 backstroke Salem** Jurcak a junior was exceptional in both the 200 free and 100 backstroke, earning all conference honors in both. He was third in both the 200 free (1:50.01, 1:49.95 in the prelims) and the 100 back (57.02) at the WLAAs meet and was part of all three scoring relays.

Matt had a great junior year in which he continued to improve in every phase of his training and competing, said Olson. He has the ability to be a competitive force in the state as a senior.

Andrew Drennen 100 breaststroke Wayne The four-year letter winner and two-year team captain capped a strong senior year by finishing 15th in the Division I state meet with a time of 1:02.22, second fastest in school history.

The two-time Wayne MVP also finished third in the WLAAs meet with a time of 1:03.63.

He is a three-time Wayne Invitational champion in the 100 breaststroke and is part of the Zebras school record 200 freestyle relay team. He was also a two-time Michigan Mega Conference All-Red Division selection.

RELAYS

200 medley 1 Stevenson (Garrett Baringhaus Jr. Steve Bruestle Soph. David Gosdzinski Soph. Brendan Cummings Sr.) 2 Salem (Matt Jurcak Jr. Nick Dixon Jr. Case Johnson Sr. Penn Chou Jr.)

200 freestyle 1 Stevenson (Steve Helewski Sr. Travis Hatt Fr. Matt Massman Soph. Brendan Cummings Sr.) 2 Salem (Mike Higgs Jr. Nick White Sr. Penn Chou Jr. Matt Jurcak Jr.)

400 freestyle 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak Jr. Mike Higgs Jr. Penn Chou Jr. Nick Dixon Jr.) 2 Stevenson (Andrew Schoff Jr. Garrett Baringhaus Jr. Brendan Cummings Sr. Travis Hatt Fr.)

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Shoemaker Stevenson
Honorable mention Andy Knisley (Plymouth) Chris Brown (Stevenson) Adam Whalen (Stevenson) Tyler Flood (Catholic Central) Jason Anderson (Stevenson)

He has also won numerous awards in USS Swimming meets and plans to continue his swim career at Wayne State University.

All the recognition that Andrew gets is well deserved, Wayne coach Mike Greuber said. In my 12 years on the coaching staff I have not seen a more dedicated swimmer. He is in the water 11 months a year and is always striving to improve himself and helping to improve his teammates.

I know it's a cliché to say he's a coaches' dream, but he is. I am proud of the man he has become and everything he has done and the awards he has received. He has done so with humbleness. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

SECOND TEAM

Andrew Schoff 200 freestyle Stevenson The junior placed fifth at the WLAAs meet in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:50.64, just missing a state cut. He also took a fourth in the 100 freestyle (51.08 in the prelims).

He was also a member of Stevenson's first place WLAAs 400 freestyle relay squad. Andrew has a tremendous amount of talent, Shoemaker said. With some summer

training, Andrew could score in two individual events next year at the state meet. He has excellent stroke technique and a willingness to win.

Steve Reasor 200 IM Canton A senior Reasor placed in the top 10 in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke at the WLAAs meet. He was seventh in the 200 IM (2:08.35, the fifth fastest time) and ninth in the 100 breast (1:08.00). He also helped the 200 medley relay qualify for the state meet.

As a captain this year, Steve was a major part of our success, said Weber. He is a good leader and made a positive impact on all the team members.

Steve Helewski 50 freestyle Stevenson The senior transfer from Walled Lake Western was a state qualifier in both the 50 freestyle (22.8) and 100 butterfly (54.19).

At the Western Lakes meet, Helewski was seventh in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 butterfly (55.32 in the prelims).

He also helped the Spartans score at the state meet in the 200 freestyle relay.

Steve has a large amount of untapped talent, Shoemaker said. He would make any college coach happy to have him swim for them.

He was a vital part of this year's league (WLAAs) championship team.

Andrew Murawski diving Salem Murawski a junior earned all conference honors, placing fourth with an 11-dive score of 323.65 points, qualified for state meet by finishing 10th at the regional qualifier with a 327.60 score, then placed 18th at state.

Andrew has been Salem's No. 1 diver the past three years, said Olson, and he's improved to the level of one of the best returning divers in the state.

Cody Stafford diving Stevenson The junior was WLAAs runner-up to Franklin's Dan Rais with an 11-dive total of 335.80.

He also qualified for the state meet by finishing 11th in the regional with a score of 318.75.

Cody has excellent agility on the board, Shoemaker said. We hope to see Cody win the league (WLAAs) next year and place at the state meet.

With some off-season training, Cody could be unstoppable.

John Faraoni 100 butterfly Canton Faraoni was a good example of why Canton

was able to finish second at the WLAAs finals. A state qualifier in the 100 butterfly, the junior placed fourth in that event (55.75) and was sixth in the 50 free (23.42) at conference. His best time in the 100 fly (55.02) came at state meet where he finished 26th.

This was his first state qualifying year, said Weber. John is a strong swimmer with lots of ability. I'm proud of how well he did this year and excited about next year.

Andrew Grant 100 freestyle Livonia Churchill The senior and four-year swimmer finished seventh in the WLAAs meet with a season best time 50.78. He also took a seventh in the 200 freestyle with a clocking of 1:52.13 (in the prelims).

Andy got sick late in the year, but for the time he spent in the water, he had a very successful year, Churchill coach Keith Niedbala said. He was a good captain and will truly be missed next year.

Garrett Baringhaus 500 freestyle Stevenson The junior was state qualifier in both the 500 freestyle (4:57.21) and 100 butterfly (54.24).

He was the WLAAs champion in the 100 butterfly (54.24) and took fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:01.324). He was also a member of two state qualifying relay teams.

Garrett was a state qualifier for the second year in a row, Shoemaker said. He has an awesome amount of talent and will swim anything. We're looking for some great things out of Garrett next year.

Adam Whalen 100 backstroke Stevenson Whalen a junior earned seventh in the 100 backstroke with a time of 59.0 and also scored in the 100 freestyle (52.74) in the Western Lakes meet with a 15th place.

His 100 backstroke clocking was the first time he broke a minute.

Adam went from scoring no points last year to scoring in both individual events this year, Shoemaker said. He was our hardest trainer in the off-season. I can't wait to see him next year.

David Gosdzinski 100 breaststroke Stevenson The sophomore made the state cut with a time of 1:03.38 after finishing runner-up in the Western Lakes meet.

David made much improvement over last year, Shoemaker said. He will score many

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BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Table with swimmer names, times, and events. Includes 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY, 200 FREESTYLE, 100 BUTTERFLY, 100 FREESTYLE, 50 FREESTYLE, 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY, and 400 FREESTYLE RELAY.

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Rangers edge Whalers in Game 3, 5-4

A four-goal outburst in the second period lifted the Kitchener Rangers to a 5-4 victory over the Plymouth Whalers Monday in a first-round Ontario Hockey League game played in Kitchener. The Rangers' win enabled them to narrow Plymouth's lead in the series to two-games-to-one. Petr Kanko and Nathan O'Nabigon were the catalysts for Kitchener. Kanko scored two goals and assisted on another, while O'Nabigon collected a goal and two assists. The Whalers had the early lead, getting a goal from Tim Sestito (assisted by James Wisniewski and Brent Mahon) at 13:25 of the first period. The Rangers took command in the second period, Kanko scoring at 1:32 and Andre Benoit following with a power-play goal at 3:57. Peter Franchin followed with a score at 7:22 to make it 3-1, and O'Nabigon got a short-handed marker at 16:31 to increase Kitchener's advantage to 4-1. The Whalers did not surrender, however Mike Knight scored twice in the third period, John Mitchell assisting on both, the second coming with 3:35 left to play, narrowing the deficit to 4-3. However, the next 33 were

truly offensive. Kanko's second goal of the game, scored 19 after Knight's second goal, gave the Rangers a two-goal lead. Mike Letizia then got a goal for the Whalers with 2:02 still remaining, but they could not pull even. John Vigilante also had two assists for Plymouth, and Adam Keefe had two helpers for Kitchener. Brad Topping stopped 32 of 36 shots on goal for the Rangers. Ryan Nie had 33 saves for Plymouth. Whalers 6, Rangers 3: Plymouth looked sluggish through much of the opening period of Saturday's game against Kitchener, played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. But goalie Ryan Nie kept them in the game until the Whalers could get on track. Which they did in the final four minutes of the period. John Vigilante tipped in a pretty pass from Mike Knight to tie it at 1-all with 3:48 left in the period, and a minute later Andrew Fournier put Plymouth ahead after a Ranger misplay in front of their own net. The Whalers never trailed again in taking a two-games-to-none lead in the best-of-seven series. James Wisniewski provided any needed insurance

with a pair of power-play goals on hard blasts just inside the blue line. Tim Sestito's goal 4:32 into the second period put Plymouth ahead 3-1, and Wisniewski followed with his first goal of the game from between the circles with just under two minutes left in the period. His second goal — and third of the playoffs — was a rocket from the blue line at 4:16 of the third, making it 5-1. However, a minute later Kitchener's Evan McGrath, whose first-period score had given the Rangers an early 1-0 lead, scored again to make it 5-2. Peter Franchin followed with a goal with 6:25 still to play, trimming the deficit to 5-3, enough of a comeback to make the Whalers nervous. Plymouth's John Mitchell put the issue to rest with his empty-net goal with 2:23 to play, Mitchell finished with a goal and two assists, while Wisniewski had two goals and an assist and Gino Pisellini had two assists. Kitchener got two goals from McGrath and two assists from Nathan O'Nabigon. Nie, filling in for injured starter Paul Drew, stopped 22 shots for the Whalers. Kitchener used both Brad Topping and Carlo DiRienzo in goal.

SWIMMING

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points at the state meet next year. And with off season training could break the 1 minute mark. He could end up one of the fastest breaststrokers to leave Stevenson. 200 medley Stevenson (Garrett Baringhaus, Steve Bruestle, David Gosdzinski, Brendan Cummings). This quartet won the Western Lakes meet with a time of 1:40.62 and finished fifth in Division I with a time of 1:41.53. Baringhaus is a junior while Bruestle and Gosdzinski are sophomores. Cummings a senior was the captain of this year's team. Brendan was an excellent team leader this year and a vital part of all three relays. Shoemaker said "He came through for us at the end of the year. He's a real champion swimmer and will step up when asked." 200 freestyle Stevenson (Steve Helewski, Travis Hatt, Matt Massman, Brendan Cummings). This foursome placed 14th in Division I with a time of 1:30.86 after going 1:30.45 in the prelims. They also captured the

Western Lakes meet. Cummings a senior posted the fastest 50 free split on this relay. Helewski is also a senior. Hatt a freshman and Massman a sophomore. Massman just missed a state cut this year in the 50 freestyle (23.21). Matt will be a vital part of next year's team in the sprint events. Shoemaker said "One more year of growing and Matt will make his state cut." 400 freestyle Salem (Matt Jurcak, Mike Higgs, Penn Chou, Nick Dixon). After placing fourth at the WLAAs in 3:22.43 this four some peaked at state meet, trimming 2.64 seconds off their previous best time and placing 16th in 3:19.79. More good news for Salem — all four are juniors which means the Rocks should do even better in this event next season. This relay finished an outstanding state meet for Salem. Said Olson "Their continued time drops individually led to their success as a team." SECOND-TEAM RELAYS 200 medley Salem (Matt Jurcak, Nick Dixon, Case Johnson, Penn Chou). Things started to come together for this quartet at the MISCA meet when it got its state qualify

ing cut with a time of 1:43.50. At the WLAAs finals they dropped 1.52 more seconds off their time in finishing third in 1:41.98 then improved their time again at state placing 12th in 1:41.73. These four always got the team going in the first event with an outstanding effort and results said Olson "which had a major impact on Salem's 14th place finish at state meet." 200 freestyle Salem (Mike Higgs, Nick White, Penn Chou, Matt Jurcak). This team went 1:32.49 at the MISCA meet after which they placed second in the WLAAs in 1:33.67. At state they dropped 1.69 seconds off their best clocking placing 15th in 1:30.80. These four swimmers did a great job in every big meet this year. Said Olson "Their second place finish at the conference meet was only a stepping stone for their 15th place finish at state." 400 freestyle Stevenson (Andrew Schoff, Garrett Baringhaus, Brendan Cummings, Travis Hatt). The Spartans earned a trip to the Division I state meet at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium with a seed time of 3:20.11 which earned first place honors in the Western Lakes meet. The Spartans clocked a 3:23.18 to wind up 22nd in the state preliminaries.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN. Beginning March 18 2004 and for 30 days thereafter the Charter Township of Canton will accept public comment on the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step \$36,000 Growth Works, \$8,800 Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,100, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$1,500 Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500, Summit Scholarship \$1,500 Human Services Center Construction \$275,000 Program Administration, \$85,200 Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400 Allocation total \$494,000. On Tuesday April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room located at the Summit on the Park Community Center 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Michigan 48188, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Action Plan. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin Community Services Division, 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 (734) 394-5194 Ex 5194. TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk. Publish March 18 & 25 2004.

NOTICE PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS. If you experience an overflow of backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works, 46555 Port Street Plymouth Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works 734 453 8131, Extension 21 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup. Thank You PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth. Publish March 21 & 25 2004.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. April 8th 2004 for the following: LEAGUE AWARDS - CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER. Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK. Publish March 25 2004.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT. ACTION: CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF A 5 ACRE SITE, DESCRIBED AS TAX ID 036 99 0024 0000, FROM RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY TO RESIDENTIAL LOW INTERMEDIATE DENSITY. DATE OF HEARING: April 21 2004. TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959 as amended the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing at 7 00 p.m. on April 21 2004, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Master Plan of the Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County to change the Future Land Use Map designation of a 5 acre site described as Tax ID 036 99 0024-0000, from Residential High Density to Residential Low Intermediate Density. Please Note This amendment is intended to correct an oversight and does not constitute a new policy and does not reflect changed circumstances. The public hearing will be held to explain the proposed Master Plan amendment to the public. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed Master Plan amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 8 00 A.M. To 4 30 P.M. Application 1833 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 approve the Master Plan amendment as proposed, or as may be amended. KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission. 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) 453-8340 TDD users 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service). Publish March 25 & April 15 2004.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP. REZONE FROM: R 1 E Single Family Residential District Minimum 1 acre lot. REZONE TO: R 1 H Single Family Residential District Minimum 1/2 acre lot. DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 21, 2004. TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78 046 99 0003 000 from R 1 E, Single Family Residential District to R 1 H, Single Family Residential District. AMENDED ZONING MAP NO 145 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 8 00 AM to 4 30 PM. Application 1830 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 Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No 83. KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission. 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) 453-8340 TDD users 1 800 849 3777 (Michigan Relay Service). Publish March 25 & April 15 2004.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP. REZONE FROM: R 1 S Single Family Residential District. REZONE TO: OS Office Service District. DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 21, 2004. TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 PM. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78 056 99 0030 002 from R-1-S, Single Family Residential District to OS, Office Service District. The property address is 45600 Joy Road Application 1826. AMENDED ZONING MAP NO 144 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-056-99-0030-002. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8 00 AM to 4 30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No 83. KENDRA BARBERENA Secretary Planning Commission. 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) 453-8340 TDD users 1 800 849 3777 (Michigan Relay Service). Publish March 25 & April 15 2004.

CHIEFS

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notably on the offensive end Andrea Johnson, an all-WLAA selection at sweeper as a sophomore last season, will move up top, where her hard shot should make her dangerous. She'll be joined by senior Rachel Perry, a team co-captain who started last year, and sophomore Lisa Ealy, who played extensively last season as a freshman.

"I think Johnson will do a good job for us," said Smith. "She shoots well. Rachel causes problems for people up there and Ealy is experienced, too."

Moving Johnson up top leaves a hole on defense, one Smith plans to fill with co-captain Elizabeth Alexander, a senior. Others who figure to play prominent roles on defense are seniors Katie Esper, also a co-captain, Kristen Holden and Megan Romer, who played sparingly last year, junior Molly Priebe, who divided her time between outside midfield and defense last season, and sophomore Al Lindow, who started on defense as a freshman.

In the midfield, team co-captain Katie Mills, a senior, returns on the outside. Others who will contribute heavily are

juniors Bailey Fagan at attacking midfielder, a position she shared with Marsh last year, and Katie Raker, who was at stopper last season but will share the attacking midfield spot with Fagan this year.

Christie Daniels, also a junior, played extensively at outside midfield last season. Kelsy Zemański, a sophomore, will be at outside midfield and some defensive midfield.

Brittany Cervi, a junior, will take over in goal for the graduated Wolcott. She played just two matches last season, but Smith is confident she can handle it. All she needs, he said, is big-game experience. She'll be OK.

Others who will have an impact are junior defenders Colette Gillman and Stephanie Price, sophomore defender Laura Gibson, freshman midfielder Rebecca Houdek, and junior keeper Pam Wisniewski.

"We could be very good," Smith said. "Of course, you always like to think that."

In the WLAA's Lakes Division, Livonia Stevenson and Salem figure to be the teams to beat. In the Western Division, Canton will be challenged by Northville and Livonia Franklin for top honors.

If the Chiefs can match last season's scoring process and Cervi can replace Wolcott, they'll be up there again.

SALEM

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who divided time in goal last season with Jones. Then there are juniors Kathryn Wheatley and Kelly Lepper, who will share the team captaincy with Falcusan and Sarkesian. Wheatley is a defender, Lepper a midfielder.

Megan McCarthy, a junior forward who was one of the Rocks' top scorers last season, also returns. So do senior midfielders Kim Towne, Alicia Hay and Jennifer Murray, junior midfielders Amy Gzicki and Jane Dewitt, senior defender Halle Burton, sophomore defender Kristin March, and sophomore forward Tara Duncan. All played considerably last year.

Rejoining the team is senior defender Genna Foster, who would have started last year if she hadn't suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament, sidelining her for the season. She could start on defense this season.

Other newcomers who will contribute are junior midfielder Ashley Stoychoff, junior defender Christine Wheatley (Kathryn's twin sister), Katie Welch and Lauren Boothroyd,

and junior keeper Alyssa Guern.

Any one of them could (start), Nora noted. "We're a deep team in terms of skill and understanding of the game."

But are they as good as last season's WLAA title team? "I think we're better, because of what we went through last year," Nora said. "We're stronger physically, and I think we have even more of a team-first attitude."

His team should cause opponents all sorts of problems. "Our depth for sure," the Salem coach said. "We're a pretty quick team, we have some speed. We have the ability to defend and our counterattacking is good."

Still, Livonia Stevenson, with Melissa Dobbyn back, remains a force in the WLAA's Lakes Division, and Canton, Northville and Livonia Franklin will be tough in the Western Division.

The question is, can Salem not just survive the regular season, which includes non-conference dates against state powerhouses Rochester, Troy and Saginaw Heritage, but make a run in the state playoffs?

"Maybe we're due, said Nora. It's not just wishful thinking, it could be prophetic.

Good pitching can't elevate MU

Won one, tied one, lost two — not exactly a sparkling record for the Madonna University softball team at the Bethel (Ind.) College Tournament last weekend.

The Crusaders saw their record slip to 14-6-2 with a split on Friday and a loss and a tie on Saturday. They were beaten 1-0 by Marian (Ind.) College, then shelled St. Francis (Ind.) College 16-0 on Friday.

On Saturday, Madonna lost 4-2 to Bethel before tying Indiana Wesleyan 1-1. In the loss to Bethel, the Crusaders managed just five hits — two by Jamie Bobrowski. Mary Warchuck drove in both their runs with a seventh-inning double.

Kelly Nilson took the loss, allowing four earned runs on six hits and three walks in six

innings. Somer Stillely was the winning pitcher for Bethel. Carole Holtz had a double and a home run with two RBI.

In the 1-1 tie with Wesleyan, Madonna's Shannon Noder pitched eight innings, surrendering one run on two hits and three walks, with 10 strikeouts. Arin Fowler, Krystal Shina and Bobrowski each had two hits for the Crusaders.

In Friday's 1-0 loss to Marian, Madonna managed just one hit off of Jenny Dinelli, a single by Warchuck. Nilson gave up an unearned run on three hits and a walk.

The Crusaders rebounded with their five-inning mercy of St. Francis. Emily Cunningham led the 13-hit attack with three hits, including a triple, four runs scored and two RBI.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Tuesday April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room located at the Summit on the Park Community Center 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan 48188 the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant action plan. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step \$36,000, Growth Works \$8,800, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services \$10,100, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$1,500, Volunteer Coordinator \$6,500, Summit Scholarship, \$1,500, Human Services Center Construction, \$275,000, Program Administration \$85,200, Housing Rehabilitation \$9,400. Allocation total \$434,000. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188 (734) 394-5194, Ex 5194.

TERRY BENNETT Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S. Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. April 8th 2004 for the following:

WEED CUTTING BID 2004

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 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 19, 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:

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

Amend Section 1.03 (Definition)
Commercial definition of Church, Synagogue, Temple, Mosque or Similar Religious Facility

Amend Section 6.02U (Site Development Standards for Non-Residential Uses)
Site development standards for religious institutions

Amend Section 6.08 (Site Development Standards for the Corporate Overlay District)
Create Section 6.10
Site Development Standards for the Central Business Overlay District (CBD)

Section 16.02A, C-2 (Community Commercial District)
Add Religious Institution as a permitted use in the C-2 District

Section 17.02A, C-3 (Regional Commercial District)
Add Religious Institution as a permitted use in the C-3 District

Section 19.02A, MRD/HRD (Mid-Rise and High Rise Development Districts)
Add Religious Institution as a permitted use in the MRD and HRD Districts

Section 20.02 A and B, O-1 (Office District)
Remove religious institutions as a special land use and religious institutions as a permitted land use in the O-1 Office District

Amend Section 21.00 LI-1 (Light Industrial)
Revise list of permitted and special land uses

Amend Section 22.00, LI-2 (Light Industrial)
Revise list of permitted and special land uses

Amend Section 21A.00, RP (Research Park)
Revise list of permitted and special land uses

Amend Section 23.00, GI (General Industrial)
Revise list of permitted and special land uses

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday April 15 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909 as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue

All of Jewell Avenue 60 feet wide as dedicated for the use of the public in McMullan Brothers Huron Hills Subdivision being part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 T 3S R 8E Van Buren Township Wayne County Michigan as recorded in Liber 61 of plats on Page 54 Wayne County Records

Therefore it has been decided a Hearing will be held on Wednesday April 28 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services 415 Chifford Street 3rd Floor Detroit Michigan 48226 and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909 as amended

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED NEW ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT

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

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday March 31 2004

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

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

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

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

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KENDRA BARBERENA Secretary
Planning Commission

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Find your favorite recipe each Thursday in Taste

GDBA tourney starts Saturday

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will conduct its 90th annual championship tourney beginning Saturday, March 27 at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Squad times are 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the tourney, which runs Saturdays and Sundays through April 25.

The tourney is open to all GDBA members and is handicapped based on 90 percent from 220. That means bowlers of all levels of abilities have a realistic chance to win.

First place in the team event pays \$5,000 with second paying \$2,500 based on 400 teams.

The entry fee is \$20 per person per event and a \$10 optional fee for all-events.

Individuals who organize 10 or more teams are eligible for a \$10 per team reward. As new twist this year, you can register and pay on-line at www.gdba.com (click on tournament information).

One of the most important individuals in your league is the secretary.

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Ten-Pin Alley

Al Harrison

They have to see that all sanction cards are fully filled out and sent in. They also must keep complete and accurate records of each game, figure the averages weekly, make up a weekly schedule and standings sheet, send in any awards to the association, assign subs, keep the league informed as to what's going on, along with upcoming activities.

There are so many fine secretaries who go above and beyond in making for a better league. The GDBA offers special awards each year for outstanding service in several areas. This includes the Secretary of the Year award.

Anyone may submit an entry based on at least two years in office within the GDBA including the current season.

Other items considered include: 1. Does he/she see that a preseason meeting is held of the leagues Board of Directors? 2. Does he/she make every effort to see that the league is filled each year? 3. Does he/she submit the sanction cards to GDBA within the 30 day grace

period? 4. Are the average sheets for Dec 31 and the year-book provided to the associations within two weeks of date requested? 5. Are awards requested and presented to recipients in a timely manner? 6. Is he/she knowledgeable of league and ABC rules? 7. Is he/she tactful and fair in settlement of league disputes? 8. Does he/she support GDBA tournaments and encourage league members to participate? 9. Does he/she provide the captains with a complete schedule for the season? 10. Does he/she attend or have league representative attend the semi-annual and annual meetings of the council of delegates?

Anyone interested in submitting a league secretary for consideration should include samples of league sheets or any other communications the secretary provides to the members, along with a description of whether the above criteria are adhered to.

Any other above and beyond the call of duty items that the prospective candidate does would be very helpful to the committee in rendering its decision. Applications must be received no later than April 1.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the GDBA. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or e-mail at tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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.

The Michigan Indians U-14 travel baseball tryouts will be 2:30-3:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays, March 20 and March 27, at Total Baseball in Wixom. Aaron Kneiper, former pro player and full-time baseball instructor, will coach this team.

The team will play in the Michigan Superior League and six tournaments, with indoor training at Total Baseball. Please call in advance. Aaron Kneiper, (248) 219-8205, or e-mail him at arkneiper@aol.com.

The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for their 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association League, with 20 league games and 4-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in total). To be eligible, the player cannot turn 13 until after July 31, 2004.

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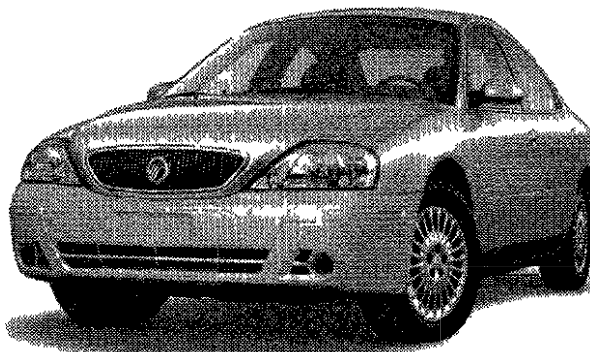
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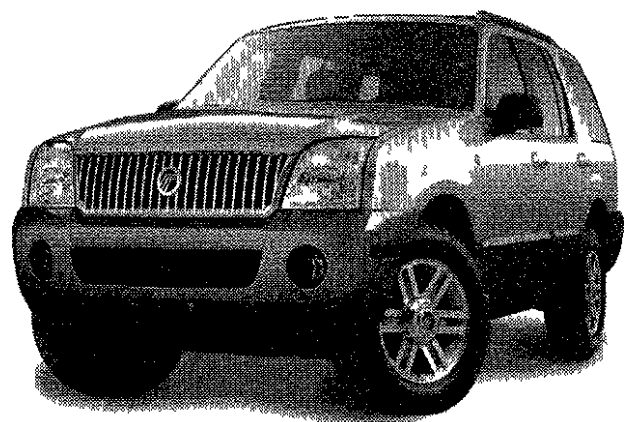


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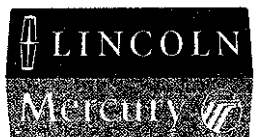
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Spouting off

The constant dripping of a leaky faucet can cost you a good night's sleep. Morris and James Carey of AP Weekly Features suggest using about a foot of string as a temporary solution when a permanent repair can't be made on the spot.

Tie the string around the spout and allow the extra length to hang just below the drip. The water will trickle silently down the string and into the drain.

Let it roll

Garfield built his comic career out of being a fat cat, but feline obesity is no laughing matter. According to a study carried out at Cornell University, some 25 percent of pet cats are overweight, running the risk



of developing diabetes, lameness, skin problems and liver disease.

Now there's a new concept in cat toys that the toy's creators hope will motivate your feline to get off the couch and start exercising — the OurPet's Bubble Mouse.

The Bubble Mouse consists of a motorized mouse inside a clear plastic ball. When the mouse is turned on, it causes the plastic ball to start rolling.

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"If you've ever watched a cat stalking prey outdoors, you know how intensely they get involved in this activity," said Dr. Steve Tsengas, president of OurPet's.

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Spring blooms at show

Joe Peterson's hobby started at a shopping mall. Diane Burton first saw her new love at Cranbrook. Dick Wagner just plain liked them.

Burton, Peterson and Wagner love growing orchids. All three have greenhouses and enjoy their blooms at this time of year, gearing up for the Michigan Orchid Society's

What: The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show. Featuring 20 exhibits of orchids and 800 plants on display. Orchid displays and plants for sale, cultural information, raffle and growing tips. Society is a nonprofit organization with more than 200 members. Membership is \$15 a year.

When: Mall hours Saturday and Sunday April 3-4

Where: Laurel Park Place Mall, Six Mile and Newburgh Road, just east of I-275 Six Mile interchange.

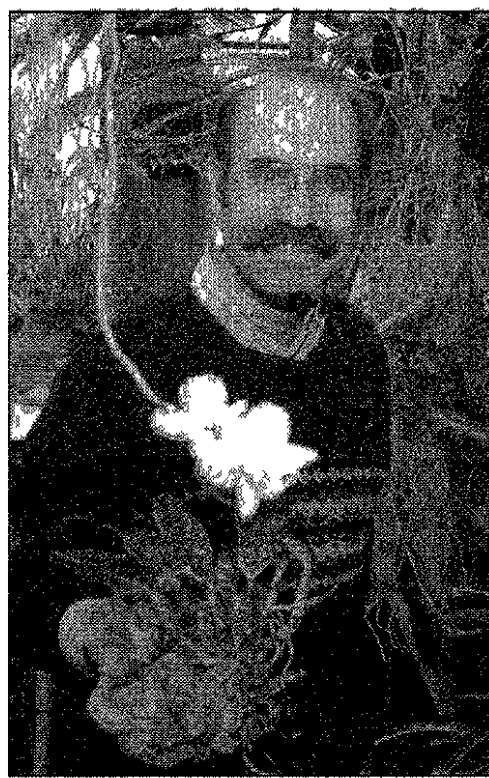
Palm Sunday Show, this Saturday and Sunday at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Peterson, who handles publicity for the 200-member Michigan Orchid Society, has an 8- by 18-foot greenhouse, a gift for his 40th birthday nine years ago. He has at least 100 different species growing in the greenhouse at his home in Troy.

The first encounter with orchids was at the Tel-Twelve mall 18 years ago, before Peterson and his wife married. "We went shopping, and I hate shopping," he

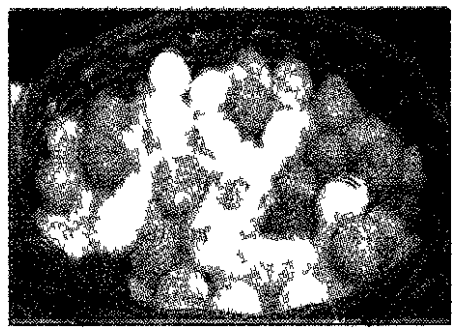
said. "But I went, and I bought an orchid plant at the show. Then on our honeymoon in Hawaii, I bought 10 more." He's been hooked ever since.

Peterson expects exhibitors will have

PLEASE SEE ORCHIDS, C3



Joe Peterson of the Michigan Orchid Society shows off one of the scores of orchids inside his greenhouse at his home in Troy. Peterson will judge the exhibits at the Palm Sunday Michigan Orchid Society Show April 3 and 4 in Livonia.



JADWIGA ZAJACZKOWA

Dyes made from natural herbs and plants can give eggs beautiful color.

Decorating methods celebrate season

The Ukrainian egg decorating art of pysanky, centuries old, is taught to new students every year.

All ages learn how to cover a pysanka with a design that can be intricate, symbolic or simply beautiful.

(Pysanka, a Ukrainian Easter egg, is pronounced PIS-ahn-kah. The word comes from the Ukrainian word

EGGS-CITING EVENTS

■ Coloring eggs with herbs and plants will be demonstrated at an open meeting of the Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Gardens in Room 125 (in the opposite end of the building from the conservatory). The Gardens are at 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Admission is free.

■ The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a workshop on wax resist egg decorating, showing how to use the Ukrainian method of egg decorating to design eggs to celebrate spring. 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Cost is \$12. Registration is recommended. Call (734) 994-8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

pysaty, which means "to write."

Pysanky is the plural of pysanka.)

After Pam Miley, an instructor at the Ann Arbor Art Center, took her first pysanky class, "I thought, 'This would be cool to do with kids,'" she said.

Miley taught a 4-year-old girl the traditional craft last year, the youngster could decorate the eggs in the wax-resist method herself.

Another year, Miley's students included a family of parents and three

children — a 4-year-old and two college-age. The mother had asked the family to take the class as a gift to her.

The pysanky process is similar to the method of batik on fabric. In batik, designs are dyed on cloth by coating with removable wax the parts not to be dyed.

"What you do is apply the wax to the egg in stages," Miley said.

In pysanky, a tool called a kistka is used to heat beeswax and apply the melted wax to the surface of the egg. The traditional kistka features a tiny copper funnel wired onto a wooden dowel. (Today electric kistky are available as well.) Colors are applied in layers of dyes.

To make a pysanka, start with the white shell.

Decide what parts of the egg you want to remain white in the completed design. Using the kistka like a stylus, draw on the egg in these areas. The wax, which hardens almost immediately, will seal the white underneath it.

Then dye the egg with the first color, which is usually yellow.

Decide what parts of the design will be yellow, and cover them with the melted wax. Dye the egg with the next color, which is usually orange.

"Keep going through stages of darker and darker colors," said Miley, who gets her pysanky kits from The Ukrainian Gift Shop Inc. in Minnesota.

The shop's Web site says that not more than five colors are customarily used, as too many colors will affect the brilliance of the individual dyes.

Wax isn't applied for the final color. After the shell has dried from the last dye, hold part of the egg up to a candle

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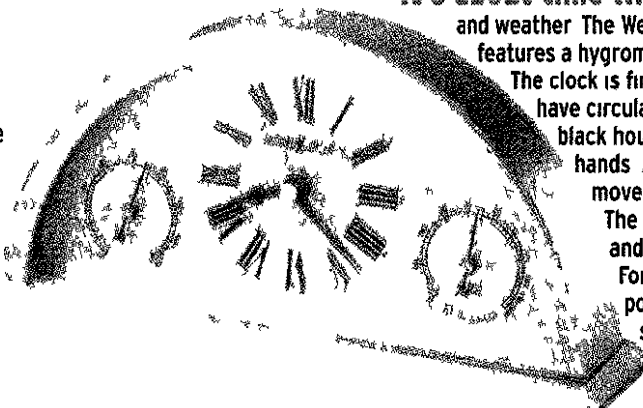
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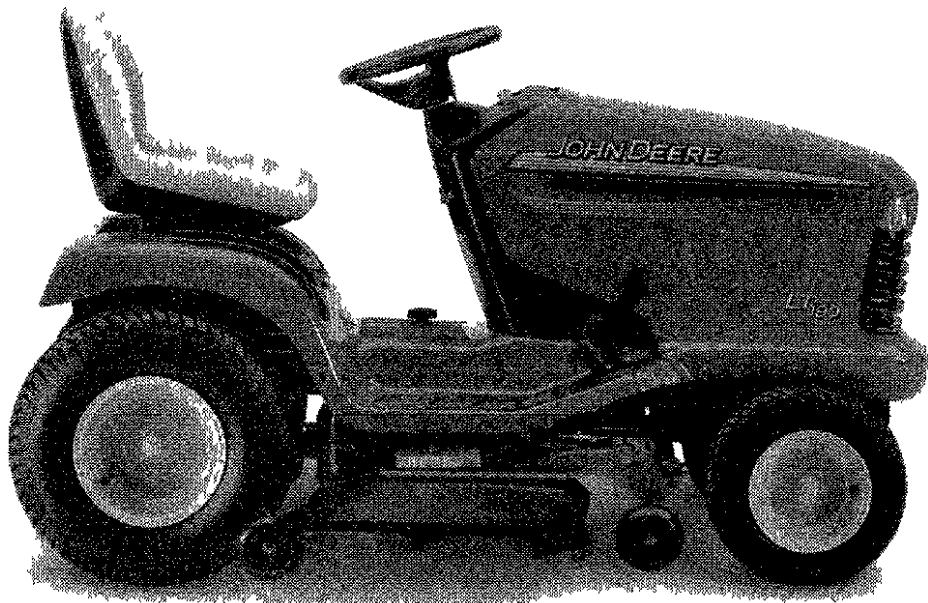
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Keep clutter under control

In past columns, I've discussed the need to keep things simple. When you express a single idea and keep backgrounds simplified, you make sure the viewer's attention will be directed towards the main subject.

But there are times when using the environment as a backdrop can add an extra dimension to your pictures.

You might even say that "controlled clutter" can add important information to a photograph and make it easier to understand and relate to.

In a picture of a person, for example, what do objects included tell us about the subject - interests, job, or social status? You'll often see environmental portraits where much is learned about the person by the "clutter" in the finished picture.

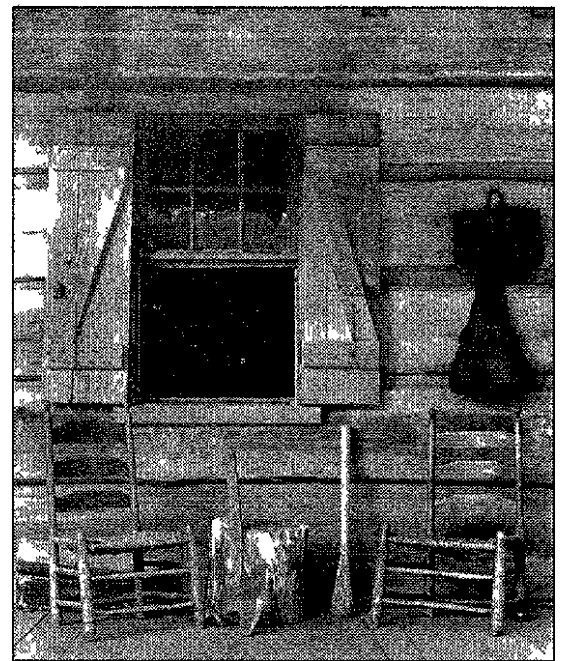
The surroundings tell us a lot about the individual.

This applies to non-portrait photographs as well. The picture shown here is a 200-year-old cabin in Pine Mountain, Georgia. At first glance, the shot may appear too cluttered. But notice how all the elements work together to produce a photograph with lots of impact.

The dark window is located off center and the chairs, broom, axe, and saddle bag are placed in strategic locations to make the picture "flow" and produce an overall rustic feeling. Even the pile of logs behind the left chair was carefully positioned to add to the effect.

All in all, this is a photograph that tells a story of the past. The picture works because of "controlled clutter," the use of complementary items to compose a shot.

As in all good photography, pay attention to



This photograph draws its impact and tells its story through the use of "controlled clutter." Notice how carefully the elements in the composition are balanced and how they complement each other.

lighting and camera angle and choose the lens that will enable you to include all that you want in the viewfinder. Be sure to use an aperture small enough to place all items in your composition in the camera's depth-of-field.

So organize your photographic thinking by adding a little "clutter" to your shots.

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

HOME CALENDAR

Hummel artist

Christina Gohl, the talented artist from the W. Goebel Porzellanfabrik in Germany, will demonstrate the handpainting process involved in creating beloved M.I. Hummel figurines. 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Heslop's, 22790 Heslop Drive in Novi (phone: (313) 522-1850). Admission is free. The event is open to the public. As part of her presentation, the ceramic painter will display the different tools and materials used to create the world-famous M.I. Hummel figurines. Gohl will also sign individual

Basement remodeling

Oakland Builders Institute will offer a class on basement remodeling Monday and Wednesday, March 29 and 31, through Birmingham Community Education. The class will explain all facets of basement remodeling, including plan

ning, meeting building codes, estimating materials, the basics of home construction, and finishing techniques. The instructor will review your plans. Fee is \$90 plus \$8 book fee payable to the instructor. For more information, call (248) 203-3800.

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

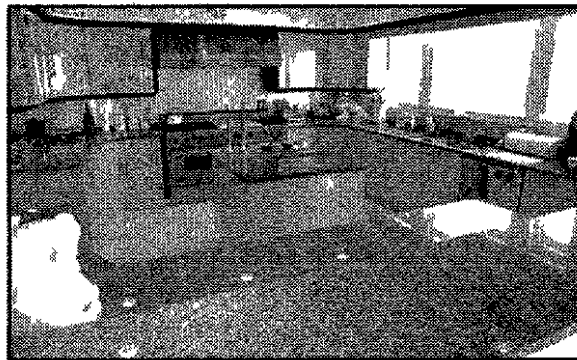
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ORCHIDS

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20-25 displays with thousands of flowers at the MOS show, along with 12 vendors selling orchids

Burton, MOS president, said orchids are relatively easy to grow. "And they are so pretty to grow," Burton said.

"I used to kill houseplants," Burton added, "but I've been growing orchids for about 12 years." She enjoyed their beauty when she was volunteering at Cranbrook as a master gardener. "A lot of them bloom between January and May. This seems to be the best time of year for them."

The moth orchids or Phalaenopsis bloom from late winter to spring, and are popular gifts for Easter and Mother's Day.

Burton likes growing the Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilum and Phragmepedium in her two greenhouses in White Lake.

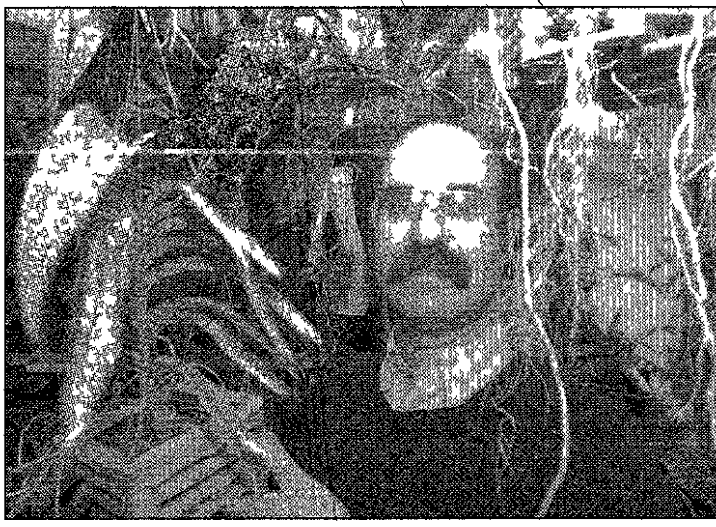
"(Orchids) like to grow in bark," Burton said. "Most people tend to overwater them. They usually only need water once every five to seven days, depending on how dry the air in the house is."

Wagner of Farmington Hills is a judge for the American Orchid Society and will be a judge at the show. Orchids are judged on various requirements, uniqueness and beauty.

"You look for quality flowers," Wagner said. Some of them have certain marks and you give them points for quality and clarity. Learning to judge takes several years of learning quality and balance.

Orchid displays must show a flower that's not been displayed before. "You have to know that what you show has not been shown before," Wagner said. "Something that's been shown in Japan will be put on the Web site. I have to beat what's been shown."

The Web site is updated every two weeks. Thousands of plants will be displayed at the Livonia show and many will win ribbons from the MOS, but only one or two will win from the AOS. "It has to be better than everything that's been shown in the world," Wagner said.



Peterson displays another blooming orchid inside his greenhouse



Easter themes blossom in early April

Good plant health is important when choosing orchids to grow, Wagner said. Good plant health and robust plants are controlled by the environment and genes, he said. It's like good artwork, it's in the eyes of the beholder.

Wagner started 30 years ago with orchids. "I liked them, I liked growing them, and I liked the people I met who grew them," he said. It's taken me all over the world. I've been on the Amazon, in Africa and Asia.

Peterson loves the plants. "I think they're kind of exotic in nature, they're just wild looking compared to what you usually see around here. It's a challenge to grow."

Growing orchids require, like most plants, watering consistency.

"I don't consider them hard to grow," Peterson said. "When you talk to someone about why their orchids died, you find out that they forgot to water them. But most of them are not hard

to grow. Many of those orchids found at local nurseries, such as English Gardens or Bordines, are among those that are easy to grow. And you don't need a greenhouse, either.

Most people start on a window sill, Peterson said. Fir bark is used, not soil. Some grow in trees. "You put them in bark, water once a week and fertilize occasionally," he said.

Peterson also will judge the orchid displays. Judges look for balance, contrast and proportion along with other characteristics. "Judges look at do the colors flow together, or are they all mishmashed together," he said. "You want something in a prominent part of the display, and your eye is drawn to it."

Peterson said the two most important criteria are general arrangement and quality of flower.

General arrangement is the overall design of the display," Peterson said. "We are looking at how well the display handles balance, contrast, dominance, proportion, rhythm and scale based on principle of design."

Quality of flowers is equally important. We are looking at how the flowers are presented, form, fullness and color of the flowers (general rule of thumb, differs by type of orchid), and number of flowers. Two other criteria that are used to a lesser degree are variety of flowers in the display and labeling.

Peterson still has the first orchid he purchased at Tel-Twelve Mall. It's 18 years old and I've divided it six times, he said. "These plants will live forever."

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Test results will be returned in time for spring planting.

The service is offered in cooperation with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) and the Groundwater Stewardship Program, Oakland County MSU Extension. A soil test shows you the needs of your garden or lawn. It indicates nutrient levels already in the soil — a first step in determining how much and what type of fertilizer is needed for the plants you are trying to grow.

The cost is \$13 per sample, which includes an analysis of nutrients, organic matter and pH, and delivery of the sample from the retailer to the MSU laboratory.

Organic matter should comprise 5 percent or more of the soil by weight (5 to 10 percent by volume). Organic matter needs to be periodically replaced because it is continually "used" in a biologically active soil system. Compost and peat are examples of organic matter materials that improve soil structure, retain water, encourage root penetration and aerate soil.

Soil test boxes may be bought from the retailers or from the Oakland or Wayne

County MSU Extension. Retailers in Oakland County participating in the soil testing service are Bordine Nursery in Clarkston and Rochester Hills, Oxford Farm/Garden Center in Oxford, Auburn Oaks Nursery in Rochester Hills, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center, and Uncle Luke's Feed Store, in Troy, English Gardens (all locations), Glenda's Garden Center in Novi, Four Seasons Garden Center in Oak Park, and Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac.

Participating retailers in Wayne County are Plymouth Nursery in Plymouth, Barson's Greenhouse, Clyde Smith Nursery, and Panetta Landscaping in Westland, Tom's Lawn and Garden Center in Allen Park, and Ray Hunter Flowers in Southgate.

The retailers will complete the testing form and box your sample for analysis at the MSU soil testing laboratory.

Retailers, in cooperation with public agencies, will deliver the soil test boxes to the lab. After the analysis, the report will be mailed to you.

For soil nutrient testing throughout the year, call the Oakland County MSU Extension at (248) 858-0902 or the Wayne County MSU Extension at (313) 833-3412.

For more information, call SOCWA at (248) 288-5150 or visit www.socwa.org.

Here's the 'recipe' for natural egg colorant

Botanical colorants, made from natural herbs and plants, are a non-toxic alternative to packaged chemical dyes, says Lesley Chace of the Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

Colors that correspond with the plants are:

- purple/burgundy — grape juice, blueberries, alkanet root
- brown — coffee, tea
- orange — yellow onion skins, paprika
- blue — red cabbage, indigo
- green — spinach, spirulina
- red/pink — beets, madder root
- gold — chamomile
- yellow — turmeric, annatto, calendula

You'll need a stainless steel or enamel pot large enough to hold the plant material and a

quart of water, white vinegar, a wire egg dipper" (easy to fashion out of plain wire) or a slotted spoon, and wide-mouth glass jars or ceramic cups large enough to hold as many eggs as you want to color along with the liquid to cover them (peanut butter and jam jars or coffee mugs work well).

"One thing to keep in mind when using botanical colorants is that most of them will not produce instant results, and some take as long as 24 hours to really work," Chace said. "It's a good idea to plan ahead!"

The ground roots and spices are an exception, as they take only a few seconds to a couple of minutes for their color to stick, she said.

The eggs don't have to be treated beforehand, although it is a good idea to wash them using dish soap, warm water and a soft brush, Chace said.

Runse and dry them thoroughly before coloring.

Be mindful that eggs shouldn't be out of the refrigerator for more than a few minutes, cooked or uncooked, Chace said.

Making the colorants basically involves boiling the plant material in water for at least 20 minutes and then turning off the heat and letting it steep until lukewarm to cool, she said.

Chace provided the following directions:

The amount of plant material depends on the material. It takes about 2 cups packed chopped cabbage or spinach, 1 cup chamomile flowers or blueberries, or a tablespoon of the powdered spices or roots, to 1 quart water.

Once boiled, strain off the liquid, and add 2 tablespoons white vinegar to each quart of

liquid (1 tablespoon to a pint of liquid, or 1 scant teaspoon to a cup). Some of the colorants will work without the addition of vinegar, but vinegar generally acts as a fixative.

The colorants can be used cold by boiling the eggs first, and then immersing them in the liquid colorant and refrigerating them for several hours or overnight.

If you want to add designs, you can use egg white as a glue to stick small leaves, string or other appliques on the egg before immersing in the cold colorant.

Another method is to boil the eggs in the colorant.

Place the eggs in a single layer in the pot, cover with cooled liquid colorant, bring to a boil and let boil for 15 to 20 minutes.

Don't put cold eggs in hot liquid, or they may crack.

EGGS

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flame so the wax will melt. Use a tissue to wipe the section clean of wax. Continue in this way until all of the wax is removed.

"If you get a drop of wax where you don't want it, you're stuck with it," Miley said. "For the first year, don't try to do anything too elaborate."

Instead of blowing the yolk and albumen out of the eggs, you can use raw eggs, Miley said. As long as the raw eggs are stored in a pressed cardboard — not Styrofoam — egg

carton, they will be able to "breathe" enough to dry out, she said.

This year, Latin and Orthodox Easter fall on same date (April 11).

Another way of decorating eggs is by using natural herbs and plants for coloring.

Lesley Chace, president of the Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei

Botanical Gardens, will demonstrate this method at the group's meeting 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The public may attend.

Chace, of Ypsilanti, says that botanical colorants are a non-toxic alternative to packaged chemical dyes.

"Many of the plants that can be used to color eggs are inexpensive grocery items you would buy anyway, and some can even do double duty on the dinner plate and in the coloring cup," said Chace, a member of the Ypsilanti Garden Club.

There are other advantages, Chace said.

"Using botanical colorants also reminds us that nature brings us beauty in many ways. It gives us a chance to connect with everyday plants as creative helpers, and reminds us

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- orange — endurance, everlasting sun, ambition
- red — happiness, hope, passion, blood, fire, ministry of the church
- blue — sky, air, good health, truth, fidelity
- green — spring, breaking bondage, hope, freshness, wealth
- purple — royalty, faith, trust, patience, fasting

From www.ukrainiangiftshop.com

of our age-old relationship with plants," she said.

Of the plants that can be used for coloring, common ones that can be found in the grocery store are grape juice, blueberries, coffee, tea, onion skins (both yellow and red), red cabbage, spinach, beets, chamomile (an herbal tea — best if you can find it in bulk), and the spices turmeric and paprika.

Some of the plants that are harder to find — which would have to be harvested earlier or ordered from a supplier — are spirulina (a seaweed), indigo (a plant) and the herbs madder root, calendula, alkanet root

and annato.

Chace shared some cautionary advice. "Madder root has been somewhat controversial in recent research, because there is some evidence that suggests it could be carcinogenic if ingested in large quantities," she said. "If you have any concern about whether the inside of the egg has been affected during the coloring process, you probably should not eat it."

However, using any of these roots, flowers, fruit and leaves to create an infusion that is only used topically is not likely to pose any health risk.

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How to check thermal fuses, clean shirt stains

John writes - "I talked to you this afternoon about my gas dryer. The igniter was good, jumped the thermal fuse and the flame kicked on. Picking up a fuse tomorrow."



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Thanks for your help again. This is the third time you walked me through an appliance problem."

Do you know, John, that I've been writing this column for so long that I am starting to get mail and calls from grandchildren of readers? It's my privilege in life to be able to help others.

The little thermal fuse you are replacing was added by some manufacturers about 10 years ago to prevent a clothes dryer from catching fire in cases where the vent line is not correct. Anything that restricts or slows the air leaving the dryer to the outside will cause this fuse to blow. This all came about because clothes dryers are responsible for over 15,000 house fires a year in this country. Clothes dryers never had a safety device installed on them.

I'm sure this fuse has prevented many tragedies from happening. Had this old appliance doctor been asked to engineer the addition of this thermal fuse, I would have placed it somewhere on the dryer where the homeowner could change it themselves. As it stands now, you have to take the back panel off the dryer and you will see this plastic tear-drop fuse with two wires leading to it. You can by pass it by hooking the two wires together. If the dryer heats up, bingo, you found the problem.

The fact remains that the industry has created a lot of work for technicians across America by placing it on the back and it is such a simple repair. I had a homeowner not long ago tell me that he spent \$176 to have a service company come out and change this fuse. Still, I think it's great that manufacturers of clothes dryers are working to decrease the amount of fires caused by their products.

WHITES GET YELLOW

Gary writes - "Every time I wash whites they come out with yellowish spots. It's a General Electric washer that's 15 years old."

Reply - There are a lot of people reading this column today who can relate to your problem, Gary. I started changing GE transmissions way back in the mid-'60s for consumers with your exact problem. The top seal on the transmission gives way and lets oil creep inside the tub. It is not a problem that should be fixed by most do-it-yourselfers. That is why companies once sprang up to do nothing but rebuild transmissions. Many of these are gone now because GE redesigned their transmissions some 10 years ago.

The oil spots on the clothes can usually be removed by letting the items pre-soak in a mixture of water and a pint of white vinegar.

TANG RECIPE

Note: The Tang treatment for the dishwasher that so many have called me about deserves repeating. Purchase a 16-ounce container of the orange Tang powdered breakfast drink. Turn on the hot water faucet at the sink for a few minutes until the water is at maximum temperature. Shut off the faucet and turn on the dishwasher, empty of any dishes. Let it run for 6 minutes, and shut it off and open the door. Deposit the contents of the Tang jar into the bottom of the dishwasher, shut the door and let it go through a complete cycle. You now have a clean dishwasher. Stay tuned.

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

MBH Garden Club

The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, March 26 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Guest speaker Robert McGowan of Bittersweet Farm in Clarkston will lecture on Large scale Vegetable Gardening: The Organic Way. Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations are not required.

Detroit Rose Society

The Detroit Rose Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday

March 26 at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center on Ridge Road one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward Avenue. Consulting rosarian Gerry Carney, past president of the Detroit Rose Society, will present a slide tour of his garden. A short demonstration on spring pruning will also be featured.

Chimes and vines

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center 3301 John R in Troy has scheduled classes and other events. The offerings include two events taking place 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27: Copper and Quartz Wind Chime

GARDEN CALENDAR

Workshop and a presentation: New and Underused Hardy Vines. In the workshop, Jeane Houston will help you make your own beautiful copper wind chimes with natural agate quartz crystals and decorative marbles. Fee is \$30. All materials and tools will be provided. In the presentation, guest speaker Drew Edwards will discuss dozens of perennial vines for adding vertical color to your fence, arbor, wall, trellis or obelisk. Through slides and handouts, attendees will learn what plants will work for their gardens. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Garden renovation

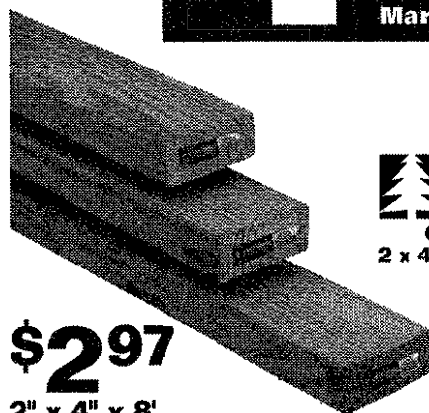
The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham will offer a class: Renovating a Garden. Saturday, March 27. The fee is \$69. Most gardeners inherit at least one previously planted area. Instructor Gail Dudzinski, a master gardener, will teach you how to make changes and express yourself while maintaining unity between new and old. Come prepared to travel to a garden that needs renovating. Dress appropriately to the weather: rain or shine, and bring your lunch.

The class will cover what to keep, how to visualize changes, designing around existing features, transplanting and soil improvement techniques, tips toward phasing in the changes, and suggested plants. Dudzinski formed her own garden maintenance firm in 1991 and for 10 years has served as the head gardener for several estates in Bloomfield Hills. She has been an instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since 1999. To register, call The Community House at (244) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

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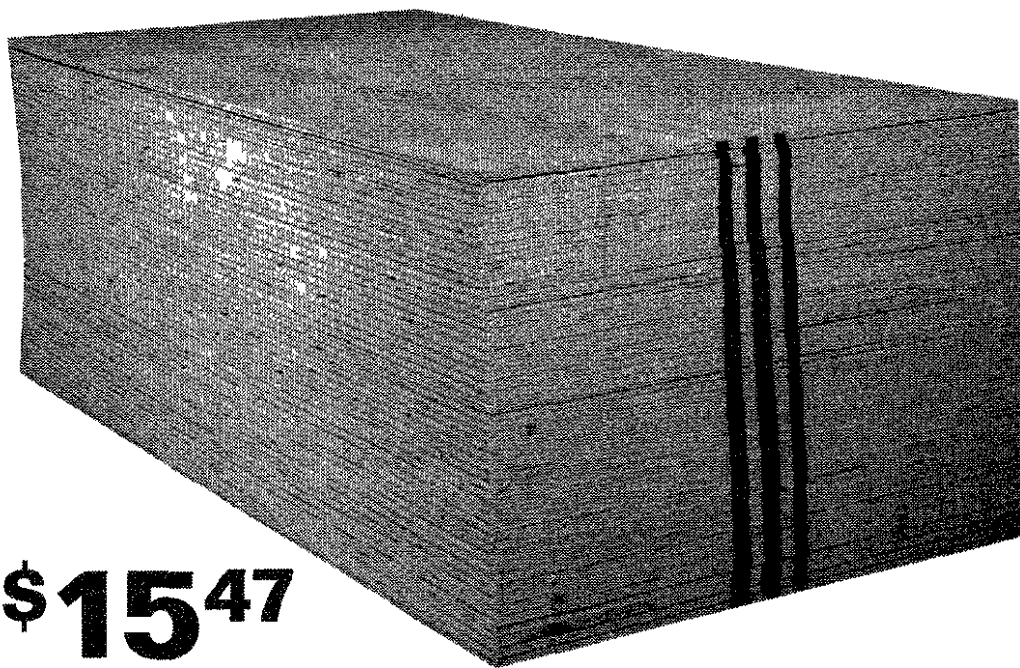
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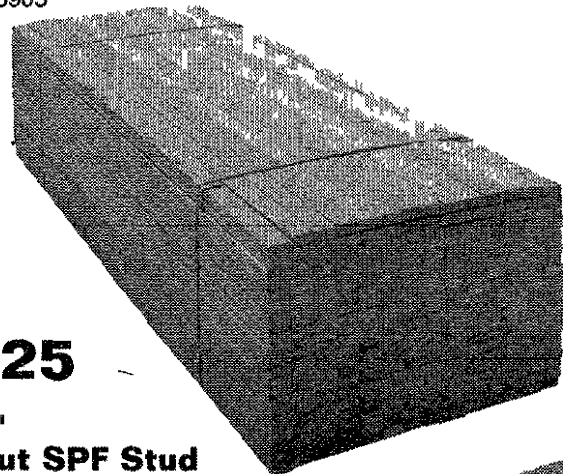
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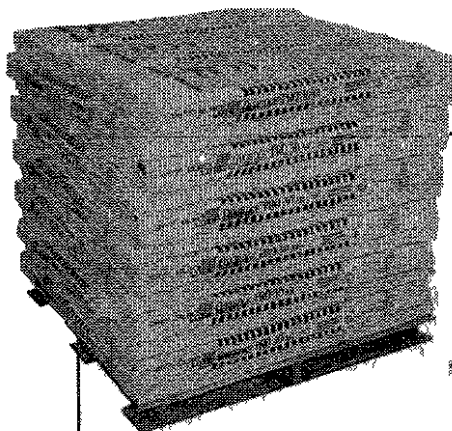


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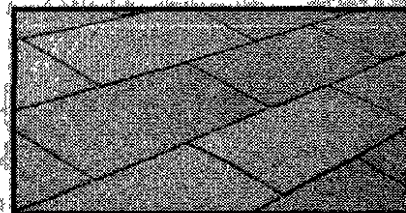
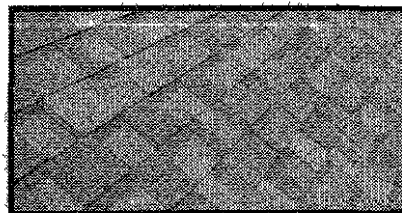
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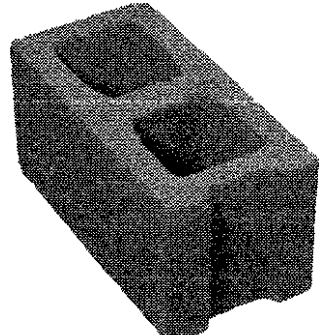


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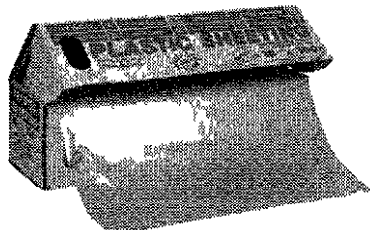


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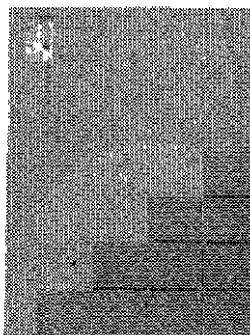


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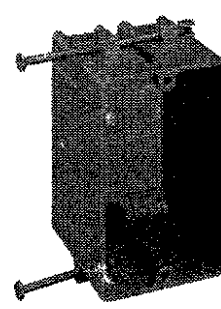
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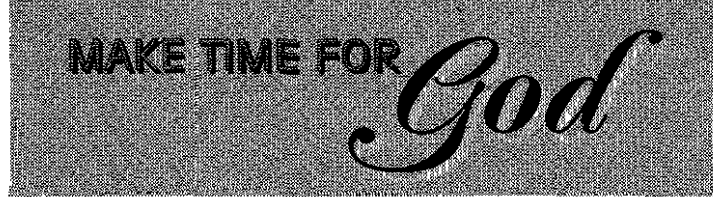
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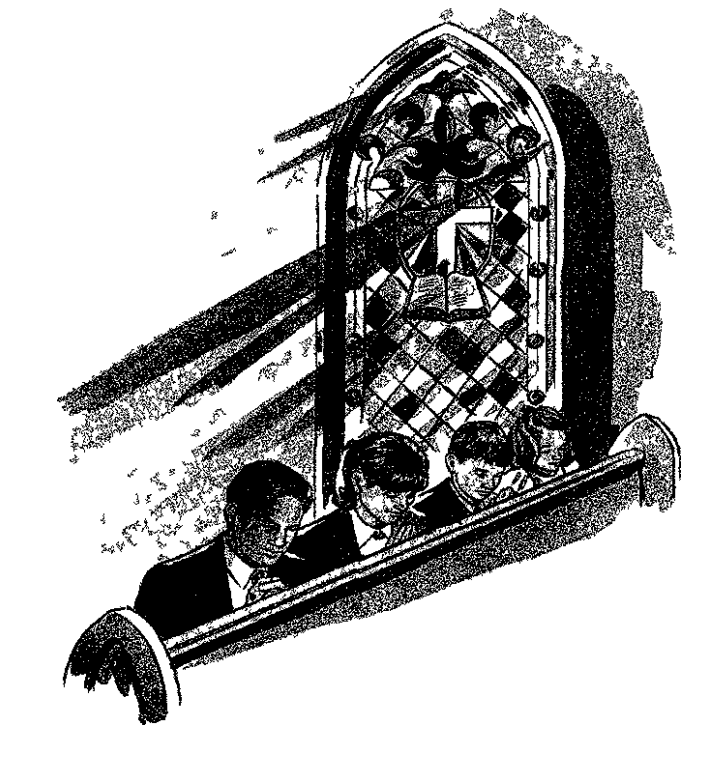
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The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. RSV Proverbs 12:15

Use prevention, care to stop parasites

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About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Important, but boring

Thus I will insert animal jokes within the text, to keep the subject interesting (And, yes, I use the terms "joke" and "interesting" very loosely)

ALL ABOUT ROUNDWORMS

Detroit area veterinary clinics tend to commonly find roundworms and hookworms, especially in the stool samples of puppies and kittens. Adult dogs get these worms through contact with infested stool.

They can be easily treated with an oral wormer, and can easily be prevented with an appropriate heartworm preventive, as several now contain intestinal parasite controls.

Yes, these can be infectious to people, and can cause a great deal of damage. Still, if everyone uses proper hygiene, like washing hands after dealing with the new puppy, and not using the cat as a plate for your sandwich, you should do all right.

Ask your vet about getting your dog or cat on the right preventive to keep your pets safe.

Here's a joke: Two elderly vultures doubted they could make the migration south, so they decided to go by plane. As they checked their bags, the attendant noticed that they were carrying two dead raccoons. "Do you wish to check the raccoons through as luggage?" she asked.

"No, thanks," replied the vultures. "They're carrion."

Fascinating information: When you talk about the bad boys of the intestinal parasite scene, whipworms have to be the king. Only affecting dogs, these parasites can cause problems that mimic cancer. The animal gets a diarrhea that can make you grimace, and then they begin to lose weight, often dramatically.

Treatment usually goes pretty easily once discovered by a stool sample, but another problem with the parasite would be its staying power. The infested yard remains so until the top several inches of dirt and cement are removed, and dried hay is spread around and burned. (Don't do that, there's a better way.)

Once again, certain heartworm preventives control these parasites. Going year round with these preventives can keep your animal safe, even if you go to an infested yard or park.

EASY TREATMENT

More fascinating information: Everybody knows tapeworms, from urban legends to jokes that someone who can't gain weight has one. In the old West, snake oil salesmen would sell the segments of the tapeworm to townspeople as diet pills. (Thank God for the FDA!) While people can get transient infections, dogs and cats get tapeworms from consuming an infested flea or rodent. They must pass through one of these species to become truly infectious.

These are treated easily, but diagnosis can be difficult with a stool sample, as the segments are far too big for a microscope, looking like grains of rice on the skin around the animal's rump.

Giardia and coccidia are one-celled parasites that can be hard to treat.

If your pet has diarrhea, get the stool evaluated. Early detection can hurry a cure, and delay can lead to dehydration.

Joke: A man tried to sell his neighbor a new dog. "This is a talking dog," he said. "And you can have him for five dollars."

The neighbor said, "There ain't no such thing as a talking dog!"

Suddenly the dog looked up with tears in his eyes. "Please buy me, sir," he pleaded. "This man is cruel. He never buys me a meal, never bathes me, never takes me for a walk. I used to be the richest truck dog in America. I performed before kings. I was in the army and was decorated ten times."

"Hey!" said the neighbor. "He can talk! Why do you want to sell him for just five dollars?"

"Because," said the seller,

"I'm getting tired of all his lies. Thanks. I'll be here all week. Try the corn dogs."

Dr. Brad Davis is the Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Write him there with questions and comments. Listen to his nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk, now heard on WDSO 1480 am or visit their Web site www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. Send E-mail questions or comments with your e-mail address to Questions@animaltalkradio.com.



SCHLEGEL

Richard A., 78, died peacefully at home in Jensen Beach, Florida, on Sunday, March 21, 2004. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Margot Schlegel, his five children: Mark, Michael (Cynthia), Margot Cromack (Douglas), Matthew (Nancy Dewan), and Amanda Cocksels, his ten grandchildren: Hannah Schlegel, Emily Cocksels, Daniel Schlegel, Drew Schlegel, Margot Ann Cromack, Christopher Schlegel, Philip Cromack, Benjamin Schlegel, Erika Cromack, and Allison Schlegel, and his brother G. David Schlegel (Janet). Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, Dick attended Harvard College and pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. After World War II, Dick spent two years in Germany with the American Friends Service Committee, assisting the citizenry recover from the war. Dick then spent a number of busy and exciting years as a producer during the early development of television before switching careers to become a teacher so that he could spend more time with his growing family. In 1965, Dick moved his family to Beverly Hills, Michigan, where he devoted 20 years to developing a nationally recognized private education program as headmaster of Detroit Country Day School. Dick loved his work and the dedicated people with whom he worked, and he considered both the faculty and the students who passed through Detroit Country Day School over the years to be part of his extended family. During his tenure at Detroit Country Day School, Dick spent his off-time riding dressage in Michigan and as a gentleman farmer in Vermont. Following his retirement, Dick became a snowbird, spending his over-lengthening winters in Florida, where he remained an ardent tennis player. Dick became an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart, Florida, and he thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship of singing in the St. Mary's choir and St. Lucia chorale. No flowers please. Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Country Day School Scholarship Fund, 22305 West Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2004, at 11:00 am at Christ Church, Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

GROTH (POPIANAS)

Stella Maria, 71, of Livonia, died March 22, 2004. She is survived by her husband Carl (Dick) Groth, son Karl (Lori) Mother Mary Popianas and four grandchildren: Christopher, Emily Ann, Jonathan and Zachary. She was predeceased by her son Kenneth, sister Rodica and father Virgil. Stella was born in Romania and emigrated to Dearborn, MI, in 1946. She attended DIT and graduated with a BS in Chemistry. She met her husband while working for Rickett Malt Company and was married 57-58. In 1959, she became a full-time homemaker and had her first son, Karl. In 1961, she had her second son, Kenneth. She was very active with Garfield PTA and when her boys were old enough, she went back to work with Livonia Public Schools as a Science Para-Professional. When opportunity knocked, she took up the challenge of special education. Para-Professional at Livonia Skill Center. This allowed her to teach and guide developmentally disabled (Downs Syndrome) students. She loved every teaching moment and her students. She finally retired in 1997 when she suffered a stroke. She was an avid golfer and won trophies as Senior Lady Golf Champion. Her greatest joy was her Hole in One in 1989. Burial took place March 25 at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Royal Oak.

DeORLOW

Laura Katherine, Mrs. Harold DeOrlow, of Old Port Cove, North Palm Beach, Florida, passed away at a local hospital on Friday night, March 19, 2004. She was born in Dunning, Maryland, the daughter of the late David and Mary Ellen Stern. Mr. and Mrs. DeOrlow lived in Detroit for over 50 years and raised their children in Birmingham, Michigan. They have resided in Old Port Cove, Florida, the past 23 years. They were both active members of the Detroit Yacht Club, the Little Traverse Yacht Club and Harold was Commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Old Port Yacht Club and the Detroit River Yachting Association. Mrs. DeOrlow is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years, Harold Stephen DeOrlow, three children: Stephen DeOrlow of San Diego, California; Charlotte, Aurox of Pacific Palisades, California; and Suzanne Goodman of Bloomfield, Michigan, and six grandchildren.



Sister Mary André Lytle, RSM Sister Of Mercy, Teacher, Administrative Assistant

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary André Lytle, RSM, died on March 21, 2004, at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was born on September 1, 1908, in Beaverton, Ontario, Canada, to James and Josephine (Brennan) Lytle and baptized Marion Veronica in the parish church. She worked as an office assistant for nine years before joining the Sisters of Mercy at Mt. St. Agnes in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1936. She received the name Sister Mary André and made perpetual vows at the Sisters of Mercy Provincialate in Detroit on August 16, 1942. Sister Mary André completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at Mercy College of Detroit. She served as office assistant and payroll clerk for several years at Mercy hospitals in Grand Rapids and Jackson, Michigan. She taught grades one through five for 11 years at schools in Cadillac, Posen, Bay City, and Midland. Her next responsibilities were in secondary education, teaching commercial and business courses in Muskegon, Pinconning, Bay City, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, and Farmington Hills. From 1970-1981, Sister Mary André served as the attendance officer at Mercy High School where she met and advised many young women. In 1981, she became the official records keeper for the Sisters of Mercy Province of Detroit and continued this responsibility until she retired to McAuley Center in 1998. Sister Mary André is remembered for her gentle, cheerful manner, her keen interest in others, and her ability to bring a calming perspective in difficult situations. Her quiet presence and counsel reflected an inner peace. Sister Mary André is survived by several nieces and nephews and by the members of the Mercy community. A welcoming service and prayer vigil were held at McAuley Center on Tuesday, March 23, 2004. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 24, in the Sacred Heart Chapel at McAuley Center. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

BROWN

Victoria, age 45, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away on March 22, 2004. She was born on October 26, 1958, in Wayne, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey Brown, of Plymouth, children Molly (Brian) Szweczyk of Canton, MI; Jillian Brown and Rachel Brown of Plymouth, MI; grandchildren Ethan and Drew Szweczyk; parents, Raymond and Leola Douglas of Plymouth, MI; in laws, Ronald and Joyce Brown of Arizona. She was preceded in death by her father, Ryan Brown. Victoria has been a Dental Hygienist since 1982. She lived in Plymouth all her life. She was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and daughter-in-law. Memorial Services will be held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penman, Plymouth with Pastor Paul Schaefer officiating. Memorials may be given to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Local arrangements by the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

MECH

James, of Farmington Hills, MI, died on March 23, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 70 years of age. Beloved husband of Anne, dear father of Randolph, Gregory, and David, brother of Arthur (Cathy) Mech, uncle of Arthur, Kevin, and Colleen. At the request of the family, a private funeral service will take place. Memorial donations can be made in James' name to Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 West 12 Mile Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Rd., White Lake.

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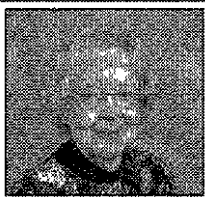
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JOIER, ROYCE TYLER

April 3, 1985 - March 19, 2004
Royce Tyler died in a car crash on Friday, March 19th, 2004, in Southfield, MI. Royce was born in Southfield, MI. He was a graduate of Southfield Public Schools and his high school was Southfield High School with honors in 2003. Royce was on the varsity Soccer Team and was a lead player on the chess team for three years. He was a talented artist and enjoyed sketching and computer aided design. He most recently attended Oakland Community College and New Horizons Computer Learning Center in Livonia, Michigan. He was accepted and planned on attending the University of Advancing Technology in Phoenix, AZ, in the fall of 2004, majoring in Computer Science. His ultimate goals in life were to operate his own gaming design company, help to bring about racial tolerance, and to lead others to a stronger belief in God. He laid the groundwork for his life's goals every day of his life. He leaves behind his parents, Carolyn (Monk) Joier and Eric Joier of Southfield; Sister Jillian Joier of Southfield; Grandmothers (maternal) Dorothy Monk of Flint, MI, and Rowana Gilh (paternal) of Southfield. He also leaves behind Aunts and Uncles (maternal) Richard and Nancy Monk of Sterling Heights, MI; Christine Monk of Flint, Stanley A. Monk of Flint; Thomas Monk of Flint, and Cathy (Monk) and Tracy Fverhart of Linden, MI. He leaves behind aunts (paternal) Rosalind, Easter of Southfield, Angela Compton of Southfield, and Vicki Williams and Gerald Williams of Winter Springs, FL. Royce enjoyed loving relationships with cousins (maternal) Daniel Monk of Sterling Heights, Stanley Monk Jr. and Lisa Monk of Flint, and Spencer and Connor Everhart of Linden. He was like a brother to cousins (paternal) Johann Easter of Union City, NJ, and Lamanuel Compton Jr. Morgan Compton and Nicholas Compton all of Southfield. He is also survived by many other family members and many many friends in the Detroit area, in Flint and surrounding communities. Royce spent most of his summers growing up in Flint and considered it his second home. A memorial service is planned (in lieu of a funeral and burial) at Woodside Church located at 1509 East Court St., Flint, MI 48503 on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The family requests that donations (in lieu of flowers) be sent to and made payable to The Royce Joier Memorial Fund, PO Box 250697, Franklin, MI 48025.



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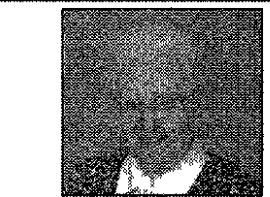
Walter Colem died on March 21, 2004, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He was 67 years old. Born in Geneseo, New York, September 15th, 1936. Mr. Sanders was retired from General Motors where he was a long time executive with GM Photographic. A resident of Troy, MI, Sanders was active in community affairs. He was Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Oakland Catholic Credit Union, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a Eucharistic Minister at The Church of St. Alan, and a dedicated volunteer at The Detroit Institute of Arts. He was a member of the Sera Club, a Catholic organization that fosters and promotes religious vocations. For years Mr. Sanders was a Scoutmaster of The Holy Name Boy Scout Troop #1031 in Birmingham, MI. He served as a marshal and as a director of The Buick Open and was active in several other major golf tournaments. He was a graduate of Geneseo High School and Salisbury School. He attended Brown University where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He received a degree from Rochester Institute of Technology and a master's degree in marketing from Wayne State University. His father, Donald R. Sanders, was owner of Sanders Publications, which published 10 weekly newspapers in western New York. The first newspaper was founded by his great grandfather, Chauncey K. Sanders in 1859. His wife, Marilyn Cann Sanders, was a teacher at the Holcombe School in Geneseo, New York. Mr. Sanders is survived by his wife, Marilyn Cann Sanders of Troy, Michigan; son, Scott Coleman Sanders of San Francisco, California; daughter, Kristin Sanders Fiorita (Robert) of Dublin, Ohio, and grandchildren, Carter, Kendall, and Cameron Fiorita, a brother, Donald R. Sanders (Virginia) of The Woodlands, Texas; sister of Laurie Ann Sanders Kenny (Jack) of Tiburon, California, and Aunt Jane Wassung of St. Augustine, Florida; niece, Samara Sanders Lundberg (Eric Leif Laula) of Havana, Cuba; niece, Aimee Sanders of Brooklyn, New York. A funeral mass will take place on Monday, March 29th, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Geneseo, New York. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to The Detroit Institute of Arts. Mr. Sanders was predeceased by his parents, Kathryn and Donald Sanders, brother, Chauncey K. Sanders, and Uncle Frank R. Wassung. Funeral arrangements by Rector-Hicks Funeral Home, Inc., 111 Main St., Geneseo, NY (585) 243-0995.

BARNES

Jacqueline, March 22, 2004. Age 72 of Lake Orion. Beloved wife of Allen C. of 49 years. Dear mother of Julie (James) Manis of Dublin, OH, David (Barbara) Barnes of Orion Twp and Skip (Connie) Barnes of Lake Orion. Grandmother of Candace, Christopher Danny and Charlotte. Born in Binghamton, NY on February 6, 1932 to Murrell and Julia Hall. Mrs. Barnes was a 2nd grade teacher at Armada Elementary for 22 years. She obtained a Baccalaureate Degree from the University of Akron. She also obtained a Masters Degree from Wayne State University. She was a Board Member for the Orion Historical Society. Funeral service Saturday 2pm @ the Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home. Family will receive friends Friday after 3pm, with suggested visiting hours of 3:5 & 7-9 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Orion Historical Society, PO Box 817, Lake Orion, MI 48361.

RENTSCHLER

Carl F. Jr., age 78, of Leonard, MI, died March 20, 2004. Survived by his wife Marion, daughters Sheila Smith and Carol Rhodes, grandchildren Robin Wright and Carl Smith. Preceded in death by his daughter Kim Holly and his brother William. Arrangements by Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home of Romeo, MI.



SISTER MARY VICTORINE RAPIN, RSM Sister Of Mercy, Principal, Pastoral Minister

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Victorine Rapin, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 77 years, died on March 21, 2004, at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was born on April 5, 1908, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Charles and Rachel (LeFebvre) Rapin and christened Irma Mary at St. Andrew's Church. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1927 at Mt. Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she received the name Sister Mary Victorine. She professed perpetual vows on August 15, 1933. Sister Victorine earned a bachelor's degree from Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Michigan, a master's degree from University of Detroit and a doctorate in education from Wayne State University. She spent 16 years teaching students in Ludington, Grand Rapids, Cheboygan, Muskegon, Bay City, and Detroit before becoming assistant principal at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Detroit in 1946. She was appointed principal in 1952. During her 17 years as principal, Mercy High School expanded from 125 to 1,300 students and outgrew its location, prompting the move to its current site in Farmington Hills. Under Sister Victorine's guidance, the school developed a tradition of excellence in academic discipline. She initiated several customs that have become hallmarks of the school, including the graduation ceremony with white gowns and red roses. In 2002, Sister Victorine was inducted into Mercy High School's Hall of Fame where she was recognized for outstanding leadership in administration and for being the guiding force for the old and the "new" Mercy High School. Sister Victorine also served in community leadership for the Sisters of Mercy and as administrator of Mercy Center. In 1972, after earning certification as a clinical pastoral minister, she was appointed the first director of pastoral ministry for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She served in this capacity for 20 years, later becoming pastoral advisor to the department and coordinator of liturgical volunteer ministries. Sister Victorine recruited approximately 60 volunteers who bring communion to patients on a daily basis, and she herself was a well-known and well-loved presence on the patient units. To commemorate her 75th Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy, the hospital commissioned a bronze relief of St. Therese of the Little Flower for the hospital chapel. Sister Victorine continued working until the day that a stroke forced her retirement to McAuley Center in 2004. Sister Victorine is survived by several nephews and nieces, including Sister Mary Judith Rapin, RSM, and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will take place on Wednesday, March 24, at 3 pm at McAuley Center, followed by a scripture and remembrance vigil that evening at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be on Thursday, March 25, at 10:30 am in the Sacred Heart Chapel at McAuley Center. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405. Donations to a scholarship fund in Sister Victorine's name may be made to Mercy High School, President's Office, 29300 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1409.

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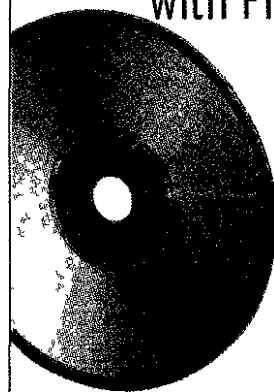
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Free seminars include presentations on *What's New in Container Gardening* by Jim Wilson and *New Annuals and Perennials* by Nancy Szerlag, gardening columnist and author. There will also be presentations on creating a healthy soil ecosystem, lawn care, landscaping, water gardening, orchids, and arranging fresh flowers.

Presentations are planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at all five English Gardens stores. Topics and presenters include:

- *What's New in Container Gardening*, by Jim Wilson

One of the fastest growing trends is gardening in containers. See new ideas and learn the secrets of a successful container garden, including selecting plants, proper planting, fertilizing and care.

Appearances are 4 p.m. Saturday in Royal Oak, 11 a.m. Sunday, Dearborn Heights, and 2 p.m. in West Bloomfield.

- *Compost Tea and Living Soil for Healthy Plants*, by Scott Subler. Successful gardening starts with the soil. Learn how natural, biologically active products, such as earthworm casting and compost teas, can help ensure a healthy and productive soil ecosystem. Appearances are 10 a.m. Saturday in Royal Oak, and 1 p.m. Dearborn Heights, and 11 a.m. Sunday in West Bloomfield.

- *New Annuals & Perennials*, by Nancy Szerlag, gardening columnist. Learn about new varieties of annuals and perennials for 2004 and how to care for them. 10 a.m. Saturday in West Bloomfield, and 1 p.m. in Royal Oak.

- *Enhancing Your Home's Value with Landscaping*, by English Gardens Landscape Designers. An attractive, well-designed and maintained landscape can increase your home's value by 10 to 20 percent. Learn how to create an

outdoor environment that's beautiful and extends your home's living space at 1 p.m. Saturday in West Bloomfield, and 11 a.m. Sunday in Royal Oak and 2 p.m. in Dearborn Heights.

- *Arranging Fresh Flowers*, by English Gardens Floral Designers. See a step-by-step demonstration of arranging fresh flowers, with design basics and lots of inspiration and ideas at 4 p.m. Saturday in Dearborn Heights and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Royal Oak.

- *Introduction to Water Gardens*, by Farley See, Moore Water Gardens. Water gardening continues to increase in popularity. Get information on creating a water garden, selecting plants and caring for it throughout the year at 4 p.m. Saturday in West Bloomfield.

- *The Grass Can be Greener*, by Chip Hickey, English Gardens sales associate. A lush green lawn is the foundation for a beautiful garden. Learn all the basics of caring for and improving the health and appearance of your lawn. Saturday 10 a.m. Dearborn Heights.

- *An Introduction to Orchids*, by English Gardens expert. Learn about this popular and long-lasting flowering plants. We'll present

information on popular orchid varieties, including care and re-blooming tips. Sunday 11 a.m. Eastpointe.

Representatives from the Detroit Rose Society will be available to offer advice on selecting and growing roses from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at all five stores.

Additionally Master Composter volunteers from SOCWA (Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority and Groundwater Stewardship Program) will be at the Royal Oak and West Bloomfield stores on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to

answer questions on making and using compost, as well as using natural mulches. Master Recycler volunteers from the City of Royal Oak will provide information on recycling on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. English Gardens stores are located at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, 4901 Coolidge in Troy, (248) 280-9500 and 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433.

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Home show cooks

Now is the time to make sure your summer barbecues are not the same old recipes by visiting the Novi Spring Home and Garden Show. The show's cooking stage will feature Dianna Stoffer, chef for Certified Angus Beef, who will offer grilling ideas, including grilled beef and



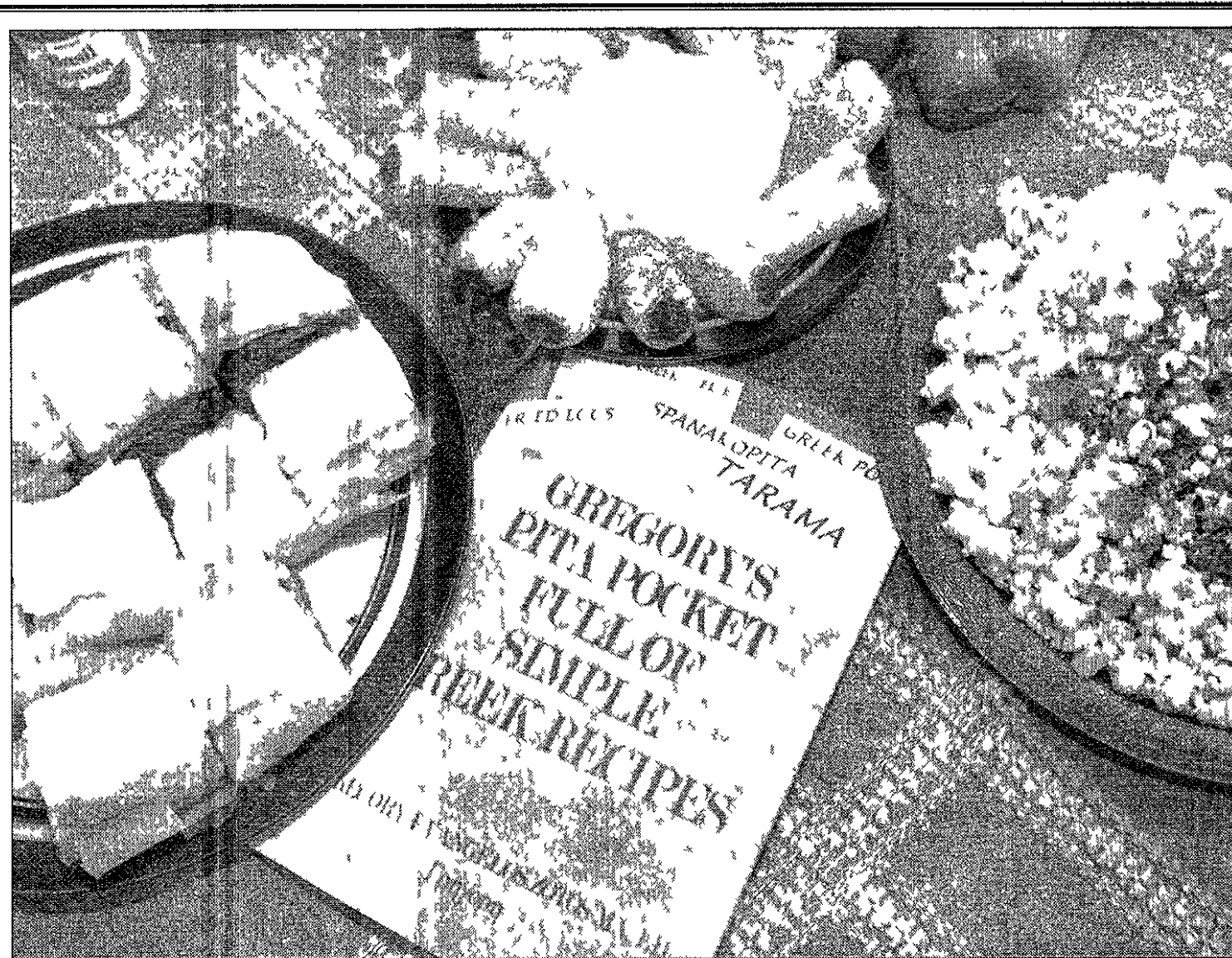
bacon pizza and beef and peach salad. Stoffer will appear at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Friday, April 2, and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 3 at the show at the Novi Expo Center. Chef Patrick Koziarski from Tom's Oyster Bar will appear on the stage at noon Sunday, April 4.

Certified Angus Beef will offer samples of pot roast and chili. Visitors can register to win a Certified Angus Beef product from Meijer and a Broil King Port-A-Chef grill for tailgating or camping. For information on where you can purchase Certified Angus Beef or recipes, visit www.certifiedangusbeef.com.

Hunt morels

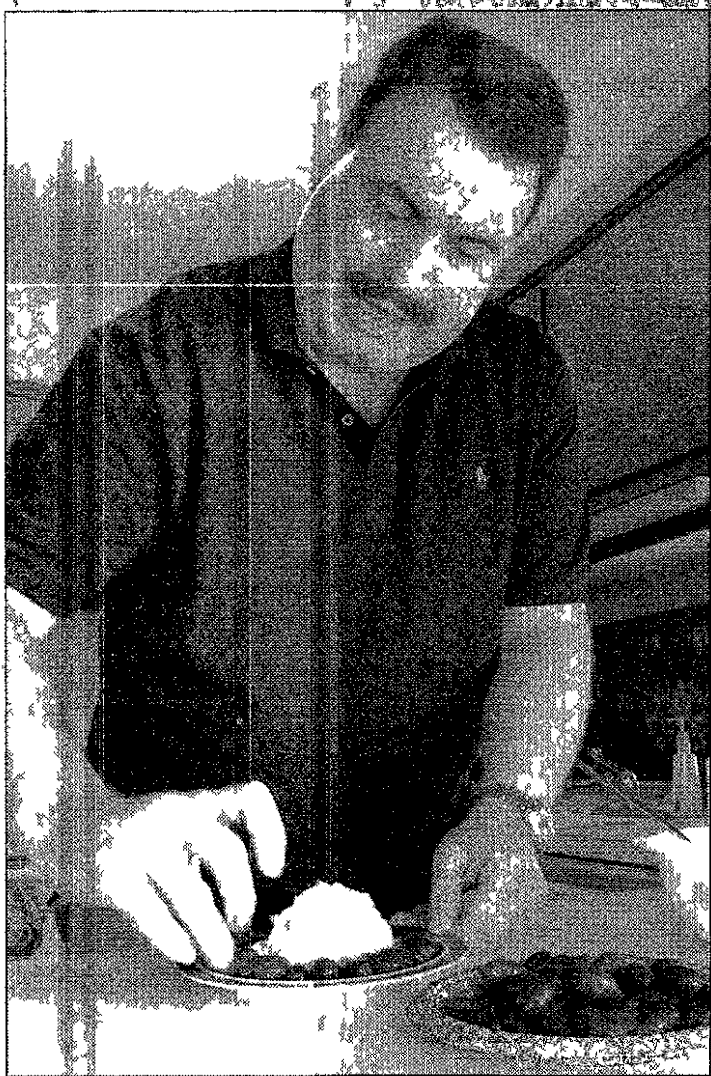
Enjoy searching for the elusive morel mushroom in Michigan's north woods, then sample Michigan wine and dine on various wild mushroom dishes at Springbrook Hills in Walloon Lake. The weekend of April 30-May 2 features wines from Shady Lane Sellers of Suttons Bay. On May 14-16, a selection of wine from Leelanau Peninsula wineries caps your weekend. On May 21-23, it's Leelanau wines again that preface the mushroom dining delights.

This outing costs \$179 per person, which includes two nights lodging, guided morel hunting, mushroom information and lore plus the Saturday evening wine and dining. Groups of six or more are \$169 per person complete. If no lodging required, cost is \$124. Beginners and expert mushroomers alike will enjoy this weekend of fun and good food. Guests get extra nights lodging at \$20 per person. For reservations, call (231) 535-2227.



Greg Zotos' cookbook features recipes for spinach pie, Tzatziki and Greek popcorn.

Remembering



Greg Zotos of Livonia places Greek olives around a plate of tarama.

Instructor remembers travel, food from parents' homeland

Gregory Zotos had a little time on his hands. The Livonia resident and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia was working on his master of fine arts in education from the University of Phoenix and had a week break between classes.

Zotos, who is a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy, loves to cook. Zotos decided to write down a few ideas for some Greek recipes.

"I'd experiment in the kitchen and put things together," Zotos said. "As I was experimenting, I thought, 'This was a neat idea' and 'I'd write things down.'"

Zotos soon had several recipes. "Just for fun," he says, he bundled them up in an

PLEASE SEE GREECE, D3

Castello del Terriccio is on the rise in Tuscany

Dating back to the mid-1800s, Castello del Terriccio is a 4,200-acre estate located on the Tuscan coastline of Italy. The estate is divided into a northern half that grows cereal grains including



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

wheat, corn and barley on white clay soils and a southern half that supports vineyards, olive trees and fruit trees on soils composed of clay and rocks.

During the 1990s, the production of cereal grains gradually gave way to vineyards with varieties, such as cabernet sauvignon, sangiovese and merlot. Most of the white wine acreage is devoted to chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. During harvest, pickers pass through the vineyards at least twice to guarantee perfectly ripened clusters.

Under the direction of Carlo Ferrini, Castello del Terriccio creates estate-grown, limited-production super Tuscan wines. Super Tuscan wines are internationally styled red wines, made with non-traditional Tuscan grape varieties such as cabernet sauvignon and merlot, frequently blended with Tuscany's traditional variety, sangiovese.

SINGLE-MINDED WINES

Terriccio's reds are single-vineyard wines named after the specific vineyards. Lupicaia means "the place of wolf hunts" and Tassinai is translated as "the place of stones." To ensure extra body and smooth tannins, both wines undergo extended skin contact or maceration after fermentation is completed.

Lupicaia is then aged for 18 to 20 months in French Allier forest oak, known for its tight grain. Tassinai is aged for 12 to 14 months, after which each wine is bottled following a rough filtration. Through its first four releases, 1995 through 1998, Lupicaia earned four consecutive Gambero Rosso magazine's tre bicchieri (three glasses) awards, the highest compliment in Italian wine.

White wines of Castello del Terriccio include Rondinaia, 100 percent chardonnay and Con Vento, 100 percent sauvignon blanc. Both wines are cold fermented in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks, each undergoes partial malolactic fermentation and is bottled without oak aging.

TASTING WINES OF CASTELLO DEL TERRICCIO

A symbol of the Tuscan sun adorns the label of each Castello del Terriccio wine.

■ 2001 Castello del Terriccio Con Vento \$19 (sauvignon blanc) is introduced by bright citrus.

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2

Taste the wines of the Great Lakes at Oakland Community College

You can sample regional wines and support student scholarships at the ninth annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting hosted by the Oakland Community College Culinary Studies on Thursday April 1. Starting at 6 p.m. on the third floor of Building J at

OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, the one-of-a-kind gala spotlights the unique wines produced by the distinct climate surrounding the Great Lakes. Before the event professional judges will taste and assess each of the 500 entries. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded.

The public will be able to sip, swirl and savor such unique products as Ontario's famous Ice Wines, and sample great food prepared by OCC culinary students, as well as top area establishments including Great Oaks Country Club, Pine Lake Country Club, Steve & Rocky's and

Confectionately Yours Bakery.

Live background music to enhance the festive mood will be provided by the OCC Jazz Band.

Admission is \$50 and tickets are tax deductible.

All proceeds go toward scholarships for OCC culinary students, and for

the travel fund for the student chef competition team.

For further information call (248) 522-3700.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Ample free parking is available in nearby campus lots.

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and gooseberry aromas. Generous fruit and balanced acidity on the palate result in an extended finish. A great choice with chicken, turkey, fish or fresh goat cheese.

■ 2002 Castello del Terriccio Ropinaia \$22 (chardonnay) highlights lemon and butter-scotch aromas with nuances of pear and apple. Fresh, crisp and well balanced, this elegant white wine is named for swallows' summer nests on the estate farmhouses.

■ 1999 Castello del Terriccio Tassinara \$35 (one third each sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot) has black and red raspberry flavors and a firm backbone of silky tannins followed by fine leather, smoke and chocolate nuances.

■ 2000 Castello del Terriccio Lupiccia \$115 (90 percent cabernet sauvignon, 10 percent merlot) is a big, complex mouthful of black cherry and cassis with myriad descriptors that include toast, berries, tobacco and clove. The structure is firm with well rounded tannins. Drink now or cellar up to 2014.

The Healds are Contributing Editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine spirals and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

WINE PICKS

The following are winners of our recent shoot out that included petite sirah. Outstanding 2000 Balmoral Syrah \$50 and 2001 Shafer Relentless \$55 (81 percent sirah 19 percent petite sirah). Excellent 2000 Foppiano Petite Sirah Reserve Estate Millennium Selection \$48 1999 Rosemount Mountain Blue Shiraz Cabernet \$45 2000 Joseph Phelps Syrah \$40 2001 Dutton Goldfield Cherry Ridge Vineyard Syrah \$35 and 2000 EXP Syrah \$14. Very Good 2000 Stags Leap Napa Valley Petite Syrah \$31 2001 Penfolds Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz \$24 2001 Penfolds Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz \$24 2001 Arrowood Grand Archer Syrah \$20 and 2001 Alexander Valley Vineyards Two Barrel \$19 (70 percent sirah and 30 percent cabernet sauvignon). Wallet Friendly 2002 Lindemans Bin 50 Shiraz \$8 and 2003 [Yellow Tail] Shiraz \$7.

Ham and eggs are great for Easter and leftovers

Ham is a popular meat entrée and eggs are popular to hard-cook, color, decorate and hide for the Easter holiday. Both foods lend themselves to great meals and great leftovers.



Home Economist Lois Thieleke

Knowing how to choose, prepare and store ham and eggs will enhance your enjoyment of this year's celebration. Hams may be labeled fresh, cook before eating, fully cooked, picnic or country. Hams are either ready to cook or not, cured or cured-and smoked. This information may sound confusing, but you should read the label before buying.

If you buy a boneless or canned ham you can expect four-five servings per pound while a bone-in ham yields two to three servings per pound.

To serve ham heated, place the ham in an open uncovered roasting pan. Roast at 325° F to an internal temperature of 140° F (for fully cooked ham) or 160° F (internally) for cook before eating.

Apply your special glaze during the last 15 to 30 minutes of the roasting time. A country ham is entirely different, they are delicious but generally they are soaked in water and simmered until it reaches 150° F internally and then it can be roasted with a glaze. Slice very thin to serve.

HAM HANDLING TIPS:

■ Leave purchased ham in original wrapping in refrigerator for seven to 10 days. Slices should be used within three to four days.

■ Vacuum-packaged hams, unopened, will keep at least two weeks in the refrigerator.

■ Canned hams can be left at room temperature until ready to use (read the label).

■ Leftover cooked ham should be tightly wrapped, refrigerated within one to two hours after cooking and can be stored in refrigerator for four to five days.

■ Freezing deteriorates ham quality. If you must freeze, wrap tightly and store in freezer use within two months.

To ensure safe Easter eggs, do not leave hard-cooked dyed eggs at room temperature for more than two hours. Hard cooking destroys the eggs' natural shell protection and makes it more susceptible to bacterial growth.

Hard cooked eggs can be refrigerated for five to seven days. (They become rubbery if frozen.) After the eggs are hard cooked, dye them and return to the refrigerator within two hours. If eggs are going to be eaten, make sure you have used a food-safe coloring. Wash your hands before and after handling eggs.

Make two batches of hard cooked eggs. One batch is to eat and the other is for decoration.

If the table centerpiece is a basket of dyed eggs that are at room temperature more than two hours, do not eat these!

The eggs that are hidden should be placed in locations that are protected from dirt, insects, and pets, lawn chemicals or other sources of bacteria.

Always use the two-hour rule - all hiding and hunting should not exceed two hours. Discard any eggs that are cracked dirty or that have been out of refrigeration more than the two hours. (Sorry about repeating the two-hour rule, but it's important.)

Throwing out eggs that have been used for decorations or for hiding is much cheaper and easier than

someone getting very ill. Consider buying colorful plastic eggs and putting jelly-beans or little trinkets inside to hide around the house or yard or for decorations.

Tips for easy to peel eggs: ■ Buy the eggs a couple weeks before hard-boiling. Keep in the original cartons and refrigerate. Very fresh eggs are hard to peel after hard cooking. An older egg is easier to peel.

■ Peel the hard cooked eggs while they are still warm if making a sandwich or a salad.

■ Tap all the way around with a knife so the shell comes off like webbing.

■ Peel the hard cooked egg under cold running water. Let your imagination run wild using leftover ham and hard cooked eggs.

Serve hot or cold, together or separate. Grind ham and add it to the deviled egg filling, ham salad, or egg salad for sandwiches or served on lettuce, add to a cream sauce and serve over toast or English muffins, or use either one as a garnish.

Both of the foods are versatile, just treat them with care.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist with the Michigan State University Extension Office in Oakland County.

Cruise the Great Lakes at Henry Ford

Diners can tour the Great Lakes region with their taste buds at Henry Ford Community College's annual spring banquet at 5-9 p.m. Saturday, April 3 in the Student and Culinary Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

The S S Henry Ford Captain's Dinner will be hosted by the HFCC's Hospitality

Program. Tickets are \$40 per person and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit scholarships for HFCC Hospitality Studies Program students. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call Jeffery Click at 313-845-9651.

During this culinary adventure, diners can sample new and traditional homemade cre-

ations, according to Dennis Konarski, director of HFCC's Hospitality Studies Program.

"This spring banquet offers guests an opportunity to sample various foods from the Great Lakes Region as well as musical entertainment for a very affordable price," said Konarski. "It's an enjoyable way to spend the evening to sample a lot of great dishes and desserts prepared by HFCC's outstanding culinary students as well as chefs from the area's finest restaurant and

hotels." Before dinner, guests will sample appetizers from several food stations set up in the Student and Culinary Arts Center. Chefs from some of Metro Detroit's top restaurants and hotels will prepare their regional specialties.

Then, guests will be treated to a lavish Captain's Dinner in the main dining hall. Two dinner buffets will feature culinary delights from various Great Lakes cities, including Detroit, Toronto, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Chicago.

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Speak no evil, see no evil, Oakwood takes care of the third

By David N. Madgy, D.O., pediatric ear, nose and throat surgeon

Another purpose of the tube is to maintain the pressure in the middle ear so that it is consistent with the outside air pressure. It protects the middle ear from bacteria and other germs that are in the nose and throat. Infection can occur when the tube fails to perform its job.

Kids have more ear infections because their tubes are smaller more horizontal and straighter than adults. All of these make bacteria more assessable. The tube is less rigid in children and its small opening is easier to obstruct. It is also not uncommon for fluid to be in the ear on a well baby visit.

There are different forms of treatments and management depend

ing on the situation. For infections the utilization of antibiotics are most common. Also topical drops can be inserted into the ear to help relieve the pain. In recent studies and publications the use of antibiotics is being rethought. With the growing resistance to antibiotics research is being done to explore other treatment options.

If an infection or fluid lasts for greater than three months it can become a chronic condition and surgery is then considered. The most common form of surgery is myringotomy and tympanostomy tubes which is quick easy and virtually painless.

Myringotomy is a small incision made on the eardrum. Through

this incision the tympanostomy tubes, which are very tiny are inserted into the eardrum to allow the drainage that the eustachian tubes are not performing. This procedure is very popular and very successful.

Dr Madgy is a board certified otolaryngologist at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton. He attended both the University of Michigan and the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa. He has just started practicing in western Wayne County and has been in practice for more than 14 years in Clinton Township Detroit and Southfield. For more information or to make an appointment please call 734-454-2710 or visit www.oakwood.org.

GREEK RECIPES

SPANAKOPITA (SPINACH PIE)

2 pounds fresh spinach
1 pound sliced green onions
1 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup dill
2 thinly sliced leeks
4 eggs
1 pound Greek filo
Greek sea salt or regular salt
fresh ground pepper
1 pound Greek imported feta cheese

Wash the spinach and boil it. Pour spinach in a strainer and strain. Then tear up the spinach in little pieces. Brown the green onions and the leek in a pot using half the olive oil. Turn the burner off and add the eggs, dill, spinach, salt, and pepper. Oil a sheet pan and open the filo sheets across the pan, about 40 percent of the sheets.

Put the spinach combination over the filo and then place the remaining filo sheets over the spinach.

Oil the top and bake in medium (350 °) oven for about 1 hour.

GREEK SALAD

1 head lettuce
2 1/2 sliced tomatoes
1 sliced cucumber
1 sliced green or red pepper
25 Kalamata Greek olives
1 sliced onion
salt pepper oregano
1 cup imported Greek feta cheese

Cut or tear lettuce up and put in a big salad bowl or dish.

Add cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, green peppers, imported Greek feta cheese, and Kalamata olives.

Dressing is the traditional extra virgin olive oil and vinegar. Pour all over the salad.

Mix carefully and serve right away for crisp, traditional Greek taste.

TZATZIKI

2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup plain yogurt
1 large cucumber finely chopped
3 cloves garlic minced
4 green onions chopped
1/4 teaspoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon dill chopped

Begin by peeling the cucumber and removing the seeds. Cut into small chunks and chop finely.

Mix garlic, chopped cucumber chunks, green onions, extra virgin olive oil, vinegar, and dill. Mix in the yogurt.

Put in the refrigerator, cover for 2 1/2 hours. Serve with Greek bread, as an appetizer, or plain.

GREEK TUNA STEAK

6 tuna steaks
1/4 cup basil
1/4 cup dill weed
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 chopped tomato
1/4 cup minced garlic
3/4 cup crumbled Greek feta cheese

Preheat oven to 350 ° F. Bake tuna for 7 minutes. Mix all other ingredients in a mixing bowl and put into a frying pan. Let simmer for 5 minutes on medium heat. Pour over the tuna steaks and bake for 30 minutes.

GREEK BAKED COD

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
3/4 cup crumbled Greek feta cheese
4 tablespoons chopped oregano
4 tablespoons chopped basil
2 cloves minced garlic
1 tablespoon sea salt
1 tablespoon pepper
2 pounds cod fish
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemons

Preheat oven to 375 ° F. Mix all the ingredients together except

the cod fish. Rinse the cod fish very thoroughly. Place cod fish in a baking pan. Pour lemon over the cod fish. Pour the mixed ingredients over the cod fish. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until it is opaque through the middle.

GYRO SANDWICH

1/4 pounds ground lamb
1/4 cup minced garlic
1 tablespoon ground pepper
1/4 cup oregano
1/4 cup basil
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1/2 tablespoons onion powder
1 teaspoon salt
Greek bread

Preheat broiler or prepare barbecue. Combine ingredients lightly but thoroughly in large bowl. Shape into patties. Bake for 20 minutes on one side and 15 minutes on the other side. Place in Greek bread and enjoy with some yogurt or tzatziki.

GREEK POPCORN

1 cup unpopped popcorn
1/2 cup shredded Greek feta cheese
1/2 cup shredded Greek kasseri cheese
1 tablespoon oregano
1 tablespoon basil
1/4 cup butter

Pop the popcorn in a hot air popper. Put 1/2 of the popcorn in a large bowl. Sprinkle the feta, kasseri, oregano, basil and butter over the popcorn. Repeat for the remaining quarters. (By seasoning every quarter at a time, it keeps the wonderful Greek seasoning taste through the whole batch of Greek popcorn.)

Recipes courtesy of Gregory Zotos of Livonia, from his book *Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes*, PublishAmerica, Baltimore.

GREECE

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envelope and sent them to a publishing company. They e-mailed me back and they told me that nine out of 10 (book requests), they toss, but that they had selected mine," Zotos said with a smile. "I was honored." Two years after Zotos first decided to pursue his dream of publishing his own cookbook, *Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes* was published by PublishAmerica. It was distributed to bookstores and markets last month.

ALWAYS ENJOYED FOOD

Zotos has loved Greek food since growing up in Livonia and travelling to Greece with his parents. (He dedicated the book to his mother Cathy, who lives with Zotos, and his father Evangelos, a professor at Wayne State University, and sister Connie, who both died in a car accident in 1979. The book is also dedicated to his grandparents.)

That tragedy was very difficult for the family. It made Zotos work harder, he says, as he had to support his mother as a teenager. "I appreciate things more because I have worked very hard to get them," Zotos said.

Zotos remembers his trips to Greece as a child, and visits to relatives there. He remembers one village, Crete Hania, and the great spinach pie there. Another village had delicious lamb. "The foods were so mouth-watering," Zotos said. "The filo (phyllo) is crispy and tasty, and the spinach grown there is very green. The climate is warm and the air is clean, which helps the spinach."

He developed an appreciation of Greek cooking in the use of extra virgin olive oil, sea salt, red wine and oregano. "I put all these ingredients together and tried to make it real easy," Zotos said.

Zotos includes recipes for Spinach Pie or Spanakopita and Tzatziki, Greek Salad, Saganaki, Greek Flaming Cheese, and his favorite, Greek Popcorn. "I love the popcorn,"



Popular foods and snacks for Greeks include pistachios, spinach pie, Greek salad, Greek bread, tzatziki and peppers, and a special Greek popcorn. Feta cheese and kasseri cheese (foreground) also are enjoyed by Greeks.

Zotos said "That's a real unique one."

BARBECUING

Zotos' enjoyment of cooking began as a teenager, he says, at the barbecue. Today he enjoys steaks, lamb chops, fish and sea bass on the grill.

He likes lamb chops, brushed with extra virgin olive oil and seasoned with dill, oregano, salt and pepper. He barbecues the chops five minutes on one side at a high temperature, then flips the chops, seasons them again, and cooks another five minutes on high. He repeats this process, but lowers the temperature to medium and lengthening the cooking time to eight minutes, for both sides. (Greeks like their meat well done, he says.)

Many of his recipes feature basil, oregano and dill weed. (Zotos likes the way dill flavors fresh foods.)

Extra virgin olive oil and red wine also are characteristically Greek.

Zotos said he worked on the recipes one year, then it took a second year to get it published and in the stores.

How did he decide what recipes to choose for the book?

"They were things I really enjoyed and liked," Zotos said. "I gave them a flair of my own, I'd try it again with another ingredient, then I'd try it with this and try it with that."

And he didn't pay a dollar for his publication, he says. "They (PublishAmerica)

believed in it so much."

He hopes the reading public will enjoy Greek cooking as much as he does.

"I feel Greek cooking is mouth-watering and pure with red wine and extra virgin olive oil," he said. "By having pure ingredients of red wine, basil and oregano, it gives it a real flavor. You use the right amounts of these and you work to prepare them to have just the right amounts. Greek food is just a pure taste."

Zotos' book lists for \$9.95 at PublishAmerica.com, and is also available at Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores, Hiller's markets and Byrd's House of Choice Meats in Livonia.

You don't have to be a published cookbook author like Gregory Zotos to be featured in the Observer & Eccentric's Taste section.

If you know someone who loves to cook someone who is a culinary talent or who has tremendous recipes who lives in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area let us know about it. Do they like to barbecue? Do they always host holiday meals or occasional get-togethers? What do they prepare and how do they prepare it? We'd like to feature that person in a story for our Taste section. Please write a short summary about that person with a daytime phone number where we can reach them and why you believe they would be a good feature for us. If you have recipes available please send those as well. Send information to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

TASTE CALENDAR

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Schoolcraft College

Enjoy the talents of the staff at Schoolcraft College with culinary seminars offered through the culinary arts department and the college's Continuing Education Services. Among the topics are Classic French Pastry 6 p.m. Thursday, March 25 and Be a Sweet Tart 6 p.m. April 27. For a complete schedule of seminars call

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Bella Cucina

Bella Cucina of Plymouth instructs cooking classes in the lower level kitchen at Our Lady of Good Counsel church at North Territorial and Beck roads in Plymouth. The next session will give a demonstration on turkey polpettone, porcini mushroom risotto, spinach salad with pancetta and pine nuts and double cheesy garlic bread. The class taught 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, is a hands-on demonstration. Class sizes are limited

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Oakland Community College

Enjoy a Grand Culinary Buffet at Oakland Community College presented by OCC's Culinary Studies Institute, 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28, on the third floor of Building J on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The buffet features a great selection of fresh salads, vegetables, potatoes and meats and fish. The dessert table will have pastries, tortes, fians and cookies. Cost is \$8.95 per person. A buffet also is scheduled for April 22. Call (248) 522-3700.

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By Candy Parent
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

What was good for your parents may not be ideal for you. "Times have changed," says Curt Fournier. "We have a different economy than we did 10 years ago."

Curt, a mortgage broker with Premier Mortgage Funding Inc, says things like the Internet stock scandals Sept. 11 and other events have changed the economy. Today's families generally carry more debt, refinance their home every three years and move every seven years. Obtaining a 30-year mortgage is no longer synonymous to today's lifestyles, Curt says. He recommends people look at their mortgage in five-year increments.

Curt enjoys helping people. He hates to see mortgage brokers take unfair advantage of their clients. Instead, Curt wants to teach people how they can build wealth.

"You need to understand your finances," he says.

Many people look to cut corners with lower credit card interest or look for high rates of return on their retirement savings without examining their largest debt — their home. With the right mortgage program, Curt says he can help a client turn their house into an asset rather than a liability.

Curt operates his business differently from other mortgage brokers. He doesn't simply hand them a one-size-fits-all mortgage. Instead, he sits down with each client and asks them about their financial situation, their plans for the future and other information. Then he presents them with four or five mortgage options that will benefit them along with his personal recommendation. After explaining each one to his clients, he recommends they visit their personal financial advisor and then get back with him on the final decision.

"We become friends first," he

says. "I don't want their business if it doesn't benefit them. There are too many people who I could help. I can't waste my time selling someone a mortgage they don't need."

In fact, Curt's desire to help people build their own wealth has led Curt to study for an additional financial license. Soon he will be able to help people with their entire financial package.

"I like to help people eliminate debt as quickly as possible by paying the least amount of interest as possible," he says.

To do that, he invites each client to examine the options available to them. Programs such as an interest-only loan or a short-term ARM can help to free up additional money to get out of debt quickly.

Once a client is free of debt, they can use the equity in their home to invest and make additional funds. These programs can also be used to increase an individual's standard of living. It's just a matter of learning how mortgages work.

and putting the money where it will provide the biggest return.

Take for example, a 30-year mortgage. If a client borrowed \$200,000 at 6.25 percent, over the course of 30 years, they would pay \$443,319 for their house. And a majority of the interest is paid in the first several years of the loan. So, if a client moves or refinances after a few years, they have essentially wasted their money.

Today there are other options that will reduce the amount of interest paid.

and reduce the amount of payments each month. If clients think in five-year increments, they will see a substantial savings on their home.

Numbers are numbers. Curt says, "I am not selling them a mortgage. I am helping them understand how the process works and then the numbers speak for themselves."

Although each situation is different, the only way to see the benefits is to look at an example.

Assume the client is financing a \$200,000 mortgage and

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compare two different mortgages — a five-year ARM at 5.25 percent and a 30-year fixed at 6.25 percent. Each month, the client who chooses the ARM will pay \$127 less than the client who chooses the fixed mortgage.

At the end of five years, the client will have paid the following:

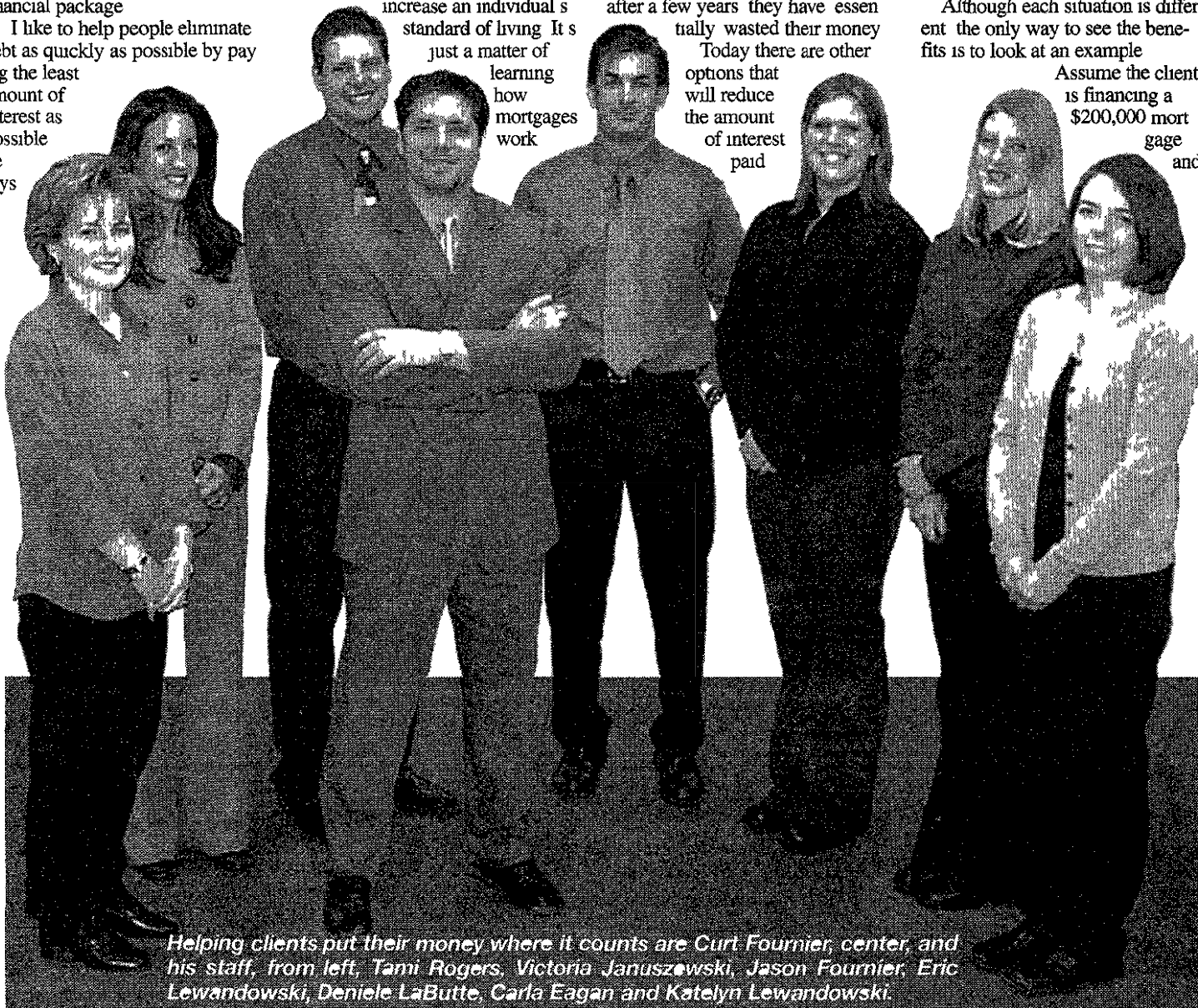
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After five years, the client who chooses the ARM will save themselves \$7,620 in monthly payments and \$9,997 in interest and still have more equity in their home than the person who chooses the fixed rate. Of course, this is an example only. Rates change on a daily basis, but the savings would be similar.

And, at the end of the five years, Curt helps the client find another low rate that best fits their situation. By working with returning customers and referrals and by keeping his profit margin low, Curt is often able to refinance without any fees or closing costs.

"I have a different vision than most mortgage brokers," Curt says. "My position is to help consumers save as much as possible. With a long-term loan, the savings aren't realized until the end of the loan and consumers don't stay in houses for 30 years anymore."

"Wealth is built by paying less money to the bank," he says.



Helping clients put their money where it counts are Curt Fournier, center, and his staff, from left, Tami Rogers, Victoria Januszewski, Jason Fournier, Eric Lewandowski, Deniele LaButte, Carla Eagan and Katelyn Lewandowski.

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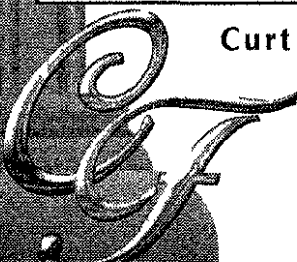
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Mexico offers real estate opportunity

I heard about a colonial city in Mexico by the name of Alamos and I am wondering if you have any information about it in terms of real estate opportunities and North American involvement.

Alamos is a lovely community in central Mexico which has over 250 American residents who have, in most instances, constructed very lovely homes and/or have renovated homes. While it is a primarily agricultural area, many North Americans have settled here and by way of an example, a 2,600-square-foot home is listed for \$350,000 furnished. The city is quaint and the real estate market seems to be strong and you have full ownership of the property that you purchase. You are best advised, of course, to consult a local Realtor who will no doubt speak English.

I have heard about a resort area in Mexico called San Carlos and I am wondering if you know whether there are any residential developments and/or resorts for investment purposes.

San Carlos is a lovely community on the Sea of Cortez which is burgeoning with condominium and time share development. A number of the hotels have vacation club opportunities and there are a number of condominium developments. The harbor is picturesque and there are a number of Americans who have settled there witnessed by a number of American restaurants and substantial English signage throughout the area. There are a number of opportunities for investment and you are best advised to consult with a local Realtor concerning your interest in the area.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

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Pam Dover (center) of Coldwell Banker Schwitzer in Birmingham reviews recent home for sale listings with Pete McAteer and Ladonna Deer. Dover works to match good value with what buyers want.

Working together: Buyer's agent can help you find your dream home

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

"Oh, look. There's a for-sale sign. Write down the phone number. And there's another one."

"Laura said we should drive by the house for sale near her." "That's on the other side of town. Do we want to go that far?"

Well, do you? Do you want to go to the other side of town? Are you content to drive around for hours writing down phone numbers?

Is this the best way to find a house to buy? Or do you think you might want to ask a real estate professional to be your buyer agent? If so, will you know how to work with the agent? Here are some suggestions of what your tasks could be.

Vincent M. Brennan, sales agent, Remerica Realty Professionals, Farmington Hills.

"Establish the relationship as long-term."

"Understand the conditions of the arrangement and then stick with that agent even though you're not financially obligated."

"It's about loyalty and trust."

HOW MUCH CAN YOU AFFORD?

David Cartwright, Riverpointe Realty Walker & Associates, Southfield.

"Before you contact an agent, talk with mortgage people to determine what you can afford. They will give you a pre-approval certificate up to a certain dollar value. That way, when you go in to see an agent, it's clear what you can afford."

and you're not wasting anyone's time.

"Be sure of the area you want to look in. Define the house you want to buy - that will fit the family's needs."

Lynn DeJohn, Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth.

"The buyer agent needs to know who's involved in the buying process. Are husband and wife the buyers or are you going to continually throughout the process seek the advice of friends, neighbors and countrymen who are not in the real estate market today?"

"If you're talking with parents who haven't bought a home in 20 or 30 years and they come to see the home you've picked out after eliminating 32 ugly properties, they're not going to have a clue as to the value of that home. But if your parents are going to give you money, we need to get them involved early in the process."

GET PRE-QUALIFIED

Pam Dover, Coldwell Banker Schwitzer, Birmingham.

"Get pre-qualified by a reputable lender."

"Be open to work within the parameters of what you want and what you can spend."

"Know what you're looking for."

"I work to match good value with what buyers want and I've had to talk some of them out of houses that I thought weren't right for them. A lot of it comes with women's intuition. They can become enamored with a kitchen or decor,

but I see a broader picture. Listen to the agent's objective view."

Brian M. Duggan, American Classic Realty, Livonia.

"Be loyal to the agent, who's looking out for the buyers' interests."

Laura Knuth, Knuth & Associates, Garden City.

"It's the No. 1 thing we say. Remember that the buyer doesn't pay us directly."

"If you do look around on your own, call us on anything that looks interesting. See us as your source of information."

Darlene Larsen, Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills.

"Get pre-approved for a mortgage. And be prepared to give earnest money - a good-faith deposit - with an offer on a house."

Tom Mines, Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester.

"In current market practices, sellers only want to spend their time considering offers from people they know can afford their homes. Pre-approval is first and foremost these days. Sellers don't want to negotiate with buyers who turn out to be unable to buy."

"Have a clear idea of what area you want to live in. Some people aren't really sure and ramble from one place to another being indecisive. Consider proximity to work, family, friends, schools."

"Consider lifestyle. Are you an urban person? A country person? Deal with practicalities."

"Understand what distance means to daily life and don't be trapped in some fantasy."

"Consider the condition of the home, especially a structur-

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al issue. Don't love the house despite the defect if it doesn't fit what you've been shopping for. Unless you're sure you have the ability and funds to deal with it.

"Take a reality check." Carey Wilhelm, Wilhelm & Associates, Clarkston.

"Tell your agent the truth. If you tell me what you want and I work to find it and then you say it's not what you want."

Mortgage rates dip, one-year ARM at lowest level on record

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates fell again with the benchmark 30-year mortgages approaching last year's rates, which were the lowest in more than four decades. Rates for one-year

adjustable mortgages set a new record low.

The average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 5.38 percent, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported March 18 in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

This week's rate was down from 5.41 percent last week

and marked the lowest level for 30-year mortgages since the week ending June 27, when rates averaged 5.24 percent. The low point for 30-year mortgages since the early 1960s was 5.21 percent, reached in mid-June of last year.

"Mortgage rates this week are barely above the generational low levels we saw in June of last year," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac. "We are currently predicting that this will fuel yet another record year for total home sales."

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Invest in real estate wisely

As our weather finally warms, "House for Sale" signs are sprouting up in pace with the tulips. It is a wonderful time of the year for us all, but perhaps more so for real estate investors.

These next few weeks may be "prime time" for investors looking to snatch up some early season real estate specials. The number of homes for sale is rising steadily, but the warm weather buyers have yet to start swarming.

Investing in real estate is very much like buying a home in which you would live. The most notable exception includes putting a 10 percent down payment on your purchase if you wish to secure your best interest rates and terms. You may sometimes get away with less down than that with some lending sources, but you will likely get "beaten up" on terms.

DOWN PAYMENT

You can get your down payment from just about anywhere - like your existing home's equity - as long as you can verify the source of the your funds. If you do not have a down payment, you may need a "silent partner." This type of investor provides the money required to fund the real estate investments, while you do the rest of the work. In turn, you both share property's income and appreciation.

Real estate investors categorically pay slightly higher interest rates than do buyers who actually live in the purchased properties. To compensate for the higher interest rates and to preserve their cash flow, many investors opt for the better pricing of shorter-term mortgages - like three- or five-year adjustable-rate mortgages.

You will get your cheapest mortgage money by purchasing your real estate investments as individuals, not through your company or corporation. Doing so using the latter methods will require a more expensive and restrictive commercial loan instead of a residential mortgage.

You will do well to get direction from your asset advisor, your attorney, and your mortgage lender on how to best structure your investment deals. Hitting the market with solid advice and a qualified funding source should make your hunting experience that much more fun and profitable.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives in The Wealth Academy at www.PhillipsHQ.com or you may phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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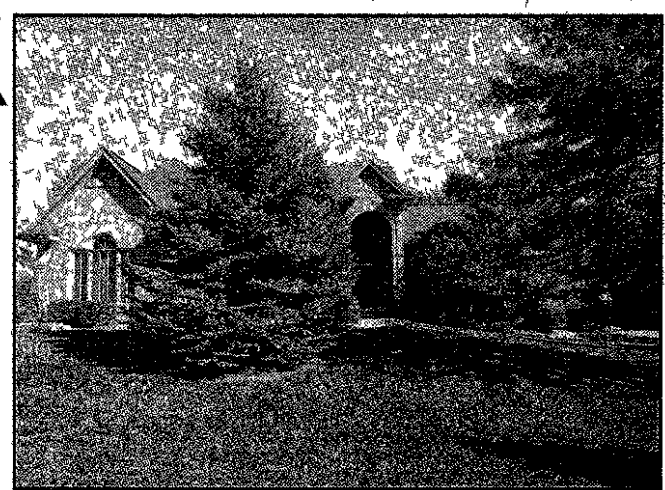
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Parade of homes

The exhibition of 115 new model homes throughout southeastern Michigan continues through April 18. Models can be viewed during open house tours or online at www.builders.org. An exhibition of photos and floor plans of the homes will be on display at the Spring Home and Garden Show, April 2-4 at the Novi Expo Center. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 2; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 3; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 4. Tickets: \$9 adults, \$7 senior citizens, children under 12 admitted free.

Homebuyer workshop

Free home buyer class offered 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 Inc. and her financial team at First Michigan Title, Six Mile Road at 1275 in Livonia. No charge, but reservations are required. Call (734) 420-9600 or e-mail info@firestone-team.com. Learn how to avoid the biggest mistakes you can make when buying a home, how to choose a buyer's agent, about new government loan programs, financing, and other related topics.

Architecture

James Stewart Polshek 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Lawrence Technological

University 21000 W 10 Mile Road, Room A 200 Architecture Auditorium, Southfield. No charge. Call (248) 204-2880 for information.

Career night

Hosted by Century 21 Hartford, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 32726 Grand River, downtown Farmington. You'll receive all the necessary information to begin a career in real estate. To register, call (248) 478-6000.

Seminar

Learn how to purchase a house at this free seminar, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, one block south of Maple, one block east of Southfield Road. Sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. No charge. Call (248) 649-1062, ext. 246 for information.

Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course, "Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Sponsored by Oakland Community College. The cost is \$95 per attendee. For more information, call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates PC at (248) 644-4433.

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GARDEN CITY COOL OFF THIS SUMMER in the 30' diameter above ground pool while enjoying the large fenced 80x130 ft. lot. The home offers 3 bedrooms w/many updates, no windows, roof shingles, furnace, hot water heater, glass block entry doors, etc. box etc. A large 21x24 garage & lots of parking tops it off! \$149,900 (L40Jam)

FARMINGTON NOTHING TO DO BUT move into this Farmington charmer! You'll love the new ceramic bath & exquisite kitchen w/abundance of counters, cabinets plus a 3x7 walk in pantry. Updated windows, roof, A/C, furnace, sliding carpet, plumbing etc. All this and award winning landscaping too! \$149,900 (L09Vic)

DEARBORN HTS LOVE & CARE are the trademarks of this exceptionally maintained 3 BR ranch in fabulous Golfview Manor Sub. Hardwood floors thruout, gorgeous kitchen w/oak cabinets & new appliances, 1 full & 2 half baths, new architectural shingles, new gutters & partially finished basement. \$179,900 (L51Hi)

DEARBORN HTS Absolutely spotless brick bungalow w/great curb appeal, good neighborhood & great price! Lots of character w/wet plaster, cove ceilings, hardwood under most carpet & loads of storage. Finished basement, alum trim, 2 car garage, newer windows, plumbing, ext. doors & more + Home Warranty. \$129,900 (D66Gra)

REDFORD READY & WAITING! This 1,550 sq. ft. bungalow is on a quiet tree lined street w/a 200' ft. deep fenced lot. Its many features include master bedroom w/half bath & sitting rm (study), large living room, dining room, beautiful Florida kitchen w/table space, a full partially finished basement. GREAT HOME for the money! \$147,900 (L85Nor)

ROYAL OAK SIMPLY CHARMING & full of character, this 3 bedroom bungalow has a gas fireplace w/mantle in the LR, hardwood floors, wet plaster, 16x10 heated sun room overlooking 8 ft. inground pool & double lot. Enjoy the finished basement w/half bath & office or 4th bedroom w/walk in closets. Lots of updates! \$210,900 (L10Ale)

REDFORD EXCEPTIONAL VALUE! Spacious well maintained 3 bedroom brick ranch located in S Redford's most desirable area! Neutral décor & well appointed. Newer windows, furnace, C/A & newer doors & finished basement w/wet bar, 4th bedroom/office, large FR workshop, etc. \$159,900 (L40Sem)

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<p>BRICK CAPE COD Within walking distance to downtown Home has been professionally painted t/o. Both baths have been updated to perfection. 4 BRs w/hwd floors. Good size LR, formal DR, FR, updated kit w/granite c tops & Pergo floor. Beautiful fenced yard & 2 car garage. \$374,900 (402AN)</p>	<p>MORE FOR THE MONEY In this 2 bedroom 2.5 bath condo. Full finished basement, 1 car attached garage, oak kitchen w/Corian countertops, fireplace in FR, deck, immaculate condition. End unit ranch. A must see! \$177,900 (527MA)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL WALKOUT SITE Located in the popular Winds Sub. Updates: fresh paint t/o, refinished deck & fencing, new furnace in 03, refinished cabinets in kit, bath kit flooring. Really nice 2 bedroom 1.5 bath condo w/partially finished bsmt w/bonus room. Great location! \$133,900 (154SO)</p>	<p>CORDIAL HOME IN THE BEST OF TASTE 4 BR Colonial in a tree lined setting within easy access to shops & recreation. Formal living and dining rooms, den w/handsome hwd floors & recessed lighting. Spacious FR features cathedral ceilings & natural flc. Freshly painted & ready for immediate occu! \$319,900 (903JU)</p>	<p>DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS! N of 5 Mile W of Levan. Livonia 3 bedroom ranch w/an inground pool on a quiet low traffic street. New roof in 01, new furnace and A/C in 99, updated main bath w/whirlpool tub, FR w/fplc, 2 car garage, part finished basement. \$214,000 (626CO)</p>	<p>DOWNTOWN LIVING A much sought after 3 story condo has just gone on the market. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and a 2 car garage! Just a short walk to concerts, ice show, art fairs, parades and farmer's market. Specialty shopping galore! \$194,900 (392AN)</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON ACRES Private country living on 5+ acres. This South Lyon ranch offers 3 BR, 2 baths, a large great room and a cozy fireplace in an additional LR. 30x40 pole barn with 220 electric. Private setting yet close to the city. \$289,500 (332SU)</p>
<p>4 BEDROOM BRICK So many updates! New vinyl siding & windows, hardwood floors & 2 car garage & 1st floor laundry. Immediate occupancy! \$129,900 (501DE)</p>	<p>GREAT LOCATION Good things come in big packages too! Over 2,600 sq ft colonial in a great location in a great neighborhood. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1st floor den w/closet. Major updates inside and out. \$329,900 (376PA)</p>	<p>PICTURE PERFECT! Don't miss this immaculate & completely updated colonial in Deer Creek Sub. Foyer w/hwd & circular staircase, FR w/cathedral ceiling & fpic. Formal DR. Outstanding lower level w/oak wet bar, custom cabinetry, office and bath. \$624,900 (217DE)</p>	<p>SALEM ESTATE HOME With over 3,000 sq ft situated on 5 lovely acres of land with a pond, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal living and dining, finished walkout with great room & game room, Dream kitchen and an ultra lux master with hot tub. An absolute must see! \$599,800 (171FI)</p>	<p>GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY 2 BR, 2.5 BA and unit in outstanding condition. Both bedrooms have private baths. Great room w/fireplace, dual door entry, study, large kitchen w/most appliances & pantry. Dining room with new Andersen doorwall to the deck. Professionally finished daylight basement. \$278,900 (329BR)</p>	<p>LIVONIA RANCH Gleaming hardwood floors, updated baths and kitchen. Finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage, fenced yard, 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Very clean. Central air! \$176,000 (239CA)</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE CONDO Great opportunity to own. Two bedroom 1.5 bath condo features a natural fireplace in the living room, offers a deck and a partly finished lower level. All appliances stay. Excellent location close to the clubhouse, pool & the beach. Large bedrooms. \$149,900 (290NO)</p>
<p>WHY RENT! Updates include brand new roof, 04 Hardwood floors, freshly painted t/o, newer windows, updated kitchen & bath, 2 car garage & 1st floor laundry. Immediate occupancy! \$129,900 (501DE)</p>	<p>WOODED WALKOUT SITE Plymouth's Westbnr Village. Classic colonial boasts formal LR & DR, den eat in kitchen, FR w/fplc, 1st floor laundry, finished w/o lower level w/work room, Private master suite w/bath & WIC, 3 tiered deck & a patio. \$339,000 (356RO)</p>	<p>THIS IS PLYMOUTH A 1913 built charmer with a FR & mstr BR addition in 1991. The kit, HVAC, electrical & plumbing are all updated as well. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, screened front porch, paver walkways, garden shed, quaint outbuilding & just steps from downtown Plymouth. \$411,000 (670FO)</p>	<p>DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Cape Cod with 2,796 sq ft of living space! 4 BRs and 2.5 baths with w/o bsmt for add'l room. Beautiful GR w/cathedral ceilings, huge kitchen, 1st floor master side entry, garage, professional landscaping and so much more! \$359,900 (887PA)</p>	<p>CURB APPEAL PLUS A fantastic location in South Lyon within walking distance to the downtown area. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, first class brick ranch. Formal living & dining, finished basement with wet bar and fireplace. Situated on a country sized lot. \$234,500 (580CH)</p>	<p>HERE IT IS! 4 BRs and 2.5 baths. Beautifully done w/a freshly painted interior and new carpet. Rich hardwood & gleaming ceramic floors, vaulted ceilings, skylights, cedar deck and more. Home is on a premium wooded lot w/nice landscaping & sprinkler system. \$299,900 (670CO)</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE'S POPULAR HIGHLAND LAKES! Spacious condo backs to a commons & close to elementary. 2 huge bedrooms with Jack & Jill bath. Formal living room & family room w/fireplace, finished basement, updated windows & baths, freshly painted kitchen w/appliances & Pergo floor. \$160,900 (955SC)</p>

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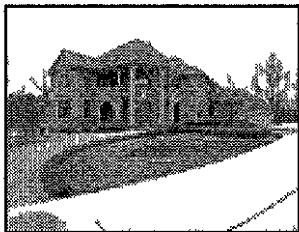
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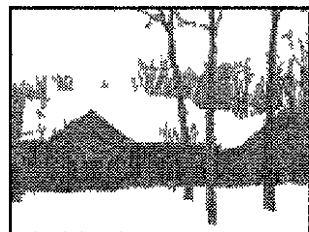
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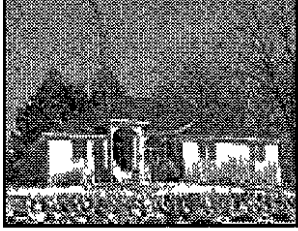
PLYMOUTH \$497,500
New construction on small lake w/ stonecast FP cherry cabinets granite countertops Custom mids & trim Brazilian hardwood floors Ceramic BA & laundry 4BR 2 1/2 BA daylight bsmt (OEP78IR) 888-870-9127



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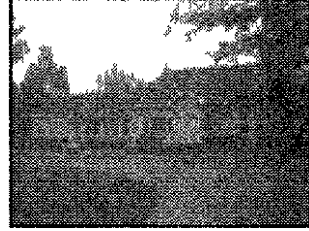
MILFORD \$389,000
Walk Out Ranch Gorgeous 1996 custom home on 12 acres offers 2847 ft & 1100 sq ft Fin bsmt 4BR 3BA Great Rm w/FP Master suite Huge 2 car gar Neutral decor Florida Room (OEP33ANN) 888-870-9127



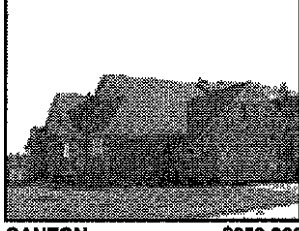
CANTON \$379,900
2 story Foyer Hardwood Floors Kitchen W/center Island Walk In Pantry & Glass Cabinet Drs 3 Season Rm Master Bdrm W/ 2way Fireplace (OEN54WOO) 888-870-9123



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Classic 4 bedroom 2 bath Colonial on 2+ acres in Salem Neutral decor Home warranty Basement Surrounded by open spaces and terrific views Great family home! (OESLY965M) 888-870-9131



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17 Acres In Canton 4 Br 2 1/2 Ba Stunning 1st Floor Mstr Ste Updates Inc Windows Elec Roof Kit W/oak Cabinets All Baths Bright Sun Room Brick Paver Patio Frshly Painted T/O Newer Carpeting (OEL10GYD) 888-870-9105



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PLYMOUTH \$239,900
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SOUTH LYON \$237,000
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LIVONIA \$204,900
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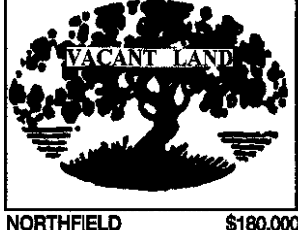
PLYMOUTH \$200,000
Ceramic Tile Foyer Kitchen W/ downwall To Patio Spacious Living Rm Finished Lower Level W/built in Storage 2 1/2 Car Attached Garage Central Air Fabulous Cul de sac Location For Privacy! (OEN49SP) 888-870-9123 7057242



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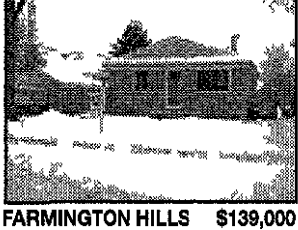
SOUTH LYON \$154,900
Quant 2 bedroom sun filled bungalow Great starter home! Spacious kitchen Florida room neutral decor Central air Fenced yard 1 car garage Walking distance to downtown Home warranty (OESLY39LIB) 888-870-9131



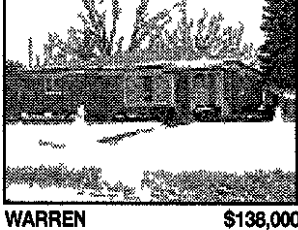
BEVERLY HILLS \$149,900
New Maple Cabinets Counters & Hdwd Floor In Updated Kitchen 1 1/2 Car Garage All Appliances Birmingham Schools Note 4% Comm Tremendous Value Immediate Occupancy (OEN26KIF) 888-870-9123



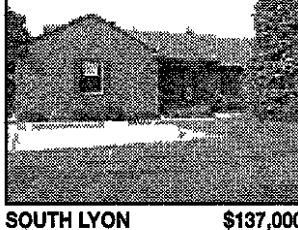
WESTLAND \$144,900
3 Bedroom Brick Ranch W/New Vinyl Siding Perfectly Located On A Low Traffic Cul de sac! FR Central Air Oak Cabinets In Kitchen First Floor Laundry Room & 2 Car Detached Garage Large Backyard & All Appliances (OEL48HUN) 888-870-9105



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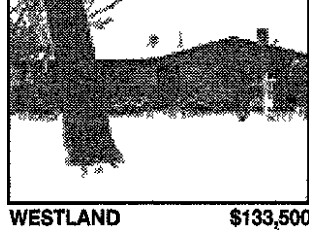
WARREN \$138,000
Updated Brck Ranch Offers private Secluded Patio Updates Include Roof Refinished Hdwd Floors In Lr & Dr Newer Kitchen Cabinets & Flooring Some Newer Windows Front Door Finished Bsmt W/2nd Bath 2 Car Garage (OEN85CUN) 888-870-9123



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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$133,900
2 Bedroom can Be Easily Back To 3 Bdrm Updates Include Roof Glass Block Windows In Bsmt Furnace W/a/c Prep Vinyl Siding On Garage (oversized 2 1/2) Fresh Interior Paint One Year Home Warranty Hurry! (OEN00211) 888-870-9123



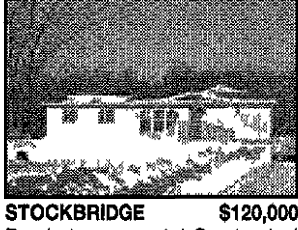
WESTLAND \$133,500
Nice 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch Open Floor Plan Updated Kitchen W/island Updated Bath Neut Decor Newer Wind Roof Doorwall To Lg Pato Full Wall Driftstone Nat Frpl In LR All Appl Lg Fenced yard (OEL41FER) 888-870-9105



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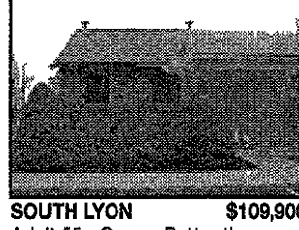
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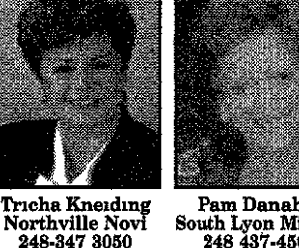
LIVONIA \$113,900
Newer Brick Construction With Large Living Room Open To Kitchen And Dining Room Spacious Master Bedroom Has Large Walk in Closet Home Has Private Entrance Carport And Immediate Occupancy (OEN08CLA) 888-870-9123



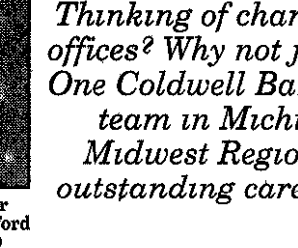
SOUTH LYON \$109,900
Adult 55+ Co op Better than new Lovely end unit Beautifully maintained Open and light kitchen All appliances stay LL offers familyroom w/fireplace bed rm/office and full bath Clubhouse and pool (OESLY05CON) 888-870-9131



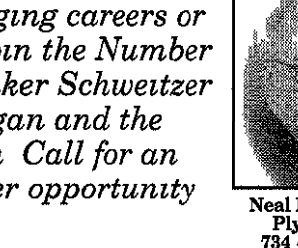
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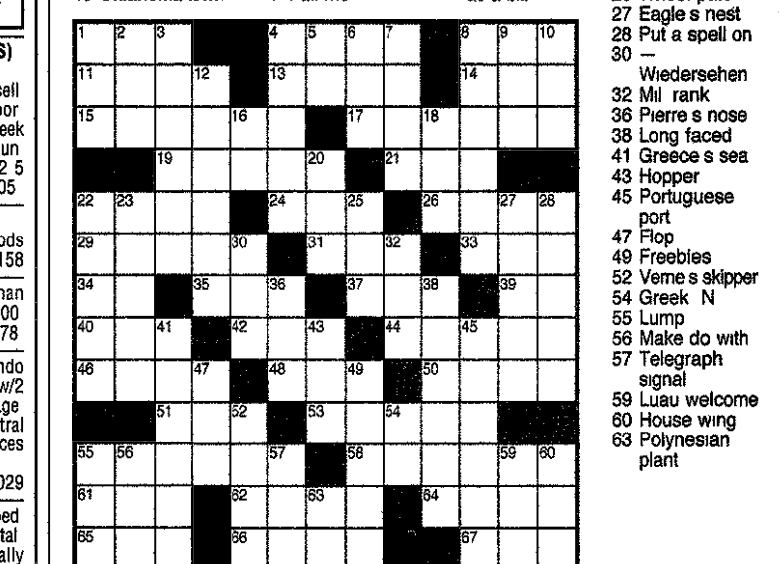
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DEARBORN Historic Springwell 5 Park!
Absolute darling 2 bedroom home in highly sought out area. Surrounded by much higher priced homes. Must condition. Don't miss this rare opportunity!

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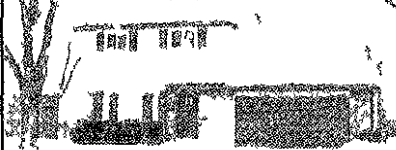
ROMULUS Gorgeous 3 Bedroom
First time buyers this house is completely furnished see it for yourself! Beautiful kitchen with ceramic tile floor. 2 story great room kitchen cabinets ceramic floor custom lighting. Professionally decorated. Transfer forces sale of this beauty. A must see.

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NOVI Wonderful Ranch Home
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WESTLAND Great Corner Lot
Cute 3 bed room 1.5 bath colonial w/ 2 car attached garage part of 1st shed basement new kitchen cabinets newer carpet throughout & new windows & under w/ anty.

(E91FIL) 734 455 5600 \$139,900



WAYNE It Has All Been Done
4 bedroom bungalow w/ remodeled kitchen & cozy 1st shed basement. Updates include w/d vs furnace C/A electric roof & bath. Nice yard w/ shed & patio.

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DEARBORN HGTS Relax & Enjoy
Perfect starter home w/ all major updating done w/ windows kitchen roof furnace A/C electric & plumbing. Florida room covered deck & 2 car garage.

(E14GER) 734 455 5600 \$118,000



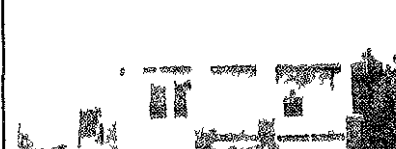
SOUTH LYON Golf Course Community
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(E02GRE) 248-349 5600 \$449,900



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WESTLAND Very Nice Bungalow
With open floor plan huge updated oak kitchen hardwood floors new roof windows & nice large deck fenced yard.

(E01FLO) 734 455 5600 \$137,000



DETROIT Extra Clean Colonial
3 bed rooms 2.5 baths new kitchen & bath family room DR. Entry Marble tile mantel hardwood floors 1st bsmnt 2.5 car gar newer furnace roof & windows Sunroom & deck on double lot w/ 1st pond 1 yr HPP.

(E76LAK) 734 455 5600 \$110,000



NOVI Nestled In Novi
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WESTLAND Welcome Home
Awesome 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial family home BR w/ wrlpc off w/ i appointed kit Door to multi tiered deck Finished walk out LL Terrific master ste 3 nice sized BR s Plenty of storage 3 car garage and more. Move right in.

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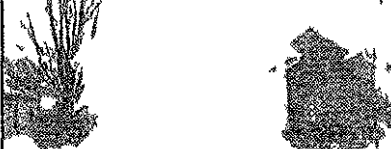
NOVI Rare 4 Bedroom Ranch
Rosa ranch best of everything quality ceramic crown molding 4 bedrooms family room w/ fireplace formal living room & dining room Newer kitchen counters partially finished basement and much much more.

(E82ROX) 248-349-5600 \$364,900



LIVONIA This Is It!
Ranch condo in the woods of Livonia 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths. Freshly painted & ready to move. Master w/ in WC Court sitting. Close to shopping & x ways.

(E08CLA) 734 455 5600 \$118,500




LIVONIA Great Investment
2 bed room 2 bath 2 car attached garage full basement 1st floor laundry fireplace in living room C/A. Must see inside this 1998 const. Act on.

(E88HAL) 734 455 5600 \$165,000



ALLEN PARK You Can Have It All!
Spacious & updated 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ 2 car garage 1st shed basement large BR w/ wrlpc sharp kitchen w/ all the appliances master bedroom w/ wood wall to deck & much more.

(E53GAH) 734-455 5600 \$159,000



PLYMOUTH Mint Condo
Prime 3 BR 2.5 BA colonial family home BR w/ wrlpc off w/ i appointed kit Door to multi tiered deck Finished walk out LL Terrific master ste 3 nice sized BR s Plenty of storage 3 car garage and more. Move right in.

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CANTON Great Yard With Large Deck
4 BR 2.5 BA home w/ all the newer amenities. Some of them are roof w/ transferable warranty windows also Trans warranty gutters 2003 garage door fireplace in FR Remodeled kitchen 99 All appliances stay.

(E46SOM) 248-349-5600 \$211,900



GROSSE PTE WOODS Curb Appeal + Location
All active oak bungalow LR w/ oove ceiling vinyl estate opens to terrine DR K1 updated w/ oak cabinets in oven m/c stove top & breakfast ea. 1st shed basement w/ wrlc ba & 5 bath + ga age.

(E45HOL) 734 455 5600 \$193,500



WESTLAND Stop The Car
3 bedroom 2 bath cape cod w/ updated Pergo floor s newer ca pet & w/ ood m/d n g. Beautiful landscap ng w/ dyed cement.

(E26GLE) 734 455 5600 \$169,900



CANTON Important Work Done
Spacious home has much to enjoy such as the newer roof w/ windows full nose carpet & cement. Fireplace in fm y oom doorwa to backya d freshly painted & carpeted th s Ma ch Fenced yard & warranty.

(E24HAN) 734 455 5600 \$225,000




NORTHVILLE Smile, You Found It
Sharp 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial family home BR w/ wrlpc off w/ i appointed kit Door to multi tiered deck Finished walk out LL Terrific master ste 3 nice sized BR s Plenty of storage 3 car garage and more. Move right in.

(E57HOL) 248-349-5600 \$446,950




NORTHVILLE Large Colonial
Plenty of room many updates including newer carpet throughout paint appliances 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths w/ 6th bedroom in lower level Large shaded yard backs to commons.

(E03SPR) 248-349 5600 \$339,900



LIVONIA Condo Living At Its Best
Gorgeous brick townhouse in great location features include recessed ghts vaulted ca ngs fireplace & attached ga age. Bu t n 2001. A must see.

(E66FAR) 734 455 5600 \$182,900



SOUTHFIELD Character & Charm
Descibes this lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath brick cape cod w/ granite finished basement newer 2 car garage updated Pergo floor baths roof shingles C/A w/ ndows.

(E20COD) 734 455 5600 \$189,500



WESTLAND Like New
3 BR 1.5 BA ranch w/ many updates. Family room w/ fireplace & cathedral ceiling Newer kitchen baths Walls w/ windows track lighting Huge deck plus paver pat o 2 car garage and much more s.

(E25AVO) 248 349 5600 \$179,900



NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq ft built by Mccorri upgraded marble granite cust cherry cabinets 2 story enclosed porch spiral staircase MBR w/ 3 way brick sitting rm & glamour bath Fin LL w/ kit bath & BR.

(E02MAN) 248 349-5600 \$1,199,000




WESTLAND Awesome Condo
Absolutely lovely & spacious ground level condo. Newly painted & carpeted w/ neutral decor Large LR w/ fireplace doorwa to patio overlooking beautiful pond w/ fountain A/C Livonia schools & immediate occup.

(E65WOO) 248-349 5600 \$69,900



NEW BOSTON Bright & Cheerful
Updated 4 bedroom bungalow w/ entry doors vinyl nace A/C ca pet & fresh paint. Oak kitchen w/ hardwood floors 1st floor laundry deck & ca ga age w/ newe doo.

(F45SIB) 734 455 5600 \$162,900



LIVONIA Location Location Location
Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath brick cape cod attached ga age family oom d n g oom fu nace 95 W a s de windows C/A a appliances n used immediate occupancy. Backs to school.

(E43MEL) 734 455 5600 \$225,900




WEST BLOOMFIELD Welcome Home
Sharp 3 BR brick W/D Updated bath w/ ceramic & whirlpool tub Andersen windows and doorwa. Freshly painted newer ca pet furnace A/C Newer well & city sewer s Newer Pe go to oo ng.

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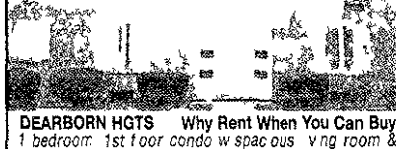
NOVI You Want It, We've Got It
All the most wanted features open floor plan 1st floor master fireplace finished lower level 4 bedrooms 4 baths 1st floor laundry large deck and wooded lot & sidewalks Northville schools Fresh paint.

(E88MYS) 248-349-5600 \$464,900




WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
This home has all the bells and whistles. Granite in kitchen ceramic tiled & hardwood floors W/D wooded lot. Fireplace in FR 4 BR 2.5 BA 3 car garage grand MBR w/ huge WIC & dressing area Bonus Room FFL.

(E80YAR) 248-349-5600 \$549,900




DEARBORN HGTS Why Rent When You Can Buy
1 bedroom 1st floor condo in spacious living room & dining room common basement w/ storage & laundry. Close to everything.

(E35COU) 734 455 5600 \$72,000



GARDEN CITY A Place To Call Home
3 BR bungalow offers LR w/ covered patio plastic w/ s & bay window eat n kit + DR hwdw i s under crpt. New vinyl windows roof + C/A fenced yard & deck. Fin tsmnt w/ woodbu n ng stove & 2 car gar.

(E46JOH) 734 455 5600 \$143,500



MILFORD Country Living
Great mix of new and old. Updated farmhouse w/ kpt HW floors & o g ne woodwork. Large shed/work shop for hobbyist. Acres of trees f owa s and room to play. Home wa nty provded.

(E25CHA) 248 349 5600 \$204,750



NORTHVILLE Beautiful
Updated 5 BR 3.2 BA colonial on approx 5 wooded acres. Updates include kit flooring roof furnace A/C & more. Great floor plan FR w/ rplc formal DR Large media rm All season rm w/ rplc & wet bar 5+ car gar.

(E00NAP) 248-349-5600 \$759,900



NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Clean open wall maintained townhome. Huge master w/ walk in 3 BR 2.5 BA Large 1st bsmnt 2 car att gar gas trplc FFL Gorgeous stone patio pool & clubhouse. Heat & water included in associat on dues. Pets are ok.

(E02SAR) 248-349-5600 \$210,000



DEARBORN HGTS 4 Bedroom Brick Cape Cod
With 1st shed bsmnt & oods of cha acte. 2.5 baths 18x20 covered back porch newe C/A & oof 2 ca garage w/ opene & plenty of storage. Clean & we cared fo. Newer flooring n kitchen Bath on a floors.

(E72SIL) 734 455 5600 \$185,000



CANTON Don't Miss This One!
New paint n h s ovel 3 bedroom 1.5 bath cape on a condo. Kitchen has light cabinets pantry & breakfast ba. Spacious rooms dining room ove looking common area large basement & carport.

(E74FRA) 734 455 5600 \$145,900



SOUTH LYON Golf Community
4 BR 2+2 BA cape cod w/ oof i view in front & nature preserve n back. 1st floor master. Large gourmet kitchen 2 story great room w/ gas fireplace. Finished walkout bsmnt w/ loads of storage. South Lyon Schis.

(E00COU) 248 349 5600 \$579,900



REDFORD Picture Perfect
Better than renting 3 bedroom ranch with newer white kitchen furnace A/C roof concrete landscaping and windows updated. Soft neutral colors throughout. Move in condition.

(E28NOR) 248 349-5600 \$117,900



CANTON Spacious Condo
Very neat & clean 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 story unit. Neutral decor w/ DR has doorwa leading to your large deck. Partially finished basement w/ rec room & add'l rm for office or extra storage. Lg kit w/ brkfst nook.

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PLYMOUTH Character & Charm
Plus cu b spaces n th s 3 BR 2 BA bungalow w/ updated kitchen w/ maple cabinets & app's part n bsmnt master ste w/ updated bath & h s & har WIC newer oof s ding & tr m. Plus t eed ya d v n erad steps & paver pat o.

(E76BUR) 734 455 5600 \$284,000



YPSILANTI A Real Find!
Sold by ck 3 bed oom anch w/ mecharca d eam 2 car ga age. Updated kitchen newer furnace windows & roof. Updated bath w/ etted tub. A so appliances.

(E41HEA) 734 455 5600 \$139,900



SOUTH LYON Trotter's Pointe Village
Super sharp 1999 but it colonial 2 car attached garage FFL 1999 built colona. Basement fireplace in FR hardwood floor spr nke s deck MBR w/ BA letted tub & separate showe. Appliances & home warranty includ.

(E51COL) 248 349 5600 \$259,900



REDFORD Ranch On Corner Lot
Great looking 3 bedroom home. Breezeway provides a bonus room for an office or den. Privacy fenced yard. Lets you enjoy the above ground pool all summer.

(E05NOR) 248-349-5600 \$139,000



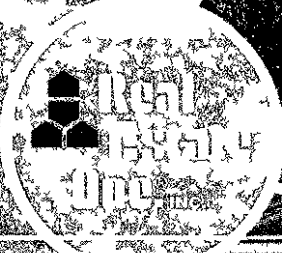
WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Contemporary
4 BR 3.5 BA home on wooded lot w/ fully finished W/D LL Island kitchen newer neutral carpet ceramic floors wet bar volume ceilings & skylights. Master bedroom w/ huge WIC 2 furnaces 2 A/C units. Fantastic!

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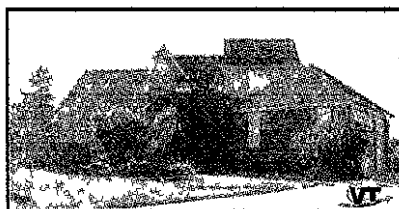
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CANTON \$419,900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Rare find! Enjoy court location which backs to a pond w/ fin Mstr 1st flr 3 car gar w/heat W/O brnt den off foyer hrwd frs in kit foyer nook & hilwy (B47539)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH LAKES \$414,900
ANDOVER LAKES SPECTACULAR! Stunning 4 bedroom colonial tastefully decorated & ready to move in Finished walk out basement with 5th bedroom This home is priced to sell! (23W13241)

734-455-7000



HAMBURG \$409,900
WHAT A BEAUTY! Super maintained brick col on superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop 4 BRs 2 1/2 baths deep bsmt 3 car gar patio Terrific mstr ste what are you waiting for? (23O7807)

734-455-7000



PLYMOUTH ACREAGE \$389,290
3 PLUS! Plymouth mailing P y mouth schools Washitenaw taxes Brick ranch 3 bdrms + in law ste 3 full baths Bsmt pole barn Fantastic view w/corral Many updates (23J9290)

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NOVI \$348,500
GREAT HOME CLOSE TO SCHOOLS Charming home w/updated kit & brkfst area formal lr & dr fr w/frpl & built in bookcases fin d bsmt w/lots of storage & full bath And 4 seasons sunroom (60MAN2)

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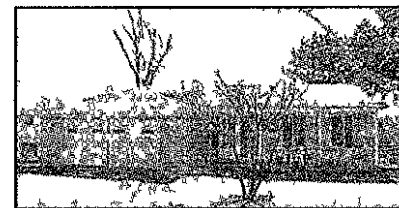
NOVI \$325,000
GREAT OPEN FLOOR PLAN! 4 bed 2 1/2 bath colonial freshly painted neutral in most rooms Fam Rm has fireplace & wet bar Partial finished LL w/2nd Fam Rm & workshop Many updates (60HUN2)

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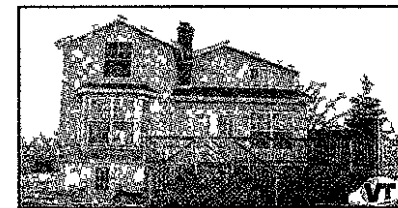
NOVI \$312,900
EYE CATCHING RANCH SITUATED ON GREAT LOT Comfortable home backing to woods spacious gr w/cathedral ceiling & frpl 3brs 2 full baths pleasant kit & brkfst area nicely fin d bsmt & deck (72PHI2)

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LIVONIA \$279,900
1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace roof and windows Pride of ownership shows Hardwood floors kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk in pantry (01PIC2)

248-348-6430



CANTON \$264,999
RENOVATED FARM HOUSE Country living w/ all the Finest upgrades Beautiful cape cod style with 4 bdrms 2 bath stone fireplace in great rm finished walkout Basement and awesome lot (R814)

734-326-2000



NORTHVILLE \$264,900
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner 4 bedrooms Quality updates have been maintained Two baths cozy fireplace home office and a lovely private yard (32LAN2)

248-348-6200



PINCKNEY \$250,000
BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS PINCKNEY COLONIAL Newer corian kit w/ stainless appliances 3 BRs 2 1/2 BAs lg GR w/frp formal DR w/bay window mstr bath w/jacuzzi fin bsmt 3 car gar great deck backs to commonst! (87VIN2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$250,000
IMMACULATE UPDATED HOME-GREAT LOCATION This charming home is ready to move into Many updates include windows kitchen baths flooring lighting fixtures window treatments and landscaping 4BRs 2 BAs (11SYC2)

248-348-6430



CANTON \$249,900
WHY BUY NEW? Check out 3yr old unit w/many expensive extras Premium lot prof fin walk out lower level 1st flr master 2 additional BRs & den upper 2 FPs (P1886)

734-591-9200



FARMINGTON \$227,900
NOT A DRIVE BY! MUST SEE! Farmington 4 BR 2 1/2 bath Ranch! FR w/frpl full bsmt some hwd frs over 1 500 SF 20 foot covered patio 2 car attached garage & gorgeous private back yard! (02MAP2)

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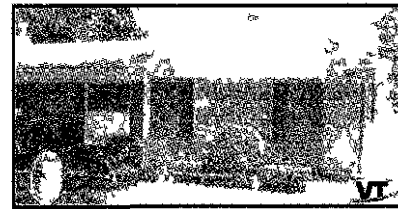
PLYMOUTH \$220,900
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2 story ceiling makes this LR inviting FR w/adj powder rm Can be bit as 3rd bdrm Avail upgrades Ext Indesp sprnkrl sys lawn main & snow remov Prime locat (23A1205)

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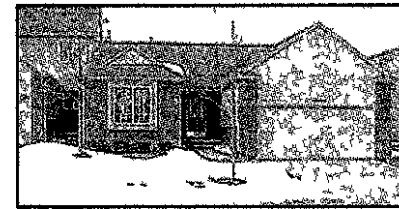
LIVONIA \$212,900
UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION! 5 & Newburgh ranch offers open fr plan w/2 car attached garage fin bsmt Custom updated kitchen baths rf furn & more (J38751)

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 loca tion all over it Full basement 2 car det gar FR w/a FP & tons of updates (H11520)

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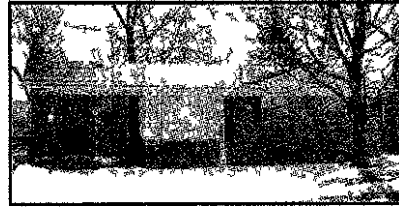
HARTLAND \$195,900
FABULOUS HARTLAND CONDO Desirable end unit ranch condo Great rm w/vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace Spacious kit w/island Park like setting from deck w/ retractable awning Very clean! (04NOR2)

248-348-6430



PLYMOUTH \$194,900
THE ARBOR has an open fr plan Fin lower level rec rm next to laundry & powder rm Townhome comm will feature Indesp sprnkrl sys lawn main/snow remov Low asso fees (23A1205)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$194,900
LIVONIA UPDATED RANCH! Spacious 3 BR 2 full bath ranch on a great interior fenced lot Newer furnace A/C roof kit & bath Great finished bsmt w/frplc wet bar & huge storage (23H29655)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$179,900
CONVENIENCE STYLE & FUNCTIONALITY! Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl incl New berber carpet paint & lg Indry rm w/lots of storage Neutral decor 1 car gar fin bsmt Hurry! (G21228)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$174,990
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch cathe dral ceilings thru out 3 BRs 1 1/2 baths on main flr newer wndws elec & plumb c/a bsmt has wet bar 2+ car garage Hurry wont last!! (O19184)

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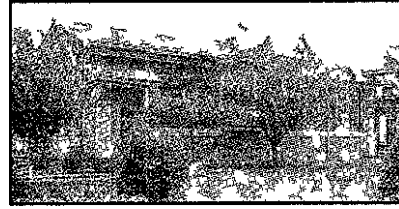
WESTLAND \$169,900
BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO Comfortable living on all 3 floors Bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors fireplace hardwood floors near shopping & restaurants Must see to appreciate! (C677)

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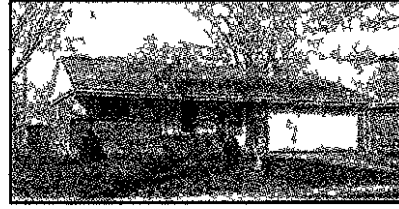
WESTLAND \$159,500
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH Updated brick ranch Updated Kitchen custom cabinets & counters Awesome Bath with his/her sinks w/ new ceramic tile Hardwood floors finished Finished basement (F744)

734-326-2000



NOVI \$156,000
RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2 BR carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage new windows carpet neutral decor Very open floor plan Move right in! (45PEL2)

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WESTLAND \$154,900
BUY TODAY MOVE TOMORROW Into this 3 bedroom Tomcoish Sub brick ranch full basement family room with fireplace 2 car attached garage and central air (T340)

734-326-2000



GARDEN CITY \$149,999
COMFY CAPE COD Is this 3 bedroom brick home in Garden City? 2 full baths 3 car garage Lots of nice features newer windows doorwall to deck double lot (M319)

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DEARBORN \$141,900
WHAT A BEAUTY! Imagine a home you can move into without doing a thing! Updates include lg kit newer furn & hwh new half bath in bsmt newer wndws & a FP in living rm (W15491)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$139,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes Within a block of Lawson Field offers tennis basketball & play area Nice floor plan with finished basement (L19158)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$139,900
YOU'VE BEEN WAITING AND HERE IT IS! This updated & inviting home sides to park and elementary school Situated in one of Redford's finest areas New furn air rf gutters plumb wndws & more! (D15651)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$129,900
ALL BRICK RANCH WITH FINISHED BASEMENT! Big kitchen hardwood floors that need refinishing 3 windows left to replace C/A 4 yrs old bathroom has double sinks patio in back is brick & more! (H150)

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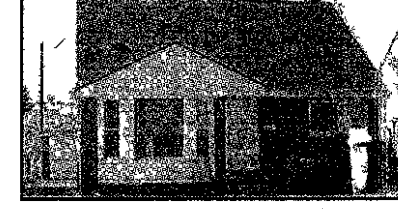
REDFORD \$129,900
WELL MAINTAINED BROAD FRONT BUNGALOW 3 BRs fin bsmt w/bar new kitchen countertop new glass blk wndws newer carpet thru out bay window fenced yd 1 1/2 car attd garage Lg pie shaped lot & more! (L19507)

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REDFORD \$124,900
LOOK NO FURTHER! Great home with lots of space! Lg lot bsmt & attd 2 car garage updated lg kit newer furn & hwh new half bath in bsmt newer wndws & a FP in living rm (W15491)

734-591-9200



INKSTER \$119,900
UPDATES GALORE! This 3 bedroom brick home with finished bsmt & 1 1/2 car garage features newer roof windows furn C/A plumbing circuit breakers & more Clean & Bright! (A620)

734-326-2000



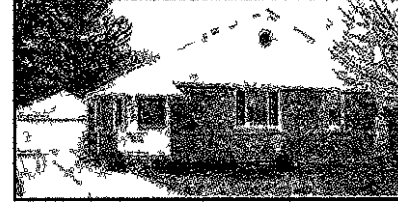
REDFORD \$114,900
SWEET SWEET SWEET 3 BR bungalow loaded w/updates A pleasure to see Very clean and well maintained Maintenance free exterior Lovely landscaping Call to see (K20470)

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REDFORD \$114,900
LOCATION QUALITY, VALUE & CHARM! 3 BR bungalow has it all Updates include rf furn a/c bath rm elec vinyl siding All kitchen appliances stay along w/washer & dryer One yr home warranty (G17430)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$109,000
WHY RENT! OWN A MOVE IN CONDITION RANCH 2 bedrooms 1 bath 2 1/2 car garage & shed Hwd frs curved archways lots of storage & many updates All this and a golf course view This one is ready to go (75GAR2)

248-348-6430



INKSTER \$99,900
EVERYTHING IS DONE! Newer windows roof garage furnace & C/A 3 bedrooms 2 full baths partially finished basement Really nice house w/garage & carport (N123)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$79,900
A GREAT START IS YOURS In this alum num Westland ranch With country kitchen and covered carport Newer roof shingles & covered patio Complete the package (B334)

734-326-2000

HOWELL \$419,900
ELEGANT CONTEMPERARY! 1st flr master gourmet kitchen hardwood throughout 1st level 3 1/2 baths 3 car garage Private beach across the street All sports lake access! A real beauty! 23L3354

734-455-7000

SOUTH LYON \$298,000
NEW CONSTRUCTION 1/2-3/4 ACRE W/O SITES Only a few sites remain in this 24 unit project All sites are 1/2-3/4 acre walk outs Quality built construction with our plans or yours 05PON2

248-348-6430

GARDEN CITY \$204,900
BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION! Wow! Builder built this one in Livonia last and it sold before we could finish it! Mstr 1st flr vaulted GR ceilings 2 car attd gar 70x145 lot H1731

734-591-9200

CANTON \$189,900
THIS HOME IS A 10! Spottless 3 BR 2 BA ranch w/beautiful new oak kit 6 panel oak doors updated bath new windows roof and more! Family rm has nat fp full bath in basement 20ALL2

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LIVONIA \$105,000
Perfect as a starter! 2 bedroom ranch Big lot with carport All appliances newer kitchen & bath freshly painted newer roof One year home warranty Needs a little TLC C11788

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Must have experience Mira Linder Spa 248 877 1441

Help Wanted-General 5000

SPRAY APPLICATORS

needed \$13 & up based on exp Tree trimmers & ground staff \$9 to \$16 + based on exp Must have a valid drivers license with a good driving record Exp benefit package available Mountain Top Tree Service Northville 248 349 1870

SPRING COILER

Experience with 2 pin coil Excellent comp package American MSC 248 589 7770 ext 109

STOCK & FLOOR DISPLAY PERSON

Michigan Design Center Furniture Showroom in Troy needs a part time stock and floor display person Must be able to lift 70 lbs Duties include receiving freight opening and tagging merchandise light housekeeping and filing moving display items and wrapping sold items for customers Must work with minimal supervision Approx 20 hours a week (daytime no weekends) but may expand to full time Fax resume to 248 822 8300 or email to info@rthomastid.com

STOCK PERSON (FULL TIME)

Lighting showroom Benefits good working conditions Experience preferred Apply in person BROSE ELECTRICAL 7 Mile & Newburgh Livonia 734-464-2211

STRUCTURAL STEEL ESTIMATOR

For Building Supply Company in Redford/Livonia area Ability to do shop drawings a plus Must be able to accurately do take offs with blueprints along with material lists for structural steel Salary negotiable Competitive benefit package Send resume to Estimator c/o 2558 Pine Drive Wixom MI 48329

SUMMER POSITION

Day camp director with leadership skills needed exp in camps routines/procedures including planning scheduling & implementation of activities supervision of staff & exp working with children Camp runs from June 6-Aug 19 Pre camp work available Call 248 661 3630

TEACHER ASSISTANT

Sought for Farmington YMCA infant/toddler/pre school program Call Mary Beth at 248 553 1909

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TELEMARKETING

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Help Wanted-General 5000

TEMPORARY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (MUNICIPAL SERVICES)

Canton Township is accepting applications for Temporary Communications Specialist (Municipal Services) Responsible for planning organizing and implementing Township communications developing public relations preparing multi media materials and presentations Must be proficient in the use of a personal computer training in desktop publishing graphic design techniques photo manipulation software and presentations software preferred Bachelors Degree in Communication Arts Community/Public Relations English/Journalism or a related field 20 hrs/week Salary \$22.20/hr application can be picked up at the Canton Township Human Resources Division 1150 S Canton Center Rd An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.cantonmi.org A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and the form must be received in the Human Resources Division prior to 4pm March 31 2004 No resumes will be accepted without written application form The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services An Equal Opportunity Employer

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\$10-\$12/hr Farmington Hills 3240 Hrs/wk Mechanical ability req shipping/receiving shop clean up Some lifting Fax 248 471 1156

TREE CLIMBER

Tree service in Farmington area seeks a climber Must have exp & drivers license Budget Tree 1 800 964 7785

TRUCK DRIVER

CDL Class A Detroit/Chicago Home nightly Exp required (313) 580 8589

UPSCALE PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

hiring for the following positions Pro Shop Starters Rangers Cooks Dishwashers & Grounds Crew Golf linkages Apply in person at THE LINKS OF NOV1 50395 W 10 Mile Rd Novi (1/4 mile W of Wixom rd)

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LOC Federal Credit Union seeking VP of Member Service Responsible for both Cash/Member service Department IT exp is a must Eservices background expected Management exp required Solid compensation/benefits package Send resume to VIM Member Service LOC Federal CU 22981 Farmington Rd Farmington MI 48336 Or email kmccoll@locfederal.com

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For Genesee Ceramic Tile in Farmington Hills Must be detail oriented dependable & familiar to fast paced environment Full time Fax resumes to 248 476 7067

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Help Wanted-General 5000

Writer/Editor

Our dynamic service oriented organization needs an enthusiastic team player eager to grow this position The National Truck Equipment Association is seeking a candidate with strong copy writing/editing skills to produce several monthly and quarterly newsletters as well as communications with a variety of media Candidates with PageMaker and layout experience will be given added consideration Send resume Gwen Brown Communications Director NTEA 37400 Hills Tech Drive Farmington Hills MI 48331 9414 fax (248) 489 8590 or gwen@ntea.com

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Computer Programmer

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Redford MI 48239 (313) 255 0470 FAX humanresources@robotprinting.com

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Full time for commercial web application developers Strong background in HTML and experience in server side scripting and SQL a must Great pay and flexible hours

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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Strong background in accounting and finance required Candidate must have above average interpersonal skills With job training and experience qualified candidate may become the corporate interface for this exciting ideal candidate is highly independent has a wide range of abilities and is flexible with time This job offers unique exciting and challenging projects to be completed in a variety of settings Familiarity with trusts and high end personal tax a must MPA degree preferred Resumes only please to Marie Johnston HR Department Real Estate One 25800 Northwestern Hwy Southfield MI 48075 Benefits EOE

Legal Senior Secretary

For Southfield PI law firm Minimum 3 years experience Windows/Microsoft Word knowledge a must Salary commensurate with experience Send resume to Sherry Sinnott 2928 Crooks Road Royal Oak MI 48073

LEGAL SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Full time entry level for Birmingham law firm MS Word experience Salary plus benefits Fax resume to Karen at (248) 642 1949

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE

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Friendly suburban firm Strong Word Excel and PowerPoint Light accounting experience Call Donna 586 772 6760 Snelling Personnel Services

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Part time Victory Honda Plymouth seeks outgoing individual as part time receptionist Sat & some evenings required Please apply in person 315 Ann Arbor Rd or call 734 453 3600

RECEPTIONIST

Needed for busy Title Company Full time w/ full benefits included Fax resume to Kristyn at 734 427 8185

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OFFICE ASSISTANT

For local home improvement co A college degree is required w/ a strong emphasis in accounting Successful candidate will have exp in managing people & general office procedures You must be trained in Word Excel & PowerPoint We are a growing co & need someone who can improve our operation & be part of our growth Salary based on exp Email resumes oreumee@homecomm.net Code# 08 3040

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Part time for psychological clinic Knowledge of medical claims and insurance benefits preferred Tues Wed & Fri with some flexibility Fax qualifications to Debbie at 248 642 5739

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Part time Mon-Fri days for human services office in Canton entry level Need good communication skills ability to operate communication equipment including computer skills \$8.50 per hour Submit application at 32231 Schoolcraft Rd Ste 200 Livonia (734) 458 8140

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

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RECEPTIONIST

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DENTAL ASSISTANT EXPERIENCED

25-32 hrs Benefits Westland/Livonia area 734 522 4470

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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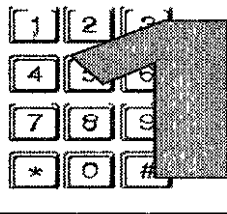


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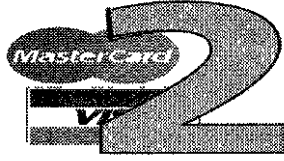
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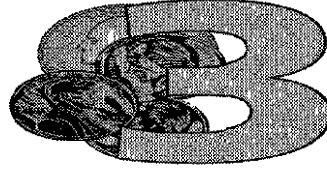
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Seeking a kind quiet SWM 55+
who is well groomed profes-
sional for friendship first
Ad# 642061

LETS TALK
Outgoing and friendly SWF 19
5 4 brown hair blue eyes smok-
er Enjoys animals crafts the out-
doors and loves roller coasters
Looking for an honest and up-
front SWM 40 51 with similar
interests who has a get up and go
attitude Ad# 539760

TOUCH OF CLASS
Attractive tr m fun N/D N/S
SWF 72 from Bloomed ed
Looking forward to a companion-
ship with a SWM 72 75 who is a
real gentleman Ad# 653117

YOU WILL LIKE ME
SWF 66 55 blonde medium
build fun loving art Seeking
SWM 30 plus who wants to do
things is talkative humorous and
loves to cuddle if he estees call no
smokers Ad# 657267

LIFELONG PARTNER
Understanding SWF 51 a little
overweight but very attractve
Wishes to meet a rugged hard
working SWM 40 55 for
romance and closeness
Ad# 663268

SMILE WITH ME
SBF 24 Seeking an intelligent
honest and trustworthy SM 24
35 who is financially independent
Ad# 663105

BROWN EYED GAL
I'm a SWF 48 54 a medical
professionist seeking a church
going N/S good humored SWM
45 52 w/n no children at home
who loves laughter the theater
people and trying new things
Ad# 663974

BE MY BEST FRIEND
Very kind and caring SWF 46
5 4 med um build blue eyed
blonde Enjoys I ave r/cas nos
fish ng archery and antiques
Seeks an intellectual SWM 46
60 to fun times Ad# 532617

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU
SWF 60 Auburn hair green eyes
professionist Enjoys travel week-
end get a ways camping cul-
ding and more Seeking a SWM
57 70 who is ovng humorous
N/S N/D fun and affectionate
Ad# 405309

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT
SWF 57 54 red curly hair
brown eyes Enjoys moving the
after boating swimming cooking
and time with family Seeking a
SWM 55 70 who is ambitious
spiritual successful and fun
Ad# 473611

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF 33 54 very active a pro-
fessional and hoping to meet an
intell gent professional SWM 32
42 in Michigan for a possible
realtorship Ad# 660543

ANXIOUSLY WAITING
SWF 60 52 brown hair med
um build Wants to meet a SWM
55 70 who is tall medium build
likes to go places s affect onate
and seeking a commitment
Ad# 660547

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?
SWF 45 54 129 lbs with blonde
hair and blue eyes Enjoys
reading camping motorcycles
and k/cubing Seeking a SWM
35 50 who is fun loving and
caring Ad# 663750

A LITTLE SPICE
Retired SWF 62 enjoys dning
out dancing travel ng o staying
home for a quiet evening She's
looking for a SWM 58 64 to put
some fun and excitement back into
her life Ad# 663750

MOONLIT WALKS
Interested? Romantic? SWF 59
5 4 135 lbs brownish hair
Enjoys walks under the moonlight
Looking for a car ng romantic
SWM under 65 Ad# 664007

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
SWF 41 56 148 lbs with one
child Looking for a tall profes-
sional SWM 40 or older who
enjoys the outdoors sports fam-
ily and children Ad# 664796

LET'S BEGIN AS FRIENDS
SBF 22 college student one
daughter Looking for an honest
caring understanding commu-
nitive SM 19 29 Ad# 664474

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW
Very average looking SWF 71
with blonde hair and blue eyes is
looking for a SWM 68 74 to
share companionship for dning
out datng and so forth
Ad# 663597

HOPES & DREAMS
SWF 25 41 150 lbs with one
child Enjoys traveling Looking for
a nice SM race and age unimpor-
tant who is educated employed
and accepts the fact have a chld
Ad# 663597

THE MARRIVING KIND
SWF 55 54 125 lbs with red
hair and green eyes Enjoys danc-
ing walking and sports Looking
for a marriage minded educated
SWM 55-65 with a good sense of
humor who likes having fun
Ad# 662734

SEEKING NICE GENT
SBF 51 55 good cook Seeking
a courteous SBM 45 59 5 5+ for
friendship first and then see what
happens Ad# 662187

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
WWF 56 56 123 lbs long hair
stays in shape Enjoys gourmet
cooking & traveling Seeks a SWM
55 58 years old Ad# 660575

I LL BE WAITING
Calm laid back SWF 62 52 110
lbs blonde hair blue eyes Loves
family activities cooking croch-
et cultural events and more
Seeks a kind quiet SWM 55+ who
cares about other people and
loves an mals Ad# 567481

DINNER & A MOVIE
Responsible SWF 51 years old
seeks non smoking non drinkng
SWM 50 65 who's ookng for
companionship Ad# 660427

SOUTHERN BELLE
Down to earth SWF 29 55 120
bs a pretty blonde Loves danc-
ng dning out and time at home
with a spec a someone Wants to
be spoiled by a SWM 40-58 with
no baggage Ad# 660306

THE KEY TO HER HEART
SWF 58 enjoys boating reading
movies and dning out She's look-
ng for a N/S SWM 59 or taller
social drinker ok with sex and pep-
per hair If this sounds like you
give her a call Ad# 659790

CALL & CHAT WITH ME
SWF 53 53 weight proport on-
ate Enjoys gardening movies fine
dning good conversation plus
more Hopes to meet a SWM 50
60 Ad# 659405

SEKS FRIENDSHIP
SWF 50 57 weight proport on-
ate retired Loves dancing time at
home and people Looking for a
SWM 47 60 Ad# 659697

ONE IN A MILLION
Professional educated DWf 43
with one child Enjoys movies d-
ng out swimming bike dng and
more Looking for an honest
sncere SWM 35 52 who's not
into games knows what they want
and enjoys the outdoors
Ad# 656858

HUSBAND WANTED
SWF 38 attractive blonde likes to
cuddle fine dning out fine
dning caring romantic pass on
ate N/S not outdoor type Seeks
SWM 35 55 6+ attractive sta-
ble serious relationship passion
for spendng quality time no
sports/ba type Ad# 656162

ROMANCE
s just a ound the corner I am
52 with da k eyes and hair 63
Looking to meet a tall gentleman
59 70 who likes dancing cards
travel and wants a long term rela-
tionship Ad# 403303

ALL OUR TOMORROWS
DWf 43 enjoys spending time
with her children reading cooking
and the beach Looking for a good
hearted SWM 40 50 who's fun
likes to have a good time and likes
children Ad# 656043

END MY SEARCH!
I'm an honest dependable SW
Mom 25 55 105 lbs smoker
with brown hair & hazel eyes
Looking for a long term relation-
ship with a tall SWM 55 60
who enjoys summer and winter
activities and has time for me
Ad# 655797

WHY NOT CALL?
SWF Mom 24 56 120 lbs Enjoys
shopping movies etc Seeks a
SBM 25 30 who enjoys going to
church and tryng new things
Ad# 655731

CONTACT ME
Brown eyed SBF 30 years old
mother of two She enjoys movies
bowling and is seeking a ce
SBM 21 40 who loves kids
Ad# 654399

CHAT
SBF 26 57 115 lbs with a great
sense of humor and no children
Looking for a SM 22 32 who s
good looking ng Ad# 654219

RESPECTING EACH OTHER
Full figured educated SBF 37
5 11 no children N/S N/D
Enjoys watchng sports on TV
reading bowling and the simple
things in life Looking for an hon-
est mature SBM 37 50 who's
employed and has s own trans-
portation Ad# 644676

JUST THE GAL FOR YOU!
Attractive SWF 61 56 brown
hair/eyes Enjoys theater travel
dning out and family Looking for
an honest good humored SWM
55-65 N/S Ad# 653249

ARE YOU MY SOULMATE?
SWF 44 N/S social drinker 56
140 lbs blue eyed blonde
Interests are movies bowling and
canning She's looking for a seri-
ous financially secure N/S SM
35 60 whose children are grown
and who appreciates women
Ad# 641647

FORMER MODEL
SWF 49 56 with intelligence
creativity and a passion for music
and dancing Seeking a man 39-
49 to share these interests and
more for a possible LTR
Ad# 536167

JUST MOVED BACK
Adorable SWF 33 55 130 lbs
brown hair and light green eyes
Seeking a SWM 35 47 who is
affectionate and humorous
Ad# 644179

ENJOYS LIFE
SWF 52 54 red hair brown eyes
Likes dning out traveling
mov es & dng Harley's in the sum-
mer and more Seeking a SWM
45 59 who enjoys life
Ad# 643675

SEKS UNDERSTANDING MAN
Caring dependable SWF young
looking 38 looking for a flexible
SWM 30 50 Ad# 643379

FRIENDS TO START
Very busy SWF 38 enjoys
movies traveling theater comput-
ers and quiet times Looking for a
sncere educated employed
SWM 30 50 who can be flexible
due to my busy schedule and is
interested in friendship to start
maybe more later Ad# 643444

HEART OF A POET
SWF 40 55 w th brown eyes
height/weight proportionate
Enjoys fishing camping writing
photography and more Looking
for a SM under 50 who has sim-
ilar interests Ad# 643372

THE COFFEE IS ON
SWF 57 natural blonde blue eyes
with brown children Looking for a
prompt N/S N/D mature SWM
57 80 who would like to get
together and talk over a cup of cof-
fee Ad# 642834

SEARCHING
SWF 44 who loves the loud p pes
Harley's also likes The Red
Wing's Seeking SWM 45 55
Ad# 501033

LET'S LIVE
51 W/ independent I like movies
travel dning out dancing
Looking for SWM 50 60 with
some interests No couch potatoes
and if interested give me a call
Thank You Ad# 616570

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
Witty faithful outgoing SWF 41
blue eyed blonde 5 2 Loves
roller coasters computers cards
racing camp ng and fishing
Looking for a good humored
open minded passionate SM 35
55 who enjoys life Ad# 536207

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
SWF 47 52 attractive blonde
hazel eyes with a beautiful smile
Seeking a honest and caring SWM
40 52 who enjoys spending time
with that special someone
Ad# 641159

LETS SHARE LIFE TOGETHER
SBF weight proport onate 47
enjoys travel weekend getaways
campng movies plays dning
in/out romantic days in search of
a SCM 45 65 family oriented
with similar interests Ad# 640890

SEEKING CHURCH GOING MAN
SWF 42 i enjoys going to church
looking for a fun respecta-
ble clean cut, SB gent man 18 30
N/S N/D who is serious about a
committed relat onship
Ad# 640709

LOOKING TO BE SPOILED
SBF 27 mother of 3 boys Seeking
SWM over 30 for a poss b e rela-
tionship Ad# 640217

TRY IT OUT
SWF 46 beautiful blonde who is
romantic and sophisticated
Enjoys the bookstore entertainng
and cooking Seeks a special
SWM to make her house a home
He should be intelligent financ-
ally/motionally secure handsome
generous & marriage minded
Ad# 640050

SIMPLE LIFE
SWF 57 54 110 lbs brown hair
and green eyes Enjoys sports
beach go cooking dning
Seeking SWM who s outgoing
friendly loyal and good hearted
Let's have fun and good times
together Ad# 640037

LOVABLE SWEETIE
SWF 42 i enjoy family cook-
ing and movies Seeking a SWM
who is honest sincere You must
enjoy life and good conversa-
tions! Ad# 639222

A DIFFERENT KIND OF AD
Petite WF 61 sort of cute smart
spiritual & spirited I am living with
some health chal enges and am
seeking a happy honest senior
male who s tired of facing his
challenges alone & needs some
tender loving care Great cook
writer philosopher Ad# 572333

COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST
m a sncere SBF 21 with one
son I'm searching for an ene-
getic fun honest; SBM who
beaves that honesty is the key to
a strong relationship Ad# 636745

LIKE GOOD SURPRISES?
SBF 28 51 111" bly blond N/S
N/D Enjoys bowling movies cas-
nos travel and time with friends
Looking for a honest person a
SM Ad# 636602

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SBF 31 57 145 lbs light com-
plexion Looking for a sweet spon-
taneous level headed good look-
ng SBM 25 35 Ad# 636499

LOOKING FOR HONESTY
SWF 58 54 w th green eyes
Enjoys the water and trying any-
thing once in search of a tall
SWM 55 65 who s honest w th
a great sense of humor and s mi-
lar interests Ad# 636111

LOOKING FOR FUN
I'm ready for fun & laughter! SBF
46 6 a smoker social drinker I
enjoy watching sports and travel-
ng I'm searching for a SBM 55
70 who shares my interests
Ad# 503750

GOOD NATURED
SBF 47 5 3" dark brown hair
outgoing sincere and fun loving
Enjoys shopping travel dning
concerts the outdoors pnces and
more Seeking a SBM 40 60 who
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family oriented and is a kid at
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SWF 27 59 145 lbs blonde
hair green eyes She's seeking a
man who loves child en has a
sense of humor is honest and
enjoys quiet times at home
Ad# 633192

ARE WE ALIKE?
SWF 50 with above ave age
looks good commun cato amus-
ng loving sou mate Seeking
DWM 46 60 cean cut gentleman
looking for serious relat onship
Ad# 482668

BE MY VALENTINE
SWF 80 with blonde hair and N/S
Looking for a N/S SWM 80 77
who s loving positive caring
compassionate emotionally finan-
cially secure and who loves life to
the fullest Ad# 612080

ONE OF A KIND
SWF 48 attractive intelligent lov-
ing and dedicated Seek ng a SWM
45+ a N/S who is sincere intelli-
gent humorous and honest for a
long term devoted relationship
Ad# 448774

KIND & LOVING HEART
Professona attractive SBF 46
5 5 full figured hazel eyes
Looking for a professona N/S
SM 40 52 who s trust worthy out-
going and energetic Ad# 621077

HONEST & CARING
SWF 42 5 blonde hair blue eyes
friendly and bubbly Enjoys ong
drives walks movies coddng
and much more Seeking an hon-
est and caring SM 35 52
Ad# 619145

KISSES FROM ME
Athletic outgoing energetic and
happy SWM 43 59 who enjoys
sports working out animals and
more Seeking an honest caring
warm and sens tive SF 35 50 who
can carry on an intell gent conver-
sation Ad# 468055

HANDSOME & WITTY
Hi I'm a SWM 55 who kes
sports and s desc ibed as intelli-
gent and outgoing I would like to
meet a SWF 30-45 who is not
materialistic and who has a nice
personality Ad# 668093

LET ME CARE FOR YOU
Witty and funny SBF 52 52
Hobbies and interests include
roller skating bike riding walks
and other activities Seeking a
Ch lsiem SBM 18-60 to get to
know better Ad# 581578

A LONG KNIGHT
Attractive SWM 51 6 180 lbs
with brown hair brown eyes and a
wde var ety of interests Search ng
for a petite to average bu lf SF 38
54 race unimportant who s
down to earth sncere and honest
Ad# 419021

ARE YOU READY?
Do you have a passport? Do you
have a sw/mult? Do you dance
shoes? I'm 55+ tall slim active
ready for a friendship compan-
on s/p romance with a SWF 48 60
who is my equal Phone rap res-
only please! Ad# 612394

STILL LOVE THE BEACH BOYS
I'm a sandy and athletic SWM
51 1 38 but ook and feel much
younger Who e s my surfer gr?
I you are slende and slow mov-
ng I will sweep you off your feet
and s/ng to you every day and
night Ad# 660637

A REAL GENTLEMAN
Retired educated SWM 60 59
160 lbs with blue eyes & dark
hair Enjoys bowling long walks
dning out dancing and omnic
evenngs Lookng for a SWF 45
60 who s active for a long term
pleasant relationship Oakland
county Ad# 663655

50-55 WHITE MALE
SWM 39 55 170 lbs clean cut
Likes long drives and gardening
Seeks a down to earth neat ady
we ght p oport onate age open
Genesse County Phone responses
only Ad# 657006

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY!
SWM 30 51 180 lbs black
hair green eyes Seeking a SF
under 45 who is adventurous and
down to earth Ad# 680479

HOT N NOW
SWM 39 65 who likes concerts
dng photography rock and roll
sportng events and hanging out
with friends Would like to meet a
slim to medium bu lf SWF 21 39
N/S No baggage or druggs
Ad# 559315

BREAK THE ICE
SWM 41 64 w th brown hair
blue eyes and 2 chldren Interests
ncude boating fishing camp ng
anything outdoors Looking for a
SF 28 40 to spend time with and
share special moments w th
Ad# 670674

HELLO SUNSHINE
Very attractive SWM 34 6 185
lbs w th green eyes and brown
hair Looking for a SF race and age
unimportant who s intelligent and
knows a little about the world
Ad# 663154

DEDICATED TO YOU
Easygoing SW Dad 44 57 180
lbs brown hair and blue eyes He
enjoys the outdoors and is seek ng
a trustworthy honest SWF 38-44
who likes chldren is smol onal-
ly stable and Church oriented
Ad# 519634

FAITHFUL & LOVAL
SWM 44 61 175 lbs with
brown grayng hair Looking for a
SWF under 48 for quiet romantic
times together Ad# 668504

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL
SWM 45 58 ft ight brown hair
blue eyes Looking for a passion-
ate compassionate professional
SWF 28 45 Oak and o Wayne
County Ad# 449863

LOOK INTO MY EYES
SBM 31 61 190 lbs with black
hair green eyes and children not
living at home Enjoys dancng
we'ng sports and bowling
Looking for a SBF 18-38 with a
medium complexion green eyes
and no children Ad# 685727

THE SEARCH IS OVER
SWM 48 6 235 lbs with blonde
hair smoker N/D Enjoys to Las
Vegas and bike riding Looking for
a SWF 35-48 who s honest easy
going height to weight proport on-
ate and easy on the eyes
Ad# 685892

ATTENTION LADIES
SWM 19 65 180 lbs with and
athletic bu lf black hair and blue
eyes Looking for a SF to have fun
with someone who s easy to talk
to Let's talk and see where it leads
us Ad# 685663

EASY TO TALK TO!
Single who is 45 62 209
lbs muscular athletic brown hair
blue eyes cean cut degree bear-
mered nd depends outng
personality Enjoys roller bladng
workng out etc Seeks a friendly
single female Wayne County
Ad# 404068

WAITING FOR YOU
Tall SWM 29 who is looking for a
long term relationship with a SWF
23 33 who is pretty fun loving
and enjoys life Ad# 571725

NICE & FUNNY
SBF 37 51 125 lbs enjoys
jazz walkng coddng and more
Looking for a SF 25 36 who is
low down to earth sweet and
has respect for herself
Ad# 565294

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE
SWM 59 62 200 lbs no chil-
dren at home Enjoys reading &
dning out cookng and
much more Looking to meet a
SWF 48 61 who is lookng for a
long term serious relationship
Ad# 669635

GOOD GUY
SBM 32 51 150 lbs who
cate s to that special woman s
needs Seeking a SBF 18 40
Ad# 669208

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Review by Dale Buss

Just when you think that automotive excellence can't get any better than a Lexus sport-utility-vehicle, you're proven wrong - but only because Lexus brings out a new SUV. Thus the fact that the 2004 Lexus RX 330 actually represents an improvement over the vehicle it replaced, the RX 300, is quite an achievement in its own right.

It was no small matter for Lexus, the luxury division of Toyota, to decide to replace the RX 300 in the first place. Introduced in 1998 and with a growing number of challengers, RX 300 remained the best-selling luxury SUV not only in America but throughout the world. But typical of the approach that has made Toyota the world's most-emulated auto maker, Lexus didn't rest on the RX 300's laurels.

Lexus actually calls the RX 330 a "luxury utility vehicle" and has attached the acronym "LUV" to it. Characteristic of the best SUVs on the road these days, RX 330 is based on a unibody car platform rather than a truck frame. So it doesn't perform off-road like the most rugged SUVs, but it gives today's mainstream SUV buyers what they're really searching for - more cargo room than a sedan as well as that over-the-traffic positioning and sense of security that is a key attribute of SUVs.

At a suggested retail price of \$36,425 for the version I drove, the 2004 RX 330 is longer and wider than the model it replaces. It comes with a leather interior that feels soft and warm and inviting with splashes of real wood trim. The front seats are positioned off the floor at a comfortable chair height and are snug and supportive and the back seats are roomy and comfortable.

The styling of the RX 330 is pleasingly sleek and much less clunky than its predecessor RX 300. The bulky front end lends some substance to the design, and the visor over the rear window is a nice distinctive touch as well. Other notable features are the



The Lexus RX330 is a "Luxury Utility Vehicle" or LUV.

clear-lens tail lamps that Lexus SUVs have helped make popular.

Still, it's in the going that the RX 330 makes its most impressive showing, like most Toyota and Lexus vehicles. The 3.3-liter, 230-horsepower 24-valve V6 engine with continuously variable valve timing, coupled with a five-speed automatic transmission and full-time all-wheel-drive, make a perfect combination that provide yet another example of the effortless driving that is required of a Lexus vehicle. Mileage is pretty satisfactory for an SUV, at 28 miles a gallon in the city and 24 mpg on the highway.

It isn't just that the power is more than adequate for any occasion but that so little work seems required by the engine to provide it. It isn't just that the handling is precise but that it seems so natural to driving the vehicle that you almost don't notice how outstanding it is. The steering is light yet retains a feeling of firm control, it's accurate without being slavish to every little tweak of your hand. The vehicle's independent suspension keeps the tires of the RX 330 in contact with the road for very sufficient grip.

The brakes also are worth noting. Large discs front and rear, they work very smoothly and provide very good feel to the driver. In part that's because the latest braking technology is on board the RX 330 - a four-sensor/four-channel anti-lock brake system that helps the driver maintain control of the steering

under hard braking. Electronic brake force distribution balances braking forces for shorter stops. Brake Assist senses when the driver is in a panic braking situation and helps ensure full force is being applied. Inside, too, the RX 330 offers a level and execution of styling, comfort and amenities that have come to place Lexus on a pedestal even within the luxury-car segment. Lexus's industry-leading LCD screen displays ventilation, audio, trip computer, outside temperature and clock functions efficiently and is easy to work with.

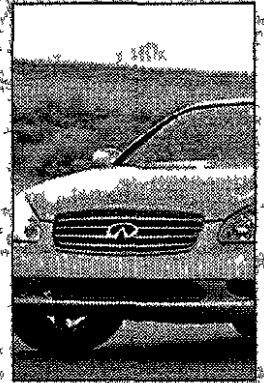
In RX 330, the display also offers a view of what's behind the vehicle when the driver is backing up, so he or she won't hit anything. RX 330 is one of a growing number of vehicles that are doing this, and they all seem to use a fish-eye lens that so severely distorts what is behind you that it cuts down on the effectiveness of the device. To me, that begs the question: Why couldn't such cameras somehow use regular lenses or be mounted higher on the vehicle? In the case of RX 330, the visor over the rear window already hosts the radio antenna, couldn't a small camera be fitted up there as well?

But of course, that's reaching not even for a complaint but for a question. And if you've got to do that to find fault with a vehicle, you should go out and buy it first.

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The Irish may dominate all things Celtic during March, home month to the St. Patrick's Day celebration, but the Scots are trying to make their mark in April by honoring the region's declaration of independence from England.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is presenting a Tartan Day Celebration Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) on Saturday, April 3, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. "Next year we want a parade," said event co-organizer Franklin Dohanyos. "We've debated about a few places but we're not sure yet."

Innovations Scots have given the world include street lighting, pedal bikes, the locomotive, the bus, the thermos flask, telephones, television, color photographs and the kaleidoscope.

Organizers say the event is to celebrate Scottish heritage and the region's contributions to world culture.

It was actually April 6, 1320, when Scottish Independence Day was declared. It was only in 1991 that Canada, with its huge Scottish population, began celebrating that date as Tartan Day. America followed suit in 1998 when the U.S. Senate passed a resolution, also naming the date Tartan Day.

The first-ever Detroit Ceilidh evokes the spirit of the annual Highland Games at Greenmead in Livonia, only this event is held indoors. It features a traditional fish and chips buffet, Celtic fiddle music, bagpiping, and Highland dance demonstrations. There will be a cash bar.

TARTAN DAY

When: 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, April 3

Where: Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Admission: \$16 in advance seating limited to 300 people. Checks may be made out to St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and mailed to Tartan Day Celebration, 22106 Dorion, St. Clair Shores, 48082. Checks for tickets are due March 29. Mail-in tickets will be held at the door.

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Hot Ticket



Brute ballet



North Carolina Dance Theatre brings 'A Streetcar Named Desire' with a twist

No doubt you've seen a chick flick, but what about a man ballet?

Sounds like an oxymoron. But *A Streetcar Named Desire*, a ballet based on Tennessee Williams' play, embraces the animalistic male energy so central to the original drama.

So, if you're dying to get your man to the ballet, mark off April 1-4 when North Carolina Dance Theatre performs the piece at the Detroit Opera House.

If you're going to drag him to the ballet, bring him to this," said Mark Diamond, who choreographed *A Streetcar Named Desire* three years ago for the dance company. "It's not going to be chiffon and tutus and men in tights. It's going to be hard-drinking men, and it's very athletic."

How else than through taxing athleticism could *Streetcar's* brutish, hardheaded lead character, Stanley — most famously portrayed by actor Marlon Brando in both the original Broadway production and the film version — translate into dance?

"Actually, he's so physical and so macho that he might have been the easier character to do," Diamond

STELLA!

What North Carolina Dance Theatre's ballet interpretation of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*

When 7:30 p.m. Thursday April 1, 8 p.m. Friday April 2 and Saturday April 3 and 2 p.m. Sunday April 4

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said, adding he repeatedly watched the film, directed by Elia Kazan, carefully studying the actors' physical movements.

In the end, Diamond drew on three dance styles. For Stanley, he looked to contemporary ballet and modern dance. For Blanche, the coy but aging Southern beauty who is the sister of Stanley's wife, the more lyrical language of classical ballet.

That is until Blanche starts to go crazy, he said. "Then she becomes more modern."

Music and lighting reinforces the differences between the lead male and female characters.

While Stanley moves to jazz, Dixieland, trains, thunder, rain and the streetcar, Blanche comes alive to Chopin.

While choreography and stage choices revolve around the play's character contrast, the ballet works on several levels. It envelops the audience in a sensory experience, unfolds the plot and probes the story's affective content.

"This is a story that has everything. It has flawed characters. It has violence. It has love," said Diamond. "With dance, it's not always verbatim, it's the message of the play, it's the emotion of the play."



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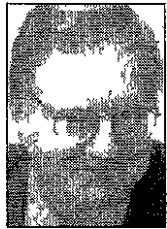
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Small screen

'Troll2' sinks to new levels of greatness

Why? Why make a sequel to a basically lousy movie? I don't know, yet here we are, flooded by sequels. There are enough *Children of the Corn* to fill a field *Leprechaun* keeps coming back, and the *Puppet Master* series is up to about 600 by now



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

manages to rise above the crowd in its sheer awfulness. There is virtually nothing good about this movie.

IT STINKS

The story stinks. The effects are bad and even the acting is horrible. Usually

even the worst of the worst movies have decent acting. I think that's because there are a lot of pretty good actors and very few places for them to act so they will appear in anything.

Too bad none of them were available for this mess. I've seen high school plays with better acting.

The story has nothing to do with the original *Troll*, which was about an evil gnome that possessed a little girl. Here we have a little boy who is obsessed with his dead grandfather who keeps reappearing. Dead grandpa plays a key role as the boy and his family — mom, dad and older sis — head out West for a family vacation at a town called Nilbog, which has absolutely nothing of interest to offer.

Nilbog — that's Gobln spelled backward. Get it? That's about as clever as things get here.

Turns out Nilbog is inhabited by — gasp — goblins. They look like us except when they show their true forms, or rather put on their awful rubber masks.

For some curious reason they are all vegetarians and want everyone to eat green doughnuts. I don't know why. There also is a queen goblin that turns people into trees. The one inspired scene shows a man turned literally into a potted plant.

But everything else is awful. So why plunk down \$4 for a DVD rental?

Because this is awe-inspiringly bad. It transcends ineptitude. It takes dreadful ness to a new level of artistry and that, in a perverted way, makes it a film to behold. P.S. I haven't seen the new Stephen King production *Kingdom Hospital*, but I hope he hasn't so blatantly stolen *The*

Kingdom, a fine Dutch-made-for-TV film about — guess what — a haunted hospital.

Greg Kowalski has seen every sequel to *Friday* the 13th and hated every one. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

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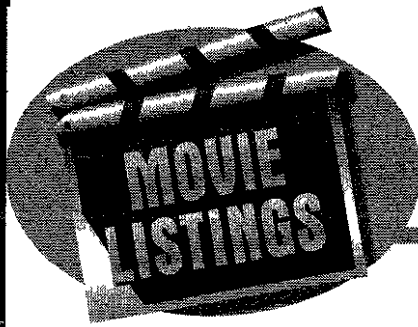
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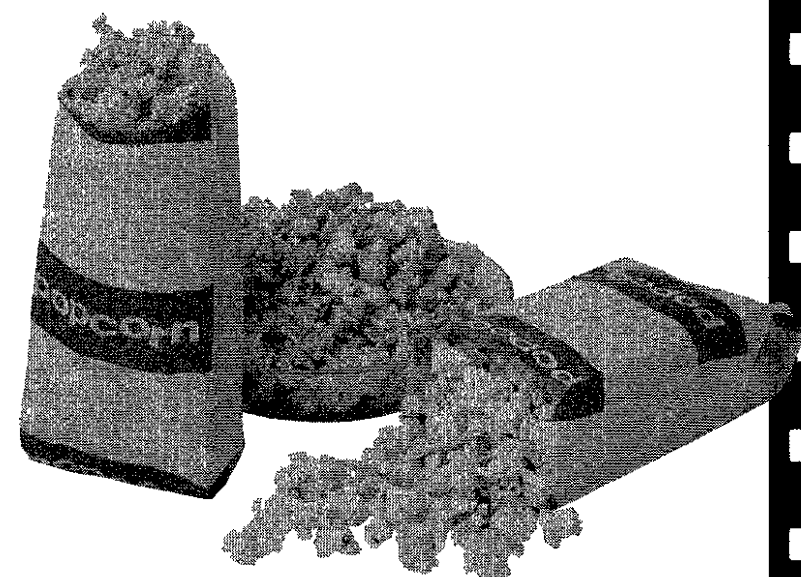
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Gore galore in creepy 'Dawn of the Dead'

BY DAVID GERMAIN
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Dawn of the Dead has seen better days

The high octane update of the 1979 zombie fest offers gore galore, some truly creepy images, occasionally wicked humor and impressive performances for a genre where acting usually is secondary

Beyond its strong cast, though, the new *Dawn* lacks the bite of George Romero's original, a low budget affair that served up real drama and sharp satire of American consumer culture as side dishes to its victims entrails

Director Zack Snyder's *Dawn of the Dead* mainly is a run-of-the-mill action flick packed with loud gunfire and louder explosions. The movie piles on a bigger group of central characters than the original so the filmmakers have more real people to zombie-fy, but you end up knowing and caring less about each person

The presence of Ving Rhames, Mekhi Phifer and especially Sarah Polley elevates expectations. If an indie-film queen such as Polley would choose *Dawn of the Dead* as her first action gambit, it must be something special, right?

Wrong While Polley and her co-stars are in on the zombie gag wholeheartedly, their earnest performances never quite lift *Dawn of the Dead* to fresh horror heights

Polley's Ana, a nurse who lives in a tranquil Wisconsin housing tract, awakens one morning to find the world in chaos from a plague of flesh-munching zombies, whose victims inevitably die then return as living ghouls themselves

Ana hooks up with a group of survivors — somber policeman Kenneth (Rhames), street hood Andre (Phifer) and his wife, salesman Michael (Jake Weber)

FAST ZOMBIES

Unlike Romero's eerily lumbering monsters, which his heroes could sidestep and outrun, Snyder's zombies are fast, with the ferocity of rabid dogs. Nimble zombies would be a decent innovation to this horror subgenre if it had not already been done better and scarier in last year's *28 Days Later*

Screenwriter James Gunn offers a few darkly amusing sequences, including a shooting gallery in which survivors on rooftops single out zombies that resemble celebrities — Jay Leno, Burt Reynolds, Rosie O'Donnell — to blow away

The humor becomes so wisecracking that it undermines the horror. Even with a big budget and improved zombie makeup, the remake simply is not that frightening, especially compared to the chills of Romero's version, itself a follow-up to the 1968 classic *Night of the Living Dead*

Dawn of the Dead a Universal release runs 102 minutes. Two stars out of four



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'Taking Lives' musters twitch-in-your-seat scares

BY DAVID GERMAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angelina Jolie finally has a decent movie on her hands, and the dark, suspenseful thriller *Taking Lives* comes none too soon.

Since winning the supporting actress Academy Award for 1999's *Girl Interrupted*, Jolie has starred in a string of bad movies although she has managed to maintain a

strong screen presence in the service of rotten films such as *Original Sin*, *Beyond Borders*, *Life Or Something Like It* and her two *Lara Croft Tomb Raider* outings.

With *Taking Lives*, Jolie gives her finest performance since her Oscar win and is surrounded by a robust supporting cast in a fairly fresh serial killer tale.

Co-star Ethan Hawke, an Oscar nominee for *Training Day*, continues to emerge as a

serious actor with far greater range than earlier boyish roles hinted at.

Taking Lives is based on the novel by Michael Pye, though oddly, Jolie's lead character was created specifically for the film and grafted onto the tale of a mass-murderer who steals his victims' identities. Director D.J. Caruso, screenwriter Jon Bokenkamp and their collaborators developed the character of FBI profiler Ileana Scott.

Her intuitive approach, which includes

laying in a suspect's boyhood cot or a victim's makeshift grave to grasp their perspective, uncovers a 20-year chain of unsolved killings that indicate the perpetrator has been targeting loners and assuming their identities because of inadequacies in his own life.

Her own hard emotional shell softens when she encounters art dealer James Costa (Hawke), a witness to one of the killings who later becomes a suspect and potential victim, along with a romantic interest for the dispassionate Scott.

TWISTS AND SURPRISES

Jolie's sultry stoniness and Hawke's puppy-dog earnestness mingle well, and the film's twists and surprises give the leads a chance to play out deep, dark passions with convincing sentiment.

Gena Rowlands highlights the supporting cast, making a small role as a suspect's mother her own with a queen-bee arrogance that offers hints of what Norman Bates' mom might have been like before he killed her and started wearing her clothes.

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The combination is 'interstellar high energy,' said Vince Paul, tour producer and former Farmington Hills resident.

The show unites both musicians and dancers on stage for the audience to see with some members doing double-duty by alternating between instrument and movement

Les Ballets Africains, which was founded in 1952, comes from the Republic of Guinea on Africa's west coast. The group has toured widely, even making appearances at the Kremlin and the White House. Although often presented as an ambassador of African culture, the 30-member group has never performed in downtown Detroit, said Paul.

'The dance that they're doing is thousands of years old. This is like African classical,' said Paul.

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Sometimes, you have to raise your nose from the grindstone. That's because it's good to see what's going on in the world around you - a wrecking ball could be swinging toward the grindstone to make way for a new Starbucks.

Now that you're scanning the scene, you might want to take in a little entertainment, and there's all kinds in metro Detroit. Here are our People's Choice Awards on some premier places to play.

BEST CASINO

Greektown Casino

Would the Church Lady celebrate a jackpot with her wacky dance? The casino's new Saturday Night Live Slot Room features comedian Dana Carvey's Church Lady visage, along with the Blues Brothers, Coneheads and other icons from the TV show. The SNL Room is the latest attraction at the casino, which opened in

2000. It features 75,000 square feet, more than 90 gaming tables and 2,500 slots. It's also a popular hangout before Tigers and Lions home games, with Comerica Park and Ford Field just a few slot token tosses away.

Runners up: Motor City Casino, MGM Grand Detroit Casino

BEST PLACE TO STRIKE OUT

Thunderbird Lanes

It's "pindemonium" when night league members or open bowlers send pins careening to the floor at this 46-lane Troy bowling mecca, home to Rock and Bowl on Friday nights and a Sunday NASCAR men's and women's mixed league. Other fun promotions include a Schools Out Special 9 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Thursday, when games are \$2. The alley hosts tournaments, has a full-menu snack shop and lounge and offers short season leagues.

Runners up: Super Bowl, Garden Bowl

BEST COMEDY CLUB

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

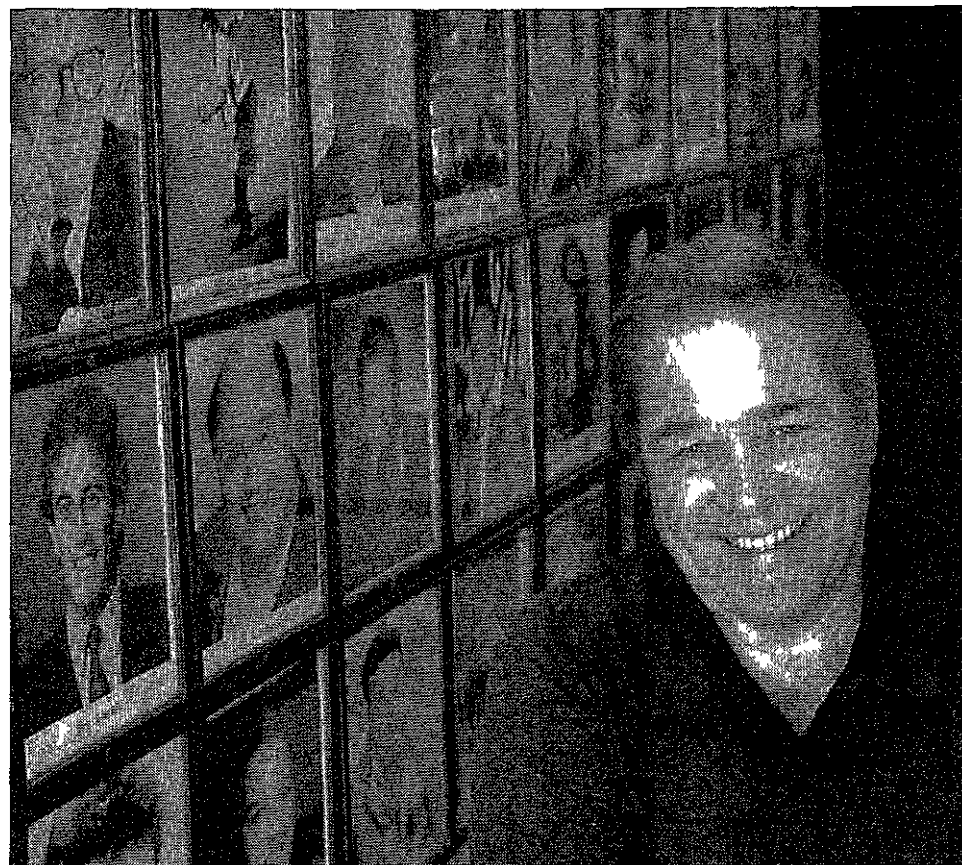
The oldest and best-known comedy club in metro Detroit is still the best, after spawning a number of successful comedians including TV's *Home Improvement* star Tim Allen. The club hosts national and local acts, with improv nights on Tuesdays and open-mike nights on Wednesdays. A private room is available for parties and corporate functions.

Runners up: Joey's Comedy Club, Second City

BEST PLACE TO SEE A PLAY

Fisher Theatre

Opened as a movie and vaudeville house in 1928, the Fisher has featured big Broadway stars, including Mary Martin, Carol Channing, Joel Grey, Bernadette



Mark Ridley's king of the castle, comedy that is

Peters and Lynn Redgrave, and world premieres of *Hello Dolly*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Sweet Charity*. The tradition continues today, as Mia Farrow performed earlier this month in *The Exonerated*. Popular offerings *Chicago* and *The Graduate* are slated for spring.

Runners up: Fox Theatre, Meadow Brook Theater

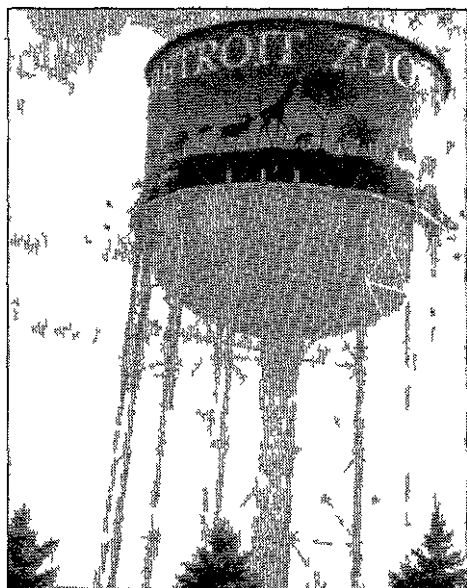
BEST CHILDREN'S ATTRACTION

Detroit Zoo

The zoo already holds an unfair advantage over competing kids' attractions, with

its stable of elephants, giraffes, zebras, tigers and lions and other colorful creatures. And now they're going one better, by offering a Summer Safari where kid campers ages 4-13 can choose from a variety of single-day, weeklong and overnight sessions at the zoo. Single-day adventures include Urban Safaris in which kids learn about familiar zoo animals and the animals that live around us. The Zoo Snoozzz allows campers to learn about nocturnal animals.

Runners up: Detroit Science Center, The Henry Ford



The Detroit Zoo received the most votes for best children's attraction.

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BEST

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DOWNTOWNS

You can forget all your troubles, forget all your cares when you're downtown, because it's fun to shop and soak in what's special about main streets in Metro Detroit, ranging from historic to hip

■ Best downtown to hang out in Birmingham

Cool stores, art galleries, theaters and restaurants draw everyone from giggly teens and hipsters to natty-dressed oldsters and the executive class

On these downtown streets, it's not uncommon to bump into celebrities ranging from Britney Spears to Rod Stewart, hitting the streets for a little shopping or sightseeing during a stay at the Townsend Hotel

Runners up Plymouth, Rochester

■ Best downtown for wild night out Royal Oak

What happens in Royal Oak stays in Royal Oak? Woody's Diner on 5th Avenue along the railroad tracks is great for people watching, while Fifth Avenue Billiards, Mr B's and other downtown taverns also pack in the patrons on week-ends

Add to the mix a slew of restaurants, Mark Ridley's comedy club, bands at the Royal Oak Music Theater and Memphis Smoke, and you've got lots of opportunity to shed the yoke of daytime responsibilities, if only for a few carefree hours

Runners up Pontiac, Windsor

■ Best downtown to find a date Royal Oak

We're talking about conditions that are favorable to spawning relationships and Royal Oak's got them, thanks to the aforementioned abundance of night spots, the kind that draw attractive fun people - the kind of people most of us desire to hang with even after hours, in that sweet discovery phase of a new relationship, before family breeds contempt and the divorce lawyers are called in to end it all

Runners up Birmingham, Ann Arbor

BEST PLACES TO WATCH A GAME

■ Champps

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Runners up. Mr B's, Oxford Tap Room

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■ Garden Bowl, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave Detroit, (313) 833-9700

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■ Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle 269 East Fourth St Royal Oak, (248) 542 9900

■ Joey's Comedy Club 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555

■ Second City 2301 Woodward Ave Detroit

BEST PLACE TO SEE A PLAY

■ Fisher Theatre, 3011 W Grand Boulevard Detroit, (313) 872-1000

■ Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Detroit (313) 983-6000

■ Meadow Brook Theatre Rochester (248) 370-3300

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■ Detroit Zoo 8450 W Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak (248)398-0900

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view of the downtown skyline And don't forget Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez
Runners up Joe Louis Arena, Ford Field



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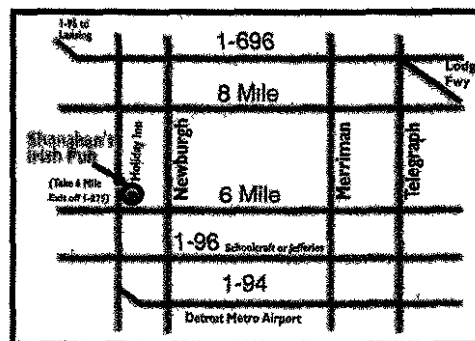
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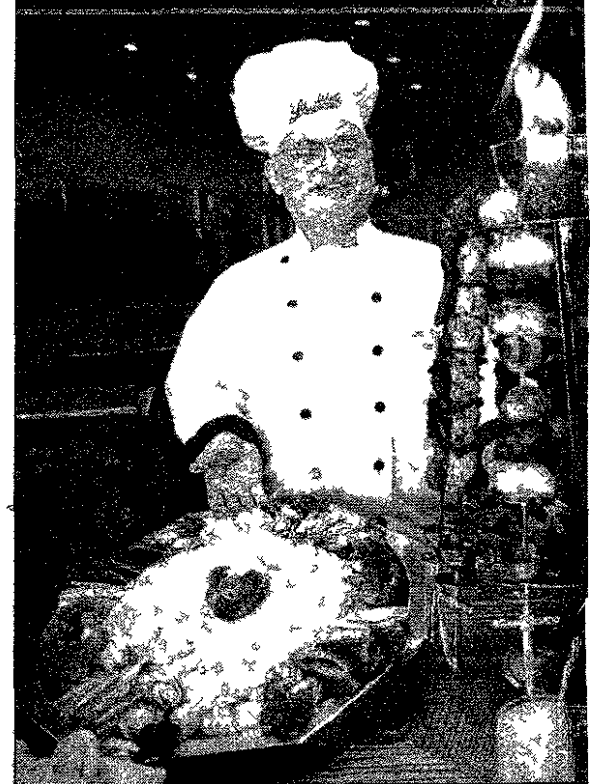


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La Shish executive chef/senior vice president Jamil Eid (left) is seen here with a variety of items you'll find on the menu at the new La Shish Livonia and a regular display of 12 skewers of shish kabob, shish tawook kafta,

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

■ Best place to take a first date: The Lark

After receiving top awards from the likes of *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Gourmet* magazine and *Distinguished Restaurants of North America*, The Lark may be the best place to take a first date. You better be serious because it's going to cost you. Chef de Cuisine Kyle Ketchum offers his interpretation of French cooking techniques at \$65-\$75 per person excluding beverage or tip. The food and hospitality of owners Mary and Jim Lark are first rate.

Runners-up: Bahama Breeze, Emily's

■ Best for brunch: The Whitney

On Sundays, the 21,000-square-foot pink granite mansion with 52 rooms, built by lumber baron David Whitney, serves up a generous brunch. It's a good way to get introduced to The Whitney if you've not been or get reacquainted if you've not been there in awhile.

Runners-up: Beverly Hills Grill, Townsend Hotel

■ Best restaurant to take your kids and still feel like you're an adult: Max & Erma's

One of the better chain restaurants catering to families. With over 75 locations in 11 states, its casual dining philosophy is among the best. In addition to great sandwiches and burgers for kids, their parents have voted the tortilla soup, classic Santa Fe salad and Tuscan chicken their favorites. Grown-ups dig the burgers, too.



Hungry for Italian, and want a good seat? Seated (from left) Ryan

Runners-up: Red Robin, Best Italian: Buca di Beppo

Buca di Beppo, translate about fun and gigantic portions. There's full bar service, with live music from the Passion Pit seated with its shrine to Frank Sinatra. Good.

Wonderful food



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nd Charles Saad, vice president of operations present some of the other La Shish locations. The Flaming Tower, (center) is a spectacular shrimp, swordfish and vegetables

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Spoken out on area eats



...ive atmosphere? Try Buca di Cook, Nicky Hogue and Kim Hogue

family Buggy

l as Joe's basement, is all ions at reasonable-prices es and beer. Humor reigns, y; six on to the Wine Room atra. The pizzas are really

- Runners-up Deluccas, Il Posto
- Best Middle Eastern La Shish

With identical menus in each of its metro-area locations, La Shish has brought Lebanese-style Middle Eastern dishes to the pinnacle. Hallmarks are the fresh-baked pita, lamb chops, marinated in a special La Shish marinade, then grilled, shish tawook (chicken kabob), and fattoush (a vegetarian salad). Because it's part of Lebanese culture, many vegetarian dishes are on the menu.

- Runners-up Phoencia, Pine Land
- Best for Thai Bangkok Kitchen

With origins in the palace of the kings of Siam, Thai food has taken metro Detroit by storm. Characteristic tastes come from an aromatic mixture of salt, pepper, garlic, basil and Thai peppers pounded together. These are enhanced by herbs, spices, cilantro, ginger root, galangal (from the ginger family), lemongrass and kaffir lime. Add nam pla (fish sauce) for a salty dimension and coconut milk for creamy texture. Readers believe Bangkok Kitchen does it best!

- Runners-up Sy Thai, Orchid Cafe
- Best for Sushi. Benihana

Japanese cuisine was unknown to the United States when the first Benihana opened in 1964. Having a Japanese chef prepare a meal at tableside was a radical

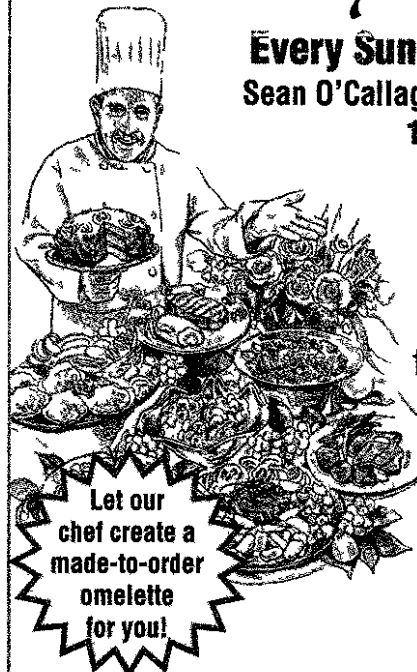
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idea. Now sushi is a favorite all over the US and Benihana is obviously the people's choice in this area.

Runners-up Musashi, Little Tree
Best for Chinese PF Chang's China Bistro
 Attaining harmony of taste, texture, color and aroma by balancing the Chinese principles of fan (rice, noodles, grains and dumplings) and t'sai (vegetables, meat, poultry and seafood), PF Chang's has taught the American palate to love Chinese and the innovative influence of southeast Asian cooking on modern Chinese cuisine
 Runners up Mon Jim Lau New Peking

Best for Mexican El Nibble Nook
 If you don't want to head to Mexicantown, then the "Nook" that has served Mexican food, margaritas and freshly made tortilla chips to generations is a good bet.
 Runners-up On the Border, Mexican Fiesta
Best for vegetarian fare Inn Season
 Vegetarian is not only a lifestyle, it's healthy eating. There's nary a poll that doesn't put Inn Season first. The first bite of most dishes will make you forget that it's vegetarian.
 Runners up Seva, Blue Nile
Best for wining and dining clients Peabody's
 To the "P" in the name, add pricing, which is moderate, and prime rib, a classic at this eatery, which is a Birmingham tradition. Seal the deal with prime rib and a good bottle of cabernet sauvignon

Runners-up Capital Grille, Kruse & Muer
Best place to say "I love you" and then have dinner The Grill, Ritz-Carlton
 A renovation has given The Grill a new look, even more intimate and elegant. Chef Stephen Jalbert's creative American cuisine and the restaurant's legendary service remains but are showcased even further. And the I love you part? Say that over one of the decadent desserts.
 Runners-up Cafe Cortina, Fox & Hounds
Best late-night menu Ram's Horn
 If you're into the area's bar scene, you know this is the place people go after the bar when you're hungry. There's something for everyone here, but American fare is best.

ordered as a generous hamburger
 Runners-up Big Boy, Wendy's
Best place to learn about learn about wine while buying it Merchant's Fine Wines
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Best nightspots

Looking for a place to hang out? Here are some suggestions

Call them taverns, pubs, public houses, whatever, these establishments have long joined the church and the courthouse as societal institutions. Here is some input from readers on their favorite features of area bars.

BEST BARTENDER

Michael Emlaw at Streetside Seafood

Emlaw remembers customers and what they like to drink. "He loves sports and can talk with the guys," said Bill Roberts, owner of Streetside Seafood and the Beverly Hills Grill. "I think the ladies are charmed by him. He hits all the bases and can chat with anyone. He's also very well versed on wines. Emlaw has been in the bar business 20 years, the last nine at Streetside. "I try to be professional. I can anticipate what people want and need." He typically works the 6 p.m. to closing shift Tuesday-Saturday.

Runners up: Bob Kazanowski, Mason's; Heather, Jim and Brian at 220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge.

BEST WINE BY THE GLASS

Streetside Seafood

The free samples can't hurt. "We offer a



Streetside Seafood bartender Michael Emlaw pours a glass of house wine.

taste of anything with the exception of reserved bottles," said general manager Anita Wilson, adding that at this seafood restaurant, champagne and white wine do not rule, as tradition would suggest. "We

sell a ton of red wine here, our distributors are shocked."

Runners up: Papa Vino's, 220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge.

BEST MARTINI

Blue Martini

James Bond and Frank Sinatra may have passed on some of the non-traditional martini drinks with names like the Tango Tim and the Palm Beacher, but readers agree that this night spot shakes up the best martinis in town.

Runners up: 336 Main, Double Olive.

BEST BEER ON TAP

Dick O'Dow's

It's not enough to just serve their Guinness at the proper temperature, 38-42 degrees. At this downtown Birmingham mainstay, staff generate their own nitrogen-CO2 blend beer delivery system "so it cascades properly," said owner Mitch Black. There are lighter beers too, including the popular Smithwick's Irish ale, similar to Bass Ale but with a sweeter, smoother finish.

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NIGHTSPOTS

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Runners up Rochester Mills Brewing Co., Box Bar

BEST BAR FOOD

Mason's

Readers say this popular lunch and after work meeting spot that also doubles as a sports lounge serves up not just the finest burgers in Metro Detroit, but in the whole U.S.A. The 1/3-pound patties are served in red baskets with fries.

Runners up Dick O'Dow's, Miller's Bar

BEST GAME ROOM

Dave & Busters

Flashing lights, bells and whistles greet those entering the oversized Million Dollar Midway arcade with games including Daytona U.S.A., where you can win tickets to exchange for prizes. There are also billiards, shuffleboard, a golf simulator and electronic games.

Runners up Snookers, Gameworks

BEST JUKEBOX

Mt Chalet II

The wide variety of music available on this tavern's jukebox draws notice from readers. They play a lot of Squeeze, Bob Marley, Dave Matthews, Tom Petty, Talking Heads, Kid Rock, Pretenders, hip

hop, Smashing Pumpkins," said waitress Trina Ashburn.

Runners up Johnny Rockets, Gusoline Alley

BEST IRISH PUB

Dick O'Dow's

Owner/bus boy Mitch Black has some ideas on why readers favor his place. "It's exactly what an Irish pub is supposed to be, it's a center of the community." The 150-year-old tavern shipped in pieces from Ireland and opened in Birmingham in 1996. It hosts Theology on Tap discussions — headed by Holy Name Catholic Church on Tuesday nights — and Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce meetings. This pub also has great burgers.

Runners up Sean O'Callaghan's, Duggan's

BEST HAPPY HOUR

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

"I don't do any special prices or anything," said general manager Frank Tillman. "It's just a place where everyone after work kind of congregates and relaxes, they meet their friends — everyone has a good time."

He's talking about the Realtors, brokers and other sharp-dressed Birmingham business professionals who show up for conversation and to check out sports or market results on TV.

Runners up TGI Friday's, McCormick & Schmick's

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■ Bob Kazanowski - Mason's, 13490 Farmington Road, Livonia 734-427-0650

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Music

Kid Rock's all over the place

Let's unofficially call this week Kid Rock Week as Detroit's favorite twangy rocker plays to metro Detroiters at two different venues

He's at The Palace tonight and Cobo on Friday. Tickets are still available. The



Kid Rock is playing in the Motor City this week

Twisted Brown Trucker Band, of course, is playing with him

Is Kid Rock mimicking Bob Seger's career? He's trying to. Rock said at the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland last week, Seger is his hero

Here are some similarities

■ In Seger's heyday, he and The Silver Bullet

Band also played numerous consecutive shows in the Motor City. A full week at Pine Knob in the 1970s and '80s were common

■ Seger seemed to be everywhere in the Motor City - basketball games, big rock shows etc. Kid's doing the same thing. You might see him at Pistons' games or jumping on stage at concerts, anything from B B King to Lynyrd Skynyrd

■ They're both proud to be from Detroit. Any Seger fan knows his famous concert line boasting the city. "They say Detroit audiences are the best audiences in the world. I said, 's---t I've known that for 10 years'" Rock remembers his roots too, we hear him constantly boasting about how much he loves the Midwest on his albums

■ Seger made it cool to sing about the hardships of a rock star on the road with his song, *Turn the Page*. Rock's done the same in his songs *Cold and Empty* and *Rock n' Roll Parn Train*, both from his new album

■ All of Seger's Silver Bullet albums were hugely successful, Kid Rock's Twisted Brown Trucker albums are the same

Seger was inducted into the Hall of Fame last week. Let's hope Rock will eventually make his way there too

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With The Twisted Brown Trucker Band and special guest Puddle of Mudd

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Gem Theatre

Menopause The Musical 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Theatre 333 Madison Detroit \$39.50 groups of 10 14 \$36.50 (313) 963 9800 Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666 or visit www.gemtheatre.com

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Capitol Steps 8 p.m. Friday \$32 \$27 students/seniors \$24 Bobby Vinton 8 p.m. Sunday \$40 students/seniors \$36 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township (586) 286 2222 (800) 585 3737 www.macombcenter.com

Fox Theatre

Miss Saigon through Sunday Curtain 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday Tickets are \$28 \$73 at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and Hockeytown Authentics in Troy and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets call (248) 433 1515 Call (313) 471 6611 or visit www.OlympiaEntertainment.com

Theatre Company

The Robber Bridegroom by Alfred Uhry music by Robert Waldman Bawdy Southern fairy tale 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday no performance Sunday March 28 McAuley Theatre on the Outer Drive campus of the University of Detroit Mercy 8200 W Outer Dr \$12 seniors \$10 students with ID \$8 (313) 993 6461 www.udmtheatre.com

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Ridgedale Players

Guys & Dolls 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 Broadway Onstage Live Theatre 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile Road) Eastpointe \$15 (586) 771 6333

Clarkston Village Players

Trophies by John J. Wooten 7:30 p.m. Thursday 2 p.m. Sunday 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre \$10 Thursday \$12 Friday Saturday (248) 625 8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

Oakland Theatre Guild

Jekyll and Hyde 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Starlight Theater in Summit Place Mall 315 N Telegraph corner of Elizabeth Lake Road Waterford \$14 seniors/children under 12 \$12 (248) 335 1788 www.starlighttheater.net

Park Players

Man of La Mancha dinner show 6:30 p.m.



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Rhonda Freya English, formerly of Southfield, plays 'Power Woman' in 'Menopause The Musical' now playing at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. Call (313) 963-9800, Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit www.gemtheatre.com for more information

Saturday \$25 Wine & Cheese with show 8 p.m. Friday Saturday April 2 3 \$20 12:30 p.m. Sunday brunch with show \$22 N. Rosedale Park Community House 18445 Scarsdale Detroit (313) 837 9082

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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

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The Yellow Boat by David Saar true story of Saar's 8 year old son Benjamin and his experience with hemophilia and AIDS 8 p.m. Friday Saturday March 26 27 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday April 1 3 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday March 27 28 and Saturday April 3 Sponberg Theatre on EMU's Ypsilanti campus \$8 Thursday \$14 Friday Saturday \$12 matinee (734) 487 1221

YOUTH THEATER

Marquis Theatre

The Shoemaker and the Elves 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday through May 2 1:35 E. Main St. Northville No children under 3 \$7.50 (248) 349 8110

First Theatre Guild of Birmingham

The Emperor's New Clothes 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Knox Auditorium First Presbyterian Church 1669 Maple Birmingham \$8 adults \$5 seniors/students Seniors get in free on Sunday (248) 644 2087 Ext 151

AUDITIONS

Village Players of Birmingham

The Recruiting Officer restoration comedy 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

The Civic - Live!

Talent showcase at the Civic Theatre in downtown Farmington on May 22 23 Seeking singers dancers musicians comedians magicians impressionists novelty acts Open to all Detroit area performers all ages and professions Auditions open through Thursday April



Kaeshi and Amar are members of the Bellydance Superstars who are presenting two shows at The Magic Bag in Ferndale on Saturday and teaching a basic dance workshop on Sunday at The Community House in Birmingham. Both were dancers at the Aladdin in Las Vegas. For more information about the show call (248) 645 6666. To learn more about the workshop visit www.bellydancesuperstars.com

15 call (248) 474 5500 Ext 215 for details

Barbershop

Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church 36660 Cherry Hill Road 1/2 mile east of Newburgh Westland Gentlemen interested in singing in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartets can call Bob Wolf (734) 421 1652 or come to any rehearsal

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Trinity House Theatre

Benefit concert 8 p.m. Friday 38840 W Six Mile Road Livonia \$20 (734) 464 6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org Features Mustard's Retreat Matt Watroba Ric Hordinski Whit and Al Hill Kim Taylor John Austin and Erin Echo Jill Jack 8 p.m. Saturday \$10

Music Menu

All star jam night 9 p.m. Saturday 511 Monroe St. near the corner of Beaubien and Monroe in Detroit's Greektown \$7 1 (313) 964 6368

Bugs Beddow Band

Cavern Club 201 S. First St. Ann Arbor 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday Blue Martini 201 Hamilton Birmingham 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday www.bugsbeddow.com

Global Jazz Trio

Mark Hershberger with Muruga Booker and Richard Smith 9:30 p.m. Saturday Bakers Keyboard Lounge 20510 Livernois Detroit (313) 345 6300 www.bakerskeyboard.com www.globaljazztrio.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre

Great Big Sea with the Push Stars 6:30 p.m. (doors open) 8 p.m. (show) Thursday \$25 Ben Kweiler with Death Cag for Cutie 8 p.m. Tuesday March 30 \$15 318 W Fourth St. corner of Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 399 2980 (248) 645 6666

Killer Flamigos

10 p.m. Friday Saturday 80s dance music John Cowley & Sons 33338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941 www.johncowleys.com

Bobby Lewis & the Crackerjack Band

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Saturday Silky's Martinis and Music Cafe 21931 Michigan Ave. Dearborn \$5 cover (313) 565 6278

Brother's Groove

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday Blue Martini 201 Hamilton Birmingham (248) 258 3005

Edison's

The Blue Kings 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today Tall Cool One 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St. Birmingham (248) 645 2150

Jazz at the Philharmonic

Big jam session 3 5 p.m. Sunday April 18 VisTaTechCenter Schoolcraft College Livonia Features Matt Michaels & Bill Meyer piano Dan Jordan & Paul Keller bass Jim Ryan & Jerry McKenzie drums Jeff Trudell percussion and others Two bands will jam separately and then come together at the conclusion of the concert Tickets \$15 in advance send check or money order payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival with a self addressed stamped envelope to Midge Ellis 20457 Maplewood St Livonia MI 48152 2022 No tickets sold at the door For more information call (248) 474 2720 or (734) 459 2454

CONCERTS

DSO

Salute to the Duke with Doc Severinsen 8 p.m. today 8 30 p.m. Friday Saturday 3 p.m. Sunday \$15 \$54 DSO Young People's Concert kids learn how an orchestra works 10 a.m. and 11 30 a.m. Saturday \$10 \$26 The Max 3711 Woodward Ave Detroit \$15 \$60 (313) 576 5111 www.detroitssymphony.com

UMS

The Talis Scholars Peter Phillips director 8 p.m. today St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2250 E Stadium Blvd Ann Arbor \$30 \$40 Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra Music of the Latin Jazz Masters 8 p.m. Saturday Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ave Ann Arbor \$10 \$40 Lang Lang piano 8 p.m. Thursday April 1 \$10 \$50 Hill Auditorium (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

Birmingham Musicales

Benefit concert 8 p.m. Friday featuring the Matt Michaels Trio Birmingham First United Methodist Church 1589 Maple Road Birmingham \$15 (students grades 1-12) \$20 general \$35 patron \$50 benefactor (248) 642 2386

The Optimistics & Friends

Music Makes the World Go Round 7 30 p.m. Friday Smith Theatre Orchard Ridge campus south of I 696 in Farmington Hills Demonstration of how music transforms lives A wide variety of styles will be featured Optimistics is a vocal group consisting of Beverly Williams husband and wife Betty and Vincent Little Friends consists of a five piece band and three back up singers \$15 discount for students/seniors (248) 522 3420

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

Romantic Excursion & A Little Jazz 8 p.m. Friday Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave at Greenfield Dearborn \$5 students \$10 \$30 adults (313) 565 2424

Cantata Academy

March Mysticism Concert 8 p.m. Saturday Sacred Heart of the Hills Catholic Church 3400 S Adams Auburn Hills Ralph Vaughan Williams *Five Mystical Songs for Choir* Rene Clausen's *Communion* Stephen Paulus *Embracing All* with instrumentalists from the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings \$15 (\$12 seniors/students) \$15 at the door (248) 358 9868

Harmony x Four

Several Detroit area vocal jazz ensembles present a free concert 3 p.m. Sunday in Room F 110 of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College 5101 Evergreen Dearborn

Chenille Sisters

Lights Camera call to Action red carpet evening of Hollywood glitz glam and music 7 p.m. Thursday April 1 at the Farmington Civic Theater Benefits The Farmington/Farmington Hills Action Coalition \$20 VIP reception reserved seating \$100 (248) 489 3408 www.calltoactioninfo

WORLD/FOLK

Bellydance Superstars

7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday The Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale \$20 available at the Magic Bag box office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Friday or Ticketmaster call (248) 645 6666 www.bellydancesuperstars.com

Belly dance workshops

Noon to 5 p.m. and 12 30 4 p.m. Sunday The Community House 380 S Bates Birmingham \$50 for each workshop Register in advance online at www.bellydancesuperstars.com Registration also available at the door

Belly dancing

Heat Night Club 2 N Saginaw Pontiac two blocks south of M 59 every other Saturday Next session April 3 Belly dance lessons at 9 p.m. followed by evening of dance Proper attire 21 & over cost women \$5 and men \$10 For those 18 20 years old admission is \$20 for men and \$10 for women (248) 322 5550

The Ark

Kalman Balogh Gypsy Cimboim Band & Friends 8 p.m. today Vince Gilbert 8 p.m. Friday Susan Werner 8 p.m. Saturday Joan Baez 7 30 p.m. Sunday Mountain Heart 8 p.m. Tuesday March 30 Solas 8 p.m. Wednesday March 31 316 S Main St Ann Arbor (734) 761 1451 www.a2ark.org

DANCE

Wayne State Dance

Seventy five year anniversary celebration weekend Friday Sunday dance concert 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Bonstelle Theatre 3424 Woodward Ave Detroit Diamond Anniversary Alumni Concert 3 p.m. Sunday Bonstelle Theatre www.dance.wayne.edu or call (313) 577 4273

More Dances

Contemporary Dance Company Michigan Choreographer Showcase 8 p.m. Saturday April 2 Azar's Gallery 670 Old Woodward Ave Birmingham Tickets \$15 adults \$10 students at the door (248) 689 4084

Country Western Dance

Hosted by Blackberry Creek Dancers on Saturday at the Italian Cultural Center 28111 Imperial Dr Warren Doors open 7 p.m. lesson at 7 30 p.m. open dancing 8 11 30 p.m. for couples line dancing and flow \$10 includes lesson snacks coffee & soft drinks (313) 526 9432



The 'World Famous' Lipizzaner Stallions present 'Dancing White Stallions' 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at The Palace of Auburn Hills Tickets \$22 and \$27, discount for children 12 and under and seniors Call (248) 645-6666 or www.palacenet.com

Moondusters

Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands featuring popular swing fox trot waltz cha cha and others 8 30 11 30 p.m. every Saturday \$6 dressy attire Singles and married Meet at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile Livonia Ballroom dance lessons 7 8 p.m. Saturday call Joe (248) 968 5197

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club

Mark Knope 8 15 & 10 45 p.m. Friday Saturday \$12 7 p.m. Sunday \$8 dinner show option available at Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com or www.paisano1.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Jimmy Dore 8 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor discount for tickets purchased in advance (734) 996 9080

Mark Ridley Comedy Castle

Mike Birbiglia 8 p.m. Thursday \$6 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday \$12 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Saturday \$15 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900

Chaplin's

Jeff Dunham 8 30 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday Lord Carret 8 30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday March 31 April 1 8 30 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday April 2 3 34244 Grosebeck Clinton Township south of 15 Mile Road Clinton Township (586) 792 1902 www.chaplincomedyclub.com 21 and over

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FILM

Redford Theatre

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Uptown Birmingham 8

Classic Film Series 11 10 a.m. 11 0 p.m. 3 15 p.m. 5 15 p.m. 7 20 p.m. and 9 30 p.m. every Wednesday 211 S Old Woodward Ave Birmingham \$5 50 (248) 644 FILM

Detroit Film Theatre

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Film Wrap

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The Henry Ford

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Cranbrook Institute of Science

Chimpanzee Challenge through May 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Thursday until 10 p.m. on Friday (877) 462 7262 or www.cranbrook.edu 39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills no charge with museum admission \$7 adults \$5 children ages 2 12 and senior citizens Donate an old wireless phone to receive free admission Phones will be given to protect victims of domestic violence

The New Detroit Science Institute

Traveling exhibition MarsQuest admission \$2 adults \$1 children ages 2 12 with purchase of general admission to the Science Center - \$7 adults \$6 children ages 2 12 and seniors Admission to the IMAX Dome Theatre or Dassault Systemes Planetarium \$4 (313) 577 8400 or www.detroitssciencecenter.org www.marsquestonline.org

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4140 Woodward Ave Detroit Parking available on street and behind building It seems that every blues underground industrial punk reggae world and Americana band has played here Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness Attire is freestyle casual and up Call for hours (313) 833 9700

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Detroit Casino at (877) 888-2121. For more information visit <http://www.mgm-mirage.com>

To get to the casino take I-94 east to M-10 South, exit left at Bagley Avenue. Turn right on Third Street.

This week's entertainment schedule also features Altamease Nelson at 5:30 p.m. and Alena at 10 p.m. today, Kaleidoscope at 5:30 p.m. Friday, JD Horizon at 1:15 p.m., Dal Bouey at 5:30 p.m. and the Mylestones at 10 p.m. Saturday, Taylor Made at 3 p.m. and the Paris Band at 7:30 p.m. Sunday

Green Eyed Soul plays at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Dal Bouey at 10 p.m. On Wednesday, March 31, catch Green Eyed Soul at 5:30 p.m. and Norma Jean Bell at 10 p.m.

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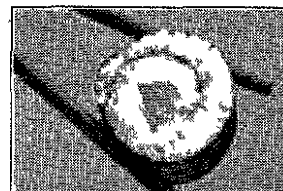
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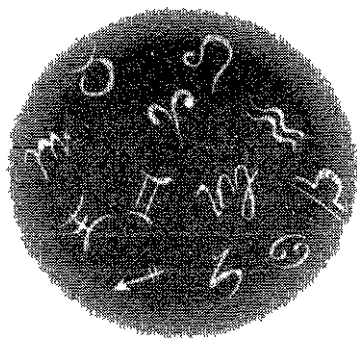
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Try not to be too hard on yourself. Everyone makes mistakes, even an Aries, and the bigger the mistakes you make, the more of an opportunity you have of turning them into something of value. If mistakes are the way we learn, you'll learn something this week.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You are justly renowned for being a patient, good listener, but now it's time to speak up and let others know your feelings and desires and upsets. You may not tell people what they want to hear, but at least they will know where you stand. Bull. Be brave, don't brood.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your way with words opens many doors, but sometimes leads to them being slammed in your face, and that's something you'll have to watch for this week. The Moon in your sign says that being brutally honest isn't always the best idea now, especially if your progress depends on it.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You may feel tempted to break with routine and do something completely out of character this weekend. After all, it's been a yawner of a month, eh? If you have the support of a certain key person, all the better. If not, be prepared to stick your neck out and do it anyway.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

What is important to you now, especially on a material level, won't be so important to you by this time next week. That's good, because it's time you recognized that some things, and some people, are not to be taken seriously. Slow down, don't push yourself. Lion!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Count to 10 and take action, Virgo! For too long, you've put off dealing with something of an emotional nature, but what happens this week will convince you that you can't run forever. Most likely, you'll discover that what you feared was a product of your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Librans are great ones wishing they could turn back the clock and make things right. You can't, of course, but what you can do now is visualize a time and place in the future when the mistakes of the past no longer matter. Focus on life's possibilities instead of its perils.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The great thing to remember is that you are no longer tied to the past, nor are you under others' control or influence. In fact, the key word now is freedom. Therefore, think of the larger self that is limitless in power and possibilities, and spring will be a time of remarkable achievements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

March is rarely an easy month for Sages because the Sun is at right angles to the position it occupied on the day you were born. But remember, adversity breeds opportunity, and you are unlikely to get a better chance to prove how cooperative, caring, and courageous you can be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Star wise, this could be a fortunate week for you, especially if you're ambitious and want to move up in the world. The only danger is that in your haste to succeed, you might go against your own principles and do something that hurts others, if only indirectly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

For someone who is supposed to be easygoing, tolerant, and compassionate, you appear to be going in all directions at the moment. Just ensure you don't spoil what could be a perfect relationship or profitable alliance by insisting that everyone take your word as gospel.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Don't forget that the only constant in astrology, as in life, is change. So make the most of current aspects to get your life moving in the right direction again. Mars soon entering your solar fourth sector signifies that you are in the ideal position to force the pace on the work front.

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Pure Picks

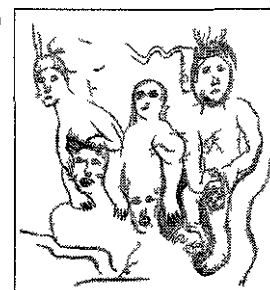
Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.



Old Time Relijun screams the way to a revolution.

Show

A little music lesson so we are all on the same page when it comes to the rarely used phrase "No Wave." Ahem. Two genres were created in reaction to Punk Rock: New Wave and No Wave. New Wave, the genre with which most every one is familiar, created everything from synthpop greats Depeche Mode to that *Tainted Love* song now playing in every car commercial these days. No Wave was the arty, experimental and provocative reaction to Punk Rock aesthetics, centered around New York's Lower East Side in the early 1980s. No Wave began with people like Lydia Lunch and Model Citizens, while bands like Sonic Youth and The Birthday Party keep it alive today. I hope you paid attention, because with this knowledge, you will be able to hobnob with the most elitist of music nerds at the Old Time Relijun. Piranhas and Human Eye show April 1 at the Detroit Art Space.



'Lost Light'

Old Time Relijun plays No Wave cacophony with a pagan influence. Stark, upright bass notes blend with sparse guitar plunking and garage rock drumming. Their new album *Lost Light* hits record stores on April 6. Joining the band will be Detroit punk institution **The Piranhas** and ex Clone Defects members, now calling themselves **Human Eye**. Cost is \$7. Doors open at 9 p.m. The Detroit Art Space is located at 101 E. Baltimore in Detroit. For more info, call (313) 664-0445.

Music

Cute/catchy singer/songwriter **Ben Kweller** will deliver his new CD *On my Way* on April 6. Get a sneak peek at the new record's material when Kweller plays Tuesday at the Royal Oak Music Theatre with underground greats **Death Cab for Cutie**. Singing about everything from his cats to heartache, Kweller



Sadly, he's married now. Singer/songwriter Ben Kweller.

powerpops a perfect mix of deephearted subjects and silly refrains, making music that is sincere and touching. And of course, Death Cab for Cutie basically invented sincere and touching. Make sure to prepare for a feast of nostalgia. Tickets are \$15 for the standing room only venue. Doors open at 6 p.m. with music set to begin at 7 p.m. Royal Oak Music Theatre is located at 318 W. 4th St. in Royal Oak. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or log onto <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.



Death Cab for Cutie members search for lost loves.

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.

Web Site

Tear yourself away from *YM's Say Anything* or *Cosmo's Confessions* columns for a minute and take your cheating heart over to **Group Hug** (<http://grouphug.us>). The site provides an anonymous confessions board, allowing users to air their deepest secrets and embarrassments in a confidential and public arena. (Man, don't you just love the Internet?)

As of Tuesday, there were 63,628 active confessions, all designed to say "My life isn't as bad as that guy's," and "See, our combined human experience does involve tripping up stairs and farting at work." A small warning: Although the site bans gratuitous vulgarity, many of the topics may not be suitable for children's eyes.

Free

I believe in a thing called free in-store appearances. The tongue-in-cheek rockers **The Darkness** will meet fans and sign copies of their album *Permission to Land* at 1 p.m. March 28 at Tower Records in Birmingham. Tower Records is located at 202 N. Old Woodward Ave. For more info, call (248) 647-1707.

Party time

Fanclub wants to create fans of art

It was probably the first time some of the students at Most Holy Trinity Elementary had ever seen the Detroit Institute of Arts

"Mrs. H, you show us beauty!" they told their teacher, Carla Haska, during one such visit.

When she tells the story, there's an audible sense of admiration and joy in Haska's voice

As art teacher at the parochial school in Detroit, she knows first-hand the effect the arts can have on young minds

I've seen kids do a complete 360. When you tell them they can do anything, it's incredible how you can see their artistic talent evolve," Haska says. "It just builds their ego and their self-esteem."

It wasn't always like this, there was a time a few years back when paper to draw on was scarce, let alone trips to the DIA. State funding cuts have led most schools to slash arts programs, and Holy Trinity Elementary was no exception.

Enter Fanclub Arts Foundation, a non-profit organization that grants funds to create or support arts education in low- and middle-income areas.

Holy Trinity has been receiving grants from Fanclub for two years, and it's not

SWINGTIME '04

What: A fund raiser to benefit Fanclub arts foundation, which grants funds for arts education in low- and middle-income areas

When: 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday April 3

Where: The Fisher Building in Detroit

Tickets: \$100 per person (248) 584-4150

hard to notice a change at the school.

"They have helped us," said Haska, who also acts as the school's gym teacher and its marketing/development coordinator. "Having no art program, they have definitely expanded our horizons."

"(Arts education) always seems to be the first thing to go when there are budget cuts (to schools)," said Allison Jewett, director of events for Fanclub.

The foundation began more than a decade ago, a pet project of arts lover and Bloomfield Hills resident John Bloom. Since its inception, Fanclub has granted

more than \$400,000 to area schools and organizations.

Fanclub is sustained through individual and corporate donations, and fund raisers like the upcoming Swingtime '04 at the Fisher Building April 3.

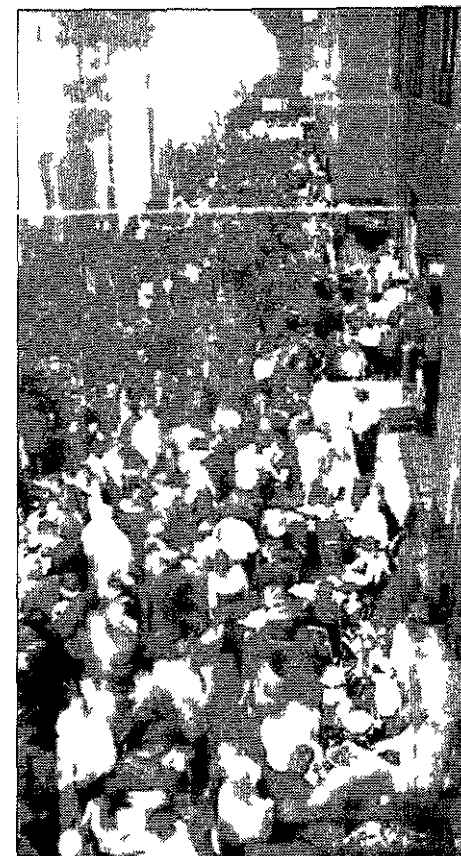
For \$100 per person, attendees will get to belly up to a premium open bar, munch on gourmet nibbles from about 24 local restaurants and dance to music from Alma Smith, the Twistin' Tarantulas, Intrigue and Rhythm Society Orchestra.

Jewett said the organization hopes to raise about \$60,000 from the event, which is capped to include 1,000 people this year. Bloomfield Hills resident Heidi Stem of Heidi's Salons fame is chairing this year's event.

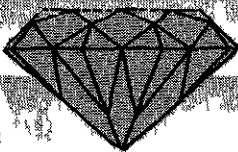
That's \$60,000 that Fanclub can give to low-income schools like Holy Trinity, which stresses the importance of arts education.

"(Principal Kathleen McBride) understands how important (art) is to a child's development," said Haska, who notes that many people are quick to write art education off as a frivolous expenditure.

"Every aspect of life is art, right down to the clothes that are made for you. It's so much more than coloring pictures."



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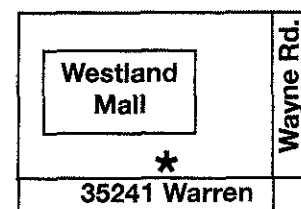
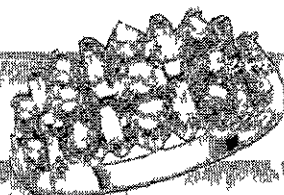
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Contest

Winners talk about their heroes

Bruce Sharer, Nancy Serlin and Diane King are the winners of our *Miss Saigon* contest. They wrote about their hero to win a pair of tickets to the 8 p.m. performance of *Miss Saigon* today at the Fox Theatre.

Here are their stories.

My high school teacher Bob Lyon was a mentor and continues to be a friend to this day, wrote Sharer, a Rochester Hills resident.

I grew up in a typical blue collar, middle class working household and did not have much exposure to the arts. It was not until I took my first humanities course from Bob Lyon in my junior year that I had my real first taste of theater, film, music, art and dance. The two years I spent taking classes from Bob helped mold me into the person I am today. After high school I went to college and stayed in touch with Bob. After a couple of years, I reached a point in my college career where I was not doing real well in my chosen major and was suffering from college burnout. Bob told me that it was not important what I got my college degree in. His thought was to take whatever curriculum I liked best and get my degree. He said that with the degree in hand, 'Doors will open up for you.' Bob was sure right about that. I went back to college the next semester and ended up having a wonderful two years getting a degree in English literature. With that degree in hand, I got a job with a national firm and I am celebrating my 26th year with that company this year.

"My hero is my mom," wrote Serlin, a Farmington Hills resident. At 81 she runs circles around everyone including me. She is an actress in Lansing and will be in *Steel Magnolias* for the fourth time. She does commercials and has one running on TV as we speak. She raised three children and was very involved in their lives even as she volunteered with groups who raised money for all sorts of good causes. This is a salute to Leonor Reizen for being the best that she could be and passing it on.

"The hero in my life is my father, Mitchell Pawlak," wrote King, a Livonia resident. "He suffered through years of torture and savagery in the German concentration camps during World War II and managed to survive. He married my mother and brought me as an infant from Poland after the war to the U.S. to make a better life for his family."

He is a caring and wonderful man who always thought of his family first and himself second, and I will always consider him to be my hero.



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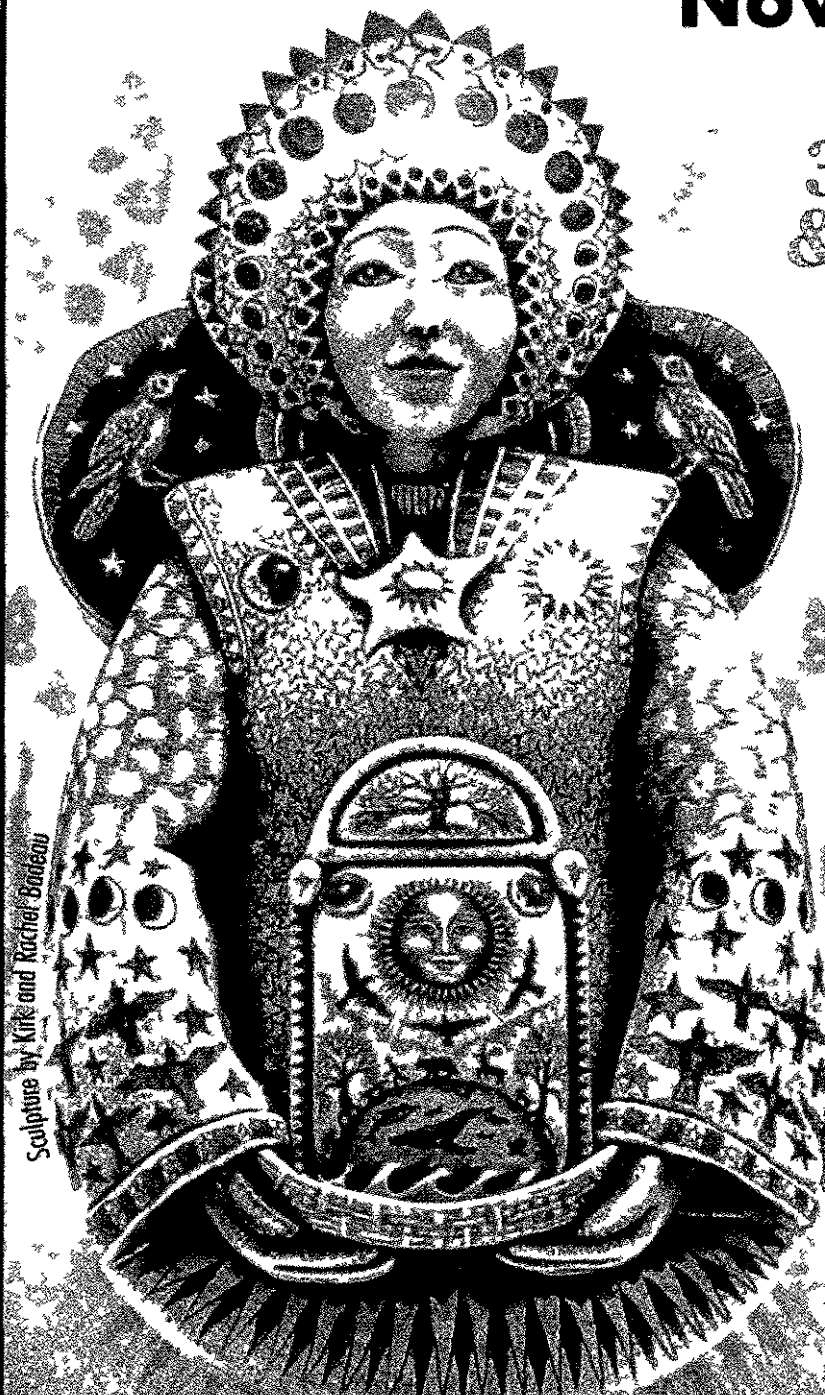
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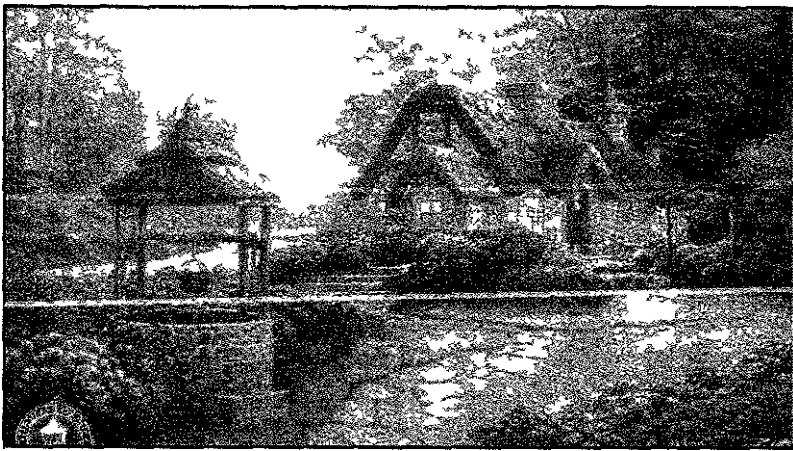
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