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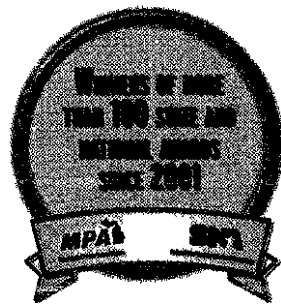
Nurses' choice State Sen Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, was named the first Legislator of the Year by



the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners. The award was presented to Patterson for his hard work and dedication discussing and implementing policies concerning the medical field. He received the award at the council's annual clinical conference. "I am humbled and honored to be the first legislator presented with this great award," Patterson said. "Affordable and accessible health care continues to remain my top priority. I'm glad the council recognizes my commitment to that goal."

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Ryan recommends fall bond issue

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Voters living in the Plymouth-Canton school district could be asked this fall to approve \$112.5 million in bonds to, in part, construct a new middle school in Canton. In a letter to the Board of Education, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan suggests trustees consider holding a late September or early October bond election to include an elementary school that can hold

'I think we have to look at the viability of a new middle school.'

Mark Slavens school board vice president

750 students, \$91 million to attack a "needs" list of work needed at school buildings, which was recently revealed by a bond steering committee, and more than \$7.8 million to install air conditioning in

buildings that don't have air. Ryan is also recommending the renewal of the 18-mill non-homestead millage for five years, which generates \$27 million for the district. As for the construction of a new middle school, Ryan is suggesting the board hold off on a bond issue relating to Central Middle School for two years, after which he recommends a bond issue that would pay to construct a new middle school in Canton, as well as for relocation of the Starkweather (adult education) and Tanger (special

education) programs. Ryan, in his letter, is also recommending the district seek approval from voters for a sinking fund millage. He said a half mill would generate \$2 million a year to pay for district-wide renovations. Board Vice President Mark Slavens said he'd like to see the fall ballot issue include Central Middle School, but as a separate ballot question. "I think we have to look at the viability of a new middle school," said Slavens. "While 75 percent of our

school population is in Canton, four of the five middle schools are in Plymouth. It makes a lot of sense educationally, and it would cut down on transportation costs." Slavens said he's concerned about spending an estimated \$19 million to renovate Central for other educational uses. "I have not heard any reason, yet, to spend \$19 million on Central Middle School," Slavens said. "Boards have continued to put more money into that

PLEASE SEE BOND, A3



Dennis Dascenzo gave up suits and the corporate life and opened a Jimmy John's sub shop

Sandwich lover buys the store

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Dennis Dascenzo loves Jimmy John's sandwiches. So much so that he decided to buy one. No, not just the Big John roast beef, or the Sorry Charlie tuna salad. "He's nuts about them," said his son, Brian. "He likes the subs so much he decided to buy his own store." Dascenzo opened the new gourmet sandwich shop on Penniman Avenue, next to the Penn Theatre, in February. And, it's been good venture. "This is definitely the right spot," said Dascenzo, 52, of Plymouth Township. "The business people during lunch time, the residents at night, have been

PLEASE SEE STORE, A5

York Street closed for safety concerns

The City of Plymouth's paving contractor began work April 7 on the long planned closure of the York Street railroad crossing. The permanent closure of the street create vehicle turnaround areas on both the north and south side of the tracks. York Street had been ordered closed by the Michigan Department of Transportation, for safety reasons, said City Manager Paul Sincock. Track crossings will still be available at Holbrook, Mill and Starkweather streets. As the paving contractor begins work, parking will be limited on both sides of York near the railroad crossing. Residents and businesses in the area should be advised of the limited on-street parking in the area during construction. The project is being funded by the state, CSX Railroad and the city of Plymouth. Once the construction is completed, the crossing will be permanently closed to vehicle traffic. Residents with questions should contact the Plymouth Department of Municipal Services at (734) 453-7737.

State of the community a mixed bag

Plymouth Township and city officials served up news, good and bad, over eggs and sausage Wednesday morning at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce state of the community breakfast. "The federal government is giving the state less, and the state is giving the counties and local communities less," said Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, to officials and Chamber of Commerce members from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Wayne County. "We struggle all the time to get our share of the money." Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, in an effort to deal with shrinking revenue, has proposed regionalizing programs, Bankes said. "If he wants to start talking about programs that increase efficiency with what we're already doing, that's one thing," Bankes said, but added what she does not want to see is her constituent communities of Plymouth



Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes

and Plymouth Township, Livonia, Northville and Northville Township, become even greater contributors to county programs. "We generate a lot of money in these communities - a disproportionate amount of money. The last thing we want to do is to be a bigger donor to the rest of Wayne County," she said. The newly created Wayne County Health Authority, on which the Conference of Western Wayne County

is not likely to be represented, is one example of regionalization which does not well serve the suburbs. "Forget it. Never ever commingle your money with the city of Detroit." The good and bad news, from the county and the state has to do with road improvement projects, Bankes said. "There is a lot of road construction going on this year. You're going to be more inconvenienced than ever before," she said. "The good news is they're putting more money into your district. And the bad news is they're putting more money into your district." Of the four entities, Plymouth Township, with its growing fund balance and building boom, was the envy of the schools and the city, noted Bankes. "We've weathered the storm in difficult fiscal times, and will contribute another \$200,000 to our fund

PLEASE SEE COMMUNITY, A6

Plymouth to receive federal funds for road project

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth is in line to receive \$500,000 in federal highway money to reconstruct Auburn Street. The U.S. House of Representatives last week passed a \$275 billion transportation bill, which includes a number of special projects for lawmakers' home districts, including that of Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. City Manager Paul Sincock said he's been working with McCotter's office for the

past several months. "This is certainly great news," said Sincock. "They called and asked for information on any projects we weren't able to complete, and Auburn Street has been on the drawing board. "We do have preliminary plans for Auburn Street, which is part of our long-term paving program," he said. Sincock said the blueprint calls for the installation of a new water main and the rebuilding of Auburn between Penniman and Junction. "We haven't received all the

data from the federal government, so I doubt we'll be able to complete Auburn this year," he said. "Certainly the federal government is realizing there are a lot of things happening on the local level, and their involvement is important," Sincock said. "The local level of government is where the rubber meets the road, the reach-out-and-touch me level of government. This is an opportunity for the federal government to reach out and help its citizens. The House bill will provide

Michigan with more than \$6 billion in federal funds to build roads, bridges, and other transportation projects over the next six years. The differences between the House and Senate versions of the highway bill will be worked out in conference. "While we must still continue to fight for more funding equity, this bill will provide federal dollars for Michigan's critical transportation needs, and will promote vital employment opportunities," said McCotter. tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

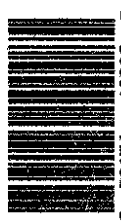
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Rhetoric heats up over deregulating electricity

DTE Energy is aggressively campaigning against a state law that deregulated the electricity market in 2000, suggesting it will ultimately result in much higher rates for residential and small business customers and plunge the utility into bankruptcy.

DTE is the state's largest electricity provider, serving 2.1 million customers in southeast Michigan. DTE Chairman Anthony Earley says the company has lost 17 percent of its customer base and suffered an 18-percent decline in earnings in the last year because of Public Act 141, also known as the Michigan Electric Choice Program.

Earley said the law has resulted in an unfair playing field, where out-of-state competitors can come in and "cherry pick" DTE's best customers. DTE has to offer rates fixed by the state, whereas alternative companies can offer whatever the market dictates, he said.

On the other side of the argument, a coalition of alternative energy providers and buyers, called the Customer Choice Coalition, says competition has led many companies and public entities to reap thousands of dollars in savings on their electric bills. They say the law should be left intact, so people continue to have a choice.

"Edison has lost more customers than other companies such as Consumers Energy. Why? They have higher rates," said Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer who represents the

DTE'S POSITION

The following list outlines DTE Energy's arguments against Public Act 141, also known as the Michigan Electric Choice Program, as it currently stands. Since the law was enacted in 2000, DTE has lost 17 percent of its customer base.

- Total deregulation could lead to a California-like electricity crisis with skyrocketing rates and common blackouts.

- The state Legislature should amend the law to create two side-by-side markets. One would be regulated and serve small residential and business customers who use less than one megawatt of power. The second market would be unregulated and open only to large commercial and industrial users.

- Companies shouldn't be able to jump back and forth between regulated and unregulated markets as prices fluctuate. In other words, if a DTE customer leaves for a new provider, they shouldn't be able to come back at the same regulated rate they paid before leaving.

- Law allows out-of-state energy providers to cherry-pick DTE's most profitable customers, which will only drive up rates for residential and small business customers.

coalition. "Someday DTE will have to step up to the plate and compete. If PA 141 is done away with, they will never be forced to compete."



DTE Energy CEO Tony Earley says electricity deregulation will lead to a 'California-like' energy crisis in Michigan.



Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer who represents the Customer Choice Coalition, discusses the advantages of deregulation of the market.

DTE's customers fall within three general categories: residential, large industrial users, such as the Ford Rouge Plant in Dearborn, and mid-size commercial operations. Michigan regulatory law ensures residential rates remain low.

The large industrial users have enough clout where they can keep rates low. That leaves the mid-size companies, which is where DTE makes most of its profit. These are the companies that have been targeted by the new providers, which include Kumball Electric, PowerOne, Premier Energy and Strategic Energy.

"Approximately 80 percent of our income comes from 20 percent of our customers," Earley said. "We're a fixed-cost

CCC'S POSITION

The following list outlines the Customer Choice Coalition's position on electricity deregulation in Michigan. The group represents alternative energy sellers and buyers, including Quest Energy, PowerOne, Nordic Electric, Meijer, Kent County and St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

- Against the state Legislature changing Public Act 141, otherwise known as the Michigan Electric Choice Program.

- Believes any changes to the law should be made by the Michigan Public Services Commission, which was created to address such issues.
- Supports full deregulation of the electricity market in Michigan, which means all electric customers could shop for energy alternatives, not just the largest customers as DTE has proposed.

- Competition will ultimately drive down the cost of electricity to consumers.

public entities that have already switched.

That list includes many school districts, including Livonia Public Schools, which has used alternative providers for the last two years and currently buys electricity from Lakeshore Energy Services, a subsidiary of the Oklahoma-based Seminole Energy Services. According to Director of Operations David Watson,

the district saved more than \$300,000 in the first year alone. "Obviously, it's a good thing financially for us, especially at a time when public education is faced with such trying financial times. Every dollar saved is a dollar we can use for something else," he said. "A couple hundred thousand dollars pays for four teachers."

DTE seems to have some sympathy in Lansing. State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, who chairs the Technology and Energy Committee, recently held a series of public hearings on the matter. In an earlier interview, he expressed doubts that deregulation has led to competition. "I'm not sure what we have is competition. I think we have something other than competition," he said.

Schneidewind, who is a former chairman of the state's Public Services Commission, believes the matter should be decided not by the Legislature but rather by the PSC, which is currently debating the issue. "The PSC is in the business to do this job and we should not tinker with it until they prove they can't do the job," he said. But Earley said the matter is an urgent one. He said the state needs to act, or risk running into a California-like energy crisis, where rates jump dramatically and blackouts are common. "I don't think this state is ready to go to a completely deregulated system where customers are vulnerable to the volatility of an open electricity market," he said.

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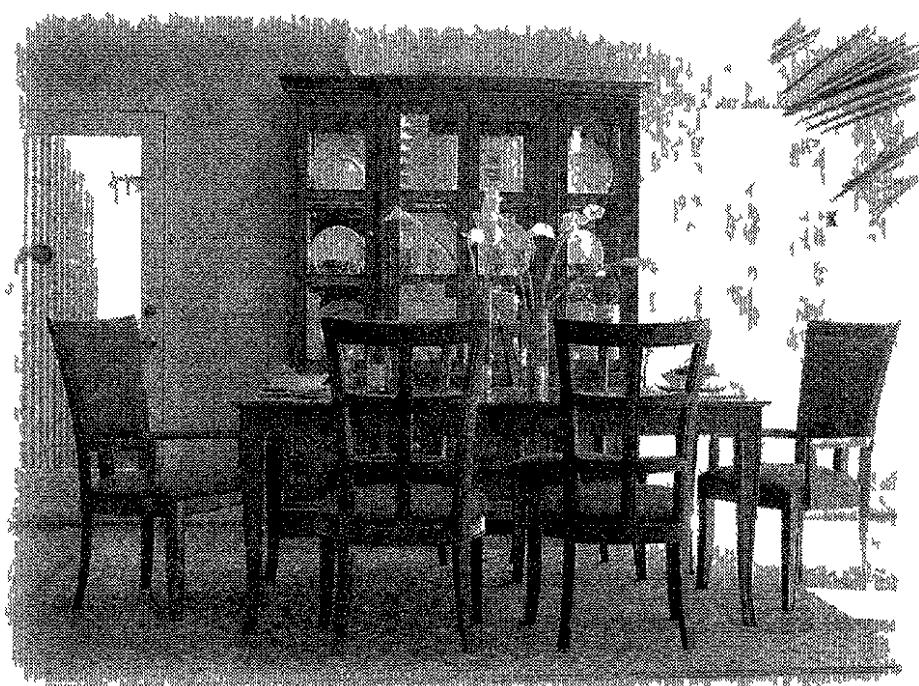
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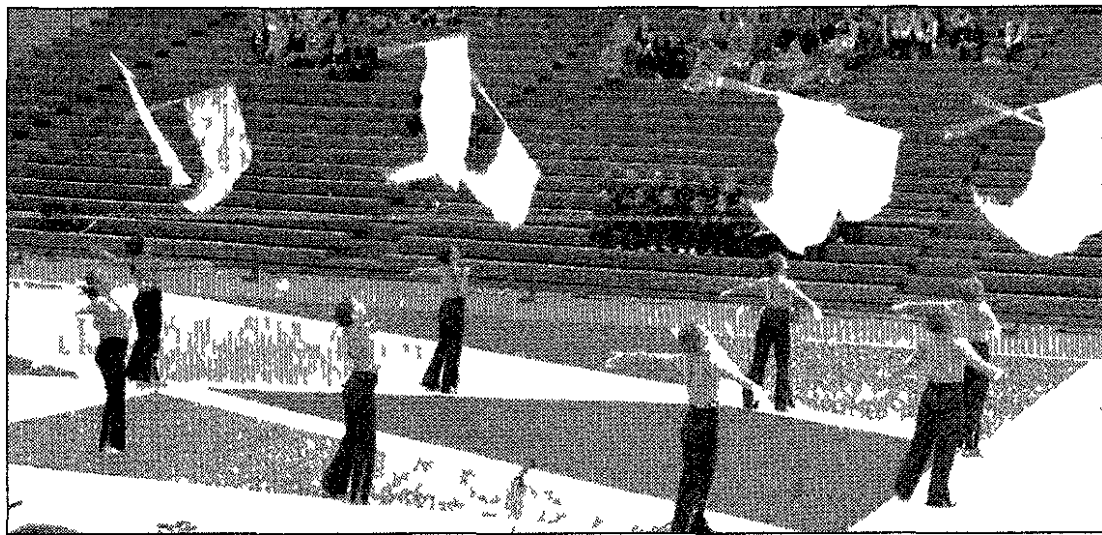
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Flags played a prominent role in the performance by the Plymouth Canton Winter Guard at the national championships

Guard takes gold in championships

The Plymouth Canton Winter Guard - students from Canton, Salem, and Plymouth high schools - took first place gold in the Independent A Class of the Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) State Championships April 3 at Saginaw Valley State University

The guard's performance, 'The State We're In,' received a winning score of 88.25, and was considered a spectacular combination of music and dance using flags, rifles, and sabers

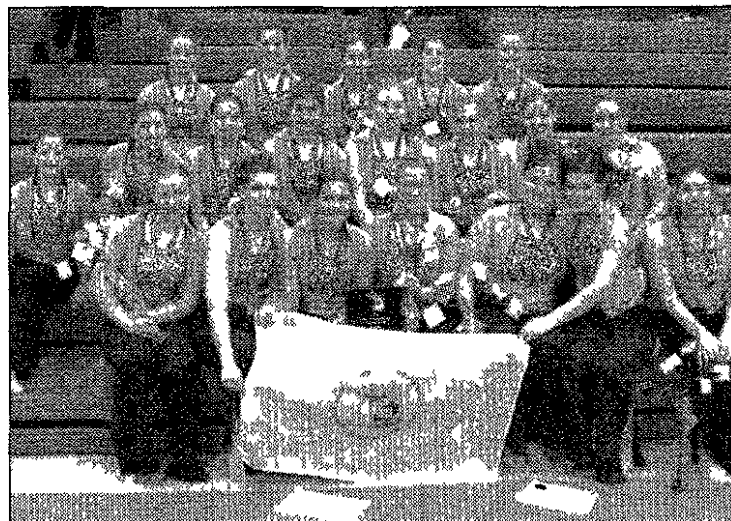
This first-year team has had a great season, as 13 of its 20 members are first-year guard, and the team competes in a class which includes college-aged members

The guard also took first in each of the three MCGC invitational outings in which it participated, and third in the Winter Guard International Regional Competition in Chesterton, IN, in early March

The young team has only two seniors - captains Joy Shanaberger and Rachel Nelson

They each have four years of guard experience and received Age-Out Certificates during the championships

Juniors include Lauren Berryman, Alyssa Cercon, Jennie Jansen, Danielle



The Plymouth Canton Winter Guard took first place gold in the Independent A Class of the Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) State Championships April 3

Palarchio, and Brittany Weiss, who received the 100 percent Club Member Certificate for her dedication, motivation, and positive attitude

Kelly Armbruster, Lauren Blackley, Dawn Bomay, Jessica Eimers, Liz Jadzack, Natahe Sutherland, and Jenna Volstromer are sophomores Freshmen include Sarah Cooper, Lyla Ellens, Deanna Koenig, Amanda Meggert-Pierce, Katie Mollenkamp, and Rosalyn Schloemer

Danielle Palarchio and Jessica Eimers received MCGC \$150 Scholarships that will be applied toward their future participation fees

as PCMB Color Guard members

The team will perform as the PCMB Color Guard that accompanies the award-winning P-CEP Marching Band, under the direction of Marc Whitlock

Head Coach Jennifer Leseth and her staff invite anyone who will be a Canton, Salem, or Plymouth High School student in the fall to attend the Color Guard workshops and auditions from 3:30-6 p.m. April 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, and 29 in the Plymouth High School band room

For more information, contact Leseth at (734) 582-5666 or pcmbguard@aol.com

Township to strike massage ordinance

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will discuss at an upcoming meeting eliminating its outdated and restrictive massage ordinance

Trustees said the ordinance places a burden on massage therapists in the community

At the request of Township Clerk Maryln Massengill and police Lt. Bob Smith, Township Attorney Tim Cronin presented at a study session Wednesday an updated, 17-page ordinance, modeled after Ferndales massage ordinance

This ordinance has been tested all the way to the Supreme Court, and it held up, so you would be on safe legal

ground if you adopt it, Cronin said

The proposed ordinance dealt with practitioner and site licensing, the prohibition of out-call massage (massage at client homes) and a requirement for massage therapists to produce documentation stating they are free of communicable diseases

The state does not certify massage therapists, so communities which require licensure typically require proof of certification through a nationally accredited trade organization, as well as proof of graduation from an accredited trade school, Cronin said

Trustees, however, said they felt the ordinance is too

restrictive, and unnecessary

"The reason the ordinance was written was (to deter) prostitution," said trustee Chuck Curmi

Because the township has other ordinances prohibiting prostitution, and the Wayne County Health Department is the governmental body that would handle site safety and cleanliness, the township has no reason to regulate massage businesses, according to treasurer Ron Edwards

"If the state is not regulating massage, we shouldn't be regulating it either. Let's just get rid of (the ordinance)," Edwards said

The current ordinance was last revised in 1992

BOND

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building decade after decade. How much longer do you intend to do that?"

On the other side of the coin, board Secretary Tom Wysocki believes with interest rates so low now is the time to borrow money

"I wouldn't mind because of the low interest rates we have right now, before interest rates take off," he said. But, for a lot of people the costs could impact them, and we need to take that into consideration

Trustee Joanne Lamar isn't so sure a new middle school is in the picture this year, but, like most board members, is convinced an elementary school is needed

"We're really crowded at all the schools," she said. "We

don't have music, art and special education rooms because we're using that space for other things."

A consensus of the board indicates the willingness to ask voters for the \$91 million to pay for interior and exterior replacements and improvements at the school buildings

"It's a horrendous amount, but that's what we've been cutting all these years," said Treasurer Carol Saunders. "We can't let our schools fall down. It's not providing a good educational atmosphere for our children." To give some perspective, Patricia Brand, the district's executive director of business services, said a \$100 million bond issue would cost the owner of a \$235,000 home \$52.88 in additional taxes annually

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Senate moves on election money

Sen Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has announced passage of a key bill bringing Michigan in line with the Help America Vote (HAVA), which makes the state eligible to receive \$80 million in federal grant money.

HAVA is a federal law that seeks to strengthen the election process by improving voting systems and making it easier for disabled Americans and

military personnel to vote. SB 432 goes to the state House for concurrence.

"As chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee, I am encouraged by what new innovations will bring to our election systems, Patterson said.

"I'm pleased that Michigan will continue moving forward to ensure secure, accurate elections."

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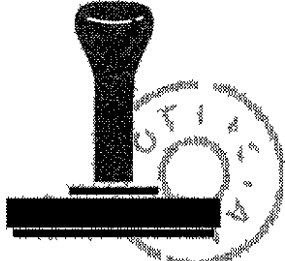
DEATHS

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Gerald "Dean" Corbin of Oxford, died March 30

L
Geraldine Augusta Lechner of Pontiac, died March 28
Emma L "Jean" Lowery Hockin, of Davisburg, died March 29

S
Janice E. Stillin, of Clarkston, died April 3

Y
Paul D. Yarberry Jr., of Clarkston, died March 31



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SENIOR HEALTH SCREENING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Health Screening for Seniors from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township.

The Medical Team, a certified home health agency, will provide screening to people 60 years and older. The screening includes vital signs, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol testing, complete blood count and urinalysis. Participants should have the name of their physician and any relevant health history information.

Pre-register by calling (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Plymouth Library Garden Club will be 7 p.m. April 15. The topic will be "It's almost time. How annuals can enhance your garden." Gardeners at all levels of experience are welcome. The meeting will be at the Plymouth Library, 223 South Main. There is no registration or fee.

T-BALL REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Recreation Department is accepting registrations through April 18 for

the 5- and 6-year-old T-Ball league. Registration takes place at the recreation office in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs for seven weeks beginning June 19. Fee is \$45 for city residents, \$65 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

OSTEOARTHRITIS WORKSHOP

Dr. Nicole Whitehead appears at 7:30 p.m. April 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free seminar focusing on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints and how to prevent arthritis.

The class is designed for people of any age who want to remain active and pain-free into their senior years. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited, so early reservations are recommended.

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.

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.

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.

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very kind to us'

Dascenzo originally wanted to put his Jimmy John's franchise on Ann Arbor Road, where studies indicated 34,000 cars, and at least the same number of potential customers, traveled each day. However, not being able to find a suitable location led to downtown Plymouth.

"I told the company about this site, with Kellogg Park and all the concerts and activities," he said. "They came out in early August and approved it. If I had known about this spot from the beginning, I would have never looked elsewhere."

Dascenzo's love for Jimmy John's started in 2000, during a trip to East Lansing to help his daughter, Angela, move in at Michigan State University.

Everybody was hungry, so I said, "Let's stop over there, and eat," said Dascenzo. "I went in and fell in love. I used to love going to visit my daughter because I could get a Jimmy John's."

Dascenzo worked at Detroit Edison for 23 years in labor relations before receiving a retirement package in the summer of 2001. He worked for the United Way in Detroit for a while afterwards, but yearned to get away from the coat and tie scene.

"I remembered liking those sandwiches, and eventually I sent away for franchise infor-

mation, and bought one in June 2002," he said. "And, here we are."

Besides the sandwiches, Dascenzo likes the business model of getting customers in and out with their sandwiches.

"When people come in here for lunch, they don't want to wait in line for 10 minutes," said Dascenzo. "The idea is if 10 people come in, the last person should have a sandwich in their hands within five minutes."

And, to do that, Dascenzo has hired 17 people to keep the sandwich line moving.

The phrase on the back of our T-shirts is "Subs so fast you'll sneeze, not Subs so slow you'll snooze," he said.

One of those 17 is the evening manager, Dascenzo's son Brian, 23, who likes work-

ing for his dad while attending classes at Eastern Michigan University. "You've got to get the right people on the line who know what they're doing to get the sandwiches out fast," said Brian. "Some of my late at night we get a line. Word of mouth has been huge thus far."

Standard hours for Jimmy John's are 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

But just because of the location and the activities that go on in the park, we've got permission to stay open later on those occasions, said Dennis Dascenzo.

"I don't think you can get a better sandwich anywhere," he said. "We want to have fun, keep people smiling and have a good time."



Adrienne Adams builds a sub at Jimmy John's

LIBRARY PICKS

Editor's note: Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of best sellers, based upon the number of requests for titles from library patrons.

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OUR VIEWS

Great effort in providing potty

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Director Fran Toney's favorite donation in the fund-raising drive for a public rest room in downtown Plymouth came from an elderly woman who chipped in a \$100 check.

Our favorite is the \$1,000 given by Plymouth Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Dwyer, who put his money where his mouth was in his personal mission to provide the public potty. Dwyer, the second-term city commissioner who made this his quest from Day One, showed the kind of leadership that makes him one of the city's most respected elected officials.

The fact that people can pick out their "favorite" contributions to a project that, on the surface, seems a little trivial in this time of budget woe and war strife, shows the kind of community this really is.

The city commission has been behind the project from the beginning, but simply couldn't afford the \$154,000 price tag. Commissioners committed to it, provided the funding came totally from private donations.

Dwyer and others hit the streets, and the project soon found itself flush with funds, from a variety of sources. The Downtown Development Authority got the ball rolling with a \$50,000 check. Not surprisingly, the community's civic groups — Kiwanis, Rotary and the Lions — were among the first to give.

Equally predictable was the support from businesses that seem to give from an unending well of community pride. New Liberty Bank, UBS Financial, Raymond James, Johnson Controls, Visteon and Ferris, Baker Watts

Dianne Quinn, who runs Art in the Park, one of the most successful of Plymouth's many festivals, got it started with a \$10,000 donation. When Wes Smith and E&E Manufacturing topped it off with a \$25,000 donation a couple of weeks ago, the project was a go.

Surely there are skeptics and cynics who offer an exasperated, "So what?" But this project is no trivial item on someone's "wish" list. It's a real need for a community that brings tens of thousands of visitors to such events as Kellogg Park concerts, Art in the Park, the Fall Festival and the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Don't think so? Ask someone from the companies that ponied up the money. Better yet, ask a young mother who no longer has to scramble to find a place to change her baby or to get her toddlers to a bathroom.

One of the primary functions of a community is to provide the most basic services to its people. In this case, local businesses and ordinary people combined to provide extraordinary support for just such a goal.

Parents: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Prom and graduation season will soon be here and it's important to remind teenagers that underage drinking is against the law.

Unfortunately, parents also need reminding.

Big events such as prom and graduation deserve celebrations. Parents planning to host parties for their teens should keep the celebration alcohol-free because parents who don't have a lot to lose.

The "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most. Don't be a party to teenage drinking" public awareness campaign is a program of The Alliance of Coalitions of Healthy Communities (ACHC) and the Oakland County Health Division. This slogan is not just a clever phrase, but also a warning to parents not to serve alcohol at their teens' parties.

"Parents play a major role in keeping children alcohol-free, thus preventing the heartaches that so often come with alcohol use. Schools and communities need to unite with parents to send a clear message. We want all children to succeed and alcohol use robs them of their potential and future," said Theresa Mungioni, president of Coalition of Healthy Communities.

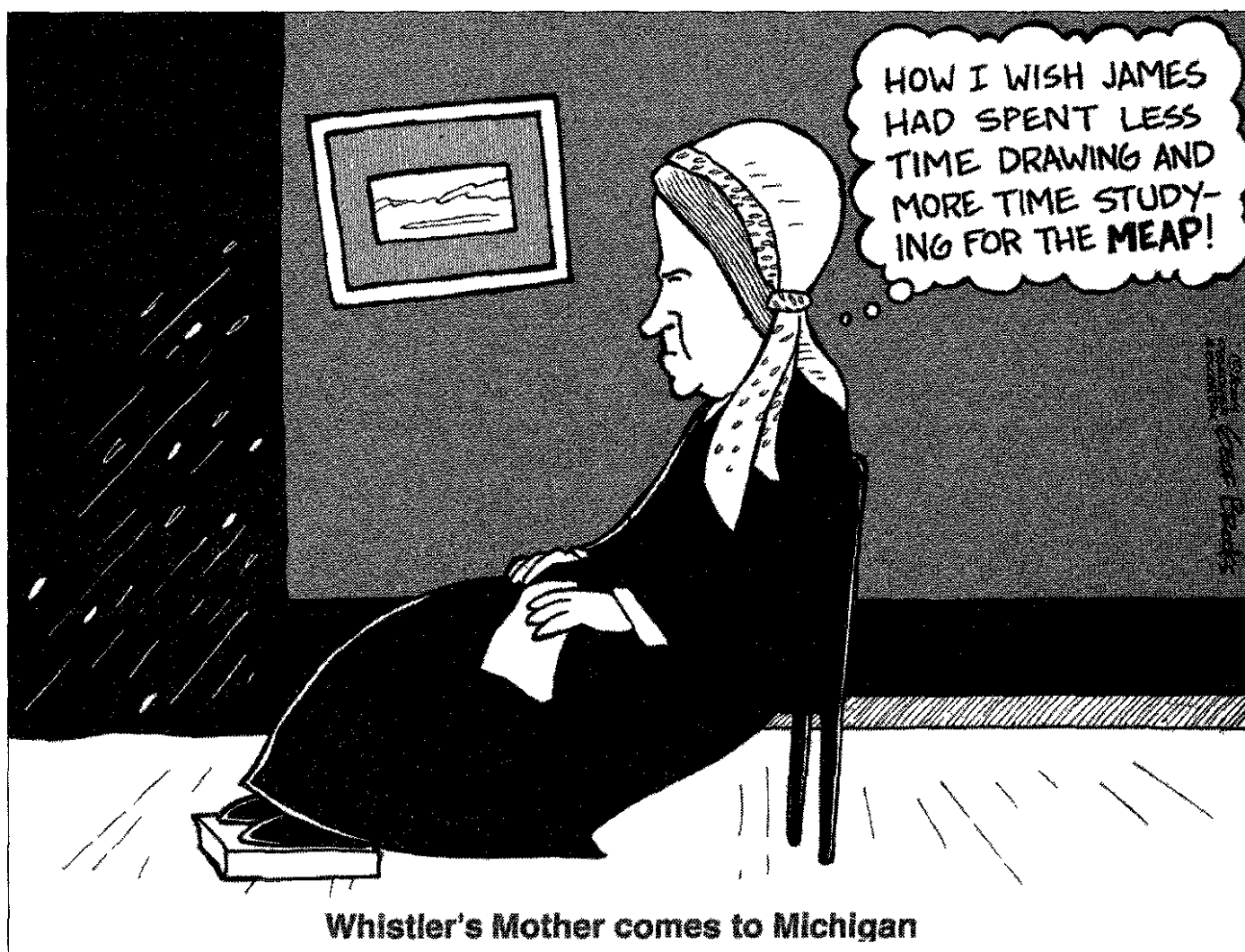
The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* applauds the work of ACHC, local government, schools and law enforcement as these groups partner to send a strong message to parents. Teen drinking should NOT be regarded as a rite of passage, but as a health and safety problem with legal ramifications.

Parents who host a party where alcohol is available make a big mistake. Why?

- It is illegal for anyone under age 21 to drink
- It is unhealthy
- It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink and drive
- Parents can be prosecuted
- Everything associated with a violation, such as personal property, can be confiscated

Parents can protect themselves and their teens by hosting safe, alcohol-free parties and team up and talk to other parents about not providing alcohol.

As a parent, do your part to make prom and graduation season safe for everyone.



Whistler's Mother comes to Michigan

LETTERS

Equal education

I am a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, and I want to know how someone like me could get a fair and balanced education when it comes to politics? I am in a government class, and when it comes to politics, all I hear is that Bush stinks, Bush is bad, Bush is stupid and so on. When I get home and watch the news on CNN or MSNBC all I hear is Bush stinks, Bush is bad, Bush is stupid and so on.

It is no wonder why most teenagers are liberal when all they hear are attacks on the right from the left. When at school, I get in occasional debates over politics. The students I'm arguing say Bush stinks, Bush is bad, Bush is stupid and so on. I wonder where they get that argument? So once again I pose the question, how can someone like me get a fair and balanced education when it comes to politics?

We have a far left teaching crew and a far left media, so what can people do? Although I don't believe stations like Fox News, which presents its coverage with a slight right bias, are the solution, I think we are finally getting closer.

There should be more shows, like *Hannity and Colmes*, where you hear the views from both sides. We need to have a station that is really fair and balanced, and finally let the youth, not the teachers or the media, decide their political party.

John Donaldson
Canton

Too many ADs

I believe having three athletic directors is a bit much. I think that the money could be used more wisely and in other areas of education.

I say this even though I have a son that is a PCEP athlete. While the other sports participants enjoy a \$125 pay to play sport fee, hockey players on the other hand pay \$1,200 to play.

I still have a hard time seeing how the high school can put the complete fee of this sport on the students and their parents. The school district contributes nothing for this sport. This does not include any extra sportswear that they agree to purchase and they pay for coaches salaries and bus transportation. A couple of times the buses didn't even show up! No refund though.

The salary of \$98,021 for Canton's athletic director is ridiculous.

In fact, when the athletic director was supposed to be at a hearing for a player, she decided that it was more important to attend the opening of Detroit's Hard Rock Cafe instead of attending the meeting. Money well spent? I think not.

While it is true I do not know exactly what all an athletic director is supposed to do, I do believe that she will be remembered as is a quarterback — your last great touchdown, a pitcher — your last great out, and a goalie — your last great save.

These kids study hard, work hard and play hard, they deserve a fair break.

H. Rembao
Canton

Kerry foe of freedom

"Lyn is a progressive Republican, but maybe she got an image that she was too liberal for the Republican mainstream ... She probably decided this was a fight that was not worth fighting."

—political analyst Bill Ballenger on Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes' decision not to seek re-election

John Kerry's record of voting on military issues suggests softness at best, fear and socialism at the worst. His many votes to raise income taxes indicates he is liberal, maybe a consummate leftist.

His book *The New Soldier*, in which he insists the men who refused to serve in the Vietnam War were better men, better citizens and more courageous than the men who were drafted and served, and more moral and patriotic than those who enlisted, suggests that there was no communism to fight in the East. Kerry wrote that our war in Vietnam was a "nothing."

He does not see and does not understand that our purpose in Vietnam was to fight the scourge of communism, to fight for the freedom of the South Vietnamese. It is difficult to know Kerry's most important reason for writing a book that damned the American military, the president, the vice president and the Congress, but it is entirely possible that this socialist personality even in 1971 had a long-ranged vision of White House domination, of White House occupation.

Most every facet of Kerry's life, most every action, suggests he wishes socialism for America. A marriage with Hillary would bond two prominent leftists for a run for power. Each has displayed an ideological preference for government planning, an economic system that would more equally distribute the goods and services that the slave system would effect.

Neither respects corporate enterprise and the free market. Each favors considerably more control of all of our affairs, especially economic considerations, to be in government's hands. Neither seems to think or believe that their crusade could mean the end of our inalienable rights. Kerry must believe that income and asset redistribution would not affect his present holding of seven hundred million dollars.

What's his is his, I guess. What's yours may be divided, redistributed, taxed, appropriated, used to promote Keynesian economics, possibly going Marxian all the way, accomplishing the maxim, "From each according to ability, to each according to his need."

We live in one world, but we don't need the United Nations to deal all of the cards. One military, one banking system, one police force — in your mind's eye, not mine. Bush knows freedom, as does his administration.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Ten Commandments have role

James Madison, the fourth president, known as the Father of our constitution, made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

How is it that we, as a people, have removed the Ten Commandments from an Alabama courthouse and have removed a State Supreme Court Judge from office for refusing to do so? How is

it that we have the United States Supreme Court now deciding whether we can keep "Under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance because a lesser court has ruled it unconstitutional? What happened to the 9th and 10th amendments that provided state sovereignty? God, prayer and any respect for religion have been obliterated in our public schools and from public property.

The stranglehold of "separation of church and state" as opposed to the Constitutions provision of "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" bastardized the original intent of the Founding Fathers beyond belief.

The courts protect obscenity in language, depravity in pornography and absolute filth as entertainment in movies, videos and rap music, yet outlaw a manger scene or menorah as somehow establishing a religion violating "separation of church and state" which you will find nowhere in the Constitution. What has been so much a part of the founding of this nation and our continuing history is now forbidden.

Some Federal Court justices might be surprised to learn that the Supreme Court building itself has four displays of the Ten Commandments, three of which are carved in stone.

The Ten Commandments are engraved on the lower half of two large oak doors as you enter the chamber.

A marble frieze in the chamber itself shows Moses holding a copy of the Ten Commandments inscribed in Hebrew.

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Just above the place where the chief justice sits, a carved stone banner reads "Justice, the Guardian of Liberty." Centered above the banner, a seated Moses is shown holding a copy of the Ten Commandments.

Isn't it time Congress takes in tow runaway un-elected judges who are acting out their individual political agendas?

Hulda Piercecchi
Livonia

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Let's avoid California-style blackouts here

You've probably seen the ads DTE Energy (formerly Detroit Edison) has been running in the papers lately. They talk about the wolf being at Edison's door. "Because of flaws in the electric deregulation law, Public Act 141," one ad reads, "out-of-state companies are coming, snatching up the biggest electricity customers and leaving the rest of us to pay the price to keep the entire system running."

I had regarded this campaign with mild curiosity until last Friday, when I read a letter from an outfit with a Southfield office that explained "fully 25 percent of DTE's large commercial electricity customers have begun to reduce and control their electricity costs by participating in the Electric Choice Program established by the Michigan Public Services Commission." The letter helpfully included a form authorizing Detroit Edison to release my company's electric consumption history, so they could examine the details and show me how to save some money.

By chance, DTE Energy Chairman Anthony Earley and Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer representing the Customer Choice Coalition, had arranged to meet with a group of our editors that same morning. Their discussion was illuminating.

Basically, DTE contends that the Michigan deregulation law allowing industrial, commercial and residential electric users to choose their electric utility has resulted in the loss of 12,000 customers, a 20-percent drop in business, and an 18-percent decline in earnings from the previous year. "We're a fixed-cost company with a declining customer base," Earley explained, "so that with some of our large customers leaving the system, it's the residential and small commercial users that are left. They could see electric rates going up by as much as 30 percent or utilities like Detroit Edison winding up bankrupt."

What's causing large customers to leave the Edison system? Public Act 141, passed four years ago, allows it. Indeed, the act requires Edison to make available to competitors details of its customers' usage and bills. And the act also allows those customers that leave the Edison system to return at its most favorable rates.

Earley argues that Edison has to operate in a regulated manner, generating electric power (including a 15 percent margin of reserve) and maintaining its entire distribution infrastructure to deliver electricity to all customers in the region. Its competitors operate with none of these requirements. They are essentially electricity brokers that buy electricity from the national electricity pool and

cherry-pick Edison's best customers.

What's the solution? Earley argues that the big issue should be doing everything we can to avoid a repeat in Michigan of the electric utility disaster in California that resulted from a botched attempt to deregulate the market. He says Edison is perfectly prepared to operate on a level playing field — a market either completely deregulated or entirely regulated — but argues that as a regulated company, Edison can't compete with electricity brokers that are largely unregulated.

He proposes amending Public Act 141 to create an electricity market split into two parts. One unregulated market for bigger customers who are presumably more sophisticated and able to shop for electricity from among a range of providers and a separate regulated market to serve residential and small commercial customers who are not equipped to survive in an unregulated market. He suggests an easy demarcation line is one megawatt (about the amount of energy a big Meijer store uses in a year), which would leave about two-thirds of electric customers in the regulated market and about one-third free to buy however they choose.

Schneidewind, in opposing these proposals, argues that Edison, instead of facing the wolf at the door, is crying that the sky is falling. A temporary dip in earnings is not conclusive, he points out, and, in any event, the Public Service Commission could easily intervene if Edison begins to look as though it could go bust under present market conditions.

Maybe so, but the PSC has never been noted for acting quickly or timely, even in dire situations. And once a large, fixed-cost firm like Edison starts getting in trouble, the downward spiral can accelerate very quickly. Plainly, nobody wants to see here in Michigan a repeat of California's experience, where one of the state's major electric utilities went bust and customers were faced with blackouts and enormous rate increases that will saddle them for years with very expensive power.

To my mind, Edison's Earley makes a lot of sense. Public Act 141 should be amended to solve this problem before it gets out of control. State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, who chairs the Technology and Energy Committee, is holding hearings around the state, asking both utilities and their customers for their input. Good. Possibly the state Senate, instead of obsessing over world-shaking matters like the hunting of mourning doves, ought to turn its attention to something genuinely important for everyone in this state. Or would that seem too much to ask?

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

Passion is good, but fanaticism definitely not

Mel Gibson has done for Christianity what Janet Jackson's Super Bowl "slip" did for the GOP. It awakened snoring giants of primal concerns. If true to form, snoring giants remain awake only a short while. Will the buzz about spirituality and personal passion evoked by Gibson's graphic cine-gospel become another fad flash in the pan? I pray not.

Already, Gibson's *Passion of The Christ* is the highest grossing religious-themed movie of modern history. An outside shot remains it may ascend into the hallowed rank of top 10 earning movies of all time. When American moviegoers bestow on an off-Hollywood Jesus movie a rank next to the likes of *ET: The Extraterrestrial*, it's time somebody stood up to shout, "We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto."

Finally, ideas like spirit, passion, sacrifice and noble suffering are getting a second test drive in the media. The appetite to experience a more passionate spirituality is larger today than a Chris Farley appetite at a Vegas casino midnight buffet. This high-tech culture is the most online, plugged in, downloaded and wired of any culture to appear on the planet. Yet they have an industrial strength sense of self-doubt and a felt presence of being personally adrift — disconnected from an experience of a higher reality.

The local cineplex has done what Christian churches have done poorly for 25 years. It offered seekers a profound spiritual experience using Christ as the seed. Somewhere, buried deep inside the human psyche, we all suspect that this life must have more to offer us than a two-for-one sale at Amazon.com.

Passion originates from the Latin meaning "to endure." All actions face a double negative, "I don't want to" and "I don't feel like it." Passion as an inner force faces and conquers the double negative. The scene in Gethsemane so beautifully captures this.

Describing passion can be so much easier than defining it. Passion is the flower, but values are its root. Passion expands your personal vision of life's possibilities. Passion is an upward reach for transcendence. Passion is a surrendered mind into the soul's madness. Passion can be quiet or loud, but it is never logical.

Passion is to spirituality what salt is to

When American moviegoers bestow on an off-Hollywood Jesus movie a rank next to the likes of 'ET: The Extraterrestrial,' it's time somebody stood up to shout, 'We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto.'

French fries. Without it, religious rituals are robotic movements divorced from humanized heartfelt meanings. With it, timeless beliefs meet blood and sire Schwarzenegger-sized demonstrations of selfless surrender to noble aims.

Any wonder God commanded it "Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and mind" and all great prophets of God condemned when, "the people's lips are near me, but their hearts are far away?"

As a pastor who is Lutheran — the German title used long ago was Seelssorger, soul surgeon — I've been in the kitchen thinking on passion, spirituality and Mel's vision. May I suggest a few new ingredients for your next recipe?

First, embody the message. Take it home. After the credits roll and the popcorn's gone, the new journey begins. *The Passion of The Christ* is the pinnacle expression of spirit, will and passion dissolved into one holy redemptive purpose. Don't forget all are called to noble aims in this lifetime. Might a future Mel Gibson make a movie of your passion?

Second, challenge the status quo. The seven last words of a dying church are, "We never did it that way before!" Be humble, but be a burr underneath someone's saddle. Spiritual passion challenges complacency.

Third, fire is good, but fanaticism is a burner. Passionate spirituality is a fire. One can offer warmth to cold hearts or one can burn their neighbor's house down. Passionate spirituality is healthy when it knows how to chill.

Gibson's beautiful/ugly tour of Christ's final 12 hours leading to His crucifixion has become a cultural phenomenon. Will the buzz about spirituality and personal passion evoked by Gibson's graphic cine-gospel become another fad flash in the pan? I pray not.

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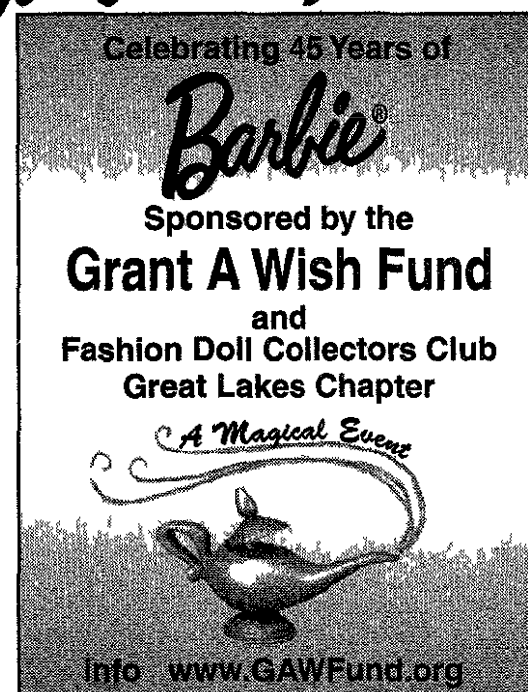
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balance, said Township Supervisor Steve Mann

The future should remain bright for the township, as Johnson Controls will remain in the area, rather than following through with the company's proposed plan to move to Salem Township, Mann added

Additionally, by the end of October, all the inmates at the correctional facility at Five Mile and Ridge will have been moved into other facilities around the state, in preparation for the prison's closure

"We're looking forward to redeveloping that area and putting properties back on the tax rolls," Mann said

The school district, on the other hand, is facing increasing cuts to its budget, according to Patricia Brand, Plymouth Canton Community Schools executive director of business services

"For me, as the bean counter, there are not many beans to count," she said

Despite shrinking resources (PCCS's \$7,025 per-pupil foundation allowance is the sixth lowest among Wayne County's 34 school districts), the



Brand



Greene

schools have celebrated many successes over the past year, according to Brand

PCCS students have won or placed highly in math competitions during the last year

East Middle School students won first place at a math competition which included students from the best public and private schools in the state, she said

Further, two students scored perfectly on their SAT exams, and the marching band has for the last nine consecutive years taken first place at state competitions

Plymouth, though having been named on the governor's list of 'cool cities,' is also struggling, according to Mayor Stella Greene

"The municipal finance model is broken. Local communities are on a financial collision course, she said, noting unpredictable state revenue sharing money, flat tax revenues following Proposal A, escalating court costs and increasing costs

associated with personnel as the reasons

The city has pared costs wherever and whenever possible, she said

"Now there is no more fat to cut away. We now must look at staff reductions, which will result in cuts to services

Greene said the cuts may be possible through attrition and retirement, and the city will likely be able to avoid layoffs

Still, Greene remains hopeful. Because the growing township, and the city's quintessential Norman Rockwell atmosphere combined make the community an attractive one, and is "the envy and the model for all other communities throughout the state,"

Greene said she believes recent difficult times will become a period of meaningful transition

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Salem girls, Canton boys best in city

It wasn't exactly what was expected

At Tuesday's city track meet, the official season-opener for the three high school teams, the Salem girls team easily ran away with the win, outscoring second-place Canton 100-43. Plymouth was third with 32 points.

The boys meet was equally lopsided, except it was Canton that prevailed with 114.5 points. Salem was second with 46.5 and Plymouth placed third with 14.

"I was a little nervous with what Canton and Plymouth would bring," said Salem's new girls coach, Kevin Conte. "I couldn't have asked for a better result than this. We learned what the girls could do, we redefined some of our goals."

What Conte discovered was that the Rocks were good enough to win 13 events and tie for first in another. Canton had three wins (one a split with Salem) and Plymouth got one.

Three Salem athletes got two individual wins apiece. Anna Wilson took top honors in the shot put (33 feet, 8 inches) and discus (96 feet, 4 inches); Alie Vraniak tied for first in the pole vault (8-6) and won the 200-meter dash (27.67), and Lauren Kane was first in the 1,600 (5:46.6) and 3,200 (12:33.0).

Salem's girls also won three relays

the 4x800 (10:31.4), the 4x200 (1:53.6) and the 4x400 (4:20.4).

"We're not done yet," Conte said. "We've got some more speed to find."

Canton's boys team was even more dominant, collecting 15 of 17 firsts.

"We had a lot of one-twins, and we won all four relays," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "That picks up a lot of points. We had some kids we knew would do well, but then we had some other kids run real fast."

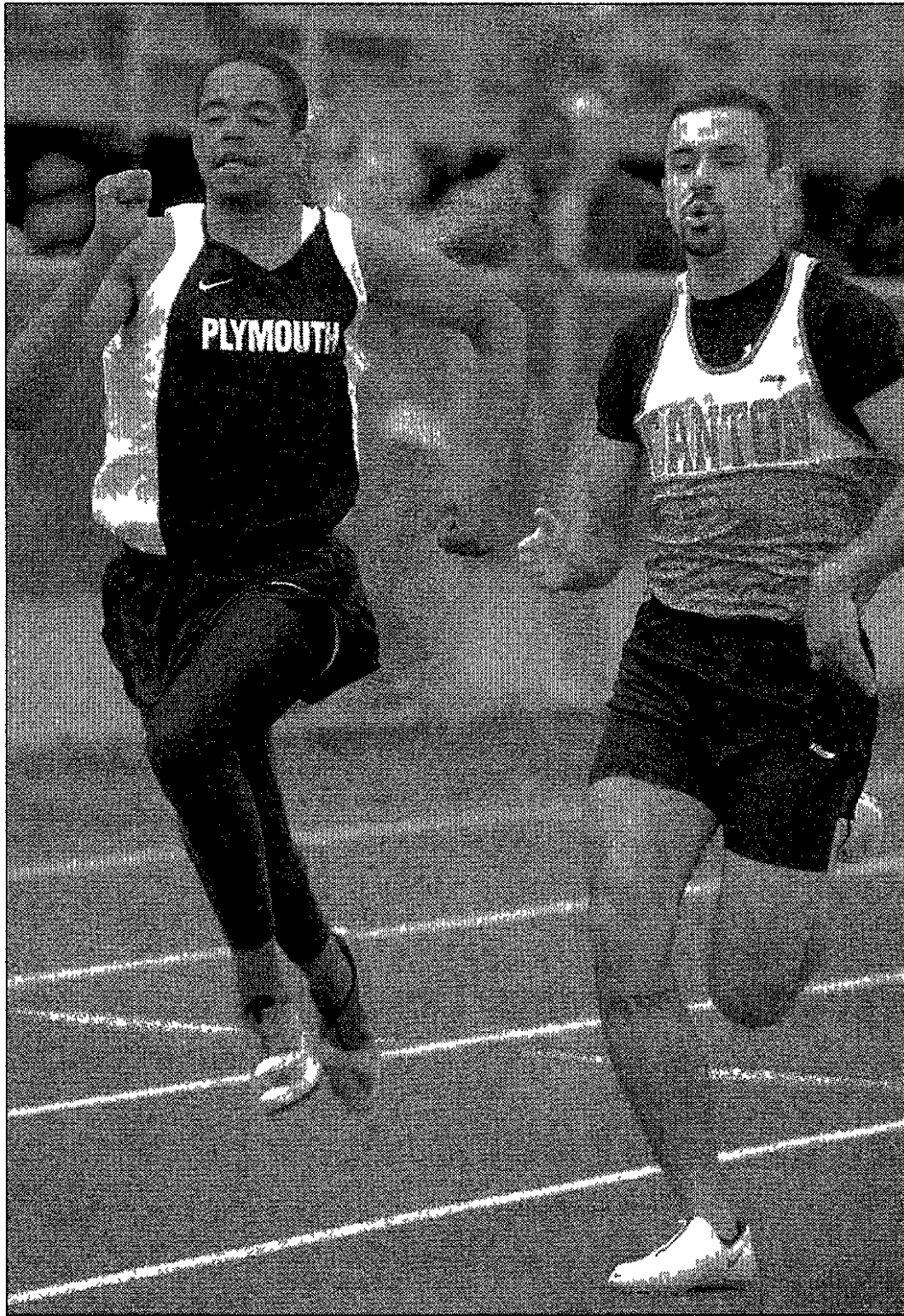
Brad Waidmann sparked a Chiefs sweep of firsts in the field events, capturing the shot put (42-10), the discus (146-3) and the high jump (6-3).

Devin Thomas was the key figure for Canton in the sprints, winning the 100 (11.2) and the 200 (23.1). In the hurdles, Rodney Preston paced the Chiefs, posting best times in both the 110 (15.8) and the 300 (41.3).

Salem's brightest star was Adam Warner, who won the 3,200 (10:51.0) and placed second to Canton's Scott George in the 1,600 (George, 4:46.0; Warner, 4:48.0).

The Chiefs were also winners in the 4x100 (45.9), 4x200 (1:33.1), 4x400 (3:40.4) and 4x800 (8:37.5) relays.

See statistical summary inside today's sports section



Canton's Brandon Reeves edges Plymouth's D.J. Coleman in the 100-meter dash. Reeves finished second to teammate Devin Thomas in the event.

Sidelines

Mullet Hunters 1st

The Mullet Hunters won the inline hockey AAU regional qualifier (17-and-under division) Sunday at the Skateplex with a 3-2 sudden overtime win over the Devils.

The Mullet Hunters advance to the AAU Nationals this August in St. Louis, Mo. after also defeating the Detroit Demolition (8-0), Dragonmead Radiation (4-3) and Western Warriors (4-3).

Scott Ozog (Novi), who had a 18 goals-against average, earned top goalie honors while teammate Mike Stewart (Canton), who had the game-winning goal, was the tournament's high scorer.

"Our team showed a lot of grit and worked hard in every game against some very good teams," Mullet Hunters coach Jay Pesant said.

Other members of the Mullet Hunters include Nick Harris, Westland; Tom and Ross Pashkot, Livonia; Nick Siekirk, Nick Pesant, Kevin Tollison, all of Canton; Kevin Etzel, Northville; Mike Hargreaves, Hartland.

T-Ball signup

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its 5-6 year-old T-ball League through April 18. Children must be born from July-December 1997, January-December 1998 and January-July 1999.

Registration is from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Recreation Department's offices, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer. A birth certificate is required.

The season runs seven weeks, from June 19 to Aug. 7 (no games on July 3). Cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents, \$65 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620.

All-Star hoop

The All-Star Basketball Camp, held at Madonna University and directed by Madonna men's basketball coach Chuck Henry, will feature four sessions - three for boys and one for girls.

All sessions are open to those ages 8-to-15. The boys sessions are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., from June 6-10; June 11-15, and June 16-20. Cost is \$165 for each.

The girls session is from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. July 6-8, and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 9-10. Cost is \$145.

Each camp will feature daily appearances by former Madonna men's coach Bernie Holowicki. Other features include contests and prizes, a quality shirt for each participant, drills; camp awards; guest speakers, shooting instruction, motivational and instructional videos, a camp championship tournament, a personal written evaluation; and drills on passing and receiving, rebounding, dribbling, offensive footwork, quickness and screening technique.

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Chiefs stay unbeaten; Rocks win

Lisa Ealy scored one goal and assisted on another as Canton kept its record perfect with a 2-1 victory Monday over visiting Troy.

The Chiefs are 3-0. Troy slipped to 1-2.

Ealy scored in the first half with an assist from Becky Houdek.

Canton increased its lead to 2-0 on a goal by Andrea Johnson, with Ealy assisting. The Colts narrowed the gap to 2-1 in the game's final minute after a mix-up by the Chiefs in front of their own net.

Brittany Cervi was in goal, making 14 saves.

On Saturday, host Canton got two goals from Johnson and another from Ealy in beating Birmingham Seaholm 3-1.

Kelsey Zemanski and Bailey Fagan had assists in the game. Again, the shutout was lost late in the game - on this occasion with no time left on a penalty kick.

Cervi was in goal once again, making 12 saves. She has given up two goals in three games.

Salem 3, Troy 2: The host Rocks scored three times in the first half Saturday in dispatching Troy.

The Rocks improved to 1-0-1 with the win.

Jordan Falcusan got Salem on the board first, scoring on an assist from Amy Gizicki. Jane Dewitt got the Rocks' second goal, with an assist from Megan McCarthy.

Salem's final goal was scored by Kim Towne. Marissa Sarksian assisted.

The Rocks led 3-1 at the half. Kristen O'Beirne was in goal, making eight saves.

Salem is now idle until April 21, when it opens Western Lakes Activities Association play at Livonia Churchill.

Canton rebuilt, but still looks strong

What Canton's softball team had last season was senior leadership. Those seniors - nine of them, including six starters - helped take the Chiefs to the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title.

They also had a great impact in Canton's victory over Salem in the state district tournament. The Chiefs got as far as the regional semifinals, where they were edged by Ann Arbor Pioneer 1-0. They finished with a 25-11 overall record.

Pitchers Renee Ross, Michelle Roelofs and Kristina Turczyn, outfielders Colleen O'Brien and Lisa Sprankle, catcher Jonelle Brown, shortstop Caitlin McNicholas, third baseman Sarina Gorney, and utility fielder Kim Dietrich have graduated.

That leaves coach Jim Arnold, now entering his 14th season at Canton, with holes to fill. Some of his returnees can manage some of the vacancies, but the real hope for Canton this season will come from the talented newcomers Arnold has in his lineup.

That includes four freshmen who will

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see considerable playing time.

Asked if he thought he had four ninth-graders who could make a difference, Arnold replied, "I think we do. I know this was a very tough team to pick."

Still, replacing nine seniors the caliber of those the Chiefs lost is no easy task. Even with an influx of promising new talent, there's a lot to make up.

It's not all dependent on the new players. Returning are junior pitcher Molly Conlon, who divided time with Ross as Canton's top pitcher last season. It was Conlon who got the pitching win over Salem in the district.

Also back are seniors Heather Richardson and Kelly Baker, both starters (at least some of the time) a year ago, Richardson at different spots and Baker at first base. Richardson will likely be at third base most of this season, although she may be called on to help make up for Brown's loss at catcher. Baker is back at first base.

Guelph eliminates Whalers with a sweep

Beautiful day, Wednesday was Any Michigander could make an argument for it being the official end of winter.

Of course, no one on the Plymouth Whalers would want winter to end. That ultimately heralds the end of hockey season.

But end their season did, courtesy of the Guelph Storm, who kept theirs going by sweeping past the Whalers 5-1 Wednesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Storm had just one moment of peril in the series, which they captured with a four-game sweep. That was in Game Three in Guelph on Monday, when Plymouth took them into the second overtime period before finally succumbing, 3-2 (see related story on B6).

Wednesday's game was nothing like that. The Whalers did play well at times, but not often enough against a team the caliber of Guelph.

"That's a great hockey team

we played," admitted Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "They're built to win it all this year - they have 15 players who won't be back (next season)."

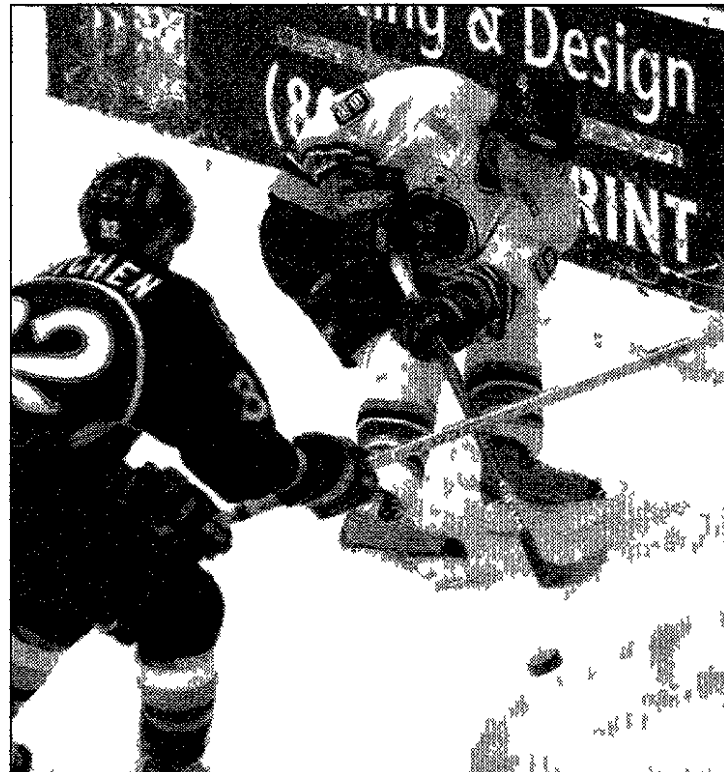
"They move the puck well and have a lot of skill."

But it was the Whalers who got the early lead, Ryan Ramsay finishing off a three-on-two break with a goal with 13:23 to go in the opening period. Assists went to Dan Collins and Jordan Grant.

The question at that juncture was, could Plymouth parlay an early advantage into a victory? Paul Drew, their all-star goalie who had missed the Whalers' opening series against Kitchener with an ankle injury, was back and in the net. Could he provide the spark?

No. Guelph would end the first period by scoring two goals on back-to-back shots in a span of 1:32, the first coming

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The Whalers' John Vigilante (left) drives a shot on goal past the Storm's Ryan Kitchen. Too few Whaler shots were on target against Guelph.

Late rally earns PCA a victory; CC wins

Andrew Shumaker did his job pitching in relief and the Plymouth Christian Academy bats came alive in the fifth inning to lift the Eagles to an 11-7 baseball win over host Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday.

PCA improved to 2-0 with the victory, and Shumaker was the pitcher of record in both Aganst Baptist Park, he came on with two out in the fourth to relieve Eric Immerfall, who worked two innings in relief of starter Steve Sumner. Shumaker did not allow a run on three hits in 3 1/3 innings of work, he struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Still, PCA trailed the Wildcats 7-3 after four. A seven-run fifth inning altered that, with Drew Gallagher doubling in two runs and Matt Saagman singling in another.

Gallagher finished with three hits in three trips with three stolen bases and four runs batted in. Immerfall had two hits and an RBI, and Saagman and Dave Bahbah each got a hit, an RBI and scored two runs. Bahbah also stole two bases.

The Eagles are now idle until April 20, when they host Southfield Christian.

CC 12, Livonia Franklin 2: After splitting a doubleheader with fifth-ranked Ann Arbor

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Pioneer on Saturday, Redford Catholic Central came back with a win over Livonia Franklin on Monday.

"I thought we got off to a good start with nine runs in the first two innings, but we did it off Wells and he's one of their best pitchers," said CC coach John Salter. "We had several hits with two strikes on them so that was good, putting the ball in play and getting base hits down in the count."

"And on the other end, (CC pitcher Brian) Kirkendall threw a lot of groundball outs that we made plays in the infield."

Eric Wojtkofsky and Joe Dudzinski both went 3-for-3 for CC with two RBIs each while Drew Amble was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two walks.

"They came out early and set the tone for the game," said Franklin coach Paul Newitt. "They had half of their runs in the second inning with two outs and that just put it out of reach."

Rich Smith was 2-for-3 for Franklin and Otis Young was 2-for-4 with a double.

Kirkendall gave up just six hits and two runs while walk-

ing six for the Shamrocks (3-1), while Nate Rzeppa gave up a walk in the last inning he pitched. David Wells settled down after giving up the nine runs in his first two innings and wound up with three walks and two strikeouts. Wes Sanborn gave up three runs, four hits, two walks and two strikeouts in three innings of relief.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks bounced back from a dismal 8-0 loss in the first game against the Pioneers with a 16-7 win in the nightcap.

"After they dominated the first game, it was nice to get the split," said Salter. "We swung the bats like I hoped we would, so that's a good sign. Coming back after getting shut out was encouraging."

Matt Walters and Dudzinski had CC's only hits in the opener off Pioneer's Dan Mosher. Zach Putnam had a solo homer in the second for Pioneer and Randy Mosher was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Nate Rzeppa took the loss for CC, giving up five runs (one earned) and three hits in 2/3 innings. Matt Rodegher gave up three runs, four hits and four strikeouts in four innings.

In the second game, CC batted out 15 hits and scored in six of the seven innings. Wojtkofsky was 3-for-4 with

an RBI and three runs scored, Dudzinski was 3-for-5 with four RBIs, Anthony Sabo was 2-for-4 with two walks and three runs scored, Derek Brooks had a double and four RBIs, Ryan Gallagher was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs and Rzeppa was 2-for-3.

Greg Marrone started and gave up five runs in 3 2/3 innings with six hits, four strikeouts and two walks. Bob Henderson gave up three hits and two runs in the next 1 1/3 innings and Mike Monterey set down all six batters he faced in two innings, striking out two.

John Glenn 10, Lahser 8: After dropping its first three games of the season, Westland John Glenn (1-3) rallied for three runs over the final two innings to beat host Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Tim Bingham's single in the top of the seventh, scoring Vinnie DeLuca, put Glenn ahead 9-8.

DeLuca, the winning pitcher in relief of Bingham, the starter, went 4-for-5 with a double and three runs scored. DeLuca, a junior, pitched the final 3 2/3 innings, holding Lahser scoreless and he struck out six and walked one.

Billy Burton also went 3-for-4 with two runs scored for the Rockets.

Chiefs split opening twinbill with Pioneers

Now that was a season-opening double-header. Canton started its softball season Monday with the same team that ended its season last year. Ann Arbor Pioneer. The opening game was much like last season's 1-0 loss the Chiefs suffered to Pioneer in the state regional semifinals, they lost 2-1 this time on an eighth-inning home run.

The second game at Pioneer was entirely different. Canton collected 17 hits in pounding the Pioneers 11-7.

"Our bats came alive in the second game, said Canton softball coach Jim Arnold. "I thought our freshmen did very well."

In the opening-game loss, Pioneer pitcher Zoe Heim stopped the Chiefs on one run and seven hits, then hit a one-out home run in the bottom of the eighth to earn the victory.

Canton got its only run in the sixth inning, with singles by Rachel Wade and Heather Richardson setting it up for Molly Przybyski, who singled in a run.

Pioneer got its first run on a passed ball in the fourth inning.

Freshman Sarah Anthony started and worked the first three innings, not allowing a run on two hits and no walks, with one strikeout. Molly Conlon relieved and pitched the next 4 1/3 innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits and two walks. Conlon took the loss.

In the second game, freshman Stephame Sadek started on the mound and again worked the first three innings for Canton. She gave up one run on five hits and no walks. Conlon relieved and was tagged for six runs on five hits, with no walks and four strikeouts, she got the pitching win, evening her record at 1-1.

Lauren Delapaz, a freshman shortstop, was one of the offensive stars for Canton with four hits, including two triples, and three RBIs. Melissa Cienuch was another, she also contributed four hits, with a

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two-run triple in the sixth inning, and four RBIs.

Richardson, who had two hits in the first game, got two more in the second with one run batted in.

Canton was supposed to have played in last Saturday's Taylor Tournament, but it was cancelled. So, too, was the Chiefs' double-header against Ann Arbor Huron, scheduled for Wednesday, that has been rescheduled for April 26.

Huron Valley 3, PCA 1: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-2) got its first victory in three starts Tuesday against visiting Plymouth Christian Academy as Lauren Greer pitched a complete-game four-hitter, outdueling PCA's Amanda Saagman, who gave up just two hits.

Greer struck out three and did not walk a batter, while Saagman struck out 11 and walked seven.

Becky Schultz had an RBI double for the victorious Hawks, while Lindsay Pew accounted for PCA's lone run with an RBI single in the fourth.

On Saturday, the host Hawks were swept in a double-header by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 19-0 and 4-0.

Redford Union 6, John Glenn 4: Helene Lloyd went seven strong innings Monday as host Redford Union (2-1) downed Westland John Glenn.

Lloyd scattered seven hits, walked one and fanned one in squaring her record at 1-1.

Losing pitcher Dana Baran gave up just four hits, but walked four. She struck out 10. Four of the six runs were earned.

Amy Bailey went 2-for-4 for the Rockets. Rebecca Oros added an RBI triple in the second inning.

RU, which put it away with three runs in the fifth inning, got a run-scoring single from Kim Zuccarini

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It seems apparent the Chiefs will have to get some big-time contributions from their young players to match last season's performance. Arnold thinks they can do it.

"I think they're better," he said. "If we don't have any injuries, we'll be better than last year. If we don't have any injuries, we'll go a long way."

It seems a rash statement, but Arnold wouldn't back away from it. "I think we're strongest on defense, but our hitting is really coming along," he said. "We've got some left-handed hitters, we've got some hitters who can hit from both sides, we've got some good slap hitters."

Plus we've got some good speed on this team."

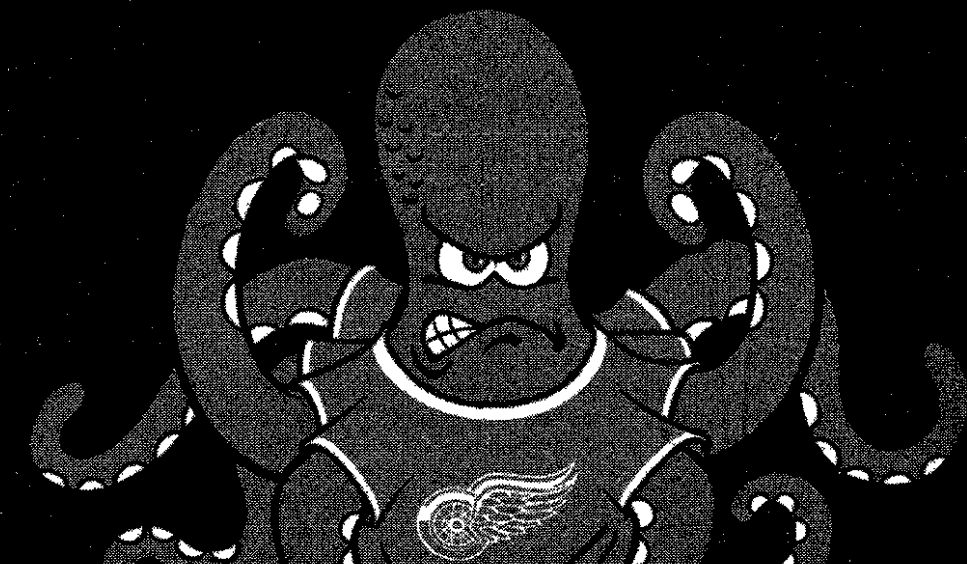
With strong pitching, Arnold is convinced he has the makings of another top-notch squad. "If we stay injury-free, and we stay together and play as one instead of as individuals, we'll do well," he predicted.

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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 EQUIPMENT

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering any level school badminton program free used feathered badminton shuttlecocks. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

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 team's first game. The individual fee is \$85 per player.

For the more seasoned roller hockey player, HVS offers a Cub league for 5-7 year olds. This league is for children that can already skate and are ready to play in league games. HVS also offers youth roller hockey leagues for Atom (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 (intermediate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues. For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available. Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available. Check www.hvsports.com for updated days, times and fees. For more information on roller or dek (floor) hockey at HVS, or to register, please visit us at 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 week-end tournaments (approximate by 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, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

The 11-and-under Michigan Wolves, a travel baseball team based in Livonia, is seeking players to fill out their roster for the 2004 season. To be eligible, your birthday must be after July 31, 1992.

For more information about tryout dates, call Scott Linsler at (734) 422-4576 or Dave Seger at (734) 422-7741.

The Dearborn Heights Knights, an 11-and-under travel baseball team affiliated with American Amateur Baseball Congress, is scheduling open tryouts for the 2004 season. For more information, call Rich Grucz at 1-800-949-9834.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Thunderbird Softball Inc (TSI) will be registering and holding tryouts for all area girls interested in playing fastpitch softball, ages eight and under through 19 and over. Openings are available in both the recreation leagues (which guarantee playing time) and for the more competitive travel and tournament teams.

Please call coach Bruce at (734) 981-1796 or email at playfastpitch@hotmail.com for tryout locations and times and to register at the Canton Softball Center. Tryout applications are also available on our webpage: thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

The Thunderbirds are not affiliated with the CCJBASA or its subsidiary Pride Fastpitch. The 501(c)3 nonprofit group offers ASA-certified coaches and fun fund-raising opportunities. Girls seeking community service work should also call coach Bruce.

Northville Parks and Recreation will be 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.

BADMINTON TOURNAY

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.

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BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

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

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

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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.

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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.

FRANKLIN FOOTBALL ALUMNI

The Livonia Franklin High Football Varsity Alumni Association will stage its second annual dinner from 6 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, May 27, at the Italian-American Club, located on Five Mile Road (just west of the I-275 overpass).

Those interested should send a \$50 check. Franklin Football Varsity Alumni Association, C/O George Lovich, 44142 Parkside Road, Canton, MI 48187.

GLENN FOOTBALL REUNION

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at halftime for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall.

The cost for the weekend is \$20 per player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion).

For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at mjennings@twm1rr.com.

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from Ryan Callahan, who tipped Niko Tuomi's shot from the left point past Drew with 6:31 left in the period. Martin St. Pierre also assisted.

On their next shot on goal, the Storm got a score from St. Pierre, who was perched at the edge of the net, waiting to punch Brett Trudell's pass from the opposite corner past Drew - which he did at 4:59. Kevin

Klein got Guelph's first two goals of the third period.

Klein assisted as well. The score stayed that way until the third period, when Guelph scored three power-play goals, validating what Vellucci had said prior to the series' start. That special teams would prove decisive.

They did, and the Storm's outplayed Plymouth's throughout. In fact, they had two short-handed goals in the four games, while the Whalers scored just four goals in the series.

Klein got Guelph's first two goals of the third period, the first deflecting in at 18:35 and the second beating Drew from the left point at 13:39, making it 4-1.

The Storm's final score came from Trudell with 8:48 to go. Their dominance, and the Whalers' demoralization, seemed evident when the Whalers got a power-play chance with 6:15 remaining.

In their two minutes with the man advantage, they did not put a shot on net, although Mike Knight did pound one off the post, the closest the Whalers came to scoring in the last two periods.

"We were ready for a battle," said St. Pierre, who finished the game with a goal and three assists. "It sure will be nice for us to get a couple of days off."

The break will be much longer for the Whalers.

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Extended to April 20, 2004

A request by Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz to Wayne Circuit Court to extend the deadline date for payment of delinquent 2001 Wayne County real property taxes from the statutory prescribed date of March 31, 2004, has been granted. The new date is April 30, 2004, for taxpayers to either pay their taxes or file an application for financial hardship. Anyone who has delinquent taxes, questions or concerns are encouraged to contact our office as soon as possible for assistance.

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Road sweep gives Crusaders a boost

It had been a slow start for Madonna University's softball team — at least in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play — until Tuesday

After losing three of their first four WHAC games, the Crusaders rebounded by sweeping Spring Arbor 1-0 and 7-5 Tuesday in Spring Arbor

Madonna improved to 3-3 in the conference, 18-10-2 overall. The Cougars slipped to 4-6 in the WHAC, 16-13-1 overall

The first game was a pitcher's duel, and Madonna's Kelly Nilson excelled, tossing a one-hit shutout. She walked one in nine innings and struck out nine. Holly Davidson took the loss for Spring Arbor, she surrendered one unearned run on eight hits and one walk, with two strikeouts

Crystal Little (from Wayne Memorial) continued her hot hitting, getting a double and two singles in the game. Krystal Shina (Farmington Mercy) had a base hit and the game's only run batted in

In the second game, Madonna pounded Cougar pitching for 11 hits, with Shina

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slugging a two-run home run and Jamie Bobrowski banging a two-run double. Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood), Little and Emily Cunningham each contributed two hits, Day driving in a run and Little scoring two

Shannon Nodar was the winning pitcher, she worked five innings, allowing five runs (three earned) on five hits and two walks. Nilson relieved and pitched two scoreless innings. The loss went to Spring Arbor's Janna Klassen

Indiana Tech 1-7, Madonna 0-4: The Crusaders' trip to Fort Wayne, Ind., for a WHAC double-header against Indiana Tech Sunday proved costly, with the Warriors winning both games

The opening game was a pitcher's duel, the Warriors getting the game's only run on a two-out single in the seventh by Candy Couch that scored Dana Shaddow, who walked to start the inning. Kelly Nilson took the loss for Madonna,

pitching 6 2/3 innings and allowing one run on six hits and two walks, with three strikeouts. Rachel Harris got the win, giving up six hits and two walks with five strikeouts

Kathy Day and Emily Cunningham each had two hits for the Crusaders

In the second game, Madonna got three hits from Stacey Sexsmith and two apiece from Crystal Little, Cunningham (with one run batted in) and Arin Fowler — but it was to no avail in its 7-4 loss

Tech scored five runs in the fourth inning, four of them on a grand-slam home run by Jennifer Gonzalez. She finished with three hits in the game. Sonya Benavides contributed two hits, including a double, and two RBI

The loss went to Madonna's Shannon Noder, who allowed seven runs (six earned) on eight hits and four walks. Jennifer Zev got the win, surrendering four runs (three earned) on 10 hits and three walks with eight strikeouts

On Saturday, Madonna played a non-league double-

header at St. Francis (Ind.) and split, losing the opener 8-0 and winning the second game 7-3

In the win, Little had three hits and two RBI, Cunningham had two hits and an RBI, Day got two hits and Jamie Bobrowski contributed a solo home run for Madonna. Lindsay Bzdok was the starting pitcher, giving up two runs (one earned) on two hits and two walks in four innings, but the win went to Noder, who worked three scoreless innings, allowing one walk and striking out three

In the 8-0 loss, the Crusaders managed just three hits, two of them by Little. Nilson took the loss, surrendering eight runs (five earned) on 13 hits, including a two-run homer by Kari Dearinger. Emily Kavanaugh had three hits for St. Francis, and Erin Kavanaugh, Amanda Minch, Christie Myers and Merdeth Lechtanski each had two, Minch driving in two runs

Sarah Kocher was the winning pitcher, working five innings and giving up three hits and three walks with three strikeouts

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- BOYS TRACK**
Thursday April 8
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer Indoor 11 a.m.
Northville at Stevension 3:30 p.m.
- GIRLS TRACK**
Saturday April 10
A.A. Pioneer Relays 10 a.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**
(all double headers)
Thursday April 8
Aquinas at Madonna 2 p.m.
Saturday April 10
Madonna at Aquinas 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
(all double headers)
Friday April 9
Madonna at Siena Heights 4 p.m.
Saturday April 10
Aquinas at Madonna 1 p.m.
- OHL PLAYOFFS**
Friday April 9 (if necessary)
Plymouth at Guelph 7:30 p.m.
Saturday April 10 (if necessary)
Guelph at Plymouth 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS RESULTS

- PLYMOUTH 4 BELLEVILLE 4**
April 1 at Plymouth HS
No. 1 singles: Marius Williams (B) def. Luc Lucay 6-3 6-0
No. 2: Steven Row (B) def. Ali Saleem 6-3 6-2
No. 3: Kevin Welch (P) def. Jason Wisniewski 6-4 0-6 7-6 (10-8)
No. 4: Ryan Payne (B) def. Justin Magill 6-4 6-3
No. 1 doubles: Scott Cantuzian Nestervic (B) def. Doug Eggleston Jerry Dellerco 6-4 6-1
No. 2: Brad Vergenson Clint Korpalisky (P) def. Joe Bickham Justin Mocer 6-4 7-6 (7-4)
No. 3: Nick Mazzocco D.J. Wagner (P) def. Nathan Mardersan Ryan Simmons 6-1 6-2
No. 4: Erik Korpalisky Don Zhang (P) def. Dan Tasker Steven Tinsley 6-0 6-0
Dual-meet record Plymouth 10 Next meet: 4 p.m. Wednesday April 21 at Livonia Churchill

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Madonna splits 4-game set with Spring Arbor

A pair of four-run innings, ignited by Ben Galus and Kevin Zerbo, propelled Madonna University's baseball team to a 9-2 win over Spring Arbor in the second game of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header Saturday at Madonna's University Ballpark

In the seven-inning first game, the Crusaders' Dan Duffey allowed just two hits and three walks in seven innings, but was outduled by Rick Hapner, who threw a two-hit shutout for the Cougars in a 1-0 win

The split came after the two teams divided a double-header at Spring Arbor Friday, the Crusaders winning the opener 6-1 but losing the nightcap 4-3. The 2-2 weekend left Madonna at 15-14 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC, Spring Arbor is 12-7 overall, 2-2 in the conference

In Saturday's 9-2 win, Galus singled in one run in the third

BASEBALL

and slugged a two-run home run in Madonna's four-run seventh. Zerbo tripled in two runs in the four-run third and singled in a run in the seventh

Chris Behrns was the winning pitcher, allowing two runs on eight hits and a walk with four strikeouts. Aaron Colf took the loss

In the opener, the Cougars' Tim Corser scored the game's only run after walking, getting sacrificed to second and moving to third after a batter was hit by a pitch and another walk. Joey Sobocinski's sacrifice fly brought him home

In Friday's 6-1 opening win, Madonna got a three-run home run from Zerbo — his fourth homer of the season — in the third inning, one of his two hits in the game. Joe Greene had three hits, Kellen Fry got two hits and Jake Ghannam (Farmington

Harrison) slugged a two-run pinch-hit double in the sixth

Derek Dufrane improved his pitching record to 4-0 with the win, allowing one run on two hits and one walk with four strikeouts in seven innings. Andy Kline took the loss for Spring Arbor

In the second game, the Crusaders got one run in the eighth and another in the ninth to tie it at 3-3, but Spring Arbor got the game-winner in the bottom of the ninth on a pair of errors, the second a throw home to catcher Nick Hippler, who dropped

the ball on an attempted force play at the plate

Madonna had tied it on a Joe Greene double in the ninth, Greene eventually scoring on a wild pitch. Galus had three hits and an RBI in the game

Jeff Savage pitched the first eight innings, allowing three runs on three hits and two walks with six strikeouts. Doug Brooks relieved and took the loss, giving up one unearned run and two walks. Tom Compiant got the win for Spring Arbor, giving up three runs on eight hits and one walk in nine innings

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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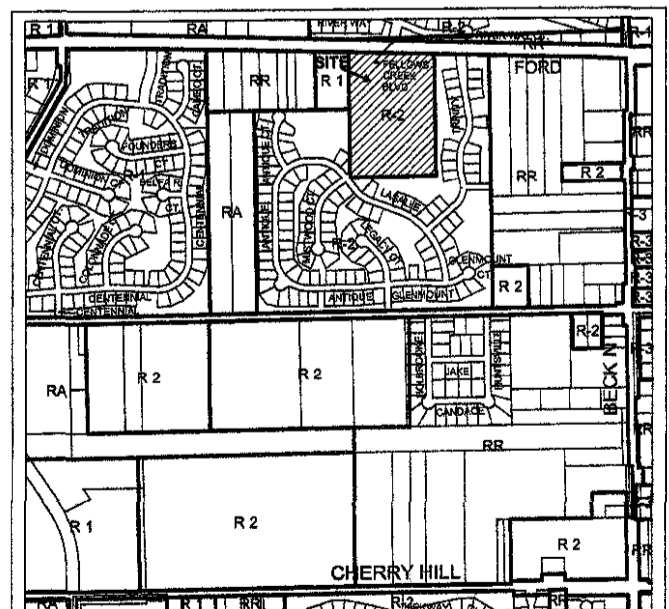
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 3 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

FOUNDERS WOODS PDD AMENDMENT NO. 2- CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO 065 99 0031 000 Property is located south of Ford between Beck and Ridge Roads



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday April 29, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. April 22ND 2004 for the following:

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Specifications may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal 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. Questions may be directed to Tom Casari at (734) 394 5153.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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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 29th 2004 for the following:

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 SOUTH CENTER ROAD CANTON, MICHIGAN 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday April 13 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road, Westland Michigan 48185

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1996	Ford E 350	White	Van	1FDKE30H2THA85989
1989	Ford Escort	White	4 Dr	1FAPP9598KT167266
1981	Ford Van	Blue	Van	1FTDE04E5BHA33170
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1990	Ford Escort	White	2 Dr	1FAPP9195LT162324
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1995	Dodge Neon	Blue	4 Dr	1B3ES67C3SD511993
1997	Mitsubishi Mirage	Burg	4 Dr	JA3AY26A5VU014371
1986	Chrysler LaBaron	Blue	2 Dr	1C3BC51K6GG285760
1989	Olds Cutlass	Black	2 Dr	1G3NT14D2KM277563
1994	Chevy GMT 400	Red	PU	1GCDC14Z7RZ190721

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 30, 2004

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 30 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Conklin, Director Faas.

Adoption of Agenda
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC: Item 1. Youth Advisory Council Presentation
Director Conklin stated that she formed this council two (2) years ago with 11 original members. Six of those 11 are still active and students are represented from grades 8-12. Joh LaFever, Youth Development Specialist, Lester Hooker Jr, Chair, and Katie Nazardi, Vice Chair, gave the presentation and explained the role of the Youth Advisory Council serving as ambassadors for youth development to the community and evaluate leisure time needs and interpret needs to the Recreation Specialist and assist in coordination of programs and services designed to meet the needs of the youth of this community.

Item 2. Council for Community Excellence 2003 Annual Report Presentation
Kris Sanders, Canton's Neighborhood Coordinator, stated that on December 20 2001, a new ordinance was adopted and the Council for Community Excellence (CCE) was formed. This Council was developed to promote projects that support the vision of excellence for the Township and to acknowledge projects that further enhance the community. The CCE acts as an advisory board, whereby they study and develop plans for community enhancement projects, promote public awareness, and enlist the support of interested individuals, businesses, industries, schools, and civic organizations. Delphine Marshall, 2003 Co Vice Chairperson/2004 Chairperson stated that the mission is to promote a pleasant, aesthetic environment of the Canton Community by creating participating in, and supporting activities and programs that foster a sense of community pride by involving ourselves and others in the community. The Council's goals are to explore what other communities are doing to enhance their community, reviewing Canton's programs and providing recommendations for improvement, determining the value of an annual awards program to recognize excellence in the community and to explore a way to enhance Canton's gateways into the community. The meetings scheduled for 2004 are set for the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Summit on the Park and is open to the public.

Item 3. Homeowner's Advisory Council Update
Glen Reimer, President stated the Council originated in the 1980's to share ideas, solve problems and be a common voice for homeowners. The CHAC is an advisory group, whereby their goal is to assist homeowners and homeowner associations (HOA) by providing a forum for residents in the community to exchange ideas, information and concerns while working collaboratively with Canton's Neighborhood Coordinator. They provide HOA with information to assist them in establishing effective associations. Supervisor Yack will talk with IT to create link for HOA to place information on our Canton website. CHAC meets September, June and is open to all homeowners. Clerk Bennett suggested a link to the Township's web page and list the responsibilities of Board of Directors, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary when you take a position on any Council.

Item 4. Neighborhood Coordinator Update
Kris Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator has been in this position since conception in 2000. The coordinator is responsible for the following key activities: maintaining positive communication with Canton residents, neighborhood homeowner's associations and Township offices, promoting and assisting in the development of community wide projects and neighborhood improvement programs, identifying areas for improvement in communication with residents and assist in the resolution of their concerns, understanding the ongoing construction status of various residential developments in the community, support the Homeowner's Advisory Council and support the Council for Community Excellence as the lead township liaison.

Item 5. Ford Road Access Management Study
On December 2 2002 the Township Board passed a resolution to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding for an Access Management Plan for the Ford Road Corridor. Since that time MDOT applied for and received a State Planning and Research Grant to conduct an Access Management Study of the Ford Road Corridor from Lotz Road to Napier Road in Canton. The 9 month study is being conducted by the Corrandino group and commenced in January 2004. Mr. Jeff Edwards provided the Board with an overview of access management issues and concepts and discussed the importance of the access management planning as it relates to the future of Ford Road.

Item 6. Operating Agreement with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc.
Ann Conklin, Director of Leisure Services discussed the draft operating agreement between the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities Inc. and Canton Township. This draft is a model shared by the DIA.

Item 7. Sale of Township Property
Clerk Bennett presented the history of the three (3) parcels in McIntyre Gardens that the Township currently own when purchased from the County due to non-payment of property taxes. The previous owners never recorded the deed for the three lots they purchased therefore they never received property tax bills which were mailed to the seller of the property at that time. Subsequently the lots went to the County for non payment and the Township purchased the three (3) lots. At this time the previous owners are requesting to purchase the property back. The Board of Trustees feels that this property, in the future, has the potential for residential development and does not wish to sell this property at this time.

Item 8. Illegal Signs
Director Faas stated that an agency has put up signs for builders and businesses in the area at major intersections. These signs are illegal according to our ordinance. The Building Department has had one inspector work 3 to 4 hours on Saturdays, removing the signs, a total of 140 signs were removed on a recent Saturday.

Supervisor Yack stated that there will be no study session on April 6, 2004. **ADJOURN.** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett, Clerk. Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board approval.

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Drew's return can't save Whalers

There was some surprisingly good news for the Plymouth Whalers when they traveled to Guelph for the third game in their best of seven series Monday. Already trailing 2-0 in games, they needed all they could get.

The somewhat unexpected return of all-star goalie Paul Drew had to bolster their hopes. Drew injured his ankle in practice the week prior to the Whalers' opening series in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs against Kitchener and, according to coach/general manager Mike Vellucci, his return prior to the third round of the playoffs was highly unlikely.

And yet, there he was on Monday, in goal against the Storm, one of the OHL's best teams during the regular season. And he did a superb job, holding the second-best offensive team in the OHL to two goals for four periods.

But it wasn't good enough. Because at 4:54 of the fifth period, Brett Trudell turned passes from Daniel Girardi and Martin St. Pierre into the game-winning goal, giving Guelph a 3-2 victory and a 3-0 lead in games played.

Drew stopped 37 of 40 shots on goal, playing 85 minutes in his first game back. His adversary, Storm goalie Adam Dennis, had 31 saves.

The Whalers had the early lead, John Mitchell scoring at 7:35 of the opening period (assisted by Jonas Fiedler and John Vigilante).

Guelph knotted it at 1-1 when Ryan Callahan scored on the power play at 16:38 of the first period (assists from Trudell and St. Pierre).

The Storm went up 2-1 on a score by Daniel Paille at 3:20 of the second period (Matt Ryan, Girardi assisted). Fiedler's goal at 3:46 later knotted it at 2-2 (Mitchell assisted).

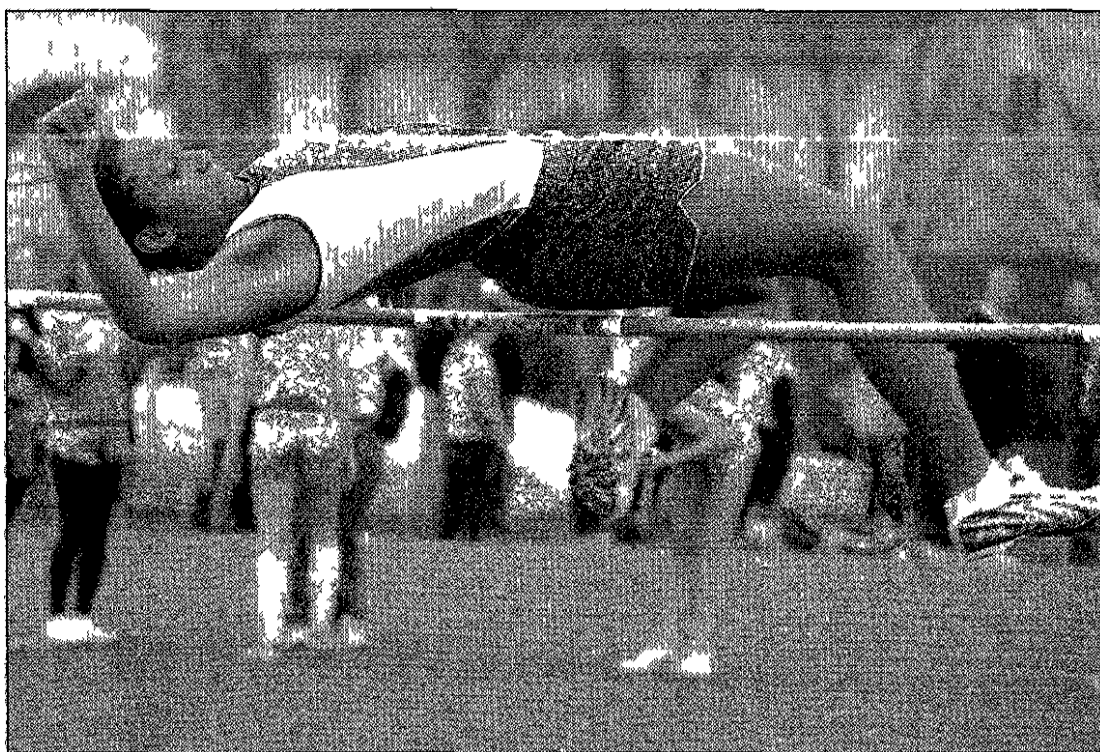
Guelph 4, Plymouth 1: Three second-period goals sent the Storm to an easy win over the Whalers Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Daniel Paille got the Storm started, scoring just 49 into the game (Matt Ryan, Ryan Kitchener assisting). A second Guelph goal at 4:03 of the second period by Kyle Spurr (Jakub Koreis, Cam Janssen assisting) doubled the lead, Ryan Callahan made it 3-0 with a short-handed goal at 14:49 of the second (Martin St. Pierre assisting).

The Whalers got on the board on the same power play that Callahan scored on, Andrew Fournier scoring at 15:17 (assisted by Vaclav Meidl and Tim Sestito). But the Storm scored again before the second period expired, Ryan getting the goal with just 27 left (Koreis assisting).

Adam Dennis stopped 30 of 31 shots in goal for Guelph. Ryan Nie made 28 saves for Plymouth.

CITY TRACK MEET RESULTS



Salem's Lindsay Miles took top honors in the high jump, clearing 4-feet, 9-inches

SALEM 100 CANTON 43 PLYMOUTH 32 Tuesday at PCEP Track	400 1 Lockhart (S) 1:02.7 2 Hanchett (P) 1:03.6 3 Stobbe (C) 1:03.87 4 Gault (S) 1:05.0	4 Gholston (P) 18 11 1/2
Pole vault 1 (tie) Williams (C) Allie Vraniak (S) 8 feet, 6 inches 3 Ashley Aquinto (S) 8 0 4 Sara Schmidt (S) 7 0	300 hurdles 1 Lang (S) 51.83 2 Moise (P) 54.0 3 Olech (C) 54.59 4 Eldred (S) 54.71	4x800 meter relay 1 Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock Cyrus Azizi Scott George Eric Zech) 8:37.5 2 Salem 8:38.0
Shot put 1 Anna Wilson (S) 33.8 2 Maggie Fisher (S) 31.2 3 Janine Moise (P) 30.6 4 Guyton (P) 27.9	800 1 Friedman (S) 2:30.0 2 Beeler (P) 2:39.0 3 Carpinelli (S) 2:41.0 4 Janda (S) 2:43.0	110 hurdles 1 Preston (C) 15.8 2 Waidmann (C) 15.8 3 Gholston (P) 16.7 4 Phillips (P) 16.7
Discus 1 Wilson (S) 96.4 2 Carly Schwan (S) 84.3 3 Moise (P) 77.0 4 Mac (C) 72.1	200 1 Vraniak (S) 27.67 2 Lockhart (S) 28.69 3 Pitts (C) 29.5 4 Mueller (P) 29.73	100 dash 1 Devin Thomas (C) 11.2 2 Brandon Reeves (C) 11.5 3 D.J. Coleman (P) 11.5 4 Kevin Burdette (C) 11.7
High jump 1 Lindsay Miles (S) 4.9 2 Katie Cezat (C) 4.9 3 Paszkowska (C) 4.8 4 Petty (P) 4.6	3200 1 Kane (S) 12:33.0 2 Griffiths (S) 12:41.0 3 Sherwood (P) 13:13.0 4 Chelsea Baldwin (S) 13:37.0	4x200 relay 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Preston Dave Calille Thomas) 1:33.1 2 Salem 1:37.0
Long jump 1 Joyner (C) 15.3 2 Nyberg (C) 14.7 1/2 3 Moise (P) 14.3 3/4 4 Carolyn Heaney (S) 13.6	4x400 relay 1 Salem (Lockhart Lang Vraniak Friedman) 4:20.4 2 Canton 4:31.0	1600 1 George (C) 4:46.0 2 Adam Warner (S) 4:48.0 3 Zech (C) 4:52.0 4 Walsh (S) 4:56.0
4x800-meter relay 1 Salem (Laura Friedman Allison Janda Marisa Carpinelli Danielle Malone) 10:31.4 2 Plymouth 10:41.3	CANTON 114.5 SALEM 46.5 PLYMOUTH 14 Tuesday at PCEP Track	4x100 relay 1 Canton (Burdette Corey Stewart Calille Reeves) 45.9 2 Salem 46.5
100 hurdles 1 Dana Eldred (S) 16.94 2 Williams (C) 17.03 3 Andrea Lang (S) 17.04 4 Paszkowska (C) 19.76	Pole vault 1 Derek Reeves (C) 11.0 2 (tie) Fisher (S) Rich Hensel (C) 10.6 4 Wurtzbacher (S) 10.0	400 1 Rossow (C) 52.1 2 Azizi (C) 52.9 3 Wade (P) 53.8 4 Sokolowski (S) 54.9
100 dash 1 Wallace (P) 13.82 2 Lee (C) 13.91 3 Williams (C) 14.0 4 Mueller (P) 14.28	Shot put 1 Brad Waidmann (C) 42.10 2 Chris Snider (C) 39.9 3 Lester Booker (C) 39.7 4 Miller (P) 38.1	300 hurdles 1 Preston (C) 41.3 2 Stewart (C) 43.4 3 Chew (S) 43.5 4 Phillips (P) 45.1
4x200 relay 1 Salem (Lynden Gault Miles Vraniak Brittany Lockhart) 1:53.6 2 Plymouth 1:54.8	Discus 1 Waidmann (C) 146.3 2 Mbanugo (S) 128.3 3 Joe Zugaj (C) 111.10 4 Snider (C) 103.4	800 1 Joe Crist (S) 2:09.0 2 Whitlock (C) 2:12.0 3 Heidenreich (S) 2:12.7 4 Maryanski (S) 2:13.0
1600 1 Lauren Kane (S) 5:46.6 2 Liane Griffiths (S) 5:58.0 3 McCormack (C) 6:01.0 4 Malone (S) 6:06.7	High jump 1 Waidmann (C) 6.3 2 Mike Lanlus (C) 5.10 3 Matt McClellan (C) 5.10 4 Scharchburg (P) 5.8	200 1 Thomas (C) 23.1 2 Coleman (P) 23.5 3 Smith (C) 23.8 4 Reeves (C) 23.9
4x100 relay 1 Canton (C) 55.28 2 Salem 55.34	Long jump 1 Julian Smith (C) 20.6 1/2 2 Rumao (S) 19.10 3 Rodney Preston (C) 19.6	3200 1 Warner (S) 10:51.2 2 Walsh (S) 10:52.3 3 Kapadia (S) 10:54.0 4 Steve Cheek (C) 10:59.0

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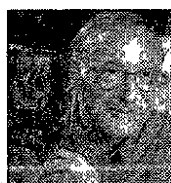
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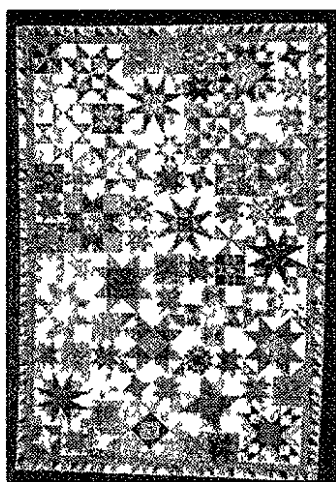
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The Oakland County Quilt Guild will raffie this star quilt at the group's Quilt Celebration 2004 next week

Quilt Celebration 2004 has special shine

The "stars" will be out next week for Quilt Celebration 2004

The event is a quilt show and contest, exhibiting more than 300 quilts from five states. A quilt with a star pattern will be raffied, while a star quilter will lecture and conduct classes.

Quilt Celebration 2004 will be presented by the Rochester-based Oakland County Quilt Guild, members of which are shining stars in community involvement as well as in their love of quilting.

This is the guild's sixth Quilt Celebration. The group presents the event every two years.

"It's one of the largest quilt shows in our area," said Patti Balsinger, publicity committee co-chair.

Quilt Celebration participants may compete for cash prizes — a total of \$1,050 is awarded — or enter quilts for exhibition only.

This year's show will be in a new location — the First Baptist Church of Lake Orion (see related article).

The star quilt to be raffied was inspired by a quilt by Nancy McDonald from *Alex Anderson's Star Book*. All of the guild members worked on blocks of the quilt, which were then assembled by two members.

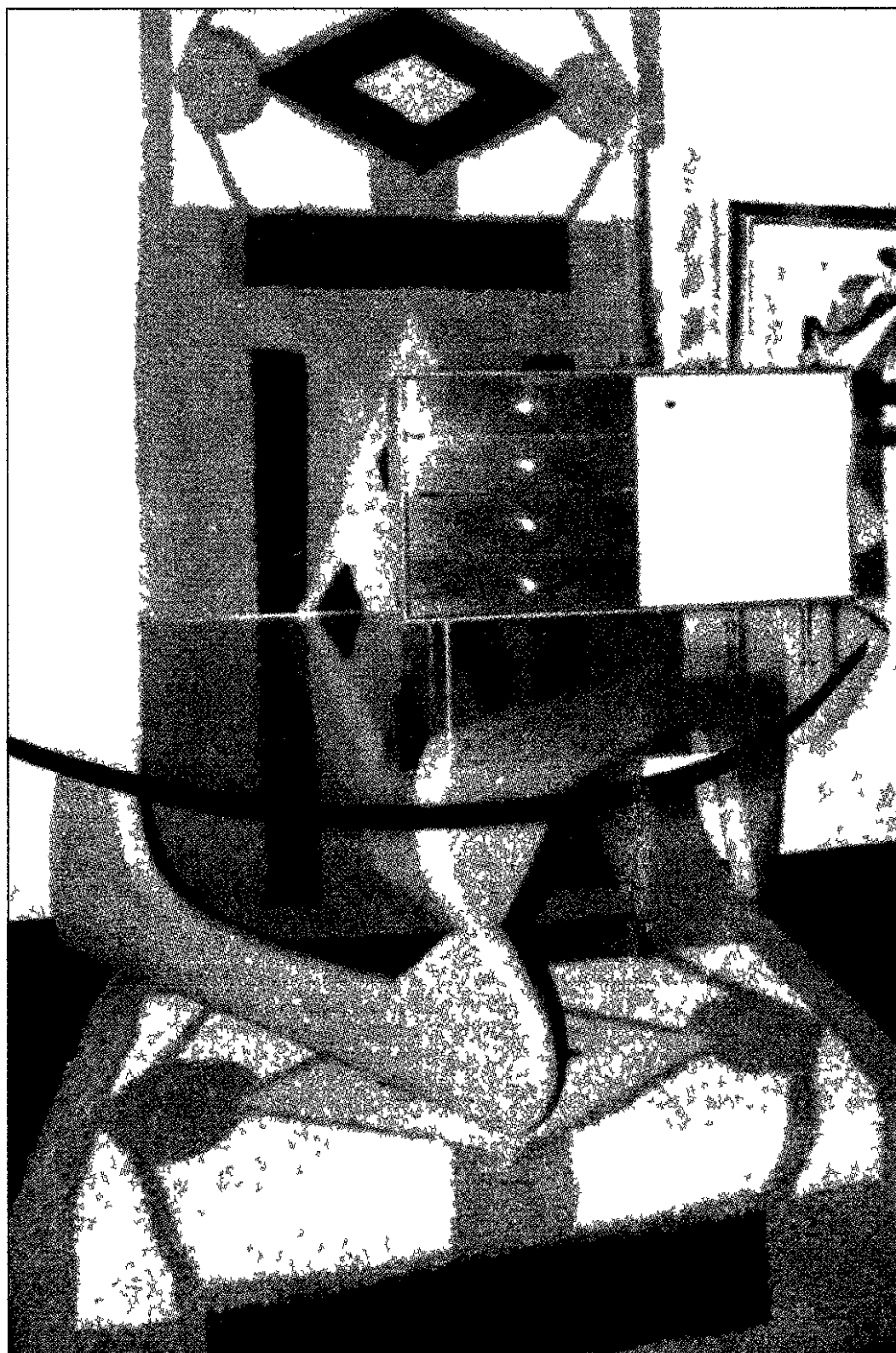
Net proceeds from the raffie will go to the guild's general fund, which supports the group's activities and programs.

Guild members have made and donated quilts to a variety of charitable organizations, including Wellness House in Detroit, HAVEN, Children's Hospital, Children's Village, Crittenton Hospital and the Rochester Police Department.

The guild's Story Book Quilt Collection will be displayed at the show. These items were made by members to accompany children's literature about quilting. The collection is available at no charge to schools, Scout troops, libraries, museums and others.

Special guest lecturer and teacher Harriet Hargrave is well known in the quilting

PLEASE SEE QUILT, C8



The Michigan Modernism Exposition in Southfield will feature a variety of furnishings in 20th century design. Examples shown here are a miniature cabinet, circa 1960s, and a glass-top table and a geometric wool runner, both circa 1950s.

When AND Now

MODERNISM HAS TIMELESS APPEAL

Look up the word 'modern' in *Webster's Dictionary* and you'll find a definition that includes 'of the present or recent times — up-to-date'.

'Look for 'modern' as in the modernism style and you'll find an almost limitless amount of examples.

"Basically it's the type of design that is kind of ageless," said Dan Peters of Studio 50s in Keego Harbor. "It has very clean lines."

Studio 50s will be one of 80 exhibitors from 12 states and Canada at the Michigan Modernism Exposition in Southfield this month. The show and sale will feature a wide variety of furnishings, art work, vintage clothing

and other pieces in 20th century style of design (see related article).

As a new element this year, the event will open with a preview party to benefit ArtServe Michigan, a nonprofit organization that supports and advocates for the arts and cultural education in the state.

The party will take place Friday, April 23. The evening's entertainment will include live music by Wendell Harrison, Marianne Hayden and Pam Wise, a vintage fashion show by Vintage Chic, hors d'oeuvres, a compli-

PLEASE SEE MODERNISM, C3

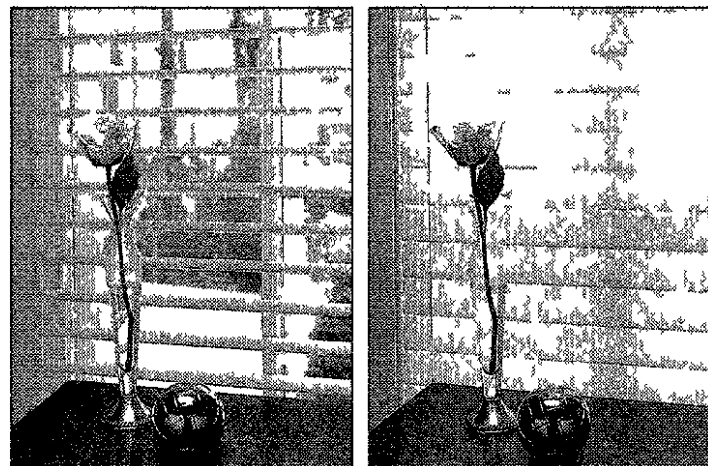
MARKET PLACE

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

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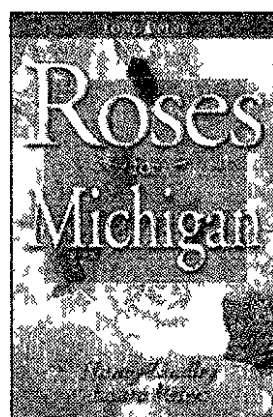
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Accents

More garden books

There are two more books available for the Michigan gardener: *Roses for Michigan* by rose specialist Nancy Lindley and garden writer Laura Peters, and *Gardening Month by Month in Michigan* by Tim Wood and garden writer Alison Beck.

Roses for Michigan showcases 144 of the best roses for Michigan gardens. More than 300



full-color photographs, many of them close-ups, complement detailed information about hardiness, flower size, height and spread, scent, degree of resistance to disease, best planting location and the history of the variety. Lindley and her husband own Great Lakes Roses in Belleville. In *Gardening Month by Month in Michigan*, each chapter is devoted to a specific month, followed by 12 pages of tips and information, annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruits, trees, shrubs and houseplants. Also included is a weekly calendar with plenty of space for writing thoughts and ideas that will keep the garden looking its best.

Tim Wood is a popular Michigan gardening personality and has contributed many articles and photographs to *Better Homes and Gardens*, *American Nurseryman*, *Garden Center Magazine*, *Midwest Living* and *Country Living Gardener*. The books are available in local bookstores.

Give cat massage

Almost one in five North American pets has received a therapeutic massage, according to the American Animal Hospital Association. Now someone has come up with a way to help our feline friends soothe their aching joints and loosen up those muscle kinks.

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Create an infallible backup system April is the time to get ready for storms

When we last left our intrepid columnist, his computer wouldn't boot, his vital data was in peril, and his only backup had been erased (his own doing, admittedly)

As you may recall from last time, a seemingly ordinary lockup had left my computer in dire straits. My heart in my throat, I'd transplanted my hard drive to another machine to see if any data might be salvaged.

Success! Not only was the drive accessible, but everything seemed to be intact. I hastily copied the most irreplaceable files to a CD, then tried putting the hard drive back in the non-working machine.

It still wouldn't boot. Even so, I was relieved that the PC itself had died (seemingly) and not the hard drive. A PC can be replaced. My life's work cannot.

Anyway, back to the dead machine. As a last-ditch effort, I started unplugging various USB devices. And when I

removed my external DVD burner, the machine sprang to life, everything working normally. Somehow, the initial lockup and subsequent reboot had convinced my PC that the burner was the boot drive. Go figure.

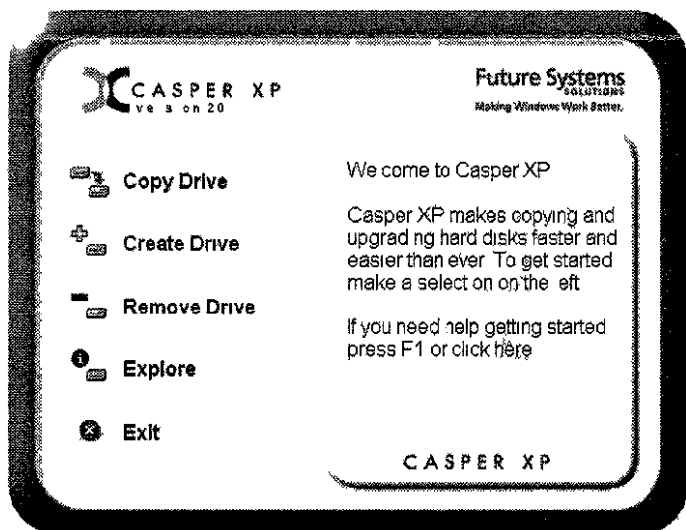
So this was a happy ending—but many system failures are not.

Fortunately, it's quite easy nowadays to create a bullet-proof backup, by which I mean a complete duplicate of your hard drive. If your primary drive fizzles, you just swap in the duplicate and you're back in business.

To accomplish this you'll need two items: the right software and an external hard drive.

The software is easy. For about a year I've been using Casper XP (www.fssdev.com), a blissfully easy-to-use "drive image" utility that copies entire hard drives, stem to stern.

It costs \$44.95 and is available for direct download from



the week. For as little as \$80, you should be able to find a drive that's at least as large (capacity-wise) as the one in your PC.

Finally, don't forget the most important step of all: reminding yourself to use Casper XP. Set a recurring

appointment in Outlook or your PDA, one that reminds you to run the program once a week.

Backups are a crucial part of computing. If you don't make them, you run the risk of losing time, money, and irreplaceable data.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida of Commerce Township has written for computer and technology magazines and is co-author of several books on handheld computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can e-mail him at rickbroida@excite.com.

To live in Michigan is to enjoy the four seasons of the year and if you look outside, the snow is gone and the grass is turning green. During the winter months it



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

doesn't take long to make statements like, 'I've had enough.' Well, you asked for it, the good Lord gave it to you and the question is: Are you ready for it? Heavy rains, thunder and lightning, power surges, blackouts and all of the things that nature can create.

This column will touch on a few of the preparations that should be in the mind of every reader, so let me remind you of Aug. 14 of last year.

The lights went out across a vast portion of the country and it brought back a living style reminiscent of the late 1800s. After several days and more than that for some, the electrical power was restored and life went on. I don't think there has ever been a time when generators have been in demand at local stores.

The retail market simply ran out of them. Maybe you're thinking about getting one for your home this year and if so, I'd like to give you some advice. Purchase one that cranks out the necessary amps and watts for your needs. Do some research on this subject and talk to the electrical people in business to find out how to measure accurately exactly what those needs are. Learn how to use the generator properly and read the manual on

how to maintain it. Place it in the correct location to make it safe to use and where it bothers the neighbors the least.

Last year some people died because they placed the operating generator in their garages. Some generators failed because the gas had been in the tank for over a year. You should know that gas begins to lose its quality after a period of 45 days.

Refrigerators and freezers suffered a lot of harm in many homes because of this power failure and much of it was due to low voltage and power surges. Many homeowners had to purchase new computers and many didn't have a surge protector on the line. Electrical shops sell and install a whole house surge protector right at the fuse box.

Many homes have a sump pump installed. Do you have a back-up pump or a battery-pack to keep it running? Get in touch with a good plumber or basement waterproofing company and find out what's available for your home.

A subject as simple as dry ice should jar your memory back to the food you lost last year. Those companies couldn't produce enough of this product and were having it shipped to this market from states far away. Do you in a time of need know where to go to buy dry-ice? There are only a few locations, so it's time to find out now. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to put a damper on this beautiful time of year, I just want to make you aware that nature has a way of playing tricks on us.

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.

Techniques help make moving furniture easier

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Next time you need to move furniture around a room, try one of these techniques. They could save you an

aching back and scratched flooring.

■ Glue bumon pads on the feet of tables and chairs so they can be moved without scratching the finish on the floor.

■ For heavy furniture, slip a piece of plush carpet, pile side down, under the furniture legs.

You'll protect the floor, and the furniture will slide easier.

■ If you're without bumon pads or extra carpet, try slipping heavy socks onto the legs, or place each leg into a shoe made from the bottom half of a milk carton.

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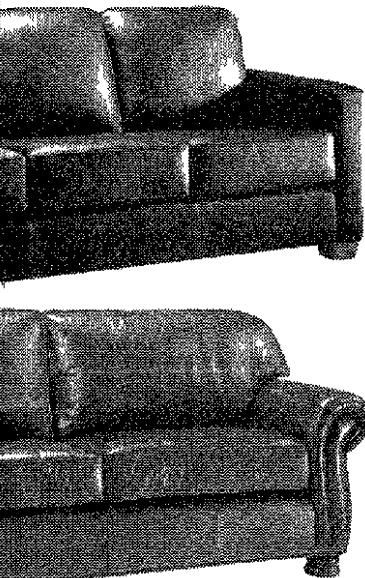
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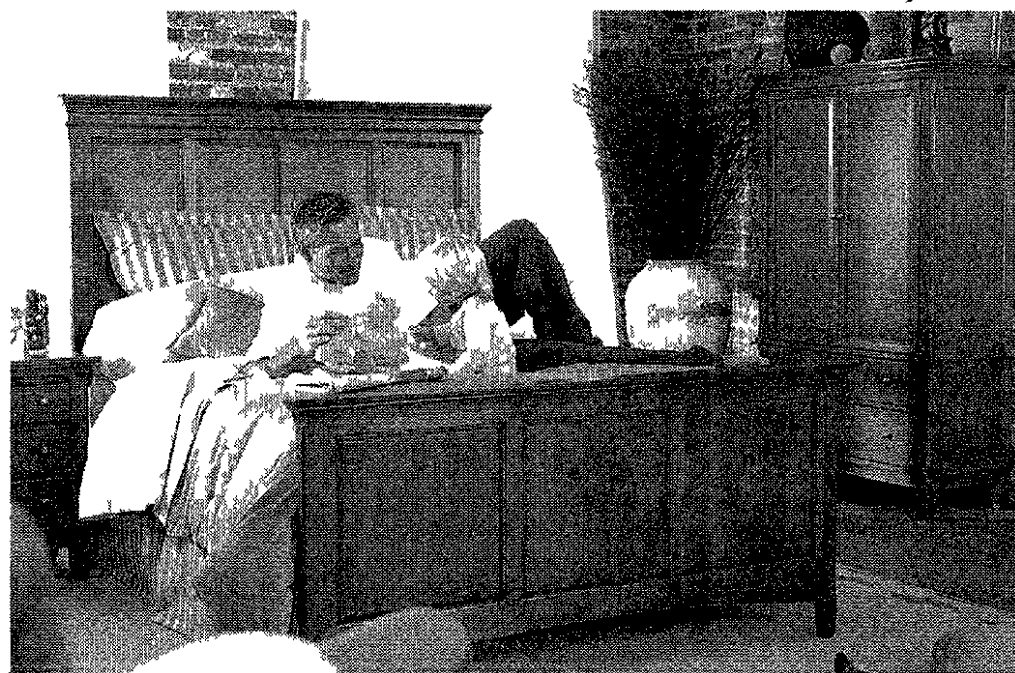
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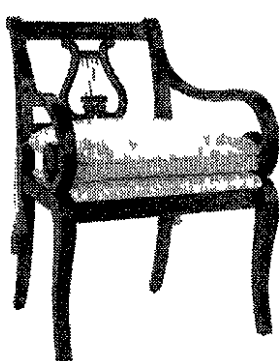
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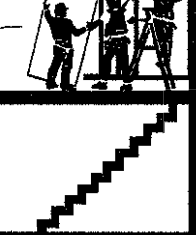
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MODERNISM

FROM PAGE C1

Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham and a cash bar

"It's a perfect fit," said Barbara Kratchman, ArtServe Michigan president

Partygoers will benefit in three ways They will have an opportunity to buy pieces early, have a great evening and support the arts, she said

APPEAL

Among the modernism styles are Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Streamline, Prairie, Surrealism, Neo-Baroque and Arts and Crafts Renowned names include Wright, Tiffany, Miller, Wakefield and Stuckley Terry Ellis of Room Service Interior Design at Michigan Design Center in Troy says she is "particularly fond" of Art Deco

"It was a very specific point in time where everything in a broad range was influenced by the style and design — buildings, book bindings, jewelry," she said "I find that very, very interesting

Also intriguing are the unusual color combinations of the style, Ellis said, such as red and black, white and silver, crystal and bright colors, lavender and pure gold, and lime green with red

In his store, with its 6,000 square feet and 14-foot ceilings, Peters showcases pieces by such famous names as Saarinen, Eames and Fredericks Many of the designers and artists have a connection to Cranbrook.

"It is versatile because it has such clean lines," Peters said of modernism "It goes with any style"

Nostalgia is often another part of the appeal

"I think it's mainly because people identify (pieces) with their parents," said Ron Winter, owner of Merwins Antiques Gallery in Birmingham, another exhibitor

Merwins will feature a pair of chairs by Mies van der Rohe, art by Chagall and Picasso,

MICHIGAN MODERNISM EXPOSITION

What: A show and sale featuring examples of pieces of 20th century design Luminaries representing the Art Deco Art Nouveau Prairie Arts and Crafts Surrealistic and Neo Classical schools of design will be presented Designers will include Frank Lloyd Wright Louis Comfort Tiffany Herman Miller Heywood Wakefield the Stickleys and Salvador Dali

Show admission: \$8

When: Saturday Sunday April 24 25 Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 24 noon to 5 p.m. April 25

Where: Southfield Municipal Complex Evergreen at Civic Center Drive between I 696 and 10 Mile

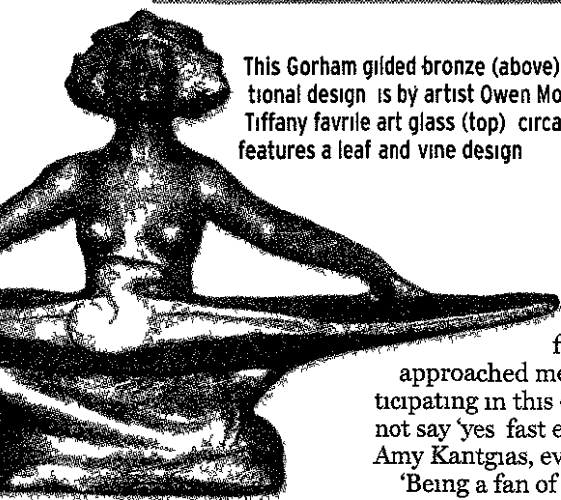
Preview party: A grand opening preview party will kick off the event 7 10 p.m. Friday April 23 The preview will benefit ArtServe Michigan Tickets are \$75 in advance \$100 at the door \$150 patron Anyone interested in attending the preview party should call ArtServe Michigan at (248) 557-8288 Ext 17, or e mail tech@artservemichigan.org

Information: Visit <http://search.antiquet.com/m&m/>



An example of modernism style is this Mission copper lamp with mica and copper shade

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This Gorham gilded bronze (above) 1911 transitional design is by artist Owen Moore This Tiffany favrite art glass (top) circa 1895 to 1915 features a leaf and vine design

When ArtServe first

approached me about participating in this event, I could not say 'yes fast enough," said Amy Kantgas, event chair

"Being a fan of the modernism movement and a supporter of ArtServe Michigan, offering collectors the opportunity to preview and purchase early while raising funds for ArtServe Michigan seemed like the perfect match — an evening not to be missed

lighting by Tiffany and glass by Steuben, he said

Other exhibitors from Michigan will include Aumée of Dearborn, Ann Barbour Antiques, Galerie Camille, Deco Doug, Patrick Deese, Del Giudice Antiques, Elliott and Elliott, Harris Antiques, Lucky Find, Modernage Gallery, Ostrove/Hakim Antiques, Alicia Petranas, The Plastic Arts, Rage of the Age, Sonja Wojno, Tempo Antiques, and Xavier's 20th Century

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An order form can be obtained by calling 1-800-642-7353 or email at GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com or visit online at www.globalreleaf.org. Orders will be accept-

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Global ReLeaf of Michigan is a non-profit, volunteer

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HOME CALENDAR

Starting decorating

Are you overwhelmed with where to start in the process of decorating your house? A class at The Community House in Birmingham Design 101 'Getting Started!' could be just what you need.

The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday April 22 at 380 S. Bates Fe is \$23.

Bring a few photos of one room that will become your initial success. Try to capture all views of the room and any special items that you want to retain such as furniture, art or accessories. Then collect a few pictures from magazines, books or the internet that help explain what you'd like to achieve. Instructor Vicki Gilbertson, an interior designer with Yamasaki Associates Inc. in Troy, will discuss space planning, use of color, furniture, accessories and design techniques to achieve your desired effect. The class will learn design concepts collectively, then discuss each person's specific project. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Art Van Furniture

Drop off new or gently used books for ages 5 to 12 at any Art Van Furniture store during April. The books will be donated to low-income elementary school children in local communities.

The donations are part of Book Drive America, a national campaign to bring much-needed books to youngsters' schools, libraries and community centers across the country. ABC's Good Morning America, WXYZ-TV and Art Van have teamed up to bring the campaign to Michigan.

Thursday April 22 is Art Van Family Night at Dragon Tales Live! at the Fox Theatre. All seats will be offered at a discounted rate of \$12. Tickets are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

Also, guests can register to win four VIP tickets to the show plus a meet and greet with a Dragon Tales character. Pick up postcard entry forms at any Art Van store now through Wednesday April 14.

Children are invited to write a brief essay (100 words or less) on Why I Love My Mother. Entry forms will be available Tuesday April 13 through Sunday May 2 at all Art Van locations. When youngsters return their completed essays to the stores, they will receive a special gift to give to their mother on Mother's Day (while supplies last).

The essay can be a special story or memory that highlights their mother. Essays will be judged on creativity in two groups: 7 to 10 years and 11 to 14 years of age. One winner from each group will be chosen to receive a curio cabinet for their mother.

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

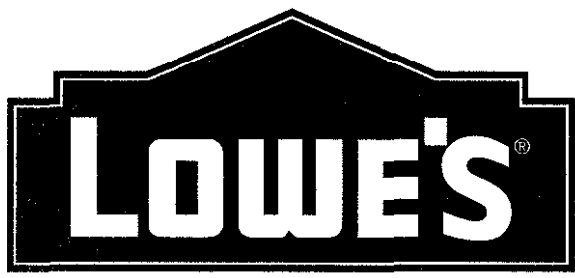
Brighten up and dry right with mildew

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Angellique says: It flooded underneath my wood floor this winter. The water is gone now, but my hardwood floors smell like mildew.

A: Your sniffer has detected the problem.

Now is the time to take action - before the mildew runs rampant and you end up with a \$10,000 hardwood floor replacement. Mildew thrives in moist, dark areas, so to kill it you must brighten things up and dry them out thoroughly. Prune back the spring growth outside your windows, pull up the blinds, open the curtains and drapes, and flood your house with light. Prune shrubs away from foundation vents, and start a fan (or two or three) going under the floor and just as many fans above it, as well. The fast-moving air above and below your floor will dry out those impossible-to-reach places where only vapors travel. Keep these procedures in place for several days after the smell has disappeared.



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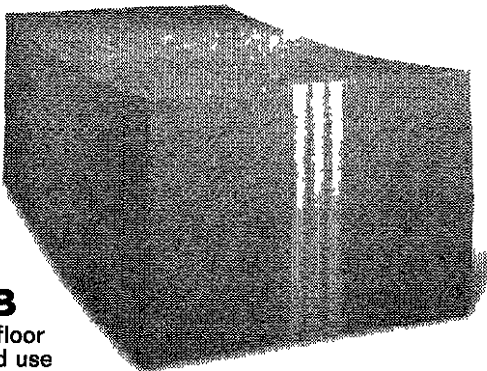
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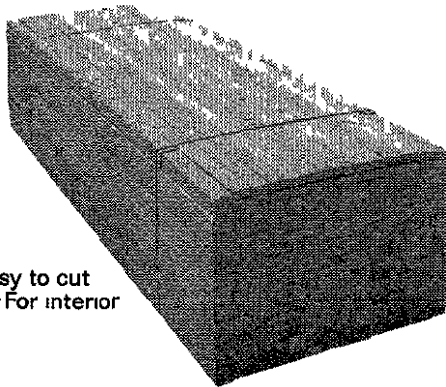
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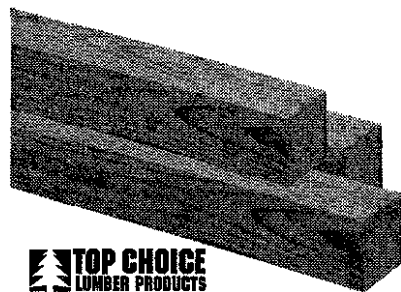
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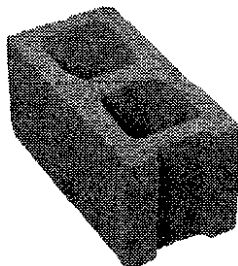
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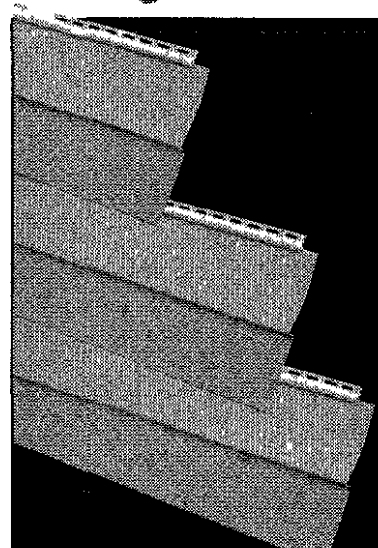
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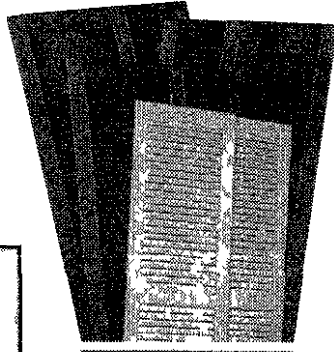
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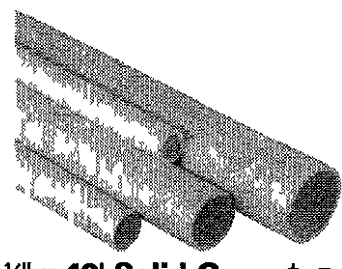


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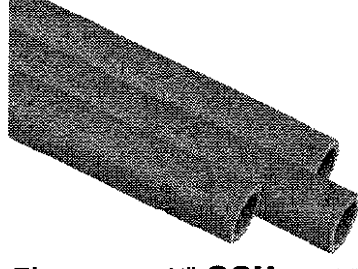
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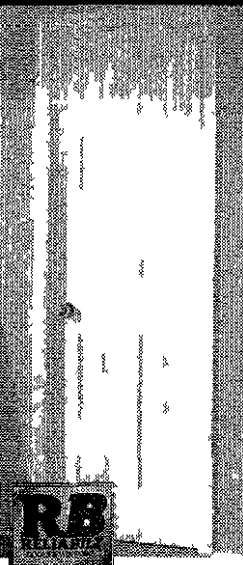
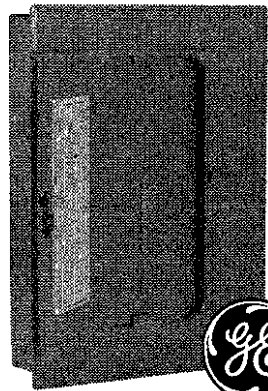
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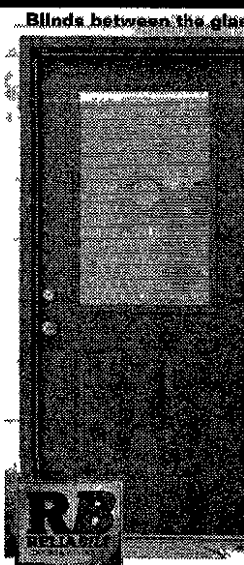
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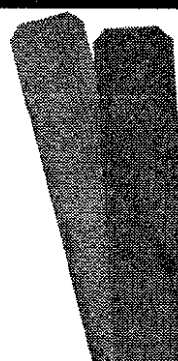
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APRIL

Holy Week worship

Maundy Thursday Communion 7 30 p m April 8 Good Friday Service of Shadows 7 30 p m and Easter (April) Sunrise Service 7 30 a m Festival Service with choirs and handbells 9 15 a m and Contemporary Service with Cross Chords band and children's choir 11 15 a m at St John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road south of Grand River between Farmington and Drake roads Farmington Hills Easter breakfast will be served with by youth 9 11 a m Call (248) 474 0584

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with Washing of Feet 7 p m April 8 Good Friday Tenebrae 7 p m Easter Vigil 7 p m Saturday (no 5 p m service) and Easter Sunday services 7 p m Sunrise Holy Communion 8 a m and 10:30 a m Easter breakfast served and 9 a m and 11 a m Festival Eucharist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Holy Week services and events

Maundy Thursday service drama of the Last Supper 7 p m April 8 at Forest Park Baptist Church 26805 Farmington Road Call (248) 476 0080 Youth led Sunrise Service 7 a m Easter Sunday April 11 followed by breakfast 11 a m service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt (children through sixth grade) at 12 30 p m

Holy Week services

Eucharist and Stripping of the altar foot washing 7 30 p m Maundy Thursday April 8 meditations on The Stations of the Cross noon Good Friday April 9 and 7 30 p m liturgy Easter vigil and first Eucharist of Easter 8 p m Saturday and Eucharist and Flowering of the Cross 7 45 a m and 10 a m Easter Sunday April 11 child care available 10 a m Easter egg hunt 9 a m at St Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hubbard between Five and Six Mile roads Livonia Call (734) 431 8451

The Passion of the Christ

True or False? Find the answer to your questions 7 30 p m Maundy Thursday April 8 12 30 p m and 7 30 p m Good Friday April 9 and 8 30 a m and 11 a m Easter Sunday April 11 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road north of I 96 Livonia For information call (734) 522 6830

Holy Week services

7 30 p m Maundy Thursday April 8 and 9 p m breakfast followed by 10 a m worship and communion Easter Sunday April 11 at First Presbyterian Church of Troy 4328 Livernois Call (248) 689 2122

Lent and Easter services

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia presents Lent and Easter services 7 p m Maundy Thursday April 8 noon Good Friday April 9 (Thursday Friday services will be in conjunction with St John's Lutheran Redford and Trinity Church (Covenant) Livonia Easter worship 8 30 a m and 11 30 a m

Love Feast and Tenebrae Service

Trinity Church of the Brethren will reenact the upper room experience of the disciples and Jesus as He celebrated his last Passover meal The annual Love Feast and Tenebrae Service will take place 8 p m Thursday April 8 in the church at Inkster Road and W Chicago Redford All Christians are invited to join in a meal celebrating Christ's Last Supper a time of spiritual reflection communion and the washing of feet A free will offering will be received For reservations call (313) 937 1199 or send e mail to trinitycobm@earthlink.net

Holy Week services

7 30 p m Maundy Thursday April 8 noon to 3 p m Good Friday and 7 a m 8 a m 9 05 a m (contemporary service) 10 15 a m and 11 30 a m at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Childcare provided Call (248) 734 7400 or visit the Web site at www.wardchurch.org

Good Friday Service

the community wide ecumenical services begins at noon April 9 at Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055 Merriman south of Ford Garden City Call (734) 421 0471

Faces around the Cross

The community Good Friday service (April 9) features in person players around the cross including Simon Peter (noon) Pontius Pilate (12 30 p m) the thief on the cross (1 p m) Mary Magdalene (1 30 p m) the beloved disciple John (2 p m) and the Centurion (2 30 p m) at First United Methodist Church across from the Wayne Post Office There will be

an intermission at each half hour to allow worshippers to come and go For more information or directions call (734) 721 4801 The public is welcome Participating churches include Church of the Risen Lord Kirk of Our Savior St John's Episcopal and First United Methodist

Easter Passion Musical Drama

The adult choir and drama team from (Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055 Merriman second block south of Ford Road Garden City) presents Bow the Knee a musical drama 7 p m Friday Saturday April 9 10 Call (734) 421 0472

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Easter egg hunt

10 30 a m Saturday April 10 at First Church of the Nazarene 24260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile More than 4 500 eggs to hunt for ages 1 12 pictures with the Easter Bunny

Breakfast with Easter Bunny

9 10 a m Sunday April 11 at St John's Episcopal Church Westland Children eat free Guests welcome Photographs taken For more information call (734) 721 5023

Battle of Praise Bands

Looking for groups to compete in Battle of the Praise Bands 7 p m Friday April 30 in the Kresge Chapel at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills Deadline to enter is

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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Women's Club Sale

St Gemma Women's Club hosts its spring Rummage/Bake Sale 9 a m to 6 p m Friday April 16 and 9 a m to noon Saturday April 17 in the school at 13550 Virgil four blocks east of telegraph one block south of I 96 Redford For more information call (313) 255 3666

Rummage and Bake Sale

9 a m to 6 p m Thursday Friday April

15 16 and 9 a m to 1 p m Saturday (bag sale) April 17 at St Paul's Lutheran Church 20805 Middlebelt and Eight Mile Farmington Light lunches available

DivorceCare

Education and support group for those facing divorce begins 7 9 p m Sunday April 18 for 13 sessions no meetings May 23 and 30 and July 4 at St Paul's United Methodist Church 620 Romeo Street north of University east of Rochester Road \$20 fee for workbook To register or for more information call (248) 651 9361

Rummage & Bake Sale

10 a m to 4 p m Friday April 23 and 10 a m to noon Saturday April 24 at Antioch Lutheran Church 13 Mile and Farmington Road Farmington Hills Donations are needed and may be dropped off at the church during the week of April 19 22 For more information call Judy at (248) 476 9074

Homemade pie sale

The fund raiser run 10 a m to noon Saturday April 24 at the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church 4100 Walnut Lake Road west of

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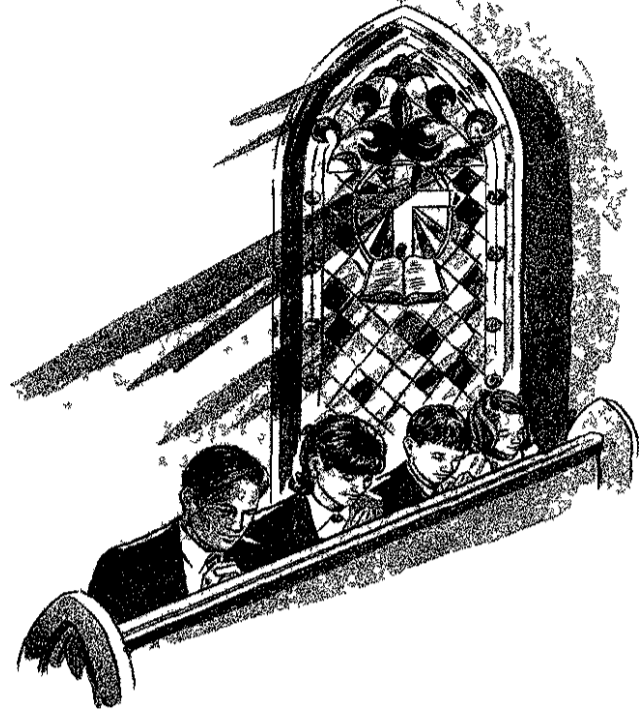
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It's Easy To Criticize...

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

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

GARDEN CALENDAR

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. Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday while supplies last. Admission is free. A great variety of African violets will be for sale. Many generalists and specialties will also be available. Best selections will be on Saturday.

Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet 1 p.m. Monday April 12 in the Royal Oak Library Auditorium 222 E. 11 Mile. The featured speaker will be advanced master gardener Dick Gadoua who will use visual media with a lively question and answer session. Gadoua has a vast knowledge of lawn care, spring wake up tips, and the benefits of composting. He was the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority's Volunteer of the Year for three consecutive years and received the Keep Michigan Beautiful Distinguished Service Award. For more information e-mail RKU.DRON@YAHOO.COM or camimartin@aol.com.

Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday April 14 at Big Beaver United Methodist Church 3753 John R. just south of Wattles in Troy. Gloria Hite will present a program on dahlias. These beautiful flowers have become very popular and are available in many styles and colors. Hite will help sort out the many types and find innovative uses for them in gardens. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. For more information call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

Healthy lawn care

A healthy lawn care workshop will take place 7:30 p.m. Thursday April 15 in the Green Room of the Bloomfield Public Library 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph.

Kevin Frank of Michigan State University will speak. Topics will be soil care, mowing, fertilizing, and best management for Rouge River water quality. The workshop is free to all Oakland County residents. Register in advance by calling Karen Bever at Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (248) 288-5150.

Ponds

Barson's Greenhouses 6414 N. Merriman in Westland will conduct a free pond opening seminar 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday April 17. Call (734) 421-5959 for information.

Garden demonstrations

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center 3301 John R. in Troy has scheduled classes and other events. The offerings include Automatic Watering System Demonstration 7 p.m. Thursday April 15. Early Bloomers 10 a.m. Saturday April 17. Topiary Demonstration 1 p.m. Saturday April 17 and Greenhouse Tour 10 a.m. Thursday April 22. Guest speaker Denny Snell will demonstrate a new do-it-yourself watering system April 15. Admission is free. The system is easy to set up, can water patio pots, beds, and hanging baskets, and can be installed to water automatically. In the Early Bloomers event, learn about selections that can help keep your garden blooming up to 10 months of the year. In the topiary event, Judy Corneller will demonstrate techniques that are used to create and maintain topiaries of different varieties and styles. Admission is free. In the April 22 tour, Telly's owner George Papadellis will stroll through the greenhouse and highlight some of the newer plants and how to use them. Admission is free. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Garden design

A course on garden design will be offered for five Saturdays beginning April 17 at The Community House in Birmingham. Attendees will learn how to select and arrange plants for individual beds or small areas within a landscape. Each student will have the opportunity to design their own garden and apply the basic methods for putting the design on paper. Fee is \$162. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Karen Sierzega, a master

gardener, earned her Certificate of Gardening of Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening. She owns and operates Through the Arbor, which designs, installs, and maintains residential gardens and landscapes.

Bromeliads

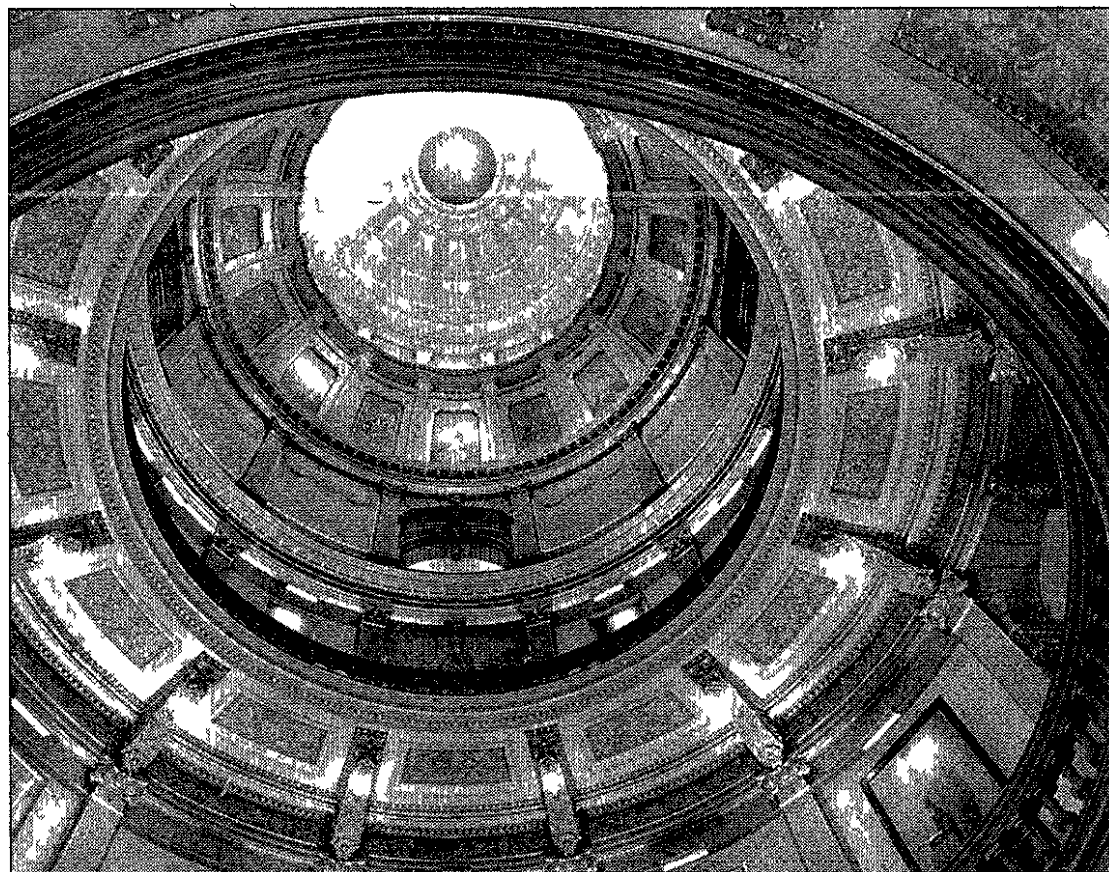
The S.E. Michigan Bromeliad Society will present a free seminar. The Orchids Rain Forest Companions Bromeliads 2 p.m. Saturday April 17 at Ray Wiegand's Nursery 47625 Romeo Plank Road in Macomb Township. The seminar will feature a survey of the other aristocrats of the forest canopy: the bromeliads, a comparison of the adaptation strategies of the two families, and the implications for the successful care of these plants. Visitors are welcome. Call (248) 380-7359 for information.

Underused annuals

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program Rediscovering Underused Annuals 7 p.m. Monday April 19. The program will take place at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward. George Papadellis, the owner of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy, will give a presentation that will include descriptions and growing tips for new, forgotten or underused annuals. Guest fee \$5. For more information call Pat Jerzy at The Community House (248) 644-5832.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet Monday April 19 for a trip to Kern Road Farm in Chelsea. Kern Road Farm maintains a booth at the Ann Arbor farmers market and produces a vast array of delicious jams, jellies, vinegars, and sauces. Members and anyone else interested will meet in the front parking lot at the Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The car pool will leave at 11:30 a.m. for a bag lunch (bring your own) at Kern Road Farm followed by a tour at 1 p.m. Those who miss the car pool can meet the group at 13877 E. Old US 12 just east of Freer Road near Chelsea. The event is free. For more information contact Joan Wosycki at jwosycki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310 or call Kern Road Farm at (734) 433-0738.



This is the dome at Michigan's state capitol in Lansing. Here is Monte Nagler's artistic expression of it.

Develop a state of mind when taking photos

Even though photography has been around for 170 years, only within the past 25 years has it been widely accepted as a true art form with collections to be found in



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

major museums and corporations throughout the world. Obviously, not all photographs are considered great works of art and are worth little except perhaps to the person who shot them. But the important thing I want to convey to you today is to develop a state of mind that your photographs can be important, that taking pictures can be an art, and that as a person deeply interested in photography, you are an artist. You paint with light, and your subject is life itself. Look at your photography as a wonderful opportunity to create.

How can you begin to think

of yourself as an artist? First, by likening yourself to a sculptor. A sculptor begins with a block of stone, his whole. By then chipping away with his chisel, he ends up with his finished work. Thus, by process of elimination, a sculptor revives his completed art.

Similarly, a photographer derives his finished product by a kind of process of elimination, a zeroing in on his subject. An initial look at the subject is the photographer's "whole." Then by proper lens selection, camera angle, selective focus, light direction and quality, and time of day, the photographer "chips away" like the sculptor and ends up with his finished art.

Remember that it's not the chisel carving the stone; it's the sculptor. Similarly, keep in mind that it's not the camera making the photograph; it's really you!

Learning to visualize in advance is very important in your photography and will help you to think in terms of an artist. When you are composing a picture in the viewfinder, try to visualize the image as a

finished print. This is especially true for those who work in black and white where an interpretation of tones and contrasts is necessary.

Even when you don't have your camera with you, practice looking at things as if you were seeing through a viewfinder. You'll be amazed at what you will see.

Yet another way to bring out the artist in you is to say in your pictures how you feel about your subjects, remembering that you and your subject are the two most important ingredients in making a picture. If you love trees, for example, communicate this love through your photographs. Try to make a meaningful statement about trees in your pictures of them.

The idea of a photograph, as in any art medium, is to create a visual interpretation of what you saw and felt and to share your vision with others.

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

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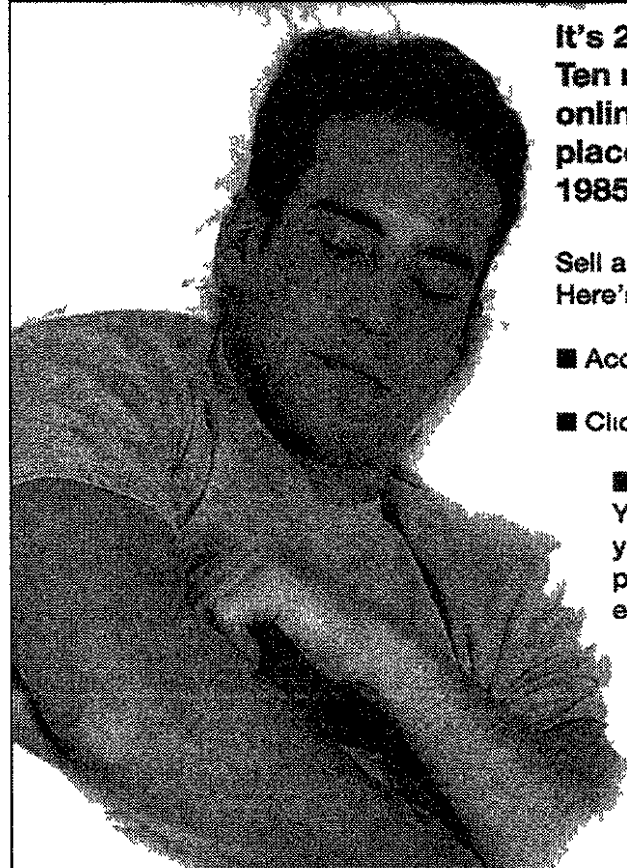
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BARBARA MERRIMAN

Age 67, April 4, 2004. Beloved wife of Hubert (Sonny) Dear mother of Francis Moore, Jim (Nancy) Smith, Linda Napier, and stepmother of Joey (Sheri) Merryman, and Lisa (Bob) Jones. Sister of Harriet Donner, June (Tom) Larry, Jean Moore, Marie (Date) Hammer, Louis (Bonnie) Moore, Robert (Mary Ann) Moore, and Donald Moore. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, and special care givers, Cindy Trehanne, and Sandy Donner. Funeral service were held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Visitation Wednesday was at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 3:00 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Henry Ford Hospice (Breast Cancer).

BERNICE F. HOOK

94 former area resident & secretary at General Motors Corp. passed away April 4, 2004 in Quincy, MI. Preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Hook and brother Rev. Robert Richardson. Survived by cousins. Funeral services 3PM Thur at the George White Funeral Home Quincy Visitation Thurs from 2PM until time of service.

CRAIG T. BELL

Age 58 of Canton, died April 6, 2004. He was born June 12, 1945 in Northville. He was a lifelong resident of the Northville, Plymouth and Canton area. He graduated from Northville High School where he was an all-around athlete and from Eastern Michigan University where he received a Masters Degree in Education. He was a Physical Education teacher and guidance counselor with the Plymouth Canton Schools for 32 years. He also coached football, basketball, and baseball for 30 years. He was an avid golfer and he loved spending time up north. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Vicki; his children Becki (Jim) Kelly of Plymouth, Barry Bell of Plymouth, and Amanda (Jason) Howe of Garden City; his grandsons Jason Jacob and Tyler; his sister, Delores (Ron) Jennings, and his brother Mark (Marilyn) Bell Jr. Visitation at Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Plymouth, Thursday 3-9pm. Private graveside services will be held. Memorials may be made to the Craig Bell Memorial Fund, c/o Vicki Bell.

SZPYRKA, BILL

Age 54, April 3, 2004. Beloved husband of Kitty Loving father of Katie and Scott. Dearest son of Bill & Florence Szpyrka. Dear brother of Sandy (Larry) Wade. Debbie Szpyrka. Uncle of Larry Wade Jr., Chris Mark, Brian Anderson, Norma Anderson. Brother in law of Chris & Sue Anderson, Roddy & Ester Anderson, Larry Wade. Funeral Sat 11am Quierfeld Funeral Home 1200 Oakwood, Dearborn. Visitation Thurs 5-9 & Fri 12-9pm. Memorials to Our Children's Fund of W. Bloomfield Schools PO Box 665 Kego Harbor, MI 48320 appreciated.

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Make a list for your next vacation

Q: Going on vacation is a lot of work. I don't remember if I packed my swimming suit. Did I lock the back door? I think I turned the iron off but I'm not sure. I am exhausted by the time we leave on our trip. It takes days to recover when we return home. Do you have a solution?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

Organization is a necessary ingredient

when preparing for vacation I plan ahead and I keep several written lists. I keep a list of things to do, people to call, items to pack, vacation agenda and unpacking at home. Every family member has jobs to do. For example older children can do their own packing, help load the car, be responsible for their own belongings and assist in vacation planning.

THINGS TO DO:

Begin preparing a week before you leave. Make a specific list of things to buy. Shop for toiletry items, clothing, reading materials and snacks. Get out the luggage and make sure it is adequate. Gather phone numbers in case of an emergency and addresses to send postcards. Put a hold on the mail at the post office or pay a neighbor child to collect your mail while you are gone.

PEOPLE TO CALL:

First decide on the vacation location and then make the arrangements. We make arrangements months or weeks ahead depending on the destination. It is important to make reservations early to take advantage of discounts.

First, make reservations with the airline, if you are flying, and then reserve the rooms. Call a friend or neighbor to

watch the house, feed the dogs and bring in the paper. Leave hotel phone numbers with relatives and friends. As soon as you arrive at your vacation destination, call and make arrangements for tours and other sightseeing trips.

PACKING:

Start a written list of items to pack a week before you actually pack. It is so easy to forget things if you pack in a hurry. You can keep a list on your refrigerator so you can jot things down as you think of them.

Some of the items on your list could include camera, video camera, film, batteries, video tapes, notebook, tickets, reservation information, brochures, vacation agenda, deck of cards, books, magazines, pillows (if riding in the car), snacks, toys (if traveling with young children), change of clothes (a change each day plus two extras), pajamas, swim suit, socks, underwear, shoes and toiletries.

You should do the majority of washing and ironing two days before you pack. Put everything in the suitcases the day before you leave. Begin collecting things you will be taking several days before your departure. Put these items in a designated area in your house. You could use the corner in your bedroom or a spare room that is not in the way of your daily activities.

VACATION AGENDA:

Whether you plan an itinerary before you leave or not, you should be flexible and wait to finalize the plans until you arrive at your destination. This gives you an opportunity to consult locals and look at brochures as a family to decide exactly what you would like to do.

Write a daily schedule (which is subject to change) allowing each person to contribute their ideas. When you

plan and write things down, you have a better chance of doing them. It is important to have a backup plan for your vacation schedule. When Plan A does not work be prepared to implement Plan B.

UNPACKING:

When you arrive home, you should be ready to resume your routine immediately. This can be difficult if things do not get unpacked quickly. Delegate jobs. Someone can unload the car, bringing everything into a central location such as the kitchen. Immediately begin unpacking the dirty laundry and start the washer.

Younger children make ideal 'runners,' taking things to specific rooms. Once everything is in the proper room, each family member is responsible for his own personal unpacking.

My husband and I planned a five-day getaway without children a few years ago. Our destination was the Barbados. I did not follow the system of making lists.

Everything was going according to plan. We landed on the island and checked into an expensive resort, planning to use some coupons that would allow us to stay at the hotel free. When my husband asked me for the coupons, I discovered they were not in my purse. We called my mother to help us locate the coupons at home. She sent them to us express mail. After \$100 in phone calls and \$50 in postage, I decided that making lists would always be a part of my future vacation planning.

Happy Vacationing
Today's Refrigerator Bulletin "Vacationing is relaxing when well planned."

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QUILT

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world, Balsinger said Hargrave is a master of machine quilting — it was revolutionary when she introduced free-motion quilting in 1984 at the Houston Quilt Market — and the author of several books.

Hargrave also printed two successful lines of reproduction fabrics and helped develop a line of natural fiber batting.

She opened Harnet's Treadle Arts in 1980. It was the first quilt store in the Denver area to specialize only in machine quilting, piecing and applique and is now the standard in many stores around the country.

Hargrave has traveled around the world and to every state in the nation. In 1994, she was chosen by a panel of her peers as one of the 88 Leaders of the Quilt World for

QUILT CELEBRATION 2004

What: A quilt show/contest presented by the Oakland County Quilt Guild. More than 300 quilts from five states will be displayed. Other features will include a lecture April 16 by Harriet Hargrave, author and master of machine quilting, classes, merchant's mall, food court, raffle, quilt and door prizes.

When: Friday-Saturday April 16-17. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17.

Where: First Baptist Church of Lake Orion, 255 E. Scripps Road in Lake Orion. Take I-75 to exit 81. Go north on Lapeer Road to Scripps Road, four miles north of The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Show admission: \$6

a book of that title that was released out of Japan.

At Quilt Celebration 2004, Hargrave will speak on Caring for Today's Quiltmaking Fabrics. The lecture will take place 7-8:30 p.m. April 16, admission is \$6.

Hargrave will teach two classes: The Basics of Heirloom Machine Quilting (April 16) and What Do I Do

With It Now? (April 17). Times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Classes are \$45 each.


For class registration and other information about the show, visit the Oakland County Quilt Guild Web site at www.members.tripod.com/ocqg, or call Patti Balsinger at (248) 334-8153 or Edi Roser at (248) 375-9525.

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Focus on Wine

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Two of the world's most influential and successful premium wineries agreed to explore their vast vineyard sources, totaling 30,000 acres between both countries, and partner their different winemaking experiences to produce wines in each other's country

The California wines are named Talamas (tah-LOW-muss), after the indigenous California word meaning wildcats, one of which is artistically depicted on the label. Wines produced in Australia bear the name Kirralaa (kee-RA-lah), an Australian Aboriginal word translating as star

HANDS ACROSS THE WATERS

Talamas wines, made in California by Australian-born and -educated winemaker Ian Shepherd, illustrate the Australian philosophy of cross-varietal and cross-regional blending. Grapes are sourced from Mondavi's vineyards in California and in particular for the Syrah, from the Camatta Hills vineyard near Paso Robles, planted according to Australian viticultural methods in the late 1990s

The Kirralaa Australian wines, also made by Shepherd in his homeland, express a California style of single-varietal wines. Blended from vineyards in Australia's premium wine regions like McLaren Vale for the Cabernet Sauvignon, as an example, the wine is intended to represent a unique sense of place

To create the final blend representing the philosophy behind each wine, Shepherd works with senior winemakers at Rosemount Estate in Australia and their counterparts at Mondavi

We've known the talented Shepherd (nicknamed Shep) for many years. His winemaking experience in Australia, South Africa, France and California make him well-suited to the collaborative efforts

"In Australia," Shep said, "we've been successful blending premium varietals to produce rich and complex styles of wine. Using cross-regional and cross-varietal blending in California can be called unorthodox, but it enhances wine aromas in a big way and creates a bigger-structured mouth feel with a long finish."

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PLEASE SEE WINE, D2

EASTER HAM



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Great for dinner, great for leftovers

For Christians throughout the world, Easter Sunday is celebrated with morning Mass or church services remembering and celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection

Families or friends often gather that day for a dinner featuring a traditional Easter ham, sausage and spring fare

Often the family's cook does not want to fuss with roasting and glazing the ham, they'd rather just purchase a fully cooked, ready-

Like Thanksgiving, the Easter meal creates a lot of leftovers - here are some ideas for your holiday ham **Taste, Page D2.**

to-eat one

The unprocessed meat is referred to as fresh ham, but most ham goes through a curing process after which it's referred to as cured ham, according to Sharon Tyler Herbst in *The Food Lover's Companion*. The meat is cured either by dry curing,

sweet-pickle curing or injection curing

Dry curing involves salting the surface of the ham thoroughly, then storing it until the salt saturates the meat. Sweet-pickle curing involves immersing the ham in a sweet brine with added seasonings (usually a secret recipe from the preparer). If sugar is added to the curing mix, the ham may be labeled sugar-cured

Many ham producers use

PLEASE SEE EASTER, D2

HONEY-ORANGE GLAZED HAM

8-pound fully-cooked ham
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 cup honey
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

For glaze, in a small bowl combine orange juice, honey, cinnamon and cloves, mix well

Place ham on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast in a 325°F oven for 2 hours, or until meat thermometer registers 140°F (about 15-18 minutes per pound), basting with the honey glaze during the last 45 minutes. Serves 24

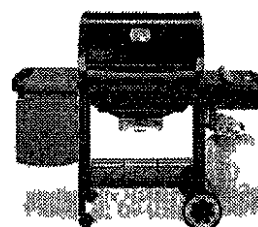
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Side dish

Grillers surveyed

The 15th Annual Weber GrillWatch Survey reveals that grilling's popularity



continues to grow - even during the cold weather months

When asked to define their grilling season, 54 percent of today's grill owners say they grill all year long, an increase from nearly 50 percent a year ago, according to the GrillWatch survey. Those owning smokers are the most likely to grill year-round, at 72 percent.

During their grilling season, the majority of Americans fire up their grill at least once a week (71 percent).

Those who primarily use a gas grill are more likely to grill a few times a week (49 percent) than those who primarily use charcoal (34 percent). Thirty-one percent now own more than one grill

Not surprisingly, most Americans surveyed grill on Independence Day (89 percent), Labor Day (75 percent), birthdays (73 percent) and Memorial Day (70 percent). However, trends reveal more are grilling on Thanksgiving (24 percent compared to last year's 10 percent) and Christmas (14 percent, up from 10 percent).

Most respondents prefer grilling outdoors than cooking inside (72 percent versus 28 percent)

The numbers of barbecues also has increased for the survey participants, as 31 percent hosted five or more barbecues last summer, compared to 23 percent the year before.

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Wine tasting raises funds for OCC

Guests and judges of the ninth annual Great Lakes Great Wines Tasting enjoyed wine varietals from the Midwest and Canada and foods from the Detroit area's country clubs and restaurants Thursday at Oakland Community College

The more than 175 guests had an opportunity to taste 500 different bottles of wines. Darlene Levinson, who coordinated the wines and judges for the event, said the event raised \$11,000 last year

"(Ticket sales) are about the same as last year, but the event itself is bigger than last year," Levinson said. "It's really a good fund-raiser for us. I see a lot of the same faces from last year, so they keep coming back. The judges like to come back, too."

Tom Fries of Akron, Ohio, has judged wine events for four years

"Great Lakes wines have improved over the past 10



Michael Schaefer of Troy sips wine from his special wine glass at the Great Lakes Great Wines fund-raiser Thursday at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills

years," Fries said. "I think education has a lot to do with that." "Growing techniques," added Michael Milkovich, also a judge from Akron. "There's better varietals today. The ice wines do well"

Michael Schaefer of Troy served as a judge in previous years. This year, he just walked the room and enjoyed the foods and wines

"The pinot grigio is really coming along, and the dessert wines are first class," he said. The cabernet franc "is tremendous," Schaefer said

Schaefer enjoyed the sesame sea scallops from Steve & Rocky's of Novi, and the roast beef tenderloin on fougasse roll from Great Oaks Country Club of Rochester. "The tenderloin was cooked perfectly and the sundried tomato sauce was delicious with it," he said. "That went nice with a cabernet franc"

Sue Baier, program coordinator with OCC's Culinary Studies Institute, said the event brings awareness to Great Lakes wineries, as tasting patrons visit the wineries after attending the tasting. "It's really a good pro-



Mario Dixon and Bonnie Cecil check out wine samples

motional tool," Baier said. "We think this event is what the industry is all about," Baier said. "We're promoting the Great Lakes wines, a lot of alumni from the country clubs participate, and it promotes these clubs and restaurants. Every restaurant had an alumni here. We have the marketing

class promote the event, a catering class is involved and a culinary class created Asian cuisine"

Baier said money raised from tickets will help fund special projects, trips for OCC teams in ice carving and hot food competitions, and money for scholarships

EASTER

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the injection-curing method, in which the ham is infused with brine. This method is sometimes combined with one of the other curing methods.

The length of time a ham is cured will affect the final flavor.

Most hams for American consumers have a light or mild cure, Herbst writes. After curing, a ham may go through a smoking process that adds both flavor and aging capability. The length of time a ham is smoked varies widely depending on the desired result. Those being prepared for the mass market are usually smoked lightly or not at all. Hams are sold in several forms, including boneless (with the hip, thigh and shank bones removed), partially boned (with the hip and/or shank bones removed) and bone-in.

Since bone contributes flavor to the meat during cooking, most gourmet-ham producers leave some bone in. Hams are marketed in several sizes, the

most popular being whole, halves (shank or butt ends only), shank, butt and center-cut slices, or steaks ranging in thickness from 1/2 to 3/4 inch.

Most hams sold today are of the mass-produced variety sometimes referred to as "city" or "urban" hams. Higher-quality American hams are generally labeled country-cured ham or country-style. The majority of these country hams come from Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, each region adds its own distinctive style to the ham it produces.

Probably the most famous country-cured ham is the Smithfield ham from the Virginia town of the same name. A wide selection of specially cured hams are also imported from various European countries. The most well-known are prosciutto from Italy, Germany's Westphalian, France's bayonne and the York ham from England. Prosciutto and Westphalian are generally sold in paper-thin slices.

When buying a fresh ham, look for one with a firm white layer of fat, with a well-marbled lean portion. In younger

You'll be set for more meals next week

What's better than a holiday meal? Why, it's the leftovers the following few days. That means a respite from "what's for dinner?" for the early part of the week.

After all, Irma Rombauer wrote in *The Joy of Cooking*, "Someone defined eternity as ham and two people," probably in reference to a whole ham.

Like Thanksgiving dinners, the Easter meal creates plenty of leftovers. Ham gives another flavor and ingredient with greens for a chef's salad, topped with Thousand Island dressing for a main dish salad. Maybe you'll fix a ham and potato casserole, like au gratin, then add a little Dijon

mustard for some extra zip. Then there's always ham and cheese omelettes, or use leftover ham bone for split pea soup or bean soup. There's nothing sweeter than a glazed ham sliced on a sandwich of hearty rye with a slice of Swiss cheese, or a grilled ham and cheese sandwich.

CHEF'S SALAD

- 1 garlic clove
- Romaine redleaf or greenleaf lettuce
- 1/4 pound cooked chicken or turkey
- 8 ounces of Swiss cheese
- 1/4 pound ham
- 2 medium tomatoes
- Green pepper, three slices
- 2 hard cooked eggs

French Russian or Thousand Island dressing (or the dressing of your choice)

Halve garlic, then rub small salad bowl with garlic pieces. Discard the garlic.

Tear lettuce into bite-sized pieces. With knife, cut ham and chicken or turkey into strips. Cut tomatoes into wedges. Peel and quarter eggs. Arrange chicken, cheese, ham, tomato and eggs. Toss with dressing, then top with green pepper slices.

EGGPLANT STUFFED WITH HAM

- 1 large eggplant
- Salted water
- 1 onion minced
- 1 green pepper chopped fine

- 2 tomatoes quartered
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup diced ham
- Italian bread crumbs

Wash and dry eggplant and cut off a slice from the top. Scoop out the inside to within 1/4 inch of skin. Cover shell with salted water and set aside. Chop eggplant pulp and combine with onion, pepper and tomatoes.

Cook in a small amount of boiling salted water until tender. Drain, then mash and add butter, salt, pepper and ham. Drain shell well and fill with mixture. Sprinkle top with bread crumbs and bake in oven heated to 350°F about 25 minutes. Serves four to six.

animals, the meat should be a grayish-pink color, older pork should be a delicate shade of rose.

When purchasing a cured ham, choose one that's firm and plump, finely grained and a rosy pink, Herbst recommends.

Refrigerate in the ham's original wrapping or container for up to one week.

Whole hams usually weigh from 8 to 18 pounds. Canned hams may either be a whole piece of boneless meat or they may be "formed" from bits and pieces of meat held together with a gelatin mixture.

Hams are available fully cooked, partially cooked or uncooked.

Those that are fully cooked are heated to an internal temperature of 148°F or above, partially cooked hams to at least 137°F (which kills the

trichina parasite). Uncooked and partially cooked hams must be cooked prior to serving.

Fully cooked hams, sometimes labeled "heat-and-serve" or "ready-to-eat," do not require additional cooking and may be eaten cold or heated until warm. Carefully check the label for instructions.

Even those hams can benefit from simmering or roasting to enhance flavor and taste.

Others, including prosciutto and Smithfield, are often simply sliced thinly and eaten as is, or they may be used as a special flavoring ingredient in pasta dishes, appetizers or other preparations.

But what if you want to fix that glaze, just to give your guests a little taste of a home-made dish? You can use a roasted pineapple-rum glaze or a honey-orange glaze.

BAKED HAM WITH ROASTED PINEAPPLE RUM GLAZE

- Niman Ranch bone in ham scored 8 to 10 pounds
- 1 pound unsalted butter
- 1 cup Morgan's spiced rum
- Kosher salt to taste
- 1 cup Korean chili paste
- 1 pound pineapple chunks roasted
- 1 lime zested
- 1 cup lime juice
- 1 quart ham (or pork) stock
- Freshly ground black pepper
- corns to taste (or about 6 turns of the mill)
- 4 ounces roasted ginger
- 1 pound rock sugar or brown sugar
- Arrowroot mixed with a little bit of water to produce slurry
- Mix four ounces unsalted butter, 4 tablespoons Korean

chili paste and brush scores in the ham. Heat ham in a 275°F slow oven, until hot. Meanwhile, roast the pineapple on a sheet pan, in a hot oven at 400°F, for about 15 minutes.

Roast the ginger on a sheet pan in hot oven at 400°F for about 15 minutes.

Deglaze roasting pans with rum, drain into a saucepan, add stock, lime juice, sugar, unsalted butter and bring to a boil, then reduce one third. Add ginger, Korean paste and adjust the seasonings to your tasting. Add lime zest, thickened arrowroot and finish with roasted pineapple. Serve with roasted ham.

Recipe from William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market of Birmingham.

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Greek spring lamb stew simmers with pearl onions

Celebrate Easter with Greek lamb stew

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Lamb has been associated with spring since before Biblical times. Today, lamb and spring still come together every time we mark the Easter and Passover holidays.

When one thinks of traditional spring lamb, Greek cooking comes to mind. In addition to the time honored practice of roasting the Paschal lamb on a spit, Greek cuisine captures the earth's rebirth in dishes pairing lamb with seasonal vegetables like fava beans, tender, new lettuce, and baby artichokes.

Of all Mediterranean cooks, Greeks use the most vegetables. In spring, these include horta - wild greens like dandelion, sorrel, chicory, and cress - which can also be found in our supermarkets, but usually not until later in the year. Some dishes served in spring involve ingredients not generally associated with this time of year, such as zucchini and dill. The Greeks use these vegetables and herbs to lend spring dishes a dash of bright, seasonal green.

Greek cooking seems right for spring in its use of eggs, too. As much a symbol of

spring as lamb, they are essential to avgolemono, a classic Greek combination of egg and lemon that can be a sauce or used to add sauce-like body to many Greek dishes. Whisked into this stew, its pale yellow color and bright flavor adds a spring-like taste.

Holiday and special occasion dishes usually involve extra work. For this stew, I like using pearl onions. They take time to peel, but give this otherwise casual dish a touch of elegance. Red pearl onions are especially festive and spring-like. If you want to replace them, use chopped red onion, adding it at the same time as the scallions and dill.

GREEK SPRING LAMB STEW

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 pound cubed lamb well trimmed
- 3 large whole scallions chopped
- 1 cup snipped dill divided
- 1 medium turnip peeled and diced
- 1 small zucchini diced
- 2 large romaine lettuce leaves cut in 1/4 inch strips
- 8 ounces frozen pearl onions defrosted
- 1 large egg
- 3 tablespoons fresh squeezed or frozen lemon juice
- Salt and black pepper

Heat oil in a Dutch oven. Brown pieces of lamb, turning to color them on all sides, 10 minutes in all.

Mix in scallions and half the dill. Pour in 1 cup cold water. When liquid boils, reduce heat, cover, and simmer 40 minutes.

Add turnip, squash, lettuce, and onions. Cover and cook until lamb and vegetables are tender, 20 minutes longer. Uncover, and let stew cool 10 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk egg. Beat in lemon juice.

While whisking, slowly drizzle 1/2 cup liquid from pot into egg and blend in quickly and thoroughly. While stirring stew vigorously, slowly stir in egg mixture.

Continue stirring until liquid in pot thickens slightly and looks creamy. (There may be a few white bits.)

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Garnish with remaining dill and serve with steamed new potatoes or brown rice.

Note: If reheating stew, take care not to let it boil, or egg will curdle. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 253 calories, 11 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), 12 g carbohydrate, 26 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 126 mg sodium.

Beets make a good beginning

A pretty bowl of chilled soup is a nice way to start any spring meal. A cool soup made from beets and oranges with a little buttermilk is one good choice, both aesthetically and nutritionally.

Beets have been eaten since prehistory and are native to a wide region that spans Europe and Western Asia. They are exceptionally high in natural sugar, nutrients, dietary fiber and a range of cancer-fighting substances called phytochemicals.

According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, root vegetables such as beets contain substances that can not only help fight cancer, but also help strengthen resistance

to other health problems. They contain calcium and several antioxidants, substances that seek out the damaging forms of oxygen ("free radicals") that attack the cell's membranes and contents.

ORANGE-BEET SOUP

- 3 15 ounce cans sliced beets drained 3/4 cup liquid reserved
- 1 1/2 cups fresh orange juice
- 1 1/2 cups fat free or reduced fat buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons finely snipped fresh dill (plus more for garnish)
- 1 1/2 cups finely diced peeled seedless cucumber
- Salt and white pepper to taste

Combine half the beets, half the reserved beet liquid and half the orange juice in a blender or food processor.

Blend until smooth. Blend in half the buttermilk and transfer to a large bowl. Stir in 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped dill.

Repeat with remaining beets, beet liquid, orange juice, butter milk and 1 1/2 tablespoons dill. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Chill at least 3 hours. (Can be made 2 days ahead, covered and refrigerated.) Ladle into soup bowls and garnish with cucumber and additional dill. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 99 calories, <1 g total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 21 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 403 mg sodium.

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Appetizers

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Provence Cookbook

Patricia Wells, author of seven French cookbooks and champion of simple French cooking, will sign copies of her new cookbook *The Provence Cookbook* at 7 p.m. Wednesday April 28 at Borders 34300 Woodward in Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005.

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Lentils, a new look at an ancient legume

BY PHYLLIS GLAZER
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Lentils may not be high on your shopping list these days but if you read on you might just reconsider.

Quick, delicious and nourishing, inexpensive and easy to prepare, lentils are an ancient food still perfect for the modern world. And they are versatile, too.

Probably the most famous legume in the Bible, the little lentil once made a stew so tempting that Esau sold his birthright for it. Throughout history, lentils have served as a metaphor for a host of mystical, symbolic, spiritual and practical meanings as well.

Cultivated since antiquity in Egypt, Europe, Asia and the Near East, lentils may not have

been glamorous, but they were always held in high esteem.

The ancient Egyptians believed they enlightened the mind, and in Jewish tradition, lentils were traditionally served to mourners, since they represented the life cycle, with no beginning and no end.

In Catholic countries, lentils were standard Lenten fare for those who could not afford fish, and in India, lentils still play an integral part in marriage rituals.

From a nutritional standpoint, lentils (whose name comes from the Latin *Lens culinaris*), have the highest protein content in all the vegetable kingdom after soybeans. They are super-rich in minerals like zinc and manganese, with a range of B vitamins, especially pantothenic acid (B5), niacin (B3) and folic acid (B9).

Easier to digest than chickpeas or kidney beans, lentils don't even require soaking to make them more digestible. But if you're still wary of side effects, add a little cumin or coriander to your recipe, and you'll find it makes a significant difference.

There are dozens of kinds of lentils, varying in size and color. They include brown lentils, common in the United States, small green *Verte du Puy* lentils, a delicacy in France, green, brown or red (husked) lentils popular in the Middle East, and pink lentils, mainly eaten by Muslims in northern India and Pakistan.

The type of lentil you'll want to choose depends on the type of dish you want to make, but it's a good idea to keep a variety on hand.

Green and brown lentils will

retain their shape after cooking, and can be served as soups (stir frequently and mash some with the back of a spoon to thicken), salads or side dishes, made into burgers or added to meat, poultry and vegetarian stews.

Red lentils (actually quite orange in color) have a somewhat sweeter taste and puree very easily, they are useful for soups and mashing into purees like hummus.

All lentils cook up quickly, with no presoaking necessary. Pair them up with a grain like rice, bulgur or quinoa, and you've got a complementary protein that makes a satisfying, tummy-warming and delicious lunch or dinner.

Note: Whole (unhusked) lentils are easily sprouted and may be tossed into a salad, or added to a soup toward the

end of cooking time.

The following dish recalls the red lentil stew so fragrant and tempting that, according to the Bible story, it won Jacob his birthright. For a meal-in-a-bowl with complementary protein, serve atop steamed basmati rice.

CUMIN-SCENTED STEW OF RED LENTILS, CHICKPEAS AND PUMPKIN

- 1 cup red lentils, picked over and washed
- 3 cups water
- 1 carrot, scraped and cut into diagonal slices
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 to 2 cups peeled pumpkin or butternut squash (see note)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (or more to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3 garlic cloves, pressed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric

- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger (or 1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 15 ounce can chickpeas, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh Italian flat parsley or cilantro (leaves of coriander plant) to garnish

Place the lentils in a pot and cover with water. Swish them around, drain and cover with fresh water. Repeat until the water runs clear. Transfer to a pot with the 3 cups of water and bring to a boil. Partially cover (or the pot will boil over), and cook over low heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the vegetables, spices and the chickpeas, partially cover and cook 30 minutes or until the stew is thick. Stir gently from time to time during the cooking process.

(If the stew is too thick, or if serving over rice, add boiling water and thin to desired consistency. Let cook 5 minutes longer. If too thin, remove the cover and slightly raise the heat, if necessary to evaporate excess water.)

To serve, divide among bowls and garnish with parsley or cilantro. Makes 6 servings.

NOTE: To facilitate peeling the pumpkin or butternut squash, make a few slits in a large piece of pumpkin (or use the bottom bulb of the squash) and place in the microwave for 2 to 3 minutes or until just soft enough to peel. Cool slightly, remove seeds, peel and cut into chunks.

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RISHTA (CLASSIC LEBANESE LENTIL AND NOODLE SOUP)

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 2 cups brown or green lentils, picked over and washed
- 1 bay leaf
- 8 cups water
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup broken vermicelli egg noodles or whole wheat spaghetti

Heat the oil in a skillet and saute the onion till translucent. Add cumin and coriander and saute for another minute over medium heat. Set aside. Place the lentils, bay leaf and water in a large pot and bring to a boil. Partially cover, reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add garlic, salt and pepper, adjusting seasonings to taste. Just before serving, bring back to a simmer and add the noodles. Cook until al dente, about 8 to 10 minutes depending on type of pasta. Serve at once in bowls. Makes 6 servings.

This green lentil and barley recipe makes a satisfying side dish. It may also be served as a vegetarian main dish with or without grated cheese sprinkled on top. (This recipe is adapted from the 1971 edition of *The New York Times Natural Foods Cookbook* by Jean Hewitt.)

GREEN LENTILS AND BARLEY WITH TOMATOES AND ROSEMARY

- 1/2 cup French green (or regular green) lentils
- 1/2 cup pearly barley
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2 1/2 cups canned whole tomatoes, cut into pieces
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pinch dried rosemary, optional
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots

Place the lentils and barley in a pot and cover with water. Swish them around, drain and cover with fresh water. Repeat until the water runs clear. In a medium-sized pot, heat the olive oil and saute the onion until tender. Add celery and cook 5 minutes longer. Add remaining ingredients except the carrots, and bring to a boil, cover and simmer 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove cover, add carrots and cook 5 minutes longer or until barley and lentils are tender. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

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Create spinach and walnut salad; cook up mixed greens with kidney beans

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - As you contemplate spring cleaning, consider lightening the dietary load at the same time.

This is the perfect time to start the transition from heavy and hearty winter fare to the lighter and fresher foods of summer. Cool weather salads - a mix of fresh greens with substantial toppings - are a great way to welcome this season.

Served communally in a large pasta or stainless steel bowl, these salads are wonderful with vegetable or bean soups for a satisfying lunch. Prepared on individual dinner plates and accompanied by warm bread and a bit of cheese they easily stand as a meal on their own.

A few tips for making cool-weather salads:

■ Opt for hearty greens. Baby spinach leaves, kale, dandelion greens, chard and arugula are available throughout the year and during the off season generally taste crisper and fresher than more delicate greens.

■ Skip the citrus. Though orange sections are great in salads, keep those for cooling summer meals. Instead try golden raisins plumped briefly in warm water.

■ Include protein to give the salad substance. Sunflower, sesame and flax seeds are nice when lightly toasted. Or try chunks of seasoned tofu, fried tempeh or a mix of canned beans, such as chickpeas and kidney.

■ Cheese is another great protein source. Crumbled goat cheese adds a sharp and creamy accent, while cubes of provolone offer a mild complement to tomatoes.

■ Offer contrasting flavors, such as fruits and vinegars. Slices of dried figs are delicious in a salad dressed with balsamic vinegar. Thin apple slices and a sharp cheese, such as Parmesan shavings, are great, too.

■ Stick to grape or cherry tomatoes, which tend to be sweeter and more tender during cool weather.

■ Marinate cooked pasta elbows in a vinaigrette for about 1 hour, then drain and toss with salad greens before adding remaining ingredients. This bulks the salad into an easy meal and adds layers of flavor.

■ Try an Asian-inspired salad by tossing raw bok choy with cooked udon noodles, baby corn, water chestnuts, sliced mushrooms and mung bean sprouts. Think stir-fry minus the fry. Dress with toasted sesame oil and rice vinegar.

Start the season right with a spinach and walnut salad with warm blue-cheese dressing. This is a variation of the famous Waldorf salad but includes crumbled blue cheese for tang and a luscious warm dressing.

If making the salad ahead, either prepare the apples just before serving or place the slices in a plastic bag with a tablespoon or two of lemon juice and toss to coat before adding to the salad. The juice prevents the apples from browning.

For an ever heartier salad, try mixed greens with kidney beans and ginger-raspberry dressing.

Most natural-food grocers now offer seasonal mixed greens, the contents of which vary according to what is fresh. Top these greens with beans and an assortment of lightly cooked hearty vegetables, such as cauliflower and broccoli.

The dressing for this salad is a variation of a typical vinaigrette but uses sour cream to create a silky base and freshly grated ginger for a bit of warmth. Soy sour cream could be substituted.

SPINACH AND WALNUT SALAD WITH WARM BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 3 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces lightly toasted
- 1/2 cup Granny Smith apple thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

3 teaspoons cornstarch

Place the raisins in a bowl and cover with warm water. Let sit until just plump, about 5 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Arrange the spinach leaves on two salad plates. Top each with walnuts, apple slices, about 3 tablespoons of blue cheese and raisins.

To make the dressing combine the milk, oil and remaining cheese in a small saucepan. Heat over a low flame until the cheese melts. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk in cornstarch, 1 teaspoon at a time, until dressing thickens. Dress each salad liberally with warm cheese dressing.

Makes 2 servings

MIXED GREENS WITH KIDNEY BEANS AND GINGER-RASPBERRY DRESSING

- 1 cup chopped cauliflower
- 3 cups mixed salad greens
- 10 to 12 cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium carrot
- 1/2 cup canned kidney beans rinsed
- 1/2 small red onion cut into half moons
- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons all fruit raspberry jam
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger

Bring a small saucepan of water to a boil. Add the cauliflower and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, or until cauliflower is just barely tender. Drain and rinse under water to cool. Set aside.

Arrange the mixed greens on two salad plates. Add half the tomatoes to each salad. Use a vegetable peeler to shave the carrot into large strips into each salad.

Evenly distribute the beans, onion slices and cauliflower florets in each salad.

To make the dressing, combine remaining ingredients in a blender and pulse until smooth. Dress each salad liberally.

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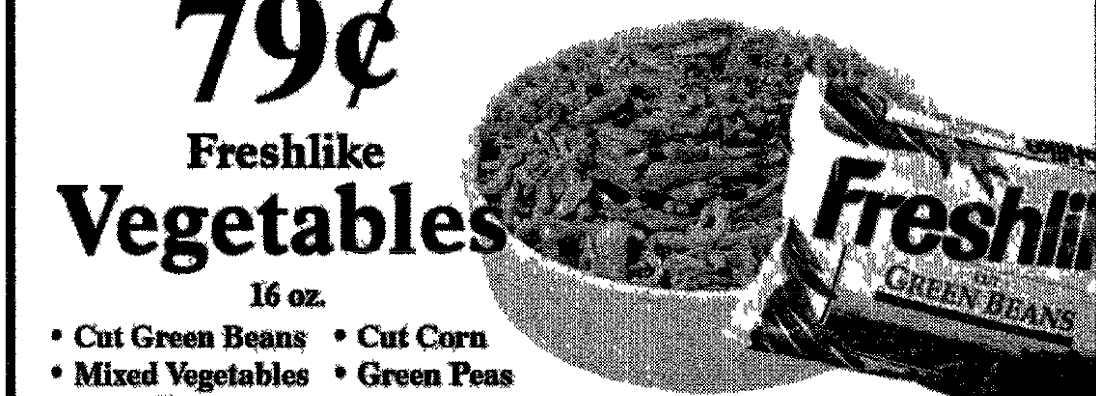


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BEEF & BARLEY SPRING SALAD

- 1 pound beef top round steak cut 1/4 inch thick
- 1 cup uncooked quick cooking barley
- 1/4 pound baby green beans
- 1 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced baby spring onions
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- Lemon wedges (optional)

MARINADE

- 1 cup prepared reduced fat balsamic vinaigrette
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel

Note: Preparation time is 30 minutes. Marinating time is 6 hours or overnight.

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steak and 1/2 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag, turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally. Cover and reserve remaining marinade in refrigerator to use for salad dressing.

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Grill, uncovered, 8 to 9 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Do not overcook. Carve steak into thin slices.

Toss barley, steak slices, green beans, bell pepper and onions in large bowl.

Arrange on plates. Drizzle with reserved marinade, sprinkle with chives. Garnish with lemon wedges, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Cooks tip: To broil, place steak on rack in broiler pan so

surface of beef is 2 to 3 inches from heat.

Broil 12 to 13 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning once.

One pound well-trimmed beef top sirloin steak, cut 1/4 inch thick, may be substituted for beef top round steak. To grill, place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals.

Grill, uncovered, 13 to 16 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Nutrition information per serving: 398 calories, 31 g protein, 44 g carbohydrate, 11 g fat, 703 mg sodium, 61 mg cholesterol, 8.2 mg niacin, 0.7 mg vitamin B6, 1.5 mcg vitamin B12, 4.8 mg iron, 6.0 mg zinc.

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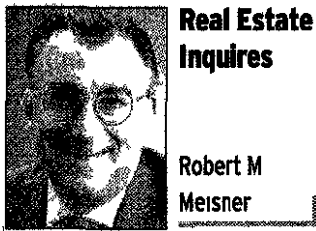
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I have heard about a recent case where a town was found liable for discrimination in denying a developer's building permit. Do you have any information on that?

In a Massachusetts case, the claimants, using a civil rights action, won a substantial verdict against the town and two of its former officials for discrimination based on their interference with plans to develop a property. Relying on a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which established a right to recovery against a municipality when it withholds government licenses or permits without a rational basis, the case provides developers who are treated unfairly with a remedy with teeth against municipalities that appear to favor certain groups or individuals. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit meisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Don't let roadblocks impede selling home

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Has the sign in front of the house set you dreaming? Is it the house you're selling? Or the house you want to buy? Are you picturing how your life will be after you sign the papers?

All you have to do between then and now is not mess things up. The problem is, you see, that there are many ways you can do that.

Real estate agent Leslie Palmtier, an associate broker with Max Brock Realtors, Rochester, said she's seen it - deals killed, one way or another. But she has ideas about how you can protect yourself from real estate roadblocks and potholes.

"I like to put things in the affirmative," Palmtier said.

She urges sellers to not hamper themselves with unrealistic pricing. "Don't set a price based on a would-a could-a should-a or a wish-for or let's try this."

If you're the seller, she said, are you ready to sell? If not, you could be making things difficult.

MOVE-IN-READY

Consider, she said, is your home "move-in ready?"

In the eyes of the buyers, she said, the house needs to be immaculate, uncrowded.

"It needs to be fresh - not a plug-your-nose experience - clean carpets freshly vacuumed, beds made, toys picked up, and no piles of dirty laundry. The house should have a sense of organization and cleanliness."

Pets, she said, can drive customers away. "I love my dog, but have the dog live somewhere else while the house is for sale. There are problems about odors, jumping on people, triggering allergies."

Stubbornness, she said, can stop the turning of the sales wheels. "If your agent comes with a recommendation for a price reduction based on feedback from lookers and on other current market information, holding fast to your original price is a deal-killer," she said.

Buyers can be stubborn too, and locked into their own notions of a home's worth. A variation on stubbornness, she said, is for the seller "to be insulted by an offer you think is too low. You're avoiding reality. What's the point of loving your shag carpet when the current market wants hardwood floors?"

Be honest in the disclosure statement, she said, or you can



Leslie Palmtier helps one of her clients clear clutter before showing the house to a potential buyer.

have problems if you're found to be untruthful about the condition of the house.

"Date of possession can be a problem. I try to negotiate a specific date," said Palmtier. "What if the buyer can't get a mortgage? Don't get that far. Make sure the purchase agreement comes in with a pre-approval certificate showing that the buyer is qualified to buy that price property. And the agent should call the lender to verify."

How about the check that comes with the offer to purchase? You know, the earnest-money deposit on the deal.

Supposing the check bounces? "Well," she said, "the buyers usually get a chance to make it good, but it can kill the deal because it suggests that they're not serious about buying."

AVOID TROUBLE

An effective way to make trouble for the deal and yourself, she said, is to remove things you're not supposed to remove. "The pre-printed contract says that all window treatments, for example, are to remain on the property unless specifically excluded."

"The buyer gets a final walk-through prior to closing, but that can be 24 to 48 hours ahead. Gives a seller plenty of time to go back and take out all the light bulbs. I've heard of that happening."

And real estate attorney Ann Howard of Southfield, knows of a situation that can make a deal darker than a house the low appraisal.

"The purchase agreement is to buy a house priced at \$200,000, but the appraisal comes in at \$175,000 and that will be the basis of the loan," Howard said. "Either the buyer has to come up with more money to make up the difference, or the seller has to reduce the price."

Other situations Howard has seen that threatened deals included the sellers who switched the displayed refrigerator with another, even though it didn't fit into the space, and the folks who decided to take one of their landscaping specimens with them when they moved out.

RECOURSE

Sometimes, Howard said, the buyer's only recourse is to sue in Small Claims Court.

Not so for the buyers she knew of who moved in prior to closing the sale. "There was a problem about continuing to pay rent where they were living," she said, "and the sellers, out of the goodness of their hearts, were trying to be accommodating. So they gave the buyers the key."

Giving them the key also gave them time for a thorough inspection of the house, which turned up some things they didn't like. So much so that they refused to go ahead with the closing unless they got a price reduction. The situation was resolved by the sellers making repairs.

Howard's advice about this: "Never give the key before closing."



Real estate agent Leslie Palmtier picks up cat toys before showing the house to a potential buyer. She urges homeowners to let their pets live somewhere else while the house is for sale.

Mortgage Bits



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Opportunities abound now

April is normally an exciting month for home buyers. The warming weather and the inevitable spring fever make house hunting enjoyable.

This year should be very gratifying for many home buyers as they realize the impact of last year's tax reform. Taxpayers who receive a beefy federal income tax refund check will pay off debt, make investments and even seize the opportunity to buy real estate.

For most first-time home buyers, a decent tax refund check may serve as the basis of a down payment for a home purchase.

For others, it may cover the cost of a refinance. Yet for others, it may help to start a long, profitable career as real estate investors. With interest rates on the rise, lenders are getting very creative in their efforts to help future buyers leverage whatever purchase cash they might have.

CREDIT BLEMISHES

Of late, I have received updates from wholesale lending sources offering more lenient terms on previous credit blemishes, including bankruptcies, unpaid collections and late payments.

Meanwhile I continue to receive dozens of calls on these wonderful interest-only products that allow buyers to maximize their buying power while not breaking their budget.

REFINANCE

For those wishing to refinance, there are now opportunities to refinance without appraisals, without income verification and without regard to discharged bankruptcies. In some cases, such streamlined refinances take as little as five business days and make allowances for borrowers with credit scores as low as 540.

Regardless of your situation, now is an exciting time to move forward with your real estate plans. The competitive mortgage market seems to present viable and attractive solutions.

A good "first step" may be to get a mortgage prequalification through a reputable mortgage banker or broker. Be sure to ask about things that are important to you like cash flow, building equity or maintaining a flexible payment. Also, ask about the short- and long-term pros and cons of each option.

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.

JUMBO LOAN of the WEEK

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3.75% - No Points

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City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	47543 Ashford	\$370,000	Livonia	31761 Leona	\$196,000	Redford	34207 Algonquin	\$169,000
	43979 Bannockburn	\$229,000		31966 Pardo	\$242,000		34105 Arrowhead	\$170,000
	46853 Bartlett	\$257,000		29444 Rosslyn	\$185,000		33017 Avondale	\$109,000
	1921 Bellingham	\$213,000		31054 Rosslyn	\$248,000		7359 Cardwell	\$51,000
	2008 Brookfield	\$189,000		32215 Sheridan	\$225,000		7464 Carrousel	\$205,000
	6887 Brookshire	\$245,000		6020 Shotka	\$125,000		8424 Carvell	\$159,000
	2737 Calloway	\$380,000		27629 Windsor	\$110,000		34436 Cowan	\$269,000
	1890 Cedar Valley	\$172,000		36762 S x Mile	\$188,000		673 Darw n	\$116,000
	1990 Cedar Valley	\$161,000		27656 Bentley	\$108,000		7607 Gary	\$154,000
	2016 Cedar Valley	\$206,000		30154 Bentley	\$136,000		1718 Gloria	\$122,000
1655 Centennial	\$161,000	18775 Blue Skies	\$210,000	8105 Huntington	\$74,000			
45211 Claymore	\$271,000	29540 Bobrich	\$184,000	35280 Lew s	\$154,000			
1417 Colonade	\$181,000	18297 Brentwood	\$180,000	7708 Manor	\$90,000			
44273 Darthmouth	\$265,000	20203 Brentwood	\$332,000	212 Mar gold	\$136,000			
39458 Dorchester	\$295,000	31838 Bretton	\$415,000	306 Marigold	\$136,000			
44507 Forest Trail	\$261,000	17400 Brookview	\$138,000	36686 Melton	\$166,000			
42436 Hanford	\$197,000	18635 Canterbury	\$325,000	38575 Monmouth	\$132,000			
47090 Hidden River	\$350,000	28547 Cleveland	\$345,000	406 N Harvey	\$129,000			
8243 Holly	\$177,000	8862 Danzig	\$254,000	7107 N Wayne	\$475,000			
		15373 Deering	\$205,000	30792 Nelson	\$225,000			
		9975 Flamingo	\$176,000	32044 Palmer	\$88,000			
		8912 Georgia	\$315,000	35451 Pheasant	\$175,000			
		8964 Hanlon	\$110,000	38355 S Jean	\$165,000			
		39112 Howell	\$133,000	1537 S Linville	\$139,000			
		35972 Leon	\$40,000	1460 S Marie	\$140,000			
		9132 Marie	\$141,000	409 Shotka	\$134,000			
		34451 Munger	\$255,000	923 Van Sull	\$160,000			
				38183 Warner Farms	\$145,000			

Mortgage rates up, but still lower than last year

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates climbed this week, but they are still lower than a year ago and should continue to spur the housing market

The average rate on

benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 5.52 percent this week, up from 5.40 percent last week, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates

In mid-June last year,

rates on 30-year mortgages sank to 5.21 percent, their lowest level on record Rates on 30-year mortgages have bounced around since then A year ago, 30-year mortgages averaged 5.79 percent, 15-year mortgages 5.06 percent and one-year

adjustable mortgages stood at 3.82 percent For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates this week increased to 4.84 percent from 4.70 percent last week Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages moved up this week to 3.46 percent, compared with 3.36 percent last week, which had been the lowest

since Freddie Mac began tracking rates on one-year ARMs in 1984

ACTIVE MARKET

"Even with rates slightly higher, the housing industry will continue to be an active, solid sector of the economy going into the spring buying season," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist

major slowdown in the housing market this year," he said "Quite the contrary, we are confident 2004 will be another banner year for home sales"

Low mortgage rates propelled home sales to record highs in 2003 The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.6 point this

week In another report, the Mortgage Bankers Association said refinancing accounted for 62.8 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week That was down from 63.1 percent the previous week

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Boston trailer park survives sprawl

BY KEN MAGUIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Jackie Lundell first meets people, they don't believe her when she tells them where she lives a waterfront home that rents for less than \$1,000 a month in one of the most expensive cities in the country

"They're shocked, she said

She's among about 100 tenants who call the Boston Trailer Park their home

Tenants there are still celebrating a recent agreement that preserves the future of the park, located along the Charles River in the city's West Roxbury neighborhood

A Porsche and Honda dealership next door tried for years to kick tenants out after James E. Clair bought the 13-acre lot next to his car dealership in 1986 and wanted to expand

The tenants' ordeal is being played out at other parks across the country, according to Bruce

Savage, a vice president with the Manufactured Housing Institute, a national trade association based in Arlington, Va

Once reserved for spots on the outskirts of town, the land underneath the mobile homes has become more attractive

"Urban sprawl has surrounded these communities, Savage said "You've got these huge pieces of land being redeveloped With real estate prices continuing to escalate, sometimes they are

priced out of the market"

Although trailer parks are increasingly rare in major cities, they still exist across a fairly wide geographical spread Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis and Pittsburgh are a few cities that host trailer parks, according to listings on mobilehome.net

In Boston, the battle over the park was settled when both sides reached an agreement negotiated by city officials after more than a decade of legal squabbling

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MORTGAGE RATE UPDATE

TERM	RATE	PTS	LOOK	FEE	APR	TERM	RATE	PTS	LOOK	FEE	APR	TERM	RATE	PTS	LOOK	FEE	APR	
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3/1 Arm	3.875	0.00	30day	\$350	3.92apr	3/1 Arm	3.50	0.00	30day	Call	3.62apr	Option Arm 1.25% 3 34apr			248-988-8488			
GOLDEN RULE MORTGAGE			Call 866-457-7390 Rates as low as 1.28%			DIRECT MORTGAGE FUNDING			30yr Fix 5.25 0.00 30day Low 5.48apr			HOME FINANCE OF AMERICA			30yr Fix 5.25 0.00 30day \$250 5.40apr			
30yr Fix	4.875	1.875	30day	0.00	5.10apr	30yr Fix	5.25	0.00	30day	Low	5.48apr	15yr Fix	4.625	0.00	30day	\$295	4.79apr	
15yr Fix	4.125	1.75	30day	0.00	4.58apr	3/1 Arm	3.25	0.00	30day	Low	3.52apr	Open Sat. & Sun. 9-3			www.hfamerica.com			
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The exhibition of 115 new model homes throughout southeastern Michigan continues through April 18. Models can be viewed during open house tours or online at www.builders.org.

Home buying seminar

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free seminar on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 10, at Pure Wood Baptist Church, 16101 Puritan, Detroit. For more information or to register, call (800) 643-9600, ext. 22532.

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Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your purchase decisions 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. Learn what your mortgage options are at this seminar sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. No charge. Call (248) 649-1062, ext. 246 for details.

Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course, Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Sponsored by Oakland Community College. The cost is \$95 per attendee. For more information, call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, PC, at (248) 644-4433.

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Building a New Home Without Losing Your Mind 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, presented by Colorworks Studio. Topics include: what to look for in a builder; how to negotiate an effective purchase agreement; reviewing your blueprint; making construction choices and selections; developing a master plan for layout and furnishings; troubleshooting with project management; final inspections and walk-throughs. Guests will have the opportunity to bring blueprints and discuss their project one-on-one with the studio design staff. The fee is \$20 per person or \$25 per couple with advance registration required. Colorworks is a full-service interior design studio and a winner of HGTV's *Designer's Challenge*. They are at 7001 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7540 for reservations or e-mail barbi@colorworksstudio.com.

Novi Meadowbrook Townhomes Condominiums



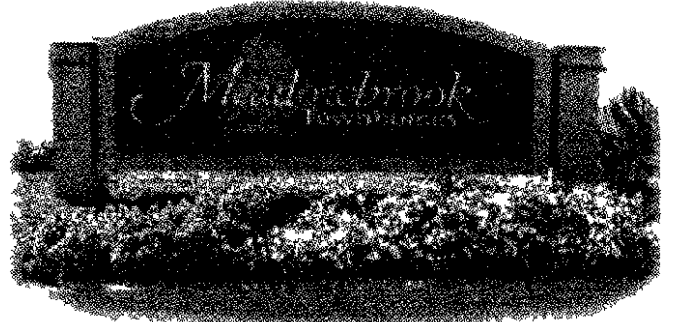
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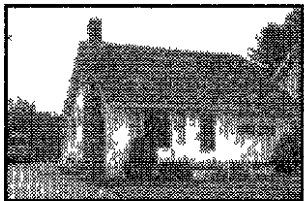
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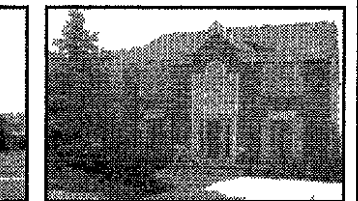
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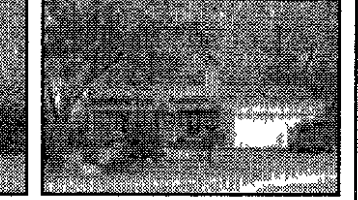
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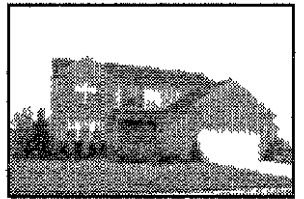
FOUR BEDROOM CAPE COD Completely updated with a newer kitchen, flooring, new patio, central air, fenced yard, new roof (tear off), a freshly painted interior with no wall paper and neutral décor. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with 1,820 sq ft. \$254,900 (644HO)



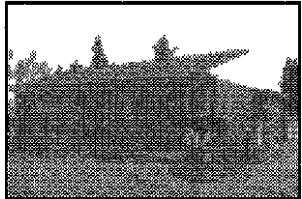
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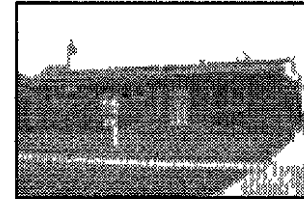
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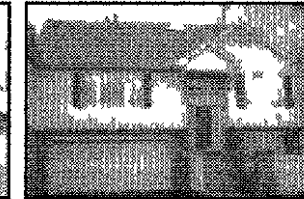
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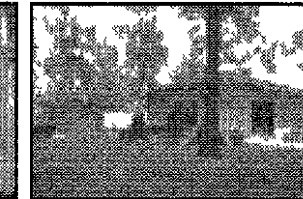
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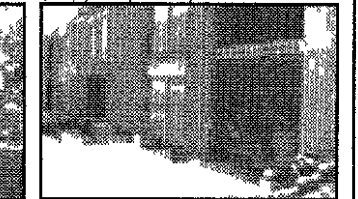
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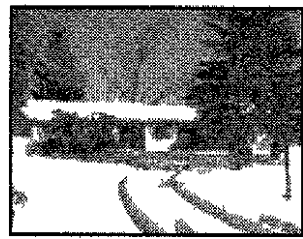
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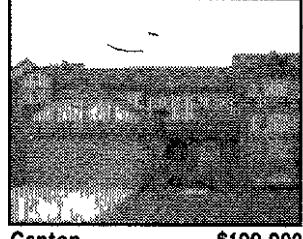
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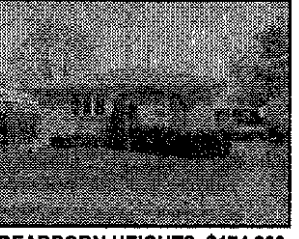
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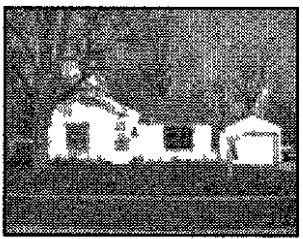
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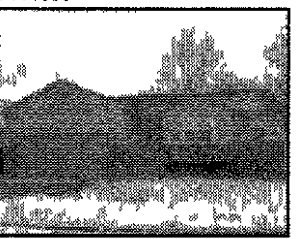
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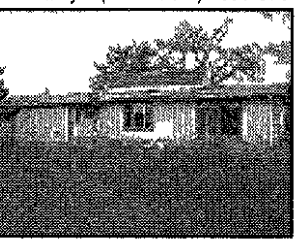
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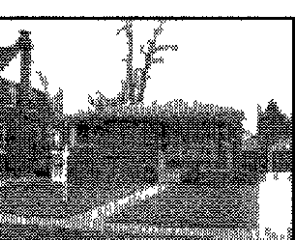
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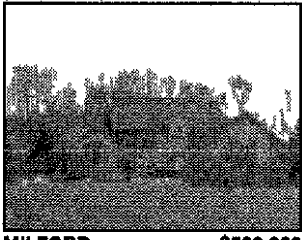
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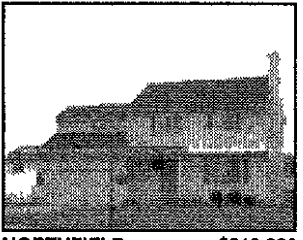
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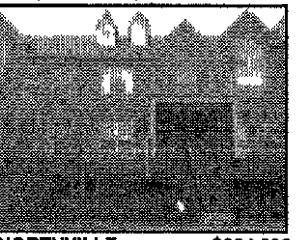
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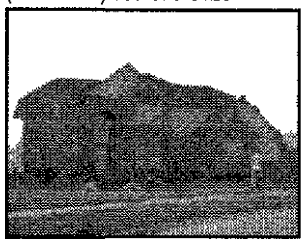
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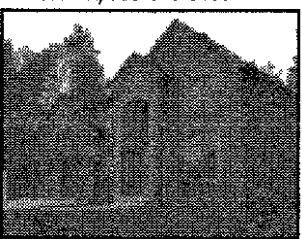
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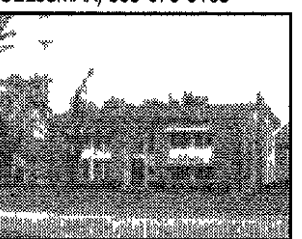
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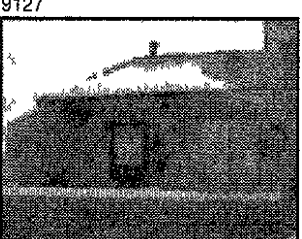
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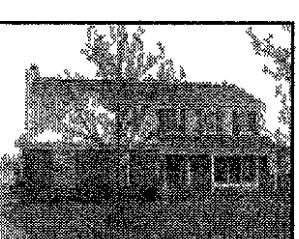
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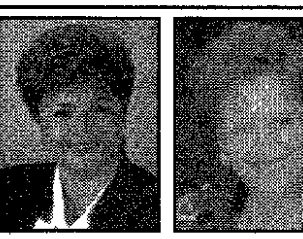
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Real Estate One honors outstanding local Realtors

Real Estate One honored its top performers at its annual awards convention held recently at the Ford Convention and Events Center at Greenfield Village in Dearborn

Recognized at the event were those Realtors and branch offices with the most outstanding performance and customer satisfaction. Several of the most prestigious awards went to Realtors in the Ann Arbor offices, including one to the office itself, and the following individual Realtors and teams of Realtors

■ All Company Individual Contribution Leader - Melame Bishop, Real Estate One, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake, for consistently providing her customers with a hassle-free, full-service resource throughout the home sale, assisting them not only with the sale, but also with their mortgage, title and/or insurance

■ All Company Team Contribution

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■ Office Performance Leadership Award - Given to the top 12 offices in the company in total sales volume. Winners included Real Estate One of Royal Oak (President's Office winner for top office), Troy, West Bloomfield (both the Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt offices), Clarkston, Novi, Livonia, Rochester and Dearborn Heights

■ Presidential Growth Award - Given to the top three offices in terms of surpassing their annual goals. Real Estate One of West Bloomfield on

Middlebelt, Clinton Township and Clarkston

■ Achievement Award Leader Units Sold by Office - Real Estate One of Royal Oak for selling more homes as an office than any other office in the company

■ Achievement Award Leader Participation Rate - Real Estate One of Bloomfield Hills and Commerce Township for being the two top offices consistently providing their customers with a hassle-free, full-service resource throughout the home sale, assisting them not only with the sale, but also with their mortgage, title and/or insurance

■ Affiliated Achievement Award - After the top individual and top team, the next 11 top producing Realtors, teams or partnerships in terms of consistently providing full-service, hassle-free assistance to the customer (home sale, mortgage, title and/or insurance) included Real Estate One

Realtors Dennis Dickstein and Bella Brookenthal, West Bloomfield on Middlebelt, Randy Roy and Gary Books, Royal Oak, Mary Ferrazza and Susan Von Rosen, Rochester, Ida Touchette, Bloomfield Hills, Fil Superfisky, Novi. Max Brook Realtor Michael DeForrest, Birmingham on Woodward Avenue

■ President's Circle - Honoring the top 28 producing Realtors, teams or partnerships in the company including Real Estate One Realtors Jack Burtis and Alex Nugent, Troy, Andrew Collins and Dennis Dickstein, West Bloomfield on Middlebelt Road, Betty Constant, Livonia, Susan Doyle, Brighton, Sahir Fakhouri, Troy, Mary Ferrazza, Rochester, Judy Jacobson, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake Road, Mary Michalek, Rochester, Ralph Newark, Plymouth, Randy Roy and Bob Weltman, Royal Oak, Barb

Schaefer, Clarkston, Fil Superfisky, Gail Turner and Margie Wells, Novi, Ida Touchette, Bloomfield Hills, and Robert Sheldon, Berridge & Morrison (commercial sales). Max Brook Realtors Jeffrey Barker and Beth Borson, West Bloomfield, Kathy Broock-Ballard, Bloomfield Hills, Julie Herman, Birmingham on Woodward Avenue, Jeanne MacKellar, Rochester, Latif Muhaimeen, Birmingham on Maple

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What's in a name? Plenty for developers of subdivisions

BY ERICA ERWIN
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Housing developers are being stretched to their creative limits when it comes to naming and branding their subdivisions as they try to make their projects stand out from the ever-growing pack

The result? Depending on who's answering, the names can evoke a feeling of tranquility, prompt a chuckle, or set off that embarrassing gag reflex

A glance through a recent new homes section in the *Erie Times-News* in Pennsylvania reveals the names of several new developments: Chardonnay Village West, in Girard, Reserve at Creek's Edge, in Summit Township, Sheffield Place at The Commons, in Fairview Township, and The Eagles, in Millcreek Township. There, the "eagles" don't refer to the soaring national bird, but to those at the nearby golf course. You know, the two-under-par kind

The list goes on: There's Walnut Heights, Garden Heights and Shenango

Heights. Afraid of heights? Try Echo Hill, Oak Hill or Woodland Hills. Relax amid the bliss at Shady Knoll or in Whispering Woods, or be at peace in Harmony. If address means anything, Gary Pedersen is living like fictional medieval royalty in Millcreek Township's Camelot, a subdivision near Sterrettania Road with street names like King Arthur Drive, Sir Kay Drive and Sir Lancelot Drive

Pedersen's castle, a tri-level, three-bedroom home with a wood-burning fireplace, has, since he first bought it, risen from a market value of \$105,000 to about \$160,000, Pedersen said

"I think the name's kind of neat, myself," Pedersen said with a laugh. "There's definitely a theme going. It caught my eye when we were looking."

What's in a name, anyway? A lot, said Jim Cardman, Fairview Township's planning and zoning administrator

COME TAKE A LOOK

It's got to sound appealing

to get people to come out," Cardman said. "The name makes people want to look, and the developers have got to sell their product"

Pete Dion, engineering assistant for Millcreek Township, is part of the township's subdivision approval process

"Sometimes when we see them come in, we have to chuckle," Dion said. "Some of the names are pretty fancy, but we really don't care what they call them unless there are duplicate road names." In Millcreek and other surrounding municipalities, road names cannot be duplicated so as not to confuse emergency response workers

Large tracts of land are getting scarce in Millcreek, the second-most populous municipality in Erie County at 52,129, but subdivisions are still popping up, dotting the landscape. The newest are an expansion of Shenandoah Meadows, off Carriage Hill Drive south of Young Road, and The Eagles, on Estate Drive just off Route 99

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'Sometimes when we see them come in, we have to chuckle. Some of the names are pretty fancy, but we really don't care what they call them unless there are duplicate road names.'

Pete Dion
Millcreek Township

icult to develop," Dion said. "Most of the easy land has already been done."

That hasn't stopped Joe Palermo, president of the development company that owns Golf Club Road Estates, the Glen Eagles, Brookwood Village and The Eagles

BRAINSTORMING

Palermo has brainstorming

sessions with his wife and children whenever it's time to name one of his new developments

"When I name a subdivision, I try to take something from the area, like when we did Brookwood Village a few years ago," Palermo said. There was a small wooded area and Mill Creek that bordered the property. We wanted to call attention to that

Were trying to paint a picture with the name, Palermo said. Every piece of property has its own unique attributes, and if you look at it that way names are easy to come up with"

Gal Panella, a real estate agent with Howard Hannah, said naming the subdivisions is about selling a lifestyle. However, Panella said, that process can backfire

One person was looking at a development named "Sanctuary," and said, "It sounds like an old folks home. I feel like I'm going there to die," Panella said. "Other people would love that

name because it evokes a quiet, tranquil feeling, and that's what it is"

It's important to be truthful when naming a development, Panella said

"One thing I've noticed is there are a lot of 'creeks' thrown into the names of developments that are bone dry," she said with a laugh. "There's no rhyme or reason"

If developers ever do run out of creative juice, there's always help on the Internet

A "Random Subdivision/Housing Development/Rest Home Name Generator" at


<http://adrian.gimp.org/cgi-bin/sub.cgi> allows anyone to pair up choice words such as oak, cedar and maple with colonial, sunset, acres and farms. The result? Endlessly pleasant combinations

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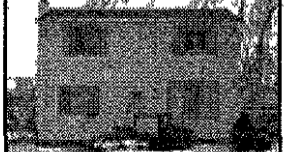
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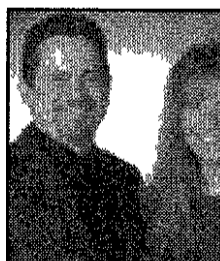
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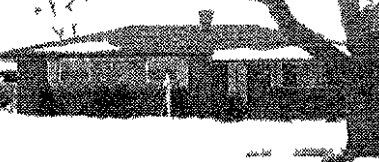
WESTLAND Livonia Schools
Ranch with 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths finished basement. 2 car garage newer furnace 99 C/A 01 windows 00 HWH '98 roof 99 Fenced yard satellite dish

(E70SAN) 734-455-5600 \$154,900




COMMERCE Enjoy Sweeping Views
Wonderful 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on lovely Edgewood Park Golf Course Updated windows roof furnace C/A appliances brick paver patio deck & extensive landscaping + 2 car attached garage bsmt

(E42EDG) 734-455-5600 \$299,950



WAYNE A Honey For The Money!
Great home in great neighborhood 3 bedroom brick ranch with all appliances freshly painted throughout & immediate occupancy

(E02HAY) 734-455-5600 \$127,777



NORTHVILLE End Unit Ranch Condo
Spacious 3 bedroom 3 bath unit Large great room w/natural fireplace Doorwalks off master bedroom and great room lead to private deck Master suite includes 6 oval bath and walk in closet PFL & 2 car garage

(E02VIL) 248-349-5600 \$312,000



NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living
3 bedroom 3.5 bath side entry end unit w/walk out Great room w/fireplace Master has luxurious bath & closet Lower level has terrific cherry cabs wet bar ceramic tile carpet & TV alcove

(E04LOC) 248-349-5600 \$439,800



DEARBORN Historic Ford Built Home
Model B Pretty hardwood floors natural woodwork updated windows kitchen & 1.5 baths Spacious deck woodburning fireplace dog run for the dog lover Care of ownership in this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home

(E56NON) 734-455-5600 \$224,900




BROWNSTOWN Spectacular & Tranquil
4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial w/2.5 car attached garage finished basement bay windows in master suite vaulted ceiling in living room

(E67JEN) 734-455-5600 \$254,900



WESTLAND Very Nice Bungalow
With open floor plan huge updated oak kitchen hardwood floors newer roof windows & furnace large deck in fenced yard

(E01FLO) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



MILFORD What A View!
Approx 5.79 acres of trees nature & privacy nestled into Kensington Metro Park 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/many updated amenities white sland kit updated BAs hardwood stone fling finished walk out

(E00VAL) 248-349-5600 \$454,900



REDFORD Clean As A Whistle
2 BR 1 BA bungalow w/galley kitchen formal DR large LR 1st floor BR large master BR on 2nd floor Updated mechanicals Privacy fence nice landscaping One car garage can hold full size truck Some newer concrete

(E89LEO) 248-349-5600 \$94,900



DEARBORN HGTS Great Place To Start
2 bedroom ranch move in condition w/newer roof windows some carpet newer landscaping Fenced yard w/huge garage All appliances stay

(E14ANN) 734-455-5600 \$89,900



REDFORD Clean & Cozy Ranch
2 bedrooms spacious living room freshly painted Updated kitchen & bath large dining room terrific finished basement newer roof furnace electric & HWH Also 1 car garage

(E65DAL) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



LIVONIA This is It!
Ranch condo in the woods of Livonia! 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths Freshly painted & ready to move in Master w/DKC Court sitting Close to shopping & x ways

(E06CLA) 734-455-5600 \$118,900




NOVI Welcome Home
Totally updated 3 BR 2 BA home w/bonus room w/private entry Great home business Family room all ceramic tiled recessed lighting custom paint 2 car heated gar Walk out LL tiered deck pool & Novi schls

(E11TEN) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



WARREN Charming Condo
2 BR 1 BA well maintained 1 story up condo Large LR formal DR newer kitchen windows Alcove off LR for entertainment center Private laundry room Locked storage area Easy access to freeway Great starter

(E18HOO) 248-349-5600 \$76,900




PLYMOUTH Desirable Location
Large 4 bedroom 3 bath bungalow w/remodeled kitchen w/cherry cabs wood floor & all appliances 6 panel doors Newer roof Walls de windows & vinyl trim Partially finished basement & 2 car garage

(E56AUB) 734-455-5600 \$279,900



WARREN Located On Large Lot
Custom built 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch w/heated Florida room updated windows & roof breezeway & oversized 2 car garage Partially finished basement

(E68BER) 734-455-5600 \$139,500



FARMINGTON Condo Living At Its Best
Gorgeous brick townhouse in great location features include recessed lights vaulted ceilings fireplace & attached garage Built in 2001 A must see!

(F66FAR) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



NOVI Just Listed
4 BR 1.5 BA stone house on approximately 3.5 acres newly renovated white kitchen & some newer carpeting Walled Lake private beach w/gazebos & non a sea plus loads of amenities De ghtfu relax ng liv ng

(E55TEN) 248-349-5600 \$399,000




DEARBORN HGTS Spacious Brick Home
Immaculate! 4 bedrooms 2 baths Large living room with natural fireplace 3 season porch Heated floor Plenty of storage Updates cement driveway roof windows Appliances Must see

(E25HUB) 248-349-5600 \$189,900




SOUTHFIELD Move In Condition
Large 2 bedroom ranch condo w/open flowing floor plan kitchen opens to an a y d n g & v n g room

(E25LAH) 734-455-5600 \$77,500



ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful
3 bedroom ranch w/partially finished basement 2.5 car garage updated w ndows roof furnace & more Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home

(E32BAR) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



CANTON A Pleasure To Show
Paver walkway welcomes you! Newer flooring in foyer & kitchen LR opens to formal DR kt w/closets of cabs & newer apps farm by room w gas fr o newer doorwalk w/DKC newer windows in shed LL & 2 car gar

(E20MET) 734-455-5600 \$245,500




WALLED LAKE Carefree Lakeside Living
And Bring Your Boat 2 BR 2 BA condo in adult 50+ community includes a app s a deeded boat slip on Walled Lake private beach w/gazebos & non a sea plus loads of amenities De ghtfu relax ng liv ng

(E27SOU) 248-349-5600 \$137,900




DEARBORN HGTS Beautiful Home
3 bedroom 2 bath brick home Many newer updates include soft furnace HWH drive w ndows and f ep oes fenced yard 2+ car ga age

(E12HIP) 248-349-5600 \$159,900




REDFORD Move Right In!
Wow! 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch offers 2 fireplaces finished basement w/family room hardwood floors vinyl windows & garage

(E50MAC) 734-455-5600 \$142,900




PLYMOUTH Must See Cape Cod
4 bedrooms w/luxurious master suite Jack & Jill bath 3 baths up lib formal DR loft dynam c in bsmt butler entry 4 car at gar 2 way frpic gourmet kt walk in pantry built in surround sound sprinklers & security

(E99LAN) 734-455-5600 \$614,900




WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
This home has all the bells and whistles Granite in kitchen ceramic tiled & hardwood floors W/O wooded lot Fireplace in FR 4 BR 2.5 BA 3 car garage grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area Bonus Room PFL

(E80YAR) 248-349-5600 \$549,900



PLYMOUTH Updated Charming
Absolute move in condition Spacious 4 bedroom home w/oak cab nets and Pergo floors Newer windows entry & patio floors Top rated Plymouth schools Walk to elementary school

(E53ORE) 248-349-5600 \$205,000



MILFORD Custom Built 2001
Custom built 3 BR 2.5 BA contemporary shows like a model Two story GR custom moldings library with French doors double oven & cooktop Newer custom-deck Located on approx 3 acres w/horses allowed

(E87HOL) 248-349-5600 \$494,900



WHITE LAKE Adorable & Affordable
Ranch w/finished walk out 3 bedrooms large kitchen garage shed picket fence beautiful decor clean updated appliances & Home Protection Plan

(E92OVE) 734-455-5600 \$154,900




NOVI Beautiful 3 Bedroom Colonial
Premium elevation w/possible 4th bdrm/study in prof fn bsmt Loaded w/updates custom touches! 2.5 baths kitchen w/island counter to FR w/gas fireplace vaulted ceilings in master suite & family room

(E29BUT) 734-455-5600 \$290,000




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 hwdw floors Newer carpet freshly painted Awesome

(E17YER) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



REDFORD Picture Perfect
Better than renting 3 bedroom ranch with newer white kitchen furnace A/C roof concrete landscaping and windows updated Soft neutral colors throughout Move in condition

(E26NOR) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



NORTHVILLE Beautiful Lot
3 BR 1.5 BA home recently updated w/carpeting fresh paint crown moldings & ceramic bath Kitchen has it oak cabs & ceramic floor On approx 1/2 acre brick paver patio Walk to elem sch! Easy access to x ways

(E47CHI) 248-349-5600 \$259,900




LINCOLN PARK Character & Charm
5 bedroom 2 full bath brick colonial w/2 car garage basement newer hot water heater 2001 formal dining room living room & 1 year home warranty

(E80PAR) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



DEARBORN Desirable Area Ranch
Located on 15 lots w/4 bedrooms 2 baths attached garage finished basement 2 fireplaces & updated windows roof furnace C/A electric HWH carpet & garage door

(E23DAC) 734-455-5600 \$299,900



SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
2 bedrooms 2 baths with finished lower level & loads of closets Cathedral ceilings & appliances Enjoy the clubhouse and pool Close enough to walk to town

(E81YOR) 248-349-5600 \$119,000




SOUTHFIELD Views Of Your Own Forest
Beautiful 1999 built 3 BR 2.5 BA raised ranch w/DR FR & large eat in kitchen MBR w/master bath Built in gas fireplace in FR 2 car garage Sliding doorwalk off the DR Back to natural forest & sits back off the road

(E51NIN) 248-349-5600 \$234,900



GREEN OAK Centennial Farms Ranch
Fabulous 2 bedroom 2 bath end unit with a newer kitchen including all appliances Larger MBR w/walk in closet Lower level FR w/fireplace Florida room 55+ community tis a must see

(E86CAM) 248-349-5600 \$129,000



LYONS Just Like New
Bright open fir plan w/3 bdrms 2 baths to oak kit w/island Hwdw frs secluded master ste w/Jacuzzi tub & drvl to deck track lights in GR w/double drvl to wrap around deck + 2 car at gar bsmt w/marble fir

(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$319,914



GARDEN CITY Bright, Airy Cape Cod
Detached condo 3 bedrooms 2 baths great room w/gas fireplace first floor laundry basement w/daylight windows 2 car attached garage vaulted ceiling dining room oak kitchen w/snack bar hardwood floor

(E23BIR) 734-455-5600 \$204,935



WALLED LAKE Hot Buy, Seller Says Sell!!
2-story duplex w/woodsy view 2 BR 1.5 BA Attached garage full bsmt & lots of storage Well maintained & many updates Refrigerator stove washer & dryer Spacious MBR w/3 closets Close to x ways & shops

(E63WOO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900




CANTON Shows Like A Model
1999 built 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial Upgraded hardwood floors in kitchen Stone ceramic foyer & back splash 3 ft bump out in family room Custom fireplace brickscaping sprinkling system & profess landscaped

(E47MIC) 248-349-5600 \$252,900



SOUTH LYON 55+ Walkout Ranch
3 bedrooms 2 full baths 1-story Newer kitchen windows filter system C/A Florida rm Large family room Bedroom #2 is used as formal DR Enjoy the view of DNR property creek & lake Bring fishing pole & suit

(E40CAM) 248-349-5600 \$149,000



PLYMOUTH Updated Home in Downtown
Beautifully maintained home in town offering 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths attached garage newer carpet & family room w/fireplace

(E17MCK) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



GARDEN CITY Wow! Cape Cod
3 bath detached condo Great price super sharp master suite + 2 vaulted ceilings first floor laundry brick & vinyl 2 car attached garage basement fireplace C/A bundler pays trans tax

(E27BIR) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



NORTHVILLE Updated And Elegant
4 BR 3.5 BA tudor w/updated kit & Jennaire apps Refinished hwdw floors newer paint & carpet Updated powder rm newer roof w windows Finished w/o w/BR & BA Tiered deck Everything is done just move in

(E63WHI) 248-349-5600 \$475,000



LINCOLN PARK Quiet Tree-Lined Street
Well maintained 3 BR all brick ranch in desirable area newer remodeled kitchen w/2nd kitchen in partially finished basement Patio & shed in lovely backyard One year home warranty offered Move right in

(E75MIC) 248-349-5600 \$104,900



CANTON Friendly Canton Sub
This is it! Nice brick colonial w/hardwood floors FR nat frpic LR 3 BR updated baths kitchen at 2.5 car gar lg covered patio yard partially finished basement Apps included 1 yr home warr Walk to park

(E44BRO) 248-349-5600 \$199,900

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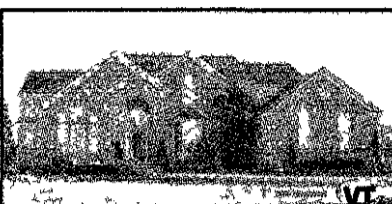
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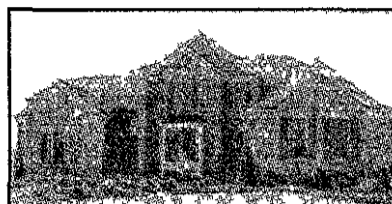
PLYMOUTH \$658,900
A TRANSFEREE'S DREAM! 3 BR 3 1/2 bath cape cod Kit w/cherry cbnts island pantry appls 3 car gar w/wider driveway Deck backing to serene pond Community pool/tennis court (23M5031)

734-455-7000



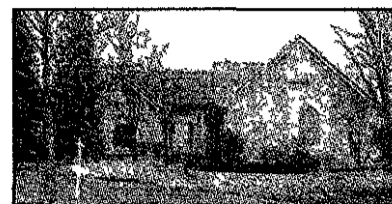
NORTHVILLE \$629,900
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! 4 BR 3 1/2 BA grand foyer w/hwd flrs extending to gourmet kit & nook Kit has granite island 42 inch cabs FR has a bay soaring ceiling & balcony Much more! (D44243)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$584,997
ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL! Better than new this 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath cape cod will fulfill your dreams Neutral decor Beautifully landscaped with huge paver patio Call now! (23F11075)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$515,000
LARGE PHEASANT HILLS SOFT CONTEMPORARY 4 BRs 2 1/2 BAs Open fir plan/2 story GR Multi level cedar deck w/fountain Lrg bed rooms mstr ste w/bat ins & spa tub Cedar sun rm Yard prof landscaped (95ELM2)

248-348-6430



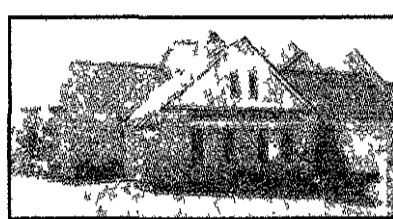
SPRINGFIELD \$499,900
RARE OAKLAND COUNTY LAKEFRONT ACREAGE! 13 1/2 buildable acres 300 feet fronting Big Lake Perked & surveyed Wetlands spring fed pond Minutes from M-59 & I-75 Will partner with builder until sold (23S12042)

734-455 7000



NORTHVILLE \$449,900
OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE SUB LOCATION! Spacious 4 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial w/3252 sq ft FR w/fieldstone FP formal DR w/hw fl Island kit w/walkin pantry Beautiful private yard w/ingr pool Fin bsmt & more! (44RAV2)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$429,000
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2BRs 2 1/2 BAs Numerous upgrades incl granite lighting carpet & cabinets Extra Crown mldg Luxury Mstr Bath (80LYO2)

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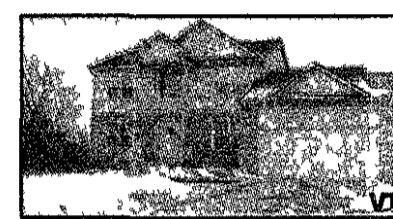
BELLEVILLE \$379,900
COZY COLONIAL! Spring your family into this 4 BR 3 BA col in Belleville Island in kit view of lake on cul de sac 2 frplcs new crptng oak cbnts Nicel Vacant (23M11519)

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NOVI \$364,900
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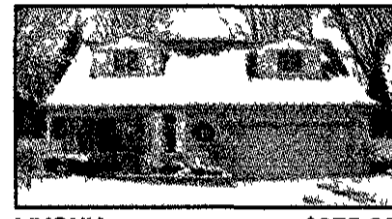
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CUSTOM BUILT 2 YR OLD CAPE COD 3 BR 2 1/2 BA 1st flr mstr ste w/jacuzzi tub & WIC lg kit w/ceramic flrs 1st flr laundry & office GR w/cath ceiling & gas FP 2 1/2 car attd garage (T15222)

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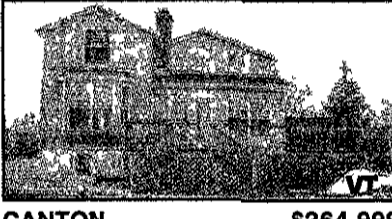
LIVONIA \$275,000
LOVELY BURTON HOLLOW CAPE COD New siding ft dr & gar dr Newer roof 97 replmt vinyl win updated kit w/all appl updated baths new carpet 98 Swim clb & elem school in sub Home warranty (12W002)

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NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner 4 bedroom Northville beauty! Quality updates have been maintained Two baths cozy fireplace home office and a lovely private yard (32LAR2)

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COUNTRY IN THE CITY! 3 BR 2 BA 2004 sq ft ranch Updated kit & baths Extensive hardwood flrs & wood work Newer windows roof paint New furnace A/C & HWH Move in ready! (23S9480)

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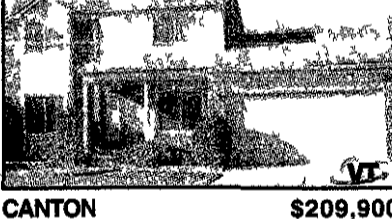
FARMINGTON HILLS \$230,000
CHARMING RANCH CONDO Lovely condo w/ 2 bd & 2 full ba Eat in kit Main fir laundry Well located w/priv backyard & deck incl appls Very sharp & neutral Close to downtown Farmington (56LAR2)

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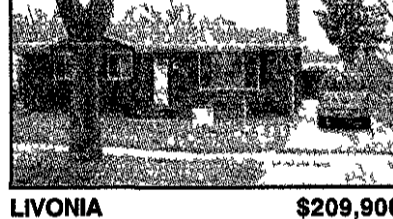
LIVONIA \$209,900
LOOKING FOR A BIG HOUSE FOR THE MONEY? 2169 sq ft 4 bedroom home in Livonia's States Streets subdivision Roof w/ins dows A/C and much more are newer (M31845)

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CHARMING SPACIOUS COLONIAL very open flr plan huge eat in custom kit large LR formal DR mstr BR w/WIC & access to bath Newer fr wndws furn c/a Great lot w/patio & child's play gym (F43438)

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LIVONIA \$209,900
LOCATION, QUALITY VALUE & CHARM! This 3 BR 1 1/2 BA brk ranch has it all Backs to nature are All new fr wndws drs furn & ac New 2 1/2 car gar & 18x18 deck Appl sty Lndscpd & fenced (E15075)

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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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CANTON \$185,900
THIS HOME IS A 10! Spotless 3 br 2 ba ranch w/ beautiful new oak kit 6 panel oak doors updated bath new windows roof and more! Family rm has nat tp full bath in basement (20ALL2)

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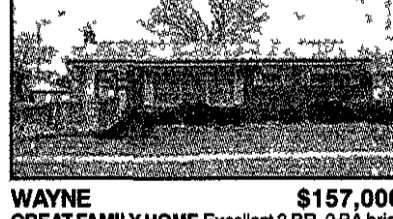
LIVONIA \$180,000
HOW SWEET IT IS! Updated eat in kit formal DR w/pantry 3 nice size brdms large LR Part fin bsmt Mstr bdrn 1/2 bath updated bath 1/2 bath in bsmt 2 1/2 car gar Must see! (23W20032)

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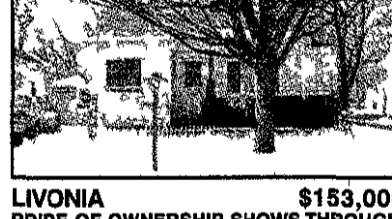
NOVI \$179,900
OUTSTANDING NOVI OPPORTUNITY! Great potential here! 3 bedroom home on nearly 3/4 acre lot! 2 Garages great for cars boats etc! Screened porch! Newer Roof! Novi Schools! Warranty! Fireplace! (50STA2)

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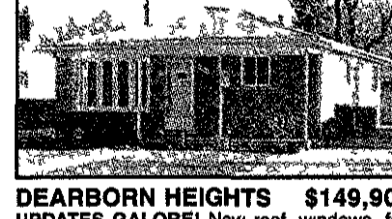
WAYNE \$157,000
GREAT FAMILY HOME Excellent 3 BR 2 BA brick ranch 2 car garage DR has bay windows overlooking lovely yard Finished bsmt w/ separate laundry area C/A new copper plumbing (G388)

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LIVONIA \$153,000
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THROUGHOUT Tastefully decorated with an open floor plan lots of updates newer windows newer deck newer kitchen newer roof 1 1/2 car garage 1 year home warranty (A15101)

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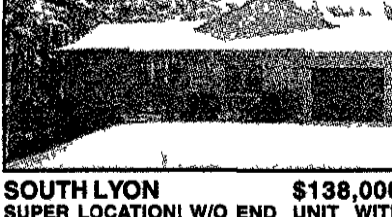
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$149,900
UPDATES GALORE! New roof windows floors nace C/A nicely refinished hardwood floors professional paint job & new carpets part finished bsmt w/ glass block windows (R249)

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WESTLAND \$147,900
POPULAR TONQUISH VILLAGE 3 Bedroom full brk ranch w/ full basement garage newer roof shingles newer cabinets & pantry in kitchen Your personal touch is all that's needed Hurry! (C661)

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SOUTH LYON \$138,000
SUPER LOCATION! W/O END UNIT WITH FLA RM 2BRs 2 BAs Fam Rm with gas FP Att Gar 55+ adult community lake priv club house all appliances fabulous scenery and privacy Hurry! (64CAM2)

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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/priv bath This one is in move in condition! (L42575)

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CANTON \$124,900
EVERY ROOM UPDATED, COME SEE! 2 BRs 2 Baths Updated mirrored doors kitchen baths fresh new paint Ready to move in today close to park feed the deer in your yard You will fall in love (L427)

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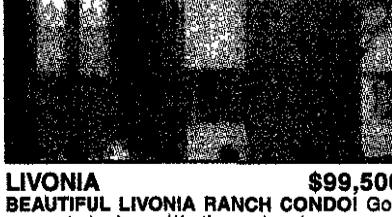
REDFORD \$114,900
LOCATION, QUALITY VALUE, & CHARM! 3 BR bungalow has it all Updates include fr turn ac bathroom elec vinyl siding All kitchen appliances stay along w/washer & dryer One yr home warranty (G17430)

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WESTLAND \$112,900
3 BEDROOM RANCH newer vinyl siding newer windows roof shingles ac Appliances included Newer brick patio A perfect starter home (B33632)

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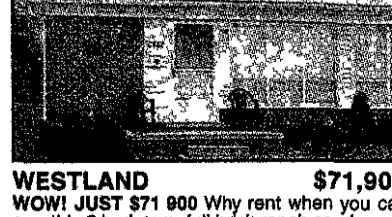
LIVONIA \$99,500
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA RANCH CONDO! Gorgeous 1 bedroom/1 bath condo w/scenic view of pond Close to shopping & highways Enjoy the luxury of the condo Swimming pool tennis court & clubhouse (55EIG2)

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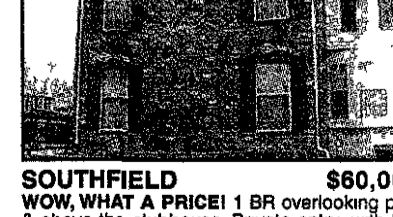
WESTLAND \$71,900
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INKSTER \$69,900
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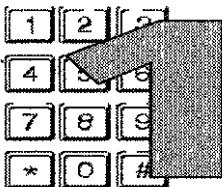
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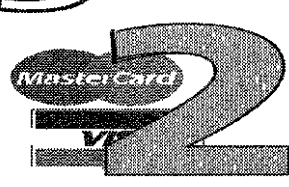
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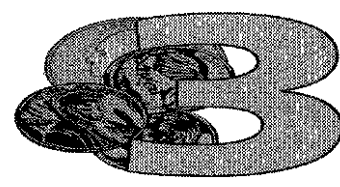
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TAKE IT SLOW

DWF 46 5'9 128 lbs smoker with blonde hair and hazel eyes Enjoys football hockey NASCAR Harley's concerts and shooting pool Looking for a tall secure SBF 39-50 who is honest caring and doesn't play games Ad# 712188

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BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT

SWF 57 5'4 red curly hair brown eyes Enjoys movies and theater watching swimming cooking and time with family Seeking a SBF 55-70 who is amiable outgoing successful and fun Ad# 473511

SOLID VALUES

WWWF 49 5'7 blonde hair great eyes Enjoys the outdoors sports travel and more Seeking an honest N/S 38-70 with high morals Ad# 488338

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LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY

SWF 30 5'10 blonde hair blue eyes Seeking a SBF 30-45 who likes country music line dancing and country dancing if you can dance or want to learn with me call now Ad# 710843

GOOD NATURED

SWF 55 6'1 medium build college graduate non smoker Enjoys working out theater movies walking and more Seeking a SBF 63 plus 5'8 who is well groomed and professional for friendship 1st Ad# 470261

LETS TALK

Outgoing and friendly SWF 46 5'8 brown hair blue eyes smoker Enjoys animals crafts the outdoors and loves roller coasters Looking for an honest and up front SBF 40-51 with a similar interest who has a get up and go attitude Ad# 539780

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SWF 65 5'5 blonde medium build fun loving artist Seeking a SBF 60 plus who wants to do things is talkative humorous and loves to cuddle if interests call non smokers Ad# 567287

ADVENTUROUS & SPONTANEOUS

SWF 61 enjoys playing cards being social d'ring out and much more Seeking a SBF 18-27 must have a sense of humor Ad# 684940

SMILE WITH ME

SBF 24 Seeking an intelligent honest and trustworthy SBF 24-35 who is financially independent Ad# 683165

BROWN EYED GAL

m a SWF 48 5'4 a med cal professional seeking a church going SWF 46-50 who is honest and has no children at home who loves laughter the theater people and trying new things Ad# 683074

GOOD MORALS AND VALUES

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NO GAMES

SWF 42 5'6 125 lbs enjoys going to the movies and hunting Seeking a SBF 35-55 who is honest outgoing and has good role models Ad# 682235

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU

SWF 60 auburn hair green eyes professional Enjoys travel week end get aways camping cuddling and more Seeking a SBF 57-70 who is loving humorous N/S N/D fun and affectionate Ad# 405059

GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST

SNAF 54 looks younger black hair brown eyes full figured at read with own children Enjoys a variety of things Seeking a SBF 45-65 who is honest and compassionate Ad# 681971

LOVES TO HAVE FUN

SBF 29 mother of 2 5'5 130 lbs brown hair and eyes N/S occasional drinker Enjoys sports dancing and more Seeking a SBF 27-39 who is understanding trustworthy and down to earth Ad# 681926

I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBF 63 N/S social drinker energetic and retired Enjoys traveling good conversation and more Seeking a SBF 60-69 to get to know Ad# 681689

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF 33 5'4 very active a professional and caring SWF 48 5'4 med um build blue eyed blonde Enjoys traveling cars nos fishing archery and antiques Seeks an intellectual SBF 46 60 for fun times Ad# 532617

ANXIOUSLY WAITING

SWF 60 5'2 brown hair med um build I want to meet a SBF 50-70 who is a tall med um build I like to go places a affectionate and seeking a commitment Ad# 680347

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF 73 5'3 170 lbs with blue eyes and dark hair Enjoys reading knitting movies and much more Looking for a SBF 67-80 who is fun and outgoing Ad# 680347

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?

SWF 45 5'4 129 lbs with blonde hair & blue eyes Enjoys boating camping motor cycles and just kicking back having fun Looking for a SBF 35-50 who is caring faithful and likes having fun Ad# 653751

A LITTLE SPICE

Retired SWF 62 enjoys d'ring out dancing traveling or staying home for a quiet even one She seeks a SBF 58-64 who is fun and outgoing Ad# 679632

NO TIME FOR GAMES

SBF 39 5'9 adventurous and spontaneous Seeking a SBF 38-48 who is very honest outgoing and fun loving kind hearted and knows how to treat a woman Ad# 679589

FUN TO BE WITH

SWF 19 5'1 110 lbs with blue eyes and dark hair Enjoys the outdoors and much more Looking for a tall dark and handsome SBF 20-28 who is responsible and independent Ad# 679632

LET'S BEGIN AS FRIENDS

SBF 22 college student one daughter Looking for an honest caring understanding fun communicative SBF 19-29 Ad# 64474

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW

Very average looking SWF 71 with blonde hair and blue eyes is looking for a SBF 66-74 to share companionship for dining out dating and so forth Ad# 685997

HOPES & DREAMS

SWF 25 4'11 150 lbs with one child Enjoys traveling Looking for a nice SBF 24-30 who is fun outgoing and has a good sense of humor who likes having fun Ad# 682734

SEEKING NICE GENT

SBF 51 5'5 good cook Seeking a courteous SBF 45-59 5'5+ who is fun outgoing and has a good sense of humor Ad# 685997

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

WWF 55 5'8 123 lbs long hair stays in shape Enjoys gourmet cooking & traveling Seeks a SBF 55-58 years old Ad# 660575

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Calim a D back SWF 62 5'2 110 lbs blonde hair blue eyes Loves family activities cooking crocheting outdoor events and more Seeking a kind quiet SBF 58+ who cares about other people and loves an ma s Ad# 567481

DINNER & A MOVIE

Responsible SWF 51 51 years old seeks nice smokin non drinker SBF 50-65 who is looking for companionship Ad# 680427

SOUTHERN BELLE

Down to earth SWF 29 5'5 120 lbs a pretty blonde Loves dancing d'ring out and time at home with a special someone Wants to be spoiled by a SBF 40-58 with no baggage Ad# 680306

THE KEY TO HEART HEAT

SWF 58 enjoys boating reading movies and d'ring out She is looking for a N/S SBF 59 or later a soccer drinker ok with salt and pepper hair If this sounds like you give me a call Ad# 659790

CALL & CHAT WITH ME

SWF 53 5'3 weight proportionate Enjoys dancing movies and d'ring out Enjoys good conversation plus more Hopes to meet a SBF 50-60 Ad# 659405

SEEKS FRIENDSHIP

SWF 50 5'7 weight proportionate retired red Loves dancing time at home and people looking for a SBF 47-60 Ad# 659897

ONE IN A MILLION

Professional educated DWF 43 with one child Enjoys movies and d'ring out swimming bike riding and more Looking for an honest sincere SBF 35-52 who is not into games knows what they want and enjoys the outdoors Ad# 658585

HUSBAND WANTED

SWF 38 attractive blonde likes to cuddle fine arts/d'ring movs is a honest caring romantic passionate N/S not outdoor type Seeks SBF 35-55 6+ attractive stable career relationship passion spending quality time no sports/bar type Ad# 656162

ALL OUR TOMORROWS

DWF 43 enjoys spending time with her children reading cooking and the beach Looking for a good hearted SBF 40-50 who is fun I like to have a good time and likes child ren Ad# 656643

END MY SEARCH!

m an honest dependable SBF 25-35 who is a smoker with brown hair & hazel eyes Looking for a long term relationship with a tall SBF gentleman 50-60 who enjoys summer and winter activities and has time for me Ad# 655797

WHY NOT CALL?

SWF 24 5'6 120 lbs Enjoys shopping movies etc Seeking a SBF 25-30 who enjoys going to church and trying new things Ad# 655731

CONTACT ME

Brown eyed SBF 30 years old mother of two She enjoys movies bowling and is seeking a nice SBF 21-40 who loves kids Ad# 654398

CHAT

SBF 26 5'7 115 lbs with a great sense of humor and no children Looking for a SBF 22-32 who is good looking Ad# 654219

RESPECTING EACH OTHER

Full figured educated SBF 37 5'11 no children N/S N/D Enjoys watching sports on TV reading bowling and the simple things in life Looking for an honest mature SBF 37-50 who is employed and has his own transportation Ad# 644676

JUST THE GAL FOR YOU!

Attractive SWF 51 5'6 brown hair/eyes Enjoys theater travel dining out and family Looking for an honest good humored SBF 55-68 N/S Ad# 653249

ARE YOU MY SOULMATE?

SWF 44 N/S social drinker 5'6 140 lbs blue eyed blonde Interests are movies bowling and dancing She is looking for a sensitive financially secure N/S SBF 35-50 whose children are grown and who appreciates women Ad# 641647

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SWF 49 5'6 with nite ligenec creative and a passion for music and dancing Seeking a man 38-49 to share these interests and more to a possible LTR Ad# 538187

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Adorable SBF 33 5'5 150 lbs brown hair and light green eyes Seeking a SBF 35-47 who is affectionate and humorous Ad# 644179

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SWF 52 5'4 red hair brown eyes Likes dining out traveling movies riding Harley's in the summer and more Seeking a SBF 45-55 who enjoys life Ad# 643875

SEEKS UNDERSTANDING MAN

Calim dependable SWF young looking 38 seeking for a SBF 30-50 Ad# 643379

FRIENDS TO START

Very busy SWF 38 enjoys movs traveling theatre computers and quiet times Looking for a sincere educated emp eyed SBF 30-50 who can be flexible due to my busy schedule and is interested in friendship to start maybe more later Ad# 643444

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51 WF independent like movs travel d'ring out dancing Looking for SBF 50-60 with same interests No couch potatoes and if interested give me a call Thank You Ad# 618570

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Witty faithful outgoing SWF 41 blue eyed blonde 5'2 Loves roller coasters computers cars racing camping and fishing Looking for a good humored open minded passionate SBF 35-55 who enjoys life Ad# 636207

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

SWF 47 5'2 at active blonde hazel eyes with a beautiful smile Seeking a honest and caring SBF 40-50 who enjoys spending time with that special someone Ad# 641159

LOOKING FOR HONESTY

SWF 58 5'4 with green eyes Enjoys the water and trying any thing once In search of a tall SBF 55-66 who is honest with a great sense of humor and similar interests Ad# 636111

IN SEARCH OF LOVE

SWF 52 with brown hair and a mustache Enjoys d'ring out the outdoors etc Looking for a SBF 40-53 who is seeking for a long term relationship First rate Ad# 420370

THE FIRST TO BE THE LAST?

SWF 47 5'7 athletic build dark hair blue eyes Enjoys dancing and life at the lake Looking to an open minded fun active frst Ad# 420370

GOOD NATURED

SBF 47 5'3 dark brown hair outgoing sincere and fun loving Enjoys shopping travel d'ring out concerts the outdoors pinos and more Seeking a SBF 40-60 who is sincere outgoing fun loving family oriented and is a kid at heart Ad# 442747

LOVE TO GIVE

SWF 27 5'9 145 lbs blonde hair green eyes She is seeking a man who loves life has a sense of humor s honest and enjoys quiet times at home Ad# 633192

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SNAM 50 a Christan who likes hunting camping riding his motorcycle and going to Church He would like to meet a SBF 18-48 for a possible relationship Ad# 712725

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE

SWF 59 5'2 200 lbs no children at home Enjoys reading bike riding d'ring out cooking and more Looking to meet a SBF 48-61 who is looking for a long term serious relationship Ad# 685835

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SBF 32 5'11 160 lbs who caters to that special woman needs Seeking a SBF 18-40 Ad# 689205

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Attractive SBF 51 6' 180 lbs with brown hair brown eyes and a wide variety of interests Searching for a petite to average built SBF 38-54 race an sportswoman who is down to earth sincere and honest Ad# 419921

KISSES FROM ME

Athletic outgoing energetic and happy SWF 43 5'9 who enjoys sports working out an male and more Seeking an honest caring warm and sensitive SBF 35-50 who can carry on an intelligent conversation Ad# 468055

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SBF 37 5'11 225 lbs Enjoys jazz walking cuddling and more Looking for a SBF 25-35 who is loving down to earth sweet and has respect for herself Ad# 595294

GIVE ME A CALL

SBF 18 5'8 an easy skating and kick n back watching TV Looking for a SBF 18-28 who would like to get to know me Ad# 713076

I'M WAITING

SWF 49 looks 39 knows how to eat a lady someone who has a nice build and a pleasant personality I am looking to a woman that is looking for a good man Hope to hear from you as soon as possible Redford area Ad# 411537

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SBF 27 a father college graduate enjoys music basketball movies and travel Seeking a SBF who is sweet and motivated Ad# 712237

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

SBF 33 hazel eyes 5'11 210 lbs latrice Looking for an independent confident SBF around 60 with tattoos Ad# 635604

THIS IS IT!

SBF 43 6' 220 lbs N/S social drinker Enjoys sports chess computers and more Seeking a SBF who is caring loving honest and enjoys the same Looking for 711740

FAITHFUL & LOYAL

SWF 44 6'1 175 lbs with brown hair paying hair Looking for a SBF under 48 for a quiet romantic relationship Ad# 686504

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL

SWF 45 5'6 light brown hair blue eyes Looking for a passion at compassionate professional SBF 28-45 Oakland or Wayne County Ad# 449863

LOOK INTO MY EYES

SBF 31 6'1 190 lbs with black hair green eyes and children not living at home Enjoys dancing walking sports and bowling Looking for a SBF 18-38 with a medium complex on green eyes and no children Ad# 685727

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E320 review by Dale Buss

Facing more intense competition from other luxury marques from Europe as well as Japan, Mercedes-Benz has been making huge outlays to overhaul much of its fleet over the past few years. Among other things, that exercise resulted in the introduction of a highly satisfying class of sport-utility vehicles.

But more than anywhere else, Mercedes-Benz made significant progress in updating its best-selling E-class sedans, the hub of its lineup - the cars that you think of when you envision Mercedes luxury. And in doing so, the company has done an excellent job of fortifying its mainstay models and, for at least a while longer, holding off the advancing hordes of BMWs, Audis, Lexus and Acura models.

I drove an E320 for a week, the most popular of Mercedes-Benz's E-series line. It is equipped with a six-liter engine and can retail for as much as the mid-\$50,000s, if it's really packed with features. E-class vehicles also come in two other variants: the E500, which is powered with a 5.0-liter V8 engine that yields a monstrous 302 horsepower, and whose prices begin in the mid-\$50,000s, and the E55, a high-performance sedan powered by a 5.4-liter V8. Wagon versions of the E320 and E500 also are available.

The 2004 E320 is a second-model-year iteration of the completely new E-series vehicles, and Mercedes-Benz already has done a pretty good job of keeping this niche nailed down.

Begin with the styling. While the new E-series vehicles edge into the same wedge-shaped theme that dominates the entire luxury-sedan segment these days, it has a distinctively Mercedes look. The four-headlight theme introduced on the previous E-class, which now is the standard at Mercedes, has been refined in the new vehicles, and the new front end is lower and is more steeply raked. And overall,



The Mercedes E-320 is smooth and offers the cornering command of a true sports sedan.

the new version actually is about an inch longer in wheelbase and overall length and a half-inch taller in overall height than the 2002 model - even though the 2004 E320 is distinctly sleeker-looking.

Like any good German sedan, what keeps the E320 at the top of its segment is its sheer driveability. The car cruises well at high speeds and is smooth throughout the gear range. Naturally it isn't quite as responsive as V8-powered competitors, and that is a bit of a drawback. Also, the five-speed automatic transmission that comes in the E320 seemed a little bit slow to respond compared with competitors.

But the car offered the cornering of a true sports sedan and always lent the driver a feeling of being in command of the vehicle and the road. Quick steering is a strong attribute of the car, thanks to a variable power-steering system with more boost for easy turning at low speeds and less for more progressive steering response and feedback at higher speeds. All of this is helped along by the presence of the 4Matic all-wheel-drive system, which is optional on the E320.

Fuel economy is very respectable for a sedan of this size and power - 18 miles per gallon in the city and 24 on the highway. Naturally, the car allows only premium fuel.

Inside, true to its tradition, E320 absolutely defines the lap of luxury. Begin with its attractive

interior, with a dashboard sweeping from each side and blending into the center console, wood trim complemented by splashes of chrome, real wood trim and a three-spoke steering wheel. Room abounds, of course, even in the trunk, which is impressively large.

An interesting feature is ambient cabin lighting, the latest trend in interior design. These strips of soft, low-level lighting, emanating from the ceiling of the car, remain on during darkness. I found this feature to be a bit annoying at first, because I was trying to figure out how to turn off the dome lights. Even after I understood that these lights were supposed to remain on at night, however, I remained unimpressed by the results. I wasn't sure what their purpose was.

A few other nits to pick about the E320 included the fact that the turn signal and the cruise-control lever are way too close together on the left side of the steering column, resulting in frequent confusion between the two. And the windshield wipers seemed to ping with every sweep, although that might have been a problem particular to this individual vehicle.

Overall, however, with the E320, Mercedes-Benz can still say to the Johnny-come-late-lies in the luxury-car market: Bring it on.

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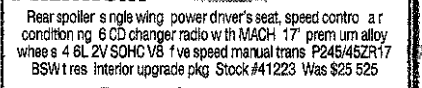
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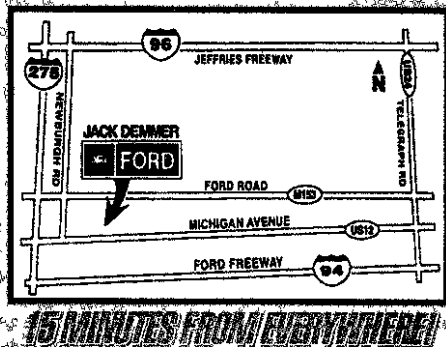
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Shopping

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Mia Mahalo's fashion is non-toxic, fair-traded items

Mia Mahalo is a store that will reshape your image of clothing made from hemp and organic cottons

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Broesamle is concerned about human exposure to toxins, saying it begins early in life. She offers a crib, which later can be turned into a child's bed, that is finished with natural shellac instead of chemicals. She also sells organic diapers, sheets and clothing

Why wear yoga gear made from dyed synthetics? Mia Mahalo carries it in organic cotton, which is less harmful to the planet because it uses no synthetics. The yoga mat cleaner is also non-toxic



This unisex jacket is made of hemp and cotton and is by Cottonfield

MORE CHOICES

Broesamle's idea for an eco-store evolved because she herself was having a hard time finding fair-traded/natural clothing

"When I first sought out these products, I had to travel all the way to New York," she said. "By opening a store here, I can give my customers a choice other than catalogs. How long can we keep dumping these toxins and not expect an adverse reaction?"

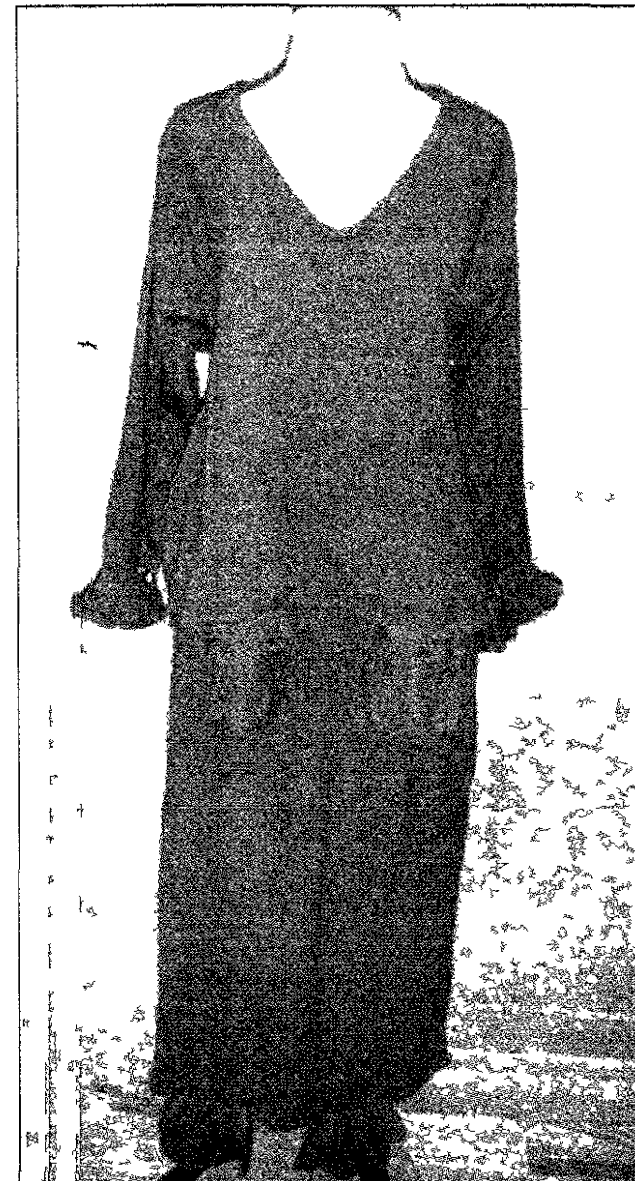
Fair trade is another of Broesamle's missions. Today, workers in the most remote areas of Guatemala can earn a fair living if U.S. retailers demand it, and Broesamle does

Everything from home furnishings to rare organic Hawaiian honey and cocoa is at Mia Mahalo

Broesamle also carries fair-trade, shade-grown coffee, high-end cosmetics made without chemicals and without experimentation on animals, soaps scented with pure essential oils rather than synthetic.

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busy eyeing the retail candy they don't know you're watching. Grab a foamy, hot latte - just the way you like it - and kick back in North Grand Court or nab a bird's-eye view from the second or third floor.

Runners-up: Downtown Royal Oak, Great Lakes Crossing Shopping Mall in Auburn Hills

BEST PLACE TO GET PAMPERED

Mira Linder Spa in the City

Are you experienced? Bet you haven't heard of a "double barrel" or a "fake bake." There's more than a few peculiar sounding body treatments on the menu of services at this Detroit spa institution. But Mira Linder has staked her reputation on innovation in the field of beauty. Of course all the usual fare, from manicures to Swedish massage, are there for the taking.

Runners-up: Spa Julianna in Plymouth, Mystique Day Spa in Dearborn

BEST SKATEBOARD PARK

Vans Skatepark

A Novi hub for teenage boys who know how to ride. For the best action, check out The Chicken Bowl, which replicates the turf of those epic skate sessions in Huntington Beach.

Runners-up: Transitions Ramp Park, Zero Gravity Skate Park.

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The surface is limestone and suitable for walking, biking, running and cross-country skiing. The trail follows the old Penn Central Railroad up Paint Creek Valley through highlands and wetlands.

Runners-up: Kensington Metropark in Milford, Hines Park, Wayne County park system

Best place to propose marriage

Red Wings game

Even the young lovers of Chicago would pick the lake over a Cubs game. But hey, maybe she'll find it Detroit chic.

Runners-up: The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.



Best place to sweat

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If you can't find a Life Time Fitness gym nearby, chances are you can't find the road. It's no wonder the gym chain is so popular.

The real draw: a surplus of sweat-inducing activities, from the treadmill to Eastern arts, rock climbing, dance and adventure trips.

Runners-up: Curves, Powerhouse Gym, both have locations throughout metro Detroit.

Best bookstore

Borders

It all began in crunchy, granola Ann Arbor, but Michigan's own bookstore chain is tough to beat. The staff knows their stuff: Ever wonder how many of them have master's degrees? Best of all, they don't get testy when you can't remember the whole title exactly or if you've completely forgotten the author's name.

Runners-up: Barnes & Noble, Waldenbooks, both with locations throughout Detroit.



Big screen

'Home on the Range' is hard not to find cute

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
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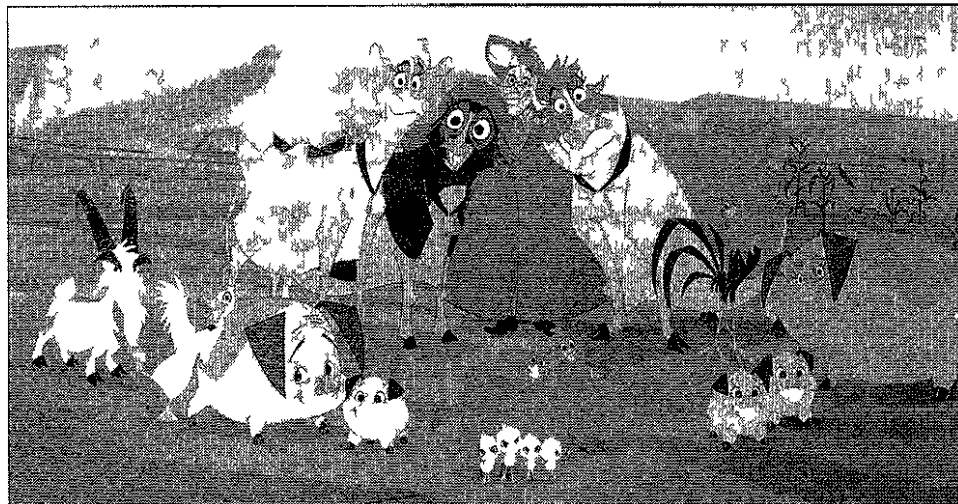
Ordinarily, an animated movie about talking, singing cows, which contains the tag line "Bust a moo, might be udderly (sorry, couldn't help it) cringe-inducing. But *Home on the Range* is so darn cute and features such an impressive array of

vocal talent, it's hard not to be lassoed in. As Disney movies go, it's not extraordinary enough to be deemed an instant classic, the story from the writing-directing duo of Will Finn and John Sanford is weak and the pacing drags a bit in the middle. But kids will enjoy the colorful characters and grown-ups will chuckle at many of the jokes.

Roseanne Barr essentially returns to her standup comedy roots as the voice of Maggie, a crass show cow who disrupts the peace and quiet at the Patch of Heaven dairy farm after her owner's farm is foreclosed.

"Yeah, they're real - quit staring," Maggie cracks as she shows off her udders, later, she looks into the bell

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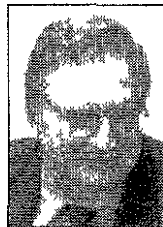
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Small screen

'Blood Hook' kinda grabs you and reels you in

It's time to break out the rod and reel and head to the ol' fishing hole for mayhem!

Yes, all you compleat anglers, *Blood Hook* has been released on DVD as part of a three-film on one disc set for \$19.95. That makes *Blood Hook* a \$6.65 bargain, which is absolutely as much as I would pay to see this minor mess.



**Beyond
Bad**

**Greg
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Still, there is a perverse pleasure in seeing all those fishermen get their comeuppance for eons of dragging fish out of the water by a hook in the mouth.

Blood Hook turns fishing on its dorsal fin. The action centers on Muskie, Wis., where 17 years ago a boy watched his seemingly healthy father stagger off the end of a dock. Fast-forward (you might want to do that often in this film) to the present, where the now-grown boy has returned with his friends and a whole bunch of other folks who are gathering at the lake for the annual Muskie Tournament.

THE PLOT

In short order, folks are disappearing. The sheriff is reluctant to take any action,

lest he disturb the tournament, but the young man begins to make a connection between his father's mysterious death all those years ago and the current disappearances. And we know what's really happening: The various swimmers and fisherpersons are being snagged by a foot-long lure with some nasty hooks attached.

Call it justice or just a really stupid way to kill people, the anglers are reeled to their death.

But by who? Could it be the cheating fisherman who desperately wants to win the tournament? Or the crotchety old guy with a bad disposition who seems to hate everyone? Or the Korean War veteran who has a piece of metal junk stuck in his head? He goes crazy whenever he hears the whirring sound of cicadas singing in the bushes and sells mysterious gooey bait to the fisherpersons, including a bucket that contains a ring from a missing person in it.

You decide. *Blood Hook* has its moments. The snagging will make you cringe, and there is one genuinely ghastly scene in which the murderer pulls out a line of fishermen strung together by a rope to the mouth from under the dock.

PRIZE-WINNING SCENE

But the prize-winning scene is the "duel" between the young man and the

killer in which they both cast their murderous lures into each other and reel away trying to pull each other into the lake.

The acting ranges from poor to fair and the overall production values are OK. But, hey, it's a lake. You don't have to add a lot to make the scenes look decent.

Blood Hook, as you might imagine, is relatively obscure, but check out the cheap bins at the record and movie stores.

Greg Kowalski does not approve of fishing but only because it requires going outdoors. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowsk1@oe.homecomm.net.

RANGE

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around her neck and asks, "Is this thing on?" when the other animals at Patch of Heaven don't quite get her sense of humor.

MAGGIE TO THE RESCUE

She turns into a natural leader, though, when it looks as if Patch of Heaven also is in danger of being foreclosed.

She comes up with a plan to raise the money to save the farm by going after Alameda Slim (Randy Quaid), a cattle rustler with a \$750 bounty on his head for wooing cows into submission by yodeling at them.

Yes, this is as ridiculous as it sounds. When Slim bursts into song, rows upon rows of cows that look like something out of Picasso's cubist period go googly-eyed, dance in circles and turn rainbow colors (The ironically named Slim, meanwhile, with his exaggerated goatee, resembles

former New York Yankees pitcher David Wells).

Maggie and her bovine companions — the veddy British Mrs. Caloway (Judi Dench) and crunchy-granola Grace (Jennifer Tilly) — manage to resist the musical hypnosis. But they have competition in their search for Slim from bounty hunter Rico (Charles Dennis), who's riding a hyperactive horse named Buck (Cuba Gooding Jr., doing a cartoon version of his *Jerry Maguire* character).

Among the other friends and foes they run into: the wacky Lucky Jack (Charles Haid), Disney's version of Bugs Bunny, and the weaselly cattle broker Mr. Wesley (Steve Buscemi), who looks like Steve Buscemi, and unfortunately doesn't come in until the very end.

Patrick Warburton (formerly Puddy from *Seinfeld*) also could have used more screen time — er, microphone time — as a horse that competes with Buck.

Home on the Range: a Walt Disney Pictures release. It is rated PG for brief mild rude humor. Running time: 76 min. Two and a half stars out of four.



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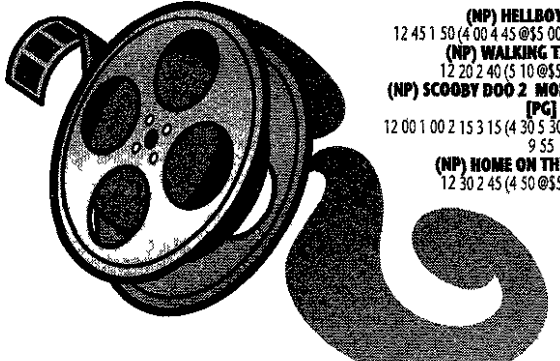
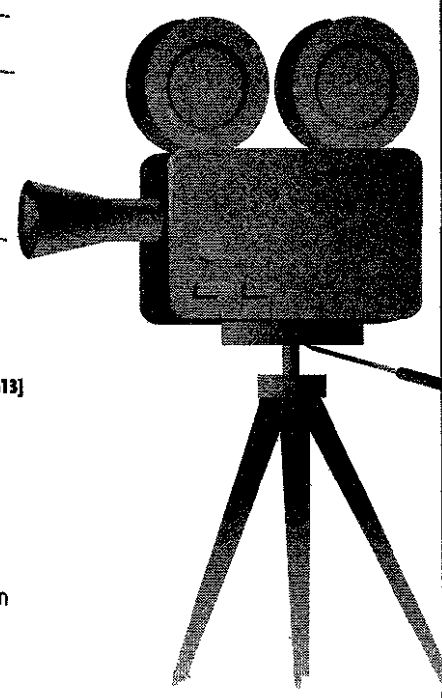
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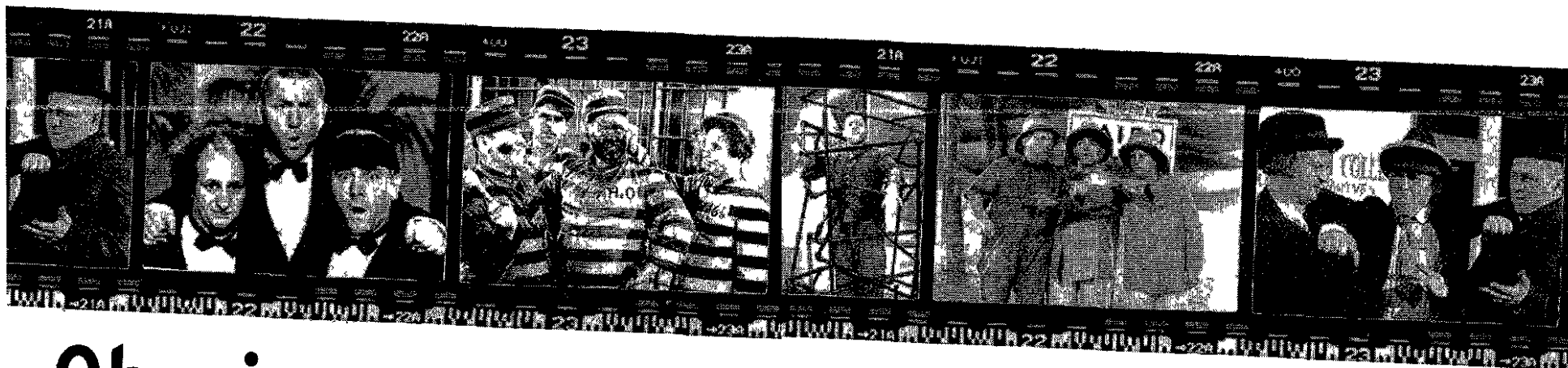
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Oh wise guy, eh? Nyuck, nyuck, nyuck

Three Stooges film festival is guaranteed fun

More than 1 million Web sites are dedicated to *The Three Stooges* on Yahoo

That's more than the Marx Brothers and Charlie Chaplin combined

But not more than *I Love Lucy*, with more than 2 million, or *Seinfeld*, with 9 million Still a million sites is a powerful number for a show that was in its heyday nearly 50 years ago

The Three Stooges aired from 1934 to 1956 and was shown as comedy shorts played between movies at the cinemas The Stooges also had a handful of full-length movies that weren't well received

It's not often anymore that we see them on the big screen, that's why *The Three Stooges* film festival at the Redford Theatre Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 is such a treat

"We can watch them at home, but there's something special about laughing, hooting and hollering together with 500 or 600 other people in the audience," said Peggy Grimshaw, who serves on the film selection com-

mittee at the Redford Theatre, which is run by volunteers

The festival is more than two hours long and will include seven episodes with Moe, Larry and Curly (sorry Shemp fans, maybe next time)

The Redford has held the film festival for the past four years

"It's one of the more well-attended events," Grimshaw said (but not more popular than the showing of *Somewhere in Time*, the theater's most popular screening)

The Stooges began as a comedy team in the early 1930s The original team was Moe, Larry, and Curly Prior to the Stooges, there was the Ted, Shemp, Moe and Larry act called Ted Healy and his Southern Gentlemen

Curly retired in 1947 due to health reasons He was replaced by his brother Shemp, who died eight years later and was replaced by Joe Besser

Besser retired after just two years and was replaced by Joe DeRita

IF YOU WANT TO GO

What: Three Stooges film festival

When: organ overture 7:30 p.m., screening 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, organ overture 1:30 p.m., screening 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17

Where: Redford Theatre 17360 Lahser Road a few doors north of Grand River Detroit

Admission: \$5, call (313) 537-2560 For group tickets call (313) 531-4407 or visit www.redfordtheatre.com

Episodes: Each of the six episodes is 20 minutes long
Titles: *Three Little Pig Skins*; *Slippery Silks*; *Horses' Collars*; *Back to the Woods*; *Whoops, I'm an Indian* and *Flat Foot Stooges*





Dig in the dirt? Check out Changing Gardens

Garden styles come and go, but the act of refining and ordering nature has been with us for centuries. The garden's historical evolution is the subject of *Changing Gardens: Four Centuries of European and American Art*, a recently opened exhibit running through May 23 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor.

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GARDEN SCENES

What: The Changing Garden Four Centuries of European and American Art an exhibit of art that explores evolving garden aesthetics and uses

When: Continues to Sunday May 23 Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

Where: University of Michigan Museum of Art 525 South State St. University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor

Tickets: Admission is free suggested donation is \$5 (734) 763-UMMA or www.umma.umich.edu

"The idea of gardens as a place of beauty, as a place of sanctuary and reflection, remains undiminished, and I think that will always be the case," said Carole McNamara, assistant director for collections and exhibitions at UMMA.

CAPTURING CHANGING STYLES

The exhibit's prints, paintings, photographs and other art works portray gardens, and in so doing, capture the landscape's changing styles and uses

Comprised of more than 150 pieces by such artists as Pierre Bonnard, John Singer Sargent, Camille Pissarro and James McNeill Whistler, *Changing Gardens* spans from the late 16th to the 20th century

The formal, grand garden dominates art in the 16th and 17th centuries because renderings were normally under commission by royal or wealthy patrons, said McNamara. There are, for instance, several representations of Louis XIV's Versailles gardens

"The artist's job was to make the garden look impressive, but it's very much bound up with transmitting through the printed medium, not only the magnificence of the garden but also the magnificence of the owner," she said "But things get more personal in the way artists look at gardens in the 18th century and then photography comes on the scene"

BACKDROP

That's when paintings and drawings move away from depicting formal, grand landscapes and start to reflect the artist's own personal response to the scene in view. At the same time, artists began taking the focus off the garden in favor of rendering works in which the people and activities serve as artistic subject with the garden as backdrop

Public gardens – or parks – emerged in the 19th century. Artists responded by using such scenes as vehicles for social commentary. Works from the 20th century depict parks as democratic spaces used by everyday people

Photographer Bruce Davidson's works represent a range of activities in New York's Central Park, from kids hanging from tree branches to a woman feeding pigeons

Changing Gardens is organized thematically and divided into three parts. The first touches on garden design and its components like fountains and statuary. The second presents historically important gardens. The last explores activities and pursuits set in the garden scene, from royal fetes to picnics

"It's a very different way of organizing the materials, but it's clear and it's intriguing," McNamara, said, adding, "Anyone who digs in the dirt and loves plants will love it"



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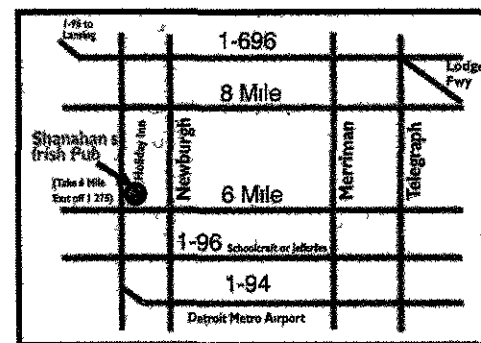
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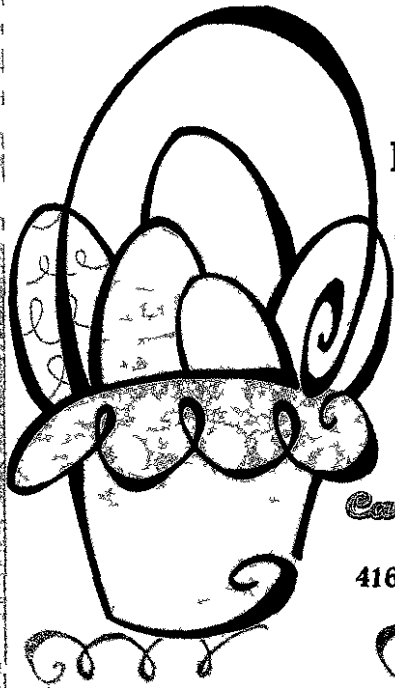
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Beyond the sea

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Despite a continuing sluggish economy, meals purchased away from home are on the rise. In particular, this trend bodes well for the seafood industry since 70 percent of all fish and shellfish consumed in the U.S. is eaten in restaurants.

It is with this trend in mind that partners Geoffrey Browning and Chick Taylor closed Joe Muer's Grill in Southfield for a month, remodeled and reopened recently under the name Deep Blue.

Browning and Taylor have worked together for many years, their rhythm has created a new beat at Deep Blue. Joe Muer's is a legendary name among Detroit seafood restaurants, but it has been closed for many years. The C.A. Muer name was also well-known for seafood in the area, but this corporation was purchased by Landry's Restaurants several years ago.

"Diner confusion existed between Joe Muer's Grill and the other former C.A. Muer restaurants," said Browning. "We've retained what was correct about Joe Muer's and have added more contemporary spins on seafood preparations. About 65 percent of the menu is seafood with the remainder top steaks and chops."

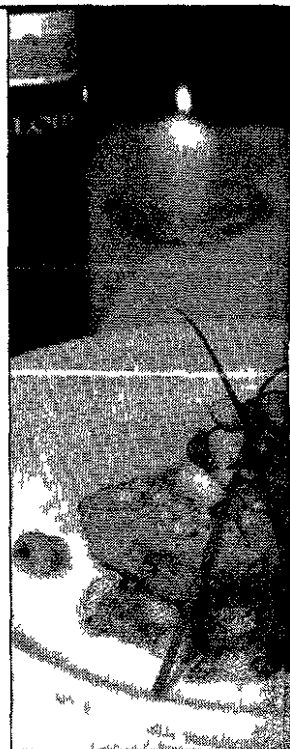
RETOOLED LOOK

Returning regular patrons of the former Joe Muer's Grill are greeted with a new hostess stand. The once-popular mirrored look of the bar has been replaced with a back-lit soft glow for the bottle display. Bar tops are now granite and new bar stools with backs have a deep blue covering adding emphasis to the new name.

The after-five and later-night crowd should find this a most pleasurable spot.

The bar and booths near the bar, sporting new pendant lighting, are for patrons who smoke. Retained on display in this area is the large model of the Boblo boat *Columbia*. Browning's family operated the boats from 1949 to 1979.

On the opposite no-smoking side, a new signature mural combines tile and metal in a sea motif illuminated by soft spotlights. The rich woodwork surrounding booths in this



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area remains but it takes on a lighter carpeting and new wall

White tablecloths and white hours. Less formal tablecloth more casual look.

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CHEF'S CHOICE

As an accomplished home cook worked with Chef Chris Thorpe. Chris said Taylor, "has a passion for flavors."

The appetizer Buffalo-style example of this passion. Sear wasabi is another.

There are several soups including England clam chowder and a soup, but if it's your first time



Clockwise from top left, macadamia-crusted tuna with mango red pepper sauce is one of many dishes on the menu, start your meal with smoked salmon fennel cucumber salad Deep Blue co-owner/partner Geoffrey Browning shows off the new bar with a back-lit soft glow for bottle display, Executive Chef Chris Thompson has a passion for creating and combining flavors

Salads are salads, but two on the menu highlight inspiration and creativity The side salad of baby spinach with pecan-crusted goat cheese croutons and jalapeno-mango vinaigrette spotlights the latest food trend combo of spicy peppers and tropical fruit If you want to make a salad your meal, try baby spinach with duck confit, blue cheese, mushrooms and djon vinaigrette

Fresh fish selections retained from the former menu include skinless Lake Erie perch, whole Dover sole and flounder stuffed with deviled crab

For a spicy treat, try Southwest-style swordfish with chipotle orange sauce

WINES AND FINALES

Browning has always done a stellar job with his internationally styled wine, which also features wines by the glass at \$5-\$11 Arising out of his monthly vendor tasting is the featured wine of the month

The best-kept house secret is the Proprietors List, which has 1982 and 1985 Bordeaux red wines in inventory to match one of the succulent, juicy steaks

For a grand finale, housemade desserts include orange-scented creme brulee with chocolate accents and Key Lime pie

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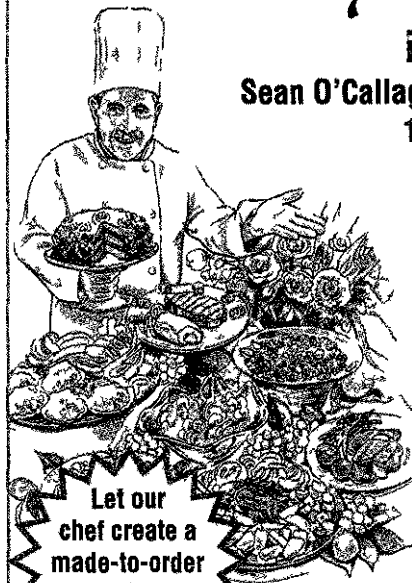


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Here's the skinny on Bacardi

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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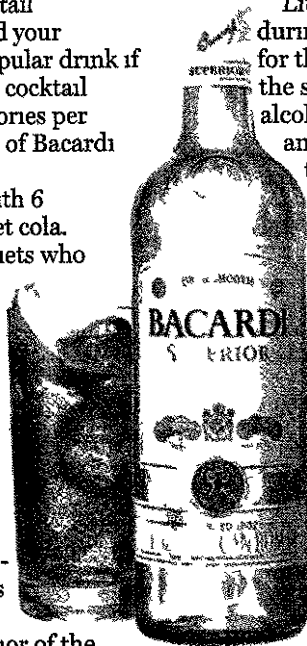
the former director of the New York City-based Atkins said, "Many people make the assumption that a light beer or glass of wine is the smart choice."

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A glass of light beer has about 99 calories plus 5 grams of carbs and red wine has 74 calories and two carbs.

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The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com



City bites

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CASS LAKE ROADHOUSE

Michigan restaurant corporation Schelde Enterprises, Inc. announces the conversion of their Freshwater Lodge restaurant in Waterford to Cass Lake Roadhouse.

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The Morel Mushroom Feast celebrates its 18th year, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 26-29, at Morels, A Michigan Bistro. Cost is \$49.95, not including tax or gratuity. Menu includes Minnesota morel mushroom bisque, pickerel Wellington, salad, roasted Angus tenderloin with morel sauce and a trio of housemade sorbets. Morels is at 30100 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms.

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Best shopping

Shop, drop – then get up and shop again

Here are the stores you love best

When it comes to best overall places to maximize credit cards, it seems that readers opt for the big and familiar. Here are the People's Choice Award winners for Best Places to Shop.

BEST MALL

The Somerset Collection

How can you not love Somerset? It's where you'll find some of the shops that celebrities flock to in New York and LA. People dress up a little before going there – and we could always use a bit more elegance.

Runners-up: Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Twelve Oaks in Novi

BEST HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE

Home Depot

The employees at Home Depot seem to know everything, and wow, are they friendly. There's a huge selection, the prices are right, and we found more than 70 locations in Michigan alone.

Runners-up: Lowe's, The Great Indoors

BEST SPORTS SHOP

Dick's

Do you want a staff to explain how to work a medicine ball? Do you need some camping gear and sexy workout pants? Then go to Dick's. The store is huge, the lines are short, and the prices are reasonable. What more do you need?

Runners-up: The Varsity Shop, Dunham's

BEST HARDWARE STORE (MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF)

Damman Hardware

Trips to the hardware store when something breaks are rarely fun. When we're having plumbing problems on Sunday morning and can't get anyone to fix it, we head to the hardware store hoping someone there can give us advice.

Readers picked Damman Hardware as the store with the most-knowledgeable staff.

Runners-up: Aco, Ace

BEST TOY STORE

Toys R Us

Toys R Us has a huge selection. They have every new toy a kid could want and some classic favorites too.

Runners-up: Adventures in Toys, Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop

BEST SHOE STORE

Nordstrom's

Aaah, shoes, what woman doesn't have enough? For the highest-quality, and ahead-of-the-trend shoes, readers picked Nordstrom's.

Runners-up: DSW, Payless Shoe Source

BEST PET & PET SUPPLY STORE

Pet Supplies Plus

One in three Americans have a companion animal in their homes. For food, beds, toys and more, readers love Pet Supplies Plus.

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Runners-Up: Petsmart, PetCo

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■ Laurel Park Place - 37700 Six Mile Road, Livonia (734) 462-1100

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■ The Great Indoors - 14453 Hall Road Shelby Township (586)799 1000 and 44075 W 12 Mile Road Novi, (248) 679-1000,

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Music

Beach Boys pop with relevancy: That would be The Thrills

Haven't heard The Thrills yet?
So what are you waiting for?

This is the story of a young Dublin pop band that visited the U.S., fell in love with California, and started writing about it. Life has been sunny for them ever since.

Except it wasn't easy.

The Thrills paid their dues playing tiny clubs throughout Dublin. They've been studying music since their early teens. The pop band caught the California bug a few

years ago – the warmth, the blondes, the joy rides, the ocean, the laid-back style and the Beach Boys.

Inspired by it all, they rented a little apartment and began to write homages to the coast with song titles like *Big Sur*, *Santa Cruz* and *Hollywood Kids*.

The Thrills' music has Beach Boys pep, but it's not just bubbly pop, it actually has relevancy.

Today the band has been praised by

every major music magazine in the U.S. *The New York Times* called the album, *So Much for the City*, the second-best album of 2003 – just behind Outkast.

That's a big deal.

INFLUENCES

The band is playing with Phantom Planet on Sunday, April 11, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. The music has been called a blend of the Beach Boys, Coldplay and Neil Young. Band members' influences are interesting: Marvin Gaye, Dexy's Midnight Runners, Frank Sinatra and Daft Punk.

"We like to take a whole blend of our influences and be really irreverent with them," vocalist Conor Deasy said. "I'm not too precious about it and try to twist them up until we've left our own mark. We love all the classic bands, but we also love stuff like The Flaming Lips. We don't want to make old music. We want music that's fresh and contemporary, that appreciates the classics but looks forward as well."

The Thrills formed when the band members were 15 years old in Dublin, they're now just entering their 23rd and 24th years. They played Dublin clubs, were signed to an indie label there, but in 1999, headed for the U.S. just for fun.

The four months in California changed their musical style.

"We just wanted to spend the summer somewhere nice. We knew we wanted to go to America, and when we looked at the map, California made the most sense because there was loads of stuff for us to do," said guitarist and vocalist Daniel Ryan.

While most bands choose the party city of L.A. as a tourist destination, The Thrills opted for San Diego.

"It's quite conservative there and that turned out to be a good thing," Deasy said. "Since we were only 20, we couldn't get into the bars, so instead we spent time playing music, going to parties on the beach."

They went back to Dublin and contin-



Four-time Platinum Irish band The Thrills is being praised by every major music magazine in the U.S.

THE THRILLS W/ PHANTOM PLANET

When: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11

Where: St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress between Brush and Beaubien streets in the Greektown area of Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

Tickets: \$10.39 available through Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666

To learn about the band: Visit www.thethrills.com

ued to play tiny clubs.

"We never fit into any brackets, Ryan said. "It's easy for any band who can play their instruments knock off a few New York Irish songs. But we just kept on trying to do what we could do."

The Thrills signed with Virgin Records in September 2001, the same month that Morrissey invited the band to open for him in London. Last year, *So Much for the City* went gold in Hong Kong and Singapore, and platinum in the UK and Ireland. Next month the band will headline the Coachella show in California, the mega-show festival that's known to make or break bands. (The Von Bondies played there last year.)

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Jazz musicians already gearing up for festival

C'mon cool cats, get ready for the Michigan Jazz Festival

Sure it's still early, but the events that surround it are about to begin

On Sunday, April 18, a fund-raising event for the festival called Jazz at the Phil Revisited is being held at Schoolcraft College in Livonia

You must buy tickets in advance, they won't be available at the door

Jazz at the Philharmonic was produced in the 1940s by Norman Granz, a jazz promoter who believed the music should be offered on the concert stage in its purest form. He took it to the Philharmonic in 1944, when the idea of presenting a jam session was unheard of, said Midge Ellis, promoter for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

By 1955 Jazz at the Philharmonic was traveling the world and the musicians were viewed by many as ambassadors of goodwill

The format at Schoolcraft will follow the tradition of big jam sessions. Musicians include Matt Michaels and Bill Meyer, piano, Dan Jordan and Paul Keller, bass, Jim Ryan and Jerry McKenzie, drums, Jeff Trudell, percussion, Vaughn Klugh and Steve Carryer, guitar, Larry Nozero, George Benson and Christ Collins, saxophone, John Trudell, trumpet, Tom Saunders, cornet, Ron Kischuck and Al Zerba, trombone

Two hands will jam separately followed by all musicians coming together at the end

It will be improvisational, the way jazz should be, Ellis said

JAZZ AT THE PHIL REVISITED

What: Benefit for the Michigan Jazz Festival

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18

Where: VisTaTech Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Located off the north parking lot

Tickets: \$15 each, must be purchased in advance. Send a check or money order payable to Michigan Jazz Festival with a self-addressed envelope to: Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152. 2022 (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

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Girls Choir of Harlem

Priscilla Baskerville, music director

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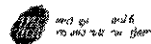
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Mozart: Sonata in G-flat Major, K. 281 (1785)
Mozart: Sonata in C-flat Major, K. 265 (1775)
Schubert: Drei Klavierstücke, D. 946 (1828)
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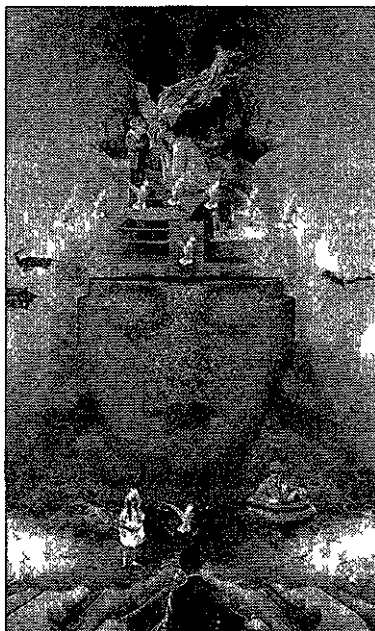
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DANCE

Country Western

Easter dance hosted by the Wolverine Silverspur Dancers 7 p m (doors open)



Robert Bartley of West Bloomfield won Best of Show for 'Lady of Lartigue 2, digital montage at Photography '04, an annual competition and exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave, Suite A, Ferndale The exhibit continues through April 30 Gallery hours are noon to 5 p m Tuesday-Saturday For more information, call (248) 544-0394 or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

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Road Troy \$5 readings \$20 (248) 528 2610

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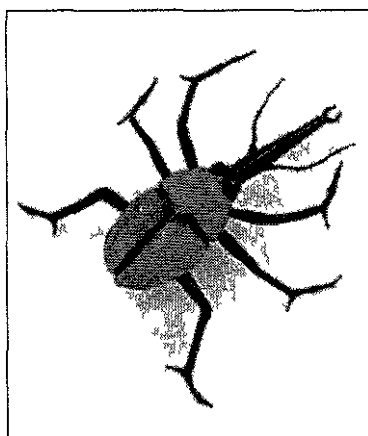
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With Ray MacDonald the last Friday of each month 9 11 p.m. at the Scarab Club 217 Farnsworth Detroit Discussion of the month's film showing at the Detroit Film Theatre Donation \$5 (313) 831 1250

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Majestic Theatre

4140 Woodward Ave Detroit Parking available on street and behind building it seems that every blues underground industrial punk reggae world and Americana band has played here Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness Attire is freestyle casual and up Call for hours (313) 833 9700

Parabox Cafe

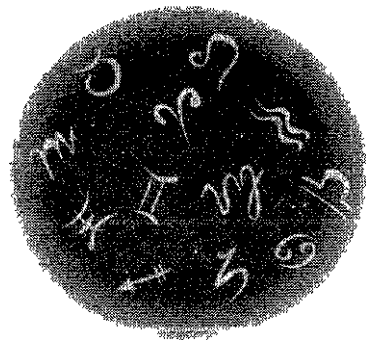
1927 Michigan Ave Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd Metro Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant club wear Strict dress code no jeans or tennis shoes This is the place where couples dance Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays Valet parking is available Call for hours (313) 313 268 2325

Horoscope



Star Struck

(April 8 - April 10)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)



With the sun in your sign now there will never be a better time to step up to the plate and hit the ball out of the park. Think of the times in late winter last year that you were too scared to take risks. Now go make a name for yourself Ram!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



You can learn much from listening to those who think they know the answers - if only to discover they don't! Your instincts are currently more reliable than your powers of deduction. Pay attention to what you're being told. Avoid taking too much on trust as how things have been

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



You have withheld a difference of opinion for long enough twin. Now with your ruling planet Mercury retrograding it's best to speak. Keeping the peace is not as vital as maintaining your sense of self. Not everyone sees life from your viewpoint.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



This may be a frustrating time for you right now (sorry) as events over which you have no control seem to stop you from doing what you know is right. April's planets warn that the things you're worrying about are merely sawdust and hot air - so chill until the month is done and then get ready for fun!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



There's nothing you can't do this week - anything and everything is possible! With your ruling planet perking the most dynamic sector of your chart now you'll feel like a comic book hero who wields great power. Like Spider Man you'll have to demonstrate great responsibility too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



If there's something about your daily routine that you'd like to change right now or a habit you'd like to overcome now's the time to line up your ducks and get organized but it's not the best week to take action. Ponder and promote but wait until May to provoke.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



Your natural empathy for the needs of others sometimes dictates that you neglect your own. Good Friday weekend focuses on your path to enlightenment or self-esteem at least! You must stop compromising what you know is right for you. Stop now!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



A family or close friendship dilemma appears to have turned into a face-saving exercise since April began and requires forbearance and diplomacy to resolve. Now you must stop allowing past events to thwart your ability to cope with the present and plan for the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Your will to honor a debt or promise owes more to optimism than ability. You need to know the true extent of your resources. A difficult astro aspect to your mighty ruler Jupiter warns you to avoid taking too much on trust at this time. Listen first and interrogate immediately afterward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



This may be a frustrating weekend for you as events over which you have no control stop you from doing the things you really enjoy or had planned. On the other hand the planets warn that the things you like or expected may in some cases cause you harm so perhaps it's not such a bad thing after all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Attitude is everything this weekend when there is so much to gain - and as much to lose. If you don't get overconfident and cocky and push your luck you should end up the winner on your own terms. Examine what the definition of "family" means to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



Try not to take the bait if employers, family or friends seem determined to pick fights. Fish whatever is said remain committed to the course of action that feels right to you. Your instincts should be working well this weekend. Trust them!

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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.

Film

It's 1989 and East German Alexs (Daniel Bruhl) proudly socialist mother (Kathrin Sass) falls into a coma while watching her son being arrested in a protest in Berlin. Afraid that the fall of the Berlin Wall will be too much for her when she wakes up Alex goes out of his way to re-create Communist era East Germany in her apartment and the area surrounding it duping his mother into thinking the Iron Curtain with all its melancholy is still kicking.

The winner of nine German Film Awards including Best Film **Goodbye, Lenin!** plays its last show at 5:05 p.m. and 7:35 p.m. tonight at the Landmark Maple Art Cinema III 4135 West Maple Road in Bloomfield Hills. Run time is 2 hours 1 min. Rated R for brief language and sexuality.

For more on the film click on <http://www.sonyclassics.com/goodbye>



Alternative rockers Colic will play Friday at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Local band

Influenced by the likes of the Foo Fighters, Filter and Oasis, modern hard rockers **Colic** want to rock you outside of the Detroit garage scene. Frontman Sean Moloney, Nick Quinn (guitar vocals), Mike Dundon (bass) and Matt Rost (drums, he also plays with the Muggs) have been playing together for about a year around Detroit. The band will hit the studio this month to record some new songs but until then they will be playing a couple of local shows.

Colic plays this Friday with South Normal and Super Model T at the Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Cover is \$7. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more info call (248) 544 3030. The band will also play with Oblivion April 15 at the The Blind Pig 208 S. First St. in Ann Arbor and April 24 at West Bloomfield High School 4925 Orchard Lake Road. For more info on these shows check out their Web site at <http://www.colictheband.com> where you can also hear some of the band's songs.

Shows

Although spring weather may still be fighting for its arrival the summer concert season is starting to make an appearance. There are a multitude of good shows swinging through Detroit this coming week -

you could almost see a great rock show every single night this week. Here are our favorites:

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and disco spac rockers **The Rapture** will play Thursday at the Majestic Theatre 4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Doors open at \$7. Tickets are \$20. All ages.

Buzz worthy **N.E.R.D.** and reggae hip hoppers the **Black Eye Peas** will play Friday at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac. (Isn't it cool Clutch Cargo's is booking bands again?) Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Brendan Benson label mates and all-around catchy pop band **The Natural History** will play with **Easy Action** Friday at the Lager House 1254 Michigan Ave. in Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. For more info on this



Geek Love: The Natural History hit up the Lager House.

show call (313) 961 4668.

Art rockers **Stereolab** will play Friday at the Majestic Theatre 4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cover is \$25.

Phantom Planet now minus the dude from Rushmore will play Sunday at St. Andrew's Hall 431 E. Congress in Detroit.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All ages.

New York New Wave punk band **Stellastarr*** will play Monday at the Shelter 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cover is \$10. All ages.

Local big whig singer songwriter **Todd Rundgren** will play Tuesday at the Royal Oak Theatre 318 W. 4th St. in Royal Oak. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Standing room only tickets are \$20. All ages.

Chicago based alt rockers **Urge Overkill** (reunited and it feels so good) will play April 15 at the Magic Bag Woodward Ave. and 9 Mile Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. 18 and up. Cover is \$15.

For more info on any of these shows or to purchase tickets check out www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645 6666.

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.

Television

Happy Birthday 'Sesame Street'

BY FRAZIER MOORE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Now beginning its 35th season, *Sesame Street* remains a daily destination for millions of preschoolers, an evergreen cityscape as much a part of their world as any other play space.

It's been that way for generations of kids, as any of the show's estimated 74 million "grads" will recall. Even if you haven't caught *Sesame Street* since around the time it premiered Nov. 10, 1969, you will be struck by how things seem much like you left them.

Even parts of the hood are the same, notably the set for the brownstone apartment building at 123 Sesame St. (as it exists on Stage G at Kaufman Astoria Studios in Queens). Now nearly 35 years old, it should qualify for landmark status.

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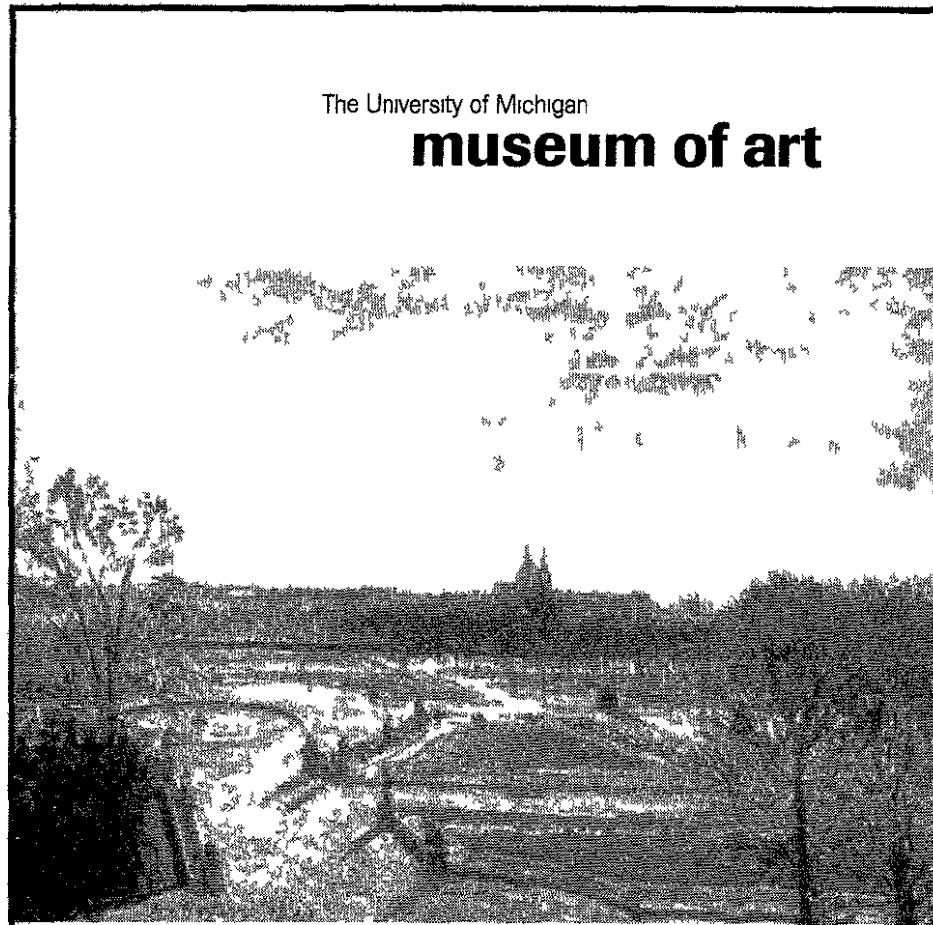
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