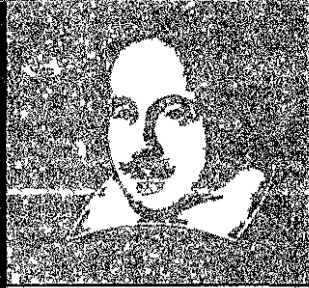


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Getting ready

Plymouth-Canton
Congress students
were working hard
this week preparing
for the April 7 Activity
Night extravaganza
The night, which



runs from 7-9 p.m., is
an opportunity for
incoming eighth-
graders and their par-
ents to get informa-
tion on things that are
offered at the high
school level. Tours of
all three high schools
will be available
beginning at 6 p.m.,
and at Salem
information on all
sports and
clubs/organizations
will also be on hand.

The evening will fea-
ture live performanc-
es from the perform-
ance-based groups
such as cheerleading,
chorus, band, the
orchestra, poetry
slam and the improv
club. More than 20
prizes, including a new
DVD recorder, will be
raffled off.

Coaches, advisers
and current student
participants will be
available for ques-
tions, and snacks and
beverages will be pro-
vided.

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residents how their
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Sports, staff among district's targets

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

More than three dozen lay-
offs, less extensive cleaning of
school buildings and cuts in
middle and high school athlet-
ics are among the list of budget
cuts and reductions being dis-
cussed by the Plymouth-Canton
Board of Education to balance a
projected \$8.6 million budget
deficit for the next school year.

The administration believes
an earlier projected deficit of
\$9.2 million will be reduced by
\$650,000 as the state indicates

it won't change the formula for
funding student enrollment.
However, Superintendent Jim
Ryan said it's still difficult to
find cuts and reductions total-
ing more than \$2.6 million that
won't have a dramatic impact
on the district, employees and
students.

Tuesday night, Ryan present-
ed the board with \$2.2 million
in reductions that include 40
layoffs, including 16 custodians,
four high school nurses and the
security director at the high
school complex.

According to Ryan's figures,

the district could save more than
\$480,000 by performing what
he termed "modified cleaning" in
the district's buildings.

"It's better than every other
day cleaning and we think we
can reduce costs," said Ryan.

Ryan is looking at another
\$200,000 cut from the athletic
department budget, which
could be addressed in a number
of ways.

We've asked the middle
schools to look at the restruc-
turing of sports and to see if
there is a pay-to-participate
opportunity there," Ryan said.

High school athletes current-
ly pay a \$125 fee to participate
in as many sports as they
choose. "Some people have sug-
gested that students pay per
sport, rather than a one-time
fee," he said. "They've also dis-
cussed ticket price increases at
athletic events as a possibility
for more revenue."

Ryan is also looking at reor-
ganization of high school ath-
letics, and has put all three high
school athletic directors on
notice for possible layoff.

Slashing the jobs of four of
the five high school nurses

would save \$300,000.
However, George Shea, whose
daughter is a junior, told board
members he's not in favor of
that option.

"I know all the cuts are diffi-
cult, but as a father I want my
kids to be safe and I want
someone there to take care of
them," he said. "I strongly urge
you to keep nurses at the park."

The list of cuts also includes
limiting the number of hours the
media centers in elementary
school buildings are open, sav-
ing the district an estimated
\$225,000.

Rise to the top

Plymouth man
makes good as
hospital's top dog

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Gary Ley was a pre-med student at the University of Michigan, part of his sophomore year was spent learning about hospital administration.

When he figured out he really wasn't ready to be a doctor, he decided the administrative part of the medical field would be a good compromise.

Turns out it was a wise career move. Ley, a Plymouth Township resident since his senior year in high school, landed in the emergency room at Garden City Hospital, beginning a meteoric rise through the hospital hierarchy to his current spot as the hospital's president and chief executive officer.

Not bad for a kid from Chicago who had to badger his way into the university's public health school.

"I interviewed early in my senior year, and then went back constantly



PLEASE SEE LEY, A5 Gary Ley of Plymouth Township has been Garden City Hospital's chief executive officer since 1988.

Donors pony up for potty

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

What started with a \$10,000 donation last year by Dianne Quinn, organizer of Plymouth's summertime festival Art in the Park, has ended with a \$25,000 contribution by E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth.

And, in between, enough money has been collected from businesses, organizations and even private contributions to build a public bathroom in downtown Plymouth.

"I would assume that within a month we should be digging in the ground," said Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer, who has pushed the project since being elected to the city commission five years ago. "It hasn't been easy, but there is a lot of credit to a lot of people for seeing it through."

The commission voted in September to go ahead with the project, provided the estimated \$154,000 needed to construct the bathroom was committed through private donations. Dwyer met with Patrick O'Neill, president-elect of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday and counted \$160,000 in committed funding. Dwyer expects the commission to vote on awarding the contract to E G H Contractor Inc of Plymouth at Monday's city commission meeting.

"Right from the beginning, (Chamber Executive Director) Fran Toney and I said it wouldn't happen unless we got a lot of people involved, and many different people and companies stepped up," said Dwyer. "I've got to credit the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, when they committed the \$50,000 the ball started to roll."

Dwyer has committed \$1,000 to the project, which will be constructed to the rear of The Gathering and next to the Penn Theatre.

Others donating to the project include the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs, the Community Band, downtown retail merchants, New Liberty Bank, UBS Financial, Compari's, Raymond James, Johnson Controls, Visteon, and Ferris, Baker Watts.

Good Samaritan returns lost ring

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Ryan figured when she lost the engagement ring given by her high school sweetheart 38 years ago, she'd never see it again.

But, with the help of a friend who urged Ryan to report the lost ring to police, a daughter-in-law who insisted she trust a patron saint, and the good Samaritan who just happened to look down on the ground, the Plymouth Township woman stumbled

on a happy ending.

"I never thought I would see it again," said Ryan, who wears the half-carat ring on her pinkie finger. "I cried and I was depressed. I tried to think back to where I was that day, but we couldn't find it."

The drama began March 1 when Ryan and her husband, Terry, went to the Plymouth Township post office to mail their son's wedding invitations.

"We were hand-stamping the envelopes, and she

thought maybe it fell off into the garbage," said Terry Ryan. "So, I went back to get the trash and took it home to look through it."

The daylong search of everywhere they went that day, including stops in the city of Plymouth, failed to net the ring. At the urging of her best friend, Ellen Jones, Jennifer called Plymouth police.

"I figured why bother them, I wasn't ever going to see it



Terry and Jennifer Ryan thought her ring, which she wears on her pinkie, was gone forever.

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CHORUS CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at the new Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile in Northville.

The concert, titled "Through the Years," culminates the 30th season for the chorus. It will feature a mixture of great music, old and new, from Irving Berlin's *Alexander's Ragtime Band* to music from the very recent production, *Hairspray*.

Tickets are \$12 and are available at Sideways, 505 Forest, Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, Canton, Edward's

Caterer, 116 E Dunlap, Northville, or by calling (734) 455-4080. Order forms are also available at the chorus Web site, plycommunitychorus.org

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Plymouth Jaycees sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, on the softball field at Plymouth Township Park.

Hunts will be conducted for kids in age groups 2-under, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-older. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available, and members of the Plymouth Community Fire Department will give free fire truck tours.

In case of inclement weather, or for more information, call the Jaycee Hotline, (734) 453-8407.

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, has traditionally taken place beneath The Gathering and featured 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 Pennington 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).

DAR MEETING

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, hold a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, April 19 at Mill Race Village on Griswold Drive in Northville.

Speaker Sandy Basse will discuss the history of Northville. DAR members and potential members are welcome. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

GENEALOGICAL MEETING

Chatham, Ontario, resident Joan Griffin presents "Ontario Research" at the Northville Genealogical Society meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville. Griffin, who has done genealogical research for 35 years, will talk about a vast array of sources available across the bridge and over the Web.

The public is invited, and no admission fee is necessary. There will be a beginner class at 1:30 p.m., and a computer class on "Family Tree Maker" will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the Local History Room. For more information, visit www.rootsweb.com/~mungs or call (734) 595-7806.



Dance fever

Dance Ensemble West's senior company (from left) Rebecca Birman, Shannon Durkin, Robin Abbey-Lee, Becky Burean, Amanda Kelley and Katie Renfer are among the dancers getting ready for Saturday's "Dance Collection 2004" performance at the Canton High School Little Theater at 7 p.m. The concert is an annual performance of ballet, jazz and modern dance works. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased at the door. Guest appearance will be made by the Dance Alliance Repertory Company from Saline. Dance Ensemble West is a performing arts organization that has provided dance and arts education for more than 15 years. The company includes senior, junior and apprentice divisions with dancers ranging in age from 5-18.

SENIOR GOLF

There are openings for senior women golfers 50-plus years old on the All-Area Senior Golf League.

The group golfs at Fox Hills Golf Course Wednesday mornings between May and September. For more information or an application, call Ed at (734) 453-3141.

ZOO TIME

Detroit Zoological Institute Director, Ron Kagan and staff will meet with residents of the metro Detroit area at the first 'Much Ado About the Zoo' town hall community forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Schoolcraft Community College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

"Much Ado About the Zoo" is the beginning of an annual tradition that provides metro

Detroit residents the opportunity to share ideas and opinions with the Detroit Zoological Institute. Learn about plans for the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and other Institute initiatives.

This open, informal dialogue seeks feedback from the community on the Institute and its future, in order to help continue serving the public and nature.

To RSVP or for more information, call the Detroit Zoo, RSVP Lane, (248) 398-0903, Ext. 3217.

HEALTH FORUM

Marcia Kopacz, an adult nurse practitioner, will talk about "New Treatment Options for Schizophrenia," including signs and symptoms, medications and outcomes during an appearance at the April National Alliance for the

Mentally ill Education Meeting

The meeting takes place April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 994-6611.

EASTER SERVICES

Trinity Presbyterian Church hosts several events for Easter week.

■ April 4, Palm Sunday — 8:30 and 11 a.m., "Experience New Hope," programs for children of all ages, with a free continental breakfast.

■ April 8, Maundy Thursday — 7 p.m., "Experience Servanthood."

■ April 9, Good Friday — Noon, "Experience forgiveness."

■ April 11, Easter Sunday — 8:30 and 11 a.m., "Experience Everlasting Life," programs for children of all ages and a free continental breakfast.

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-4 p.m. Saturday, April 3, and a family buffet breakfast with the Easter Bunny will also be served Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny from 11 a.m.-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 Fellwood 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.

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F
 Delores Joyce Fletcher, 74 of West Bloomfield died March 28

H
 Joseph Julius Hus, of Waterford died March 25

POLICE BLOTTER

Retail fraud
 The loss prevention manager at Kmart was monitoring security cameras when he noticed a man enter the store grab a cart and head to the electronics section. He watched as the man put a 13-inch television into the cart then move up the "health and beauty" aisle. According to police reports, the man stopped in the aisle, took out a receipt from another store and put it in his mouth. According to the report, the suspect was attempting to make it look as though he'd paid for the television. He exited the store, the loss prevention manager approached him in the parking lot, and the suspect came back into the store, where police were called.

Laptop lifted
 Someone stole a laptop computer from a car parked in the CVS parking lot at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road. According to police reports, the car was locked at the time of the theft, but the windows were partially down.

Stereo swiped
 Someone smashed out the windows of a 1989 Mercury parked on Port Plymouth and stole the AM/FM/CD stereo. The victim had only recently purchased the car, and had no idea who might have stolen the stereo.

Pellet pelting
 Sometime between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. March 24, a woman reported that someone shot at the windows of her Woodgrove home. The woman found a hole in the glass, and a silver BB pellet in the yard. Police have no suspects.

Garage robbed
 A woman on Portsmouth Crossing went out to her garage to grab her golf clubs, only to discover someone had stolen them. Also taken were tool boxes, lawn maintenance equipment, a basketball and a cordless drill. The woman told police the garage is closed when she's away but she generally leaves it open when she's home. According to police reports, there was no sign of forced entry.

FIRE RUNS
 The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between March 24-30:

- Tuesday, March 30 - Residential rescue runs on Oregon Trail, on Haverhill, on Oak, on Sheridan and on Church, rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail
- Monday, March 29 - Residential rescue runs on Greenview Place, on Northville Road on Waverly, on Church and on Old Pond Circle, commercial rescue run on Beck, vehicle accidents at Evergreen and Maple and at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon
- Sunday, March 28 - Residential rescue runs on Princeton, on Haggerty and on Inbrook, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Trail
- Saturday, March 27 - Residential rescue runs on Church, on Beckenridge, on North, on Northville Road and on Coolidge, vehicle accident at Main and Marlin, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Sheldon rescue runs to public buildings on Ann Arbor Road, wash down on Sheldon
- Friday, March 26 - Vehicle accident at Sheldon and Nantucket, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Plymouth Road, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Road residential rescue runs on Caprice and on Ann Arbor Trail
- Thursday, March 25 - Mutual-aid run on northbound I-275 at Ford Road, residential rescue runs on Woodgate and on Betty Hill, commercial rescue runs on 5 Mile and on N Territorial
- Wednesday, March 24 - Residential rescue runs on Harvey and on Maple, rescue run to a public building on 5 Mile, fire on N Territorial, west of Beck, investigation at Sheldon and 5 Mile, special run on N Territorial

Coffee Bean concert to benefit First Step

The month of April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and one young woman is bringing her idea to be part of the solution to the problem to the Plymouth Coffee Bean Saturday.

Jessica Klein, a freshman at Eastern Michigan University who has interned at First Step for more than a year, has organized a benefit concert to assist the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence. The event, which takes place from 4-9 p.m. is an evening of music, poetry and dialogue about issues surrounding sexual assault.

"Even though her internship program ended with high school graduation, Jessica continues to support local domestic violence and sexual assault programs, said Lara Brooks, a sexual assault advocate for First Step.

"For the past month she's been busy booking bands and poets to bring awareness to sexual assault in our community particularly for our area's youth.

First Step provides sexual and domestic violence services to 35 communities throughout western Wayne County.

Klein, a local singer-songwriter, will be one of the show-cased acts for the event. Other performers include Penumbrae, Jeffree Paul St John, poet and band member of Sista Otis & the Wholly Rollers, poet Tiffany Edwards and singer-songwriter Emily Bate.

For more information, call Brooks at (734) 416-1111, Ext 218.

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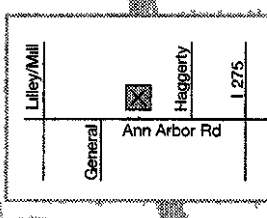
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to find out if I'd been accepted," recalled Ley, who has served as the hospital's CEO since 1988. "On the last day of school, I hadn't heard from them. I went one more time, and Thelma (the secretary), said, 'You've been bugging me every month, and I don't want you to bother me again until September.' That's how I found out I'd made it."

MOVING ON UP

He hasn't had to wait long for much else in his career. Former boss Alan Breakie, who spent nearly 40 years building the hospital, hired Ley in May 1979 as an assistant administrator and put him in charge of the ER.

Ley spurred improvements in the department, including an upgrade of the quality of doctors working there, all the while learning at Breakie's feet.

"He was a 'people person' the whole way, and you don't learn that in school," Ley recalled. "After five years, we both had the people side down. He and I tried to think that way. (But) I to this day get (employees) who say, 'Mr. Breakie wouldn't do it that way.'"

Ley's big break, if it's possible to see it that way, came when the hospital flooded in



Gary Ley shares a laugh with Garden City Hospital orthopedic Dr. Kennan Vance.

July 1987. Four inches of rain fell in some three hours, and the hospital flooded. When staffers saw the waters move a car from one end of the parking lot to the loading dock, the decision was made to evacuate.

The hospital discharged about 150 patients, moved most of the others to now-defunct Wayne County Hospital, and used the donation of some 25 generators from the community to care for the rest.

In dealing with the aftermath, however, Breakie suffered chest pains and was hospitalized for some five weeks. Ley stepped in, working with staffers every day to get the place back up and running, and solidified his spot as Breakie's heir-apparent.

"He has to please the staff, the physicians, the board. And he's got to be out in the public and schmooze."

That's the part of the job Ley doesn't like as much. Where 25 years ago he was involved in actual programs - "We improved the ER and added a rehab floor," Ley points out - the job now is heavily administrative, including contract negotiations.

But there's enough "old school" left in the job that Ley still deals with patient-care issues, unlike classmate Elliott Joseph, now the CEO at St. John Hospital.

"Here, when a patient piddles on the floor, they still call me," Ley said with a laugh. "He's dealing with a whole other level."

The oldest of five children, Ley grew up in a Chicago suburb, but moved to Plymouth when his father got a job here before his senior year in high school. A self-described "semi-jock" - he played some junior varsity basketball and ran a little track - Ley used the basketball team at Plymouth High School, from which he graduated in 1973, as a means of making friends.

"That was how I kept friends," Ley said. "Some of my best friends to this day are from that team, only now we play golf, we don't play basketball."

Ley isn't entirely sure why, but U-M was the "dream

choice" of colleges. He calls it a "dream come true" that he attended.

It was 15 miles from home," Ley said. "It wasn't even a toll call to call my mom every day."

Living in Plymouth has helped round out his life. Though his dad died a few years ago, Mom still makes her home here, where she's a volunteer at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia - "I keep telling them she's spying for me," Ley said with a laugh.

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He's also filled in his personal life. He met and married Debbie, who sells real estate for Coldwell Banker-Schweitzer, in August 1991. The couple has three children - Rachel, a senior at Mercy High School, Marissa, a sixth-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel, and Erica, an OLG fourth-grader.

He plays tennis a couple of times a week and frequently gets asked, in his capacity with the hospital, to play golf. His chief hobbies are scuba diving - "That's the extent of my daredevil streak" - and photography.

He took classes at Oakland Community College, and several of his own photographs adorn the walls of his spacious office, but Ley downplays the quality of his work.

"I have absolutely no creative streak," he said. "I can play the

stereo, but that's about it."

He spends most of his time running his hospital. When it ran into a fund-raising lull some six years ago, Ley and key people in the hospital decided a shakeup was necessary, and the result was four new faces on the hospital board and a new fund-raising arm. The Garden City Hospital Foundation.

Now, the hospital is solvent, and Ley's fingerprints can be found all over it.

"He's really, really bright," said Rautio, who sits on the foundation board. "He can hold a huge array of facts in his head, and respond quickly to just about any question that comes up, whether it's in a board meeting or a one-on-one meeting. I've seen him under all of those circumstances, and he always handles himself well. He's got a charismatic personality, and he just seems to care about everybody he deals with."

Ley downplays the praise, instead preferring to defer to the staff at the hospital, which he says works well together.

"There's a real good collegial atmosphere here," Ley said. "People here have always been supportive, the doctors care about their patients, the board is great. It's about as close as a corporation can become to being a family."

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RING

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again," said Jennifer. "But, she insisted."

And her daughter-in-law, Alison Ryan, a Roman Catholic, insisted that her Presbyterian mother-in-law pray to St. Anthony, the seeker of lost items.

"She told me a couple of weeks before her husband lost

his wedding ring, and after praying to St. Anthony they found it," said Jennifer. "Still, I never thought

Terry went to the Plymouth police station, gave a description, and the couple left for vacation in Texas without even a clue to the whereabouts of the ring.

Unbeknownst to them, Martha Amberg of Plymouth Township happened to be at the downtown Plymouth post office on Penniman when, on

the way to her car, something caught her eye.

"I can't tell you what made me look down, but I saw a perfect circle," said Amberg. "I did a double-take, and noticed it was a ring."

Amberg delivered it to Plymouth police, who called the Ryans and left a telephone message two weeks after the

original report. The Ryans called from Texas and talked to Police Chief Wayne Carroll.

"I started to describe the ring, and he said 'I think I've got your ring,'" said Jennifer. "I had to wait another week before getting home. It drove me nuts."

The couple has been married for 37 years.

"It has sentimental value," said Jennifer. Terry gave it to me when he proposed."

The Ryans offered Amberg a reward, but she declined. "I don't think you need to be rewarded to do the right thing," said Amberg.

"It made me feel great to find the person it belonged to."

The Ryans did make a donation in Amberg's name to the American Cancer Society. And, they've taken the ring to a jeweler to have it sized for Jennifer's ring finger.

"I don't trust it on the pinkie finger anymore," she said.

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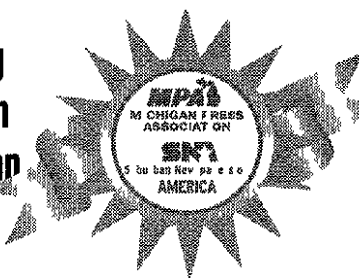
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OUR VIEWS

JCI choice good for community

That great whoosh! you heard last week was the sound of Plymouth Township officials breathing again after their second-largest taxpayer decided to build its \$140-million expansion in the township

But the decision by Johnson Controls Inc to build on 100-plus acres of former Detroit House of Corrections property, while enhancing its current facilities in the MetroWest Industrial Park, is significant for more than just tax-roll purposes

It also keeps a great neighbor in the community JCI's choice impacts the Plymouth community in ways most people don't realize It's difficult to overstate the capacity to which the automotive supplier gives back to the community

JCI gives of its people, its time and its coffers The company supports countless Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce programs, including its industrial committee and the Leadership Plymouth program JCI is a major sponsor of the annual auction, the fund-raiser that helps keeps the chamber viable

The company is also a major sponsor of the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, and just about every other major event that happens in the community

Many organizations seek donations, and JCI seems to drop something in every hat and hand that pops open, all in an effort to maintain solid relations in one of the communities it calls home

There was speculation that Johnson Controls used its flirtation with Salem Township - going so far as to make water and sewer arrangements for its new facility - to squeeze favorable agreements out of Plymouth Township

JCI officials deny that and, given the fact Plymouth Township board members have rarely met a tax abatement they didn't like, such a stratagem probably wouldn't have been necessary Clerk Marilyn Massengill generally votes no on principle when it comes to tax abatements, but even she sees the value of having such a solid corporate partner in the township's midst

JCI officials described the situation as a "win-win" for the company and for the township, and they're right The company's expansion and renovation projects keeps tens of thousands of dollars in tax revenue rolling in

More importantly, though, it keeps Johnson Controls - like the neighbor who mows your lawn and snow-blows your sidewalk - right where you want them in your own back yard

Water problem needs regional cooperation

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's visit to Oakland County last week was a good first step in bridging the communication gap that exists between Detroit and its suburban water customers

Kilpatrick, who March 25 became the first Detroit mayor to ever visit the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, will make similar visits to Macomb and Wayne counties in the near future

He promised more "transparency" in the operations of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which supplies water to 4.5 million people in 125 southeast Michigan communities Approximately 75 percent of those customers live outside of Detroit

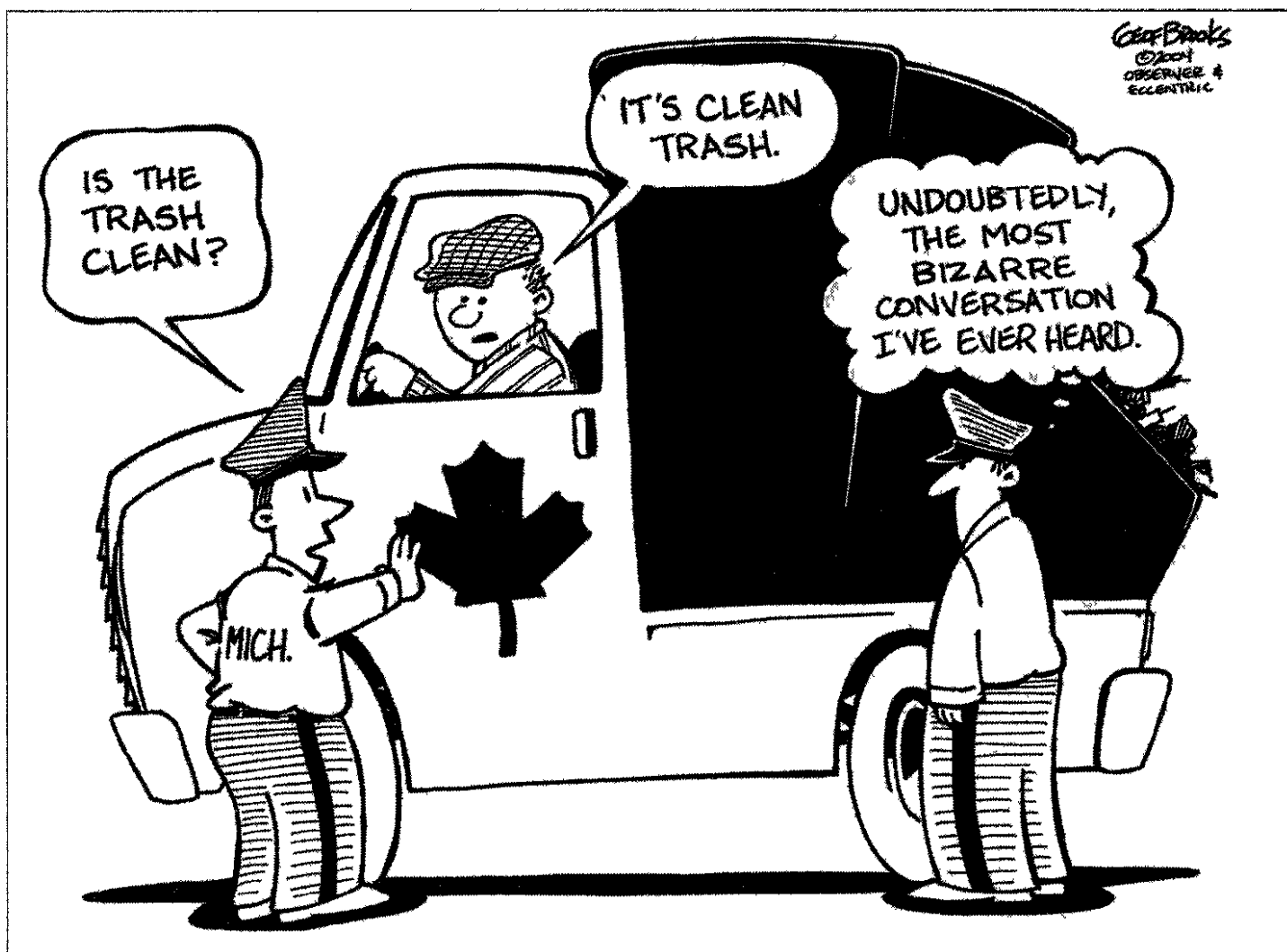
For several years, suburban leaders have criticized the way Detroit has operated the water system, particularly how it has set water rates, which have jumped dramatically in recent years The suburbs want more say on how the rates are formulated by the Detroit-owned system

A little face to face dialogue is sorely needed because the two sides have traded barbs through the local media, intensifying an issue that has become very political

But the fact is, this is a regional problem that must be solved through regional cooperation The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimates it is going to cost more than \$20 billion to update aging water and sewer infrastructure in the region

Many people, including Kilpatrick, Gov Jennifer Granholm and Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, are pinning their hopes on the Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality as the place where the differences between the city and its suburban water customers can be solved Granholm said the group, represented by a variety of interests from the city and suburbs, is a model of cooperative spirit

Kilpatrick made it clear that Detroit has no intention of giving up control of the water system However, by crossing Eight Mile Road, with all its history and symbolism, Kilpatrick showed he is at least willing to work with his suburban counterparts For that, he should be applauded



LETTERS

Celebrating diversity

Diversity is about more than the color of your skin Diversity is about more than the creed you follow Diversity is about more than your gender, and whatever gender you choose to marry

Diversity is about you and me, and the simple fact that we are all different We see the world through our own filtered perspective, and we need to learn to accept this fact And even though we are different, we all share the same world

(Recently) my family and I shared the greatest experience in the warmth of diversity! We were just some of the special guests of the University of Michigan Dance Marathon program

The Dance Marathon is a fund-raising program where students and alumni perform various activities and solicit support throughout the school year Not only do the students perform these much needed services, they also host support families like ours A family that has a child with a disability The students stage events throughout the year like magic shows, pajama parties and more These events are solely for the enjoyment of the children

You may think these students are doing this for required credit or because they are going into medical school or psychology But you would be wrong These students are from every walk of life studying anything from economics to sports marketing But these students have one thing in common, a true love of children A love for what those children are, innocence and joy!

These children have Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, they are cancer survivors and many other things that make them totally unique, like their hair color, the way they smile or the way they like to dance!

If only everyone could embrace each other like this gathering of hundreds of college students and these very special families For we may all be different on the outside, but inside we are the same flesh and blood, desiring to be loved, and to love others

Thank You to the 2003-2004 U-M Dance Marathon Class And a special thank you to our dedicated team, Team V "Villains!" And congratulations for raising over \$248,000 for C S Mott Children's Hospital and William Beaumont Hospital therapy programs!

the Ham-Kucharski Family
(Alex, Dawn and Rich)
Canton

Workforce hurdles

I support (Phil Power's) editorial regarding the Michigan workforce ("Reshaping workforce is vitally important," *Plymouth Observer*, March 25) You are absolutely right laid off or displaced workers need the flexibility to switch fields

There are two drawbacks, though, from the standpoint of the worker The first is that when you switch to a new field, you start at the bottom I left a good job as a manager of contract administration in 1988 to become a lawyer

I went from negotiating million-dollar contracts to being a collector of \$1,200 in payment for a load of bricks My salary was cut by about 40 percent In the long run, it was a good move, but not everybody is in a position to do that, especially if they are the sole support of a family

Secondly, many Michigan workers have always depended on a union to provide for them If they are laid off, they want to be called back They wait for someone else - the union or the employer - to solve their problem The strong sense of unionism in Michigan creates a sense of entitlement, which discourages initiative to find a new situation

This attitude - and the difficulty of starting at the bottom in a new career - will be significant hurdles in creating flexibility in the workforce

George Shea
Plymouth

Radio thanks

I'm writing to thank Jon LaFever and the Canton Township Youth Program for their help with our very successful concert fund-raiser at the Summit on the Park March 19

We had seven of the best local bands perform live in a benefit for WSDP-FM (88.1) Each band (For the Fallen, the Transfer, Sandbox Heroes, CPX, The Same Fate, Madison A D, and Which Way is Home) was great We appreciate their willingness to perform at the event

The evening was loud, we had 380 kids attend and we raised some significant money for the station This was one of the smoothest events I've ever been involved with because of the hard work of Jon LaFever and the youth staff at the Summit It was obvious that they did this before because it went off without a hitch

I especially appreciate Canton Township's willingness to host this event Many "family friendly" programs leave out teens Canton's desire to program for this group should be commended We look forward to working with Jon and the Canton Township staff in the future

Bill Keith
WSDP general manager

Budget solution

The city of Plymouth has a projected budget deficit of \$1.2 million Plymouth-Canton Schools' projected deficit for 2004-05 is \$9.2 million

Similar budget shortages exist all over the country States like California, even our own state, and many others seem to be hanging on the verge of bankruptcy or are, at best, experiencing enormous budget difficulties and, as a consequence, cuts in urgently needed services, loss of jobs, inadequate financing of education, etc

But there is a rather easy way to get much-needed relief It is a wonder no one ever thought of it We should ask our representatives in the government to redirect the \$80 billion destined for Iraq schools and betterment of life there to our own like needs in this country

Iraqis, if left alone, can recover from the ravages of war by their own effort and sacrifices and take care of themselves very nicely without our unwanted help, as they had done it in the past Also, our representatives ought to redirect to our own needs the tens of billions of dollars they dish out every year to other alien entities for balancing their budgets at the price of unbalancing ours

I am sure our leaders will gladly and cheerfully oblige if asked, because they, at least most of them, care about this, their and our own country, more than they do about any other

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Not surprising

Mr Patterson and Mr LaJoy have dismissed the environmental report that gives them bad marks Not surprising There are, at last count, five Superfund sites (according to the Environmental Protection Act) within the charter township of Canton's boundaries Also, water quality has not been reviewed realistically for some years and even though it's a Yack Fact that the water meets EPA standards it has recently been revealed that the EPA standards in Washington, D C, have allowed three generations of Americans to be poisoned with lead

At more than one of our windblown garbage dumps (which provide millions in revenue to the charter township and re-election campaigns of certain politicians), a company called Onyx brings their filthy material Onyx handles infectious hospital waste and low level nuclear trash

There is a 20-foot-tall torch burning alongside I-275 in Canton that has been burning a dirty flame over 25 feet tall non-stop since at least last Sept 1

The waste gas could have supplied a great deal of power to the local community, however, because of sweetheart deals with Detroit Edison, that power was never brought online During all this time a plume of poison gas has been steadily emitted from the site and breathed by our children and elderly residents (oh, and you, too)

Alfred Brock
Canton

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- Bill Dawson, Johnson Controls spokesman, on the company's decision to remain in Plymouth Township

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers

Foot-dragging on mercury places everyone at risk

Like many other Michiganders, I'm an avid fisherman

Some of the happiest times of my life have been spent on trout streams in the UP (Upper Peninsula, that is) with my father's old 8 1/2-foot Leonard bamboo fly rod in hand. And there is nothing on earth that makes better eating than a freshly caught 12-inch brook trout, fried up gently next to the river.

And like many others in our state, I have been nervous about eating fish from our lakes and streams for fear of mercury built up in the flesh.

In fact, Michigan has had since 1988 a statewide mercury advisory recommending reduced consumption of walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, muskie and lake trout.

Evidence about the harm mercury does has been building for many years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention places mercury poison high on the list of environmental pollution. And in January, the CDC published a study estimating

that one American woman in 12 of childbearing age has mercury levels in her blood above what the EPA thinks is safe for a fetus.

A scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency recently estimated that 63,000 newborns each year are at risk of permanent developmental disabilities from mercury poisoning.

Now mercury doesn't normally occur in fish. Instead, it comes from mercury in the air, which falls with the rain and enters lakes and streams, where it gets into the fish. And it is clear that the main source of mercury air pollution is smoke from coal-burning electric power plants. They release 42 percent of all mercury emissions in the United States, according to the National Wildlife Federation, which has reducing mercury pollution a top priority. The amount of mercury released makes you blink 48 tons every year!

Yet there is no federal regulation dealing with mercury emissions from power plants. Back in 2000, the EPA said it intended to issue tough rules to require coal-fired electric plants to slash the mercury emission rate. Not surprisingly, some in the electric power industry were not pleased, and the EPA in the Bush administration has moved with all deliberate slowness on the subject.

The new EPA administrator, Michael Leavitt, came into office boasting that new EPA rules would cut mercury emissions by nearly 70 percent by 2018. But a couple of weeks ago, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that political

appointees topside in the EPA had ignored previous scientific studies on mercury pollution and refused to authorize the economic and scientific work to underpin the new rule. Some of the language in the new rule turns out to have been written word for word by electric power industry lobbyists.

So now the EPA has announced an "extended comment period" for whatever rule it is thinking about promulgating. I suppose we can confidently expect such a new rule will necessarily be delayed until after the election in November. Meanwhile, the mercury continues to fall from the skies.

Things are rather better in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm says her overall goal is to eliminate all human-generated sources of mercury pollution in Michigan by 2020. In response, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has convened a work group to make recommendations for state action to reduce and eventually eliminate mercury pollution from coal-fired electric plants in Michigan. Former state Sen. John H. ("Joe") Schwarz — a practicing physician and now a Republican candidate in the 7th Congressional District — is a member of the work group. With Schwarz involved, I'm sure whatever recommendations emerge will be both tough and practical.

There is nothing mysterious about the technology to scrub mercury out of coal smoke. More than 90-percent reductions in mercury emission have been achieved in nearly a dozen coal-fired plants across the United States. An outfit in Michigan called We Energies plans to install such technology at its Presque Isle plant in Marquette.

Of course, there are at least two problems. First, anti-mercury technology costs money. How much depends on whose arguments you believe, but many experts say installing scrubbers likely would not add more than a couple of percent to the average energy bill. Second, eliminating mercury pollution from Michigan power plants is essential — but we still will get airborne mercury from power plants in other states until tough federal regulations are adopted and enforced.

So while the Washington bureaucrats, political appointees and lobbyists do their peculiar dance, we have a good chance of actually getting something done here in Michigan. There are advantages, it seems, to a decentralized federal system. Though an enlightened federal government really would offer the best advantage for all.

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



Phil Power

Scholarship applicants show there's lots of hope for future

It's a duty I've handled before, and certainly not one I've minded.

When Don Douglass of Canton, scholarship chair for the Westland Rotary Club, asked me to help judge scholarship applicants from Wayne Memorial High School, I didn't hesitate to agree.

It's always been a pleasure to review the seniors' applications, and this year was no exception. Westland Rotary gives scholarships to students at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools and the Wilham D Ford Career/Technical Center.



Julie Brown

It's not just Rotary that gives scholarships to deserving high school seniors, allowing them to continue their education. Some groups, such as the American Association of University Women, are known for their efforts to help older students returning to school to fine-tune their skills and knowledge.

This year, in reviewing the scholarship applications for Rotary, I was impressed with the fields students are planning to enter, ranging from medicine to education and others. Students have been busy with school and community activities, too, including musical groups, foreign language clubs and much more.

I'm glad the duty of picking the winner didn't fall just to me, as it's tough to choose from among so many deserving applicants. I always enjoy the luncheon around graduation time when the honored students and their families visit.

I always think about these students when I hear people decry the state of our nation's youth today. Sure, there are problems, but the fine young people represented on the scholarship applications remind us there's cause for a great deal of hope as well.

Newspapers are often accused of only writing about the kids who get into trouble, but I'm not sure that's really the case for the *Observer & Eccentric*. Each week as I review the pages of our publications, I see many examples of fine young people I'm sure will continue to enhance the quality of life in their communities.

One recent example is the Bloomfield Hills-based International Academy, where students and others are planning an International Festival for August. They hope to get foreign heads of state to visit, and are working hard to make their event a success.

I think this will be good for our school, but more importantly, it will be a good thing for

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people at other schools," said junior Katie Diffenderfer of Bloomfield Hills. "They will be able to see how we treat one another and how we learn from each other here."

Such enthusiasm merits our respect and appreciation. Students contribute to their schools and communities in myriad ways, ranging from volunteer work at nursing homes to participation in religious activities. Of course, many hold down paying jobs, too, and still manage to find time to keep up with their studies.

No doubt, the time management skills these high schoolers are learning will serve them well in college and beyond. The people skills they acquire through work, school and community activities are giving them the foundation for success in later life as well.

A couple of years ago, I attended my 25th Birmingham Groves High School reunion, and enjoyed catching up with classmates. It was interesting to see where life has taken them, although many friendships have followed since those long-ago days, there's something special about early friendships that makes them worth maintaining.

I'm only sorry there isn't enough scholarship money to laud each deserving high school senior, but offer encouragement to the students not chosen. You're doing just great and making the adults of your community proud. Take time to enjoy these years, learn from them and chances are someday you'll look back and remember it all with great fondness.

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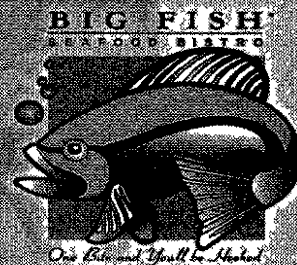
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Moldy house prompts lawsuit

When Canton residents Craig and Donna Nehasil bought a small home on Burnham in January 1998, it wasn't exactly a dream home. They'd been living in a townhouse, their family had expanded (they then had two children) and they wanted a home of their own. When they signed on the Burnham house in December 1997, it was the first home they had bought and Craig was nervous about the commitment they were making. But it was a real home, not an apartment or townhouse.



Donna Nehasil, who must wear a HAZMAT suit to enter the house she bought on Burnham checks furniture that was damaged by mold.

"We wanted a house we could update," Donna said. "It was all '70s style inside the house." Craig, who works for an office furniture company as a technician and used to be in the carpenters union, began fixing it up. "Within a week after moving in, we had a river running through the basement," he said. "Water was coming over the joists in the foundation, over the top of the wall. We tried to find the source. I started knocking down walls and lo and behold, we had a big problem. When he started ripping out walls, he said every wall but one had plastic sheeting under the drywall."

"It seems like every time they had a problem with something, instead of going to the source and fixing it they put a Band-Aid on it and just tried to cover it up," Craig said. Meanwhile another son was born. "He was sick constantly," Donna said. "We were all getting sick all of the time." In October 2002, the Nehasils filed suit against the sellers and the real estate broker who handled the transaction for failing to disclose the problems that the house had when they bought it. That suit is still pending in Wayne County Circuit Court. A trial date is scheduled for April 19.

The suit alleges that the sellers failed to disclose existing problems with the house, including water problems in the basement, roof problems, electrical problems and others. Finally, as Craig kept uncovering more problems, they hired a Troy-based inspection company to inspect the house. But Donna, who can only enter the house wearing a HAZMAT suit, fears that if furniture and other items are placed on the street they may be hazardous to their neighbors, especially if someone should decide to take some of the furniture into their own homes.

Race for the Cure needs volunteers

Nearly 1,000 volunteers are needed June 4-5 in midtown Detroit and Southfield for Michigan's largest foot race — the 2004 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure and pre-race expo, presented locally by the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Volunteers are needed to provide assistance in many areas, including goodwill ambassadors (welcoming and directions), photographers, packet pickup, Shop for the Cure, sponsor booth assistants, post-race cleanup and recycling crews, and many more. A variety of shifts allow volunteers to also participate as runners or walkers.

Set up for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure Expo begins at 7 a.m. June 4. Tear down begins at 8:00 p.m. Route decoration (tying pink ribbons along Woodward) begins midnight, June 4. Set up for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure will begin early morning, June 5, and volunteers will be needed until noon. The Expo (June 4) will be held in the Southfield Pavilion at 26000 Evergreen in the Civic Center complex. The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure (June 5) will be hosted at Comerica Park. Individuals and groups interested in volunteering can

register online at www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthe-cure. The 2003 Race brought together 21,000 people and raised, with the help of volunteers and participants, \$880,000. The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure is presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit, operated by the institute, is one of 38 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States.

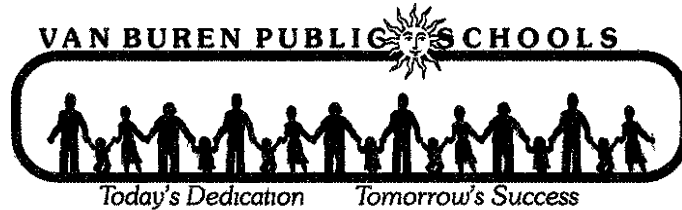
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Sidelines

CYO champs

A team from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth emerged as the champion at the 22-team first annual Catholic Youth Organization Bowling Tournament Championship, held March 20 at Bonanza Lanes.

The team, Varsity No. 3, consisted of seventh-graders Paul Amnos, Victoria Krolkowski, Zorian Sasyk and Tim Thompson. They bowled their best series of the season with a total pin fall of 1,617, all four team members going over their average in the two-game series. Krolkowski and Thompson each enjoyed their best games and series of the season.

Other Lady of Good Counsel bowlers sparkled in the tournament as well. Eric Keast, on Varsity No. 1, bowled a 196 game (the highest game bowled in the CYO season) and was 76 pins over average for the day, and Jacob Hretz, who was 52 pins over average.

In the regular season, Varsity No. 1 — consisting of Michael Clemente, Keast, Tim Lentine and Zach Weaver — earned the championship of the Westside D Division. The team was led by Clemente, who boasted the highest average in the division (138), the highest game (175) and the highest two-game series (321).

Varsity No. 2 — Joe Jeffery, Hretz, Marisa Skelly, Chelsea Chadwick and Danielle Hewitt — were fourth in the division. Hretz was fifth in average (112) and had the team's best game (142) and series (257), while Chadwick collected the high game (129) and two-series (205) among girls in the division.

Varsity No. 3 was fifth in the regular-season division standings.

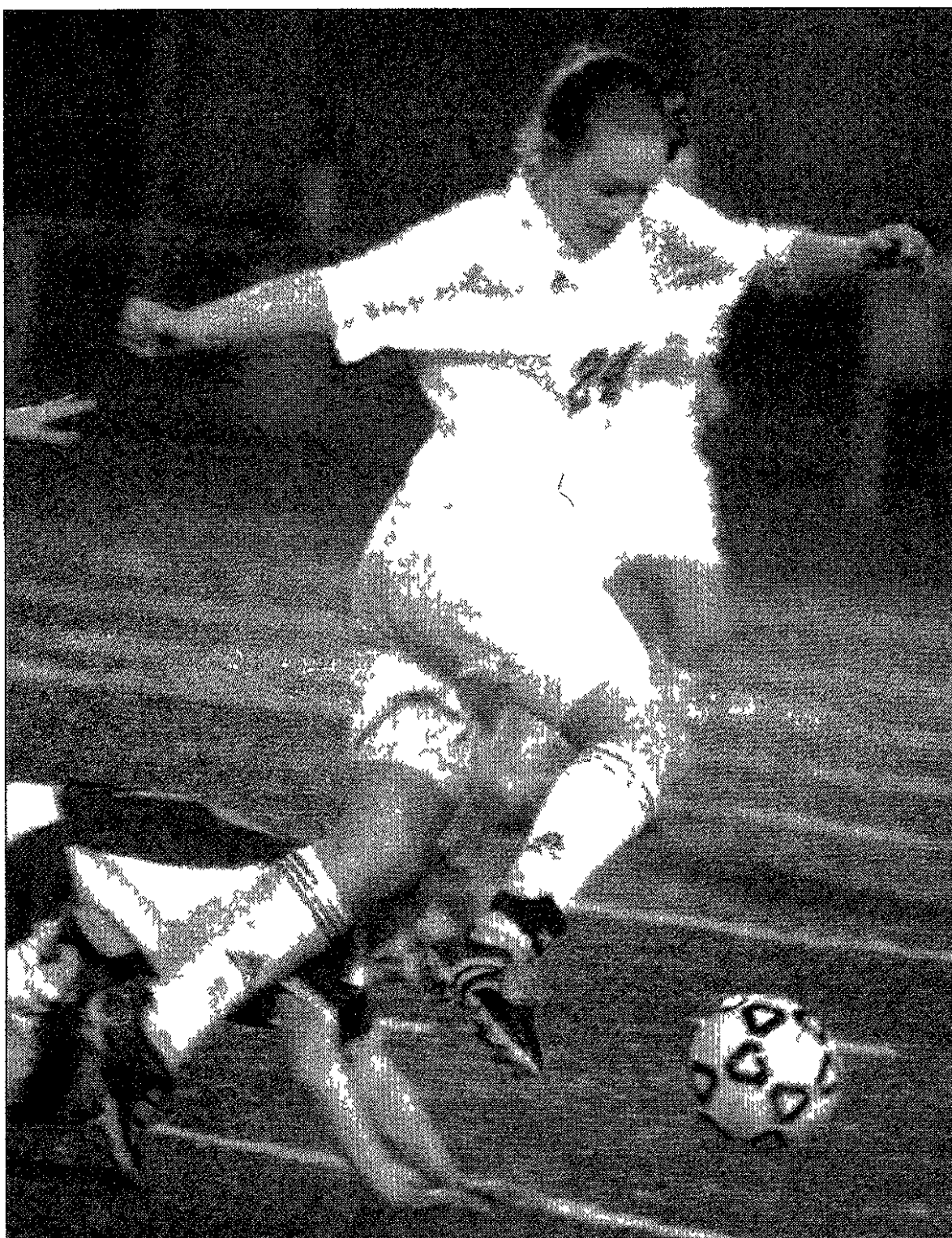
The Good Counsel junior varsity team of Bernie Eisbrenner, Ben Covington, Jacob Hostetler, Marissa Ley, Noelle Kirchner and Max Yoas finished tied for second in their division.

Oaks prevail

The Canton Oaks Premier 93 soccer team gave up just one goal in the second session of the 11-year-old Division One at High Velocity.

The Oaks won the Detroit regional at the National Indoor Tournament and at the National Indoor Finals March 6-7 in Cleveland, they were undefeated in division play, losing 4-3 in overtime in the tournament quarterfinals to defending champ Chicago Wind.

Oaks players are Luke Hager, Tyler Sanders, Ryan Sistek, Andrew Yoder, Mitchell Vaughn, Tommy Halewicz, Drew Roth, Eric Olech, Travis Hall, Nick Riley and Joey Klonowski of Canton, Sal Savage, Brett Foster, Brock Foster and Josh Perrin from Plymouth; and Conner Smith from Ypsilanti. The team is coached and trained by Bill Joker. He is assisted by Steve Roth and John Vaughn.



Canton's Lisa Ealy manages to elude this fallen Novi player and maintain possession of the ball during Monday's 3-1 win over the Wildcats.

Chiefs score, 'Cats can't

Canton tips Novi in opener

A victory — everywhere but on the scoreboard. That's how first games in a season often go. A team can dominate everywhere on the soccer field but where it counts the most — in the final result.

When Novi met Canton on the turf field at Canton's football stadium Monday, the Wildcats looked sharper, dominating play for longer periods and certainly getting more shots on goal. Perhaps their having played a match the previous Friday, a 1-0 victory over Grand Blanc, had an impact.

Perhaps not. Because even though Novi dominated the play for longer periods, it couldn't dominate the scoreboard. That belonged to the Chiefs, who got a 3-1 victory.

Canton is 1-0. Novi fell to 1-1. "I think if we finish, it's a different story," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "The same thing happened in our first game, a 1-0 win over Grand Blanc. We outshot them something like 25-to-3."

"We have lots of ability, tons of skills, we control the ball well, we just can't finish. But it'll come." It seems O'Leary may need an abundance of patience. With the final minutes of the first half tacking away, the Wildcats seemed to have the ball boxed into Canton's end of the field.

Then Andrea Johnson got free down the right wing, took a clearing pass from Chiefs' teammate Katie Esper and slipped a shot past Novi keeper Amanda Church to make it 1-0. Canton with 4:34 remaining in the half.

That turn of events had an apparent numbing effect on the Wildcats. When the ball again went deep into their end, the defense looked confused and unable to clear it from in front of the net, waiting for Canton's Rebecca Houdek to tap it in for a 2-0 lead with 1:42 to play in the half. Bailey Fagan assisted.

"I thought we played hard, but they outplayed us," said Canton coach Don Smith, adding, "We'll take it."

Novi came out aggressively in the second half and it finally paid dividends when Canton keeper Brittany Cervi was shaken up on a play in front of the net, bringing the trainer out to check on her. By rule, Cervi had to leave the game, she walked

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, B6

Woodard is top coach

Usually mild-mannered, Wayne Memorial boys basketball coach Wayne Woodard got a little animated at halftime during a game in mid-season with Canton.

"We were struggling with a 5-5 record and I kind of went nuts at halftime," Woodard said. "It's something I never want to do again, but I did it."

Woodard, named Observer Coach of the Year, needed to light a fire under his team and his Zebras responded with 12-straight victories after the Canton loss en route to a Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

Wayne finished 17-6 overall for the second-straight year, reaching the Class A district final at Romulus before losing to state quarterfinalist Belleville, 67-64.

"They were a pretty easy team to coach because they bought into the system and the kids worked hard," said Woodard, who is 66-35 in four seasons at Wayne. "We had good captains in Genois Safford and Brian Hearst. They were not vocal, but they led by example. They played hurt, they did not back down and that's how the whole team was."

Woodard, 42, is a 1980 graduate of Westland John Glenn High where he was an All-Observer pick as a guard. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University, majoring in Physical Education with a minor in Social Science.

Woodard coached four years as a varsity assistant at Glenn under Dan Henry. He also spent two seasons at Redford Thurston under Mike Schuette before moving to Wayne. There, he served as JV boys basketball coach for 10 seasons as the Zebras made two trips to the Class A Final Four under his brother-in-law Chuck Henry, the recently named men's basketball coach at Madonna University.

Woodard, who teaches PE at Wayne, also coached the Wayne varsity girls squad and varsity boys tennis.

He and his wife Michele have five children, ranging in age from 4 to 12.

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Next up: Whalers face a tough Storm

Now all the Plymouth Whalers have to do is take it to that always-elusive next level. They must manage what Owen Sound nearly achieved.

They must beat the Guelph Storm, the Ontario Hockey League's second-best team in the regular season (by 18 points), in a seven game series.

On Tuesday, the Storm finally subdued the Attack, winning the decisive seventh game by a 2-1 margin. Ryan Callahan scored the game's first goal, Daniel Paille got what proved to be the game-winner for Guelph.

Adam Dennis did the rest in goal, stopping 21 of 22 Owen Sound shots.

Now the Storm meet the Whalers, with Game One tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Guelph. Game Two will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Guelph finished the regular season in second place in the OHL's Midwest Division behind the London Knights. The Knights had a 53-11-2-2 record (110 points), Guelph was 49-14-5-0 (103 points).

What makes the Storm so strong is their depth and overall ability. They ranked second in the OHL in both scoring and goals allowed (London was first in both).

In games played this season against Plymouth, however, the Whalers had the advantage with two wins and two ties.

Still, Guelph has plenty of scoring. Four players had 36 or more goals scored, starting with Martin St. Pierre (45 goals, 65 assists, 110 points), then Paille (37 goals, 43 assists, 80 points), Matt Ryan (42 goals, 35 assists, 77 points) and Callahan (36 goals, 32 assists, 68 points).

Not far off the pace is Brett Trudell (20 goals, 47 assists, 67 points).

The Storm have used both goalies extensively, but Dennis has the most time in net and the most playoff time. In 46 regular-season games, Dennis was 33-10-2 with a 2.5 goals-against average and a .907 save percentage, with three shutouts.

The Whalers have their own weapons. John Mitchell (five goals, five assists) and James Wisniewski (three goals, seven assists) lead the team in the playoffs with 10 points apiece.

The surprise, however, has been the strong play of back-up goalie Ryan Nie, filling in for the injured Paul Drew. Nie has been spectacular, with a 4-1 record, a 2.0 goals-against average and a .934 save percentage, he has two straight shutouts to his credit.

Madonna opens new field with a split

Shoddy play in poor playing conditions doomed Madonna University's baseball team to a 4-0 defeat to Tiffin (OH) University Tuesday at Madonna Park.

The loss dropped the Crusaders to 13-12 for the season. Tiffin is 9-13.

The Dragons scored all four of their runs in the fourth inning. Three hits, two walks, two wild pitches, a passed ball and an error did the damage. Preston Picard (from Farmington HS) dropped a fly ball in center field, scoring one run, a single by Zak King scored a second, a wild pitch brought in the third, and the walk delivered the fourth.

Madonna managed just two hits and one walk off Tiffin pitcher Kurt Thompson, singles by Picard and Tony Kern. Thompson struck out five. Doug Brooks started and took the loss for the Crusaders, surrendering four runs (two earned) on three hits and two walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Urbana 11-2, Madonna 7-4: On opening day Saturday at the new Madonna University Ballpark, the Crusaders began by giving away the game to Urbana College, surrendering nine runs in the last two innings.

Madonna rallied a bit in the second game, scoring four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning of a game stopped by darkness after five innings.

In the opener, Madonna outthit the Blue Knights 15-10, but couldn't outscore them. Jason Barbeau led the Crusaders' offense by going 5-for-5 at the plate with



It was opening day for Madonna's baseball team Saturday at its new facility as outfielder Preston Picard fielded this ground-ball single in otherwise happy circumstances.

three runs scored and a run batted in. Picard added three hits, including two doubles, with two runs scored and an RBI. Ben Galus had two hits, and Joe Greene had a base hit and two RBIs.

Derek Dufrane started but was relieved after 6 2/3 innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on five hits and three walks, with seven strikeouts. Bobby

Houchins (Farmington), Andrew Campbell and Kyle Fedorka all took turns on the mound, Houchins allowing two runs, Campbell one and Fedorka four — none of which were earned. Fedorka was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, Jeff Savage pitched

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B6

FIRST TEAM
Genois Safford 5 2 Sr., Wayne Memorial
 The senior point guard had a phenomenal season leading Wayne to a 17 6 overall record and the Western Lakes Activities Association title.
 In 22 games Safford averaged 18 3 points and five assists. He also led the team in steals and shot 80 percent from the foul line (86 for 107).

Inch for inch Genois is as good as any body in the area. Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said of the unanimous All Western Lakes pick. He may be only 5 2 but he gets his shot off anytime he wants because of his quickness.

He's just a winner. He took the blame on himself and never pointed a finger. He came to work every day and worked his tail off in practice. He's a great leader and a great kids to coach.

Gregg Hill 5 10 Jr. Redford Union Hill is a repeat selection on the first team for a reason. He was the glue to Redford Union's season as the Panthers went 16 5 and advanced to the Mega Blue Gold title game for the second year.

Hill is a three year starter and all Mega selection and has been the Panthers' most valuable player in the last two. He averaged 18 4 points per game on a team that averaged 45 3. Hill shot 46 percent from the floor 84 percent from the free throw line and averaged 4 3 rebounds and two steals per game.

After losing four starters from last year's team Gregg faced tremendous defensive attention every night. said RU coach Brett Steele. People ran every conceivable defense at him this year and he still put up tremendous numbers and was consistent in his performance this year.

Jim Cash 6 3 Sr., Redford CC Cash was the chief outside threat for the Shamrocks as he earned all Catholic honors. He averaged 14 4 points per game and six rebounds and also averaged 37 6 percent (44/117) from three point range.

We had a game against Pontiac Northern where he had six 3s and they covered him pretty tight. said CC coach Rick Coratti. Teams would put an extra guy on him and it didn't help. They'd double cover (Dan) Waterstradt. Play close and it didn't help.

D.J. Bridges 6 3 Sr. Canton Bridges who

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 Eric Holimon 6 3 Sr. St. Katharine

COACH OF THE YEAR
 Wayne Woodard Wayne Memorial

HONORABLE MENTION
 Redford Union: Phil Taylor Tom Sweeney Thurston Brandon Paige Garden City: Chris Cappelli Ray Wasil Bryan Dutton Bishop Borgess: TR Ellis DeAngelo Seale David Davis Steve Moore St. Katharine: Kenny Smith Mike Knight Redford CC: Rob Fragoso Kyle Smith Derek Brooks Dave Herberholz Churchill: Tristen Thomas Clarenceville: Bruno Shkrelj Ray Gardner Franklin: Matt McCullough Tommy Jankowski Stevenson: Jim Marcicki Lutheran Westland: Ian McLaughlin Wayne: Brian Hearst Gene Nix Maurice Nelson Rodrick Walker John Glenn Derrick Bush Brandon Westbrook Nathan Beard Huron Valley Lutheran: Joel Butzow Salem: Dominique Washington Brad Clark Brian Bradley Canton: Brad Waidmann Matt Paye Julian Smith Plymouth Christian: Daniel Carty Lew Tripp Ben Baloga Canton Agape: Gabe Molnar Matt Cross

has played on Canton's varsity for the past three seasons and served as a team captain this year. He was at his best around the basket. A strong rebounder, particularly on the offensive boards, he averaged 16 points and 7 5 rebounds a game this season.

A first team all WLA selection Bridges connected on 51 percent of his two point shots 35 percent of his three pointers and 65 percent of his free throws. He averaged just under four offensive rebounds a game.

He has great hands, said Canton coach Charlie Paye. And he's a great offensive rebounder because he has a nose for the ball. He's a slasher type. He's good going off the dribble to the basket.

Bridges is considering attending and playing basketball for Olivet, Adrian and Madonna.

Dan Waterstradt 6 10, Sr., Redford CC
 Waterstradt capped a successful senior season in fine style. The Rutgers bound center was an Associated Press Class A all state selection and finished 10th in the voting for Mr. Basketball.

Waterstradt averaged 20 4 points per game in helping the Shamrocks to a runner up finish in Catholic League and a Central Division title. He had 14 5 rebounds per game and four blocks.

He's got a good inside and outside game and has a good midrange jumper, said Coratti. He had 28 points against Detroit Redford. And he's as good as any big man we've had since I've been the head coach here.

SECOND TEAM
Barry Eberhardt, 6-6, Jr. Westland John Glenn The junior forward averaged 15 points and nine rebounds per game for the Rockets.

Barry was very confident with his back to or facing the basket. Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. He improved his skills over last summer and if he continues to work in the off season, he'll be a lot better.

Said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard of the All Western Lakes pick. He could be the best player in our league next year.

Anthony Smelley 6 1 Jr. Redford Union A year ago Smelley was the sixth man on a

successful RU squad. This year he was even more successful as the second option on a 16 5 team.

Smelley was an all Mega Blue selection this year averaging 12 1 points, more than a quarter of the team's total 37 rebounds and 21 steals per game.

He stepped into the starting lineup this year and had a very good season, said Steele. He's one of the most versatile players in the area, playing point guard or small forward. He often defended the opponent's best player. And he became a very consistent scoring threat on the offensive end.

Keith Hearn 6 1 Sr., Liv. Stevenson The senior guard finished his career with 570 points, including 350 this season while averaging 16 7 per game.

Often the focus of opposing defenses, Hearn hit 128 of 361 shots from the floor (36 percent), including 54 three pointers. He was 52 percent from the line (45 of 87). He was held to under double digits only twice and had a season high 30 against Walled Lake Western.

He also led the Spartans in steals with 53, including 12 in one game vs Livonia Clarenceville.

What a great competitor in practices and games. Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said of the All WLA pick. Everybody knew he was going to get the ball, but that didn't stop him from putting up great numbers. He's a great shooter, a pure shooter in every sense and a good leader, too.

Charlie Henry 5 8 Sr. Canton Agape Canton Agape's first season as a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference will be a memorable one, thanks in part to Henry, the senior point guard who led his team in scoring with 21 2 points a game, assists with 5 0 a game and steals with 2 4 a game. He also got 2 5 rebounds and placed second in the MHSAA record book for free throw percentage in a season (over 100 tries) by making 103 of 115, or 89 6 percent.

He was named the MIAC's most valuable player and he led Agape to a second place finish with a 16 6 overall record.

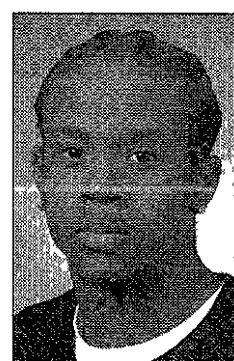
He really understands the game, said Agape coach Chuck Henry. Charlie's father. He's a point guard with great ball handling ability. He penetrates well and he can pass.

Charlie will be playing for his father again next year. Chuck has taken over for Bernie Holowicki as coach at Madonna University where Charlie had already committed.

Terrance Millen 5 11 Jr., Redford Thurston Millen was the glue that held the Eagles together as they finished the year at 14 7 and won the Mega Gold title.

The junior guard averaged 12 points and 5 3 assists per game, earning all Mega Gold honors.

He ran the show and did everything from the point, said Thurston coach Brian Bates. We'd rely on him to have the ball in his hands 90 percent of the time. Someone tried to take the ball out of his hands one game and we looked like a fish out of water. He's the floor guy who made us go. Without him we were a different team.



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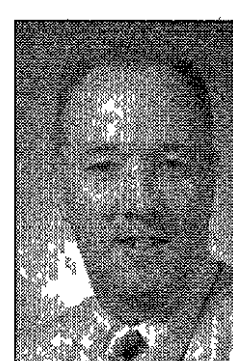
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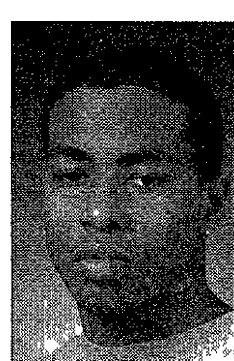
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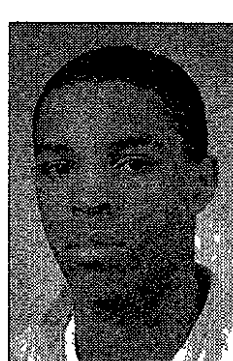
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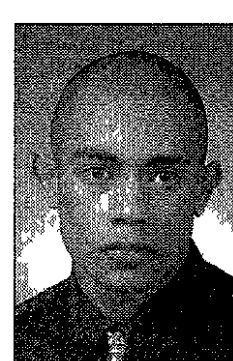
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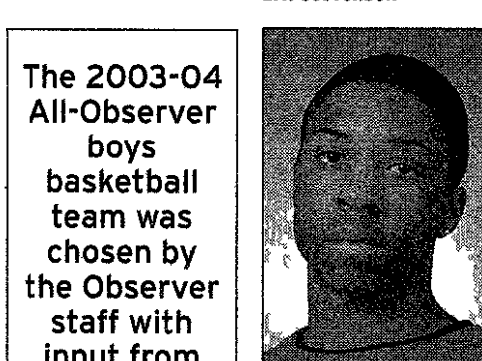
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Thursday April 1
Franklin at Crestwood 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Garden City 4 p.m.
N Farmington at John Glenn 4 p.m.
Wyandotte at Redford CC 4 p.m.
A.A. Greenhills at Luth. West and 4:30 p.m.
Friday April 2
Garden City at Franklin 4 p.m.
Highland Park at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Saturday April 3
(all double-headers)
Rooper at Huron Valley 10 a.m.
John Glenn at Bedford 11 a.m.
Monroe at Wayne 11 a.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer noon
N Farmington at Canton 1 p.m.
Redford Union at Franklin 1 p.m.
- GIRLS SOFTBALL**
Thursday April 1
Churchill at Farmington 4 p.m.
Crestwood at Franklin 4 p.m.
- GARDEN CITY at Stevenson 4 p.m.**
Friday April 2
Highland Park at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
Saturday April 3
(all double-headers unless noted)
Canton Salem at Taylor Invitational 9 a.m.
Luth. N West at Huron Valley 10 a.m.
Stevenson at Redford Union 1 p.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Thursday April 1
Franklin at G.P. North 7 p.m.
Friday April 2
Dearborn at John Glenn 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Truman 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at A.A. Huron 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Franklin 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Saginaw Heritage 7 p.m.
Saturday April 3
R.O. Shrine at Luth. Westland noon
Troy at Salem 1 p.m.
Seaholm at Canton 1 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood 2:30 p.m.
- BOYS TRACK**
Thursday April 1
Franklin at Thurston 3:30 p.m.
Saturday April 3
Patriot Relays at Franklin 9 a.m.
Crestwood Charge Invitational 9 a.m.
Redford CC Canton Pinckney at Ann Arbor Pioneer 11 a.m.
- GIRLS TRACK**
Thursday April 1
Franklin at Thurston 3:30 p.m.
Saturday April 3
Patriot Relays at Franklin 9 a.m.
Crestwood Charge Invitational 9 a.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Thursday April 1
FH Harrison at Franklin 4 p.m.
John Glenn at FH Harrison 4 p.m.
Friday April 2
Wayne at Garden City 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union 4 p.m.
Saturday April 3
Salem at Monroe Invitational 9 a.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**
Saturday April 3
Grosse Ile Invitational 9 a.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE**
Friday April 2
G.P. North at Ladywood 5 p.m.
Saturday April 3
Wooster (Ohio) at Redford CC 1 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**
(all double-headers)
Friday April 2
Madonna at Spring Arbor 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 3
Spring Arbor at Madonna 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
(all double-headers)
Saturday April 3
Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.) 1 p.m.
Sunday April 4
Madonna at Indiana Tech 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

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BOOSTER MEETING

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. All parents of current Plymouth football players, or parents of new Plymouth HS players, are encouraged to attend.

WALKING CLUB

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, 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.

DEK, ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports (HVS) of Canton is now accepting registrations from individuals and teams for the spring roller hockey session. The season runs April 12-July 18, registration deadline is March 29.

Individuals that sign up without a team pay \$135 per player plus a \$20 jersey fee. The team fee is \$1,000 for teams that pay in full by March 29, \$1,200 for teams that pay by their first game. The fees include 10 games plus playoffs.

A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline skates) is available for 4-6 year olds. The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once. All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the game. The fee is \$65 per player.

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

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

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

The adult roller hockey leagues include Copper (recreational), Bronze (intermedi-

ate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues.

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

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

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Motor City Cobras 11-and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904.

■ The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

■ 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, call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

Total Baseball in Wixom is featuring its Spring Baseball/Softball Camps, with instruction from Aaron Kneiper, formerly of the Montreal Expos, Lee Bjerke, Michigan HS Coaches Hall of Fame member, and Jess Milosek, Bowling Green University softball.

Hitting, pitching, fielding, base-running and more will be covered in this camp on fundamentals. Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm speed.

The camp runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12-14 at the Total Baseball Fields. Cost is \$135 per player, with a \$10 discount for the second child. Ages are 7-17 years. Space is limited.

Please call (248) 668-0166, or email them at totalbaseball-wixom@aol.com or check the Web site at www.total-baseball.com.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River

Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

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

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

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

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only.

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

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

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB

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

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

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

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

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

instruction health and fitness.)

DROP-IN HOCKEY

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

YMCA COACHES WANTED

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

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

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

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

PITCH, HIT & RUN CONTEST

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is staging its 2004 Pepsi, Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2).

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. the day of the event. There is no cost.

Age divisions include 13-14, 11-12, 9-10 and 7-8 (Age is determined as of July 17, 2004). Age group winners have a chance to advance and possibly compete at Comerica Park.

For more information, call (734) 466-2414 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

POMPON WORKSHOP

Girls 7-14 interested in learning pompon are invited to a spring workshop with the Livonia Churchill varsity team 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 3, in the school's gymnasium.

(Churchill is located at 8900 Newburgh Road, just north of Joy Road).

Those attending will be taught basic moves and a routine, which they will perform for parents later that day.

Cost is \$30 per participant (includes T-shirt, music CD and a snack).

The event is a fund-raiser to help defray costs for the team's summer camp. Varsity tryouts begin May 3 for next year's squad.

To register, call Julie McDonald at (734) 427-1198.

BADMINTON TOURNNEY

Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its third annual Midwest Stephen Race Badminton Tournament, Friday through Sunday, May 7-9, at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

Race was a player who was instrumental in building badminton popularity in the mid-west.

Last year, 110 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ontario.

Tournament officials expect 120 participants for the 2004 tourney including 2000 Olympic gold medal winner Tony Gunawan.

For more information, call Joe Barbero at (248) 449-9947.

CHEER COACH WANTED

Livonia Stevenson is seeking a head varsity sideline and competitive cheerleading coach.

Those interested should contact Stevenson athletic administrator Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

SPORTSMEN'S BANQUET

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville, will stage its second annual Sportsmen's Banquet, 6:10 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

The banquet will feature wild game chef Johnny Kolakowski, along with guest speaker R.G. Bernier, a white-tail deer tracker.

Tickets are \$35 (no sale the day of the event).

For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

SOFTBALL UMPIRES WANTED

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking experienced adult umpires for the 2004 season.

Games begin in mid-April and are scheduled throughout the week for both adult modified and slowpitch softball. Umpires are paid \$22 per game.

Those interested should call Gary Thomas at (248) 476-8163.

NORTHVILLE SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an adult women's softball league, starting Tuesday, May 6, along with an adult co-ed softball league, starting Sunday, May 4.

Cost for each league (12 games) is \$410 per team.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18 week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course.

Tee time starts at 5:29 p.m. The cost is \$450.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an adult co-ed kickball league starting Friday, May 14 (minimum 15 games).

The entry fee is \$240 per team (umpire fees extra).

There will be double-headers.

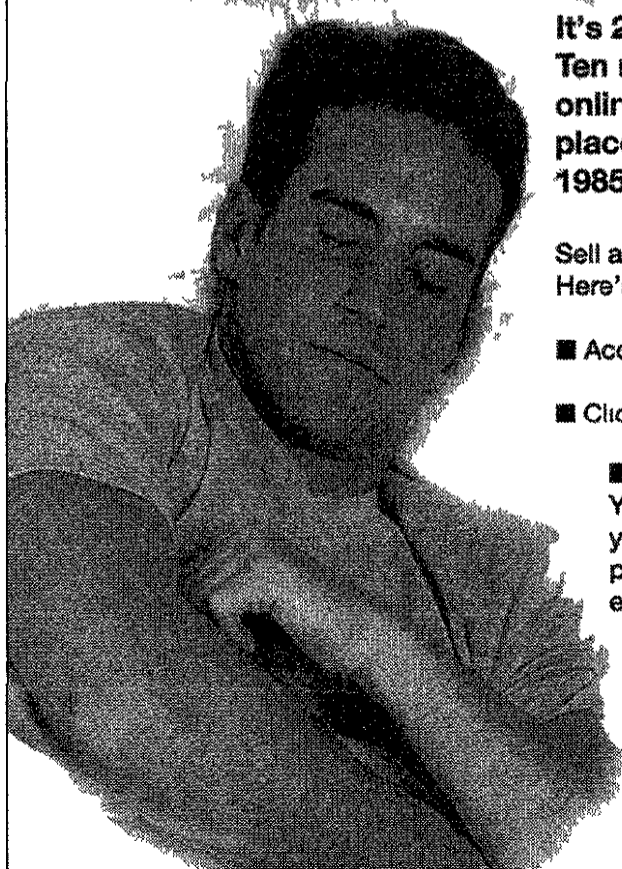
For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

BADMINTON PROGRAMS

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an any level school badminton programs using feathered badminton shuttlecocks.

The program is free.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

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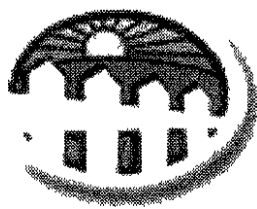
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Sun, May 23 • 3 pm vs. Colorado Crush

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 23, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 23, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call Members Present Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter McLaughlin, Shefferly Yack, Zarbo Staff Present Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro Director Conklin Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried unanimously Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 9, 2004 Motion carried unanimously Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried unanimously

Expenditure Recap for March 23, 2004

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Summit Operating, Cable TV Fund, Twp Improvement, E 911 Utility, Auto Forfeiture, Federal Grants Fund.

Table with 3 columns: Board Member, Reports, Amount. Includes Carl Zarbo, Auto Theft Grant, Downtown Dev Auth, Cap Proj Summit Const, Golf Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Trust & Agency Fund, Post Employ Benefits, Total - All Funds.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. Amendment (03-2004) to the Fire Prevention Code Adoption, Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64, Second Reading

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzyak to publish for the second reading of the amended (03 2004) Fire Prevention Code Adoption, Chapter 38 Article III Section 38 64 The Second Reading will be published and become effective on April 1 2004 Motion carried unanimously

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2000 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38 61. The reference to Ordinance No 109, as amended 1 29 1993 is hereby deleted

SECTION 2 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-64.

Chapter 38 Article III Section 38 64 of the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township is hereby amended to read as follows Section 38 64 Amendments.

Appendices Appendices B C and D of the 2000 International Fire Code are hereby adopted

The following sections and subsections of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like numbered sections of the International Fire Code

101 1 Section amended to read 101.1 Title. These regulations as set forth herein shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Canton and are herein referred to as such or as the ACode@

104 11 4 Section added to read 104.11 4 Compliance with Orders. A person shall not willfully fail or refuse, to comply with any lawful order or direction of the Fire Chief or to interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual

104 11 5 Section added to read 104 11 5 Vehicles Crossing Fire Hose. A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street alley way private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command at said operation

202 1 Section added to include 202 1 General Definitions. The word "street" as used in the ordinance shall mean any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including, but not limited to, private streets or access lanes, and all public streets and highways within the boundaries of the municipality

307 2 Section amended to read 307 2 Open Burning Prohibited: All open burning will be prohibited within the geographical limits of the Township unless otherwise authorized in writing by the designated Wayne County Official and the Fire Official of the Township

The following Sections are deleted F 307 3 through F 307 3 2 307 3 Section added to read 307.3 Recreational fires: Recreational fires shall be kindled only in strict compliance with written guidelines established by the code official Printed copies of the Recreational Fire Guidelines are available to the public at the Public Safety Department during regular business hours

307 4 Amended to read 307.4 Attendance. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished A minimum of 1 portable fire extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4 A rating , a charged garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization

F 307 5 Section amended to read F-307 5 Grills and Outdoor Fireplaces in Residential Area A person shall not use a cooking grill, outdoor fireplace or any other open flame device that uses propane, charcoal, gasoline wood etc nor shall a person allow the kindling of a fire of any nature on balconies, within means of egress on porches or patios under a roof, or within 10' of combustible construction

Exception: 1 Single family dwellings 503 4 1 Section added to read, 503 4 1 Street Obstructions. A person or persons shall not erect, construct, place or maintain any bumps, fences, gates chains bars pipes, wood or metal horses or any other type of obstruction in or on any street within the boundaries of the Township All private streets or access drives shall be maintained and accessible for fire apparatus at all times including maintenance of the surface to support fire apparatus and snow removal

508 1 1 Section added to read, 508 1 1 Public Water Supply. The fire official shall recommend to the chief administrative official of the municipality the location or relocation of new or existing fire hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public property and deemed necessary to provide an adequate fire flow and distribution pattern A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official

The following section is Section deleted 508 5 1 Exception #2 508 5 1 1 Section added to read, 508 5 1 1 Major thoroughfares. Fire hydrants located on the opposite side of major thoroughfares as determined by the Code Official shall not be considered

508 5 1 2 Section added to read, 508.5 1.2 Location of Fire Hydrants. Fire Hydrants shall be situated immediately adjacent to, and in no event, a distance greater than 20' from a public road or fire apparatus access road

508 5 1 3 Section added to read 508.5 1 3 Location of Fire Hydrants for Sprinklered buildings There shall be a fire hydrant located within 50' of any fire department connection and the hydrant shall be accessible to fire department apparatus

508 5 1 4 Section added to read, 508 5.1 4 Yard Systems. All new and existing lumber yards, amusement or exhibition parks and educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards and which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided

with properly placed fire hydrants Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying flows as required by the fire official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices The fire official shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants All yard hydrants shall be painted yellow The fire official may require the installation of sufficient fire hoses and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazard involved requires such measures Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official (Ord 89 Sec F-3513 1, 10 11 85)

508.5.1 5 Exceptions When the Code Official may determine the size construction, location or occupancy use of a building otherwise subject to the provisions of Section 508 5 1 508 5 1 2, or 508 5 1 3 does not constitute a hazard to life and property from fire or explosion, or where additional built-in fire protection over and above the minimum requirements of the International Building Code and International Fire Code is installed, the Code Official shall be authorized to vary the distance requirements set forth in Sections F 508 5 1 as he (she) shall deem reasonable and necessary However in no event shall the distance requirement be extended beyond 500 feet

508 5 4 1 Section added to read, 508.5.4.1 Violation If upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the fire official shall proceed to remove the same Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the municipal treasury on certificate of the fire official and with the approval of the chief administrative official and the legal authority of the municipality shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs

508 5 7 Section added to read, 508.5.7 Damaging Fire Hydrants and Fire Protection Equipment It shall be unlawful to damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any fire department connection or fire protection system control valves for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and fire department connections that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property

508 5 8 Section added to read, 508.5.8 Hydrant Use Approval No person shall, without authority of the Fire Official or his designated representative use, open or operate any fire hydrant, except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, unless such person first secures a permit for such use from the fire official and the water company having jurisdiction This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by and authorized to make such use by the water company having jurisdiction

901 8 2 Section added to read, 901.8.2 Replacement of Fire Suppression Equipment. Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished Defective and non approved fire appliance or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the fire official

906 1 Section amended to include 6 In all multi family buildings as assigned by the fire official, not limited to one (1) per dwelling unit, one (1) per landing

906 11 Section added to read, 906.11 Sale of Defective Fire Extinguishers. A person shall not sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved by the fire official, which is not in proper working order or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the Fire official The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk when said units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk

2201 1 Section amended to read 2201.1 Scope: Automotive service stations, marine service stations, fleet vehicle service stations and repair garages, shall be in accordance with this chapter and the following ordinances, laws, codes or regulations Michigan Building Code International Fuel Gas Code International Mechanical Code, The National Fire Prevention Association, The State of Michigan DEQ Flammable Liquids Regulations, This Code, Such operations shall include both public accessible and private operations

2401 4 1 Section added to read, 2401.4.1 Tents, permit issuances. Application for permits required under this section or the Building Code shall be made to the Building Official and permit secured from same

3302 1 1 Section added to read 3302.1.1 Definitions. Fireworks shall also mean and include any combustible or explosive composition as defined by the Michigan State Fire Marshal

3404 2 9 5 1 Amended to read 3404 2 9 5 1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and II liquids in above ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the geographic limits of Canton Township

Exceptions: 1 Approved skid tanks for construction purposes may be used when application is made in writing for a permit which is approved by the fire official

2 A UL-approved farm storage tank of 275 gallons or less capacity may be permitted when application is made in writing and approved by the fire official within the limits of the zoning use district designated AG by the zoning ordinance of the Township

3 Fuel oil tanks used in conjunction with home heating when tanks are installed and operated in accordance with Chapters 27 and 34 Chapter 46 Authority at Fires is hereby added to read as follows

Chapter 46 - Authority at Fires 4600.1 Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be restricted to those which are defined and authorized under the laws of the State of Michigan

4600.2 Operations of Vehicles on Approach of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle giving audible and visual signal, the operator of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb of the street or roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle or vehicles shall have passed, unless otherwise directed by the fire official or a police officer

4600.3 Vehicles Following Fire Apparatus. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow closer than 300 feet from any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm or to drive any vehicle within the block or immediate area where any fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm

4600.4 Unlawful Boarding or Tampering with Fire Department Emergency. A person shall not without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of said fire department emergency equipment cling to, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the siren horn, bell or other sound producing device thereon or to manipulate or tamper with or attempt to manipulate or tamper with any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on, or a part of any fire department emergency vehicle

4600.5 Damage or Injury to Fire Department Equipment Personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage or deface any fire department emergency vehicle at any time or to injure or attempt to injure or conspire to injure fire department personnel while performing departmental duties

4600.6 Emergency Vehicle Operation. The driver of any emergency vehicle, as defined in Section 5 of this Ordinance, shall not sound the siren thereon or have the front red lights on or disobey any existing traffic regulation except when said vehicle is responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire Tactical strategies such as, but not restricted to, "move ups" do not constitute an emergency call The driver of an emergency vehicle may

(a) park or stand irrespective of the provisions of existing traffic regulations,

(b) proceed past a red or stop signal or other sign but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation,

(c) exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as the action does not endanger life or property

(d) disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions, 5 the exemptions herein granted to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell siren or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished as provided in Ordinance No 63 Misdemeanor Violations Section 70 168 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred proceedings which have begun and prosecutions for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CURRENT SECTION 38-64.

The current version of Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38 64 is hereby repealed

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published as required by law, and this Ordinance shall take full force and effect in the course and manner as provided by law

Item 2. Special Community Event Status and the installation of signs for Canton Waste Recycling.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzyak to approve special community event status for Canton Waste Recycling and the installation of signs to communicate the schedule change for trash pick up 24"X30" signs will be placed at the following locations Motion carried unanimously

Table with 4 columns: Location, Name, Address, City. Includes Geddes and Sarah, Kimberley, Hunter=s Circle, Sherwood Circle, Fieldview, Huntington Manor, Bridgeview, Ravensfield, Ridge and, Ford and Tradition, Beck and, Woodlong, Hendrie, Jackson, Hudson, Cherry Hill and Roosevelt, Canton Ctr and, Baywood, Patriot, Independence, Queene Anne, Scarlet

Item 3 Special Community Event Status and the Installation of Signs for the Tri-City Christian Center MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom 2 Mom Sale.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzyak to approve special community event status for the Tri City Christian Center, MOPS Mom 2 Mom Sale and the installation of signs advertising the event Motion carried unanimously

Item 4. Special Community Event Status and the installation of signs for the St. Thomas A- Becket=s Mom to Mom Sale.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzyak to approve the special community event status for the St Thomas a= Becket=s Mom to Mom sale and the installation of 50 signs at major intersections in Canton advertising the event Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. Consider Final Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Final Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr Danny Veri, has requested final approval of the preliminary plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision to be located on Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads identified as tax EDP # 062 99 0021 000 and 062 99 0022 000, and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the Final Preliminary Plat and made a recommendation to APPROVE the final preliminary plat, conditioned upon the applicant providing an alternate for the specified pear trees and including notes required by the Fire Marshall regarding installation of the access drive and fire hydrants, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Danny Veri to grant final approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Grand Oaks Subdivision subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof

Item 2. Consider Special Land Use for Canton Friendship Church

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following resolution Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Special Use for Canton Friendship Church

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr Lee Rausch, has requested special use approval for Canton Friendship Church, to be located on Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads (Tax ID #062 99-0025 701), and,

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr Lee Rausch to conduct the special use for the proposed Canton Friendship Church, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township

Item 3. First Reading Amending the Noxious Weeds Ordinance Chapter 34, Article III, Section 34-66 (03-2004)

Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to introduce the first reading of the amendment to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to table the first reading for publication in the Canton Observer on April 1, 2004 Motion carried unanimously

Sec 34-66. Duty to remove.

It shall be the duty of every owner occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds described in section 34-61 prior to May 1, June 1, July 1, August 1 and September 1 in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent such noxious weeds from going to seed

(Ord No 64, as amended 4, 6 24 1997)

Edgar Arena hosts Youth Tier II hockey nationals

Livonia and its hockey community is currently on display at Edgar Arena as 12 teams from around the country compete in the USA Hockey Youth Tier II National 12-and-under Championships

The teams, from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, and Orono, Maine, will compete in the five-day tourney, which culminates in the championship game, 11 a.m. Sunday at Edgar

Two years ago, the Livonia Hockey Association sent representatives to USA Hockey in Colorado Springs, Colo., to make a pitch to host the event "It was a two-year planning process," said Tim Yarnell, National co-chair along with Carl Creighton and Sam Martimco "We took a video to show them our arena facilities,

along with our hotel accommodations and our infrastructure. They wanted to see what kind of commitment we could make"

Over 80 volunteers, including members of the Livonia Department of Public Safety, will help stage the event. Host hotels include the Holiday Inn Holidome and the Marriott at Laurel Park

"This is our first experience at a national championship," Yarnell said "Nine of the 12 teams are flying in. It should be a little bit of an economic boost to the community with over 200 families coming in"

Edgar, a dual-ice sheet facility, got the tournament started with opening ceremonies Wednesday. Guests included Livonia Mayor Jack Engbretson and former NHL

player and Franklin High graduate Mike Donnelly, along with Livonia's 1996 and 2000 USA National Championship teams

Following the opening ceremonies, Nationals participants were involved in the Easton Skills Challenge, which simulates the NHL All-Star competition

The 12 participating teams and their families will also be guests at a Thursday evening banquet at the Burton Manor with the featured speaker being John Hynes, coach of the USA Hockey Under-18 Junior Team of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program

Tickets for the games, which begin 10 a.m. Wednesday, are \$5 per day or \$20 for the entire week

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2004 USA Hockey Youth Tier II and Under National Championships Schedule at Livonia's Edgar Arena

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

American Conference Winchester (Mass) Sachems vs Orlando (Fla) Stars 10 a.m. (Rink A) Spokane (Wash) Americans vs Michigan Devils 1 p.m. (Rink B) Long Island (NY) Rebels vs Affton (Mo) Americans 3:30 p.m. (Rink B) **National Conference** Anchorage Alaska All Stars vs Philadelphia Junior Phantoms (Pennsauken NJ) 10:30 a.m. (Rink B) Livonia Knights vs Orono (Me) PVHC Bears 12:30 p.m. (Rink A) Toledo (Ohio) Thunderstorm vs Dallas (Tex.) Alliance Bulldogs 3 p.m. (Rink A)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

American Conference Spokane Americans vs Affton Americans 10 a.m. (Rink A) Orlando Stars vs Long Island Rebels 1 p.m. (Rink B) Michigan Devils vs Winchester Sachems 3:30 p.m. (Rink B)

National Conference Livonia Knights vs Alliance Bulldogs 10:30 a.m. (Rink B) Toledo Thunderstorm vs Philadelphia Junior Phantoms 12:30 p.m. PVHC Bears vs Alaska All Stars 3 p.m. (Rink A)

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

(Quarterfinals)
Rink A: American 1 vs National 4 8 a.m. National 1 vs American 4 10:30 a.m.
Rink B: National 2 vs American 3 8 a.m. American 2 vs National 3 10:30 a.m. **(Semifinals)**
Rink A: Winner (Game No. 19) vs winner (Game No. 20) 4 p.m. winner (Game No. 21) vs winner (Game No. 22) 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

(Championship Final)
Rink A: Winner (Game No. 19/20) vs winner (Game No. 21/22) 11 a.m.

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Cunningham sparks Madonna in opener

The heroics in Game One of Tuesday's softball double-header between Madonna University and Spring Arbor College, a game played at Livonia Ladywood HS, belonged to shortstop Ernie Cunningham and pitcher Kelly Nilson

Cunningham doubled in two runs and added a solo home run to account for all three runs batted in in Madonna's 3-1 triumph

That was enough support for Nilson, who improved to 9-4 with a four-hitter, walking one and striking out six in seven innings. The loss went to Holly Davidson, who gave up three earned runs on five hits in six innings

Stacey Sexsmith also had two hits in the game for Madonna. In the second game of Monday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill, Spring Arbor had two-run innings in the second, third and seventh in pulling away to a 7-2 victory

The split left Madonna at 15-7-2 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC

Spring Arbor is 11-8-1 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC

A wild pitch and a ground-out gave the Cougars a 2-0 lead in the second inning. They added two more in the third on a run-scoring double by Shawna Gautreau and an RBI single by Mandy Gowan. A fielder's choice scored a fifth run in the fourth

Kasey DeSutter's double scored Madonna's first run in the bottom of the fourth, but Spring Arbor added two to its total on a two-run single by Sarah Cooper in the seventh.

Cunningham singled in Sexsmith, who reached base on a single, in the seventh for the Crusaders' final run

Jess Mancini had three hits and an RBI for Spring Arbor. Gautreau added two hits and an RBI

Shannon Noder started and took the loss for Madonna, allowing five earned runs on five hits and four walks in three innings

Janna Klassen got the win for Spring Arbor. She gave up one earned run on six hits and four walks in seven innings

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The Second Reading will be April 13, 2004, publication and effective date of April 22, 2004

Item 4. Consider Purchase of Water Meters and Metering Control Devices for 2004 Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzaik to accept the bid from Etna Supplies Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$636,014.00 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase 2 six inch meters, 2 four inch meters, 2 three inch meters, 150 two inch water meters, 800 one inch water meters, 1000 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meters, 1100 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MXU=s) and associated support control equipment during the 2004 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2004 Acct #592 000 111 0003. Motion carried unanimously

Item 5. Consider Purchase of Caterpillar 4 Backhoe Loader Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to purchase a Cat 430D backhoe/loader at a cost of \$63,782.00 including the trade in of Parks Division=s Ford 755 backhoe/loader the fund=s coming from Public Works account #592 000 142 0000. In addition transfer Public Works= Case 580 Super L backhoe/loader to the Parks Division. Motion carried unanimously

Item 6. Consider Accepting the Proposal submitted by Michael L. Priest & Associates to provide professional services for the 2004 Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Program Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to accept the proposal submitted by Michael L. Priest and Associates to provide professional services for the 2004 Canton Township Water and Sewer Improvement Program for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and further to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk enter into an agreement with Michael L. Priest and Associates. Motion carried unanimously

Item 7. General Fund Contribution to Community Center Fund FY 2003 Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzaik to approve the transfer of \$76,000 from the General Fund to the Summit Community Center Fund to cover the fund deficit as of December 31, 2003 and the following budget amendments for this transfer: **GENERAL FUND, Increase Revenues.** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$76 000

Increase Appropriations. Transfers to Community Center #101 959 965 2080 \$76,000 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2 150 338 to \$2 226 338 and the General Fund budget from \$24 767 184 to \$24 843 184

SUMMIT COMMUNITY CENTER FUND **Increase Revenues** General Fund Contribution #208 000 676 1010 \$76,000 **Increase Appropriations** Transfer to Fund Balance #208 757 999 0000 \$76,000

This budget amendment increases the 2004 Community Center Fund budget from \$3,149,959 to \$3,225,959. Motion carried unanimously

Item 8. General Fund Contribution to Capital Projects Road Paving Fund FY 2003 Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$15,350 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund to cover the fund deficit as of December 31, 2003, and the following budget amendments for this transfer: **GENERAL FUND, Increase Revenues.** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$15 350

Increase Appropriations. Transfers to Capital Projects Road Paving #101 959 965 4030 \$15,350

This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2,210,338 to \$2,225,688, and the General Fund budget from \$24,843,184 to \$24,858,534. Motion carried unanimously

Item 9. Approval to Purchase a Leica TCRA07 Power Station Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a

Leica TCRA07 Power station for the Police Department=s Accident Investigation Team and Evidence Technician Unit, from Kara Company Inc., Countryside IL (sole source vendor) for total cost of \$8,937.00 (#207 203 977 0000) Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve training by a certified forensic trainer associated with Kara company, Inc. for six (6) police officer on site for a cost of \$4,500 (#207 301 952 0000) Motion carried unanimously

Item 10. Approve New Part-Time Theater Positions and Wage Scale Additions Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to amend the attached Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Wage Scale, to include the new Level Four and Level Five classification for Theater Technical Assistant and Theater Technical Director. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the proposed job descriptions for Theater Technical Director and Theater Technical Assistant as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Item 11. First Reading, Amendment (04 2004) Human Relations Commission Chapter 2 Article IV Commissions and Authorities, Division 2 Human Relations Commission, Section 2 151 Purpose, and Section 2 152 Definitions Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for first reading of the Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration Article IV Boards, Commission and Authorities Division 2, Human Relations Commission, Sections 2 151 Purpose and Section 2 152 Definitions. The Second Reading will be on April 13 2004 publication and effective date on April 22, 2004. Motion carried unanimously

Chapter 2 Administration Article IV Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Division 2 Human Relations Commission **Sec 2 151 Purpose** The purpose of this division is the creation of a commission which performs educational counseling and advisory roles in the area of cultural and ethnic diversity, to encourage harmonious relationships between individuals and groups of individuals, to discourage prejudice and discrimination against any individual or group because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry, for it is hereby found that such prejudice and discrimination is inimical to democracy and the public welfare, and to discourage discriminatory employment practices and policies based upon race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry (Ord No 146 1, 10 1C 2000)

Sec 2 152 Definitions The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. **Commission** means the human relations commission. **Discrimination** means any difference in treatment based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry, and shall include segregation, except that it shall not be discrimination for any religious or denominational institution or association composed of persons with a common ancestral origin to devote its facilities, exclusively or primarily, to or for its own membership or give preference to such members or to make such selection as is calculated by such institution to promote the principles for which it is established or maintained

Religious or denominational institution means an institution which is operated for religious purposes or is operated supervised or controlled by a religious or denominational organization. **Unfair employment practice** means discriminatory employment practices and policies as defined and prescribed in Public Act No 453 of 1976

(MCL 37 2101 et seq.) (Ord No 146 2, 10 10 2000) Cross references Definitions generally, " 1 2

Item 12. Purchase of Facilities Maintenance Vehicle Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzaik to waive the formal bidding procedure and purchase the 2004 GMC TG 23405 Savana Van 2500 that meets the specifications of the Facilities Maintenance Division utilizing the Oakland County Purchasing Program for a cost of \$18,776. #101 265 977-0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 13. Authorize Purchase of Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of three (3) pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment from All Pro Exercise of 24166 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of \$12,580.00. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for this purchase:

Increase Revenues
Equipment Lease revenue #101 000 669 2080 \$ 5 000
Appropriation from Fund Balance 101 000 699 0000 7,580

Total \$ 12,580

Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment-Gen Gov't Dept #101 200 977 0000 \$12,580

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$657,335 to \$669,915 and the General Fund budget from \$24,858,534 to \$24,871,114. Motion carried unanimously

Item 14. Award contract for Goose Control at Pheasant Run Golf Course and Park Facilities Motion made by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bidding procedure and award the goose control contract to Gooseworks, 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI 48187 in the amount of \$14,250. act=s Pheasant Run # 584 756 818 0000 and Parks Division #101 270 818 0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 15. Request to renew contract for grounds and cemetery lawn maintenance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the renewal of the Lawn Maintenance contract with Metro Tech landscaping (Formerly Devits Landscaping), 6851 Merriman Road, Romulus MI 48174 for the 2004 season in the amount of \$37,529.00 to be charged to the following account numbers:

Administration Building #101 270 818 0000 \$ 1,530
Parks Office Michigan Ave #101 270 818 0000 \$ 612
Welcome Signs #101 270 818 0000 1,530
Connectors #101 270 818 0000 1,224
Cemeteries #101 276 930 0000 10,710
Morton Taylor (Ford to Warren) #101 270 818 0000 8 000
Historical Museum #101 803 930 0000 612

Cherry Hill School/ Human Services Ctr #101 803 930 0000 612
Travis House #101 803 930 0000 1,300
Sheldon School #101 803 932 0000 765

Fire Station #1 & #2 #206 336-930 0000 2,295
Narcotics Building #207 000 040 0000 1,300
Police Building #207 301 930 0000 1,530
DPW Building #592 441 930 0000 1,530
Meter Pits #592 441 930 0000 1,836
Gun Range #207 301 930 0000 765
Old DPW Yard #392 441 930 0000 1,301

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to amend the motion with option of one additional year at 2%/ Motion carried unanimously

Item 16. Approval of Proposal for Performing Arts Center Telephone System Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the price quote for a telephone system for the Performing Arts Center from Allied Communications, Inc 17600 Northland Park Crt Southfield, MI 48075 in the amount of \$18,990 to be paid from Account Number 402 302 818 6000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 17. Request Approval for Purchase of John Deere Tractor Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a John Deere 4710 Tractor with Cab from Weingartz 39050 Grand River Farmington Hills, MI 48335, in the amount of \$19,000 to be paid from Account Number 101 270 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 18. Request Approval for Purchase of 2004 Ford Explorer

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzaik to approve the purchase of a 2004 Ford Explorer from Signature Ford, 3942 W Lansing Rd., Perry, MI 48872, in the amount of \$21,776.50 to be paid from Account Number 101 270 977 0000, from Macomb County Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously

Item 19. Request Approval for Purchase of Cab Pickup with Snow Plow Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzaik to approve the purchase of a 2004 GMC Cab Pickup with snow plow from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC 35300 Ford Road Westland, MI 48185, in the amount of \$23,954, from Oakland County Purchasing Program, to be paid from Account Number 101 270 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 20. Award Bid for Fertilization and Weed Control Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for Fertilization and Weed Control to Homefield Turf and Athletic 945 B Brown Rd Orton, MI 48359 in the amount of \$30,500 to be paid from account number 101 270 930 0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 21. Award bid for the 2004 Canton Leisure Services Inflatable Attractions Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the Inflatable Attractions bid to Chris Nordman Associates, Inc 4632 Elizabeth Lake Rd, Waterford MI 48328 in an amount not to exceed \$27,250 for the 2004 Canton Leisure Services Inflatable Attractions to be paid from the following accounts:

Special Events 101 691 742 4000 \$ 18,500
Youth Development 101 691 818 3000 \$ 2,750
Youth Development 101 691 940 0000 \$ 2,500
Softball Center 101 755 742 0000 \$ 3,500

Total \$27,250 Motion carried unanimously

Item 22. Request Approval to Purchase Mower Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a Hustler Super Z Zero Turn Radius Rotary Mower from W F Miller, P O Box 605 Novi MI 48376 in the amount of \$7,600.00 to be paid from Account Number 101 270 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously

OTHER: Study Session March 30, 2004, with topics on Homeowners Advisory Council on Excellence, Youth Advisory, Council on Arts and AdJOURN: Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adjourn Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 7 55 p.m. Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton.mi.org after Board approval

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Western Townships Utilities Authority
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Synopsis
3:00 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2004

Regular meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann
Agenda - adopted as presented
Minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2004 - approved
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$904,149.93 - approved
Operations & Maintenance Report for February 2004 - received and filed
Director's Report for March 2004 - received and filed
All Terrain Vehicle/Trailer Purchase - approved
Downstream Control Structure Design, Engineering Services Contract - approved
Vision Plan Approval - approved
Cafeteria and Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan Approval - approved
457 Eligible Plan (Restated) - approved
401(a) Pension Plan, Third Amendment - approved
457 Eligible Plan - Self Direct - approved
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed
The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.
Chairperson: THOMAS J. YACK
This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (or) by visiting our website at www.wtua.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
"NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May the first day of June, the first day of July the first day of August, (and possibly the first day of September pending approval of the amendment to the Noxious Weed Ordinance by the Township board on April 13, 2004) in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Noxious Weed Ordinance Chapter 34 Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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The Second Reading will be April 13, 2004, publication and effective date of April 22, 2004

Item 4. Consider Purchase of Water Meters and Metering Control Devices for 2004 Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzaik to accept the bid from Etna Supplies Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$636,014.00 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase 2 six inch meters, 2 four inch meters, 2 three inch meters, 150 two inch water meters, 800 one inch water meters, 1000 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meters, 1100 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MXU=s) and associated support control equipment during the 2004 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2004 Acct #592 000 111 0003. Motion carried unanimously

Item 5. Consider Purchase of Caterpillar 4 Backhoe Loader Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to purchase a Cat 430D backhoe/loader at a cost of \$63,782.00 including the trade in of Parks Division=s Ford 755 backhoe/loader the fund=s coming from Public Works account #592 000 142 0000. In addition transfer Public Works= Case 580 Super L backhoe/loader to the Parks Division. Motion carried unanimously

Item 6. Consider Accepting the Proposal submitted by Michael L. Priest & Associates to provide professional services for the 2004 Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Program Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to accept the proposal submitted by Michael L. Priest and Associates to provide professional services for the 2004 Canton Township Water and Sewer Improvement Program for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and further to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk enter into an agreement with Michael L. Priest and Associates. Motion carried unanimously

Item 7. General Fund Contribution to Community Center Fund FY 2003 Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzaik to approve the transfer of \$76,000 from the General Fund to the Summit Community Center Fund to cover the fund deficit as of December 31, 2003 and the following budget amendments for this transfer: **GENERAL FUND, Increase Revenues.** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$76 000

Increase Appropriations. Transfers to Community Center #101 959 965 2080 \$76,000 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2 150 338 to \$2 226 338 and the General Fund budget from \$24 767 184 to \$24 843 184

SUMMIT COMMUNITY CENTER FUND **Increase Revenues** General Fund Contribution #208 000 676 1010 \$76,000 **Increase Appropriations** Transfer to Fund Balance #208 757 999 0000 \$76,000

This budget amendment increases the 2004 Community Center Fund budget from \$3,149,959 to \$3,225,959. Motion carried unanimously

Item 8. General Fund Contribution to Capital Projects Road Paving Fund FY 2003 Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$15,350 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund to cover the fund deficit as of December 31, 2003, and the following budget amendments for this transfer: **GENERAL FUND, Increase Revenues.** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$15 350

Increase Appropriations. Transfers to Capital Projects Road Paving #101 959 965 4030 \$15,350

This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2,210,338 to \$2,225,688, and the General Fund budget from \$24,843,184 to \$24,858,534. Motion carried unanimously

Item 9. Approval to Purchase a Leica TCRA07 Power Station Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a Leica TCRA07 Power station for the Police Department=s Accident Investigation Team and Evidence Technician Unit, from Kara Company Inc., Countryside IL (sole source vendor) for total cost of \$8,937.00 (#207 203 977 0000) Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve training by a certified forensic trainer associated with Kara company, Inc. for six (6) police officer on site for a cost of \$4,500 (#207 301 952 0000) Motion carried unanimously

Item 10. Approve New Part-Time Theater Positions and Wage Scale Additions Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to amend the attached Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Wage Scale, to include the new Level Four and Level Five classification for Theater Technical Assistant and Theater Technical Director. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the proposed job descriptions for Theater Technical Director and Theater Technical Assistant as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Item 11. First Reading, Amendment (04 2004) Human Relations Commission Chapter 2 Article IV Commissions and Authorities, Division 2 Human Relations Commission, Section 2 151 Purpose, and Section 2 152 Definitions Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for first reading of the Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration Article IV Boards, Commission and Authorities Division 2, Human Relations Commission, Sections 2 151 Purpose and Section 2 152 Definitions. The Second Reading will be on April 13 2004 publication and effective date on April 22, 2004. Motion carried unanimously

Chapter 2 Administration Article IV Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Division 2 Human Relations Commission **Sec 2 151 Purpose** The purpose of this division is the creation of a commission which performs educational counseling and advisory roles in the area of cultural and ethnic diversity, to encourage harmonious relationships between individuals and groups of individuals, to discourage prejudice and discrimination against any individual or group because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry, for it is hereby found that such prejudice and discrimination is inimical to democracy and the public welfare, and to discourage discriminatory employment practices and policies based upon race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry (Ord No 146 1, 10 1C 2000)

Sec 2 152 Definitions The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. **Commission** means the human relations commission. **Discrimination** means any difference in treatment based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry, and shall include segregation, except that it shall not be discrimination for any religious or denominational institution or association composed of persons with a common ancestral origin to devote its facilities, exclusively or primarily, to or for its own membership or give preference to such members or to make such selection as is calculated by such institution to promote the principles for which it is established or maintained

Religious or denominational institution means an institution which is operated for religious purposes or is operated supervised or controlled by a religious or denominational organization. **Unfair employment practice** means discriminatory employment practices and policies as defined and prescribed in Public Act No 453 of 1976

(MCL 37 2101 et seq.) (Ord No 146 2, 10 10 2000) Cross references Definitions generally, " 1 2

Item 12. Purchase of Facilities Maintenance Vehicle Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzaik to waive the formal bidding procedure and purchase the 2004 GMC TG 23405 Savana Van 2500 that meets the specifications of the Facilities Maintenance Division utilizing the Oakland County Purchasing Program for a cost of \$18,776. #101 265 977-0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 13. Authorize Purchase of Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of three (3) pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment from All Pro Exercise of 24166 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of \$12,580.00. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for this purchase:

Increase Revenues
Equipment Lease revenue #101 000 669 2080 \$ 5 000
Appropriation from Fund Balance 101 000 699 0000 7,580

Total \$ 12,580

Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment-Gen Gov't Dept #101 200 977 0000 \$12,580

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$657,335 to \$669,915 and the General Fund budget from \$24,858,534 to \$24,871,114. Motion carried unanimously

Item 14. Award contract for Goose Control at Pheasant Run Golf Course and Park Facilities Motion made by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bidding procedure and award the goose control contract to Gooseworks, 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI 48187 in the amount of \$14,250. act=s Pheasant Run # 584 756 818 0000 and Parks Division #101 270 818 0000. Motion carried unanimously

Item 15. Request to renew contract for grounds and cemetery lawn maintenance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the renewal of the Lawn Maintenance contract with Metro Tech landscaping (Formerly Devits Landscaping), 6851 Merriman Road, Romulus MI 48174 for the 2004 season in the amount of \$37,529.00 to be charged to the following account numbers:

Administration Building #101 270 818 0000 \$ 1,530
Parks Office Michigan Ave #101 270 818 0000 \$ 612
Welcome Signs #101 270 818 0000 1,530
Connectors #101 270 818 0000 1,224
Cemeteries #101 276 930 0000 10,710
Morton Taylor (Ford to Warren) #101 270 818 0000 8 000
Historical Museum #1

MADONNA

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all five innings for Madonna, allowing two runs on five hits with no walks and three strikeouts, evening his record at 2-2. Greene and Kern each had a hit and an RBI for the Crusaders.

Picard was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week after hitting 500 with two doubles, two home runs, six runs scored and five RBI.

The two home runs came in Madonna's 18-5 win at Hope College March 23. Picard scored three runs and drove in four runs.

Gary VanAllen also had two home runs and a single, with five RBI and two runs scored. Other standouts in the record-setting game — the Crusaders



Madonna shortstop Gary Van Allen puts the tag on this Urbana runner during Saturday's double-header, which the Crusaders split.

hit a single-game school-record eight home runs — Barbeau with three hits, Kevin Zerbo with two hits including a homer and two RBI, Greene with three

hits (and a homer), Galus with two hits (and a homer) and two RBI, and Kern with two hits (and a homer), three runs scored and three RBI.

SOCCER

FROM PAGE B1

to her bench, turned around and went back to the scorer's table to check back in.

However, in that couple of minutes, Novi penetrated the Chiefs' defense and Kristi Timar got off a shot from the right wing that eluded back-up keeper Pam Wisniewski and went in to make it a 2-1 game with 36:04 still remaining. Maureen Pawlak got the assist.

The Wildcats continued to pressure. In the first half they had put one shot off the post, another off the crossbar. That continued into the second half, with Stephame Crawford's hard shot from the right wing stopped by Cervi.

But despite their pressure, they could not beat Cervi. Canton mounted a counterattack in the closing seconds that resulted in a free kick from 25 yards out. Johnson's placement was perfect, over Church's outstretched hands to make the final 3-1.

"She's definitely a scorer," said Smith of Johnson, who last season as a sophomore was

all-Western Lakes Activities Association at sweeper. Smith moved her to forward this season, but on Monday when Novi continued to pressure he moved Johnson back to help solidify the defense.

It's something he may continue to do — at least as long as it works.

Salem 1, Rochester 1: Salem got the equalizer with just three minutes remaining Saturday to earn a draw with Rochester at Salem's home field.

The Highlanders scored first on a penalty kick with 10 minutes left to play. The Rocks evened the score when Megan McCarthy scored late in the match on a play set up by Jordan Falcusan.

"I was pleased with the effort," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Everybody gave it their all. I thought it was a pretty back-and-forth game, but I thought they took it to us for a long period of time."

"We finally woke up and started to play. It was a good start to the season. We can build from it — we saw the foundation for what we can build on."

The Rocks host Troy at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Accents

More flora

Sean Hogan, a horticulturalist and North American Chief Consultant for the book, *Flora: A Gardener's Encyclopedia*, will present *Exotic Plants in the Wild* and in the Michigan Garden at 11 a.m. Saturday at Goldner



Walsh Nursery in Pontiac Hogan will discuss exotic plants, where they originate and how they grow in the wild, including tropicals (patio plants), tender perennials and plants hardy to our zone. Plants featured originate from South Africa, Argentina, Mexico, and the western and southwestern United States. For more information, call (248) 332-6430. Reservations are required.

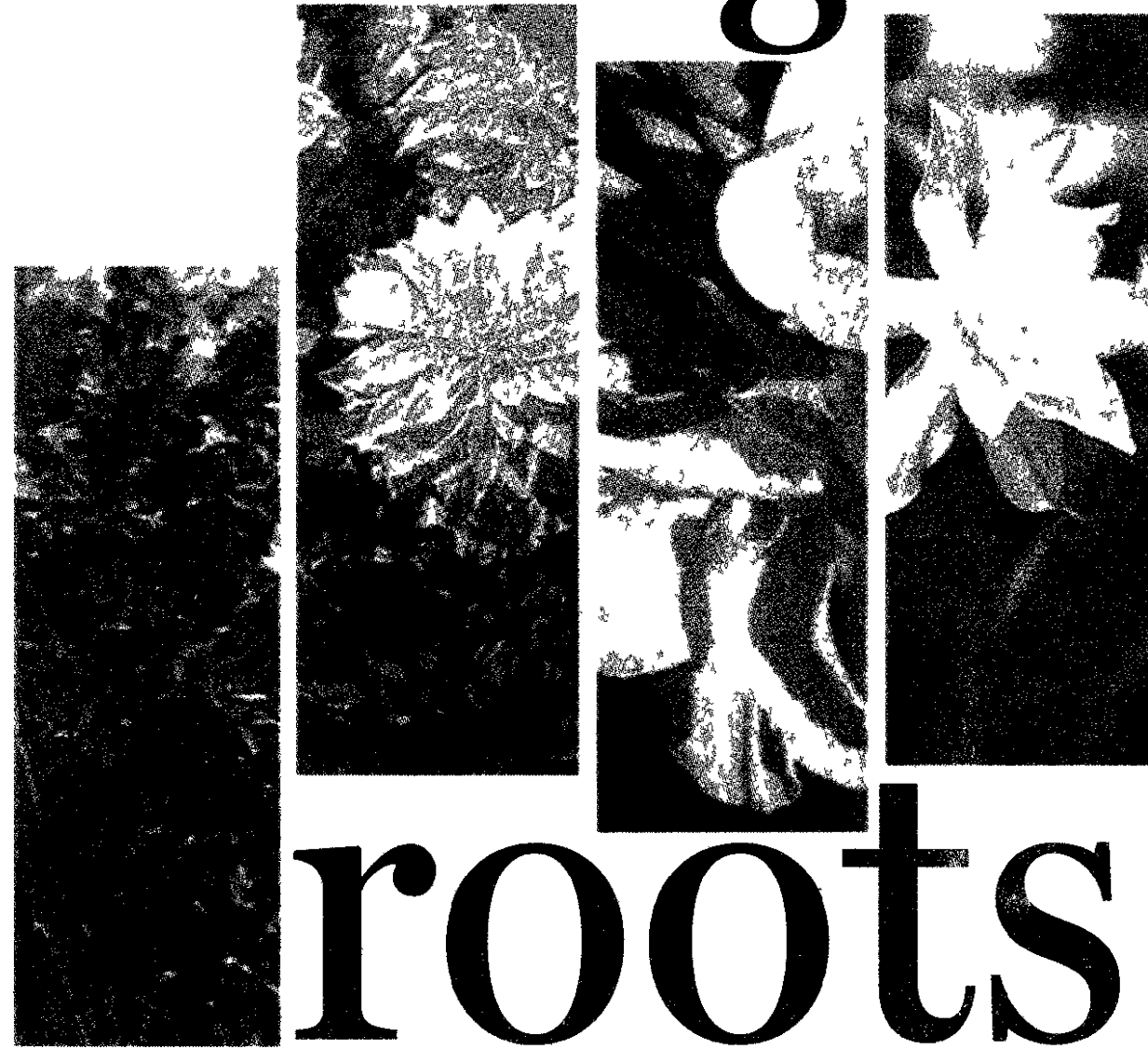
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If you're wondering about the environmental and health effects of specific chemicals in your garden or yard, call the National Pesticide Information Center, (800) 858-7378, or visit <http://ace.orst.edu/info/np.htm>. This nationwide free service provides objective, science-based information about pesticide products, impacts on human health and the environment, toxicology and more. The consultation is available seven days a week, except holidays. Lists of recommended fertilizers are available from www.healthylandscapes.com, or the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), (248) 288-5150.

SOCWA, in cooperation with the Wayne County Department of Environment and the Michigan Green Industry Association, has prepared a brochure, *A Guide to Selecting a Lawn Service*. If you decide to contract for pesticide application service, the brochure suggests that you ask the company licensed? What are the target pests and the management procedure to be used? The Michigan Department of Agriculture must license any company that applies pesticide. Ask for the license number. Companies without license information shouldn't be hired.

Michigan law specifies that written information about the pesticide application must be provided to the customer no later than the time of the application. For questions about landscaping companies, call the Better Business Bureau, (248) 644-9100, the Michigan Consumer Protection Office, Office of the Attorney General, (517) 373-1140, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, Southeast Michigan, (248) 356-1701, and the Michigan Green Industry Association, (248) 646-4992.

Making



roots

Heirloom plants preserve history

These "heirlooms" aren't meant to sit in a cabinet. They are heirloom bulbs (also known as antique, heritage, historic, vintage, classic, legacy and old-fashioned bulbs). Raising them is a way of preserving history while adding distinction to a garden or yard.

"They're great garden plants," said Scott Kunst, owner and head gardener of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, the only mail-order business in the country devoted to heirloom bulbs.

"They're tough, unusual and gorgeous. They add a whole extra dimension."

Usually strong and disease-resistant, and adaptable to a variety of garden conditions, heirloom bulbs may differ from their contemporary counterparts in various ways.

Besides beauty, they may have such unusual features.

There are tulips with 6-inch stems, the deep indigo-purple 'Marie' hyacinth from 1860, and the 'Double Campernelle,' a fragrant daffodil with petals arranged like those of a rose.

Fragrance is hard to breed, so newer introductions of plants often aren't as fragrant as heirlooms.

Heirloom bulbs make period-appropriate plants for older houses. And a gardener who raises the

Top photos, from left: The deep-colored Marie hyacinth is from 1860. Heirloom bulbs make period-appropriate plants for older houses.

Jersey's Beauty, a dahlia from the 1920s, features pink, peony-size flowers. Heirloom plants often have unusual features. Double Campernelle is a fragrant daffodil with petals arranged like a rose. The Angele Martin canna from 1915 has a peachy-gold color.

Madonna lily, for example, goes even farther back in history (dating from 1600 B.C., this is the first documented garden plant, Kunst said, the Romans carried it with them on their conquests).

Another reason for growing heirloom bulbs is that they are genetically rich. Kunst says genetic diversity is the best hope for



Raising heirloom bulbs is a way of preserving history, protecting genetically rich plants, and helping endangered plants survive, while adding distinction to a garden or yard.

breeding food crops and ornamental plants that will meet future needs.

Some of the bulbs are endangered. In the 1800s, about 10,000 distinct cultivars of dahlias were named. Today only three of these survive.

Kunst, who started Old House Gardens in 1993, is a nationally recognized expert.

Old House Gardens sells 'Keizerskroon' tulips - red, edged with yellow, dating from 1750 - to Mount Vernon every year. Kunst is scheduled to speak at a garden symposium at Colonial Williamsburg this month.

Locally, he has lectured around the area (recently in a program presented by the Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village) and assisted in projects at a variety of sites - the Meadow Brook Hall landscape show, Van Hoosen Farm in Rochester and gardens at the Edison Boarding House and Wright Brothers House at Greenfield Village among them.

PLEASE SEE ROOTS, C2

Favorite heirloom bulbs

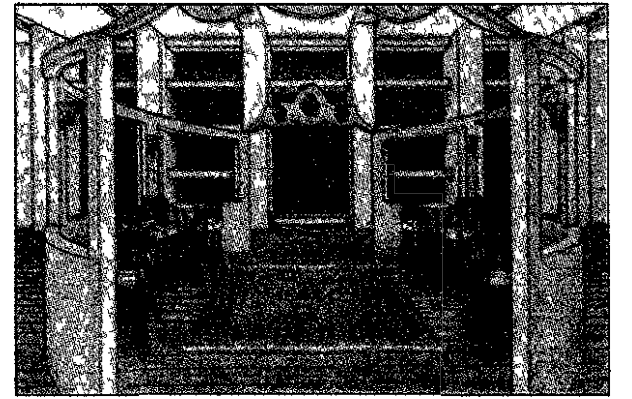
Here are some popular and favorite heirloom bulbs from Old House Gardens.

■ Jersey's Beauty dahlia from 1923. It features lovely pink flowers about as big as a peony and grows 6 to 7 feet tall. It's like the happiest plant in the fall, said Scott Kunst of Old House Gardens.

■ Angele Martin canna from 1915. Kunst describes its color as peachy gold.

■ Mexican Single tuberose. Old House Gardens named the Mexican Single variety of Aztec tuberose the 2004 Heirloom Bulb of the Year for spring planting. Domesticated by the Aztecs and popular in Victorian gardens, the Mexican Single is easy to grow and has starry white flowers.

It also has a fragrance that has been compared to vanilla-orange blossoms, gardenias and chocolate and is richer in the evening.



Tara Mooney, a student at Western Michigan University, won first place in the 2004 The Ghiordes Knot-ASID Student Creative Space Competition. In the competition, now in its 15th year, students illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting. The winning designs will be displayed at Student Career Day at Michigan Design Center in Troy tomorrow. Mooney's entry placed Sickle Leaf, a rug with a Persian design, as the focal point.

Young designers create spaces for area rugs

Young designers again worked magic with carpets in The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition.

This year's contest, the 15th annual, had a special touch. One of the award winners is from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy, which opened in October.

The purpose of the competition is to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point.

Racheal Thorne of Mount Clemens, a student at the academy, was one of two honorable mention recipients.

"We're really excited about that," said Barbara Marini, chair of the Interior Design Department. "We're brand-new and not a lot of people know about us. We're really happy for Racheal."

The academy has about 300 students, Marini said. It offers programs in fashion design, interior design and visual communications.

This year, the contest drew a total of 25 entries from the IADT and Western Michigan University.

First place was awarded to Tara Mooney of WMU. The other honorable mention went to Marissa Jekabson of WMU.

The Ghiordes Knot furnishes \$1,000 in prize money. \$500 for first place and \$250 for each honorable mention. The winning designs will again be displayed on Student Career Day at Michigan Design Center in Troy, which is April 2 this year.

"I think the students, from the instructors I've spoken to, are very enthusiastic about (the competition)," said Ann Parker, showroom manager at The Ghiordes Knot at MDC.

Instructors have used the competition as a class assignment, she said.

"It offers the students a chance to learn how to draw perspective as to actual space," Marini said. "Students learn how to draft."

The entrants work with carpets from The Ghiordes Knot, which provides photographs. Students have also visited the showroom to see the actual rugs.

A student's submitted entry is a rendering of the design, mounted on a mat, with his or her statement on the back.

Entries are judged on presentation (60 percent) and feasibility (40 percent). Presentation is the student's ability to convey the design within the environment, feasibility is the capability of carrying out the design. Judging is by a panel of professional designers, all ASID members.

This year, students could choose from Sickle Leaf, a Persian design in handspun wool, and Satori, from Nepal, made of handspun Tibetan wool and refined Chinese silk, with a design inspired by an 18th-century French silk brocade.

Sickle Leaf was to be depicted as a 9-by-12-foot rug, and Satori as an 8-by-10-foot rug.

DESIGNS

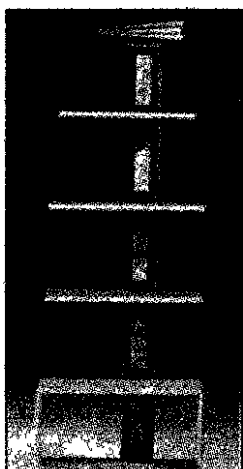
Thorne's entry is the design of a gallery meant as a place for multiple works of art to be displayed. In the room, she placed columns around Sickle Leaf. The area features straight lines and geometric

PLEASE SEE DESIGN, C3

MARKET PLACE

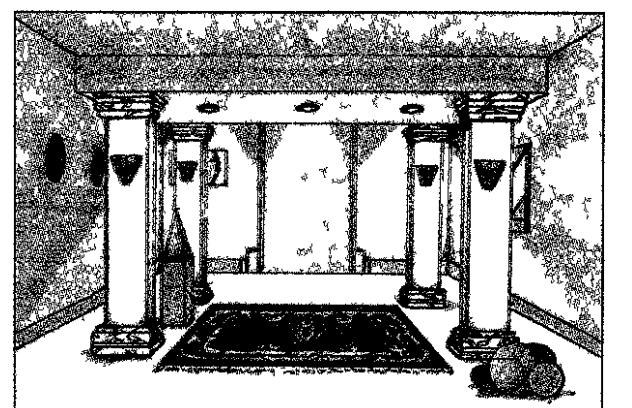
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At the show

The third annual Ann Arbor National Spring Art Show will offer a variety of items for the home, such as this furniture piece by Peter Czuk of Kendall, Mich., and this ceramic work by Margo West of Ann Arbor. The show will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 3-4, at the University of Michigan's Indoor Track Building, 1000 State St. in Ann Arbor - behind Yost Arena, 2 miles north of the I-94 State Street exit (Exit 177). Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5, free for under age 13. Parking is free. The show attracts more than 130 accomplished artists from across the country. It will feature a complete range of media, including oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings, drawings, sculpture, metal, photography, ceramics, glass, computer art, wearable fibers, wood, furniture, leather, whimsical/fantasy items and jewelry. For more information, call (330) 896-9498 or visit www.artprolinc.com.



Racheal Thorne, a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy, which opened in October, won honorable mention for her design of a gallery. The room features "spatial rhythm," with measurements of elements divisible by three.

Indoor sowing is worthwhile

If you have the urge to plant seeds, yet it's too cold or damp outdoors, plant some indoors

Indoor sowing might also be the only way to have in your garden that special variety - Violet Queen purple broccoli or Border Beauty zinnia, for example - that you'll rarely find for sale as transplants

The ideal transplant, when ready to go out in the garden, is stocky and dark green. Growing such a plant takes a combination of art and science

For quick germination, seeds need warmth, moisture and, in some cases, light

Any container about 2 inches deep is suitable, as long as it

has holes in the bottom for drainage

Fill the container with potting soil, sow the seeds to a depth equal to twice their thickness, then firm the soil. Water from below by setting the containers in a pan with an inch of water in it

Cover the container with a piece of clear plastic, then set it somewhere warm. Seventy degrees Fahrenheit is a good average temperature to suit most seeds

Even seeds that need light to germinate are sufficiently stimulated by relatively little light, the amount in an average room being sufficient



Spring is almost here and these chairs are as inviting as warm weather. Monte Nagler took this shot in Newport, R.I.

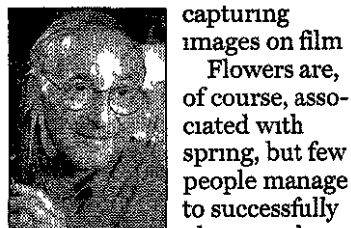
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Springtime is great time for photos

It's said that in spring "a young man's fancy turns to love." Well, springtime is one of the best times for your fancy to turn to photography. It's one of the most exciting times for capturing images on film.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Flowers are, of course, associated with spring, but few people manage to successfully photograph them. They tend to point the camera quickly and shoot. Without careful composition and attention to depth-of-field, the results can be disappointing. First, get down low on the flower's level. Concentrate your viewfinder on just a few blossoms, maybe even one, and move in close. A tripod will help steady the camera. Remember that the closer you get to your subject, the more depth-of-field you'll lose,

necessitating a smaller aperture. One of the most common errors in photographing flowers is a distracting background. Use a piece of black cloth or cardboard behind the flowers and you'll be amazed at the difference in the results.

As in most photography, try to shoot flowers in the early morning or late afternoon so that the crosslighting will highlight the color and texture of the petals. To photograph bees or butterflies on the flowers, shoot in early morning when the insects are sluggish and won't fly away.

Springtime is usually marked by changeable weather which will reward you with impact-filled shots if you're alert.

It can be raining one minute, then suddenly the sky will clear and the sun will burst through. This moment along with wet pavement, rain drops trickling down a window, or a rainbow itself will offer you excellent photographic opportunities.

Be on the lookout for trees or a city skyline silhouetted against a receding storm cloud

as emerging sunbeams highlight the scene. This is perhaps one of the most dramatic images you'll see through the viewfinder.

How about photographing the progression of spring? A series of pictures of that special tree in the backyard as it gets progressively thicker and thicker with darker and darker leaves will produce an exciting picture story.

Don't overlook other springtime photographic possibilities. Festivals and celebrations are usually in abundance. People become more active in spring both at work and leisure, so look for picture potential here.

Animals become more active, too, so a trip to a nearby farm or zoo will reward you with shots of our animal friends.

It's springtime "Spring" yourself and your camera into action!

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.

ROOTS

FROM PAGE C1

Kunst's other projects in Michigan include the Honolulu House in Marshall

RESEARCH

The hunt for heirloom bulbs involves detective work and research, both around the world and in Michigan. Kunst seeks out local growers, examines photos, looks through books.

"It takes a lot of searching," he said.

His finds have included cannas at a farm in France, as well as daffodils given to him by a friend whose grandmother raised them.

A former teacher, Kunst got started along the heirloom gardening path 20 to 25 years ago when he bought his first house at Depot Town, a historic district in Ypsilanti.

"I was so excited to have my own garden."

The yard featured an unusually big Tree of Heaven and a privet hedge, and spurred Kunst to research it. This led him to research other plants, and along the way he started growing older plants.

Kunst noticed that one of these, the 'Prince of Austria' tulip, which was introduced in 1860, disappeared from mainstream catalogs. He was motivated to save it - and other antique bulbs - from extinction. As a result, he started Old House Gardens.

"I had this sense of responsibility," Kunst said. "It was like I had two dozen pandas in my back yard."

Sampler collections are good ways to start raising heirloom bulbs. They are available from the Old House Gardens catalog, which is illustrated with old drawings and woodcuts as well as with vibrant photos.

If they prefer, gardeners can treat heirloom bulbs as annuals instead of digging them up and storing them over the winter, Kunst said.

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The Spring Home and Garden Show, one of the premier gardening and home improvement shows in the Midwest, returns to the Novi Expo Center April 2-4. The show is the last in a series of six home improvement shows presented by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and presenting sponsor Standard Federal Bank.

The Eighth Annual Spring Home and Garden Show features more than 200 exhibitors displaying the products, services and technology for kitchens, baths, windows, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. All the latest in supplies, tools and designs for the home garden are also on hand.

"If you have a spring home improvement or gardening project planned, or are even just thinking about one, then you'll want to be at the Spring Home and Garden Show," said Stuart Michaelson, president of BIA and Windmill Group in Farmington Hills.

"Everything you can imagine for the home and garden is here, as well as hundreds of the area's top experts to answer questions and get you started."

This year's special guest is nationally renowned gardening expert Roger Swan.

Known as the man with the red suspenders, Swan, who hosts PBS's The Victory Garden will speak to showgoers on a variety of gardening topics, as well as give advice and tips on how to grow and maintain an ecologically sound garden.

Sponsoring the Cooking Stage at the Spring Home and Garden Show is the Certified Angus Beef Brand. Certified Angus Beef Brand Chef Dianna Stouffer will give cooking demonstrations throughout the show, as well as have a booth at the show where showgoers can sample the Brand's products.

Other highlights at the show are appearances by local radio personalities and a "Parade of Homes" pictorial display of 115 new homes built by professional master builders of BIA and a free plan book. Additional

show features include advice, ideas and innovations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Show hours are Friday, April 2, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens. Children under 12 are admitted free.

For more information on the show, call (248) 862-1019, or visit www.builder.org.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,300 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry.

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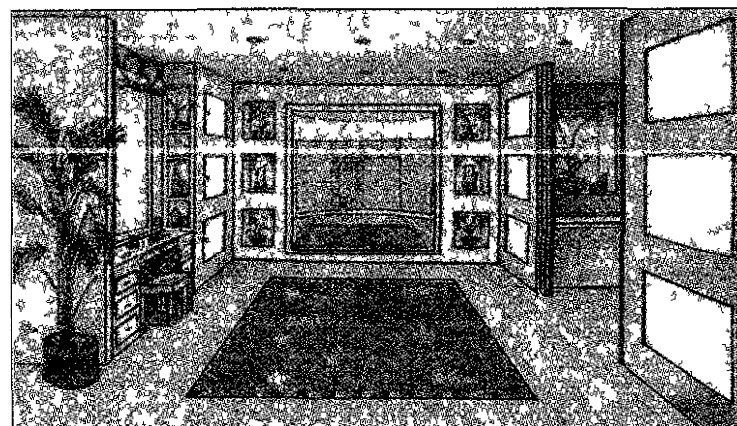
accents, such as the triangle-shaped elements on the four columns. Its walls and ceiling have a neutral tone. Soffits are arranged in a linear fashion for full lighting effect.

This room has spatial rhythm, Thorne says in her statement - such as the 9-foot columns around the 9-by-12-foot rug, windows 18 inches in diameter, 6-by-9 foot door, and three soffits (all these numbers are divisible by three).

The room keeps its own balance by utilizing repetitive use of measurement while creating excitement with the use of vibrant colors and strong use of geometric shape, she said in her statement.

In her entry, Mooney designed a space to create focus on Sickle Leaf. The area has curved walls, with bistro tables and high chairs along the perimeter.

The repetition of the leaf shape and curved lines emphasize the rug's sickle leaf design, and the symmetrical arrangement of elements in



Marissa Jekabson, a student at WMU, won honorable mention for her design of a grand master suite. The space made Satori, a wool and silk rug from Nepal with a design inspired by an 18th century French silk brocade, the focal point

both the room and the rug create a formal atmosphere, Mooney said in her statement.

To convey the 'feel of opulence,' Jekabson designed a dressing and vanity area of a grand master suite in her entry. She placed Satori, with its curving pattern, in an area that

features geometric lines in walls, niches and furnishings. The rug becomes prominent within the space by creating contrast between the fine geometric lines in the architecture and the delicate curved shapes contained in the rug, Jekabson said in her statement.

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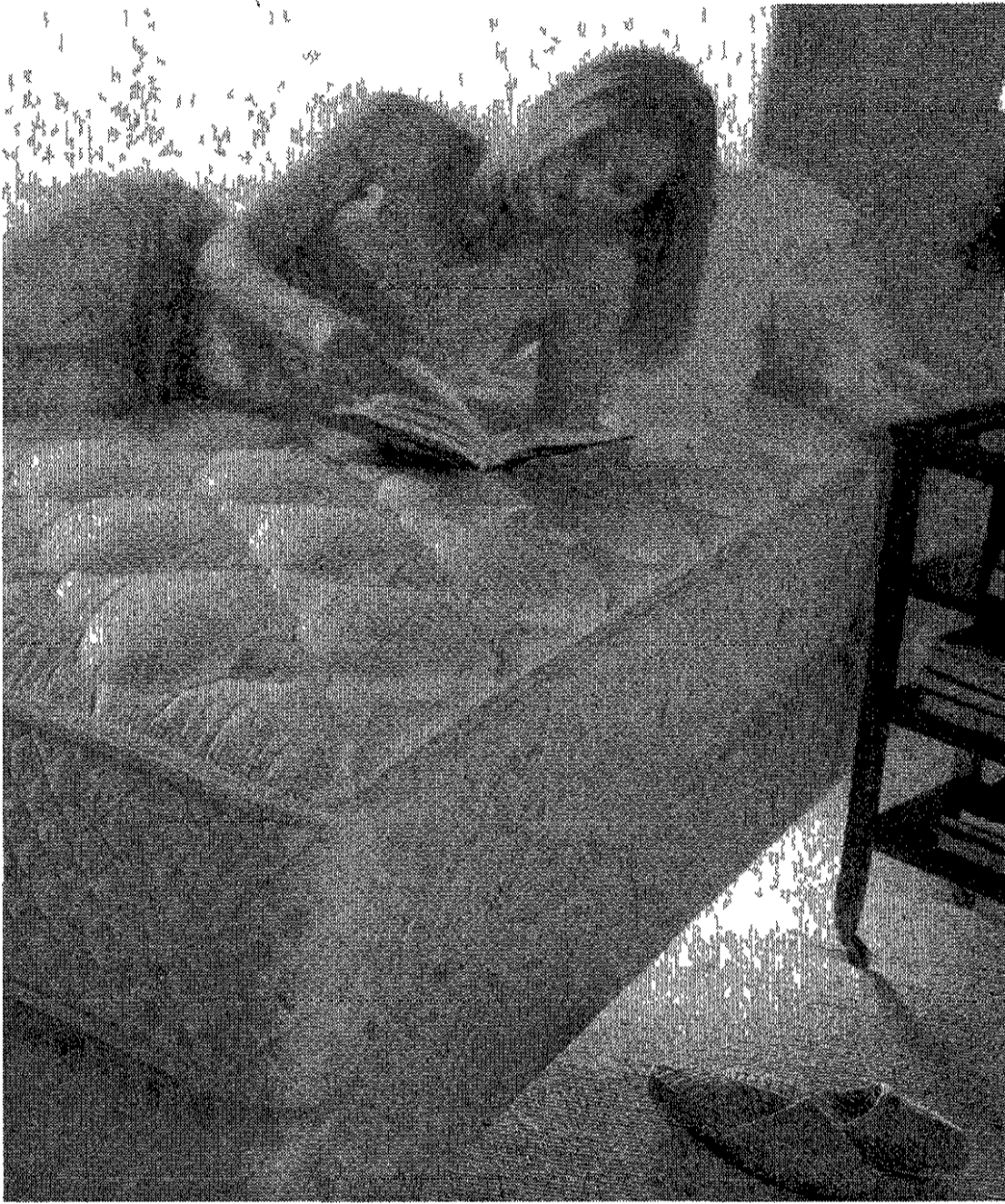
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Just in time for Father's Day and the start of the summer wedding season, The Home Depot introduced what company officials call the first home improvement Online Gift Registry.

Available at www.homedepot.com, Home Depot's new online registry allows customers to select everything from miter saws and pressure washers to barbecue grills and ceiling fans.

The registry is designed for any number of gift-giving occasions, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and housewarmings.

"Home Depot's Online Gift Registry is a resource for building and managing wish lists to celebrate special occasions," said John Costello, Home Depot's executive vice president of merchandising and marketing.

Like a gift card, a registry makes gifting practically foolproof. It allows the gift giver to choose from a recipient-approved list of items.

The Home Depot Online Gift Registry offers some 9,000 items, including the Home Depot Gift Card.

Consumers can search for gift recommendations by price, occasion or category. Online gift registries are continuously updated and registrants receive e-mail notification as registered gift selections are purchased.

Additionally, registrants can monitor or change their entries at any time.

"Research shows that a growing number of couples are registering for wedding gifts together," said Shelley Nandkeolyar, Home Depot's vice president of interactive marketing and eBusiness.

They are blending practical items, such as power tools and small appliances, with the more traditional tabletop and silver selections.

Last year alone, 2.4 million couples were married and \$6 billion was spent through wedding registries, according to Conde Nast Bridal Infobank.

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Idle refrigerator loses cold temperatures

I was out for dinner the other night when Chris, our server, pulled up a chair. I have a problem with my refrigerator," he said.

Chris purchased a new refrigerator four years ago. At the same time he bought his girlfriend an engagement ring. The couple purchased a home classified as a "fixer-upper" and decided to keep the refrigerator in storage until the house was ready for the actual move. That day arrived recently and the new refrigerator doesn't get



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

cold at all. (No doubt folks, Chris has got a problem!)

Chris and I talked, and I would like to point out some of the do's and don'ts when it comes to a refrigerator new or used.

Chris used the refrigerator for a few months before moving it to storage and he kept it in a shed for over three years without running it. You should never shut off a refrigerator for more than a 90-day period and if you do, make sure you run it for a few hours every month or so.

That idleness and inactivity can also create internal restrictions in today's modern refrigerator's sealed system. This situation is caused by any moisture that remains in the system while it was constructed at the factory. That small amount of

moisture will "grow."

He moved his refrigerator from the shed to the house by using a pickup truck and laying it down. He also carried it off the truck into the house using a typical moving dolly.

When moving any refrigeration product (a refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier or room air conditioner), it is best to stand it up in its normal position. This is so critical to the product's operation, because when you plug it in and turn it on, the oil in the bottom of the compressor has moved throughout the sealed tubing and can cause a valve to break. It is imperative that you leave the product standing in its normal operating position for a period of at least two hours before you turn it on or even plug it in. That oil I speak of

must have time to return to the bottom of the compressor.

In my travels I see refrigerators on their backside in truck beds and usually in summer months I see room air conditioners and dehumidifiers in the back of a car trunk with the lid tied down against it. I see the lettering upside down or sideways. Many times I have pulled up at a stop light, rolled the window down and informed the driver to make sure they let the unit sit for two hours before plugging it in. You would be surprised at how many people don't know this.

When moving a used or new refrigerator out of the box, keep in mind that the underside is full of metal tubing which carries the refrigerant throughout the sealed system. Use care with the moving dolly

that the lip of it doesn't damage any of this tubing. Any tubing on the outside back of the product must also be treated gently.

Our server's problem is now going to cost him some money to have repaired. If the service technician is made aware that Chris caused the problem, that technician has all of the right to charge him the full price for replacing a compressor, which costs in the range of \$550. The compressor on this 4-year-old refrigerator has a limited five-year warranty, which means Chris could pay \$100 or so in only labor charges.

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

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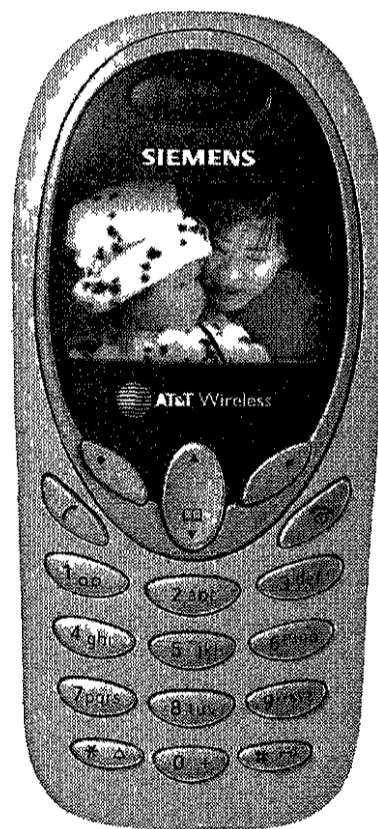
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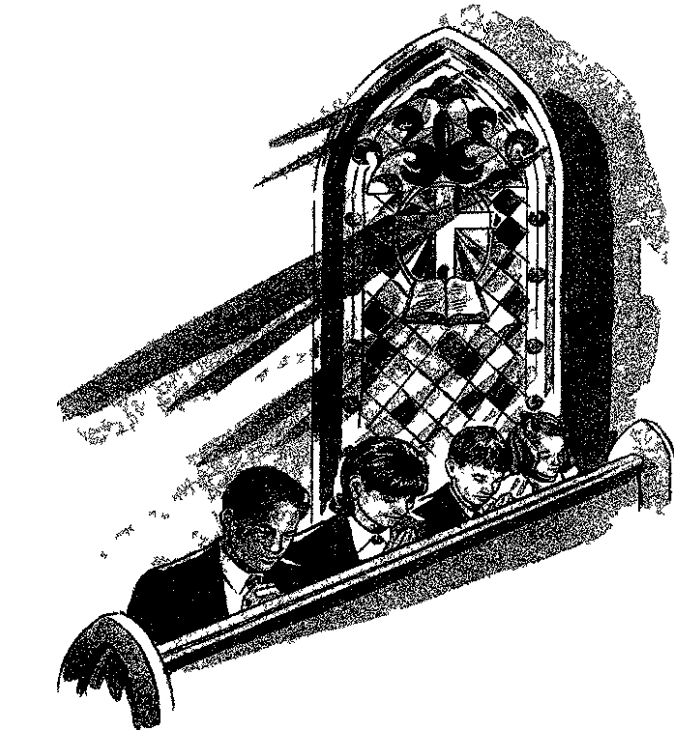
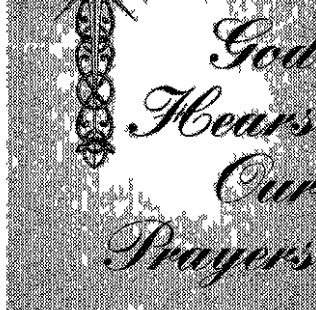
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Roses-West

A rose workshop including pruning fertilizers and sprays will take place at a meeting of the Roses West Rose Society 7:30 p.m. Thursday April 1 at the Novi Community Center 45175 W 10 Mile

Top American Rose Society members including John Bradley Jerry Carney and Art Oberlin will give demonstrations and answer your rose questions Handouts and a social hour will also be featured Call (248) 449-4626 for information

Rose Society

Joe Rarus will discuss Growing Roses in Containers at 7:15 p.m. Friday April 2 at the Metropolitan Rose Society's monthly meeting at the Royal Oak/Senior Community Center 3500 Marais east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile Road Admission is free For information call (248) 689-9529

Orchid show

The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show will take place during mall hours Saturday Sunday April 3-4 at Laurel Park Place Mall Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia

The show will feature 20 exhibits of orchids 800 plants on display displays and plants for sale cultural information raffle and growing tips

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday April 5 at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile

In the program Basic Flower Arranging club members Jan Dolan and Rose Smitka will demonstrate how to make creative floral bouquets and centerpieces Guests are welcome

Herb study group

The Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will meet

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 Lesley Chace will demonstrate Easter egg decoration with the use of natural herbs and plants for coloring The public may attend Admission is free

For more information contact Lesley Chace at leedsbeaken@aol.com Joan Wysocki at jdwysoc@aol.com or (248) 349-5310 or the Gardens at (734) 998-7061

Audubon society

The Macomb Audubon Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday April 5 at the Shadbrush Nature Center 4104 River Bends Drive in Shelby Township Jim Simik will give a slide presentation on The Four Seasons of Birding Refreshments will be served after the program

The group meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month For more information call (586) 979-1104 or visit www.audubon.org/chapter/mi/macomb

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday April 6 at the Beverly Hills Village Office 18500 W 13 Mile Judy Cornellier will present An Inspirational Talk on Birds Butterflies and Honeybees at 1 p.m. Guests welcome

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 6 at the Livonia Senior Center Five Mile and Farmington Road Club member June Brown an advanced master gardener will describe ways to make our back yards animal and bird friendly Visitors are welcome

Hill and Dale

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday April 8 at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile A table design presentation will be featured The public may attend For more information call Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374

African violets

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have a Spring Display and Sale Saturday Sunday April 10-11 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 10 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 11 while supplies last Admission is free A great variety of African violets will be for sale Many gesneriads and supplies will also be available Best selections will be on April 10

Pruner maintenance

Roger and Nancy Lindley owners of Great Lakes Roses are celebrating spring with a series of free public programs The schedule includes Pruner Maintenance Workshop a hands on demonstration 1 p.m. Sunday April 11 (Easter Sunday) or 11 a.m. Monday April 12

Bring your pruners and learn how to change the blade and care for them The Lindleys will demonstrate the various models of Felco pruners and assist you in selecting one that's right for you Each presentation will last about an hour Dress for the weather Reservations aren't required Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township just south of Belleville A map is on the Web site www.GreatLakesRoses.com For more information visit the Web site or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer

Room for improvement in saving energy

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

An authority on home energy savings has some troubling numbers for homeowners who think all there is to energy savings is enough attic insulation Matt Lamb says the energy savings in an average home could easily improve 15 percent to 25 percent

It wouldn't take a lot of sweat equity on the part of the homeowner to get those savings; Lamb said

While icy blasts of winter are largely past, memories of staggering energy bills are warm in the minds of many homeowners

Lamb, a manufacturing vice president for Pacesetter Corporation, an affiliate of The Home Service Store, suggests now is the time to go on the offensive to correct energy deficiencies

The trouble is, homeowners tend to overlook subtle sources of energy loss that, in total, amount to big-time energy inefficiency

Pacesetter pressurizes home interiors to check for telltale leaks Results uncover the usual suspects - drafty windows and doors along with minuscule exterior cracks that allow air to stream in and out

"I see small 1/8-inch gaps around a door jamb or window and it may not seem like much

but when you multiply it by the length of the crack that's a lot of space and a lot of energy loss," said Lamb

Any cracks should have homeowners reaching for their caulk guns, for one of the fastest, easiest home maintenance tasks

Some cracks aren't so small Pressure tests showed one of the largest sources of energy loss was at the juncture of outside walls and foundation Those spaces, too, are targets for caulk

Replacement windows are the new stars among energy-savers Fiberglass has just debuted in window frames The advantage with fiberglass is that it won't expand or contract This improves the seal when installed and reduces cracking

Window installation is a chance to steal even more energy savings Homeowners should ask installers to fully insulate crevices around the window before the window is fitted You can compare the energy efficiency of replacement windows before you buy There are three measures worth paying attention to

The first is an NFRC number This shows a U-value It's akin to the R-value assigned to insulation The smaller the U-number, the better

Also shown is a Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) This

reveals how much solar energy will come through the window

If you live in sunny southern climates, a smaller number is better Northerners may want warm solar heating rays from windows with larger SHGC numbers

The final window energy measurement is a visible light transmission (VT) number This equates to the amount of light allowed through the glass Again, the smaller the number, the better

There's an added plus to efficient windows Lamb says some windows are Energy Star rated This rating is reserved for the most energy-efficient products It may earn rebates from utility companies

For those who covet lots of attic insulation, Lamb offers some final advice "One of the worst things you can do when you add attic insulation is cover the vents This traps moisture, and insulation does a far better job when it is dry than when it is damp"

E-mail questions on homeowner-contractor relations to davidbradley@aphouseoftheweek.com

From The Home Service Store a home improvement management organization that provides property owners a full range of home improvement services and project guidance For more information call (866) HSS 6060 or visit www.TrustHSS.com

Some projects boost values of homes

BY JANE J KIM
DOW JONES NEWSWIRE

NEW YORK (Dow Jones/AP) - When it comes to renovating your home, it isn't how much you spend It's how you spend it

A recent study finds that you may be able to sell your home for more if you add a second bathroom or a fireplace Other additions - such as a home office - can depress the home's value

The study, sponsored by the National Association of Realtors, analyzed 28,828 home sales across 21 counties in the Philadelphia area between 1996 and 2003

The average home sold for about \$213,335, had 3.5 bedrooms and 1.8 full baths and was on the market for about 72 days The study was conducted by Florida State University professors G Stacy Sirmans and David Macpherson

If there's any renovation

project you undertake this year, adding a new bath is likely to give you the most bang for your buck The study found that each full bath adds about 24 percent to the selling price

Each additional bedroom adds about 4 percent to the price, while each additional 1,000 square feet of living space increases the selling price by about 3.3 percent Central air conditioning, basements and fireplaces all consistently add value

Some projects typically have little effect on a home's value Intercom systems, kitchen pantries and aboveground swimming pools, for example, add little value (although an in-ground pool adds about 8 percent), while price differences for houses that are on flat lots versus sloping lots are negligible

But be sure you have a laundry room, because homes without it sold for about 15 percent less

Other attributes actually detracted from a home's value A home office or an in-law suite lopped off about 5 percent from the homes' prices, although less than 2 percent of the homes in the sample had either type of room

"It could be that people don't see this as an efficient use of space because they don't need it," Sirmans said

The property's style is likely to have an effect on selling price Contemporary and Dutch-style houses command the highest prices, while Victorian style homes cut 5.8 percent from the selling price

Houses with stucco and wood exteriors sell for about 9 percent more, while those with vinyl and aluminum exteriors sell for about 4 percent less

The study also found that the best time to sell your home is in the fall Houses advertised as fixer-uppers sell, on average, for 24 percent less than other houses

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A. LOUISE McRITCHIE
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Age 94 Beloved wife for over 60 years of the late Dr. McRitchie. Loving mother and mother-in-law of David and Marian McRitchie of Boulder Colorado and Barbara McRitchie of Williamsburg Virginia and James and Sally McRitchie of Birmingham. She is further survived by seven grandchildren nine great grandchildren and a brother Edward H. Schmidt of Toledo. Mrs. McRitchie was born in Bowling Green Ohio on May 7 1909. She attended the University of Toledo and her husband a career G.M. Executive lived in Flint Buffalo and Cleveland before moving to Birmingham in 1956. At that time they became and remained members of the First United Methodist Church. She was a past president of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Mothers Club and enjoyed being active in the activities of her sons as they were growing up. Her life was celebrated at a family memorial service Monday March 29th and her ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to First United Methodist Church 1589 W. Maple Birmingham MI 48009 Arrangements by Wm. R. Hamilton Company Birmingham

JOHN WESLEY DUNCAN

Age 91 Passed away peacefully on Friday March 12 2004 at his home in Sarasota Florida. Mr. Duncan is survived by his daughter Judy Schupick (James) of Sam Rayburn, TX and son John R. Duncan (Beth) of Bloomfield Hills seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mr. Duncan was born in Grandview Texas February 16 1913 and moved to Detroit in 1922. He graduated from Detroit High School of Commerce at age 16 and began his own radio repair business 2 years later which became International Radio Company. He retired in 1986 to care for his beloved wife Carol, who preceded him in death in 1997. Over his 56 years in the appliance business in Detroit, Mr. Duncan was known as the original price discounter and was widely respected by his peers as a tough competitor. He loved the game of golf but rarely defeated his wife. He was a life member of Birmingham Country Club. Friends are invited to join the family in sharing memories for John and Carol Duncan on Sunday April 4 between 2 and 4 pm at Birmingham Country Club. For more information please call John R. Duncan at 248-760-7071

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Plant peas now, in time for late spring

Although the traditional date for planting peas is March 17, it's still not too late

With all the snow covering the ground in late February and early March, it was impossible to plant So, no April Fools - plant them now and you'll still get a good crop The National Garden Bureau celebrates 2004 as the year of the pea and dianthus

Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Peas really like the cold and are quite vigorous Although they may look weak, they can take what Mother Nature hands them weatherwise Peas are suitable for any size garden because their size runs from a small 12 inches tall to 5 feet or more

There are three types of peas English, snow, and snap The only thing you'll have to

do when they're ready to harvest is pick them frequently

Peas are certainly not a new vegetable Archaeologists have found them in ancient tombs, at Troy (dating back to about 1340 B C) and at Thebes, but no one knows positively when people began cultivating them By the Middle Ages, peas were stored, dried and used for Lenten eating as a hedge against food shortage and famine

Because the dried pea kept indefinitely, it accompanied the English colonists on their way to America.

It was one of the first crops planted by the colonists Late in the 17th century, colonists began to regularly eat peas fresh

Our garden pea was developed in England, thus its name

Although peas don't lend themselves easily to crossing, due to the configuration of the flower, most blooms self-pollinate while still in bud Some of the more popular ones were developed in the 1800s

Telephone plants remained popular until around 1930 when the original stock ceased to exist and subsequent plants became Alderman

Europeans and Americans have bred peas in various programs, resulting in improved vigor, disease resistance, flavor, keeping qualities, and higher yields

The biggest advance occurred in 1970, a plant scientist, working on breeding new shell peas for commercial food processors, discovered an unusual pea plant in his field, which was later called a snap pea or edible-podded pea.

Peas need full sun (at least six hours a day), a fertile, somewhat sandy soil with good drainage, and a neutral or slightly alkaline pH These little veggies give back to the soil by fixing nitrogen in it That in turn benefits plants growing nearby

Their long root systems help loosen the soil as they search for moisture Spent plants decompose into organic matter

to further enrich it At the end of the season simply dig them into the soil where they will decompose

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Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953 2047 on a touch tone phone Her fax number is (248) 644 1314



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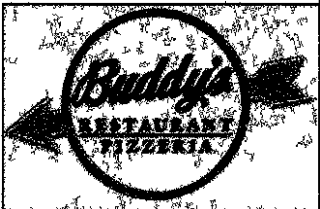
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Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering in West Bloomfield, serves a dish she enjoys for a Seder: stuffed chicken breast roulade with roasted vegetables and asparagus.

Feast of freedom

Passover represents one of the three high holidays for Jews, along with Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana.

It also represents the holiday that Jews reflect on their ancestors' freedom from slavery when Moses led them out of Egypt 4,000 years ago. Passover will be celebrated this year on Tuesday.

Food plays a significant symbolism for this event in meals called Seder, which means order. "Of all the high holidays, the first Seder is the one most observed," said Mimi Markofsky, the owner of Elite Kosher Catering in West Bloomfield. "Even the least observant will have a family gathering to show the significance of Passover in their lives."

Markofsky also lives in West Bloomfield and operates her catering company inside the B'nai

Moshe Congregation on Drake Road. She was raised an Orthodox Jew and still practices Orthodox Judaism. She learned to cook from her Hungarian mother.

Matzo originated from the Jews' departure from Egypt. "They did not have enough time for the yeast to rise," Markofsky said. "And in making the matzo today, from the time you mix the water with the flour, the wheat, until it goes into the oven is 18 minutes."

The holiday is significant for families, in reading the stories of the Haggadah with one another and answering the Haggadah's four questions.

The symbolism of the foods served is explained as follows:

Karpas - Served as an appetizer, these are root vegetables dipped in salt water. Parsley, carrots and celery can be used



Mimi Markofsky serves up chocolate fudge torte.

Markofsky's family has boiled potatoes. "Some use parsnips," Markofsky said.

Haroset - apples, nuts and sweet wine, which signifies the mortar and bricks of pyramids built for the Pharaoh.

Bitter roots - Grated horseradish signifies the tears of the Jews for leaving their homeland.

Recanati kosher wines are delicious

Marketing and enhancing the image of Israel as a wine-producing country has been a challenge for Lenny Recanati.

Recanati Winery, located in Israel's Hefer Valley within the Upper Galilee, is the fulfillment of Lenny Recanati's life-long dream to produce world-class wines.

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald Recanati wines are kosher and suitable for Passover upcoming.

ITALIANS IN ISRAEL

Recanati, owner of one of the finest private wine collections in Israel, is a successful international banker and member of one of Israel's prominent families. For centuries prior to making their home in Israel in the early 1900s, Lenny's ancestors had lived in Italy.

So it's not surprising that Italy and now the United States (where Recanati spent a portion of his student years) are the winery's first two export markets.

"My passion for wine and my bond with the land of Israel," Recanati said, "are the reasons I founded the winery in year 2000. I knew I needed excellent fruit sources. I have these. I also knew I needed a state-of-the-art winery and I built that. Next comes an experienced winemaker and I have that, too, in Lewis Pasco."

WINEMAKING IN ISRAEL

American-born Lewis Pasco is an enology graduate of the University of California-Davis and an accomplished chef. Before taking his talents to Israel, Pasco made wines at Napa Valley's Chimney Rock winery and Marimar Torres in Sonoma County.

His palate is distinctly American and he has crafted the wines to be appealing to American wine drinkers, Jewish or not. You don't have to be Jewish to drink and like these wines.

Yet kosher wines have production restrictions which include, Pasco said, that the vineyard must be at least 4 years old. He continued with a few more regulations. Once in the winery, the grapes must be handled by Sabbath-observant Jews (Orthodox).

No grain, such as rice hulls frequently used in pressing grapes, can be used. Certified kosher yeast is required for fermentation. No casein (a protein formed in milk by the action of rennin or another agent) can be used to clarify the wine. Fresh gelatin can be used for the same purpose but not classic gelatin.

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Bread pudding is versatile comfort food

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

This simply enriched version of bread pudding is a delicious alternative to the classic recipe

Prepared with the addition of drizzled butter, bread and butter pudding is a comforting treat. Its light custard base makes it a perfect addition to a brunch or breakfast table, although it's commonly served as dessert.

Vague historical records indicate that bread pudding evolved in the 13th century in Europe, most likely England.

The original intent of this recipe was to make use of stale bread. Saturating the bread in a sweet liquid and baking the concoction provided an inexpensive pudding that could be eaten warm or cold.

As the accessibility of foods increased, the liquid began to include more refined ingredients such as milk, cream, eggs, sugar, spices, dried fruit and nuts. It is likely that each region and family used their own method and variation of ingredients.

Today, bread pudding is con-

sidered a versatile comfort food. Whether the bread is fresh or stale, the texture is a matter of personal preference.

This recipe suggests using challah or brioche, and you can make other substitutions if desired. Croissants, panettone, Italian or French bread would each make their own delicious version.

The custard is a simple mixture of milk, sugar, eggs, vanilla and cinnamon. The addition of plump, rum-soaked raisins adds an unexpected kick to the subtle flavor of the pudding.

Baking the bread and butter pudding in a water bath prevents the delicate egg-based custard from curdling from the direct heat of the oven.

To prepare a water bath, choose a shallow pan large enough to hold the baking dish or ramekins, with at least 1 or 2 inches of space between the ramekins. Once the bread pudding has been prepared, place the shallow pan with the filled dish or ramekins inside the oven.

"To avoid spilling water, fill the pan with hot water while resting it directly on the oven

rack," suggests chef Mark Ainsworth, associate professor in culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America. "The water should reach halfway up the sides of the ramekins."

The following recipe is from *Cooking at Home with The Culinary Institute of America* (Wiley, 2003, \$40).

BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup rum
- 8 slices enriched bread, such as challah or brioche, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and kept warm plus more as needed for greasing
- 2 cups whole milk
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 large egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Combine the raisins with the rum and warm in a small saucepan over low heat.

Remove from the heat and allow the raisins to plump for about 10 minutes.

Drain and reserve.

Meanwhile, drizzle the bread cubes with the melted butter, spread on a baking sheet, and toast in the oven, stirring once or twice, until golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes.

Combine the milk, eggs, egg

yolk, sugar, vanilla extract and cinnamon and stir until the sugar has fully dissolved.

Grease a 2-quart shallow casserole, 8-inch-square baking dish, or individual 1/2-cup ceramic ramekins with butter and place in a larger rectangular baking dish.

Add the bread cubes and raisins to the ramekins or dish, and ladle the milk mixture over the bread, reserving about 1/2 cup. Refrigerate the bread pudding(s) and the reserved milk mixture for about 30 minutes while the bread absorbs the liquid.

Preheat the oven again to 350° F.

Spoon the remaining custard mixture on top of the soaked bread.

Place the baking pan containing the dish or ramekins in the oven, and pour hot water into the pan to create the water bath.

Bake until the custard is set but still jiggles in the middle when gently shaken, about 30 minutes for small ramekins and 50 minutes for a larger baking dish.

Let stand for 15 minutes after removing it from the oven. The pudding may be served warm or chilled. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per 7-ounce serving: 390 cal, 12 g pro, 46 g carbo, 15 g fat, 340 mg sodium.

Recipe from (Wiley, 2003, \$40) available bookstores nationwide or at <http://store.yahoo.com/ciaproch/efstore/texandman.html>

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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: Be a Sweet Tart 6-9 p.m. April 27. For a complete schedule of seminars call (734) 462-4448. For information call (734) 462-4448.

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The Ninth Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around will be presented on Thursday, April 1 by the Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College in the third floor of Building J on the college's Orchard Ridge campus. Sample from some of the more than 500 wine selections from the Great Lakes region. Enjoy the tastes of specially prepared foods from leading area restaurants. For information call (248) 522-3700.

Fund-raiser

A black tie optional gala fundraiser Saturday, April 3 will celebrate the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department's new home in the VisTaTech Center. After a strolling buffet, patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant. The food will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. All food will be prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary arts students under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs. VisTaTech Gala tickets are \$150 per person with \$90 of that amount tax deductible. All proceeds will support the culinary arts department. For more information or tickets call 734-462-4400 ext. 5661. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Fresh fish

Mike Monahan and Bernie Fritsch of Monahan's Seafood Market will demonstrate how to select, store and prepare the original fast food seafood. Eating fish two or three times a week is recommended for good health. The class will be taught 6-8 p.m. April 14 at MFit, the University of Michigan Health System, located at East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth, Ann Arbor.

PASSOVER RECIPES

CHICKEN PICATTA

6 chicken breast halves without skin
potato starch or cake meal
salt and pepper to taste
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
1 pint mushroom caps
1/2 cup chicken stock
1/2 cup lemon juice
olive oil

Lightly pound the chicken breasts until all the pieces are uniform in size, about 1/4 inch thick. Combine potato starch or cake meal with salt and pepper to taste. Dredge the chicken breasts in the seasoned "flour" and set aside.

Heat a large skillet and add a small amount of olive oil to cover the bottom of the skillet.

Place the chicken into the hot oil and brown each side of each piece. Remove the chicken when the sides have turned brown but are not cooked all the way through.

Add the garlic and mushrooms and saute them until the garlic is golden and the mushrooms have started to take on color.

Add the chicken stock and lemon juice, stirring well and scraping the bottom of the skillet to take up all the browned particles from the chicken and garlic. Return the chicken to the skillet and cover.

Simmer for 30 minutes or until the chicken is tender and cooked all the way through. Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky.

ORANGE & BRANDY ROASTED SWEET POTATOES

4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled in 1/4 inch pieces
8 shallots, peeled and quartered
4 tablespoons melted butter or vegetable oil or combination
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons brandy, optional if not available kosher for Passover

Preheat oven to 400 °F. Toss vegetables with butter and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast for 30 minutes, shaking pan after 15 minutes or so to prevent the vegetables from sticking.

Mix brown sugar, orange juice, and brandy. Distribute evenly over sweet potatoes and stir gently. Continue to roast for an additional five minutes.

Turn on the broiler and set pan on uppermost rack. Allow sweet potatoes to brown lightly. Remove and serve.

Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky.

AUNTIE MIMI'S PASSOVER COOKIE DOUGH

1 cup margarine
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon imitation vanilla extract
2 cups cake meal
2 tablespoons potato starch
1/4 teaspoon salt
assorted jellies and chocolate chips

In a medium bowl, cream margarine with sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time until well incorporated. Add vanilla and mix well.

Combine cake meal, potato starch and salt. Add gradually to the margarine mixture and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours, until somewhat firm.

Using a teaspoon, scoop the dough and roll into a ball. Place on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Press your finger into the center to make an indentation. Fill the indent with your favorite jam or chocolate chips. Bake at 350 °F until lightly golden around the edges, approximately 8-10 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering of West Bloomfield.

BRANDIED CARROTS

1 1/4 pounds carrots
1 tablespoon margarine
1/2 cup pineapple juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Scrape carrots and cut into 2 1/2 by 1/4 inch strips. Place in an ungreased 8- by 8-inch baking dish.

Combine remaining ingredients and pour over carrots. Cover and cook at 375 °F for approximately 40 minutes or until carrots are tender.

Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky.



Stuffed chicken breast roulade with roasted vegetables and asparagus

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Lamb shank, the sacrifice of the Pascal lamb.

Egg: The hard-boiled egg is the only food that does not have a prayer associated with it, Markofsky said. It too is dipped in salt water.

Markofsky expects Seder at her home will grow this year. Her daughter invited six friends from college to attend, bringing the number of family members and friends to 22.

Generally strict observance calls for Passover meals to be restricted to Jews only, but many family and friends have marriages of mixed faiths, and

'We'd like them to be a part of the freedom from the strife.'

Mimi Markofsky
Elite Kosher Catering

Markofsky asks them to join her family as well to celebrate and recognize the significance of the holiday.

"We'd like them to be a part of the freedom from the strife," Markofsky said.

The meal also features a breaking of the middle matza.

Either the head of the household hides the piece or the children do, and the father

must find it, Markofsky said. Once the meal is finished, then the dessert is served and the Affikomen signifies the end of the meal. "You have to have a piece of Affikomen," Markofsky said. Then everyone joins in singing and celebrating.

Elite Kosher Catering presents a Passover Buffet 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8 at Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Assorted salads, grilled chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, homemade desserts and fresh fruits will be served. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$16 for children aged 2-10. Please mail pre-paid reservations to Elite Kosher Catering, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield 48322 or for information call (248) 592-0200.

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CLARIFICATION

This recipe ran in the Taste section on March 25, but that version omitted the cheese in the instructions. Here is a corrected version.

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, cheese, 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.

Recipe courtesy of Greg Zotos of Livonia

Create homemade spinach dumplings

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Try your hand at easily-made malfatti and you'll be able to boast about making pasta so light it floats. Better yet, these bite-size spinach and ricotta dumplings take barely 15 minutes to make and serve, starting from scratch.

Malfatti, which translates as "badly made," are essentially the same as the filling for spinach ravioli. But instead of being enclosed in sheets of pasta, the spinach-cheese mixture is shaped into finger tip-size rolls, then lightly floured and cooked in water. They are also called gnudi or "nudies" by some people, again referring to ravioli that lacks its outer envelope.

Making this pasta is as easy as combining chopped spinach and cheese with an egg. Roll tablespoons of the mixture in flour, toss into simmering water and, when the malfatti rise to the surface, in about three minutes, set them on a plate with warm tomato sauce. Presto! you have home-made

dumplings for dinner.

Malfatti are easily confused with gnocchi (nee-yok-ee), another type of diminutive Italian dumpling. Gnocchi can be made from semolina, which is coarsely-ground durum wheat, or using mashed potatoes and regular flour. Either way, they are exceptionally hard to make well. They should be airy and light, but instead are often doughy and tough. Turning out cloud-light malfatti however, is in my experience almost foolproof, even the very first time.

If your children like to get involved with cooking, or if you want to lure them into learning some cooking skills, rolling the malfatti in flour is a perfect experience for them. Kids like to watch them sink into the water, then quickly bob back up. It's almost like magic. And parents should note that helping to malfatti is often a good way to get kids to eat spinach.

When buying marinara sauce, check the label for the fat content. Some prepared sauces contain as much as a whopping nine grams of fat per half-cup serving, others a mere one-half gram.

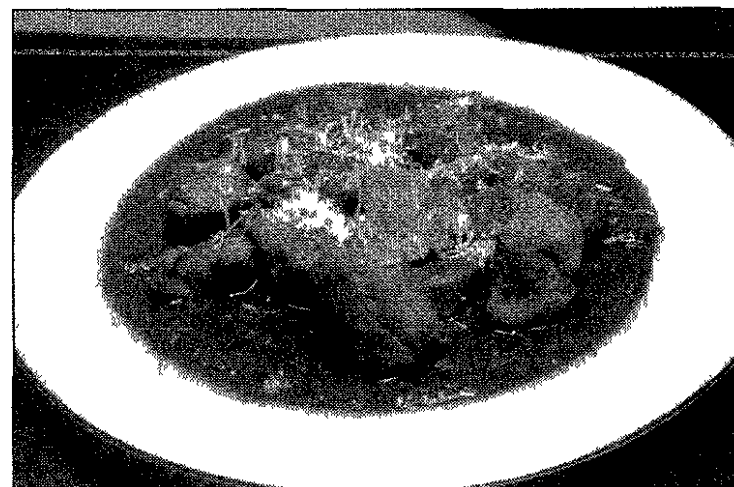
SPINACH AND RICOTTA DUMPLINGS

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach
- 1 cup fat free ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan or Asiago cheese plus 2 table spoons for garnish
- Pinch of ground nutmeg preferably freshly grated
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 2 cups prepared marinara or other light tomato sauce

In a medium saucepan, cook spinach according to package directions until just barely tender. Drain in a colander. When spinach is cool enough to handle, press or squeeze out to remove as much moisture as possible. Place spinach in a mixing bowl.

Add cheeses, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Mix until well combined. Mix in egg.

Sprinkle flour over a dinner plate. Using a generous tablespoon of the spinach mixture, gently form into 1 1/2" by 1-inch ovals and place on the flour.



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Making these dumplings is as easy as combining chopped spinach and cheese with an egg.

Repeat using half the spinach mixture. Roll formed ovals gently to coat them in the flour. One at a time, pick them up and gently shake in your palms to knock off excess flour. Set on another plate. Repeat, forming and flouring the rest. Discard excess flour.

Bring a large pot of water to a simmer. With a slotted spoon, gently place dumplings into the water. Cook until they float to the surface, about 3 minutes. Meanwhile, gently heat tomato sauce. As the dumplings rise to

the top of the water, lift them out and drain on paper towels.

Ladle sauce out to cover the center of four plates. Dividing dumplings equally, set them on the sauce. Garnish with a sprinkling of the remaining cheese and serve.

Makes 4 servings
Nutritional information per serving: 162 calories, 5 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 21 g carbohydrate, 10 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 739 mg sodium

Consider the peanut in recipes

March is National Peanut Month, and a good time to celebrate an American favorite.

Although peanuts are considered common today, ancient Peruvians valued them so highly they buried pots of peanuts with their mummified dead to nourish them during their long trip to the afterlife.

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at all but legumes, along with beans, peas and lentils.

CHILI WITH PEANUTS

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 peeled carrots sliced thin
- 1 green bell pepper seeded and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper seeded and chopped
- 2-4 (more or none as desired) peeled garlic cloves
- 4 cups peeled sweet potatoes cut in bite size chunks
- 1/2 cups unsalted roasted peanuts
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 6 ounces tomato paste
- 2 cans (4 ounces) chopped green chiles with liquid
- 4-6 tablespoons chili powder or according to taste
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 5 cups cooked brown rice (optional)

Place the oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add the onions, carrots, and bell peppers, and saute lightly about 8 minutes. Add garlic and sauté until golden. Add sweet potatoes, peanuts, tomatoes, tomato paste, chiles, chili powder, cumin and sugar. Reduce heat immediately and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 25 minutes, or until sweet potatoes are barely fork-tender. Halfway through cooking process, adjust seasonings, adding additional chili powder, cumin and sugar, if desired. Add salt and pepper if desired.

Serve in bowls or, if desired, on plates, over cooked brown rice. Makes 10 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 369 calories, 15 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 52 g carbohydrate, 11 g protein, 8 g dietary fiber, 409 mg sodium

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Roll Call Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Charlotte Parker 46625 Saltz Road, Canton, MI 48187 for property located at same address, south side of Saltz Road between Canton Center and Beck Road, requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Schedule of Regulations, Section 26 02 requirements for side yard setback. Zone RR Rural Residential. Parcel #063 99 0016 000 (Building)

Approval of February 12 2004 Minutes

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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 22ND, 2004 for the following:

FORD F-450 4X4 D.R.W. TRUCK 2004

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

TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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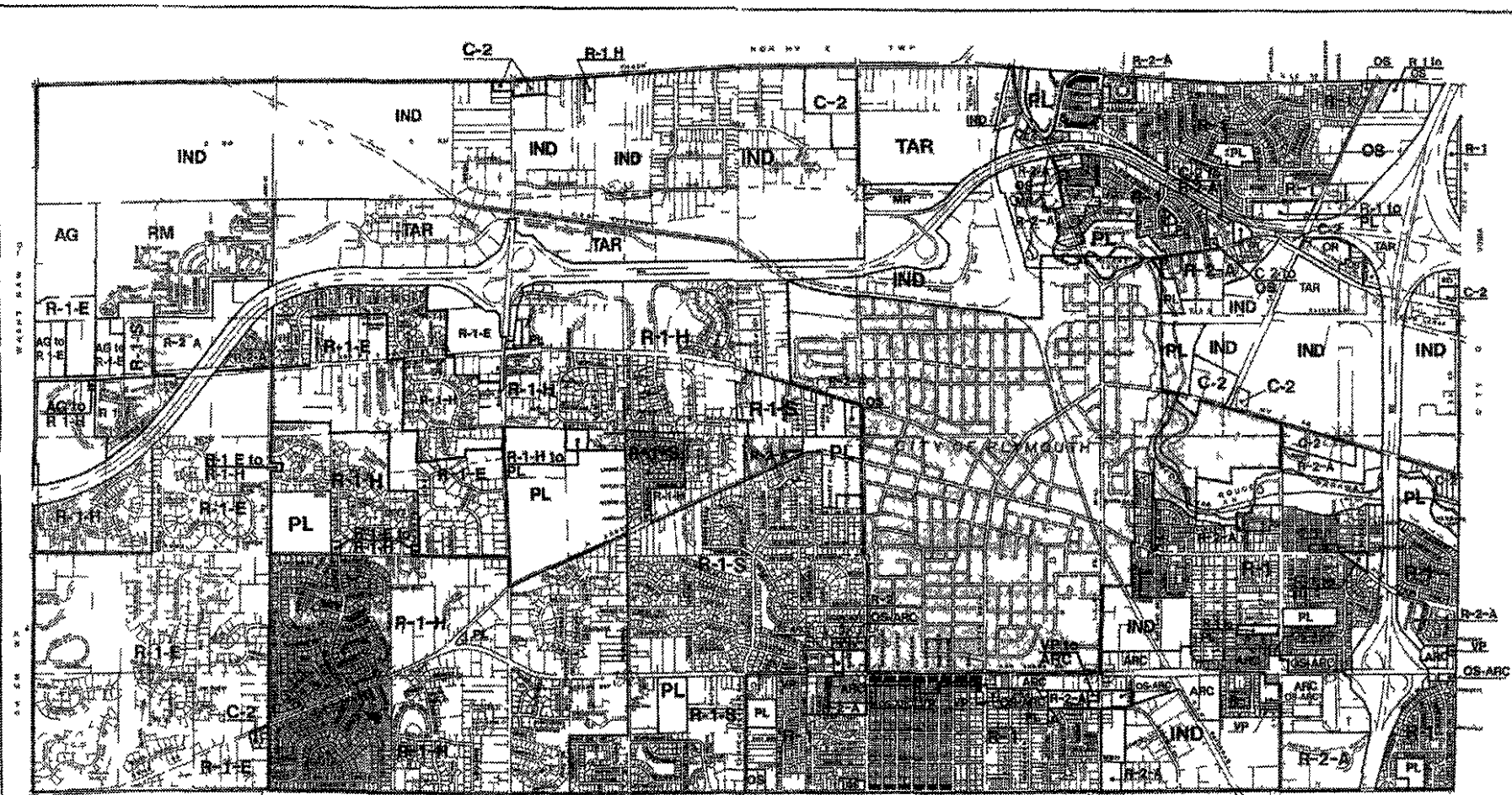
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED NEW ZONING MAP

- ACTION:** CONSIDER A NEW ZONING MAP TO REPLACE THE MAP OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 83 IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, April 7, 2004
- TIME OF HEARING:** 7 00 P.M.
- 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, April 7 2004, for the purpose of considering a new zoning map for the entire Charter Township of Plymouth. The new zoning map will revise and replace the map of the current Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 83 in its entirety. Revisions to the zoning ordinance text for the Township will be considered at a separate Planning Commission public hearing on March 31, 2004.

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



ZONING ORDINANCE NO. MAP

PREPARED BY: THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DESIGNED BY: THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
APPROVED BY: THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DATE: MARCH 2004



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed new zoning map may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours from 8 00 A.M. to 4 30 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 recommend approval to the Township Board of Trustees of the new zoning ordinance map as proposed or as may be amended.

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KENDRA BARBERENA Secretary
Planning Commission

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Say hello to broccoli's punchy cousin

We have long been grateful to the Italians for introducing us to broccoli

In recent years, more Americans have also gotten to know its cousin - broccoli rabe (pronounced ROB) While there is a distinct family resemblance, they are different vegetables

Broccoli rabe is a non-heading variety of broccoli that's also known as rapini

It looks like a thin, leafy bunch of broccoli stalks with stunted buds

But while broccoli is rather mild green vegetable, broccoli rabe packs a punch

It has a slightly bitter flavor, like some greens, and adds punch to anything bland, like pasta

When eaten on its own, broccoli rabe is usually steamed or lightly sautéed in olive oil

Many recipes, including the one that follows, recommend quickly cooking it first, then draining and sautéing it

This leafy green is common

in Southern Italy and has recently become popular in the United States Italian farmers brought broccoli rabe to North America, but for a long time, it was uncommon outside Italian and Asian communities, which were not put off by its slight bitterness

SPICY BROCCOLI RABE

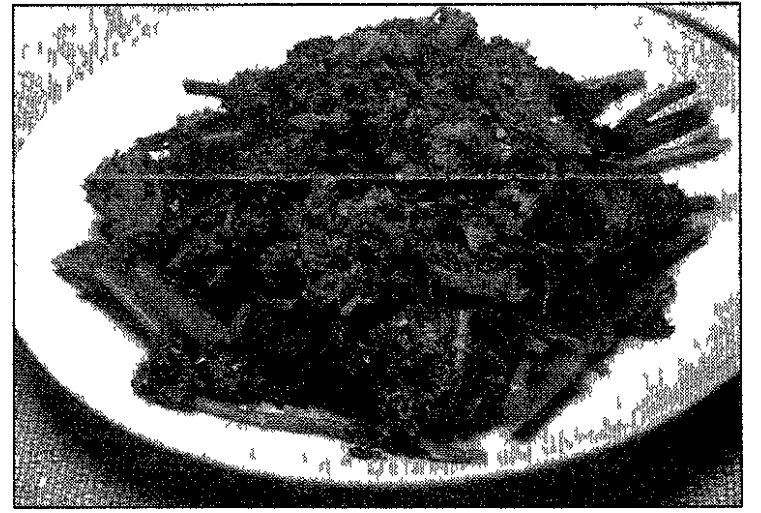
1/2 pounds broccoli rabe
2 tablespoons olive oil
2-4 cloves garlic (or to taste) finely minced
1/2 teaspoon dried hot red pepper

flakes or hot sauce to taste
Salt and freshly ground black pepper taste

Rinse the broccoli rabe in cold water and drain completely Cut 2 inches off the stems then chop the rest into 2-inch pieces

Blanch in boiling water about 3 minutes Drain well Heat oil in saucpan large enough to hold broccoli Add garlic and red pepper and sauté quickly until garlic turns golden Add broccoli and saute until just tender Season to taste with salt and pepper

Makes 5 servings



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In addition to an unusual, pungent taste, broccoli rabe is nutritionally loaded Like regular broccoli, it is low in calories and an excellent source of vitamin C, but has more beta-carotene

What do you do with cactus? Why, make soup, of course...

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Few things inspire interest in the cuisines of warm climates the way a good Arctic blast can

So when the temperature recently dropped to a brisk 35 degrees below, I shouldn't have been surprised to find myself staring longingly at Internet pages featuring cacti

Of course, this prompted the question every proud foodie asks when encountering the unknown - can I eat it?

For Southwesterners and those of Hispanic descent, there's only one answer, of course Cactus paddles - or nopales to those in the know - have been an integral part of their cuisines for centuries

But in the Northeast, cacti remain funny, hard-to-kill plants seen mostly in cartoons Don't tell that to John Dicus, owner of Rivenrock Gardens in Nipomo, Calif., one of only a handful of farmers in the country who cultivate edible cactus plants

Dicus has been shipping

organically grown cactus paddles around the country since about 1993, and every year sells about 5 tons of paddles he grows on just 1/4 acre in his central California community

He initially grew salad greens, but became frustrated by how quickly they spoil, he said in a recent telephone interview

Cactus paddles can remain on the plants much longer

Though cactus cultivation still is limited in the United States, Dicus says Southern Europeans and North Africans have been doing it for more than 400 years, ever since samples were brought back from the Americas

"It's so common there now that the people there think it's natural to their lands," he said

Much of Dicus' business comes from the Hispanic community, but he hopes cactus catches on more broadly He expects that earning wider appeal will take a bit of positive public relations for the industry

"It seems like an intimidat-

ing thing to look at in the store and it takes a little bit of learning to scrape those spines off with a knife, and you might mangle a few leaves before you get it down," he said

Indeed Several weeks before we spoke, I ordered 2 pounds of paddles from Dicus When they arrived they were smooth and attractive Seeing no spikes on them, I figured Dicus had been kind enough to defang them prior to shipping

Without another thought, I used the paddles in the recipe for mushroom-cactus soup with roasted tomatillos that follows It was thick, delicious and perfectly spicy Unbeknownst to me, it also apparently was full of thorns

While speaking with Dicus, he asked whether I had trouble brushing the spikes off the paddles Huh?

"Evidently it didn't hurt you," he said, laughing "Generally we would recommend scrubbing them down with a little green scrubbing pad, and then you trim around them with a little paring knife to get any little blotches off"

Cooking with cactus is easy Very fresh paddles add a mild, lime-like flavor to dishes Even out of season paddles are delicious, Dicus said, noting they taste like and can be used similarly to green beans

The paddles, also called beaver tailed or prickly pear cactus, are great chopped raw in salads, diced and simmered in soups, or cut into thin strips and baked on pizza

One of Dicus' favorite preparations is breakfast burritos He adds finely diced cactus paddles to eggs After the eggs are cooked, he wraps them in a flour tortilla and spoons on salsa

Though there are many varieties of edible cactus, Dicus suggests starting with the flat nopales paddles which I purchased He said the mild flavor and low spike count make them more approachable for first-timers

This recipe is adapted from a variety of similar soups found on the Internet This version simplifies preparation and reduces the number of potentially hard-to-get ingredients

MUSHROOM-CACTUS SOUP WITH ROASTED TOMATILLOS

1 pound nopales
Olive oil
1/2 pound fresh tomatillos (about 5 medium) husked and washed
1/2 pound ripe tomatoes (about 2 medium)
8 cloves garlic peeled and finely minced
1/2 cup sliced jalapeno peppers
1 onion cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
1/4 teaspoon ground anise seed
6 cups vegetable stock
8 large sprigs cilantro
1/2 pound fresh shitake mushroom stems removed and thinly sliced
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat the broiler

If the nopales have spikes, carefully trim them from the cactus paddles with scissors, then rub the paddles with a clean plastic scouring pad Rinse with water and brush with olive oil Set on a rimmed baking sheet

Broil the paddles, turning

occasionally, until limp, about 10 to 15 minutes Set the nopales on a large plate to cool When cool, cut in half lengthwise, then cut each half into 1/2-inch-wide slices Set aside

While the nopales cool, place tomatillos and tomatoes whole on a baking sheet and broil until soft and blackened in spots, about 4 minutes Turn and broil on the other side Set aside to cool Once cool, peel the tomatoes

Combine the garlic, jalapeno peppers, onion, anise seed and olive oil in a large stockpot Sauté over a medium flame until onions are tender and garlic fragrant, about 6 minutes

Combine the roasted tomatoes and tomatillos in a food processor with 2 cups of stock and the cilantro

Puree until chunky smooth Add to the garlic and onion mixture along with remaining stock and simmer over a medium flame

Add mushrooms, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 20 minutes Add the cactus pieces to the soup and simmer another 5 minutes

Makes 6 servings

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Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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THANK YOU

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2 00 p m on Tuesday, April 13 2004 for

TREE GRATES

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours

The City Commission and/or the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities

CAROLA STONE
Administrative Services Director

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7 00 p m and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag All members were present, with Mr Curm arriving at 7 07 p m

Mrs Massengill moved to approve the Agenda for the March 23, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented Seconded by Ms Arnold Ayes all with Trustee Curm absent

Mrs Massengill requested that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 9 2004 be removed from the Consent Agenda for correction then moved that the Consent Agenda for the March 23, 2004, Regular Meeting be approved as amended Seconded by Ms Arnold Ayes all, with Trustee Curm absent

Mrs Massengill requested that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2004, Page 7, third paragraph, be corrected as follows The sentence currently reads, "He also updated Ms Arnold on the fact that the Salvation Army and the YMCA day camps are moving to the soccer park" The sentence is corrected to read, "He also updated Ms Arnold on the fact that the YMCA is moving to the soccer park"

Mrs Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 9, 2004 as corrected Seconded by Ms Arnold Ayes all, with Trustee Curm absent

Trustee Curm arrived at 7 07 p m

Resident Don Schnettler questioned why he was criticized for causing a referendum for one item last year on the Township Hall question when the Township held an election on only the fire millage in 2001 He also questioned whether the estimated cost of last year's election was deliberately exaggerated at \$30 000 to \$40,000 when the 2001 election was stated as only costing approximately \$15,000

Mr Mann opened the Public Hearing regarding the request from Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc, for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption with respect to new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed within their existing facility at 7 21 p m There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7 22 p m

Mr Munnfakh moved that Resolution No 04 03 23 11 be approved, granting the request from Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc, for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed in their existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan, subject to the extension of the lease to 12 years Seconded by Mr Griffith ROLL CALL AYES Munnfakh, Griffith, Arnold Curm, Edwards, Mann NAYS Massengill Motion carried A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal

Mr Mann opened the Public Hearing regarding the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption with respect to the rehabilitation of their existing facility, including the acquisition and installation of new machinery, equipment furniture and fixtures at 7 43 p m There being no public comment the hearing was closed at 7 44 p m

In answer to Mr Edwards question Mr Kohler confirmed for the record that Johnson Controls has no plan to appeal the tax assessment for the current year

Mr Edwards moved that Resolution No 04 03 23 12 be approved, granting the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for the rehabilitation of their existing facility including the acquisition and installation of new machinery equipment, furniture and fixtures to be installed within said facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all on a roll call vote A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal

Mr Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7 45 p m regarding the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption with respect to an expansion of their existing facility including the acquisition and installation of new furniture and fixtures

Mr Don Schnettler had questions regarding the effect on this property of the sewer capacity transfer to be acted upon later in the meeting Mr Bailey said there were actually two separate issues

There is a separate allotment of capacity for the prison

The Public Hearing was closed at 7 48 p m

Ms Arnold moved that Resolution No 04 03 23 13 be approved, granting the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption covering an addition to their existing facility, including the acquisition and installation of new furniture and fixtures to be installed within said facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Phase 11, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all on a roll call vote A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal

Mr Griffith moved that April 27, 2004 be established for public hearing on the request from Toolco, Inc for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed in their existing facility located at 47709 Galleon Drive Metro West Beck Road Industrial Park Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan Seconded by Mr Munnfakh Ayes all

Ms Arnold moved to approve the request by St John's Holdings, Inc, to activate the Class C Liquor License currently held in escrow and to approve the requested revisions to the current license provisions as stated in LC 1972 Rev 02/02 Request ID #219934 Seconded by Mr Griffith Ayes all

Mr Edwards moved to approve the Agreement with the City of Detroit, transferring 0 624 CFS of RVIS sewer capacity for the DeHoCo property to Plymouth Township and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same Seconded by Mr Curm Ayes all

Mr Griffith moved to accept the grant from the US Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security as administered by the Michigan Department of State Police, in the amount of \$54,200 00, and authorize the Police and Fire Departments to expend the funds as allowed within the grant provisions Seconded by Mrs Massengill Ayes all

Supervisor Mann updated the Board on the CSX/Sheldon Road status He said the hope is to start as soon as this November, if not, then in January or February of 2005 anticipating a two year road closing Resurfacing Sheldon Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road begins next Monday and Ann Arbor Trail to the railroad tracks in 2005, with intermittent closings

He also noted that things are progressing fairly smoothly on the Ypsilanti plant expansion that YUCCA and WTUA are working on with installing the bays to haul the sludge material out being 8 10 weeks behind

Mr Munnfakh was informed that the next Hazardous Waste collection day is May 15

Mr Curm asked when the sidewalk update would be available Mr Mann said a study session would soon be held

Responding to Mr Curm's question regarding the status of the conference with Huron Valley Ambulance Mr Mann answered that Assistant Fire Chief Wendel and Police Chief Tiderington were working on setting up a meeting with them

Mrs Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Mr Edwards Ayes all

Mr Mann adjourned the meeting at 8 24 p m

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on March 23, 2004 The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on April 13, 2004

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Here is a fresh take on a classic soup

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

French Onion Soup requires a long simmering period to allow its flavors to build slowly. Japanese miso soup is ready in minutes. So what might they have in common? The answer, surprisingly, is miso.

A savory, peanut butter-like paste made from soybeans, miso ranges in color from creamy ivory to earthy black-brown. It can be used many ways in Japanese cooking, but primarily to make a pale gold or deep russet soup. Miso's flavor can also take several different forms, but generally has a salty-sweet taste or even a slight meaty flavor, like beef broth.

Which brings us to Miso Onion Soup. Classic onion soup recipes, like the one in Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, get their flavor from deeply browning the onions, then adding wine and beef broth. By using the same technique for the onions and adding miso, you can make a golden brown, fabulously flavorful onion soup. When I serve this soup topped with the traditional toasted bread and grated Parmesan cheese, the few people who notice a difference want the recipe.

Supermarkets offer several kinds of miso. For onion soup, I use brown rice miso (sen dai in Japanese) or red (aka) miso. Mellow barley (mugi) miso is good, too. You must cream the miso before adding it to the soup. This simply means combining it in a small bowl with an equal amount of liquid by mashing the miso with the back of a spoon against the side of the bowl until it dissolves.

If you don't cream the miso, it forms tiny balls that never dissolve in the hot liquid. Stored in the refrigerator, miso keeps for a year or more.

Use it to make regular miso soup, and to increase the flavor in other soups and stews.

and stir in. Increase heat and saute until onions are well browned, about 12 minutes. Stir ring often with a wooden spoon to scrape up onions as they stick to pot. Remove from heat. Scrape the bottom of the pot vigorously to gather up all the browned bits. Stir mustard and thyme into the broth and add to pot. Add the water. Return heat to high and cook until liquid comes to a boil. Reduce the heat,

partially cover the pot and simmer until the onions are very soft, 30 to 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, brush bread on both sides with remaining olive oil. Grill bread or toast it in 400° F oven. Set aside to cool. When cool, cut into rough cubes with a sharp, serrated knife.

Place the miso in a small bowl. Gradually stir in about 1/4 cup of the soup, mixing until well blended. Stir the mixture into

the soup. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve, ladle soup into deep bowls. Sprinkle top with toasted bread cubes. Sprinkle 1 scant tablespoon cheese on top, if using. Makes 8 servings.

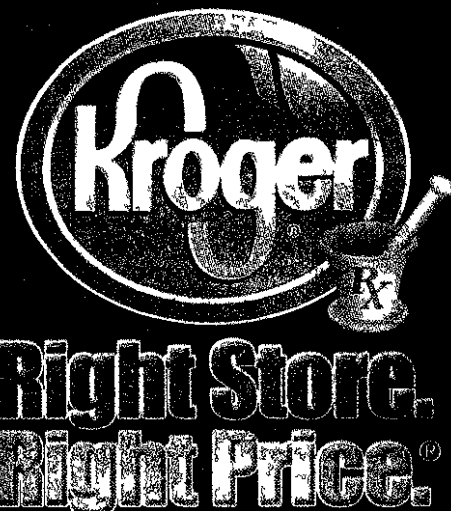
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MISO ONION SOUP

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 peeled Spanish onions halved and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon style mustard
- 3 cups fat free reduced sodium beef broth
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 5 cups water
- 1/4 cup brown or red rice miso
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Six 1 inch thick slices whole wheat Italian bread
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Heat the oil in large Dutch oven or pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, stirring to coat them with oil. Cover tightly, reduce heat to medium low and cook until onions are wilted, about 10 minutes.

Sprinkle sugar over onions.

CLARIFICATION

This recipe ran in the Taste section on March 25, but that version omitted the cheese in the instructions. Here is a corrected version.

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, cheese, 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.

Recipe courtesy of Greg Zotos of Livonia

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M
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Resolve disputes in arbitration

Does Michigan have a stance
about civil arbitration?

Yes The Michigan courts have favored it for a long time as a method of resolving disputes Public policy favors arbitration over litigation in the resolution of disputes because the purpose of an arbitration agreement is to avoid protracted litigation It does not always result in a savings of time but, generally speaking, it is a reasonable alternative

I am interested in buying an undeveloped parcel of land, but am being encouraged by my attorney to get a survey. Do you think that is necessary?

Generally, you are well-advised to listen to your attorney's advice and in this instance he or she is correct A survey will be necessary in order for you to determine the exact location of the property that you are purchasing A survey can resolve any issues concerning boundary and/or fence disputes, among other things, and is extremely important to have

Our association is being required to turn over the books and records to a member who claims that the books and records include ballots. Do you have any comments on that?

It is not clear from the Condominium Act or the Nonprofit Corporation Act whether "ballots" would be records of the association, although there's a good argument that they would be We recommend to our association clients that they pass a resolution defining what they consider to be books and records of the association, although that may not necessarily have precedential value if the case is contested in court

We have a new restrictive covenant which we wish to add to our homeowners association's existing covenants, but the covenants state that the owners may only "change or modify the restrictions." Can we add something new to it?

While I would have to look at your documents specifically, it appears that based upon a Colorado Supreme Court case on similar facts, a new restrictive covenant could be added, but you are well-advised to consult with a community association attorney to confirm this result

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Listen & Earn

from your sales agent

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

It's after dinner, or Sunday afternoon, or between innings at the ballgame You and your spouse look at each other and one of you says, "Let's sell the house."

"OK," the other one says "How do we go about that?"

Of all the ways there are to go about that, the odds are that you'll follow the traditional path, which will lead you to a real estate agent You'll ask the agent to list the house, meaning offer it for sale

The very moment you sign the listing agreement, you become the agent's client, an assignment for which you might not have much, if any, training

Even if you've been involved in a sale previously, procedures and market conditions might have changed since then and your earlier experience could misguide you

It might help you to know what some agents think are positives and negatives in client conduct

They want you to listen, ask and learn

BE REALISTIC

Tom Mines, sales agent, Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester "We want clients to have a realistic sense of what the home is worth We want them to be cooperative in terms of marketing efforts such as open houses and advertising We want them to prepare the house so it shows most attractively"

Pam Dover, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer,

Birmingham "Listen to the agent's advice," especially about pricing "It's a matter of market conditions, not what you want or need out of the house I hear so many times, 'We need this, we want this or we're not going to sell They need the money to buy the next home, to move up Listen to what should be done with your house Make small repairs ahead of time, fix the chips in the paint or do other types of staging we might suggest Clean out the clutter"

Use word of mouth to find a good agent Someone you're comfortable with, have good chemistry with Then, have faith in the professional"

Darlene Larsen, sales agent, Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills "Listen to the Realtor and listen to the data" about the market "Be realistic"

David Cartwright, sales agent, Riverpointe Realty Walker & Associates, Southfield "If you're serious about selling, your home has to be priced in the market If you're high, it's not going to sell You want the house to be presentable If you have a lot of clutter, you want to make sure the home has appeal"

DON'T HOP AROUND

Carey Wilhelm, sales agent, Wilhelm & Associates, Clarkston "Stay with your agent Don't hop around Do what I say I've been doing this for so long I know every hoop that you'll have to jump through So listen to me"

Brian M Duggan, president, American Classic Realty, Livonia When people come to look at your house "don't follow them around and don't

RESOURCES

■ Vincent M Brennan, Remerica Realty Professionals, (248) 476-5300

■ David Cartwright Riverpointe Realty Walker & Associates (248) 354-1500

■ Lynn DeJohn, Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, (734) 451-5400

■ Pam Dover Coldwell Banker Schweitzer (248) 642-2400

■ Brian M Duggan American Classic Realty (734) 591-1900

■ Laura Knuth Knuth & Associates (734) 261 0920

■ Darlene Larsen Cranbrook Associates (248) 647-0100

■ Tom Mines Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, (248) 652-7700

■ Carey Wilhelm Wilhelm & Associates, (248) 625-9500

talk to them

"If the agent asks you a question, just answer" quickly

"Don't point out the wonderful shelves you built beneath the stairs

"Maybe the buyer doesn't want a lot of yard to take care of, but the seller doesn't know that Seller says, 'Wait until you see our big backyard' No sale"

Laura Knuth, sales agent,

Knuth & Associates, Garden City "It's all about good communication through the entire situation When we go to someone's house, we bring a lot of information and it can put things on a bad note if you don't understand

"Ask questions"

Lynn DeJohn, sales agent, Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth "We have to know what their specific needs are How quickly do they need to have the home sold? Sometimes we can't get the money they need We interpret the market, giving the sellers information on home values We interpret feedback from buyers and give advice About price adjustment Or storing some belongings

"Sellers sometimes think that if we just advertise more the house will sell You must have realistic expectations It's difficult if the seller refuses to cooperate or loses trust in us The seller must be clear about things And honest Just switching agents won't change anything"

Vincent M Brennan, sales agent, Remerica Realty Professionals, Farmington Hills "If there's any lack of confidence or distrust, you shouldn't have selected me Get referrals and research the referrals to choose an agent Come to the office and talk about selling houses But most sellers just say, 'Come to the house and tell us how much we can get'

"Don't focus on the mechanical issues of selling 'Where are you going to advertise? What's the color of your sign? What time do you show houses?' You hire a professional to do the right thing"

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo'
Phillips



A loan for all seasons

Before your financial planner develops a strategy for your family, he will likely have you answer a battery of questions related to your fiscal objectives He will find out where you have been and where you are going, then outline a road map for you to get to your destination

A good adviser will always consider your age, your risk tolerance and your desired outcome as he assists you Generally, a younger person has less disposable income than a middle-aged person, but can accept a little more risk An elderly person would normally have a higher net worth than would a newlywed, but would require more security A two-income family with no children would have different short- and long-term needs than would a family of six

MATCH OBJECTIVES

A financial planner's true value comes in being able to determine what investment strategies best match your family's objectives There is no single strategy that fits every family all the time

A moderate-risk growth portfolio may best suit a younger couple, while a low-risk, high-income plan may better suit a retiree

Similarly, there is no single mortgage that suits all people at all times Young borrowers with little cash or with no established credit may need a "starter loan" that simply gets them into a home of their own A married couple with a growing family may need a low-cost mortgage that will allow them to get a bigger home without taking much cash out of pocket A senior borrower may wish to sell their multi-bedroom home to have more spending money and fewer homeowner responsibilities

APPROPRIATE

As with your financial plan, there is a mortgage plan that is most appropriate for your situation A 30-year fixed-rate mortgage may not be your best option Paying (or not paying) a discount point or two may be an appropriate tradeoff for a better interest rate A five-year adjustable-rate mortgage with no prepayment penalty may be all you need to reduce your monthly payments during difficult financial times

Make your life easier and more profitable Solicit expert advice, if possible, and make your mortgage selection prudently

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist You may access his Wealth Academy™ archives at www.phillipsHQ.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516 Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation

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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Nov 17-21 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	Address	Sale Price	Address	Sale Price	Address	Sale Price	Address	Sale Price
42671 Addison	29178 Barton	\$130,000	18413 Deer nj	\$107,000	36771 Sunnyside	\$223,000	25986 Hope	\$180,000
2-26 Berwick	32960 Barton	\$175,000	15740 Ellen	\$290,000	18376 Univers ty Park	\$146,000	17406 Ind an	\$124,000
7636 Charrington	32214 Block	\$162,000	28536 Elmira	\$138,000	29750 W Chicago	\$162,000	18400 Inkster	\$110,000
7421 Corbett	29940 Bock	\$172,000	31656 Fairfax	\$177,000	32901 W Chicago	\$173,000	25449 Ivanhoe	\$133,000
41894 Coventry Way	32261 Bock	\$65,000	6353 Farm rdgton	\$175,000	33125 W Chicago	\$175,000	11314 Knoch	\$137,000
46719 Crosswick	32744 Bock	\$145,000	15482 Foch	\$233,000	27675 Western Golf	\$279,000	11358 Kinloch	\$151,000
45410 Cypress	30949 Brown	\$156,000	18813 Gill	\$280,000	30232 Westfield	\$161,000	17749 Lennane	\$127,000
452 4 Danbury	29220 Cambridge	\$116,000	29440 Grandon	\$115,000	14125 Westmore	\$222,000	19461 Lennane	\$125,000
7417 Derby	694 Deering	\$158,000	31070 Grandon	\$185,000	19770 Weyhe	\$164,000	15666 Leona	\$98,000
7065 Epp ng	32953 Donnelly	\$55,000	14080 Henry Ruff	\$240,000	20 38 Weyher	\$175,000	9615 Leverne	\$155,000
44243 Fair Oaks	32611 Dover	\$165,000	14112 Hix	\$200,000	34244 Wood	\$205,000	20440 Lexington	\$99,000
48990 F fth	28427 Florence	\$129,000	9438 Houghton	\$184,000			14029 Lucerne	\$135,000
45550 Geddes	6026 Harrison	\$86,000	14386 Houghton	\$223,000			24722 Lyndon	\$360,000
7271 Green Meadow	6915 Harrison	\$142,000	14402 Houghton	\$195,000			11639 Mar on	\$363,000
42288 Greenwood	31501 John Hauk	\$210,000	15925 ngram	\$444,000			13953 Marion	\$179,000
6245 Gu Ford	33560 John Hauk	\$141,000	14235 Inkster	\$165,000			8950 Mercedes	\$143,000
1164 Her tage	32472 Kathryn	\$148,000	11875 Jerv s	\$128,000			10020 Mercedes	\$93,000
8375 Holly	28922 Krauter	\$85,000	11034 Karen	\$165,000			13200 Natha ine	\$235,000
4363 Hunters	1534 Lathers	\$83,000	31243 Kendall	\$180,000			18851 Norbo ne	\$222,000
4151 Hunters	31489 Leona	\$132,000	37487 Ladywood	\$228,000			20497 Norborne	\$120,000
4433 Hunters	28056 Maplewood	\$153,000	37845 Ladywood	\$253,000			17380 Olymp a	\$156,000
3636 Hunters Grove	31216 Parro	\$230,000	18863 Lathers	\$128,000			18442 Poinc ana	\$200,000
872 K ngs Way	891 Radcl ff	\$148,000	35853 Leon	\$190,000			9084 R verdale	\$336,000
39720 Koppernick	27517 Sheridan	\$157,000	29425 L nda	\$199,000			11465 Rock and	\$310,000
49359 Lincolnshire	29519 Warren	\$183,000	14200 Lyons	\$180,000			11356 Royal Grand	\$200,000
1341 Manton	29521 Warren	\$183,000	14408 Lyons	\$179,000			11395 Royal Grand	\$119,000
7269 Memorial	34071 Six Mile	\$226,000	36572 Mar er	\$225,000			13957 San Jose	\$42,000
1556 Mu berry	28860 Seven Mile	\$390,000	38580 Mason	\$205,000			9221 Sem nole	\$40,000
402 Nassau	38781 Allen	\$188,000	30001 Mc nityre	\$170,000			14767 Seminole	\$128,000
4328 Northw nd	11345 Arcola	\$167,000	38839 Meeting House	\$270,000			26427 Student	\$129,000
41544 Piner dge	19415 Bn nrdg	\$227,000	14612 Melrose	\$175,000			17260 Sumner	\$145,000
6422 Raintree	14043 Bainrdge	\$175,000	18940 Melvin	\$193,000			11315 Virgil	\$157,000
45183 Saltz	29536 Barkley	\$182,000	1426 Merriman	\$150,000			11754 Virgil	\$44,000
46422 Spinn ng Whee	35160 Bennett	\$348,000	14406 Merr man	\$164,000			26309 W Seven M e	\$118,000
43285 Stonington	35185 Bennett	\$335,000	31514 Merr wood Park	\$172,000			24650 W Ch cago	\$133,000
43036 Versa lles	9615 Berwick	\$196,000	29175 Minton	\$172,000			20428 Wakenden	\$125,000
47859 V stas Curc e	14162 Blue Sk es	\$211,000	34856 Munger	\$225,000				\$130,000
43509 W Arbor Way	31270 Bobr ch	\$258,000	37604 N Laure Park	\$233,000				\$152,000
	27421 Buck ngham	\$158,000	34850 Norfolk	\$285,000				\$299,000
	9425 Bjtwe	\$218,000	29635 Oak ey	\$195,000				\$162,000
	2272 Cardwell	\$144,000	32923 Oak ey	\$160,000				\$130,000
	36620 Cla ita	\$273,000	9196 Osmus	\$180,000				\$86,000
	15506 Comstock	\$216,000	19635 Osmus	\$98,000				\$94,000
	14287 Cranston	\$260,000	16696 Parklane	\$283,000				\$101,000
	36101 Curtis	\$229,000	20135 Rensellor	\$154,000				\$153,000
	37293 Curt s	\$470,000	29866 Robert	\$168,000				\$135,000
								\$157,000

Pulte Homes opens new community in Woodhaven

Pulte Homes recently held a grand opening at one of its newest communities, Kirkway Village in Woodhaven. Fifteen town homes were sold. "The quality of Pulte Homes, our commitment to customer satisfaction and the unbelievably affordable pricing, are reasons why this product does so well," said Sean Strickler, Pulte Homes of Michigan sales manager. It

is our belief that the success of the grand opening is reflective of the future success of this product in Woodhaven and other metro Detroit locations." Kirkway Village will feature 190 home sites with maintenance-free attached Ranch and two-story town homes with attached garages ranging from 1,100 to 1,600 square feet and







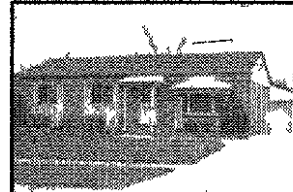

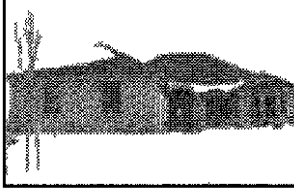




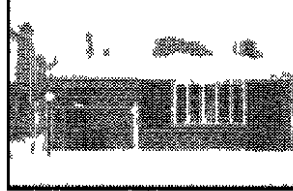







starting at \$109,990. Surrounded by woods and wetlands with sidewalks throughout the community, Kirkway Village is also close to shopping and I-75. It's on the west side of Allen Road just north of Gibraltar Road. Call (734) 692-4400 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily for more information or to speak with a sales counselor. You can


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<p>CHECK THIS OUT! 3 bd all brick ranch in Westland. Part finished basement w/knotty pine paneling & dry bar. Vinyl windows, new gutters & HWH. C/A and 2.5 car garage. \$136,900 (621AC)</p>	<p>IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY Dramatic 2250 sq ft 3 story Brownstone type brick condo. Ideal for those on the go. Fireplace, huge oak island kitchen, formal dr. 3 bedrooms, loft, 2.5 baths & a game room. Spotless. Why buy new? \$233,500 (836CH)</p>	<p>ASTOUNDING Raised ranch w/ 2300 sq ft Large Transom & dual side lit front entry. Ceramic surround gas fp in volume ceiling. 21x15 GR. 4 bds, 3 full bas, hwd flooring in kitchen & landing. 6 panel interior doors. C/A drywalled. 2.5 car garage. \$229,900 (411GL)</p>	<p>IMMACULATE CONDO! 5 minutes from I 275 or I 94. This condo has upgrades galore. Custom Deck, finished lower level, hardwood & ceramic floors, spacious loft, 1st floor master and much more. \$179,900 (972HA)</p>	<p>GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION Many costly updates in this 4 bd 2.5 bath home. Updates include roof, furnace, C/A, Anderson windows & French doors to extra large Deck & pond. Master bd has 2 WIC & full bath. Pergo & Parquet flooring. Close to schools & shopping. \$239,900 (117MA)</p>	<p>SUNFLOWER COLONIAL This sharp 4 bd 3.5 bath brick home was built in 1989. Large FR w/FP, 1st floor laundry, Formal Dining Room, beautifully finished Bsmt, 2 tiered Deck w/Gazebo and much more. \$294,900 (371RE)</p>	<p>HOME AT LAST Charming for all 3 bd updated ranch w/full basement & a 2.5 car garage. Newer roof, gutters, trim, windows, doors, bathroom and more. Newly remodeled Oak Kitchen. Quick Occupancy. \$158,900 (534TO)</p>
						
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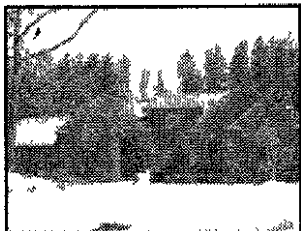
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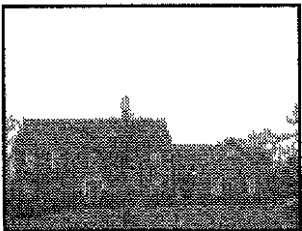
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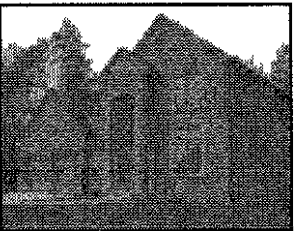
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CANTON \$359,900
17 Acres In Canton! 4 Br 2.5 Ba Stunning 1st Floor Master Suite Updates Include Windows Electrical Roof Kitchen W/oak Cabinets All Ba Bright Sun Room Brick Paver Patio Newer Carpeting (OEL10GYD) 888 870 9105



CANTON \$329,900
4 BR 2 1/2 BA Sunflower cape cod Sharp Clean and Ready For You!Spac kit & nook Open fam rm w/fp Formal dining rm Lux 1st flr master ste Freshly painted Low traffic street Move in condition! (OEP59RAD) 888 870 9127



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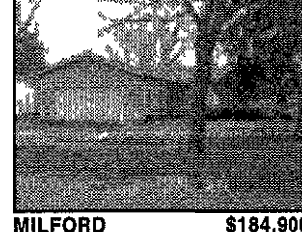
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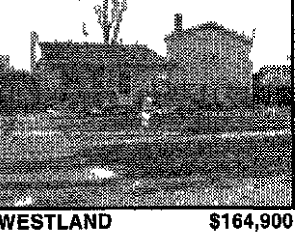
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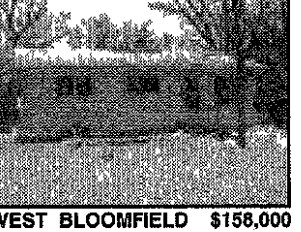
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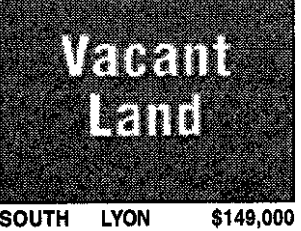
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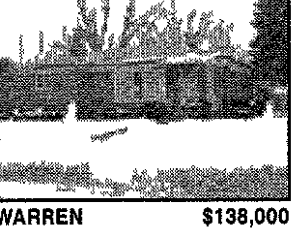
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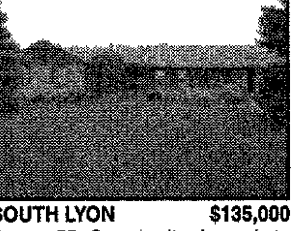
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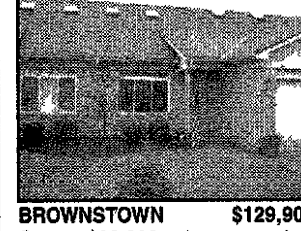
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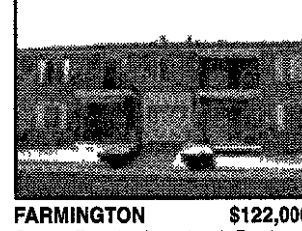
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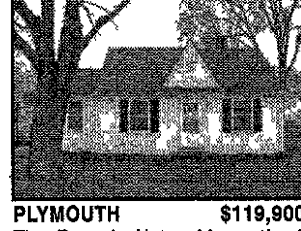
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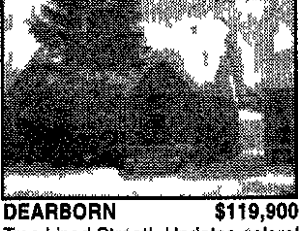
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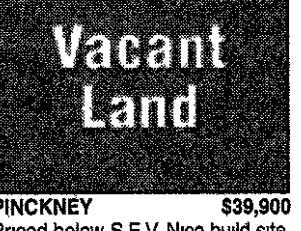
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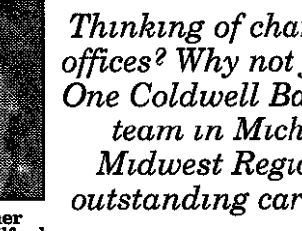
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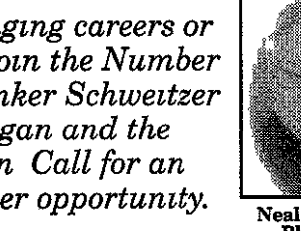
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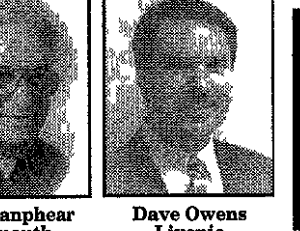
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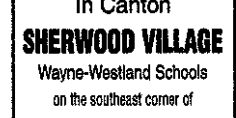
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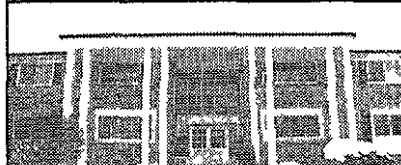
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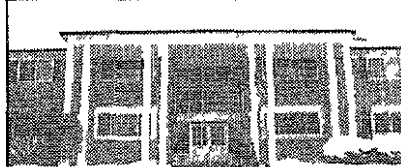
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PLYMOUTH Great Starter Home
Walk to downtown. Hines Park. Vaulted ceilings, large kitchen, w/ eat in area, gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry & app area. Updated roof, windows, furnace, doors, carpet & washer & dryer.
(E15GAR) 734 455 5600 \$169,900



ALLEN PARK A Great Place To Start
Very cute 2 bedroom ranch w/ 2.5 car garage, huge attached carport. Decorated in nice & very clean. Close to all you need: shopping, schools, freeway & parks. Home warranty.
(E44ARL) 734 455 5600 \$88,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Great Value
3 bed room, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/ a garage covered porch. Coved ceilings in LR & DR. Party of windows & storage. A finished basement w/ FR & separate den or office. Fenced yard w/ 2 car garage. Home warranty.
(E95ARN) 248 349 5600 \$142,900



SOUTH LYON Location Location Location!
3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/ remodeled kitchen & baths. Most appliances. Neatly landscaped family room w/ community fenced yard, new roof, furnace, HWH, A/C, 2 car garage. Close to shopping, parks, schools & churches.
(E36HAR) 248 349 5600 \$195,900



CLAWSON Beautifully Updated
This is a showplace, updated baths & kitchen. Awesome open floor plan w/ spacious bedrooms. Vaulted ceilings, custom moldings & lighting. Newer appliances included. 1 year kitchen warranty. Love this!
(E44SCH) 248 349 5600 \$234,900



CANTON Very Open Cape Cod
3 bed room, 2.5 bath home w/ great room & built in entertainment center & fireplace. Master suite spacious w/ gas block bath. Updated roof, furnace, HWH, A/C, 2 car garage. Part of 1st floor basement, 2 car attached garage.
(E70COL) 734 455 5600 \$244,900



CANTON Perfect Setting
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/ updated siding, trim, windows & kitchen. Family room w/ natural brick fireplace & newer doorwall leading to patio. Part of 1st floor basement + 2.5 car garage.
(E76ORH) 734 455 5600 \$192,900



LIVONIA Cute & Cozy
Ranch home w/ hardwood floors, finished basement w/ wet bar & bath. Newer windows, gutter, gas block windows, blinds, screened porch, shed, tile oven & range. Newer refrigerator. Professionally landscaped.
(E44ANT) 248 349 5600 \$139,900




NOVI Vista Hills Colonial
Wonderful immaculate 4 bed room, 2.5 bath home. 2 story vinyl, open w/ a beautiful fireplace. Professional painting. Master suite w/ WIC. Wonderful landscaping. A nifty home.
(E85HEA) 248 349 5600 \$355,000



HOWELL Quiet New Convenient
Spectacular! Move-in ready! 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2.5 car garage. Corner lot, deck, ceramic tile, foyer, FFL, 1st floor master, fireplace in GR. Daylight basement plumbed. A nice view, window treatments, dovetail oak kitchen cabinets.
(E10STA) 248 349 5600 \$299,900



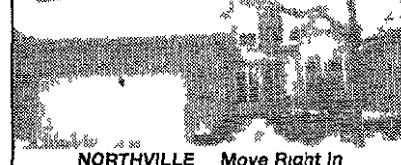
REDFORD Corner Wooded Lot
Very clean, very nice original owner. Updates roof, furnace, A/C, humidifier, BR w/ kitchen, bath, vinyl, ceramic tile, carpet. Well maintained. Hardwood floors, 2.5 car garage, lg master BR, a app's. Home warranty.
(E88IND) 734 455 5600 \$142,900




TAYLOR Newer Condo Great Price
3 bed room, 1.5 bath, 2 story stone front end unit in gated community by built in 2001. All appliances & close to shopping & a port. Bring offers.
(E65TER) 734 455 5600 \$84,900



HOWELL Sprawling Ranch
Private setting on approx 1.5 acres for this 3 bed room, 2.5 bath ranch. Huge w/ oak wood, great room & eat in area. Eating area in kitchen w/ white cabinets. Walk in closet & deck.
(E61BON) 248 349 5600 \$264,900




NORTHVILLE Move Right In
3 BR, 3.5 BA condo. Large eat in kitchen w/ island & all appliances. Dining room, granite w/ fireplace. Wonderful finished basement w/ full bath, pool & clubhouse. 2 car attached garage. Northville Schools.
(E77MUI) 248 349 5600 \$289,500



LIVONIA Be The First To See
This well kept ranch on oversized lot in area of higher priced homes. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, warm neutral decor, beautiful updated kitchen w/ all appliances, super finished room w/ 4th BR & deluxe workshop deck. 2 car garage.
(E12SUR) 248 349 5600 \$204,900



WESTLAND Wooded & Private
2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, great room w/ gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry, w/ professionally finished basement, deck, wooded & fenced common area, attached garage & private entrance.
(E33PHE) 734 455 5600 \$164,900



REDFORD Well Maintained Ranch
Updated 3 bedroom home w/ 2.5 car, mechanical, electric, copper plumbing & 3 D shingles. All appliances stay.
(E76BRA) 734 455 5600 \$114,900



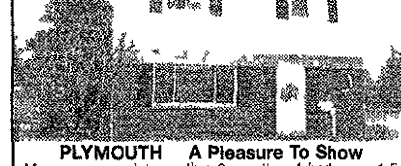
WESTLAND Ranch Condo On Quiet Court
2 bed room, 2 bath, 2 car garage & w/ basement. First floor laundry, neutral carpet & w/ a ceramic tile in foyer & vaulted great room ceiling. Eating area in kitchen w/ white cabinets. Walk in closet & deck.
(E92CON) 248 349 5600 \$174,900




GREEN OAK TWP Crooked Lake Condo
55 community offers this 2 bed room, 2 bath 1 story w/ floor to ceiling, granite, large kitchen & eat in area. Call for more info. Over view, clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake.
(E91NAN) 248 349 5600 \$139,000



NORTHVILLE This One's A Solid 1000+
This beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has been recently updated & decorated. Features include a newer roof & windows, FFL, huge family room w/ fireplace, MBR suite w/ bath, tile floor in LR & hwd flrs.
(E51WAT) 248 349 5600 \$399,900




PLYMOUTH A Pleasure To Show
Many more updates w/ in 6 months. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, coin on a w/ finished hardwood floor in LR & master bedroom. FR w/ natural fireplace, newer windows & door wall, fresh paint, 2.5 car garage & part of 1st floor basement.
(E97MI) 734 455 5600 \$214,900



CANTON Curb Appeals + Many Updates
Hardwood floors in LR & BRs. Kitchen has newer cabinets w/ built in apps & pantry. Dining area opens to FR w/ natural fireplace & newer doorwall leading to patio. Coof. C/A & entry doors. Finished basement w/ 5 bath, 2.5 car garage.
(E76HIL) 734 455 5600 \$185,000



NORTHVILLE Super Curb Appeal
Fabulous decor, great tree lot & open floor plan. Windng stone case hardwood floors, granite, fireplace, kitchen w/ granite, kitchen w/ white cabinets. Huge master suite w/ WIC & a bath. FFL, 3.5 car garage, side entry garage. Tons of storage.
(E01DAN) 248 349 5600 \$479,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Detached Condo
Decor, open perfect, move in condition. 2 BR, bra & 2 BA detached, attached condo has it all. From the eat in area to crown moldings to the Coran counters & hardwood flooring to the soaring high ceilings. Backs to woods.
(E71PLY) 248 349 5600 \$369,900



NORTHVILLE Charming
Walk to town from your dream home. Relax on your new front porch. Trex made BBQ on your cedar deck. 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 full updated baths. Beautiful hardwood floors. Newer carpet. Freshly painted. Awesome.
(E17YER) 248 349 5600 \$299,900

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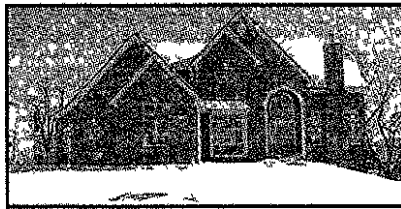
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NORTHVILLE \$629,900
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! 4 BRs 3.5 BAs grand foyer w/hw flrs extending to gourmet kit & nook. Kit has granite Isl 42 inch cabs. FR has a bay soaring ceiling & balcony. Much more! (D44243)

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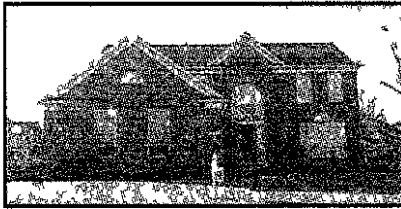
NOVI \$629,000
MADISON HOMES PRESENTS NEW COLONIAL! New const. you choose cabinets, counters & flooring! 3600 SF w/4 BRs, 3.5 BAs w/o bsmt, granite kit, 2/FPs, 2/furns & 2/AC units. Buy now & make selections! (08AR02)

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PLYMOUTH \$405,000
ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! Luxurious living featuring 1st flr master ste, 1st flr laundry, full fin bsmt, 3 full baths, lawn & snow maintenance included. Call now for more details! (23W12232)

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CANTON \$399,900
DECORATED TO PERFECTION! 4 BR 2.5 BA col, 2 story foyer, formal LR & DR, gourmet kit, mstr ste & bath, 1st flr laundry. Upgrades galore. X large corner lot. Walk to Dodson elem. (23W160)

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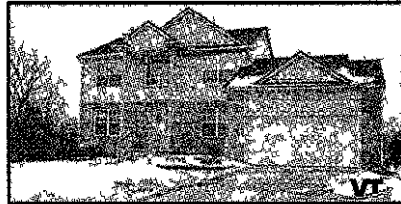
COMMERCE \$376,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Up north feeling just minutes from city conveniences. Country size lot filled with trees & perennials. A traditional 4 BR Tudor completes the picture. (M4225)

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NOVI \$364,900
JUST LISTED! Fabulous private setting backing to protected woodlands & pond accent this 1995 built colonial. Move in condition, prof fin lower level. Novi schools & more. (A43352)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$339,900
2000 BUILT HOME SITS ON 1.25 ACRES! 2000 sq ft, custom tile in foyer & kitchen, neutral decor. Part of lot is wooded with stream. (M29551)

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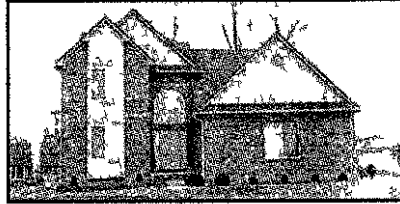
NOVI \$319,900
NOVI'S BEST BUY! Light spacious open colonial in popular family neighborhood. Great room/kitchen combo, private study, Northville schools. Agent/Owner. Hurry on this one! (24028312)

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LIVONIA \$299,900
JUST LISTED! Laurel Park colonial on one of the largest lots in sub. Original owners have maintained and updated thru out. (B37497)

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LIVONIA \$299,900
CUSTOM BUILT 2YR OLD CAPE COD 3 BR 2.5 BA, 1st flr mstr ste w/acuzzi tub & WIC, lg kit w/ceramic flrs, 1st flr laundry & office, GR w/cath ceiling & gas FP, 2.5 car att garage. (T15222)

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NOVI \$265,900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! Fully updated colonial. Novi schools, exterior redone & most flooring. Over 2100 sq ft finished basement, neutral decor throughout. Original owners! (23S22637)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$264,900
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY! One owner, 4 bedroom Northville beauty! Quality updates have been maintained. Two baths, cozy fireplace, home office and a lovely private yard. (32LAN2)

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CANTON \$239,900
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 2 BRs, 2 1/2 BAs, MB w/sitting area, ceramic bath, Hrdwd flrs in kit, foyer, 1st flr laundry, full bsmt, 12x12 Deck, 2 Car att Gar. Close to downtown Plymouth. (C876)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$239,900
VERY CLEAN & CARED FOR - DON'T WAIT! 3 BR colonial, newer Wallside windows, updated main bath, all flooring in great shape & neutral Hrdwd foyer, masonry FP in FR, 1st flr laundry, bay wndw in DR. (T7082)

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WESTLAND \$234,900
CUSTOM RANCH W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS On large lot, 3 bdrms w/many updates, custom oak kit, formal DR, ceramic tiled FR w/FP. Full bsmt covered patio w/hot tub, newer windows, 2 1/2 car att garage. (P346)

734-326-2000



NOVI \$227,900
GREAT NOVI LOCATION! 2CAR HEATED GARAGE. Nicely decorated & well maintained. Light bright & neutral decor. Lg family rm w/nat fireplace. Great fenced yard, Club house & pool available in sub. (60CRA2)

248-348-6430



CANTON \$215,000
UPDATES! UPDATES! UPDATES GALORE! This terrific Canton contemporary has brand spanking new crpt, kit, appls & cbnrs, gar door, designer neut paint, light fixtures & more! Don't wait, call today! (23M1743)

734-455-7000



CANTON \$214,900
CHARMING SPACIOUS COLONIAL very open flr plan, huge eat in custom kit, lg LR, formal DR, mstr BR w/WIC & access to BA. Newer flr wndws, furn, c/a. Great lot w/patio & child's play gym. (F43438)

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LIVONIA \$209,900
LOOKING FOR A BIG HOUSE FOR THE MONEY? 2169 sq ft, 4 bedroom home in Livonia's States Streets subdivision. Roof w/ndws, A/C and much more are newer. (M31845)

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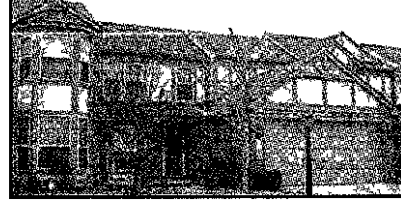
LIVONIA \$204,900
4 BR BUNGALOW IN OLD ROSEDALE IN LIVONIA Great updates and beautifully maintained. 2 car detached garage. In the middle of the sub. Just listed! (B9910)

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YPSILANTI \$199,900
BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY RANCH Great 3br 3bath home built in 94. HWD floor in foyer, GR w/cozy FP, 1st flr laun, fin bsmt w/FR, den and 3rd bath, 2 car att gar, Lg deck off great room. (13IND2)

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CANTON \$198,500
SELL THE LAWNMOWER! Easy living describes this 2 BR 2.5 BA Townhome in Canton. GR w/gas frplc, kitchen w/appliances, Formal DR, full bsmt, 2 car gar, nice deck. Backs to pond. (23O1926)

734-455-7000



NOVI \$197,900
A WELL CARED FOR HOME! A perfect blend of comfortable living in this nice 3 BR ranch. Formal LR & DR, cozy KIT w/all appl, nice patio and fenced yard. (82LEB2)

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NORTHVILLE \$185,000
JEWEL OF COUNTRY PLACE 1650 sq ft condo has updates galore. Oversized LR w/WBFP, Fin bsmt w/dry sauna, Patio & many extras! Ready for you to move in! (18GLE02)

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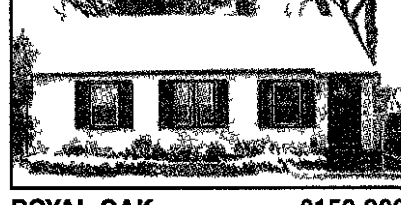
ROYAL OAK \$178,000
THIS HOME IS A PERFECT 10! Everything is New & Updated. No work to be done. Fresh paint, new kitchen, new bath, carpet, roof, windows, doors & floors! New! (D713)

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NORTHVILLE \$177,500
NORTHVILLE CONDO-GREAT LOCATION! 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, 1st flr laundry, 2 car att garage & over 1700 sq ft LR has natural flpl & formal DR. Many rooms freshly painted. Close to schools & shopping! (26CHA2)

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ROYAL OAK \$159,900
MOVE IN CONDITION RANCH! All fixed up and ready to go. Updates include roof, wndws, tile floors, Oak kitchen with custom wndw, finished bsmt, has fam rm & den, 2 car gar, minutes to downtown. (13FER2)

248-348-6430



GARDEN CITY \$164,900
CLEAN AS IT CAN BE Over 1300 Sq Ft, 3 BRs, 2 full baths, W/Oak kit, cabs, Pantry & snack bar, Lg Dining area, FR with deck, C/A, Finished bsmt, 2 car garage, W/ electric door & opener. (G814)

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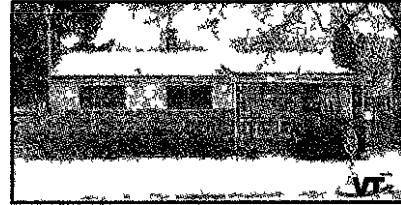
DEARBORN \$159,000
OUTSTANDING LOCATION! Open & airy 3 bedroom bungalow. Cove ceilings, huge master sky lite, 2.5 car garage with workshop. Most appliances included. (01NEW2)

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LIVONIA \$153,000
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWTHROUGHOUT Tastefully decorated with an open floor plan. Lots of updates, newer windows, newer deck, newer kitchen, newer roof, 1.5 car garage, 1 year home warranty. (A15101)

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GARDEN CITY \$150,000
LOOKS NICE FEELS RIGHT Buyers who want a well manicured home in nice area. Close to park & schools, new roof, vinyl windows, brick paver patio, part finished bsmt, 2.5 car garage. (F230)

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WESTLAND \$149,900
UPDATED 3BR RANCH BACKING TO GOLF COURSE Everything's been updated in last 4 yrs! All newer eat in kit plus appls, updated BA, refn hrdwd flr in LR & DR, fenced dbl lot & patio, Lg open rms & gar. Must see! (06BIR2)

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WESTLAND \$146,000
SEASONED WITH LOVE AND CARE This three bedroom, two bath brick ranch features hardwood floors, finished basement and a 2.5 car garage. You'll love the new brick paver patio. (A322)

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WAYNE \$139,900
BEAUTY WARMTH, VALUE Flowing open floor plan in this 1996 3 BRs, 2 Baths, with Great Room, Lovely Oak kitchen, Deck, front & rear Neutral colors, 2 car garage. Shows well. (A324)

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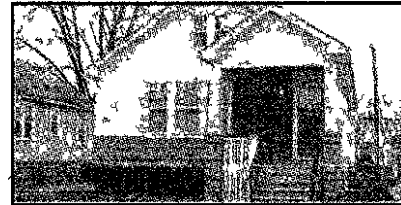
GARDEN CITY \$136,900
CUTE AS A BUTTON! Open floor plan allows for great natural lighting in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. New carpet & flooring, w/o Huge partly finished basement. (23K33111)

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CANTON \$132,000
SUPER SHARP CONDO! Popular end upper unit with vaulted ceilings, lg open kitchen with snack bar area, master ste w/prvt bath. This one is in move in condition! (L42575)

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DEARBORN \$124,900
GREAT PLACE TO START! Don't wait, buy this lovely 2 BR, 1 BA bungalow, LR & DR, Kit w/appls, Finished attic playroom, Neut crptg, almost finished crptd bsmt, 2 car detached gar. (23P2750)

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WAYNE \$104,900
GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided Bungalow, 2 bedrooms with a possible third, 10 x 10 barn style shed, large covered patio overlooking deep lot, 150+ feet, hurry! (J445)

734-326-2000



DETROIT \$95,000
COZY WARRENDALE BUNGALOW Many updates in this 3 BR 1 BA home incl furn, hwh, c/a, elect roof, ceramic tile and all appliances, 2 car gar w/elec & heat. Walking dis to elem school. Home Warranty. (60BRA2)

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INKSTER \$55,000
A GREAT HOME FOR ONLY 55,000! With a little TLC this could be your amazing new home! 3 Bedrooms & separate dining area. Full Basement for all your storage needs. New roof. Hardwood floors. (M325)

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REDFORD \$299,900
GOLF COURSE & COUNTRY CLUB SETTING accent this custom bit & completely updated home. Almost 3000 SF, 3.5 BAs, 2 FPs, huge kit, private lot, bsmt & 2 car garage. FR w/huge bar & more. M15033

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GREEN OAK \$297,900
WHITMORE BAY QUAL NEW CONSTRUCTION! 15 lots available. Lake access, dock available (included in price). Great amenities include granite in kit, master ste w/WIC and garden tub. Starting in 200s. (00WHI2)

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NORTHVILLE \$205,000
LEXINGTON COMMONS CONDO Comfort & convenience at a great price! 3 BRs, 2 full & 2 half BAs, spacious rms thru-out, lower level is a fin walk out, 2 car attd garage. Immediate occupancy. (R826)

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BRIGHTON \$199,900
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES Backing to Shenandoah Sub, Wooded, Hartland Schools. Great for small development, private estate. Convenient to Brighton Expressways! (23US2)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
GREAT WESTLAND LOCATION! Lovely updated 4 bedroom colonial. Attractive kitchen with new appliances. Windows & roof updated. Nicely landscaped backyard with garden area, 2.5 car garage. (23B440)

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WESTLAND 3 bed ranch full basement 2 car garage fenced yard new carpet

WESTLAND Senior house quiet environment private bath share house Non smok ing \$350/mo utilities incl ed

NORTHVILLE 1 block N of Main St in quiet neighbor hood setting Updated Extra Large 1 br walk in closet heat & water included

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Frame experience & 10 years experience Full time Benefits
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CDL A 1 yr experience needed Afternoons & nights Mileage & hourly runs Home daily Call John or Paul 7am 5pm daily (734) 947 1405

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Exp on 3D contour mold milling only need apply 13050 Inkster Rd Redford S of 96

Required skills include PC hardware setup and trouble shooting install and configure MS Windows products and printer drivers written communication networking PC's and problem solving helpful skills include CAD experience and Unix networking

Come learn new skills in a great work environment. We offer competitive starting pay a good benefit package and training. Candidates must be neat in appearance and some local or national travel could be required. Self motivated enthusiastic candidates can e mail resumes to jobs@kipamerica.com

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COACH
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Full time position at River Bend Apartments in Westland Opportunity to work with professional-apartment management & marketing team Experience preferred Call (313) 566 9950 or fax resume to (313) 566 5807 or E mail job@uzuzim.com

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FIRE FIGHTER/INSPECTOR
Northville Twp accepting applications for the position of full time Firefighter/Inspector \$37,027 \$52,895 Qualifications include:

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- Successful completion of Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) written w/ a minimum score of 80% and physical agility test
- Possession of current valid driver's license
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Large Westside Ford dealer looking for the right individual. We offer exp. pay plan & benefit package. Blue Cross dental prescription vision matching 401k life and disability insurance paid vacation and a five day work week. Great driving record a must. Apply in person only to Dan Troost at Pat Milliken Ford LLC 9600 Telegraph Redford

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ASSISTANT MANAGER
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High volume used car lot downtown Plymouth needs exp sales people or possibly will train night party. Earn up to \$125K. Ask for J.R. (734) 455 5566

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For Southfield wholesaler Fashion jewelry hats & wigs Training provided. Start immediately. (248) 262 6811

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For group homes in Dearborn Heights Garden City & Wayne
Good Driving Record Required \$30 \$7 80/hr
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Immediate day shift opening for qualified individual to set up and operate Fellows Gear Shapers (#12 & 20). Must have knowledge of figuring and be capable of setting gear train and have both internal and external experience. 5 YEAR MIN EXP. Hours are negotiable. Great benefits. EXCELLENT PAY! Send resume or apply in person

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LAWN MAINTENANCE
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A Livon based lawn co seeking full time employees. Exp & valid drivers license required Call (734) 522 4121

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Well established property management firm seeks 3 dedicated maintenance technicians for the Taylor area. Must have prior maintenance exp in property management & have working knowledge in the following areas:

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ACCOUNTING/PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR
Commercial real estate manager co seeks individual with strong accounting and interpersonal skills to work in small office setting. Must be skilled in Quickbooks Microsoft Word and Excel. Knowledge of commercial leases and NNN reconciliations helpful. Send resume to Property Manager 6735 Telegraph Ste #110 Bloomfield Hills MI 48301

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Full time for Southfield Apts. Customer Service exp preferred 248 362 8125

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LEASING CONSULTANT
Full and part time for Canton apt community. Experience required. Great opportunity for right person. Please call (734) 397 1080

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MANAGER
Property Mgmt Company seeks highly motivated managers for Plymouth & Westland apartment communities. Must have proven track record in customer relations with strong organizational skills and minimum 1 year experience in management. Great benefit package incl 401(k) and on site apartment available. Send resume incl salary requirements to Community Manager P.O. Box 248 Southfield MI 48075 or fax (248) 589 1508. Indicate which location interested in.

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Fast paced design/build contractor seeks individual who is highly organized detail oriented & capable of multi tasking & has excellent communication skills. Strong typing and computer skills are essential. Must be proficient in Word and Excel. Send resume to Campbell/Mann Inc Attn: Controller 21520 Bridge Street Southfield MI 48034 Fax (248)354 0058

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Livonia seafood so seeks driver for local & regional deliveries. Straight truck or van. Commercial driver's license required. Hrsly w/overtime. Benefits & vacation. Send resume to 11876 Belden Ct Livonia MI 48150 or call Mr Tony Mura (734) 425 5748

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FOOD & BEVERAGE AREAS
New management seeks professional hourly staff. Northville Hills Golf Club 248 667 4663

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OFFICE CLERICAL Downtown Royal Oak property management co seeks full time exp individual Accuracy speed & proficiency in MicroSoft Office is essential Fax resume 248 399 9875 or email to marilyn@oakridgegmt.com

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OFFICE MANAGER 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 oeresume@homecomm.net Code# Box 0840

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Review by Dale Buss

With the 2004 Pontiac GTO, General Motors has revived one of the original muscle cars of the Sixties. And while product handlers did an excellent job of bringing back the "muscle," they could have done a little bit more with the "car" - at least when it came to the increasingly important element of external styling.

But in a way, knocking the lack of a breathtaking design is almost picking at nits with this car. This new GTO is *all* about what happens when you take off in the GTO - a perfect illustration of head-snapping - and the perfect exhilaration of being in any compartment attached to the 350-horsepower, modified Corvette V8 engine that powers this car. With the GTO, everything is so much about the engine that the vehicle is offered only in one version - one level of options and trim, and certainly one powerplant, for a suggested retail price of about \$33,000.

Pontiac rolled back the clock with this car and finally brought out of hibernation the GTO brand that was such a glorious hallmark for the division the Sixties. The GTO legend began in 1964, when Pontiac offered a GTO option package to buyers of its Tempest and LeMans models. It became so popular that Pontiac made the GTO its own model, competing for a whole generation of young men along with the Ford Mustang.

After a few years, however, during the era of gasoline "crises," pollution controls and government-mandated bumpers, GM watered down the GTO concept to the point where the 1974 version was based on the anemic Chevrolet Nova and had only 200 horsepower. Through the next generation of automotive consumers and the next several generations of automobiles, GM allowed the GTO moniker to rest.



The 2004 Pontiac GTO is all about power!

Until now GM selected a rear-wheel-drive vehicle that is built by its Holden subsidiary in Australia, known there as the Monaro CV8, as the basis for the GTO. (An earlier version of the Monaro actually appeared in the vehicle-obsessed movie *Mad Max*.) Clearly, GM executives coveted for America the 350-horsepower, 5.7-liter V8 that can go from zero to 60 miles per hour in just 5.3 seconds and run the quarter mile in under 13.8 seconds, at 105 mph. The car comes in either a six-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission. And it gets decent mileage, 18 mpg in the city and 29 on the highway, despite all those horses.

The GTO's focus on the engine is well deserved. In the six-speed version that I drove, pull-away from a standing stop was gloriously quick and powerful, more impressive than any other vehicle I have reviewed in the last year or so except maybe the Audi TT Coupe. Far from being light and effortless, shifting took some effort and some skill, but only an amount that seemed fitting to an engine with that kind of power. Best of all, the engine emitted a highly satisfying, complementary growl, GM says that the performance-tuned dual exhaust system was developed after modeling the sound of the original 1964 GTO. In any event, it served to remind driver, passengers and onlookers that this was a car entirely about speed and power.

Which brings us to the styling. A few things about the GTO's exterior are impressive, such as the 17-inch alloy wheels and performance tires that are matched to a fully independent suspension. But while the styling itself could be generously described as "taut" or "lean," I didn't find either adjective appropriate. To me, the GTO was simply non-descript, with nothing in particularly outstanding about its modified wedge shape. I'm not sure why GM didn't put more into the styling of this vehicle or, alternatively, why GM designers found this satisfactory. It's a big black mark for the car but certainly not a fatal one.

They made up for much of the external blandness with a marvelous interior that includes a satin-finish steering wheel, race-inspired metallic pedals, four leather bucket seats that are firm yet soft and can be color-coordinated with the vehicle's exterior color, a six-disc CD changer and 10-speaker sound system, and a host of other features. The only real complaints I had about the interior were how low the ceiling was and how slowly the power front seats moved forward and back to accommodate entry and exit by rear passengers.

But like its original version, the new GTO is all about power. And on that most significant count, this car came through with a checkered flag. Write Dale at dalebuss@aol.com

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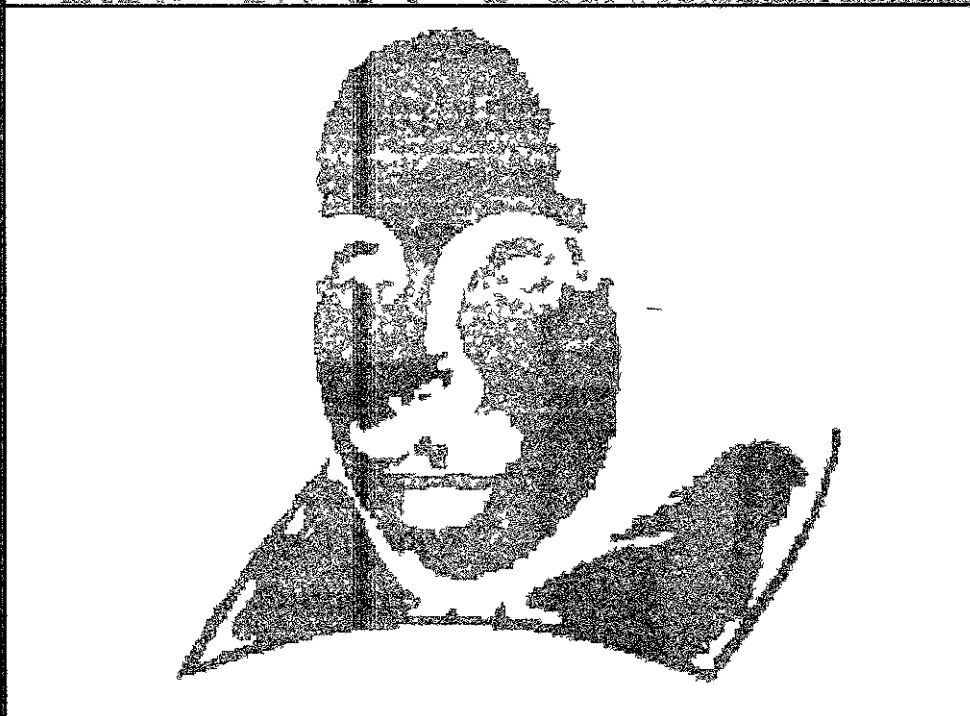
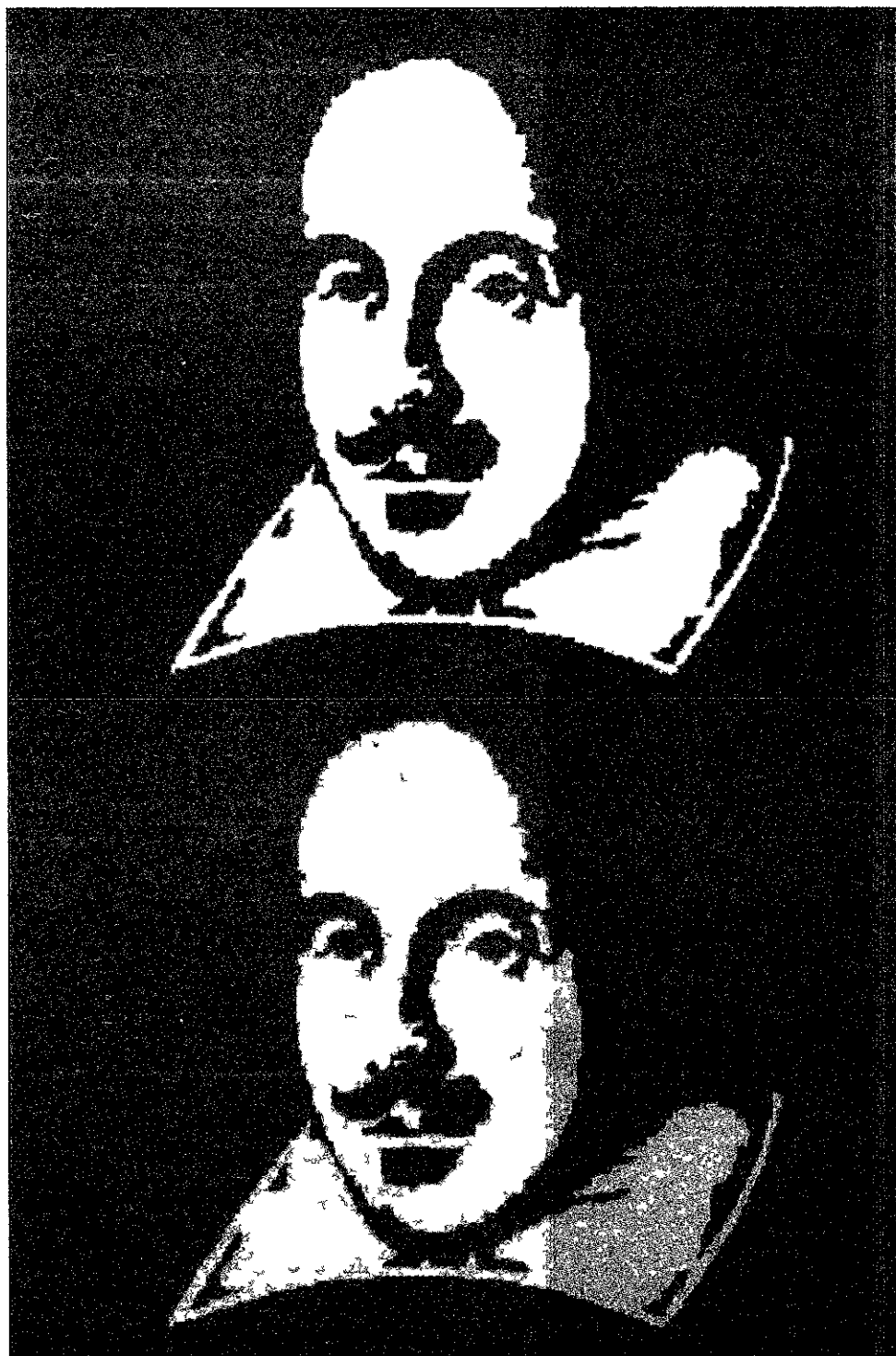
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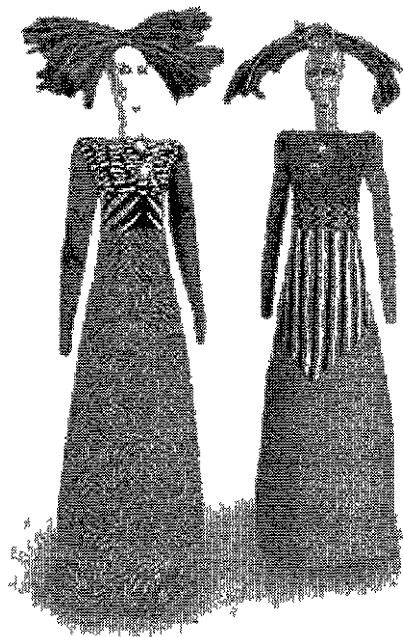
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Clothing that hasn't been worn in two years should be donated to charity or thrown away, he said

"Keeping those jeans that don't fit you anymore as inspiration to diet? Cute. But Weight Watchers is more effective," Kressley said

Fashion is Kressley's passion. Before becoming an overnight TV sensation with the Fab Five, he worked as a men's sportswear specialist for Polo Ralph Lauren

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Why: Kressley will answer questions and help men learn how to update their wardrobe without going broke. Photos and autograph opportunities will be available

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Include these 'Best of' winners in your musical quest



Filter readers voted for Jack and Meg White of The White Stripes as their favorite local band

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Without music, we'd be lost. Distraught and feeling empty, food could become our only diversion, and you know how that's been working for many Americans

Instead, you can choose to gorge on fat sounds, sweet sounds, sultry sounds or avant-garde noise - take your pick - to fill daily cranial nutrition needs. Music can be a diversion from grim reality, an inspiration to greatness, or can simply add a little fun in a too-serious world. For guidance in your music quest, read about our People's Choice Award winners

■ **Best local band/artist**

White Stripes - Loud blues-rock riffs on a cheap guitar backed by pounding drums, howling vocals, and the guts to change songs mid-performance during a live Grammy show as millions watch works for us

Runners up: Kid Rock, Emmem

■ **Best jazz/blues club**

George & Harry's - Potted palms and rich wood accents suggest an upscale theme, a fresh change from your typical down-and-dirty blues club. Hey, the food is special too

Runners up: Memphis Smoke, Edison's

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Runners up: Fifth Avenue Blue Martini

■ **Best place to see a concert**

The Palace of Auburn Hills - One oft-repeated comment about The Palace is that there isn't a bad seat in the house. The outside is actually pleasant to look at, which is rare for a sports facility. Inside, the place looks new and is always well-maintained, writes one concert-goer. The venue also wins high marks in national polls conducted by magazines including Pollstar and Amusement Business

Runners up: Fox Theatre, The Max (Orchestra Hall)

■ **Best outdoor concert venue**

DTE Energy Theater - It seems everyone has a fond memory from youth of a special show at the former Pine Knob music theater, which underwent a radical name change in 2001. It is one of the few places where you can listen to your favorite bands and not be stuck in a seat, as many prefer sitting on the hill with



The best place to see an outdoor concert? Readers picked DTE Energy Theater

friends to up-close concert seating. Still, who doesn't prefer the old name Pine Knob? Who ever heard of naming a show venue after your electric bill?

Runners up: Meadow Brook, Freedom Hill

■ **Best place to buy a musical instrument and learn to play it**

Evola Music - This piano-organ-band instrument store is big on instruction. Our whole premise is we don't think we can ask you to purchase a piano from us unless we can teach you how to play it," explained owner Jim Evola

Runners up: Hammel Music, Music Plus

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Big screen

Coen brothers' 'The Ladykillers' eventually runs out of steam

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
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The Ladykillers looks like a Coen brothers movie, with its inventive camera angles and magical imagery from Roger Deakins, the genius cinematographer who also shot the Coens' *Fargo*, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and *The Man Who Wasn't There*, among many others. It sounds like a Coen brothers movie,

with the lyrical cadence of its dialogue and a soundtrack of gospel songs collected by producer T Bone Burnett, who gave *O Brother* a similarly rootsy, Southern feel.

And, unfortunately, it runs out of steam after about an hour like the last Coen brothers movie, *Intolerable Cruelty*.

Until then, this remake of the 1955 comedy caper starring Alec Guinness is wacky, quirky, and has a terrifically twisted eye for detail.

Tom Hanks, playing his first truly bad bad guy, is a marvelous mixture of Foghorn Leghorn and Sideshow Bob as the pretentious leader of a gang of thieves who use an elderly woman's cellar to tunnel into a casino vault.

Hollywood's perennial nice guy has played flawed characters in other films — including *A League of Their Own* and *Road to Perdition* — but they weren't evil to the core. There was always hope for redemption.

"Madame, you are addressing a man who is quiet and yet not quiet," he promises Mrs. Marva Munson (Irma P. Hall), the kind, churchgoing widow from whom he rents a room on a tranquil street in a small Mississippi town.

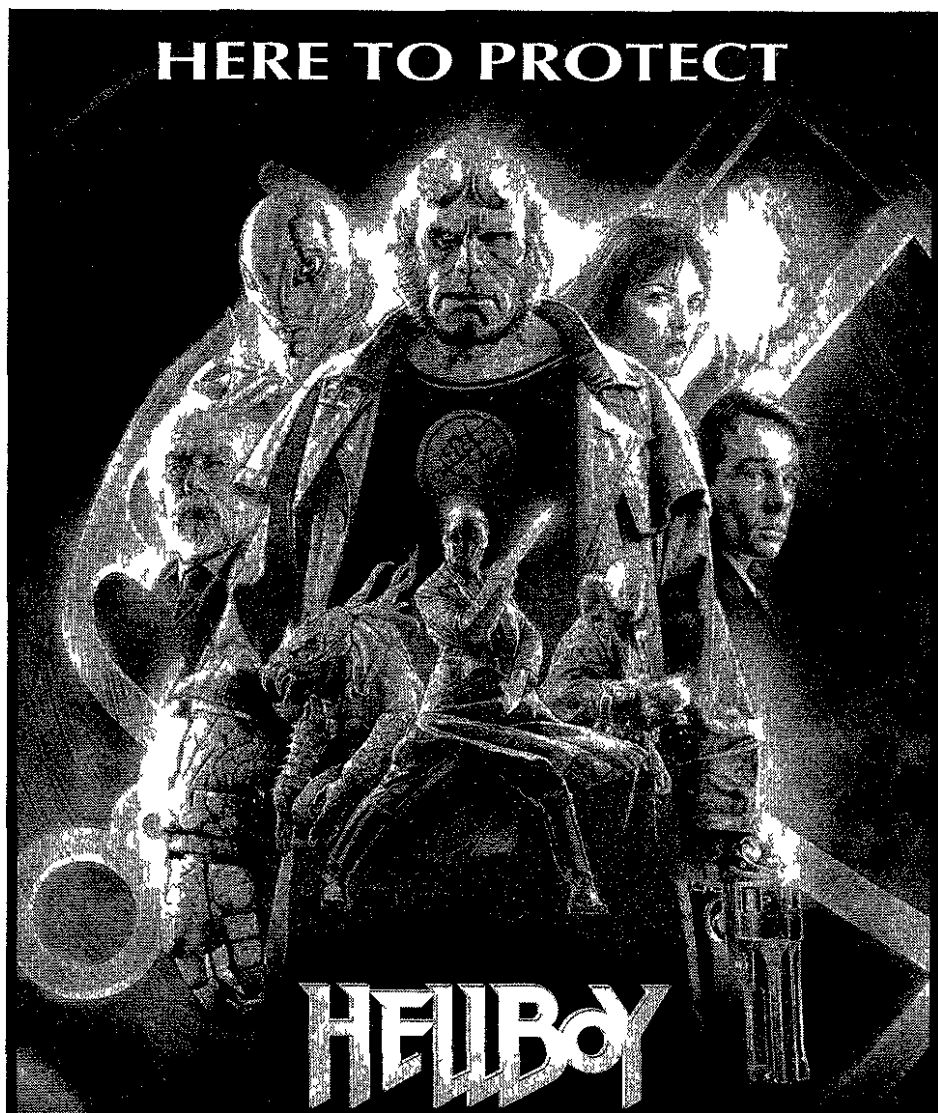
It's a performance that moviegoers will either embrace unabashedly or reject wholly as being too mannered and self-conscious, though it's a perfect fit for Joel and Ethan Coen, who wrote, directed and produced the film.

Hall avoids caricature and shows real poignancy as the feisty landlady, who proves herself to be a far more formidable adversary than she initially appeared.

Professor Dorr (Hanks) has told Mrs. Munson that he'd like to invite the members of his band over to practice church music in the cellar, but these guys are really his partners in crime.

It's a promising premise, but like *Intolerable Cruelty* — in which George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones married and manipulated each other in a tediously repetitive cycle — the film's main joke gets old.

The Ladykillers, a Touchstone Pictures release, runs 104 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.



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Small screen

Film paints realistic portrait of legendary artist

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Released in 2002 *Frida* is the biopic of Frida Kahlo, a very well regarded artist in her own right but perhaps equally famous for her tempestuous relationship with fellow artist Diego Rivera

Frida is played by Salma Hayek in a

performance that breaks her completely out of the 'just another pretty face' mold, and Rivera known best for his murals and his world class womanizing (despite being a profoundly unattractive specimen of humanity) is played by Alfred Molina

What you will like or not like about this film is that there really isn't much of a story or plot here. It is, after all a

woman's life, and our lives rarely fit snugly into two-hour increments for the edification and entertainment of moviegoers. Instead, what the film tries to do is to present the distilled essence of who Frida Kahlo was, both in a realistic and an artistic sense.

Given that, the centerpiece of the film, oddly enough, occurs very early in the

film, just as it occurred early in Frida's life. As a teenager, Frida was involved in a horrific traffic accident that put her in a complete body cast for months. The rest of her life would be spent in some degree of pain or discomfort, but the forced inactivity

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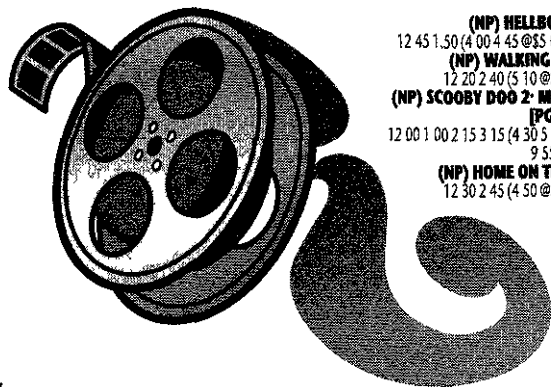
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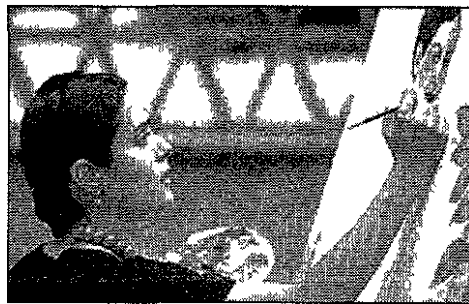
FRIDA

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during the process of her recovery was what opened up the world of art to her and caused her to devote the rest of her life to it

CIRCULAR MOTIF

Like some other films of a more artistic inclination (e.g. *Citizen Kane* or *La Strada*), *Frida* utilizes a circular motif to tell the film's story. It begins, intriguingly enough, with an older yet beautifully attired Frida



Salma Hayek stars as Frida Kahlo in 'Frida'

being carted somewhere in the back of a truck, still in her bed. Where is she going? How did she come to be there in the first place? Well, all of that is revealed at the

film's end as we are brought back to where we started.

The film is elegantly and cleverly directed by Julie Taymor and is especially notable for the traffic accident sequence and the animation done by the Cray Brothers, which lends an appropriately surreal feel to Frida's initial hours in the hospital following the crash. Lush, vibrant color is used throughout, the music is terrific, and the film also includes what amounts to cameo appearances by Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas and Geoffrey Rush as none other than Leon Trotsky (who fled to Mexico to try and avoid Communist assassins and found time for a fling with Frida).

All in all, you will enjoy this film if you enjoy character studies and you tend to view film as more of an art form and less as simply entertainment. If you like a tightly wound plot and you're suspicious of directorial flourishes because you feel they get in the way of the story, then you might find the film a little frustrating and wonder exactly where it's going. Where it's going is, in fact, where it started, because this is not a film that's about where you end up, but rather, what you learned along the way.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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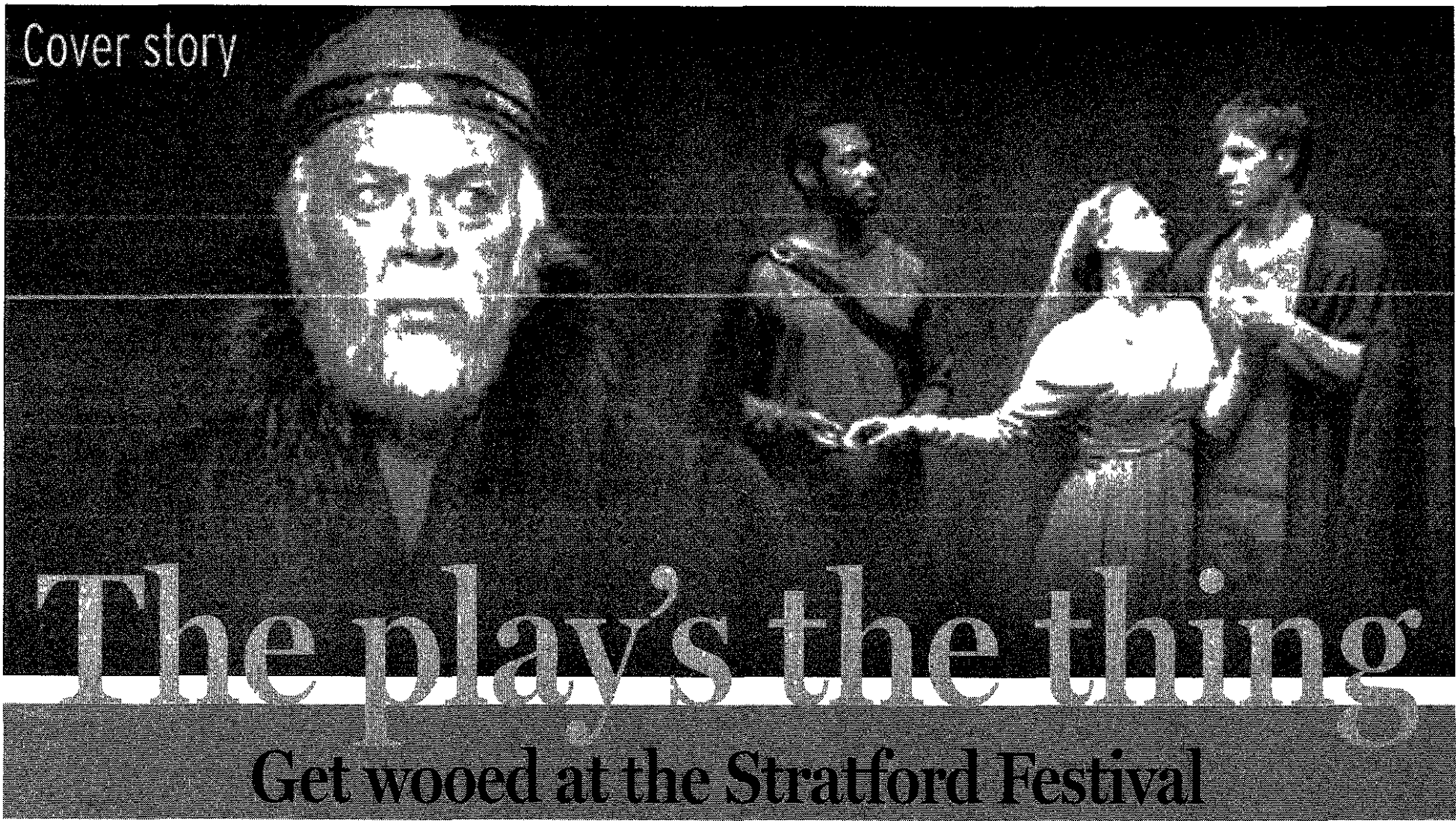
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The play's the thing

Get wooed at the Stratford Festival

Timon of Athens, Cymbeline and King John – now that's some serious Shakespeare. The three dramas, not often seen on the stage, are set to run at this year's Stratford Festival, opening April 17 in Ontario, Canada.

The world-renowned festival runs through Nov 7.

All of these plays are great plays because they're written by a genius," said Richard Monette, who's in his 11th season as artistic director. "You can't go wrong with Shakespeare."

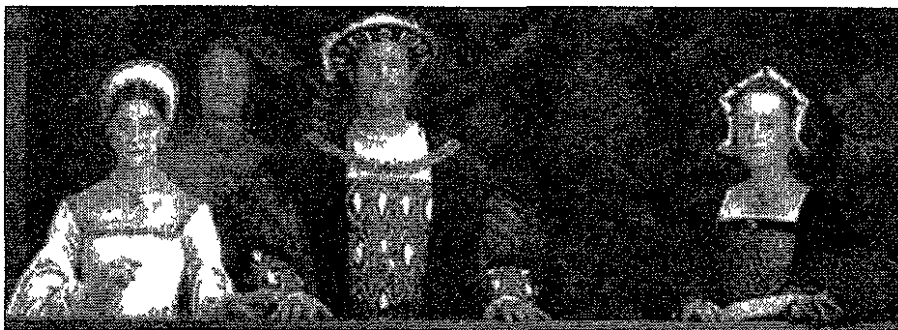
Showcasing the bard's lesser-known works – which is part of Monette's larger mission to stage every one of the master dramatist's plays at the Stratford Festival – not only keeps the playbill fresh, but also deepens theatergoers' experience of Shakespearean drama, he said.

"All the plays interconnect and refract against each other," Monette said, adding, "We're one more show away from doing them all."

Also slated this year are three of Shakespeare's more popular works, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Macbeth* and *King Henry VIII*.

The Stratford Festival, which was founded in 1952, is a repertory theater program, which means productions are performed on a rotating basis, so a variety of plays can be staged within a single season.

Among the popular musicals scheduled for the 2004 season are *Guys and*



Above: *King Henry VII (All is True)* debuts in August at the Festival Theatre. Top, '*Cymbeline*' starts in June at the Tom Patterson Theatre.

PLAYBILL

What: 2004 Stratford Festival of Canada

When: Opens Saturday April 17 and runs through Sunday, Nov 7, performance schedules rotate and date/times vary. No performances on Mondays.

Where: Stratford in Ontario, Canada, about 2½ hours from Detroit.

Dolls and *Anything Goes*, which is set to music by Cole Porter.

In total, 704 shows are scheduled to run and more than 150 actors are preparing to perform at the Stratford Festival.

Tickets: Cost varies according to show and time of year. Group, family and special package prices available, discounts for students, seniors, early orders and preview shows. All prices in Canadian dollars. Average ticket is \$55, call (800) 567-1600 or visit www.stratfordfestival.ca.

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King Henry VIII (All is True), Aug 14-Oct 29 opens Aug 22

■ Avon Theatre

The Count of Monte Cristo, May 6-Oct 30, opens June 2

Anything Goes, May 8-Oct 31 opens June 6

Noises Off, June 5-Oct 30, opens July 1

■ Tom Patterson Theatre

Timon of Athens, May 6-Sept 25 opens June 5

Cymbeline, June 27-Sept 26 opens July 15

King John, Aug 6-Sept 24, opens Aug 20

■ Studio Theatre

The Triumph of Love, June 23-Sept 25, opens June 30

The Swanee Queen Victoria (The Seduction of Nemesis), Aug 11-Sept 26 opens Aug 19

The Elephant Song and *The Human Voice* (double bill), July 22-Sept 26 opens Aug 21

PLEASE SEE STRATFORD, E9

Onstage

'The Lion King' sets up his lair

Stay clear of the savanna, *The Lion King* has finally arrived

The award-winning Broadway musical, based on the Disney film, opens today and runs through May 30 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit

Playing Mufasa, known as The Lion King, is Thomas Corey Robinson

"When I first saw the show, the minute I saw Mufasa, I wanted to play him," said Robinson of Los Angeles "But it's the story that really impacted me. This notion that it takes the whole community to raise an individual."

If you don't know the story, Mufasa is *The Lion King*, and his son Simba, the heir to the throne. That's until Mufasa's brother kills The Lion King and drives the young cub away from the pride. In the jungle, Simba, along with lots of help from the community, grows up to become a lion strong enough to regain his inherited post and be a leader

PERSONAL STORY

For Robinson, who lost his father while attending college, the story is a personal one.

"I relate to Simba and having to learn that, although my father is not with me physically, he will always be with me spiritually

Likewise, Robinson, who grew up in a religious family in South Carolina, based his portrayal of Mufasa on his own father

"My father really was my Mufasa. He was a very big, muscular, strict disciplinarian. And he made sure that me and my eight other brothers and three sisters grew up to be responsible adults

But the stage version of *The Lion King*, which earned six Tony awards including Best Musical, has more to offer than a mere noble tale

Choreography by Garth Fagan, and innovative costuming brings to light other, more sophisticated themes, including the ways in which the animal world and human existence are similar



MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

Lions come to life in human form in *The Lion King*, making its Detroit run at the Masonic Temple

ROAR

What: *The Lion King*

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Opens today continues through May 30

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The film is a literal medium, whereas the stage is a poetic one, said Robinson "We allow the audience to fill in the lines

Fagan's choreography especially has been praised for bringing to life the show's cast of animal characters while managing to preserve the human element

"His dances are so beautiful and so animal-like, but they still convey the human aspect

you will see plays that you will not ordinarily see. Artistically, it allows us to do plays that we couldn't risk on the larger stage"

Other activities include free public readings of scripts under development at Stratford, musical performances by festival singers and musicians, theater classes, hands-on activities for children, talks and readings by acclaimed authors, lectures about the festival and productions, and the always-popular backstage and costume warehouse tours

"It's a spectrum of work and events," said Monette "But Stratford also is just a place to spend some quality time and reflect. New York has some wonderful theater, but often when you leave the show, life is more dramatic on the street"

STRATFORD

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ular productions

In contrast, the Tom Patterson Theatre has a capacity of 487, and the Studio Theatre, Stratford's newest performance space, seats just 260

Several plays are going up inside the more intimate Studio Theatre this season including *The Human Voice*, a one-act by celebrated French filmmaker Jean Cocteau, and *The Elephant Song*, a new play by a 25-year-old Canadian playwright

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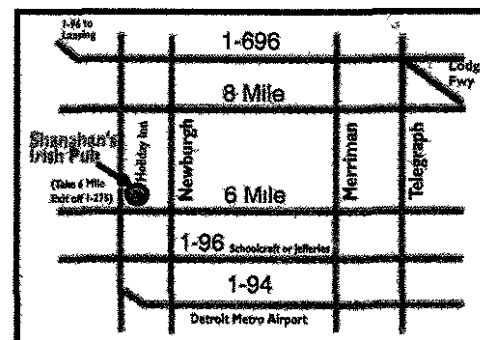
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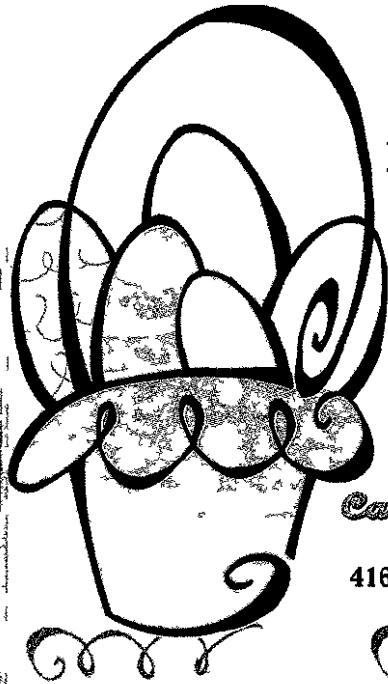


Table hopping

On the B

Dine New Orleans style minus the p

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

With the building painted bright corn yellow and the door painted purple, representing the regal colors of New Orleans, the multi-hued sign announces Orleans Grill

This location at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Pontiac Trail has been home to a number of eateries. None, however, as in-tune with location, niche marketing and a fun concept with emphasis on a popular food style

"New Orleans style needs a special location," said 33-year-old New Orleans Grill owner Steve Zimmerla. "People in the greater Birmingham and West Bloomfield area are well traveled. They know authentic food styles. Nobody in this area has attempted a chop house with a New Orleans flair."

Zimmerla, a Michigander who worked in his family's Florida restaurants, has chosen Brennan's on Royal Street, in the heart of the New Orleans French Quarter, as his industry role model. Not only for food but interior design.

Beginning in July 2003, Zimmerla built sweat equity as he tore down walls inside the structure to create a more open feel with a New Orleans street scene in the main dining area.

Doing much of his own work, he created the typical New Orleans courtyard feel in another dining room off the bar (where smoking is allowed). Adding a twist, this room also showcases the open kitchen, and in warm weather, it will open to the building's porch area.

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Scott runs a housemade-from-sc seafood section on the menu is a na ever-changing," she said. "In addit changes, there are so many varietie niques.

"My aim is to take basic steaks, cl and give them a New Orleans flavo. I like to be involved in opening a re beginning, Steve [Zimmerla] and I Orleans Grill concept is viable and

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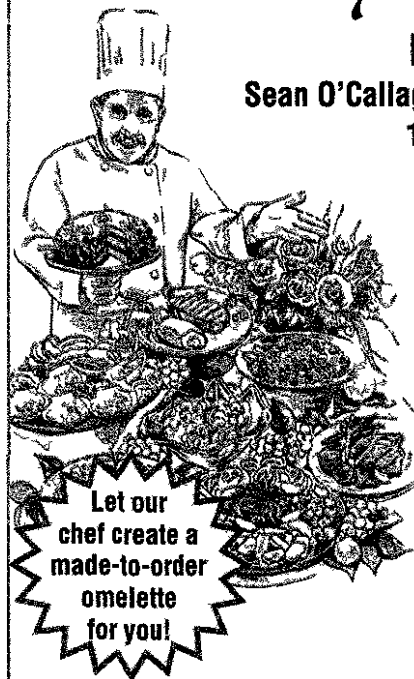


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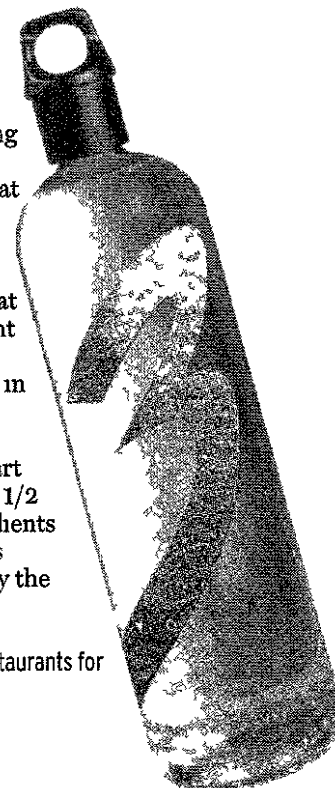
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The gallery is among the more 30 metropolitan Detroit venues participating in this year's Michigan Glass Month. In its 24th year, the program runs the entire month of April and features special exhibitions, glass-making demonstrations, lectures and artist visits

Showing at the Epstein Gallery is *Scaled to Perfection: The Art of Jon Kuhn*, which features

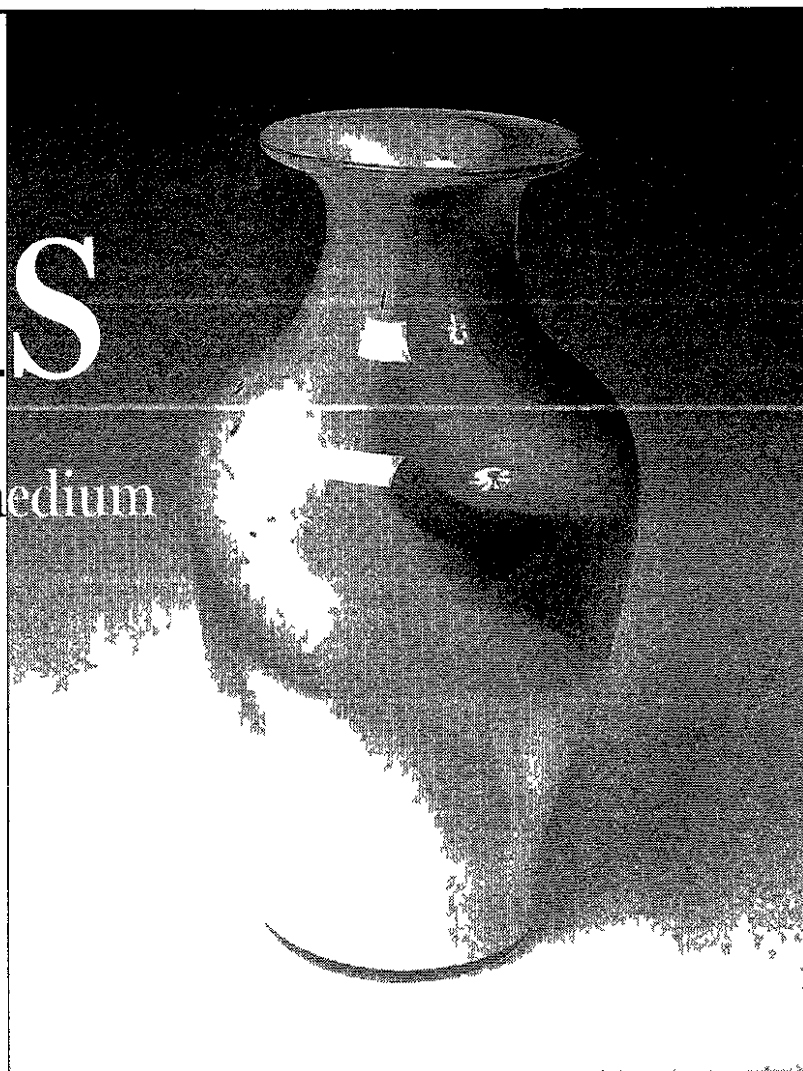
20 of the well-known artist's works. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the White House have exhibited Kuhn's work

"He is one of the leading artists working in laminated glass in the United States today," said Freilich

In addition, the gallery plans to present an exhibit of work by students and alumni of Detroit's College for Creative Studies

"It is one of our most popular events," Freilich said of the gallery's glass month activities, which both run April 4 to May 25

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Avenue Gallery – The home of Thomas Kinkade. You've seen his paintings, fairytale-like villages that make you feel safe. Avenue Gallery is also home to Howard Behrens, who paints scenic views of Italy. You can also find Kinkade trinkets at the gallery, including calendars and holiday ornaments.

Runners up David Klein and Park West Galleries

David Klein is friendly and willing to help browsers. You'll feel comfortable here. He specializes in American and European contemporary and 20th-century paintings and sculpture.

If you're looking to be anonymous and lose yourself in a gallery, visit Park West, it's huge. Park West offers originals and prints from contemporary artists.

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Art Leaders Gallery provides art for many Fortune 500 companies. It also specializes in preservation and memorabilia framing. Bonnie Mansour opened Art Leaders in 1992. The gallery represents big names like Royo – the Spanish artist – considered one of the nation's most collectible artists. She also carries works by Dr. Seuss – the late children's book author and illustrator whose secret paintings are nothing like his cartoons. The multi-level, 4,500-square-foot gallery launches its Web site this week. www.artleaders.com



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HABATAT GALLERIES

For the Habatat Galleries in Birmingham, Royal Oak and Pontiac, this year's Michigan Glass Month marks its 32nd International Glass Invitational program

The show, which runs April 1 through May 1 in all three gallery spaces, features 80 artists representing 18 countries. Opening reception activities are slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

Usually the artists submit their latest pieces, but this year they are just sending in their greatest works regardless of when they were created," said Ferdinand Hampson, president of Habatat Galleries.

In addition to the invitational works, Habatat plans to show off other glass pieces throughout its galleries. The Pontiac space, for example, will feature 200 pieces from the '70s in a show called *Glass from the Past*.

"It's pretty wild, I don't think there's been that many pieces from the '70s ever assembled," said Hampson.

Still, the growing popularity of glass art probably gets its vigor from the present, not the past.

Unquestionably, it's the hottest type of material for artists to work with, said Hampson. It captures people's imagination because there's an application of science and technology now that we didn't have before. Artists are able to make objects that we've never seen before. It's put a wonderful edge on contemporary art.

HOT MOLTEN

What: Michigan Glass Month featuring exhibits, glass making demonstrations and artist lectures at more than 30 galleries and art centers across metro Detroit.

When: Month of April. Schedules vary by venue. See Web site for complete listing of all events or pick up a brochure at a participating venue.

Where: Participants include the Ann Arbor Art Center, Habatat Galleries in Birmingham, Royal Oak and Pontiac, the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery (Jewish Community Center) in West Bloomfield, York Street Glassworks in Plymouth and College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Information: Visit www.reedonline.com/glass/mgm/

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Fri 4/2 8 pm

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Haydn Piano Sonata in C Major Hob. XVI/50 (1794-95)
Schubert Fantasy in C Major D. 760 ("Wanderer Fantasy") (1822)
Tan Dun Eight Memories in Watercolor Op. 1
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Mozart Sonata in B-flat Major, K. 281 (1781)
Mozart Sonata in E-flat Major, K. 282 (1781)
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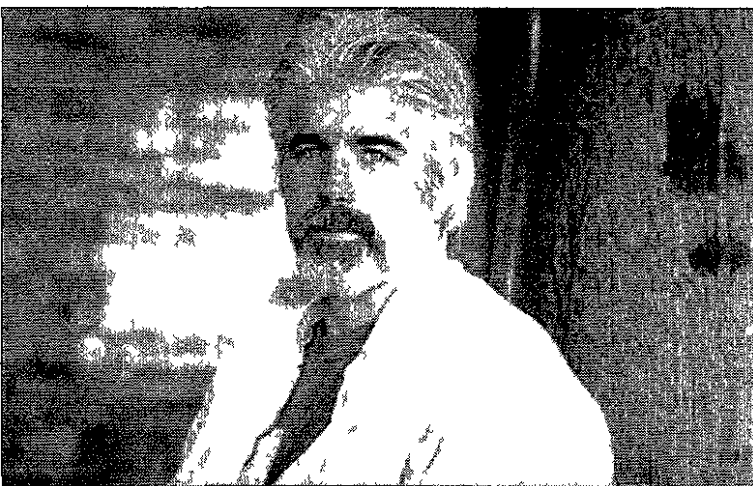
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FILM

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The Magic Bag

Wednesday Night Brew & View doors open 8 p.m. film 9:30 p.m. *Eurotrip* Wednesday April 7 \$2 21 and over 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 544-3030 www.themagicbag.com

Uptown Birmingham 8

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Film Wrap

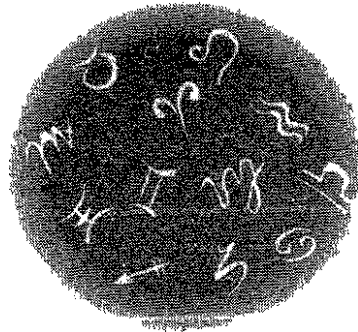
With Ray MacDonald the last Friday of each month 9:11 p.m. at the Scarab Club 217 Farnsworth Detroit Discussion of the month's film showing at the Detroit Film Theatre Donation \$5 (313) 831-1250

Horoscope



Star Struck

(April 1-April 3)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your only astro danger now is that you'll allow yourself to be misled by someone who sounds as if they know what they're talking about. The problem with being such a can-do person is that you think everyone else can do as well as you. Aries honey, they can't!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Be careful not to take your personal insecurities out on someone who has enough of their own. As Monday's full moon arrives, you are likely to overreact to a suggestion or comment and jeopardize a good relationship. Patience and understanding will get you where you want to go.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

This promises to be an excellent month as Venus, planet of diplomacy and harmony, moves into your birth sign, where it will remain until early next month. You're likely to encounter some tears and separations from buds or family now, but just enjoy the wild blue yonder of new!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Are other folks so difficult to deal with right now or is it just you? According to the planets, it's more likely to be the latter, so stop blaming others for your predicament and start looking for ways to get yourself out of it. You're very intuitive this month. Follow your gut feelings. Moon Child.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Your I know it all nature may lead you into shark-infested waters over the coming days unless you keep your wits about you and your freewheeling tendencies under control. There is nothing wrong with wanting more money, just be sure that your instincts are pointing you in the right direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Lately, your patience has been testy at best and this weekend it could reach a new low, as you have to deal with people who seem incapable of making up their minds. If you have to make decisions for them, make sure you slant them in your favor, kiddo. Winter has been bone-chilling for you, spring is just around the corner.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You can't succeed at everything like you used to—you must decide which area of your life requires special attention at this time. With Venus, your ruling planet, changing signs this weekend, you must shift gears and look at family matters, age responsibilities realistically. You'll be happy that you did.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)

Whatever negative feelings about old friends or family you've been storing up inside must be let out this week. With any luck, you'll discover a constructive outlet for them, something that doesn't harm you or others. But if that's not possible, a battle is inevitable. Scorpio, be cool, not crass.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You can chip away at a financial problem for only so long before it must be tackled head-on. With no shortage of ideas on how to resolve the issue, you'll need to identify those with potential and who are honest and helpful, and those who are unrealistic or opportunistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Try to stay on good terms with colleagues now, even to the extent of avoiding them if they're spoiling for a fight (or you want to cause one). The planetary problem isn't so much what they might do as what you might do in retaliation. Be a smoothy, not a scratcher.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

There is no point in overtaxing yourself with so many commitments that you end up doing none of them properly and feeling exhausted. Use the next few days to discard things that are neither worthwhile nor pleasurable. Others will benefit, too, if you look after yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

The frantic pace of your recent birthday season is over for another year, so do what has to be done now, then give yourself permission to relax and enjoy! That applies as much to your personal affairs as it does to business activities. If things are loony now, blame it on the full moon.

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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.

Show

The last time **The Unicorns** were in town, hmmm, like two months ago, they played to an absolutely packed Lager House crowd. The three Canadians return this time to the Magic Stick to promote the stand-up and pay attention *Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone?* where there is more possibility to actually catch a glimpse of the intelligent, quirky pop band in action. These guys are absolutely fantastic, electrical currency housed in human form—they will blow your socks off. Just go see them, OK?

The Unicorns will play Monday at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. Cover is \$10. All ages. For more info, call (313) 833-9700.

For more on the band, check out <http://theunicorns.net>.

Local

Detroit's first folkstress **Audra Kubat** will celebrate the release of her first 45 rpm record, *Georgia*, with a special show at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Later that night, catch a short set at the Afterglow Dance Party with Danny Dollrod and guests: LJs, Johnny Hench, DJ Hawk (of the Waxwings), every one's favorite scene-steers Dave & Dion, and Freddie Fortun. The Garden Bowl. For more info, visit <http://www.audrakubat.com> or call 1 (800) 700-2437.



The Unicorns are a dastardly bunch.

Oh, **Tower Records**, how those of us who work three blocks from you will miss you on long summer lunch breaks. The Birmingham store announced last week it was closing its doors for good on Sunday. If you're looking for a record store to fill the hole, this will leave behind many humbly suggest the following independent stores: **Young Soul Rebels**, 4152 Woodward Ave.; Detroit **Rock-A-Billy's**, 8411 Hall Road, Utica; **Neptune Records**, 412 E. 4th St., Royal Oak; and **Record Time**, 262 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. For more independent retailers, check out <http://www.detroitmusicretailers.com> or the next time you plan to hit up a big box store, open up a phone book. Local music stores are awesome, even if the help is a bit intimidating.

Album

Whatever it is that allows bands in England to be huge and not even make an impression on the American public is beyond me. Millions of PR dollars have been put into breaking bands into American pop culture. Articles constantly pop up in mainstream music magazines heralding this band or that. The Next Big Thing! and the bands may end up selling 30,000 records. Whether it's the buzz or the different musical palate, Americans love a topic for another story. But here is a little secret: When you are making good music, sales mean nothing.

So if you haven't heard of art-wave quartet **Franz Ferdinand** (yes, named after the famous dignitary whose assassination sparked WWI), perhaps you should become acquainted. Its second single and first album went to the top of the charts in England days later; they signed a reportedly huge contract with Epic Records. Let me be the first to say: The hipster word of 2004 will be *superfantastisch*. Their recipe: Heaping cups of The Cure, The Clash, The Who, and The Strokes, a dash of odd influences (Did I hear a Nirvana riff in there?), two pinches of snarl and shake in some disco base lines.

The band's self-titled first full-length debut was released at the beginning of the month. It would be a black pinstripe suit, skinny white tie, and feathered hat. Smart. Stylish.

Current single *Darts of Pleasure* rocks a disco beat, fuzz pedal, and gritty garage rock glamour. During *Take Me Out*, the band goes from a Cure base to a try to stay standing still, build up, before finally letting loose to a full-out swing your hips riot. Ah, the perfect song for pre-party drinking.

The band won't be in Detroit until June, until then, check out its official Web site at <http://www.franzferdinand.co.uk>. The album is available at local stores now.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. 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.

ART

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the student in need of drafting supplies. It also has a big crafts department for hobby or professional purposes.

Runners-up: Millers Artist Supplies Co., Utrecht Art Supplies

■ Best place to have something framed: Frames Unlimited - Frames

Unlimited is a family-owned business with headquarters in Grand Rapids and 40 locations throughout the area. Dorothy Zimdar founded Frames Unlimited more than 30 years ago. It's known for its quality frames, framed art and giftware such as vases or pretty, jeweled desk frames.

Runners up: Frameworks, Michael's

■ Best original jewelry

Mettal Studios Ltd, 534 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 258-8818

Readers voted for Mettal Studios in Birmingham as their favorite jeweler. Perhaps it's because co-owners Cary Stefani and Patrick Irla have art backgrounds.

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"We work with clients from start to finish," Stefani said. "The communication means the client knows exactly what they're getting, it makes the whole experience more meaningful."

Runners-up: The Gem Cellar, Yankee Designs, Innovative Jewelers

■ Best fine arts organization

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center - Founded in 1957, the non-profit Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is a regional center that offers classes for adults, teenagers and children.

The BBAC also features work from students, faculty and community groups, and national touring exhibitions. Workshops, tours, summer art camp, lectures, fairs and a variety of special events are also offered.

Runners up: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, tie between Plymouth Community Arts Council and Farmington Area Arts Council

■ Best art festival

Winter: Sugarloaf Art Fair
Spring: Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Fair

Summer: Ann Arbor Art Fairs
Fall: Rochester Arts & Apples
Hands-down, readers like Sugarloaf for the best winter art fair. Birmingham-Fine Art Festival kicks off the spring/summer season May 8-9 at Shan Park in Birmingham.

Ann Arbor Art Fairs are the biggest art fairs of the summer, and Rochester's Arts & Apples helps create that cozy Michigan autumn feeling.



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