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City balances books; services cut?

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The good news is that Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock has erased a projected \$1.2 million budget deficit in 2004-05 without any layoffs of city employees

without laying off employees because we had a number leave, and we have significant interest in our retirement package that will allow us to balance the budget," said Sincock

Sincock added We were able to respond because we had enough police officers, municipal service and city hall personnel

annihilating the capital purchases budget, from a projected \$500,000 to just \$87,500 That eliminates such items as replacement office equipment and furniture, computers and repairs to city facilities

position remains unfilled, and there are 65 positions left empty in the Municipal Services Department, including five road crew members

PLEASE SEE CITY, A4



Easter egg-citement

Dierdre Morley, son Ben, and daughter Madison see what kind of treats are in the Easter eggs they collected during Saturday's Plymouth Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt at Plymouth Township Park



Teenager a candidate for his 1st vote

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

William Gibbins will vote in his first school board election June 14, and one of the candidates he's expected to vote for is William Gibbins

The Salem High School senior tossed his hat into the ring to run for one of two seats in the Plymouth-Canton school board election

Gibbins said he plans to attend Schoolcraft College, and later the University of Michigan, where he will major in political science

"I'm appealing to more than just students, but also the parents of students," Gibbins said

The top issues facing the board, according to Gibbins, include

■ Finances "The biggest issue is the budget because the deficit is so huge," he said

■ Class size "Class sizes have been growing across the board, and the one reason we built the new high school and other schools is to reduce class sizes"

Gibbins said he already has a campaign committee, and he plans to spend less than a thousand dollars to keep from having to file campaign finance reports

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A4

Federal grant helps improve township's radio waves

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township emergency workers will be better able to talk to each other during an emergency situation thanks to more than \$50,000 the township is getting from the federal government

The township board at its March 23 meeting agreed to accept a \$54,200 grant from the Department of Homeland Security

members agreed to spend that money to upgrade the radio systems of the Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Community Fire Department

The upgrade will allow police, fire and even Department of Municipal Services workers to listen and talk to each other during emergencies, regardless of their megahertz capabilities of their individual radios

"It's the most fundamental equipment we need in an emer-

gency situation," Police Chief Tom Tiderington told board members Tuesday

Members of the various departments have radios with differing capabilities, and they can't communicate with each other unless their radios match up

"It allows all radios — police, fire, DPW — to talk to each other," said fire Capt. Randy

Maycock, who is in negotiations with township officials to become the department's new chief

"Without these it's impossible to do that, because everyone is on their own frequency"

The grant will be divided nearly evenly between police and fire \$28,468 for the police department, \$25,695 for the fire department

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WSDP recognized as 'Station of the Year'

WSDP, 88.1 FM, has been designated as the High School Station of the Year by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters. The award was presented April 7 at Canton High School. It was presented in recognition of WSDP's "outstanding community service and promotion of educational radio."

To be considered for Station of the Year, member stations were required to submit a one-page summary of a particular achievement from the past year. WSDP's entry focused on the series of broadcast symposiums the station hosted.

The symposiums provided a chance to meet with professional broadcasters from various careers.

This is the second consecutive year the station has been recognized as Station of the Year.

WSDP has received the award eight times in 13 years. WSDP student broadcasters also received individual awards.

■ Scott Decker, Canton sophomore Gold award for production, silver for sports play-by-play, bronze for news/sports-cast, bronze for aircheck

■ Lauren Hostler, Salem junior Gold award for production, bronze for aircheck

■ Allie Sturk, Salem senior Silver award for production, silver award for sports play-by-play

■ Brian Smith, Canton senior Silver award for aircheck, bronze for news/sports-cast

■ Bryan Kelly, Salem sophomore Gold award for production

■ Kurt Edelbrock, Salem junior Gold award for production

■ Steve Portelli, Salem senior Silver award for production

■ Bonnie Staley, Canton junior Bronze award for production

OPEN HOUSE

Plymouth Nursery hosts an open house, April 17-18. Vendor representatives will be present, door prizes given, and refreshments served.

On Sunday, April 18, guest speaker Janet Macunovich, will be speaking on "Saving time on yardwork: low maintenance yards and gardens" beginning at 2pm. Macunovich is a master gardener, newspaper columnist, Michigan Gardener Magazine columnist and perennial gardener extraordinaire.

This is a free event. Plymouth Nursery is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, seven miles east of US-23 and 1.5 miles south of M-14, at the corner of Gotfredson. Contact Steve Zoumbaris for more information, (734) 453-5500.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Staff Appreciation Day luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Plymouth Manor.

Guest speaker is chamber president Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, and local salons will perform three makeovers. The entertainment includes an Academy Award-themed fashion show, along with door prizes and flowers. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$25. For reservations and more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

ROCKETTES TALENT SHOW

The Salem Varsity Rockettes, along with the co-starring Junior Varsity Rockettes, are set for their annual Rockette Show 2004, scheduled for April 30 to May 1 at the Gloria Logan Theatre for the Performing Arts in Salem High School.

The shows start at 7 p.m. and feature dance performances by both the varsity and JV Rockettes, as well as acts from other students who auditioned for the show.

Tickets are \$5 pre-sale or \$6 at the door.

FINANCIAL ADDITIONS

Community Financial recently welcomed Michael S. Bullis and John E. Johnson to the Investment and Insurance Services area to help members with short and long-term financial strategies.



Bullis

"In responding to members' needs, we recognize the value of providing these specialized services with the knowledge and professionalism that both these people bring to our organization," said Roger Ballard, CEO of Community Financial.



Johnson

Bullis joined Community Financial as vice president of investments and insurance to broaden the scope of investment and insurance services available to members. Before joining the credit union, Bullis spent six years operating a financial planning firm in California. He has also worked as a financial auditor and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Ferris State University.

Johnson serves as a financial consultant and offers assistance to members by reviewing current financial situations, identifying goals and creating plans to grow and protect assets. A graduate of Olivet College with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Johnson holds Series 7, and Series 63 registrations, as well as Life & Health, Long Term Care and Variable Contracts licenses.

Bullis and Johnson maintain offices at Community Financial's headquarters in Plymouth and are available by appointment at any of the credit union's branches.

AAUW CONVENTION

The American Association of University Women hosts its 82nd-annual convention at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor April 24.

The keynote address, deliv-

ered by former U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, now a political science instructor at Washtenaw Community College, will challenge participants to "Reach Higher and Reach Out."

Breakout sessions will touch on a variety of subjects, including diversity training, technology and math/science programs for young women. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the convention closes at 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$30, which includes a continental breakfast. Lunch fee is \$13. The general public is invited.

ON BOARD

Plymouth resident Carol Cummings, vice president of human resources, electrical and electronics division for Lear Corp., has joined the board of trustees for Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services (VNAHSS), a leading provider of private duty home health care services in southeast Michigan.

"We are pleased to welcome Ms. Cummings to the VNA and are excited about the perspective she will lend as a result of her experience in the private sector," said Kathleen J. Holycross, president and chief executive officer of VNA, Inc.

Cummings received a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University, a master's of arts from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor's of arts in psychology from Montclair State (N.J.) University.

RED HAT SOCIETY

The Red Hat Society hosts an open house at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, for all Red Hat Society members as well as for any interested folks who'd like to drop by.

The book store will serve light refreshments and it will be a fun time to celebrate the accomplishment of women in literature. Local author Linda Daley, who recently published her first novel, *Virtuous Dove*, will sign books for anyone interested.

Little Book Shoppe on the Park is located on Main Street, directly across from Kellogg Park.

JOHNSON CREEK MEETING

Ryan O'Connor of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory Program will be the guest speaker at the next monthly Johnson Creek Protection Group meeting, set for 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Northville High School Forum Room.

O'Connor will talk about the background of the MNFI program, the importance of natural features, and how to protect natural features by incorporating that information into land-use planning. He will also briefly touch on a new Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) program geared towards protecting rare species on private land.

Discussions will also involve the upcoming Johnson Creek Day on Saturday, May 15. Volunteers are still needed for several subcommittees to help prepare for and carry out the events that day.

Contact Michelle White, Natural Features chair at (248) 446-5773 or michelle.white@att.net for more information.

SENIOR SAFETY DAY

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will sponsor a Senior Safety Day at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Plymouth District Library.

Wayne County Sheriff Deputy K. Sobel, Plymouth Township Officer Jamie Senkbeil and City of Plymouth Officer Jennifer Dergis will provide information on identification theft, scams directed at seniors, travel and home safety, 911 calls and stranger awareness.

There is no cost for this program, but registration is requested. Call the Council on Aging office at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

LINCOLN DINNER

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee hosts its second-annual Lincoln Dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman Road (between Warren & Ann Arbor Trail) in Westland.

The keynote speaker is Michigan GOP Chair Betsy DeVos. A silent auction will also be held.

Tickets are \$45 per person.

or \$80 per couple, tables of 10 are available at \$400 per table, and advertising book sponsorships are also available in prices ranging from \$45 to \$175.

Please contact Shannon Price at (313) 937-9390 or e-mail him at sprnce@webxtra.com for more details.

GOING CASUAL

Employees at National City Bank get "Casual for the Cure" Friday, April 16.

Staffers will wear Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® T-shirts as they promote the Race both internally and externally.

Race information and brochures will be available at all National City branches for this year's event, which will be held on Saturday, June 5, at Comerica Park.

CLEARY AUCTION

Whether it's a visit to New Orleans, Chicago or abroad to Paris, Puerto Vallarta or the Maya Riviera, Cleary University offers auction-goers the chance to win these trips and more at its 12th-annual fund-raising auction Saturday, May 1.

Other prizes include a one-year family membership to Georgetown Country Club, a Luciano Del Signore private wine tasting and dinner or a trip to Black Dragon Farms for a renaissance feast, auto-graphed sports paraphernalia, Michigan golf tour, private dinner and opera, and hand-crafted jewelry by local artists.

The auction will be held at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The Cleary University auction draws over 400 community and business leaders from Livingston, Washtenaw, Oakland and Wayne counties. Proceeds support technology upgrades, student scholarships and academic resources for the university. Tickets to Cleary's annual auction are \$150 per person, and black-tie attire is preferred.

Those unable to attend the auction may bid on the items via telephone, fax or mail, arrangements to do so must be made by April 30.

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Fibromyalgia is a disease of chronic pain that creates feelings of helplessness, depression and loss of control among many patients. The goal of the physical therapist in treating fibromyalgia patients is to maximize function and reduce impairment to limit disability. This end treatment commonly involves the use of exercise education about correct posture and functional activity relaxation and energy conservation and fatigue management. This treatment program of patient education and supervised exercise helps motivated patients perform body movements that they believe might be painful in this sense of demonstrates to them the ability of exercising without exacerbating pain. Patients who exercise generally tend to have less pain and feel better. Patients living with a debilitating disease like fibromyalgia deserve the best options for pain relief and coping with daily living. It is a physical therapist's duty and pleasure to help those in need in this special way. Located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth, HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY is a certified rehabilitation agency offering treatment for chronic pain neck and back trauma work and sports related injuries and joint problems (TMJ) and pre and post partum back pain. Please call 455-8370 to set up an appointment. We offer easy access and parking.

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Dispute could hinge on definition of 'art'

Is it a sign? Is it an icon? Is it art? Is it an architectural feature of the building?

Just what the heck is that little Big Boy on Ford Road just east of Canton Center?

Those were some questions that were raised — somewhat unexpectedly — by 35th District Judge Ron Lowe at a Tuesday hearing that presumably was to determine the fate of the roly-poly little guy with a hamburger on a platter.

Restaurant owners Tony and Rana Matar were in court to challenge a ticket that had been issued by the township citing the statue for being in violation of Canton's sign ordinance. In addition to the Big Boy, which stands near the entrance to the restaurant, the Matars also have a small street sign along Ford Road.

The ordinance only allows one sign. But the Matars maintain that the Big Boy is not a sign but an 'icon' that's been around since the 1930s.

As Tuesday's hearing got under way, attorney David Lawrence, representing the Matars, requested a three-week adjournment for discovery.

Lowe questioned why another three weeks were necessary for the case that first got going in January.

"Mr. Lawrence has just recently filed his appearance," said Ron Witthoff, attorney for Canton Township. "He has asked for some documents, zoning board of appeals records and some other township records that are in the ordinance department file."

And Lawrence said he had just learned that morning that a ticket had been filed previously over the same violation and was dismissed.

"My objection is that the township previously dismissed the same ticket before," he said. "We also have a letter from the township supervisor to Mr. Matar indicating that there would be no problem with him having the statue. That was in July of 2003."

"My problem is the township

apparently is unable to determine whether the statue is a sign under the ordinance, which I think speaks volumes to whether or not the statue is violative of the defendant's First Amendment rights."

Witthoff disagreed. "It's not a complicated case, he said. 'It's a zoning case and an interpretation of an ordinance.'"

Lowe responded that it would probably be germane to the case 'if at any time the township signaled in any official capacity that it (the Big Boy) would be allowed."

"I also think it's not surprising that I'm going to have to decide if the statue of the Big Boy is going to constitute a sign and I haven't even gone back to look at the ordinance yet."

He then granted the adjournment, but not before going into a dissertation on signs, art and architecture.

"On Ford Road in Canton, an arts group has been working to get art on the road," he said. "One of the first examples of it were two chairs that were placed on the corner of Canton Center and Ford, which is almost within the immediate vicinity of this Big Boy."

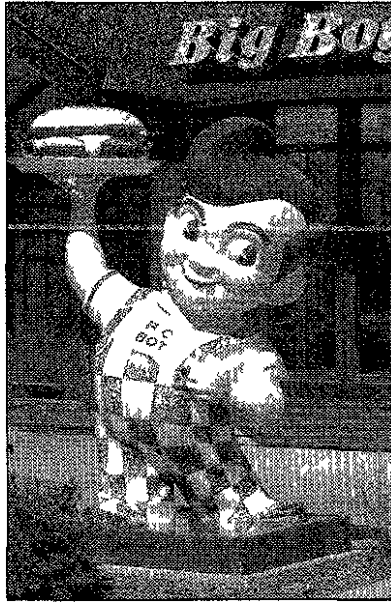
"In the '60s, Campbell's soup cans and other things like that became art. I don't know whether there's a way that this can be justified as pop art."

He cited a P F Chang restaurant in Northville that has two horses in front almost as tall as the building.

"I have to believe at some point they are going to be as tied to the name of P F Chang as the picture of Big Boy is to the Big Boy Restaurant," he said.

"Just how do we differentiate from certain other architectural aspects that designate businesses? Red Roof Inn has the name Red Roof Inn for a reason. It's hard to drive by a Bob Evans and not realize it's a Bob Evans. There's a lot of interesting questions here and opportunities to delve into this."

After the hearing, Lawrence



Judge Ron Lowe suggested this week the Canton Big Boy statue could qualify as art, and told lawyers to check with the Canton Cultural Commission.

was asked if he was surprised by the judge's remarks.

"I find it interesting that neither the ordinance officers nor the township attorney mentioned (public art) as an alternative," he said. "But we'll certainly take Judge Lowe's recommendation and contact the arts commission and find out."

Earlier this year, the township formed a Public Art Committee and approved by-laws for the committee.

A portion of the by-laws reads: "Art in private and public places will enhance Canton's quality of life and solidify Canton as a cultural destination."

"The public environment reveals much about the nature of Canton, the sources of civic pride and the values held by the community. Public art enriches the identity, culture and aesthetics of the community."

"In context, art improves the appearance, energy and atmosphere of public and private spaces through representations of who we are and what we value. Through improving our public and private spaces, public art also affords economic benefits, particularly in retail centers."

Lawrence said he was going to look into the idea of the Big Boy as public art.

"Maybe that's a solution we can all live with," he said. "I can't imagine the arts commission not agreeing that that lovable little statue is, in fact, art."

Commissioners set priorities while weighing budget woes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer knows the importance of recreation to a community. His two children take part in the city's recreation programs, including the summer camp, soccer and gymnastics.

Even Dwyer likes to work up a sweat by participating in the city's recreational basketball league.

However, as city commissioners tackle budget deficits for the next five years and contemplate what services may need to be downsized or eliminated, Dwyer isn't putting recreation high on his list.

"My family uses the recreation services, but I can only support a recreation program that is self-sufficient," Dwyer said. "If it's not self-sufficient, then it either needs to be that way or be eliminated."

In reality, the city's recreation program is not supported by registration and program fees.

"It does not make enough money to support itself," said Mark Christiansen, the city's finance director. "The program is supported by six-tenths of a mill, which is allocated by commissioners from the general fund."

On a list of 88 services provided by the city, commissioners — who are considering which to keep and which to eliminate — didn't rank recreational programs very high. Sports programs ranked 23rd, and adult and youth athletics 43rd. The pay-as-you-go summer day camp program and open skating at the Cultural Center ranked 79 and 80, respectively.

"Our goal session concentrated on our core services — police, fire and municipal services," said Dwyer. "Some of the things my family uses, such as recreation, I scored low because it's not a mandated service of government."

What did make the list as the top services commissioners felt are important include the curbside recycling program, fall residential leaf pick-up, repair and replacement of sidewalks, repair and replacement of broken water gate valves, and collecting money from unpaid parking tickets.

Positioned at the bottom of the list, from 85 through 88, were snow plowing of city side streets on weekends and nights, having a hazardous waste day, allowing for a day where residents can dump big loads of trash at the curb for pick-up, and animal removal from resident property.

"I've had skunks underneath my porch and used that service," said Dwyer. "But, even if the city charges me for the service,

How they rank

Here's how the Plymouth City Commissioners ranked city services while they were setting up their priorities during budget sessions.

TOP 10

- 1 Curbside recycling program
- 2 Fall leaf pickup program
- 3 Sidewalk repair/replacement
- 4 Water gate valve repair/replacement
- 5 Follow up parking tickets
- 6 Summer compost pickup
- 7 Collecting trash from neighborhood parks
- 8 Accident clean-up and repair
- 9 Repair/maintain city's fleet equipment
- 10 Focus HOPE pick-up for senior center

BOTTOM 10

- 1 Animal removal
- 2 Big Trash Day
- 3 Hazardous Waste Day
- 4 Snow plowing weekends/nights
- 5 Commission packet deliveries
- 6 FTO training
- 7 Police Special Attention Notices
- 8 Conduct surveillance
- 9 Open skating
- 10 Pay-as-you-go summer day camp program

with fewer city employees do I want them doing that instead of something else? There are private services that can do that."

Dwyer suggested that vacation checks by police for city residents and the senior citizen chore service could be a thing of the past, unless they can be supported by fees.

Mayor Stella Greene said the list isn't final, yet.

"It's a starting point to give us some priorities," she said.

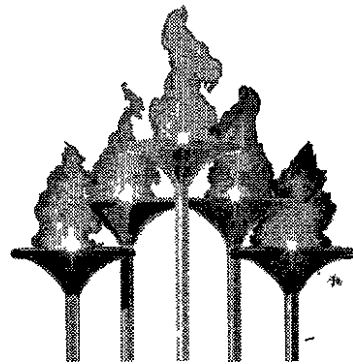
"We're going to talk through the list at the next budget sessions."

"If something has a high price tag and no revenue stream, then we might not be able to consider it," she said. "If something generates revenue as well as an expense, it may move up on the list."

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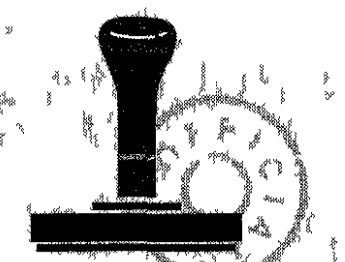
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Ruth E Martin, 69, of Farmington Hills, died April 10
Kathleen Moritz, 51, of Westland, died April 6
Myra M Mussin, 84, of Westland, died April 11
N
Walter H Noonan, 60 of Farmington Hills, died April 10
S
Shirley Beth Bader Solvick, of Farmington Hills, died March 30
Kenneth Szafanski, 64, of Rochester Hills, died April 7
T
Robert N Thornbiadh, 78, of New Hudson, formerly of Plymouth, died April 9



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

A Baywood resident reported April 2 that when she went out to her 2001 Mercury Grand Marquis, she found the left headlight smashed and scratches on the hood and the car's front. She said the damage occurred sometime between 10 30 p m April 1 and noon April 2. Police have no suspects.
Trailer, Part One
The owners of a business on Joy Road reported April 4 that someone had cut through a chain and stolen a 1995 8-foot-by-12-foot snowmobile trailer. The trailer holds approximately three snowmobiles, according to police reports. Police have no suspects.
Trailer, Part Deux
Someone stole a 14-foot enclosed trailer, valued at some \$4,500, from a business on Keel. The trailer was stolen sometime between noon April 2 and 1 p m April 4.

Police have no suspects
Mail theft
A Wendover Drive resident placed several bill payments in his mailbox and lifted the little red flag so the postal carrier would know to take them. Some time later, the resident noticed the flag was still up. When he checked though, the mail was gone. He reported the theft to the U S Postal Service and to Plymouth Township Police, but has no idea who may have taken the mail.

FIRE LOG
The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between April 7-13
Tuesday, April 13 - Commercial rescue run on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Newport, on Oak, on Inbrook and on Apple Creek, rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail.
Monday, April 12 - Single-family fire on Wildwood Court, residential rescue runs on Caprice, on Orangejawn, on Newport and on Elmhurst; commercial rescue run on Main.
Sunday, April 11 - Residential rescue runs on Burning Tree, on Erin and on Haggerty.
Saturday, April 10 - Residential rescue runs on Canterbury Court, on Junction, on Benjamin Court, on North Drive and on Elmhurst, vehicle accident with wash-down on the eastbound M 14 ramp to Sheldon.
Friday, April 9 - Rescue runs on Beck and on Northville Road; vehicle accident with

wash-down on Sheldon at M-14, fire runs on Shadywood and on Aspen, open burn on Plymouth Ridge, residential rescue run on Greenview.
Thursday, April 8 - Vehicle accidents with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty and at Ann Arbor Road and Main, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 and Ridge residential rescue runs on Edinburgh, on Woodgate, on Lexington, on Ann Arbor Road and on Evergreen.
Wednesday, April 7 - Industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Oaks and on Halyard, residential rescue runs on Newport, on Farmer, on Oak, on Northville Road and on Ross.

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ELECTION

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Some of Gibbins' help is expected to come from his mother, Patricia, who owns her own marketing company. "This was something he came up with on his own," she said. "He really hopes to make a difference in the Plymouth-Canton school district. "I think it's a unique and great idea," she added. "If I wasn't related to him, I'd still vote for him because he's a good leader, has a good head on his shoulders and doesn't have trouble debating or getting his point of view across with anyone." Gibbins will have competition. School board President Judy Mardigan is seeking re-election. Former Hulsing Principal Becky Moore has filed petitions. Plymouth resident Barry Simescu said he wants a shot at the board. And Canton resident Roy McCutcheon will run for the

second year in a row. "A lot of the issues of last year are the same (this year)," McCutcheon said, "but one is more critical: bigger budget problems." "Plus, the administration is talking about putting up a new elementary school, but not having the \$700,000 to run it," he added. "That's a real issue." McCutcheon is also concerned about being limited to five minutes during the citizens comment part of the school board agenda, and the board's decision not to engage in dialogue with those making comments. "I don't like being limited in time," he said. "Why can't there be dialogue during citizens' comments? At one time, there used to be." Both board seats are four-year terms. Board member Elizabeth Givens is not seeking re-election. District residents have until May 17 to register to vote in the June 14 election. tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459 2700

CITY

FROM PAGE A1

and now we'll be down to about eight," said Baker. "In the fall, it takes eight people to pick up leaves. That doesn't leave anyone to put up Christmas lights and decorations, handle burials at Riverside Cemetery, repair emergency water main breaks and other situations." "We'll do the best we can, but I'm afraid we'll be pushing leaves back on residents' lawns when snow plowing begins," he said.

"We'll do the best we can, but I'm afraid we'll be pushing leaves back on residents' lawns when snow plowing begins." Scott Baker, assistant MSD director.

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LADYKILLERS (R) 12:00 2:15 4:40 7:05 9:25
FRISAT LS 11:40
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TALKING LIVES (PG-13) 9:15 FRISAT LS 11:30
ALAMO (PG-13) 12:25 3:15 6:30 9:20
HOME ON THE RANGE (PG) 11:30 2:00 4:30 6:50
THE PRINCE AND ME (PG) 11:45 2:05 4:45 7:20 9:40
FRISAT LS 12:00
SCOOBY DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED (PG) 12:15 2:20 4:20 7:15
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Finance Director Mark Christiansen said as a result of losing 11 employees, the projected budget deficits for the next four fiscal years have improved. According to Christiansen, the budget deficits from 2005-06 through 2008-09 have been literally cut in half. In order they are \$609,000, \$806,000, \$1 million and just under \$1.3 million. "The original estimates were based on full staffing levels," said Christiansen. "There's a structural problem in the budget, revenues aren't increasing as fast as expenditures." Christiansen admits the major cuts have already been made, and it could come down to more people losing their jobs in the future. "It's not getting any easier," he said. "People are services," said Sincock. "Anytime you lose people, you lose service and the ability to deliver service. So, it will be interesting as we progress. There are a lot of challenges to the future and the effects on residents." In November, voters overwhelmingly voted against increasing the city's millage rate to cover the projected deficits. Neither city officials nor city commissioners have suggested going back to residents for another vote. tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459 2700

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS

PARCEL 1
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PHASE 2 EXCLUDING GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18 T2S R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18 T2S, R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN THENCE N 00°35'21" W 60.00', THENCE N 89°58'42" W, 59.99' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED, THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES N 89°58'42" W A DISTANCE OF 281.51 FEET, AND S 00°00'00" W A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET AND N 89°58'42" W A DISTANCE OF 452.69 FEET THENCE N 00°01'18" E, A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET THENCE N 26°55'56" E A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET THENCE S 89°59'02" E A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET, THENCE N 26°55'55" E, A DISTANCE OF 86.81 FEET THENCE N 63°04'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET THENCE S 30°58'50" W, A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET, THENCE N 59°01'10" W, A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET, THENCE N 89°58'42" W A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S 89°30'55" E, A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3,107.50 FEET, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57'26", A DISTANCE OF 51.92 FEET THENCE N 01°26'32" E A DISTANCE OF 137.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S 01°38'44" W A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4,045.50 FEET, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01'39", A DISTANCE OF 1.95 FEET, THENCE N 88°22'55" W, A DISTANCE OF 11.34 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12'48" THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178.74 FEET, THENCE N 00°56'09" W, A DISTANCE OF 60.62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,308.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56'18", THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.82 FEET THENCE N 08°00'42" W, A DISTANCE OF 53.68 FEET, THENCE N 00°40'21" W, A DISTANCE OF 89.60 FEET, THENCE S 89°14'13" E A DISTANCE OF 388.06 FEET, THENCE S 81°05'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 315.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59'32", THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60.54 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23'19" THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 67.58 FEET, THENCE N 81°30'31" E, A DISTANCE OF 57.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57'21", THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66.42 FEET THENCE N 56°33'10" E, TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 34.09 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S 33°26'50" E, A DISTANCE OF 84.71 FEET, THENCE S 56°32'13" W, A DISTANCE OF 53.80 FEET, THENCE S 05°00'01" W, A DISTANCE OF 318.63 FEET, THENCE N 90°00'00" W A DISTANCE OF 157.70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03'44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET THENCE S 11°03'44" E, A DISTANCE OF 35.61 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S 76°09'37" W, A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 920.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET, THENCE S 00°00'57" W, A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET, THENCE S 89°59'03" E A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET, THENCE N 00°00'00" E, A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET, THENCE S 89°59'03" E TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET, THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S 00°32'02" E, A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD

PARCEL 2
RAINBOW RASCALS (NET OF CHERRY HILL 50 FT R.O.W.)

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

COMMENCING AT A SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE N 89°58'42" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 1,142.89 FEET, THENCE N 00°01'18" E, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE, ALONG A LINE 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND

PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 AND CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, N 89°58'42" W, A DISTANCE OF 174.11 FEET, THENCE N 00°40'21" W A DISTANCE OF 280.02 FEET, THENCE S 89°58'42" E A DISTANCE OF 177.63 FEET, THENCE ALONG A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3162.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°30'29" (THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS S 00°16'32" W 28.04 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 28.04 FEET, THENCE S 00°01'18" W A DISTANCE OF 251.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 49,228 SQUARE FEET OR 1.1301 ACRES SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD

PARCEL 3
PARCEL "D"
(MEDICAL PARCEL)

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

COMMENCING AT A SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE N 89°58'42" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 794.83 FEET THENCE N 00°01'18" E A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE ALONG A LINE 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 AND CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD N 89°58'42" W A DISTANCE OF 293.06 FEET THENCE N 00°01'18" E A DISTANCE OF 251.98 FEET THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3,107.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°27'47" (THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N 00°15'11" E, 25.12 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 25.12 FEET THENCE S 89°58'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET THENCE S 59°01'10" E, A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET THENCE N 30°58'50" E, A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET THENCE S 63°04'05" E A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET, THENCE S 26°55'55" W A DISTANCE OF 36.81 FEET THENCE N 89°59'03" W, A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET THENCE S 26°55'55" W A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET THENCE S 00°01'18" W, A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 2.12 ACRES

PARCEL 4
PARCEL 3 (COLEMAN TRUST)
REMAINDER PARCEL

PART OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T2S, R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T2S R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN THENCE, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 18 N 00°07'46" W 485.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUING N 00°07'46" W, 756.14', THENCE, S 89°01'50" E, TO THE NORTH SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 2546.77' THENCE ALONG THE NORTH SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S 00°18'09" E 682.60', THENCE, S 89°38'12" W, 165.00', THENCE S 00°18'09" E, TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (66.00' WIDE) ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 499.29', THENCE ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 S 89°38'12" W 7.50', THENCE N 00°18'09" W 198.00', THENCE S 89°38'12" W 302.50' THENCE S 00°18'09" E, TO A POINT ON THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18, 198.00', THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S 89°38'12" W 1328.89', THENCE N 00°21'48" W 485.00', THENCE S 89°38'12" W 744.12', TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 59,3067 ACRES SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE SOUTHERLY 33.00' (CHERRY HILL ROAD) AND THE WESTERLY 33.00' (NAPIER ROAD)

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954 as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Cherry Hill Road from Ridge to Denton

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk Charter Township of Canton Michigan for public examination

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2004 at 7:00, o'clock p m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district

Terry G Bennett, Clerk/Charter Township of Canton

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Saltz Road Grade Establishment Project (Canton Center to Ridge)" along with the name address phone number of the Contractor the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerks Office 1st Floor, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2004, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project

SALTZ ROAD GRADE ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT (Canton Center to Ridge)
Project consists of paving a new bituminous road for Saltz (Canton Center to Ridge) that includes intersection improvements, installation of storm sewers and structures, residential and subdivision drive improvements, excavation, ditching, concrete curb and gutter, permanent lane striping and signage, restoration and all associated work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants, Inc. 6215 Canton Center Road, Suite 301, Canton, MI 48187. A non refundable fee of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) will be charged for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check money order or a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township DPW Bldg., Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data

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

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK
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Township nabs stereo theft suspect

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man is facing potential life in prison as an habitual offender after Plymouth Township police caught him with eight new car stereos during an April 10 traffic stop.

Michael Rennard Harris was arraigned in 35th District Court on 10 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle, one count of receiving and concealing stolen property and one count of malicious destruction of property greater than \$1,000. All carry potential five-year sentences and/or

\$10,000 fines.

Harris was also charged as a fourth-notice habitual offender, which could carry a life term in prison. A not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf, and a \$10,000 bond was set. Harris is due back in 35th District Court April 23.

It started when Officer Steve Cheston noticed a GMC van parked in front of the Blackwell Ford dealership and requested a license plate check. When Cheston tried to determine the driver of the vehicle, he saw it speeding away from the dealership.

He pulled the van over and discovered Harris driving

without a license, according to police reports. Cheston also noticed several new car stereos behind the front seat. Harris was taken into custody on the no-license charge, and an inventory search of his van turned up the eight stereos and a punch tool.

Sgt. Steve Cheston then checked the lot at Blackwell Ford and discovered five vehicles with door locks punched and stereos missing.

The total value of the stereos is some \$4,000, while the damage is estimated at some \$3,700.

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Cherry: 'Invest more in higher education'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Lt. Gov. John Cherry is making the rounds of state colleges and universities to gather ideas for a new commission on higher education.

Monday Cherry met for an hour with Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress. Following the meeting, Cherry met with college administrators and staff.

Cherry said only 22 percent of Michigan's adult population has a baccalaureate degree or higher, compared to a national average of 26 percent and mid-30 percent in states with cutting-edge, high-tech industries.

"We want to double that," Cherry said, "with the idea the sophistication of the work force does play a role in attracting businesses to make Michigan's economy strong." Cherry said the purpose of

his trips to colleges around the state is to develop a mission statement for his Higher Education Commission, which will be authorized by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in June. Cherry said the commission will have 20 to 25 members.

"A strong case can be made that we need to invest more in higher education, but that case hasn't been made," Cherry said.

During last year's community forum on the budget last year, Cherry said that everywhere they met, the consensus was that higher education was the best place for the state to make significant budget cuts.

"We heard it in southern Michigan, we heard it in northern Michigan, eastern and western Michigan, it was consistent across the board," Cherry said.

He said everyone wanted to preserve funding for K-12 education at the expense of higher

education.

"Ultimately that whole approach flew in the face of what we need to be doing," he said. "What we want to do with this commission is not just have a dialogue amongst ourselves but have a dialogue with the public on the importance of higher education to Michigan, to see that place play a more important role whether cultural or economic development."

Cherry said Schoolcraft College was doing a good job in creating programs that fit the needs of its students to make higher education relevant to their employment needs. He said the community college is important to the state's economic development by increasing the skill level of residents and creating a working relationship with local businesses to find out what they need from the college.

Yes, mom knows best

Mother knows best. In celebration of Mother's Day, *Women's HealthStyle* is asking readers to explain "The Best Thing My Mother Ever Taught Me." Please keep your responses to 50 words and, if possible, include a picture of you and your mom. *Women's HealthStyle* will publish as many as space allows in our May issue. Hurry! The deadline is April 16.

We'll choose some entries at random to win prizes such as dinner and a play at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, dinner at Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, makeovers and \$25 worth of products from Mary Kay, and two weeks of fitness training from The Dragon Academy in Livonia and massages from Essential Massage Therapy in Ferndale.

Send both to Joyce Wiswell, *Women's HealthStyle*, 1523 N. Main St., Royal Oak, MI 48067, fax (248) 398-2353, or e-mail jwiswell@homecomm.net. *Women's HealthStyle* is published by Specialty Communications, a member of the Hometown Communications Network family of publications which includes the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Buddy's, Capuchins team for charity event

Buddy's Pizza and The Capuchin Soup Kitchen will hold its one-day "Slice of Life" charity event Monday, April 19, at all nine Buddy's Pizza locations to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Over the past 27 years this event has raised over \$2 million to help the Capuchins continue their mission to feed and clothe Detroit's people. Buddy's Pizza and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen are inviting the public to buy a ticket at the door and help the Capuchin Soup Kitchen do what they do best: feed over 2,500 needy children and adults a day. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen receives no governmental funds and they mainly rely on donations.

Buddy's Pizza, based in

Farmington Hills, Michigan, with nine locations throughout the tri-county area was established in Detroit in 1946.

Buddy's Pizza has won numerous awards throughout the years, most recently in 2003-2004, Buddy's was voted No. 1 pizza by the Detroit News, Real Detroit Magazine, Oakland Press, Detroit Free Press and the Jewish News SourceBook. Buddy's Pizza was recently recognized as one of the Nation's Best 5 Pizza Places by the Food Network and also received the Neighbor Award from the Michigan Restaurant Association for our continuous involvement in our local communities. Buddy's is also known as the birthplace of the Original Square Deep-Dish Pizza in Detroit.

CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME HOTLINE REVEALS WHAT SUFFERERS MUST KNOW BEFORE TALKING TO ANY DOCTOR
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OUR VIEWS

Students triple 'hairy' challenge

The selfless attitudes of youth never cease to amaze, and Darren Silvester is probably happiest about that. Silvester is the Plymouth-Canton teacher who vowed students could shave his head if they raised \$2,000 to help the family of Micah Weakland, the Discovery Middle School sixth-grader afflicted with a brain abnormality. There was also the offer of pizza and doughnuts from fellow government teacher Bill Boyd for whatever class raised the most, but we suspect the prospect of shaving a teacher's head was more of a motivational factor.

Once again showing they're up for a challenge, students nearly tripled the goal, raising \$5,872 for Weakland and his mother, who is fighting breast cancer. Among that money is \$1,000 chipped in by Word Ministry in Royal Oak.

It's the largest — but certainly not the only — donation to a fund set up by Community Financial, which says the pot now includes some \$7,000.

It's an amazing total in such a short time, but just as impressive to Micah's mom, Traci McGuire, a strong believer in God, are the prayers the family has received. McGuire believes they're already helping, saying she saw them 'making a difference in Micah' last week.

It's a terrific struggle for McGuire, having to watch her son struggle with his pain while she desperately deals with hers. In the face of that, it was no sweat for Boyd to dig into his wallet to buy some pizza, nor for Silvester to watch his dark locks fall to the floor, with Traci McGuire wielding the shears.

These are two class gentlemen, well-liked teachers who care more about the students than anything else. They're indicative of the atmosphere at the educational park, which really is a microcosm of the community.

"We're beyond grateful. The love and kindness is just amazing," McGuire said. "We cry a lot because the support keeps getting bigger and bigger."

The helping hand is indeed growing. Last week, Plymouth Township police officers sought information on how to get involved. Other groups have had the same question. Here's the answer: Drop off your donations at the Community Financial branches in Plymouth, Canton or Northville, or mail them to 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Just don't be surprised if you have to get in line. In this community, the hearts are just that big.

County development needs leadership

We're pleased that Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is close to naming a new economic development director.

It's about time.

When Ficano came into office last year, he wanted to restructure economic development for the county. He created a committee, headed by businessman Frank Hennessey, to examine how other governments handled economic development. The committee suggested creation of an economic development corporation, modeled after the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. But the wheels of government grind slowly and at a time of economic distress many important projects have been on hold, awaiting the strong leadership of an economic development director.

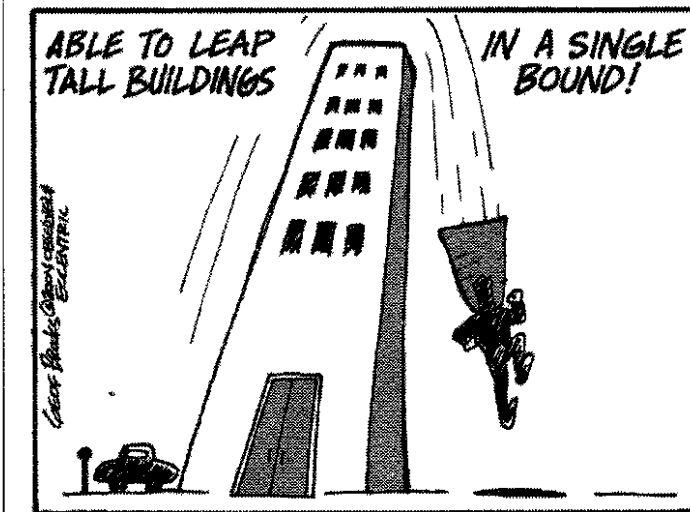
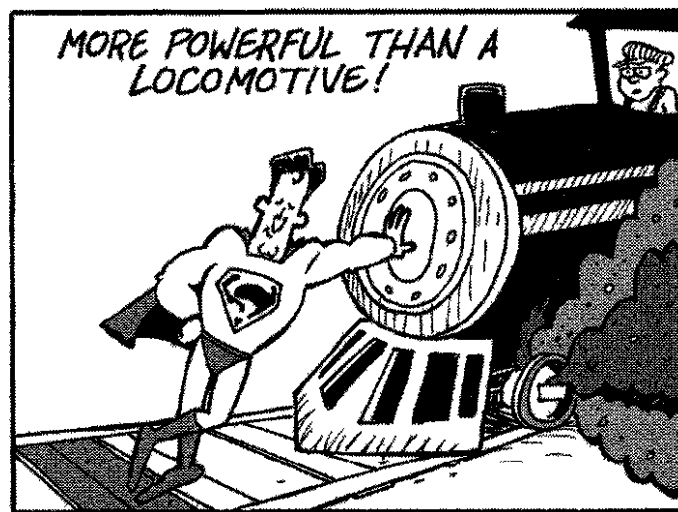
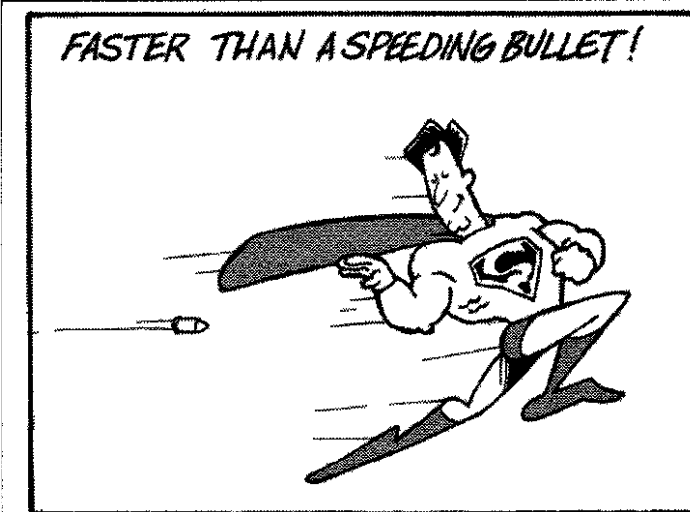
Ficano has voiced his strong support for continuing the Pinnacle Aeropark, a multi-use development of county land south of Metro Airport. He is also eager to begin work on development of a commercial truck crossing linking Detroit and Windsor, as new security regulations continue to tie up the tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge. Progress continues on both projects, but slowly.

A core to Wayne County's economic future is the development of the corridor between the county's two airports, Metro and Willow Run. John Kasarda, an expert on airport development projects around the world, was hired by the McNamara administration to consult on the development of an "aerotropolis" for Wayne County. For this complicated development to come together, it needs a central figure.

"It's absolutely essential that someone take a leadership role," Kasarda said. "The project needs a champion, the staff needs a champion. Who's driving this thing? Who's taking the county to the next level?"

County Executive Ficano needs to step up, outline his vision and make sure the new director hits the ground running. Exciting opportunities are waiting for someone to bring them together and build on the many strengths the county has to offer.

There's no more time for delays. It's time for leadership and action.



LETTERS

Cockamamie idea

I brought my background knowledge to my reading of the article concerning budget cuts in the school district.

I know tough decisions must be made. No one wants to cut programs or personnel and different populations of students, parents and staff feel very differently about the various programs and personnel on the chopping block.

Then I read the last paragraph. As an excellent reader who monitors her comprehension I was confused, so I reread "What?" I said as I visualized little people standing before a locked library door during the course of their school day. Someone please help me understand!

As a middle school teacher in this district, I am appalled and frightened. I see the results of students with weak reading skills and no concept of the importance of reading every day. We have to contend with No Child Left Behind and school report cards based on adequate yearly progress and someone thinks closing the media center doors in our elementary schools will allow us to achieve our goals?

Why don't we just tell our students that we want them to learn to read, to learn to love reading but books and access to them aren't important? Why don't we just tell our media specialists that their role in fostering this learning and enjoyment is minimal and we don't really need them?

Please, whomever came up with this cockamamie idea as a way to save money, wake up and smell the coffee. It will not save money but will cost us more.

For some of our students the school library may be the only one they ever enter. Don't take this glorious opportunity away from them, not even for a second.

Rosemary Schimmel
Plymouth

Saddened

In a recent letter on the opinion page there was a view expressed by Dawn Ham-Kucharski concerning her visitation to a categorical classroom at Gallimore Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

As an involved Gallimore parent of four years, and a past PTO co-president, I was saddened by the negative portrayal of Gallimore in her letter. I want to assure readers, especially those who will be sending their precious children to one of Gallimore's two categorical classrooms, that they are not 'hidden back in the corner of the school.' In fact, one of the categorical classrooms is in the main hall, nestled between the second- and third-grade 'general ed'.

Both of the categorical classrooms are the same size as all other classrooms in the building and sit between 'general ed' classrooms. Gallimore's categorical classrooms have approximately 13 students each (half of those in a "general ed" class) so these students have more room for learning.

As is the case with most elementary schools in the district this year every closet and office is being utilized for something due to the increase in student

population, but not to 'hide students away.'

I want to be sure the point is made that the Gallimore family, including parents, staff and students, in no way perceive our categorical classrooms as "being different than general education kids." In fact, a high percentage of parents from the categorical classrooms are very involved with the PTO at Gallimore, and these students attend many after school events with the "home school" students.

I was pleased to read in her letter that she did state correctly that her problems with the program were, "through no fault of the educational staff in the room." I can assure Mrs. Ham-Kucharski that our three fabulous, wonderfully dedicated teachers and three caring paraprofessionals who love and teach these children are seasoned professionals who have years of experience. They will move heaven and earth to be sure your child will "receive the education he deserves."

I understand that your 'beef' lies with the current administration. These are tough financial times for our district, with more tough times ahead. Please rest assured that we at Gallimore do all we can to support, include and enhance the educational experience of all of our students.

Julie Bensinger
Canton

Bad law

Over the past several weeks, many people have expressed their support for Father Richard Kelly of St. Thomas A. Becket. I am one of those people who support him. I do not believe he did what he was accused of doing. Unfortunately, Father Kelly is being punished based on the mere accusation.

He is put in the position of having to prove himself innocent before the Catholic Church Tribunal. Several weeks ago, an area legislator proposed a radical change to our criminal law. The change concerns sexual assault cases. The proposed legislation says that if a victim says there was no consent to sex, the burden would shift to the accused to prove there was consent.

Currently, all elements of the crime must be proved by the prosecution. This proposed change was prompted by the Kobe Bryant case. It is a bad idea. There is a saying in law school that goes "hard cases make bad law."

Can you imagine how this new burden of proof could be used in Father Kelly's case? The American justice system demands that the prosecutors prove each element of a crime. Guilt by accusation has never been part of our legal system, nor should it be.

Tom Hartnett, attorney
Canton

McCotter's wrong direction

I recently attended a 'coffee talk' at an area restaurant sponsored by the 11th District Congressional Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and staff, and I would like to share some observations.

First, there was a large crowd who showed up, and I would commend Mr. McCotter for staying well past the

appointed time so that everyone could have their say. Unfortunately, I came away from this meeting feeling rather troubled by some of the congressman's views and the rude and insulting tone he took with some of his constituents.

One gentleman, upset over the recently passed prescription drug bill and its effect on him, was advised by Mr. McCotter to not vote for him if he didn't like it. Several of us questioned the Bush administration's reasons for going to war in Iraq and the congressman's response was that it was to fight the war on terror. It was pointed out that there was no evidence to link Iraq to al-Qaeda and that at least two former Bush administration insiders have authored books suggesting that this administration was intent on invading Iraq from the start and that this invasion had made terrorism worse.

McCotter's emphatic response was that Iraq was part of the larger war on terror and that these authors were mere partisans with an ax to grind.

Some constituents had concerns about the Bush overtime pay takeaway and the fact that there currently is no federal extension for unemployment benefits. The congressman rightly pointed out that he was one of 39 Republicans in the House who voted to extend benefits. However, this was largely a symbolic vote, which the House Republican leadership 'allowed' certain members to vote for in high unemployment districts. (*Washington Post*, Feb. 5)

Further, the Senate would have to adopt the measure and these lawmakers would then have to take a separate vote appropriating the funds — which is unlikely to happen.

Finally, I would like to remind voters that in the 2002 election, the state Republican majority attempted to take away our right to vote a straight party ballot.

Luckily, this proposal was rejected by the voters. Many of us will go to the polls this November, believing that this current administration is taking our country in the wrong direction. I would argue that Mr. McCotter's views certainly mirror those of Mr. Bush (*New York Times*, Oct. 18, 2002) and I would urge those voters to exercise their right to vote a straight party ticket.

Kenneth M. Hymes
Redford

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— Pioneer Middle School teacher Roberta Burdette on the money raised by students for the Micah Weakland fund

'Racino' bill is a bad idea to fix state's budget woes

Winston Churchill once famously called Russia 'a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.' A fair description, it seems to me, of the so-called "racino" bill, now mysteriously Topic A in Lansing scuttlebutt.

There's no mystery about what the bill would do. It would authorize placing slot machines — "video lottery terminals" in bowdlerized legislative language — at Michigan's seven horse racing tracks, including Northville Downs and Hazel Park Harness Raceway in southeastern Michigan. The measure would permit as many as 2,000 machines at each track, yielding the hair-raising prospect of as many as another 14,000 slots in Michigan, not counting the four new "tracks" investors want to build as convenient locations for more slots.

Readers of a statistical bent will be interested to learn that slots are already spinning at the three casinos in Detroit and 21 other Native American locations around the state. Indeed, devices for gambling now abound in Michigan: slots, roulette wheels, lottery games, Keno and pull-tab lottery tickets. When he learned

I intended to write about racinos in this column, my colleague at this newspaper, Jack Lessenberry, snorted, "Personally, I think we need another 2,000 video gaming terminals like we need another poisoned cattle feed scandal."

What is mysterious is just why such a blatantly single-purpose bill — a favorite of House of Representatives Speaker Rick Johnson, the Michigan Farm Bureau and various owners of horse tracks, who feel racinos are the only way to save the declining horse racing industry in Michigan from competition by the gambling casinos — has stayed alive for so long.

"Greed is the root of all of this, on all sides," explained Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*. The state is experiencing its third straight year of \$1 billion-plus budget deficits, and after two years of hard budget cutting there's not a whole lot left to cut. Terrified of being charged with raising taxes, however, the Lansing political class is devoting its considerable collective imagination to dreaming up ways to increase state income without calling it a tax.

The House Fiscal Agency estimates that the number of slots initially authorized if the bill passes — 500 at each of seven tracks or 3,500 in all — would yield between \$73 million and \$137 million to whatever governmental unit gets a slice of the take. Eventually, Lansing insiders are talking \$200-\$400 million, which would go a long way to help balance the state's budget.

Which, in turn, explains why Gov. Jennifer

Granholm has a love-hate relationship with racinos. She doesn't like the House version of the bill and, in any event, doesn't want it to come to a vote in the Senate "until the budget has been taken care of." But for a governor trying to balance a budget badly in deficit, several hundred million dollars of added revenue (arguably not the result of a tax increase) is not to be taken lightly. A long-time Lansing lobbyist recently told me, "Without the budget crisis, there would be no chance — no chance! — this bill would ever see the light of day."

Another problem with the racino bill is that it would cost the state a vital income stream for economic development and jobs. At present, certain Native American tribes with gaming casinos have agreements with the state to pay 8 percent of their net slot machine take to the Michigan Strategic Fund, last year, the state's share amounted to more than \$13 million. These agreements would be legally terminated if casino-style gaming were to be extended by the state, and "casino-style gaming" certainly includes racinos. Losing this funding for the Strategic Fund would certainly end an effective and successful state economic development program.

Worse, the prevailing Lansing gossip is that a clever deal is cooking to link the racino bill to an effort to raise cigarette taxes by 75 cents a pack. Under the scheme, racinos, having already passed the House, will be brought to a vote in a skeptical Senate. Meanwhile, the cigarette tax increase, now the subject of intense debate in the House Republican caucus, would be brought to a vote in the House.

This kind of cynical log-rolling should be exposed for what it is. Linking a bad idea (racinos) to what might well be a good idea (increasing the cigarette tax). Added to prevailing cynicism about the bill is all the talk about finding ways to deliver a slice of the racino take to Detroit (to buy the votes of the Detroit legislative delegation), to various state agriculture programs (to buy the votes of rural legislators), etc., etc.

As if all this were not enough, most polls (including some paid for by horse track interests) indicate most voters don't want Michigan to turn into Las Vegas North.

The racino bill represents a mysterious device to resolve the riddle of the state's budget deficit. The enigma to me is why the Legislature and Granholm don't simply say "no" to a bad idea and get on with the business of trying to lead the state

Phil Power in addition to being chairman of the company that owns this newspaper is also vice chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which uses funds from Native American casinos in some of its programs. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953 2047 or at ppower@homecomj.net



Phil Power

Suburban Expatriates strive to save their shrinking city

There is only so much patching and bailing a crew can do before finally abandoning ship.

Heaving and hoeing, the young adults of Detroit are determined and committed to the resumed buoyancy of this sinking city.

The "young adults" of which I speak are Suburban Expatriates. They are the new Creative Class, and hundreds of them proudly call Detroit "home."

These Urban Immigrants are living well. By "well," I do not mean parent-funded-Lincoln Park well. I'm talking about hard-working, excited, sometimes risky good living.

One Detroit native expressed the ability to live on his own terms — both socially and occupationally — as long as the bills are paid. In fact, he used the term "underground" to describe the feeling of Detroit happenings, both legal and illicit.

After spending some time in the city, I assume that he is speaking about the state of Detroit as the forgotten

great city, everything is sort of happening underneath the surrounding suburbs' noses.

Marked differences exist between the experiences of Detroit's Urban Pilgrims and their creative siblings flocking southward toward cheap rent and abandoned warehouses.

First and foremost, there is Detroit's schizophrenic history spanning generations and inspiring countless novels, documentaries, lyrics, poems and much more. Secondly, Detroit's amenities are hardly abundant and rent is still relatively high.

These obstacles and inspirations are fuel for the fire. Growing up curious about their sickly urban neighbor, young suburbanites are moving back into this promising ghost town with intention.

Taking ownership over the mess their forefathers left behind, these Suburban Expatriates are reclaiming Detroit by feeding its economy, developing its cultural scene and refurbishing its physical landscape. It's going to be difficult for these budding social reformers to effectively transform the ailing urbanity surrounding them if there is little connection with the mainstream power structures that already exist.

Many Suburban Expats lament Detroit's current political leadership. While there is something to be said for the power of the margins, and the New Detroit revival is most definitely a marginal movement, the

integration of forces is necessary to pool resources and distribute them responsibly.

I hope to see representatives of the budding population rise out of the movement and work with Detroit's governing bodies to implement change at the city as well as state level. Until the main paradigm transforms, there will be no large-scale change.

The New Detroiters are truly grassroots, and they are sprouting, they are spreading, they are bringing more life. However, the future marriage between Urban Hipsters and Detroit depends largely on the young adults integrating as opposed to taking over like an alien species.

It's not enough to set up retail venues and restaurants in fallen neighborhoods, bringing business dollars and hopefully additional residents to the area. Businesses need to act in a cooperative manner with the current residents, training them to work, aiding them in starting their own ventures. By permitting enclave economies, under-development is perpetuated, creating islands of consumerism and profit instead of making healthy linkages with the surrounding population.

The Creative Class has both the educational and material resources to spread and this collaboration must not be neglected in pursuit of some semblance of security.

The Urban Hipsters lack the infrastructure many churches and social services agencies already maintain. Perhaps a joint effort by established local leaders to educate these newcomers about the existing efforts to sustain and rehabilitate Detroiters living in poverty could bridge the detrimental voids and inspire fresh transformation. The combination of recognized outreach structures and green ingenuity could lead to fantastic reform.

It is the responsibility of current and past leaders to acknowledge these new citizens of Detroit and empower them through guidance, as well as financial initiatives. The New Detroiters have a responsibility to existing Detroit cultures that entails cooperation and amalgamation, not simply material aid and gentrification. It's a fine line that will only be traversed with mindful balance of power and resources.

Detroit's Suburban Expatriates are a vigorous bunch. They are committed and eager, a fabulous combination, a powerful combination. Michigan can have confidence in their leadership, even if they don't understand their artistic habits.

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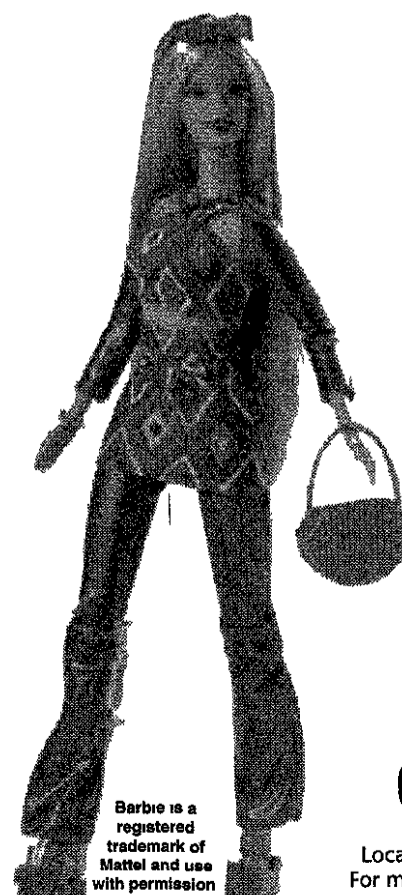
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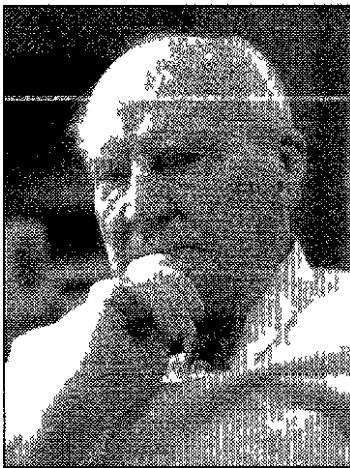
Judge Feikens' long battle for clean water

The health of the Rouge River has improved dramatically since the early 1980s, when it was considered one of the most polluted waterways in the nation. This reversal of fortune did not happen by accident. Millions of dollars have been spent, as well as tremendous energy on the part of the federal, state and local governments.

More than anyone else, longtime U.S. District Judge John Feikens is looked upon as the person who has led these efforts. He has enforced federal clean water laws on local governments, and the 126-mile-long river has benefited.

But the judge's role in the area's water issues extends beyond cleaning up the Rouge. More recently he has spearheaded a group called the Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality, which is trying to resolve the dispute between Detroit and its disgruntled suburban water and sewer customers. The dispute has become a priority for the 40-member group, which includes government, business and environmental representatives.

Protecting with pride. The 86-year-old Feikens, who has served on the U.S. 6th District bench since 1970, takes great pride in his role of protecting water quality. He has had oversight responsibility for water quality and pollution problems in Metro Detroit area since 1977, when the first of two major cases were filed



U.S. District Judge John Feikens has overseen water quality issues in southeast Michigan since the late 1970s.

against the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

"I think taking part in this is much more satisfying to a judge than sitting listening to drug cases and discrimination cases all day," Feikens said.

Feikens, who grew up in New Jersey, came to Michigan in the 1930s to attend Calvin College, before transferring to the University of Michigan Law School. When he got involved in the battle to clean up the Rouge, not only was the river a polluted mess, but its effects could be measured on the Detroit River, which it feeds into, and especially Lake Erie.

"When this began, Lake Erie was dying. It is clear now Erie is coming back. The effects on the Rouge have been even

more dramatic. Friends of the Rouge (a Dearborn Heights-based non-profit group), through their monitoring, are seeing certain types of fish and wildlife come back. All forms of life that seemed to be extinct are beginning to thrive," Feikens said.

Feikens' authority with water quality issues was ensured in 1980, when the state, Detroit, and all the communities that receive sewerage services from Detroit entered into a complex consent judgment. More communities, including 12 in Western Wayne County, were added to the agreement in 1987.

"The communities came together and entered into a consent judgment, which is where I derive my power. It's a unique situation. If you look at the three branches of government, the executive, legislative and judicial, nothing compares to a federal judge's involvement. A legislator, no matter how popular, can only legislate. He or she can't enforce anything a judge can," Feikens said.

Easy target. Feikens has watched with a curious eye the dispute between Detroit and its suburbs. He feels Detroit has become an easy target for suburban leaders with political

agendas. Water and sewer rates have risen, he says, because Detroit has had to make major renovations to its antiquated water system to meet clean water standards.

"Ironically, Detroit has enabled the region to grow. You couldn't have this suburban development without water and wastewater. So in a way, Detroit has shot itself in the foot," he said. "People out in the suburbs spend more on cell phones than they do on water. Maybe what Detroit should do is bottle water and sell it."

Having said that, Feikens does believe the suburbs need more say in the operations of the water system, and he supports some kind of metropolitan water authority, which would allow that to happen. "I think the current water board needs to be supplanted by some kind of metropolitan water authority, where Detroit still owns the system, but the suburbs have more voice in its operations. Only one representative for each community is not adequate for millions and millions of people," he said. "For so long, the suburbs didn't care who operated the system, as long as their toilets flushed. Obviously that has changed."

Getting the dispute solved is one of his main goals, which is

why he is so high on the Consortium, which was formed last year. The body has no real oversight authority, but can solve problems nonetheless, he says.

"Here, uniquely, was an opportunity to get a consortium together, through a voluntary effort, to find a solution. What makes it work is there is a federal judge behind it all to enforce the law," he said. "In the past, there was not a place community leaders could raise questions. This has been an evolutionary process."

The sharp-minded Feikens said he has no plans to retire, and is hoping to see the process he jump-started completed during his service. But he said he was merely the person to get the ball rolling, and his leadership is sometimes exaggerated.

"It's something overstated. A lot of this is happening without me doing anything. A lot of this leadership is symbolic. The system is working," he said.

"I have found most people support the need to do something about cleaning up the environment. But with human nature, they're not going to do anything until you show them why they need to do it. Most people will accept progress if they're educated."

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National TV Turnoff Week begins on April 19th! Count the number of hours of TV each member of your family watches in a given week. Create bar graphs to illustrate the results. Compare to the number of hours each person read, did homework, exercised, went to school or work, etc., that week. Compute the percentage of time spent on each activity. During TV Turnoff Week, have family members use the newspaper instead of the TV to be entertained and educated.

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Wolcott walks on to success at MSU

The vast majority of non-scholarship athletes who walk on to major college athletic programs usually walk off four or five years later with little to show for their efforts.

Former Canton High School three-sport standout Oliver Wolcott is proving to be an exception to this rule.

Two years after sitting out the year as a redshirt and one year after playing sparingly as a

reserve, Wolcott is a catalyst for the 2004 Michigan State University baseball team, which currently sits atop the Big Ten standings with a 6-2 record. The Spartans had won a school-record 12 consecutive games before losing to Illinois on Saturday.

As of Monday, Wolcott - the Spartans' starting second baseman and No. 2 hitter in the lineup - was pumishing opposing pitchers with a .341 batting

average, four home runs and 15 RBI. He has also swiped a team-leading seven bases (including four in one game) and played almost flawlessly in the field, having committed just three errors.

How did Wolcott defy the odds and transform himself from a seldom-used reserve to a key contributor on one of the hottest collegiate baseball teams in the country?

Perseverance and long hours in the weight room.

"I've always worked hard in the off-season, but this past off-season I really pounded the weights, and it has paid off," confirmed Wolcott, who is a junior with two years of baseball eligibility remaining following this season. "I think I only hit four home runs during my entire high school career, and I have four already this year."

Wolcott started this season as a reserve, but soon convinced MSU head coach Ted Mahan that he deserved a spot in the starting lineup. "Coach Mahan told me before the year started that I wouldn't be starting, but he said he knew I could do the job if I ever got the opportunity (to start)," Wolcott said. "I got a start the second game of the season, I played well and he's left me in there ever since."



Canton's boys tennis team will be relying on senior Brian Keesey to provide it with leadership and victories this season from the No. 1 singles slot.

Chief tennis team enters season with high hopes

With seven players returning from last year's 9-5 team, it's easy to understand why Canton tennis coach Barb Lehman has a good feeling heading into the 2004 campaign. "I'm definitely optimistic," said Lehman, who is beginning her 13th year as coach. "The biggest benefit of having so many returners is that they've seen a lot of their competition already. They will be playing a lot of the kids they played against last year."

The graduation of 2003 co-captains Jon-Eric Corner and Matte Kurd will leave two large holes in the Chiefs' lineup. Lehman is counting on a few

PLEASE SEE TENNIS, B4

New soccer program is geared for special kids

Soccer Challenge, a new program offered by Canton's High Velocity Sports, will give special-needs children an opportunity to participate in soccer instead of watching the sport from the sidelines. "We had a couple of moms who have kids with special needs approach us about starting a soccer program for their youngsters," High Velocity Assistant General Manager Elaine Mavridis said. "Whenever we get special requests like this, we do whatever we can to help out. So far, the parents I've talked to whose kids will be participating in the program are very excited. We've also received commitments from some volunteer coaches and helpers, too, which is encouraging."

The inaugural year of the Soccer Challenge will be divided into two sessions - spring and summer. The spring session will run May 2-June 26, while the summer program will go from June 27 to Aug. 29. The deadline to register for the spring session is April 26. The summer deadline is June 23.

The age range of the children eligible for the program is 5-12 years old. The program will be geared around special-needs children with mental and physical challenges, Down syndrome, visual impairments, limited mobility and autism.

"Whenever we start a new program like this, it usually takes some time for the word to get out and let everyone know that it's out there," Mavridis said. "So even if we don't have a great turnout for the spring session, we're confident the momentum will build and the summer session will be filled up. We're getting a lot of support from several schools in the area."

For the \$50 registration fee, players will have an opportunity to participate in two practices and six games, spanning eight weeks. The games will be officiated, but not as tightly as a regular soccer match, Mavridis said.

For more information on Soccer Challenge, contact Tracy Thelen at (734) 487-7678, or visit the High Velocity Sports web site at www.hvsports.com.

Chiefs' strengths are speed, defense

It's standard practice for pitchers to apply ice to their arms after they pitch to help alleviate the wear and tear their muscles endure during games.

Opponents of this year's Canton High School baseball team may want to have some extra ice cubes ready for their catchers' arms as well, based on the stolen-base potential the speedy Chiefs will bring to the diamond.

"We have a lot of team speed this year," Canton coach Scott Dickey said. "We

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should also be strong defensively. Our infield defense is definitely one of our strengths and our outfield is getting better."

Canton lost four key players from last year's team that finished 15-13 overall and captured the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division and the WLAA conference tourna-

ment. Gone - but not forgotten - are second-team All-State performer Matt Kay, who hit .460, All-Conference pitching standout Carl McDevitt, who finished 7-3 in 2003, All-Division player Andy Howald, and starting catcher Ryan Powell, probably the Chiefs' top defensive player last year.

Who will fill the void left by the graduated, heavy-hitting Kay? Canton has several candidates, most notably senior third baseman Kevin

Kwiatowski, who missed his entire junior season in 2003. "Kevin should definitely be one of our top hitters this year," Dickey said. "He's very solid at third base, too."

Junior first baseman Jake Powers' potent bat will also be a fixture in the middle of the Chiefs' lineup. As a sophomore, Powers hit .302 and earned WLAA West Division honorable-mention consideration.

The starting infield will be

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B3

Top volleyball coach Sieloff rapid learner

Gail Sieloff could be described as a "self-made" volleyball coach.

Sieloff began following the sport when her daughter, Amy, played in the early 1990s at Lutheran High Westland.

Sieloff spent seven years coaching at Guardian Lutheran Junior High in Dearborn before making the jump to Lutheran Westland in 2001-02, when she coached her younger daughter Bethany as a senior.

The Warriors soared to new heights this winter under Sieloff, going 38-6-5 overall, while winning the Metro Conference crown and reaching the Division 4 regional final at Burton Bendle before losing to Royal Oak Shrine.

For her efforts, Sieloff was named Observerland Coach of the Year.

This year's All-Observer team (see page B3) features three players each from area powers Livonia Churchill and Salem, along with two from Livonia Ladywood.

Lutheran Westland placed one player each on the first, second and third teams.

"We had four seniors who

Complete reporting of the 2004 All-Observer Volleyball Team is inside Page B3.

really knew the game and loved to play," said Sieloff, who is 84-21-4 in three seasons.

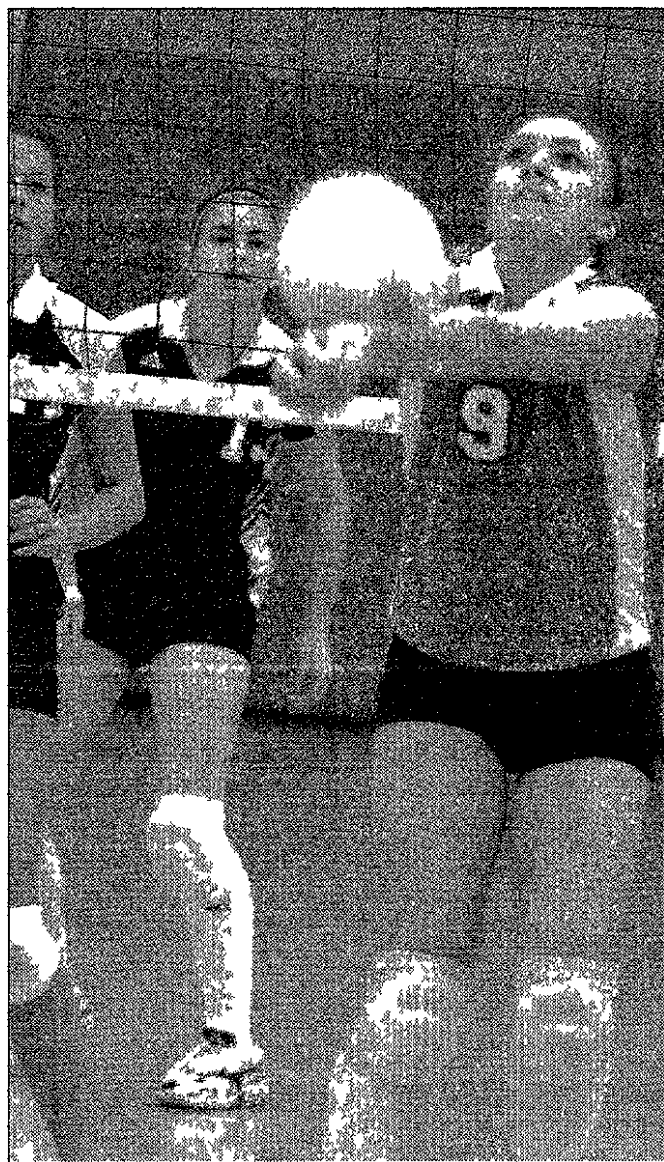
"They also helped the juniors coming up. They wanted to practice and play. They were a fun team to coach. We had good senior leadership."

Sieloff, who doubles as a real estate agent for Mayfair Realty in Livonia and manages Tradewinds Spa in Novi, began her volleyball coaching career "just wanting to help."

"I went to a lot of clinics because you can never stop learning," she said.

After settling for two Metro co-titles, the Warriors were able to win the conference outright and capture their first district title this year.

"My JV coach Dave Ruth does a good job of getting them ready to play at the next level," Sieloff said. "And my athletic director Mike Unger follows through on things and sets things up. I feel blessed having him."



Canton's Kelly Baker, pictured executing a perfect bump earlier this season against Salem, is the Chiefs' lone representative on this year's All-Area Volleyball Team.

Sidelines

Madonna golfers 9th

The Madonna University men's golf team opened its season Saturday with a ninth-place finish in the 14-team Findlay University

Oiler Spring Invitational. Jason Rammler was the Crusaders' top individual finisher, shooting a 3-over-par 74, which was good for 11th place.

Justin Gort was the next best Crusader finisher, firing a 78 (tie for 39th). Rounding out the field for Madonna were Tom McCall (81), Steve Robinson (83) and Adam DeMara (88).

Madonna finished 59 strokes behind champion Ferris State University.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Bud Bailey didn't wait for the weather to warm up to record the first hole-in-one of his 36-year golfing career.

Bailey, 50, found the hole on his tee shot with a 3-wood on the 184-yard ninth hole Monday at Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon. Bailey shot a 42 for the round.

Roller hockey

Canton native Mike Lieberman, a student at Eastern Michigan University, helped the Eagles' roller hockey club to a third-place finish in the Midwest Collegiate Roller Hockey League, ahead of several Big Ten teams, including Illinois (fourth place), Michigan State (ninth place) and Ohio State (12th place).

EMU finished third behind Ball State and Dayton and is one of seven Midwest-based teams invited to play in the national roller hockey tournament scheduled for April 13-20 in California.

T-Ball sign-up

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its 5- and 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. to 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 July 3). The cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents, \$65 for non-residents.

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

Crusaders sweep twinbill to reach .500

The Madonna baseball team worked its way back to the break-even mark for the season Saturday by sweeping a double-header from host Aquinas College, 3-2 and 9-1. The Crusaders are now 18-18 (5-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) Aquinas fell to 7-18 (1-7 in the WHAC). In game one, Madonna jumped ahead 1-0 when Ben Galus reached on a one-out

walk and scored on an errant throw. After Aquinas knotted the game at 1-1 in the top of the third, the Crusaders regained the lead in the bottom of the frame when Jason Barbeau singled, took second on Preston Picard's sacrifice bunt and scored on Kevin Zerbo's single. With the game tied at 2-2 in the fifth, Madonna scored the

game-winner when with two outs, Barbeau walked and later scored on a Picard triple. Dan Duffey pitched the first 3 1/2 innings for Madonna, striking out two while yielding two runs. Mike Hand relieved Duffey in the fourth and earned the win. Kyle Fedorka was credited with his third save after retiring two batters in the ninth. Galus paced the Crusaders'

offensive uprising in game two, collecting three hits, an RBI and a run scored. Kellen Fry also carried a hot stick, going 2-for-4 with a run scored. A pair of seniors sparked on the mound for Madonna in the nightcap. Chris Behrns (3-0) pitched the first 6 1/2 innings, striking out a career-high nine batters. Doug Brooks finished up, fanning six of the eight batters he faced in the final 2 1/2 innings.

Salem outslugs Lumberjacks but gets swept in twinbill

Despite out-hitting Saginaw Arthur Hill in both games of a double-header Saturday, Salem's baseball team dropped both ends of the twinbill, 3-2 and 5-2. The losses dropped the Rocks to 1-3 on the young season heading into their annual spring trip to Cincinnati this weekend. In the opener, Salem grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when, with two outs, Steve Cox ripped a double. Cox advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on an errant throw by Arthur Hill's catcher. Salem sophomore pitcher Josh Ritter held the Lumberjacks in check until the third when they tied the game on a home run off the bat of lead-off hitter Adam Emmenecker.

Ritter pitched brilliantly in his varsity debut, limiting Arthur Hill to just three hits in four innings. Salem regained the lead briefly in the top of the sixth when Andy Thackaberry doubled, went to third on a ground ball, then scored on Cliff Thomas's sacrifice fly. The Lumberjacks won the game in the bottom of the sixth when Matt Bradley stroked a two-run double. Salem finished with six hits and one error, while Arthur Hill managed only five hits.

Madonna softball team splits two with Aquinas

Madonna University's softball team rode the overpowering pitching of Kelly Nilson and the clutch hitting of Kasey DeSutter to a double-header split with Aquinas College Saturday. The Crusaders, now 21-11-2 overall and 4-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, won the opener, 2-0, before dropping game two, 6-5.

Nilson was close to perfect in game one, retiring the first nine batters she faced before finally allowing a pair of singles in the fourth. Madonna scored both of its runs in the second on back-to-back singles by Krystal Shina and Jamie Bobrowski, and a clutch two-out, two-run double by Kasey DeSutter. Aquinas threatened in the top of the seventh, putting run-

ners on the corners with two outs. However, Nilson struck out Jaclyn Salzwedel to seal the win and raise her record to 12-6. After the Saints surged to an early 2-0 lead in game two, the Crusaders charged back with one run in the second and two in the third to take a short-lived lead. DeSutter, Shina and Arn Fowler all contributed RBI in the rally.

Trailing 6-3, Madonna battled back to score a pair in the bottom of the seventh when Jen Swanson crossed the plate during a run-down and Emily Cunningham scored on a wild pitch. The Crusaders eventually got the tying run to third before the rally was snuffed out. The split left Aquinas with a 19-15 overall mark (9-3 in the WHAC).



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Kelsey Mack Jr OH, Liv Churchill
The 6 foot junior outside hitter led the Western Lakes Activities Association and district champions with a team high 410 kills. She also ranked second on the Charges in blocks (66) and aces (80) to go along with 338 digs.
She is 12th all time on the MHSAA list for kills in a three game match with 26 (against Salem). She also made All Western Lakes and was honorable mention All State.

Kelsey is developing into one of the most dominant players in the area. Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. She is a tireless worker in season and out of season. She is very coachable and has improved her defense passing and serving to complement a great swing. Kelsey's future is very bright and she should have a great senior season.

Jacqui Gatt Sr OH, Liv Churchill
The 5'7 senior outside hitter ranked second on the team in total kills (377) and set school records for total aces (83) and digs (612). She also served received at a 96.5 percent clip (381 of 395).
Gatt headed to NIAA power Madonna University also made All WLAA and was honorable mention All State.

Jacqui is one of the most competitive individuals I've coached in 13 years. Grenier said. She was a captain our leader both on and off the court. Jacqui is an outstanding athlete who did everything for us. She is one of the best defensive players Churchill has ever had.

We're going to miss her but look forward to seeing her play at Madonna.
Jordan Falcusan Sr Setter, Salem
The four year starter capped a brilliant career by finishing her senior season with 1047 assists along with 86 aces, 157 digs and 39 kills en route to All Western Lakes honors.

She had only 16 ball handling errors all year.
The 5'4 senior setter is headed to Texas A&M on a soccer scholarship.

This year Jordan became an extremely consistent setter and one of our best defenders. Salem coach Tom Teeters said. She played all the way around and scored more points off the second ball.

She was a spectacular player for us. There was a big difference between her junior and senior year.

Ellen Canale Jr OH, Salem
The 5'9 junior finished with a total of 293 kills in 976 attempts to go along with 22 aces, 200 digs and 60 blocks (including 17 solo).

Canale overcame a sore shoulder to make All Western Lakes.

Ellen had a fast arm swing and the highest jump on our team. Teeters said. The stats don't tell what she did for us. Jordan and Ellen made a great combination. She could also go to the middle blocker on occasion.

Kelly Baker, Sr MB, Canton
The 5'10 senior middle hitter made All WLAA and Academic All State.



Jacqui Gatt Churchill

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rounded out by slick-fielding, fleet-footed junior second baseman Dave Neu and senior shortstop Dave Mintz, who garnered All-Division honors last year.

Backing up the infielders will be junior Scott Steffes, senior Richard DeMeyere, junior Brian Whiting and junior Russ Bruner.

Junior Reece McCabe will handle most of the Chiefs' catching duties, with junior Scott Steffes serving in a reserve role.

Canton's starting outfield will consist of junior Brad Gallison in left, sophomore Shawn Little in center and sen-

ior Steve Campbell in right. Little, who started at third last year as a freshman, compiled an impressive .323 batting average and received All-Division honorable mention recognition.

Shane Gring, Craig Galarnau, Kyle McKinney, Eric Byrne and Joe Mishler will serve as outfield reserves for the Chiefs.

The Chiefs' mound staff is deep and talented as nine players can be called on to pitch. Little, junior Matt Hemmelgarn, DeMeyere and Powers head the rotation. DeMeyere finished 2-4 in 2003 with an impressive 2.44 earned-run average.

Richard's won-loss record was deceptive, Dickey said. "Three of his losses were to Birmingham Brother Rice,

Catholic Central and Dearborn Divine Child — all very good teams."

Also throwing this year for Canton will be Byrne, Mintz, Mishler, Whiting and Bruner.

"We have a lot of depth with our pitching staff this year, which gives me a lot of options," Dickey said.

"Canton will be tested early and often this year with a non-conference schedule that rates as one of the most competitive in the state. "I like to compare our non-conference schedule to the difficult one Michigan State's basketball team had this past year," Dickey joked. "I just hope it doesn't wear us out like States did. We'll definitely learn a lot about our team after playing so many good teams. It should prepare us nicely for the conference schedule."

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Salem tennis squad looks to feast on foes in 2004

In an effort to build team unity, Salem's tennis team will be meeting every Wednesday evening for a mid-week dinner.

With several outstanding players returning from last year's team, the Rocks very well could be feasting on many of their opponents as well this year.

"We have 40 players showing up for practice on a regular basis, and tennis is the only sport for at least half of them, so there is a lot of interest in the program," said coach Bill Nelson, who is in his 10th sea-

son at the helm "We lost a few good players to graduation, but we're getting a lot of good ones back, so I'm optimistic about the season."

Absent from last year's squad that finished fifth in the region in 2003 are graduated players Sameer Dohadwaga (fourth singles), Pat Pokarski (one doubles), Scott Foess, Blake Heidenreich, Scott Lytle and Jason Master.

The Rocks' top returner is senior Mike Ware, Jr, who played number one last year too.

"Mike is a very smart player with great strokes," Nelson said. "He worked really hard over the off-season and is ready to step it up a notch this year."

Senior Pat Shaw will open the season as the Rocks' number two singles player and serve as a Co-captain along with Ware.

Pat is a great athlete with good court presence," Nelson said. "He's very quick, too."

Juniors Chris Treadwell and Robbie Wallen earned the third and fourth singles slots, respectively.

Wallen played number-one

doubles last season.

The Rocks' top doubles tandem will consist of senior Roma Buffa, an exchange student from France, and senior Craig Little.

Nelson said the battle for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown should be wide open.

"Lvonia Stevenson is always tough, but they lost Brady Crosby to graduation, so who knows," Nelson said. "Northville should be up there as well."

The Rocks open league play April 23 against Lvonia Franklin.

TENNIS

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younger players to step up and fill the void.

Three of Canton's four singles players return, led by senior co-captain Brian Keesey.

"My expectations are high this year for Brian," Lehman said. "The mental part of Brian's game is so strong, I expect a great season out of him. He's a very talented player."

Junior Zach Hoernschemeyer will hold down the No. 2 singles slot.

"He may even play some No. 1, depending on how things go," Lehman said.

Senior co-captain Steve West and sophomore Alex Fabiszewski will play three and four singles, respectively, for Lehman.

"I'm real impressed with how much improvement I've seen out of Alex since last year,"

Lehman said. "He played doubles last year, but he's earned a chance to move up to singles this year."

Jeremy Romer and Alex Marinica will team up to form the Chiefs' No. 1 doubles duo.

"Both Jeremy and Alex are very competitive, powerful players and they play well together," Lehman said.

Senior Sam Kaufman and sophomore Mike Keesey will compete at No. 2 doubles while junior Duke Kapelanski and senior Amul Patel are slotted for the No. 3 slot.

The No. 4 doubles tandem of senior Matt Shichtman and sophomore Mike Palmer round out Canton's lineup.

"Northville will be strong as always, and it will be interesting to see what kinds of changes Stevenson has made to its lineup," Lehman said, sizing up the Western Lakes Activities Association competition. "Salem should be strong as well."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

ACTION: CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF A 5 ACRE SITE DESCRIBED AS TAX ID 036 99 0024 0000 FROM RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY TO RESIDENTIAL LOW INTERMEDIATE DENSITY.

DATE OF HEARING: April 21 2004

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 P M

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959 as amended the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing at 7 00 p.m. on April 21 2004 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Master Plan of the Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County to change the Future Land Use Map designation of a 5 acre site described as Tax ID 036 99 0024 0000 from Residential High Density to Residential Low Intermediate Density. Please Note This amendment is intended to correct an oversight and does not constitute a new policy and does not reflect changed circumstances.

The public hearing will be held to explain the proposed Master Plan amendment to the public. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed Master Plan amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 8 00 A M To 4 30 P M. Application 1833. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734 453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may approve the Master Plan amendment as proposed, or as may be amended.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS TECHNOLOGY COMPANY FOR REHABILITATION TO AN EXISTING FACILITY TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday April 27, 2004 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for rehabilitation of an existing facility located at 47700 Halyard Drive Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8 00 a.m. to 4 30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7 00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Michigan 48170, on Tuesday April 27 2004, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734 354 3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

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PARCEL 1 LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PHASE 2 EXCLUDING GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T2S, R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18 T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN THENCE N 00°35'21"W 60 00 FEET THENCE N 89°58'42" W 59 99 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREBY DESCRIBED THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES N 89°58' 42" W A DISTANCE OF 281 51 FEET, AND S 00°00' 00" W, A DISTANCE OF 10 00 FEET AND N 89°58' 42" W A DISTANCE OF 452 69 FEET THENCE N 00°01' 18" E A DISTANCE OF 82 27 FEET THENCE N 26°55' 56" E, A DISTANCE OF 88 11 FEET THENCE S 89°59' 02" E A DISTANCE OF 96 66 FEET, THENCE N 26°55' 56" E A DISTANCE OF 88 81 FEET THENCE N 63°04' 05" W A DISTANCE OF 126 99 FEET THENCE S 30°58' 50" W, A DISTANCE OF 17 90 FEET THENCE N 59°01' 10" W, A DISTANCE OF 80 25 FEET THENCE N 89°58' 42" W A DISTANCE OF 254 89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S 89°30' 55" E A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3 107 50 FEET THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57' 26" A DISTANCE OF 51 92 FEET THENCE N 01°26' 32" E A DISTANCE OF 137 24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S 01°38' 44" W A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4 045 50 FEET THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01' 39", A DISTANCE OF 1 95 FEET THENCE N 88°22' 55" W A DISTANCE OF 11 34 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627 50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12' 48" THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178 74 FEET THENCE N 00°56' 09" W A DISTANCE OF 60 62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1 308 50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56' 18" THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318 32 FEET THENCE N 08°00' 42" W A DISTANCE OF 53 68 FEET THENCE N 00°40' 21" W A DISTANCE OF 89 50 FEET THENCE S 89°14' 13" E A DISTANCE OF 388 06 FEET THENCE S 81°05' 42" E A DISTANCE OF 315 90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434 00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59' 32" THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60 54 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152 50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23' 19" THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 67 58 FEET THENCE N 81°30' 31" E A DISTANCE OF 57 91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152 50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57' 21" THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66 42 FEET THENCE N 56°33' 10" E TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120 WIDE) A DISTANCE OF 34 09 FEET THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120 WIDE) S 33°26' 50" E A DISTANCE OF 84 71 FEET THENCE S 56°32' 13" W A DISTANCE OF 53 80 FEET THENCE S 05°00' 01" W A DISTANCE OF 318 63 FEET THENCE N 90°00' 00" W A DISTANCE OF 157 70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75 00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03' 44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132 29 FEET THENCE S 11°03' 44" E A DISTANCE OF 35 61 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF WHICH

THE RADIUS POINT LIES S 76°09'37"W A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 920 00 FEET, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226 31 FEET, THENCE S 00°00' 57"W, A DISTANCE OF 48 30 FEET, THENCE S 89°59'03"E, A DISTANCE OF 264 50 FEET, THENCE N 00°00' 00"E, A DISTANCE OF 17 51 FEET, THENCE S 89°59' 03"E, TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120 WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252 57 FEET THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120 WIDE) S 00°32'02" E, A DISTANCE OF 157 57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15 22 ACRES SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD

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PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18 T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18, T2S, R8E CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 S 00°35' 21"E, 1077 81' THENCE S 89°53'35"W 1311 53', THENCE N 00°24'05"W 427 01' THENCE N 89°47'22"W TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD (66 00' WIDE) AS MONUMENTED, 442 52', THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD, N 30°21'18"E 28 23' THENCE S 89°51'16"W 401 15', THENCE S 43°26'10"W, 274 59' THENCE S 89°51'16"W, TO A POINT ON THE NORTH SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 307 41', THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTH SOUTH 1/4 LINE N 00°18'09"W, TO THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 18, 817 58', THENCE ALONG THE EAST WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 N 89°45'51"E 741 54', THENCE S 30°27'16"W, 162 80' THENCE S 59°42'27"E TO A POINT OF THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD (66 00' WIDE) 451 50' THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD, N 30°21'18"E, TO A POINT ON THE EAST WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 429 06' THENCE ALONG THE SAID EAST WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SALTZ ROAD (66 00' WIDE) N 89°45'51" E 1367 67' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 50 2540 ACRES SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN RIDGE ROAD AND THE NORTHERLY 33 00' (SALTZ ROAD)

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan 1954 as amended the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Denton Road north of Cherry Hill Road

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton Michigan, for public examination

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday the 27th day of April 2004 at 7 00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road Canton Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district

Terry G Bennett, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

REZONE FROM: R 1 E, Single Family Residential District Minimum 1 acre lot

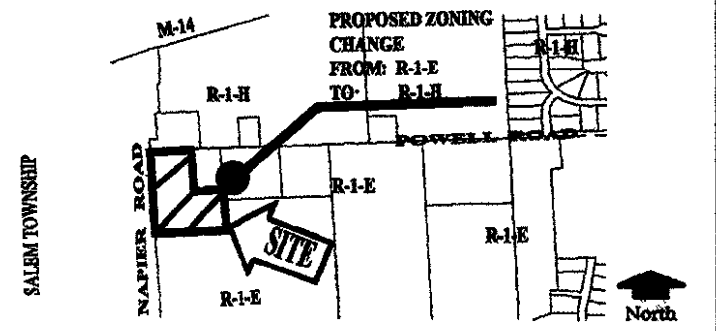
REZONE TO: R 1 H Single Family Residential District, Minimum 1/2 acre lot

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 21, 2004

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 P M

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78 046 99 0003 000 from R 1 E Single Family Residential District to R 1 H Single Family Residential District



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 145
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8 00 AM to 4 30 PM. Application 1850. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

REZONE FROM: R-1 S, Single Family Residential District

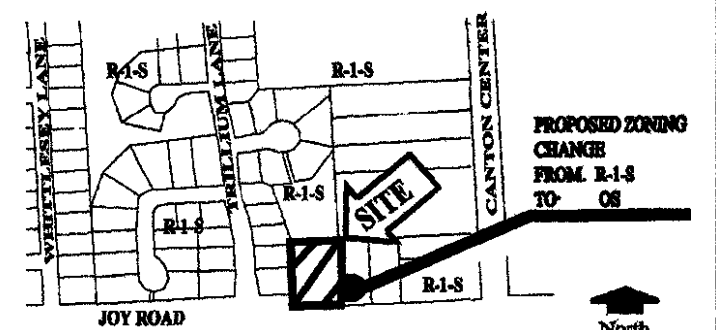
REZONE TO: OS, Office Service District

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 21, 2004

TIME OF HEARING: 7 00 P M

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78 056 99 0030 002 from R-1-S, Single Family Residential District to OS, Office Service District. The property address is 45600 Joy Road. Application 1826



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 144
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-056-99-0030-002.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

The Hickory Creek Ladies Golf League, which plays on Thursday mornings throughout the summer, is looking for new members in the Plymouth/Canton area

The nine-hole league is played at Hickory Creek Golf Course, which is located at Ford Road and Napier Road in Canton

League members tee off every Thursday at 8 a.m. beginning May 6. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941

WALKING CLUB

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

There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m., the evening start time is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302

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

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Motor City Cobras 11-and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series. For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904

The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all). For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season

The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series

For more information, 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 Lanser 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


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Redford hoops team takes 2nd in state Triathlete starts 3rd Olympic quest

They went up to Holt figuring on playing just one game. But it turned out that the New Car Alternatives/Great Lakes Mitsubishi men's basketball team did more than that. The team, regular-season champion of the Redford Parks and Recreation Department 18-and-over league, finished second at the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Tourney.

'We were just happy to be there and it turned out great,' said Doug Herriman of Plymouth, who played college ball at Michigan-Dearborn. 'It was great and intense. We played against a lot of guys we played with and against in college.'

The team breezed through the first three games of the tourney, held April 2-4 at Holt High School. They beat Royal Oak (74-55), Troy (98-51) and

then Brighton in the semifinals (67-58).

But a funny thing happened on the way to Sunday's finals. The finals were a tough situation, Herriman said. 'We had a 10 a.m. game, lost an hour to the time change and we all had a suite at the Red Wings game on Saturday night. We had no sleep and we were driving up to Lansing for the third time in 36 hours, when we were used to playing one game a week for five months in Redford.'

Needless to say, the team lost in the finals to Clarkston, 71-60.

'We've been in the league four years and last year we lost to Northville in the first round, so this was a bonus,' Herriman said. 'We were hoping to win one game and it was phenomenal.'

The team has several former

local and high school players Al Tanski (Plymouth), Will Marcoux (Redford/UM-Dearborn), Nick Hurley (Plymouth/Hope College), Jason Maschke (Livonia/Madonna), Narvin Russaw (Milan/Madonna), Will McDonald (Pontiac/Grambling), Ryan Beane (Pontiac/Tennessee State), Rob White (Plymouth/Baptist Bible College) and Justin Bascom (Lansing/Siena Heights). White was more or less the player-coach and Tanski was the team's sponsor. The team still has one more game to play this season — at 3 p.m. Sunday at Redford's Hilbert Junior High for the league's playoff title.

Coming off a win in the International Triathlon Union Pan American Championships held last month in Acapulco, Mexico, the race to Athens is on again for Livonia triathlete Sheila Taormina, who is seeking her third consecutive Olympic berth.

The first attempt begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Kapiolani Park in Honolulu, Hawaii, the first of three Olympic Trials qualifying races.

The second race will be May 8 at Madeira, Portugal, followed by a June 13 qualifier in Bellingham, Wash. (The Olympic women's triathlon will be Aug. 25 in Athens, Greece.)

Ranked No. 3 in both the U.S. and the world (ITU), the

35-year-old Taormina must fend off challenges from No. 1-ranked Barb Lindquist (Victor, Idaho) and No. 2 Laura Reback (North Palm Beach, Fla.).

Also lurking again is Joanna Zeiger (Boulder, Colo.), who placed fourth in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, two spots ahead of Taormina in the inaugural women's triathlon.

Only three U.S. spots are available with the top American finisher earning a berth in each of the three qualifiers.

In 1996, Taormina won a gold medal in women's swimming at the Atlanta, Ga., Summer Olympics as part of the 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay. She is a former All-

America swimmer at the University of Georgia and Stevenson High graduate.

Last season, Taormina finished first in three races and was the top American in three others.

She also took seven seconds and won 13th in the ITU World Championships, Dec. 6 in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Taormina opened the 2004 season on March 22 by covering the Acapulco race, which consisted of a 1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2-mile run, in 1 hour, 57 minutes and 51 seconds. She recorded the fastest 10K run split with time of 35:12. Zeiger, meanwhile, placed fourth in 1:58:23.



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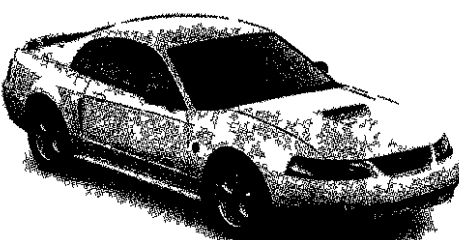
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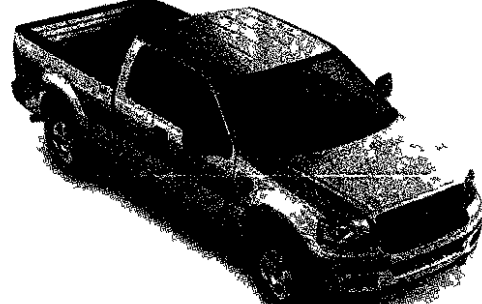
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The Country Woods Collection offering from Hunter Douglas features new wood species, a 1/2-inch slat size and more in four lines. These 2-inch Knotty Pine Amber wood blinds contain wood knots and a darker grain pattern that enriches their rustic appearance.

Wood blinds

They block the sunlight and look cool, too

When you say 'pull the blinds,' you can now enjoy a cool decorative trend.

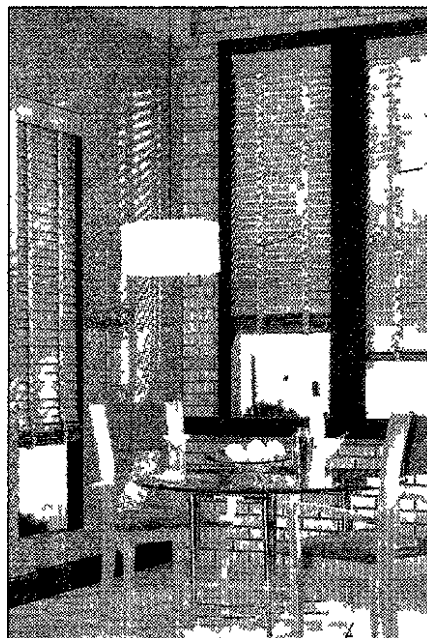
No longer do you need to put up shades to simply block out the bright sunlight. Wood blinds have dark finishes on three-inch slats to provide plenty of cover and plenty of privacy.

But homeowners are purchasing them for other reasons.

If homeowners have mahogany woods, a cherry cabinet or oak floors, they may want to accent that wood, rather than match it.

It's all customer preference, according to Annette Popiel, sales designer at Aero Pacific Custom Draperies in Garden City.

"We'll ask them, 'Are you trying to accomplish privacy, or are you just blocking out the light? Where are the



This Sage in the Country Woods Classic wood blind has a 2-inch slat wood blind, Oriental Garden decorative tapes and a 4 1/2-inch Havencrest valance for a stately touch.

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Accents

Free trees

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during April 2004 as part of the non-profit foundation's Trees



for America campaign.

The 10 shade trees are red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, green ash, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes and beautiful fall colors," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by April 30.

Battle allergies

During the winter, dust and dirt take over homes. Cleaning is key to help combat seasonal allergies. Be sure to check for rats or mice. An estimated 21 million homes are invaded by them each year.

Follow these five tips from Lou Manfredini, Mr. Fix-It, to keep your home rodent-free.

Give your home a good sweep. Clean the house from basement to attic, making sure to tackle those tiny corners and hard-to-reach places. Always wash dishes and wipe down counters.

Clean up with bleach. Bleach is a great antiseptic that can kill the bacteria that rodents may leave behind. Mix one part bleach to 10 parts water. Wipe down kitchen counters, cabinets and drawers.

Keep all food and garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids. Never leave your pet's food and water out overnight.

Seal up spaces. Mice can squeeze through spaces as small as a dime and rats through spaces the size of a quarter. Seal up all potential entrances with sheet metal, steel wool or cement, paying close attention to spaces around pipes, ducts and vents. Use rodenticides. Use baits and traps that are safe when used in accordance with label instructions.

For more information on how to prevent rodent infestation and for a free brochure, call (800) 395-3266.

HGTV host to visit Pontiac

Paul James, host of HGTV's *Gardening by the Yard*, will appear Saturday, May 1, at Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac.

James will demonstrate how to prepare vegetables for his grilled vegetable salad, a recipe featured in Goldner Walsh Nursery's *Golden Anniversary & Celebrity Cookbook*. The master gardener also will provide down-to-earth advice about gardening basics in a question-and-answer session.



James

obtained his master gardener designation in 1983. He studied botany, plant physiology and

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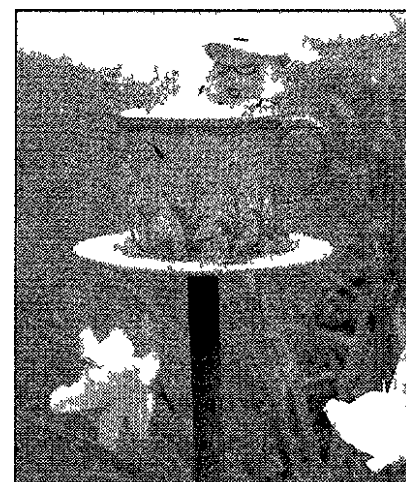
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Garden group

PartyLite Gifts Inc., a direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories, offers a variety of springtime candle collections. The selection includes Garden Gals, handpainted, glazed ceramic figures that add a whimsical touch to any home or garden. Shown here is the Garden Gals garden stake, \$29.95 each. Other pieces in the collection include a multi-tealight holder, a pillar holder and a pair of votive holders. For more information about PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100, or visit www.partylite.com.



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Now that the cold weather is losing its grip, many of us are finding something else to gripe about - those red-striped, black bugs that crawl on windows, walls and fly around inside our homes.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

These nuisance critters are box elder bugs. They are found all over our area. These bugs feed primarily on the seed-bearing, female box elder tree, and occasionally on silver maples. I've found a lot of them congregating on our Crimson King maple.

So why are they inside our homes? They apparently don't like the cold. First they'll congregate on the exterior walls of our homes in the late summer and fall, then once the weather cools a bit, they crawl in a tiny crack or crevice to spend the winter.

As the weather starts to warm, the bugs become active and seek to return outside for food, but they often lose their way. They fly into the living areas instead.

The good news is that they are mostly harmless and don't live too long inside. The bad

news is they are not easy to get rid of.

Still, I'm sure you are like me in that you really don't want to share your home with these insects.

The most effective way to keep them out of your home is to remove their source of food. One way would be to remove all female box elder trees (the ones with flowers and seeds) from a several block radius around your home. Since this is rather impractical (even removing any elder trees on your property may be difficult), other methods will be helpful.

Caulk all cracks, crevices or other openings being careful not to seal weep holes since they are needed for drainage. These need to be screened. Weep holes are small openings often found where the window screens meet the sill, the lower tracks of storm windows, near the base of brick work or anywhere water should not be allowed to accumulate. Spraying an insecticide with permethrin in cracks and crevices may help some but no over-the-counter insecticide seems very effective. You can also try applying diatomaceous earth or borax around these openings.

Some say spraying WD-40 around areas the bugs congregate in will discourage these critters from entering. I've

heard of people making box elder traps. These traps consist of plywood or similar material painted a light color and coated with petroleum jelly or other sticky substance. The traps are placed near a swarm. When the trap is full, scrape it, then recoat it.

In the house, a vacuum cleaner with a hose or spraying them with soapy water seems to work best. It's not good to leave them in the vacuum for any length of time because they have a tendency to produce a foul odor. Crushing them can cause stains. In fact, their excrement will leave spots on walls and fabric that is difficult to remove, which is really about the only real problem they create.

Other than a fungus disease, box elder bugs have no natural enemies. They let off a foul odor when attacked and are said to taste bad.

Now, how does someone know for certain about the latter?

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

HOST

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plant pathology at the University of Oklahoma. His interests include plant origins, wildlife gardening, shade gardening and growing unusual and hard-to-find vegetable varieties.

"Gardening is therapy and I frankly can't imagine life without it," James said.

The event starts with a gour-

met-boxed lunch including James' own recipe, which he will prepare from start to finish at the demonstration.

The cookbook will be introduced that day, as the nursery celebrates its spring open house.

Goldner Walsh decided to put together a collection of recipes from some special guest speakers, garden writers, local chefs, customers and employees and create the cookbook. Nidah Daher, certified sommelier, will be pairing

appropriate wines with many of the recipes.

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BLINDS

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windows located in relation to the sun entering the house on the south, east or west side of the home?" Popiel said.

Wood blind choices also vary depending on the room. Solid wood may make more sense for a living room or family room, but not for the kitchen, where a faux wood will be more easily maintained, especially over windows directly above the sink.

"You know about kitchens, and how everyone has that splash of spaghetti sauce they need to clean. You want to be able to get that out," Popiel said.

Wood blinds generally cost in a range of \$600-\$1,000 for a living room, with most projects at about \$800, give or take

a few dollars

"It depends on the window size," Popiel said. A true wood blind in a 30- by 48-inch window costs about \$200. A faux wood blind costs about \$125 for the same window.

Shannon Webb, showroom manager of American Blinds, Wallpaper and More in Plymouth, said most customers want to match natural wood. Among the woods available are cherry, walnut, light oak, dark oak and honey oak.

"They're easy to clean, easy to dust and easy to care for," Webb said. "Customers will look at using them as accents, but they'll buy them because of the ease of use and how easy it is to care for them. It looks like you spent a little money, too."

Real wood blinds can range from \$120-\$480 for one window, Webb said.

The wood blinds are also available with cloth tapes,

which block the light through the openings on the blinds, and cover the strings. These tapes also can be used to match or accent a sofa's fabric, Webb said, adding another design use of the wood blinds.

Wood blinds from Hunter Douglas feature upgraded decorative valances, to enhance the Country Woods line of blinds. Customers can select from three different styles of valances in 27 finishes. These valances also can be used as stand alone cornices.

Remote control motorization continues to be offered on all two-inch and 2 5/8-inch wood blinds.

They are expensive, but they add class. They are great for privacy and keep sun and heat out of a room, which homeowners may not think about right now, but probably will during the summer days ahead.

It's necessary to prune small fruits

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Pruning grape and berry plants is an annual affair necessary to keep them manageable, healthy, and bearing oodles of fruit.

Although the objectives for pruning these plants are the same, details differ. So sharpen your pruning shears and loppers, and let's prune.

Prune grapes when their buds swell. They'll bleed sap but this does them no harm.

Grapes are commonly trained to the Four-Arm Kniffin system, consisting of a trunk from which grow four horizontal canes, two in either direction along a high and a low wire.

A "cane" is a branch that

grew the previous season, and is the only type of wood that bears fruit.

For this year's fruit, select four canes originating near the trunk, two growing in opposite directions at each wire.

Next, create renewal spurs which are short stubs from which grow shoots that will be next year's fruiting canes. Make the four spurs by selecting four branches originating near the trunk, two near each wire, then shortening each to three buds.

Now grit your teeth and cut away everything else, finally shortening each cane to about 5 feet. Also prune blueberries with a progression of larger to smaller cuts. First cut away, either to its base or to a vigorous side branch, any stem

more than 6 years old.

Next, cut away or to an upright branch any drooping or crowding stems.

Pruning bramble fruits, except "everbearers," begins with cutting away all canes that have borne fruit, either immediately after harvest or sometime before growth begins in spring.

During the growing season, pinch out the tips of any blackberry or purple or black raspberry shoots when they are 3 feet tall.

Do all subsequent pruning of brambles - no matter what kind - in spring.

If you grow brambles in a row cut to the ground enough canes so those remaining are 6 inches apart and the row is a foot wide.

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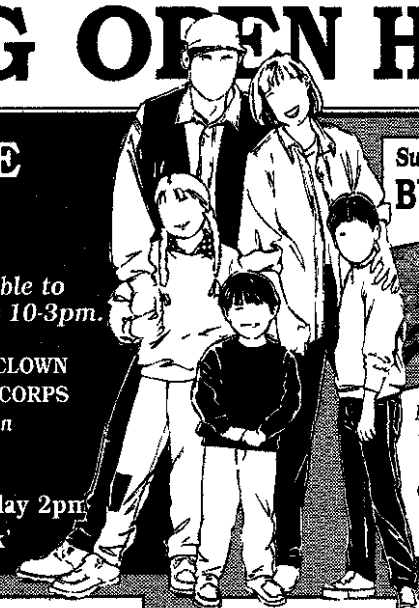
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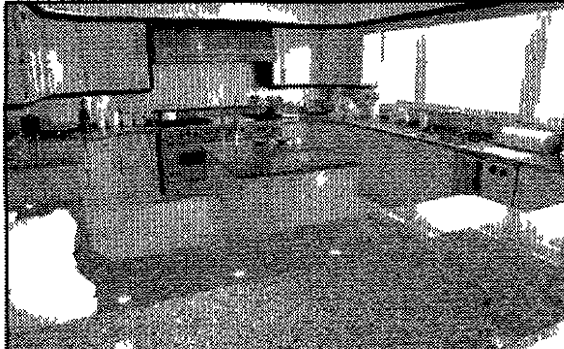
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Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Linnaeus Many species of dahlia can be found in the wild in Mexico and Guatemala. The flower now graces many gardens and offers more types and shapes than most other plants in the

garden – more bang for the buck!

The Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center advises it's time to start summer bulbs, such as dahlias, indoors, so that they'll get a jump on the season.

When choosing a dahlia, look for a bulb with a green bud at the top. Set the tuber in a 6 inch pot of soilless mixture, with the green bud above the surface (about halfway down the pot), so there's room to add soil when the bud begins to grow into a stem.

Water thoroughly, then put in a warm, humid place. Lay a page from a newspaper, loosely, over the pot. Time the pre-

growing up to a month before the weather reaches a consistent 70 degrees, about the time the lilacs stop blooming.

When the threat of frost is passed and when the soil temperature is 55° F, they can be set directly in the ground. A soil thermometer for home gardeners works well. A sunny location and a rich, but well-drained, soil that contains good amounts of organic matter will produce lovely flowers. Set the tuber at the depth it grew in the pot. If you grow a tall variety, put a stake in the ground when you plant the tuber because it will need support.

As I mentioned earlier,

dahlias grow from tubers, which produce a stem that consequently produces a bud at the top of the stem. This is known as the break bud. When that bud appears, the growth of this main stem stops, then side shoots begin to grow. The growing shoot can be pinched out after the plants have produced from four to six pairs of good strong leaves, or when the plant has grown to a height of 10-12 inches. This encourages the plants to be bushy. Begin fertilizing with either granular fertilizer (every 4 to 6 weeks), or organic liquid fertilizer each week. Keep plant moist, never let them dry out.

If all the buds are allowed to



MARTY FIGLEY

This gorgeous "Jean Marie" dahlia bloomed in the garden of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

flower the size will be reduced, but, if the buds are nipped out as soon as they appear, the shoots that remain will grow larger flowers. Some growers only allow one bud to develop in order to have a very large flower. These are the flowers often seen at shows that are judged.

Beautiful dahlias have many cultivars and choosing one may be a problem because they come in so many forms. They include single, anemone-flowered, peony-flowered, formal decorative, show, pompon, semi-cactus, and star. The bright, rich colors add a happy addition to the garden.

As the growing season winds down, before the onset of any frost, label the plants so you will remember which is which. Dahlia tubers look quite the same. Allow the tubers to ripen as much as possible. Notice when the plants seem to have no more "get-up-and-go" – the blooms are not so colorful and bud production is slowed. This is a sign that the tubers are ripening.

Lifting should be done in mid- to late October, after a hot, dry summer, the plants will ripen quickly, even if they ripen later they will be ready by early November. Cut the foliage down to soil level. Try to cut the stem through a node where it will be sold. If you cut above or just below a node a space for a hollow stem to collect rain, that will be the result.

To lift the tubers, take a spade and cut into the soil about 8 to 10 inches away from the stem.

Lightly pry the roots away from the soil, then place the spade right under the tuber

and firmly remove it with the ball of soil. Remove all the loose soil but leave some on the tuber to prevent moisture loss. If the weather is dry, allow the tubers to remain outside for a day or two. If it's rainy, take them indoors.

A few days later more soil will have dried and can be removed. Store the tubers in a place where the temperatures will be around 40°F neither very dry nor very moist. Store close together and cover with sand or peat, but do not cover the stems.

Check the tubers monthly, look for soft spots and remove them with a sharp knife and dust the cut surfaces with a fungicide to prevent rot. Then enjoy flowers again the next season. To see these beauties at their best, plan to visit the Dahlia show during mall hours Sept. 11-12 at Orchard Mall Shopping Center, 6445 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

To learn more about dahlias and "visit" a dahlia farm via slides, plan to attend a special program at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Rd. in Pontiac, Thursday, April 22. Julia Janiak, garden center manager, will share her adventure at a dahlia show, and present GWN's 2004 dahlia collection. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., lecture begins at 7 p.m., \$5 per person.

Call (248) 332-6420 for your reservation, which is required in order to attend.

At the same time, reserve your space for the Paul James Backyard Barbecue at 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1. James, a popular TV personality will cook up some barbecue recipes from "down home," featured in GWN's Golden Anniversary Celebrity Cookbook.

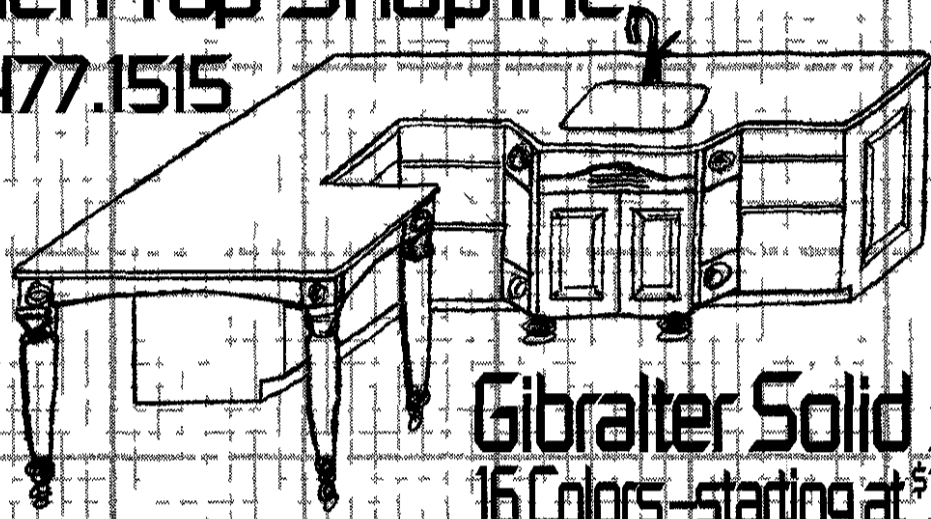
A portion of the ticket sales and proceeds from the cookbook will be donated to the Food Bank of Oakland Co. The cost is \$40 per person (includes lunch).

Seating is limited.

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

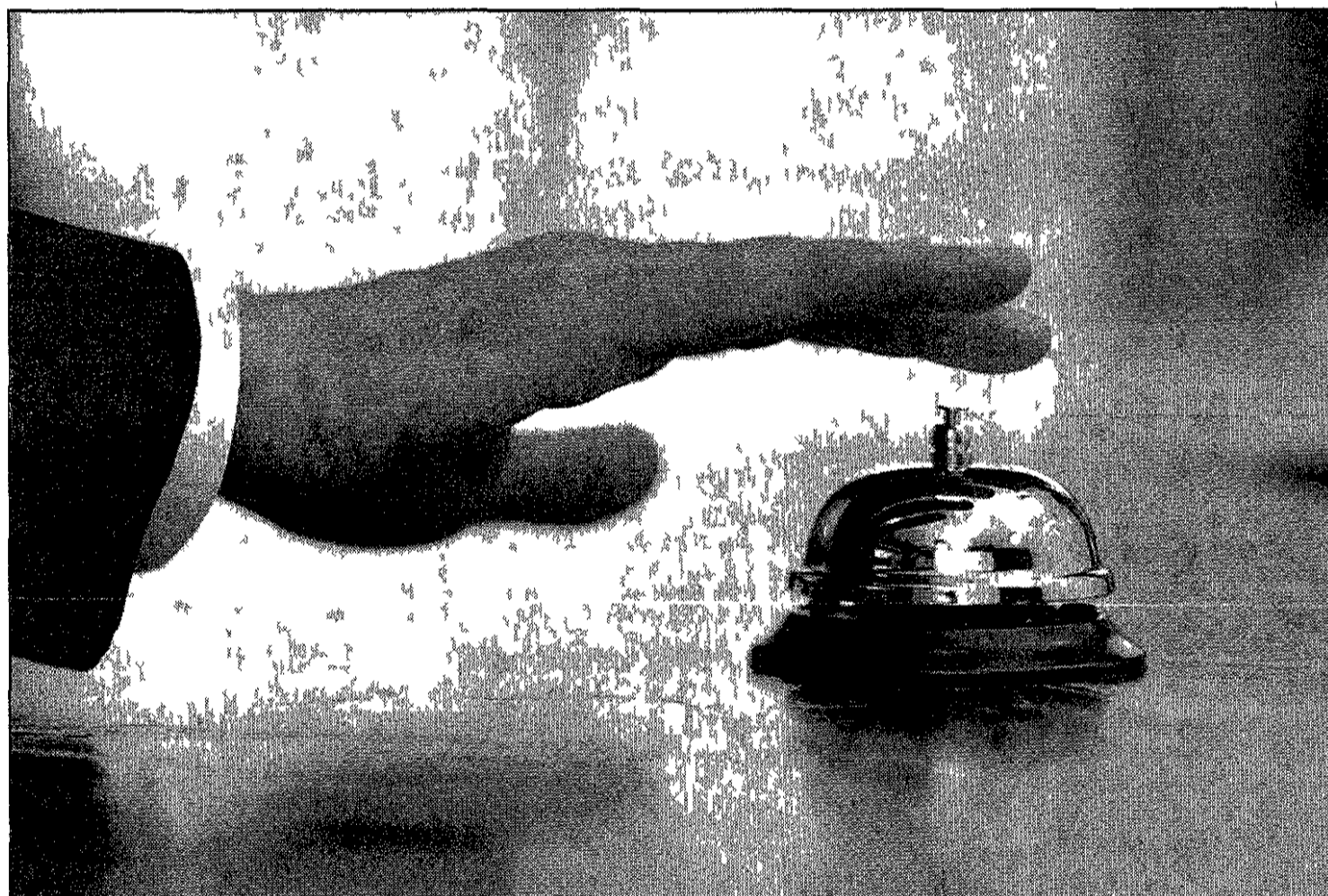
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Quilt Celebration

The Oakland County Quilt Guild will present Quilt Celebration 2004, a quilt show/contest, Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, at First Baptist Church of Lake Orion, 255 E. Scripps Road in Lake Orion. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Show admission is \$6. The event will feature more than 300 quilts from five states, a lecture Friday by machine quilting master Harriet Hargrave, classes, merchant's mall, food court, raffle, quilt and door prizes.

Home decorating

The Do It Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers hands-on home decorating classes. Each class is one session, 7-9:30 p.m., and costs \$35. Call (586) 739-6319 to register. In E-Z Build Footstool (Tuesday, April 20) and E-Z Build Bench (Wednesday, April 21), learn to make furnishings without sewing or sawing. The footstool class will create a 30-inch round tufted ottoman (great for extra seating or a fabulous coffee table) and the bench class an adorable rolled arm bench for an entryway or at the end of a bed. In Slipcovers for Beginners (Tuesday, April 27), learn to make a custom fit ted slipcover for a loveseat. In No-sew Upholstery (Wednesday, April 28), reupholster a wing chair in class using all the latest products available.

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

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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.

Meet the Kids Castle characters and get an April Showers Bring May Flowers activity sheet while supplies last Saturday, April 24, at some Art Van stores. The event will take place at Art Van in Southfield (phone: (248) 569-3770), Westland (phone: (734) 425-9600), Novi (phone: (248) 348-8922) and Shelby Township (phone: (586) 566-1490) and on 14 Mile in Warren (phone: (586) 939-2100).

Cats and dogs from the Michigan Humane Society will be available for adoption. The Michigan Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit will be at the Art Van store at 6500 14 Mile in Warren from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Children are invited to write a brief essay (100 words or less) on Why I Love My Mother. Entry forms are available now 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.

Modernism

The Michigan Modernism Exposition, a show and sale featuring examples of pieces of 20th-century design, will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive between 1-696 and 10 Mile. Luminaries representing the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie Arts and Crafts, Surrealist 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 Dalí. Admission is \$8. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 24, noon to 5 p.m. April 25. A grand opening preview party will kick off the event, 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 23. The preview will benefit ArtServe Michigan. Preview party tickets are \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door, \$150 patron. Anyone interested in attending should call ArtServe Michigan at (248) 557-8288, Ext. 17, or e-mail tech@artserve-michigan.org.

Murals

A class at The Community House in Birmingham, Mural Painting and Installation, will instruct the artist on how to take an ambiguous idea through the stages of development, proportion and perspective to the final application techniques. The class will meet for five sessions, beginning 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24. Fee is \$75. Pencils, a sketchbook and a tape measure will be needed. Bring photos and measurements of the installation area to the first class.

Instructor Kim Fay has been a professional artist for 12 years. Her murals have been included in the DSO and Grosse Pointe Junior League Designers Showhouses. She executed the first notable public mural painted by a woman in Eastern Market. Her paintings are currently represented by the TRA Art Group at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communtyhouse.com.

Egg decorating

The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a free workshop, Wax Resist Egg Decorating, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Learn how to design eggs to celebrate spring using the Ukrainian method of egg decorating. Burning candles will be used. Registration is recommended, but drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call (734) 994-8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Basement remodeling

Walled Lake Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, will offer an eight-hour basement remodeling seminar, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. Cost is \$99 plus a textbook fee of \$8. Pre-registration with payment is

required no later than Friday, April 30, to Walled Lake Community Education. To register, call (248) 956-5000 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The instructor, a licensed builder, will explain the many facets of basement remodeling, including planning, meeting building codes, insurance permits, estimating materials, the basics of home construction, working with subcontractors, finishing techniques and tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating systems. For a free brochure and current schedule of class locations, call Oakland Builders Institute at (800) 940-2014.



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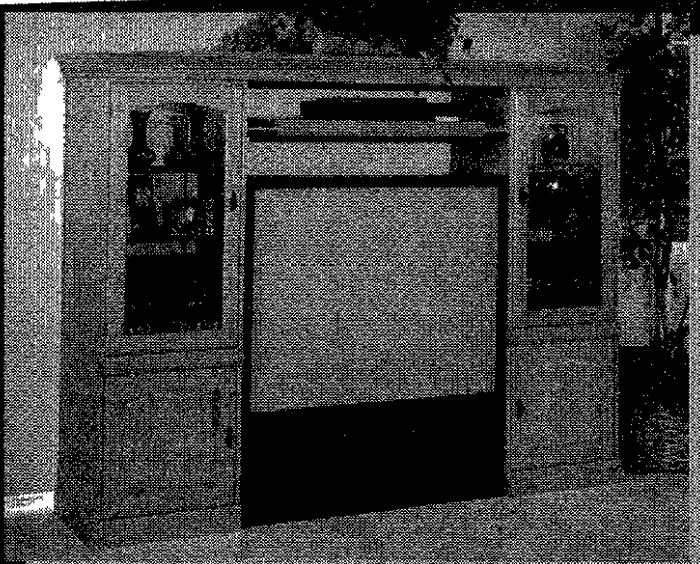

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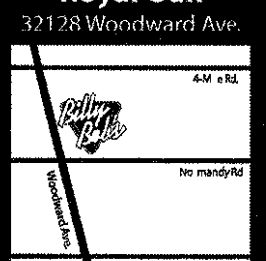

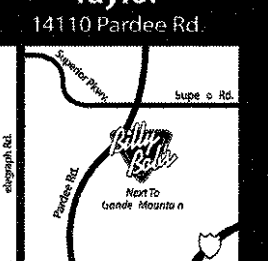

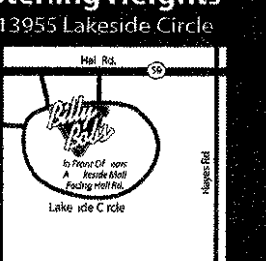
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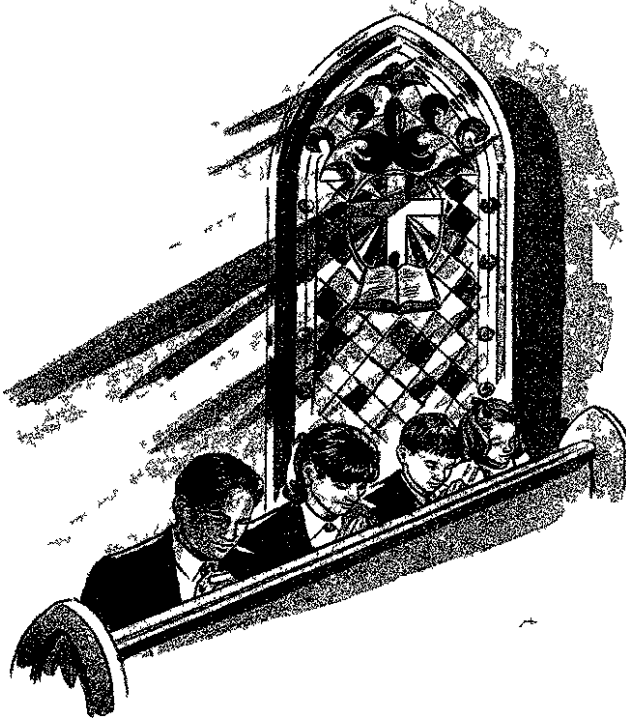
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Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop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

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

Create focal point in still life photos

A still life can be defined as an inanimate object or group of objects, arranged as the subject of a picture.

Accomplished effectively, a still life can be a dramatic expression of taste and mood.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Like the painter, the photographer of still lifes has all the ingredients to express textures, tones, balance, style, and harmony. And because the subject is

inanimate, the photographer is able to concentrate more than usual on composition and lighting.

Setting up your own still life can be very exciting because you have complete control over subject choice and arrangement. Give your potential still life thought and planning in your mind before you begin.

When you're ready to start, begin with one object as a focal point and then gradually build up a composition in which various elements relate to each other.

For example, in the photograph shown here, the violin and bow are obviously the central subjects. I added the sheet music and rose for added impact and to help "tell the story." Before you begin to arrange your still life, think

about a suitable background. In my photograph, an antique wood table was perfect.

Begin by setting up your still life with the most important subject (here, it's the violin), always viewing it through the viewfinder until you are satisfied. Add the second object, adjusting its position until once again you are satisfied. In this manner, you can build up your still life one piece at a time.

Balance is important as is lighting. Shadows and highlights are most significant in a still life so pay particular attention to them.

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.



Balance and arrangement are most important in this Monte Nagler still life.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Healthy lawn care

A healthy lawn care workshop will take place 7-8:30 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 pest management for Rouge River water quality. The workshop is free to all Oakland County residents. Register in advance by calling Karen Bever at the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (248) 288-5150.

Ponds

Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will conduct free pond opening seminars 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays April 17 and 24. Call (734) 421-5959 for information.

Plymouth Nursery

Plymouth Nursery will have an open house Saturday and Sunday April 17-18. The free event will feature vendor representatives, door prizes and refreshments. Master gardener and writer Janet Macunovich will speak on "Saving Time on Yardwork: Low maintenance Yards and Gardens." Plymouth Nursery is at 9900 Plymouth/Ann Arbor Road at the corner of Gotfredson in Plymouth, 7 miles east of US 23, 7 miles west of I-275 and 1 1/2 miles south of M-14. For more information, call Steve Zoumaris at (734) 453-5500.

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; Collector's Plants 10 a.m. Saturday April 24; What a Way to Grow! 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday April 24; Greenhouse Tour 10 a.m. Thursday April 22 and 2 p.m. Wednesday April 28; and What's New for 2004 6:30 p.m. Thursday April 29. Guest speaker Denny Snell will demonstrate a new do-it-yourself watering system Thursday. 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 Cornellier will demonstrate techniques that are used to create and maintain topiaries of different varieties and styles. Admission is free.

■ The Collector's Plants event will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites, and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials.

■ Join master composter volunteers for a hands-on demonstration of easy composting in "What a Way to Grow!" Topics will include getting started, maintaining a nuisance-free compost pile, and methods of using compost. Register by phone (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

■ In the tour, Telly's owner George Papadelis will stroll through the greenhouse and highlight some of the newer plants and how to use them. Admission is free.

■ In "What's New for 2004," George Papadelis will discuss the many new annuals and perennials that will be available for the 2004 season. Slides from the Perennial Plant Symposium field trials and numerous conventions will be shown. 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 Papadelis, 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.

The presentation will last one hour. A 15-minute question and answer period will be featured. 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 Wysocki at jdwysoc@aol.com or (248) 349-5310 or call Kern Road Farm at (734) 433-0738.

Grounds for Gardening

The Grounds for Gardening series of classes offered by the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will add some green to your thumb this season, covering the latest trends in horticulture. The classes are led by Nancy Szerlag, a master gardener and writer, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Activities Center. Cost is \$8. To make reservations, call (313) 884-4222.

The schedule includes New Plants for Free (April 21) and Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design (April 28).

In New Plants for Free, discover how to propagate plants by dividing, cutting, seeding, and layering - fun, easy ways to really make your garden grow. In Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design, hear about trade secrets from professionals in the field and how you can use the information in your own garden. For more information about Ford House, visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m.

Friday April 23 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester.

Columnist Nancy Szerlag will speak on "Feeding Your Soil: The Secret to Great Gardening."

Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

Junior gardeners

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will sponsor Junior Gardeners for ages 3 and up 10:30 a.m. Saturday April 24 at the Downtown Farmington Library. Youngsters will enjoy making a spring nature craft. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jeanne Gundie at (248) 478-8295.



CARL ADLER

Age 80, of Plymouth Township, died April 12, 2004, at his home. Beloved husband of the late Joyce. Devoted father of Tim (Barbara) of Ann Arbor, George (Sandy) of Niles, and Scott (Theresa) of Northville. Loving grandfather of Christopher and Lindsay. Dear brother of Edward (Edna) of St. Joseph, Michigan, Marilyn McKinley of St. Joseph, Michigan, and the late Robert and Carol Carl, retired in 1985 from Boise Cascade Office Products in Warren. He brought his family to Plymouth in 1970 from Redford Township. Carl was a Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and was very active in the VFW Post #6695 in Plymouth, where he served in numerous leadership positions. He was committed to serving others and did so by delivering Meals on Wheels for nearly 20 years. Carl was an avid golfer and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His family meant everything to him. His wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation Wednesday 6-9 p.m. and Thursday 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at Vermoulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #6695, 1426 Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

CAROL M. FRANZ

January 24, 1920 to April 11, 2004, age 84, of Alma, MI (formerly of Wayne, MI) passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2004 at Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma. A memorial service for Carol will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Alma with Rev. Edward Pankow officiating. The family will receive friends and relatives at the church from 10:30 until the time of the service. Carol was born on January 24, 1920 in Camden, NJ to Raymond and Elizabeth (Quigley) Bordier. She served in the military in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. On December 2, 1944 she married Karl Franz in New York. She worked for many years as a school secretary for the Wayne Westland Community Schools until her retirement. Surviving are two sons, Ronald (Debby) Franz of New York, NY and Kevin (Grace) Franz of Richmond Hills, NY, a daughter, Sharyn (Jon) Greening of Alma, four grandchildren, Karla and Megan Greening and Paul Franz and Brandon Franz, and her dear friend Rose Bell of Cherry Hill, NJ. Memorial contributions in Carol's name may be given to the City of Wayne Senior Activity Center, Peace Lutheran Church of Alma, or Heart's Content Adult Foster Care in Breckenridge. The family is being served by the Dewey Funeral Home of Alma.

JEANNE F. CARMICHAEL

age 64, of Plymouth, died April 12, 2004. She was born August 1, 1939, in Detroit. She was a 35-year resident of Plymouth. She was noteworthy for teaching quilting and fabric design classes throughout Southeast Michigan. She was recognized for her unique artistry within a traditional medium. She is survived by her husband, John, her son, Grant (Sorja Zoe) Carmichael, her daughter, Lesley Carmichael, and her granddaughters, Natalie and Vivienne. Memorials may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. For further information, please contact Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 734-453-3333.

SHIRLEY BETH BADER, SOLVICK

Of Farmington Hills, died March 30, 2004. Beloved wife of Stanley. Funeral service and burial will be held in Florida. A celebration of Shirley's life will be held April 18, 2004, 1:30 p.m. at the Pixley Funeral Home, Godhardt-Tominson Chapel, Keego Harbor. Memorial contributions may be made to Wellesley College, Student Aid Society-Green Hall 26, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481, attn. The Shirley Bader Solvick Book Fund.

URSULA L. HABBERFIELD

April 7, 2004 of Beverly Hills. Wife of the late Frederick J. Services were held Sat., April 10, 2004. obit@DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Oakland Community College will present a workshop on energy efficiency and pollution reduction Friday, April 23, at the Royal Oak Campus.

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Workshop instructor will be

OCC faculty member Debra Rowe, who has taught this material as part of the college's environmental technology program for more than 25 years.

Rowe is chief author of a national model curriculum in energy technology developed for the U.S. Department of Energy.

She has served as a consultant with colleges throughout

the United States to set up similar programs, and has offered numerous workshops for facilities personnel in partnership with the state of Michigan.

"Simply, the bottom line for this workshop is that it will help you reduce your energy consumption, your energy bills and your energy pollution while making your organiza-

tion economically healthier," Rowe said.

To reserve a space at the OCC Facilities Managers Workshop, fax (810) 231-8704, or e-mail ssantoro@chartermi.net. For more information, call Rowe at (248) 246-2553. Among the topics to be covered:

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The campus is at 739 S Washington, at the corner of Lincoln. Ample free parking is available in college parking structures across the street from the campus.

Winter woes resurface in summer

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES FROM LOWE'S

Recent memories of ice and snow damage from this past winter may become the stuff of nightmares this summer for many homeowners.

When winter damage goes undetected or unrepaired, or is taken too lightly, is when consumers should reach for their wallets.

Little problems left to fester into summertime disasters will leave many homeowners to stammer, "Why didn't I take care of this earlier?"

It's a fair question, says David Steed.

"This winter wasn't as bad as some," said Steed, senior vice president of building products for Lowe's, "but ice, melt water, snow and cold have a way of crowding into and expanding the tiniest crevices. Winter is simply brutal on homes."

Roofs, siding and windows are major trouble spots. Water that wends its way under a roof or around windows, or saturates siding, can manifest damage in any number of ways: rotting subsurfaces and timbers, ruined drywall and possibly even mold as daytime and attic temperatures soar.

Steed recommends a quick visual inspection followed by speedy repairs to obvious problems such as missing shingles, sagging and leaky gutters, and warped moldings, fascia board and siding.

But when it comes to replacing damaged materials, low- or no-maintenance products are the only feasible answer for homeowners who want to fix a problem once and be done with it.

The highest priority for building product manufacturers is to find long-lasting, durable solutions for homeowners," said Steed.

"For consumers it's a 'have your cake and eat it, too' phenomenon because while they want a product to perform well, the product also has to have aesthetic qualities."

Roofing maker Owens Corning has beefed up the thickness and warranty of shingles that in some cases are mistaken for wood shakes.

Siding firms, such as Hardie, offer moisture-resistant fiber cement siding with curb appeal: a wood-grain effect is embossed right into the low-maintenance board.

The replacement window market is really taking off, according to Steed, as vinyl windows earn high marks for improved energy efficiency and overall appearance.

Those features have been built into entry and storm doors as well.

Yet the king of low-maintenance products is anything composite. Composites can be a mix of plastic and wood or a blend of other plastics.

All share common traits of low-maintenance and near imperviousness to water and weather.

After a slow introduction period of two to three years, Steed predicts a "watershed year" for composite decking because people now understand it.

"It has wood grain and color and has a lot more options for railings and fascia board. It's the real deal."

Composite materials also have surfaced in door seals and jambs, and brick molding.

"Once people have experienced composite products, they just become convinced that is the way to go," said Steed.

"Look for broader use of these low-maintenance materials throughout the home."

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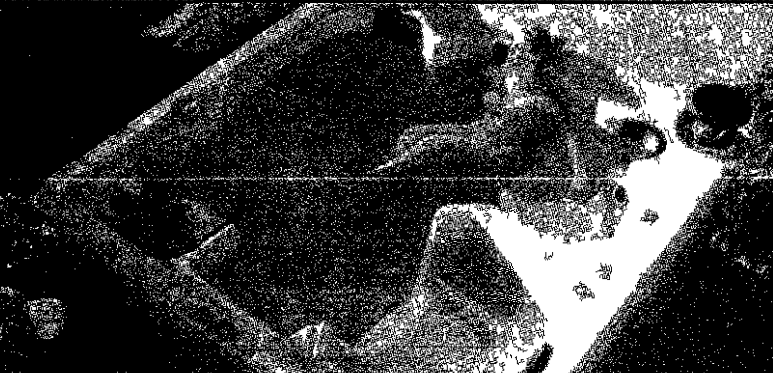
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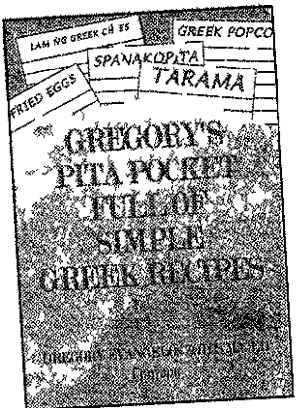
Stuff tomatoes with parsley, thyme, garlic and bread crumbs for a taste of Tomatoes Provençal

Side dish

Books signed

Two cookbook authors will be visiting the Detroit area within the next two months to promote their new books

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 for information

Bobby Flay author of *Boy Meets Grill* and host of a show on the Food Network will discuss and sign his latest book *Boy Gets Grill* at the Borders in Novi 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center at 7 p.m. Monday June 7 The flavors of *Boy Gets Grill* draw inspiration from everywhere from the Caribbean South America and Asia to the Italian American dinners at a firehouse in the Bronx Call (248) 347 0780 for information

A local author Greg Zotos of Livonia will be signing copies of his new debut cookbook *Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes* at 2 p.m. Saturday May 15 at Borders 43075 Crescent Boulevard in the Novi Town Center The cookbook contains a collection of traditional Greek recipes For information call (248) 347 0780

Drink line added

Pepsi Cola North America hopes to quench consumers' thirst for low carbs with a new product

The soft drink giant will launch Pepsi Edge which contains less than 50 percent less sugar carbohydrates and calories than regular colas

The new drink contains a blend of Splenda (sucralose) and high fructose corn syrup The national rollout will begin this summer according to the Food & Beverage Report a publication of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan

The time is right the proposition is strong and everyone we've talked to is ready for this idea said Dave Burwick senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Pepsi Cola North America

The product hits the sweet spot with a great balance of taste diet needs and Pepsi persona

New 'Fridge Packs'

Miller Brewing Co. soon will be selling Fridge Packs a new consumer package offered by other beverage companies to consumers

The packs are designed to fit conveniently into home refrigerators

Miller Lite and Miller Genuine Draft fridge packs will be available wherever canned beer is sold by the end of the month

Miller will also produce Miller Genuine Draft Light packs in the Midwest

Low Country

Chefs create adventurous traditional Southern dishes

Imagine taking five of the best chefs in town and creating a cookbook, stoked by the fire from their stovetops and their imaginations

That's what *Savoring Savannah Feasts from the Low Country*, by Nathalie Dupree and Martha Giddens Nesbit (Fen Speed Press, \$19.95) does

It takes the Low Country's dishes and allows the reader to savor the flavors in a variety of foods

Imagine grilled shrimp, wrapped in country bacon, served with white bean cakes and roasted red pepper vinaigrette Herbs are infused in rock Cornish game hens, Bluffton oysters combined with leeks and ham Then there's tasty twists on tradition with black-eyed pea salsa, sweet potato pancakes and banana custard with semisweet chocolate

Bacon and sweet Vidalia onions are mixed with cornbread, and pecans and zucchini combined in another side dish

"I think that something will be beautiful on the plate if you've

simply paid attention to nutrition, the colors and textures will happen," said Elizabeth Terry, one of the chefs featured in the book and what the book's authors call a "foremother of New Southern cooking" She owns Elizabeth on 37th and is a winner of the James Beard Best Chef in the Southeast Award

She says she's always enjoyed poring over old manuscripts of recipes Savannah's environment is ideal for growing herbs and vegetables, she adds

"They don't need cultivation here," Terry said "And the items we like for soups and salads - garden lettuce, turnips, tiny tomatoes, as well as several herbs - can be backdoor fresh"

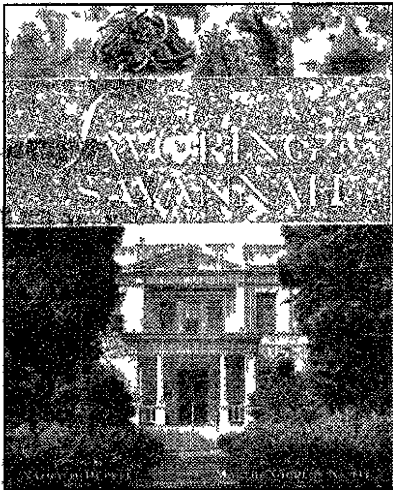
Even downtown hedges there feature rosemary, she notes "I enjoy cooking with herbs not only because they intensify the flavor of food, but also because less oil or fat is needed"

Joe Randall, caterer and owner of

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Elizabeth Terry
chef

PLEASE SEE COOKBOOK, D6



Savoring Savannah Feasts from the Low Country highlights the character of Savannah's cuisine

Stir-fry chicken only takes 10 minutes

One of the main reasons fewer Americans cook at home is time There's just isn't enough of it

One federal agency reports that the percentage of households that cooks an average of once a day declined from 44.3 percent in 1993 to 40.5 percent in 2001 Those 4 percentage points equal about 11 million people

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1959 Americans spent 26 percent of their food budgets away from

home, by 2000, it had grown to 47 percent Other researchers find that buying commercially prepared meals - including heat-and-eat packaged foods from supermarkets - has steadily increased

We opt for convenience over nutrition But it doesn't have to be that way It just takes a little advance planning and a well-stocked kitchen

Buy frozen, chopped vegetables and fruits to defrost in the microwave Or get bags of pre-cut

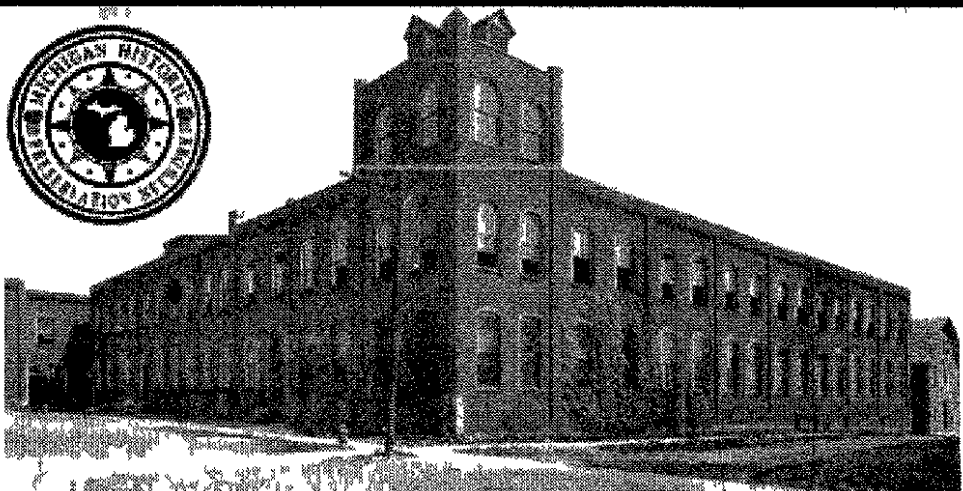
and pre-washed fresh vegetables to mix into a salad or use in a five-minute stir-fry One day per week, maybe over the weekend, take an hour to cook a large batch (double or triple the recipe) of a healthful dish Then you can divide it into individual portions and freeze them That way, you can just defrost a meal in the microwave on days you don't have time to cook Stock a variety of home-cooked

PLEASE SEE STIR-FRY, D3



Use pre-cut frozen vegetables as a short cut in this chicken stir-fry

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Learn about healthy appetizers and entrees at 6:30 p.m. on April 20 and 27. Roasted eggplant and garlic dip, grilled mushroom caps, potatoes and parsley vinaigrette for vegetable platter, zucchini appetizer and mushroom risotto will be demonstrated. Dishes in the three-hour class in the kitchen in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel at N. Territorial and Beck roads. Class size is limited to 12 for \$50 per person. Payment is due at registration. For information call (734) 454-4659.

Wine tasting

Unique Restaurants will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month, 6-8 p.m., alternating at a different unique restaurant. At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme, including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004. URC's Master

Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be on hand to describe the wines, answer questions and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35 per person and includes wine hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. URC rotates the event among four of its fine dining restaurants: Shiraz, Morels, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar and Northern Lakes Seafood Company. The next Wednesday wine tasting, Sweet Treats Dessert and Dessert Wine Together, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, at Morels, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. Call (248) 642-1094, ext. 3 for information. The next Monday special sit-down wine tasting, The Legends The Wines You've Always Wanted to Taste, is scheduled for Monday, May 17, at Shiraz, 30100 Telegraph. Call (248) 645-5289 for information.

Appetizers

Learn salad making in Beyond Vinegar and Oil at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the commissary kitchen of Pronto! at 4343 Normandy Court (one block east of Coolidge, just north of 13 1/2 Mile Road in Royal Oak). Other classes include Low Carbs, April 21; Sushi and Stir Fry, April 28; Cinco de Mayo, May 5; Sweet Delights, May 12.

Dinner Party for 4, May 19, and Great American Classics, May 26. Other classes are Picnic Foods, June 2, and Hot off the Grill, June 9. Class fee is \$25 per person. Register by calling Pronto! at (248) 549-1519, ext. 0.

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Braised pears make savory side dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Typically, poached or braised pears are served for dessert, says cookbook author Diane Morgan, who is based in Portland, Ore.

However, she developed this recipe, combining pears with soy sauce, ginger root, a touch of cayenne, and a splash of rice vinegar, for what she describes as "the most delectable side dish you've ever tasted."

"Forget the usual meat and potato combo - serve these braised pears with grilled pork tenderloin or chicken," she says.

Or use your own taste and imagination to guide you to other great pairings.

BRAISED PEARS WITH SOY-GINGER GLAZE

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
1/2 cup packed golden brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
4 firm but ripe Bosc pears, peeled, halved lengthwise and cored
2 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar

In a 10-inch saute pan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the soy sauce, ginger, sugar and cayenne pepper.

Stir until the sugar is melted and the ingredients are well combined, then reduce the heat to medium-low.

Add the pears, cut side down, and simmer, basting frequently, until the pears are tender when pierced with a knife, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Transfer the pears to a microwave-safe serving dish.

Bring the liquid in the pan back to a slow boil and add the vinegar. Simmer the sauce until it is thick and syrupy, about 3 minutes. Pour the sauce over the pears and serve immediately or set aside until ready to serve. Reheat in the microwave just before serving. Serves 4.

Cook's note: The dish can be made 1 to 2 days before serving. Refrigerate in a covered container. Serve with grilled pork tenderloin, chops, or roast or grilled chicken.

Recipe developed for AP by Diane Morgan, courtesy Pear Bureau Northwest.

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'Artisanal' bread doesn't mean 'Artisan' bread

At the invitation of certified master chef Milos Cihelka, I recently participated in the Celebrity Chefs' Dinner, which was held at the Detroit Athletic Club. The Give Thanks Bakery was the featured bakery for this prestigious event - the third year in a row we have been so honored.

Truthfully - as in past years - I felt some-

what overawed by being on the same dais as the great chefs who came to prepare each delicious course. But I was put at ease by their generous appreciation of the bread I brought for the dinner. We made three types of rolls - Swiss multigrain, German pretzel rolls, topped with coarse salt, and rustic Ciabatta rolls with tiny chips of red and yellow bell peppers. Happily, the guests loved them too. For many, it was their first experience with *true* Artisan bread. That is, hand-crafted bread made with naturally fermented starters, instead of commercial yeast - resulting in wonderfully complex flavors

All those rolls at that dinner were made over a three-day period (instead of the usual 12 hours). As with handcrafted cheese and fine wine, time makes a world of difference.

So, not surprisingly, Artisan bread sales in the United States rose 10 percent last year - while the rest of the bread industry covered in the face of the low-carb onslaught. Consumers have begun to realize that nutritious, full grain bread provides valuable carbohydrates.

More and more, bland supermarket bread is being ignored. However, the choices are not as simple as they might

appear. The big chains and supermarkets have tried to move into the Artisan limelight. They've even stolen and misused the word with signs calling out "Artisanal Bread is Here!" And for the unwitting, the belief is that Artisan and "Artisanal" are one and the same thing. But that's far from the truth.

The Artisanal breads in these stores are shipped frozen, after having been par-baked at the point of origin and then "finished off" to become an imitation of Artisan (hand-crafted) bread made with all-natural ingredients by a skilled baker.

The claims for "Artisanal" bread are often extravagantly made, but these claims rarely hold up. Recently, a New York Times food writer conducted a "blind" taste test. Loaves in numbered bags (so that no one could tell which was which) were compared. Two were par-baked "Artisanal" loaves. Three were handcrafted loaves from nearby Artisan bakeries. The results of the test were predictable. The parbaked loaves were "several notches below the others: the crust was not crisp, almost no flavor."

In contrast, the Artisan loaves "had lovely dense texture, more complex flavors and

crisp crusts." Summing up the test results, the food editor wrote, "It depends upon how you feel about bread. If ordinary supermarket bread is your point of reference, parbaked loaves are an improvement. But for a demanding bread lover, the parbaked compromise is just not worth it."

So, from one bread lover to another, keep a discerning look out for the real thing. Your taste buds will "give thanks!"

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester. You can reach him at (248) 691-1542.

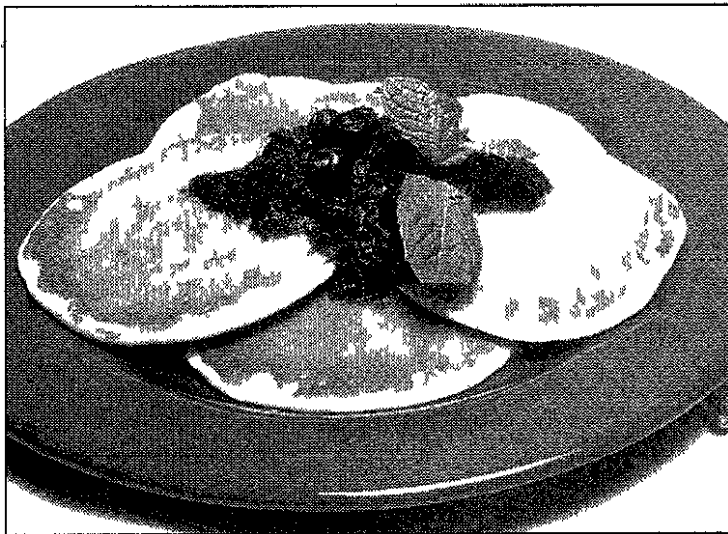
Blue corn flapjacks hit the breakfast table

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Blue food has been popular with kids for a surprisingly long time, particularly in sweets, from ice pops to candy-coated chocolate. There is a healthy blue food, though, that I encourage you and your family to try.

Blue corn is no gimmick. It is special, and for more than its color and its Southwest Native American heritage. Particularly sacred to the Hopi and other pueblo Indian tribes, blue corn, cultivated primarily in the southwestern United States for over 400 years, sends down exceptionally deep roots that help it tolerate extreme heat and dryness. It has not become more widely cultivated, despite these strengths, because it also grows slowly and has a lower yield than other types of corn.

Ground blue corn feels lighter than other cornmeal. Native Americans use it to make a creamy, sustaining, hot drink called atole. For blue corn tortillas, which are thicker, coarser and gramer than others, the grain is first treated with lime to remove its tough hull, then ground into the doughy masa from which tor-



Blue corn flapjacks are healthy and delicious.

tilas and corn chips are made. Chefs and a few home cooks have discovered that blue cornmeal makes exceptional pancakes, waffles, and muffins. In addition to their eye-catching color, they have its stronger, earthy yet sweet flavor, which blends especially well with whole-wheat flour, as in these delectably light pancakes. Mix in blueberries, or serve with the accompanying blueberry syrup.

BLUE CORN FLAPJACKS

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup whole wheat pastry flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup blue cornmeal

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons sugar
2 large eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup low fat plain yogurt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup reduced fat (2 percent) milk
2 tablespoons melted butter
3 or 4 drops almond extract
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
1 cup frozen blueberries thawed
1 tablespoon frozen orange juice concentrate thawed
Cooking spray

In large bowl combine whole wheat flour, cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda, and sugar

In another bowl, whisk eggs with yogurt, milk, butter, and almond extract until well combined. Pour mixture into dry ingredients, whisking to combine them.

Coat heavy, large skillet or griddle with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. When the skillet or griddle is hot, pour in 3 tablespoons batter at a time for each pancake, leaving a 3-inch space between them. When small holes appear on the surface and bottom of pancakes is dark brown (about 3 minutes), turn them. Cook until they are browned on bottom and firm in center when lightly pressed with a fingertip. Repeat until remaining batter is used up, respraying pan as needed.

Meanwhile, heat honey in small saucepan over medium heat until liquid, 2-3 minutes, stirring a few times. Place blueberries and juice concentrate in a blender and pulse a few times until almost a puree. Mix into the honey until well blended. Summer 3 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature with the flapjacks. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 262 calories, 7 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), 46 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 142 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*.

STIR-FRY

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items in your freezer for later use.

To save time, the following recipe uses pre-sliced mushrooms, a jar of minced garlic, and a bag of frozen mixed vegetables that includes zucchini and peppers.

If you prefer to use fresh vegetables, substitute one large zucchini, diced, and 1 large red pepper, cored and diced.

10-MINUTE ITALIAN CHICKEN STIR-FRY

1 tablespoon canola oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ pound skinless boneless chicken breast cut in $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces
1 16 ounce bag frozen mixed vegetables for stir fry
1 teaspoon finely minced garlic
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
2 cups cooked hot rice, preferably brown

Place large skillet over high heat.

Add oil, swirl to coat pan and heat oil until very hot.

Add chicken and stir-fry until it loses pink color.

With slotted spoon, remove chicken from pan and set aside.

Add garlic and stir-fry until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add vegetables to pan. Stir-fry about 2 minutes.

Return chicken to pan.

Add basil, oregano and chicken broth. Stir-fry until chicken is opaque throughout, about 4 minutes.

Add cheese and toss.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, including juices from pan, over hot cooked rice, preferably brown. Makes 4 servings.

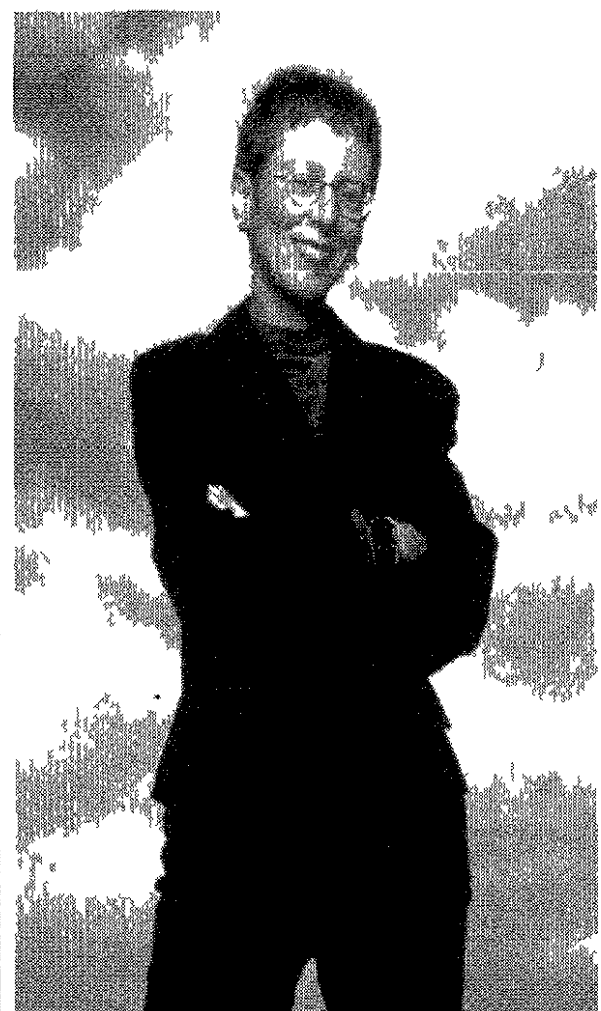
Nutritional information per serving: 316 calories, 7 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 27 g carbohydrate, 27 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 244 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. For more ideas and recipes, you can read or order a free single copy of the AICR brochure called *Homemade for Health* online at www.aicr.org. You can also order a free copy of the brochure by calling 1-800-843-8114 ext. 450, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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GRILLED SHRIMP WRAPPED IN COUNTRY BACON WITH WHITE BEAN CAKES AND ROASTED RED PEPPER VINAIGRETTE

White toast made from French and Italian breads is a common canvas for chefs creating new and unusual appetizers. White bean cakes are a nice change of pace. In this dish, Asian seasonings create an alluring backdrop for the shrimp.

ROASTED RED PEPPER VINAIGRETTE

- 2 1/2 cups peanut oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1/2 cup roasted red bell peppers
- 1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

GRILLED SHRIMP WRAPPED IN COUNTRY BACON

- 24 super jumbo whole shrimp (16 to 20 count) peeled and deveined tails on
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- 1/4 teaspoon dark sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 12 strips smoked bacon cut in half crosswise
- 8 sprigs of basil for garnish

WHITE BEAN CAKES

- 1 pound dried Great Northern beans soaked in water for 6 to 8 hours
- 2 quarts water
- 1 ham hock split
- 1 sprig parsley
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup clarified butter
- 1 small onion, minced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

To prepare the vinaigrette, combine all the ingredients in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. Transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 1 day, until

ready to serve

Place the shrimp in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the peanut oil, sesame oil, vinegar, garlic, and cilantro and mix well. Pour the oil mixture over the shrimp and toss to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

To prepare the bean cakes, drain the beans and place in a large saucepan with the water, ham hock, parsley, and salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then decrease the heat to medium and cook for 1-1/2 to 2 hours, until the beans are tender. Drain and allow to cool. Discard the parsley and refrigerate the ham hock for another use.

In a skillet over medium-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons of the clarified butter. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, until the onion is transparent. Season with salt and pepper, add 2 tablespoons of the flour, and cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes, until all the fat is absorbed. Do not brown. Remove from heat and set aside.

Puree half of the beans in a food processor or blender until somewhat smooth. Mash the remaining beans against the side of a large bowl. Add the pureed beans to the mashed beans. Stir in the onion mixture, egg yolks, sage, and cayenne pepper. Mix well.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a 2-1/2 cup measure, form 8 to 10 cakes 2-1/2 inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick, and place on the prepared baking sheet. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1-1/2 hours. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the remaining clarified butter. Lightly dust the cakes with the remaining flour. Cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side, or until brown and heated through. To grill the shrimp, prepare a fire in a charcoal grill, preheat a gas grill, or preheat the broiler to high. If broiling, place a broiler pan under the broiler to heat. Remove the shrimp from the marinade and discard the marinade. Wrap each shrimp with half a strip of bacon and secure the bacon with a toothpick. Arrange the bacon-wrapped shrimp onto long wooden presoaked skewers, about six shrimp per skewer.

Place the skewers on the grill or in the preheated broiling pan and cook for three to four minutes on each side, or until the bacon browns and the shrimp turns pink. Remove the shrimp from the skewers.

Place a hot bean cake onto each dinner plate and drizzle the vinaigrette over it. Arrange the shrimp around the cake. Garnish with the basil. Serve immediately.

Recipe from chef Joe Randall

HERB-INFUSED ROCK CORNISH GAME HENS

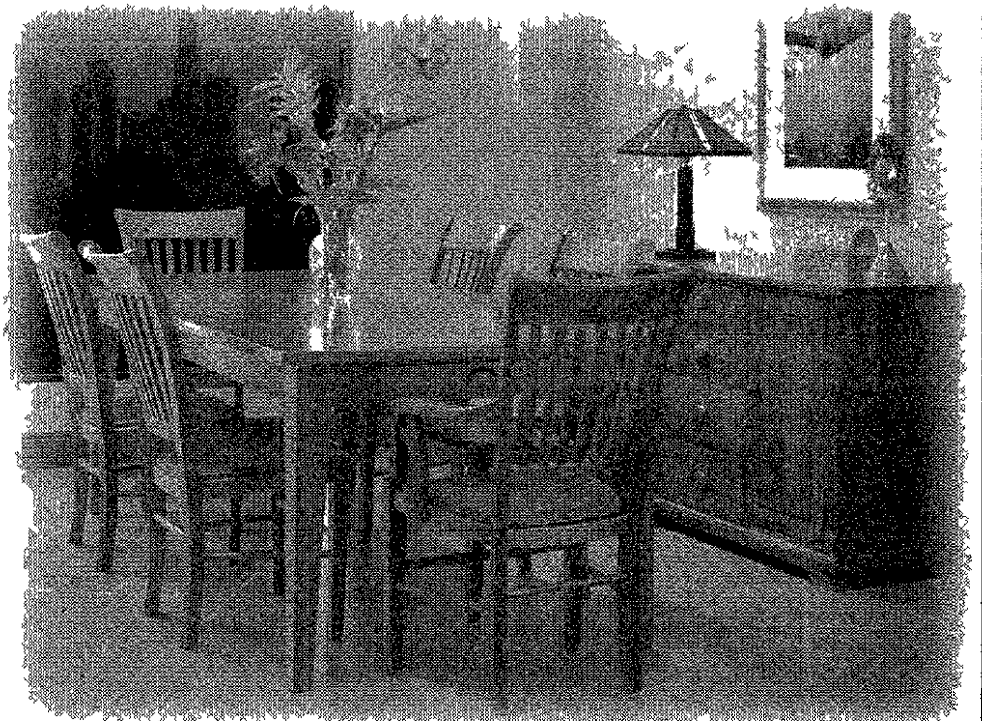
Rock Cornish game hens are a fancy version of the Southern staple, chicken. They are particularly tender and hold their flavor better than fryers or roasters. This recipe used fresh herbs from the garden. Left crusted on the bird at serving time, the herbs provide a delicate touch of freshness.

- 4 plump Rock Cornish game hens
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup fresh sage, chopped
- 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh thyme, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 to 8 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

Cut the hens in half and then into quarters - two leg quarters and two breast quarters. Remove the breast bones. Rinse and dry the hen quarters and put them in a wide, shallow dish. Pour the lemon juice over, making sure to coat all the surfaces. Combine the fresh herbs in a bowl. Spread half of the olive oil, half of the garlic, and half of the fresh herb mixture evenly over the surface of a rimmed baking sheet. Place the hen portions on top. Generously coat the hens with salt, pepper, and the remaining garlic. Spread the remaining herbs over the hens and then drizzle with the remaining olive oil. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours.

Preheat the oven to 400°. Heat the vegetable oil in a non-stick sauté pan over medium-high heat. Remove the hens from the baking dish and brush away any large or dangling herb pieces. Sauté for about 3 minutes per side, until brown. Place the hens and the herb, garlic, and oil marinade in a baking dish or Dutch oven, cover, and roast for 40 minutes, until the skin is golden to dark brown and crisp at the edges and the internal temperature registers 150° on a meat thermometer. The herbs should become dark but should not be burnt. Serve two hen quarters (a leg and a breast) to each person.

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While the grill may remain for a few more mornings, the spring has arrived, making it the unofficial start of grilling season. Steaks and burgers continue to be two of the most popular grilled foods, with steaks claiming first place.

"Popular steak cuts are good choices, but don't shy away from other cuts that you might not be as familiar with," says Chef Dianna Stoffer, with the Certified Angus Beef brand. "Some hot trends in restaurants include flat iron (also called top blade), tri-tip and shoulder tender. They are easy to grill too."

"Keep it basic by grilling any of these cuts with salt and pepper to taste, or have some fun with flavor by using dry rubs or marinades," Stoffer adds. Visit www.certifiedangusbeef.com for rub and marinade recipes, and other ideas.

TOP BLADE, A.K.A. FLAT IRON

Opt for top blade or flat iron. Cut from the chuck, it is usually sold as steaks. It is remarkably tender and full-flavored, and sells in a medium price range.

4 each (4.5 ounce) Certified Angus Beef flat iron or top blade steaks
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 8-10 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking time. For medium-rare, remove steaks when a meat thermometer registers 140°F. Serves 4.

TRI-TIP

Established as a West Coast favorite, the tri-tip is catching on across the nation. This medium-priced option is usually available in a small 1½- to 2-pound roast and can easily be sliced into individual portions after grilling.

1½-2 pounds Certified Angus Beef Tri tip
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season roast and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 35-45 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time.

Remove roast to a cutting board and let it rest 10-15 minutes, covered with a foil tent (The internal temperature will continue to rise 5-10 degrees). Carve across the grain into ¼-inch slices. Serves 6.

SHOULDER TENDER ROAST

Once sold as part of large, old-fashioned chuck roasts, the shoulder tender was long overlooked. By itself, it's a small wonder. Almost never more than one pound, it is very tender and full-flavored. Its medium-range price is another huge plus.

12 ounces to 1 pound Certified Angus Beef shoulder tender
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season beef and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 14-18 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time.

Remove roast to a cutting board and let it rest 5 minutes. Carve across the grain into 1-inch slices. Serves 2-3.

SHOULDER CENTER A.K.A. RANCH STEAK

The shoulder center steak is another previously overlooked chuck cut. Sold at a medium-price cut, it's bold flavor and tenderness will make the shoulder center steak a dinner-time favorite.

4 each (4.5 ounce) Certified Angus Beef shoulder center steaks
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 11-14 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

SKIRT STEAK AS ARRACHERA

A classic Mexican grilling cut, skirt steak is winning fans across North America. It can be served as steak, in sandwiches or in traditional Mexican dishes. This thin cut cooks very quickly making a bit of marinating advisable.

1 pound Certified Angus Beef

skirt steak
2 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
Kosher salt to taste
Other seasoning if desired such as cumin or garlic

Rub steak with oil, and marinate in lime juice and seasoning, in refrigerator for 1 hour. Preheat grill to medium. Grill 5-6 inches from heat source for 3-5 minutes per side, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Remove steak to cutting board and let it rest 5 minutes. Carve diagonally across the grain into ¼-inch slices. Serves 3-4.

RIBEYE

Sometimes called Delmonico, this steak offers the most robust beef flavor and is succulent and juicy. Beef aficionados are partial to ribeye served with the bone in

and called as cowboy steak. Look for steaks at least 1-inch thick.

4 each (7.8 ounce) Certified Angus Beef ribeye steaks
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-4 inches from the heat source for 11-14 minutes or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

STRIP STEAK A.K.A. TOP LOIN

Also named New York and Kansas City strip on restaurant menus, it is most often simply called a strip steak. Nicknamed the steak lover's choice, it is the number one pick for those wanting a traditional steak that is flavorful and juicy. Buy strip steaks that are at least 1-inch thick.

4 each (6.8 ounce) Certified

Angus Beef strip steaks
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-4 inches from heat source for 15-18 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

PORTERHOUSE

For diners with a hearty appetite, this larger version of the T bone offers portions of both strip and tenderloin (filet) steaks. It's a great pick for anyone who enjoys a variety of steak tastes. As with any fine steak, it is best if they are at least 1-inch thick.

4 each (14.16 ounce) Certified Angus Beef porterhouse steaks
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill for 14-16 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°F, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

HAMBURGER

A beloved American meal, the hamburger can be made plain, with flavors added before cooking, after as toppings, or both. Its versatility is matched only by its frugality. Starting with cold ground beef makes it easier to mold appetizing hamburgers. Regardless of how it's flavored, remember to cook all ground meat to 160°F.

1 pound Certified Angus Beef ground chuck, round or sirloin
Seasoning as desired

Preheat grill to medium. If

desired, add seasoning to beef before forming patties about ¾-1 inch thick and 4-inches around. Grill 3-4 inches from heat source for 12-16 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 160°F, medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 3.

Add a little spice to grilling by experimenting with seasonings. Try the following or use these suggestions to inspire unique ideas: Kosher salt, fresh ground pepper, garlic (minced or powder), lemon pepper, basil or basil and oregano mixed, Dijon mustard, prepared herbs or steak seasoning, ginger (minced or powder), lime juice, cumin and ground red pepper.

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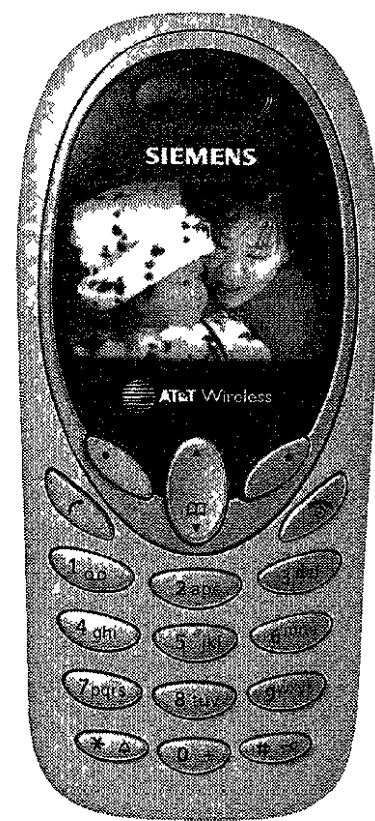
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Tender rock Cornish game hens are roasted with cilantro, thyme, basil, sage and garlic for a touch of freshness

COOKBOOK

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Chef Joe Randall's Cooking School, said that the basic Southern spices are salt, pepper and cayenne

"You need just enough cayenne to say 'hello,'" Randall said

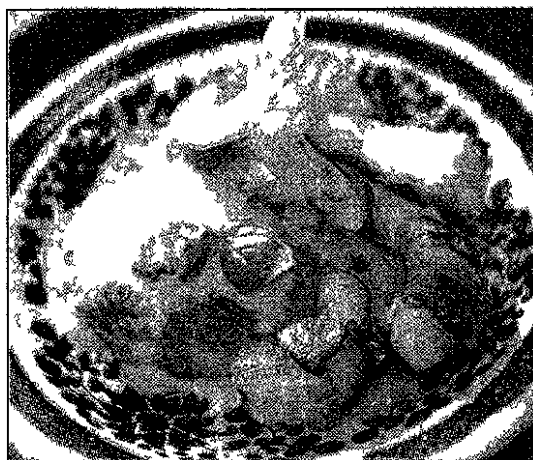
Randall's shrimp wrapped in bacon with white bean cakes and roasted red pepper vinaigrette adds Asian seasonings with the interesting flair of white bean cakes instead of traditional white toast

Bernard McDonough, executive chef at the Ford Plantation, the historic home of Henry Ford and now a second home community, creates menus dictated by what's in season, fresh and available

McDonough's cooking is described as eclectic - taking dishes from New York or San Francisco and melding them with traditional regional favorites, such as a squab, a bird from the region, grilled in a Georgia peach teriyaki marinade, served with a ragout of potato, chorizo and black lentils

George Spriggs, co-owner of North Beach Grill and George's of Tybee, adds Caribbean overtones to traditional Southern. He says he hires chefs who "have a substantial command" of herbs, spices and flavor combinations

Susan Mason, a Low Country caterer, tells the authors her family "always said 'I love you with food. She offers crab cakes with tarragon tartar



Grilled shrimp are wrapped in bacon, while white bean cakes and roasted red pepper vinaigrette complete the flavorings in this dish

sauce, tomato sandwiches, grilled vegetable marinade and blackberry cake with seven minute frosting

The book is an enjoyable and as breezy as a patio on a Southern mansion. It reflects on Savannah residents' love for the outdoors with suggested menus for picnics and beach parties. Of course, there's room for the formal with suggested menus for a symphony dinner and madiera dinner

Each chef contributes two menus, served in a variety of settings, fit for any occasion you might have this summer when your family gets together

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Board must make decisions for association

As a follow-up to one of your recent questions, our association is controlled by a management company who will not relent to the will of the board. Is this a common problem?

I have received several communications from co-owners who believe it was coincidental that this column mentioned that management companies usurp the role of the board of directors. Unfortunately, it is all too common when directors, who are not willing to assert their prerogatives as directors, rely too heavily on management companies. While management companies serve a useful purpose - to consult with the board and give it direction - ultimately the board must make final decisions. The board should not allow the management company to fill a vacuum of power which board members have abdicated knowingly or otherwise. Prudent operation dictates that both the management company and the board work together with legal counsel to formulate sound business decisions.

We are worried about an elderly condo member who is forgetful and causing damage to their unit and common elements. What can we do to deal with this situation?

The first step would be to communicate with the elderly member in a nice way, pointing out that it is important to make sure that no one gets hurt and that no one's property gets damaged. If that does not work, you may want to contact the member's family, contract services for the person or, if necessary, file court action. You are best advised to consult with your attorney regarding this matter.

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Make a list before you shop for a home

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

You can name Santa's reindeer, Snow White's dwarfs, the nine planets and you always win a fortune sitting in your family room answering questions contestants miss on *Jeopardy*.

You're smart. Bright. Intelligent. How about when you're out looking for a house to buy? Still smart, bright and intelligent?

Well, maybe you can put together a Smart Homebuyer's Test for yourself. Here are some suggestions.

How much house can we afford?

'We ask buyers to get pre-approval for a mortgage, said Gene Redinger, associate broker, Century 21 Country Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

'They should have that information upfront. A letter from the lender that they can show to sellers,' she said. As a buyer's agent, Redinger said potential home-owners might discuss other bills they have.

'Then I can talk to them about what they might consider, with mortgage payment and the rest,' she said. 'Whenever someone tells me their price limit, I go a little above and below to present them with what's on the market. If they're in the \$200,000-\$225,000 range, I would talk them out of looking at the half-million-dollar house. Let's look at what's in your range and not muddy the waters.'

We found a house, love the outside, but the inside's a pit. Is it OK to buy it?

'The homebuyers might tell me they want to do a house over, get their own taste in it,' said Merle Solway, sales agent, Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse, Birmingham.

'If they can get a good buy and put their own sweat equity into it, that's OK. I might say, Look, you can take a wall out here, redo the kitchen, redo the bathroom and this will be gorgeous because you've got the beautiful outside.'

'But kids today don't want to do the work. Everything used to be hand-me-down, but not today. Kids are out buying new furniture on the charge card.'

Marcia Gies
Coldwell Banker Schweitzer

But if it's somebody who wants something in pristine, perfect condition, I'd tell them, Look, this is just too much for you. They're so in love with the outside they say they can live with the inside. As their buyer's agent, I believe I have to tell them if I think it's not the house for them.'

We're tired of looking

'When you're impatient you're verging on making unwise choices,' said Patricia Dykes, a sales agent with Real Estate One in Rochester. 'I'd tell you to give it some thought, wait a little. Buying a house is one of the biggest decisions you'll make. You don't want to make a wrong one that will have long-term effects on your family,' said Dykes. If you're tired of looking at houses, take a break.

How can we know the house we like is a good house to buy?

'Your agent will provide a market analysis of the subdivision so you'll know the fair market price,' said Bruce Webb, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Westland.

Do we have to decide right away what style of house we want?

'First thing,' said Pam Donoho, 'is what can they afford. Then, the area they want. Then, the type of house. When they're not sure about the type, it can be difficult to work with them, might

seem they're not serious about buying.' Donoho is a sales agent with ERA Country Ridge Realty, Livonia.

The uncertainty, Donoho said, 'can lead to buying something they don't really want.'

Can we bring our wish list along?

Marcia Gies, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Troy, said she runs into wish lists all the time.

'There are a lot of homes out there that just need elbow grease paint, carpet,' she said.

'Structurally, it's a great house. But kids today don't want to do the work. Everything used to be hand-me-down, but not today. Kids today are out buying new furniture on the charge card and not adding that in to what it's costing them to live there.'

Deciding on a house is making us crazy. What's the cure?

You might be suffering with the human conflict between desires and rationalities, according to Dr. Susan Gottheb, a clinical psychologist in Farmington Hills.

'Write down all the pros and cons. Literally make a list. Give yourself time to think about it,' she said. 'Are you going beyond your means? Understand the reasons you want to buy this house. Because you love it or because your friends can afford it and you think you also should be able to.'

Gottheb said there's nothing wrong with wanting and working toward a goal, but sometimes it's better to set short-term goals that help us achieve our long-term goals.

'We all have an impulsive side that makes us want to go out and buy things we can't afford or do things we shouldn't do,' she said. 'Pleasure is a primary principle in all of us. Sometimes when you're impulsive, those pleasurable things can be dangerous. We suspend rational thinking because we're not considering the consequences of the decision. Our impulsive actions are childlike.'

'But we don't see children buying houses.'

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo'
Phillips

Teachers get special deals

If you belong to one of several unique groups of people, you may get special consideration for your next mortgage. Of course, there are always specials available for first time buyers, and local municipalities, organizations, or local banks and credit unions who sometimes offer local incentives. However, it is now becoming more common for lenders to target their marketing to very specific groups of borrowers, like teachers.

If you are a teacher (or you know a teacher), you may be interested to learn that full- and part-time teachers (grades K through 12) looking to purchase either a home or condominium as their primary residence may be eligible for some pretty sweet deals.

Not all lenders have preferential programs for teachers, and teachers may need to do the "Sherlock Holmes thing" to find special deals. However, here's a preview of some of the benefits teachers may find at the end of their search.

FINANCING

First, teachers may expect to get at or close to 100 percent financing for their home purchase, credit scores permitting. Better credit scores mean they can carry more debt while still getting a mortgage approval. However, as with most mortgages, excess debt will limit their mortgage amount.

In some cases a teacher may be able to get a mortgage without even having a credit history. In such cases, lenders will use "alternative documentation" such as a good rental history and utility or cell phone bills to form the basis of the mortgage approval.

Making "too much" income is usually not a factor for most teachers as income limits are often waived. Also, they may often be allowed to have their sellers pick up a chunk of their closing costs, usually up to 3 percent or so of the purchase price. Perhaps most notably, teachers may not be required to sit through a full Saturday's worth of otherwise mandatory "homebuyer's education."

INCENTIVES

Mortgage incentives for teachers rarely apply to investment properties, and only sometimes apply for refinances. However, discounts, specials and promotions are most certainly worth asking about if you are a teacher with a pending mortgage transaction.

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				31317 W Chicago	\$170,000

Mortgage rates on the rise

BY JEANNINE AVERSA ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates climbed this week to their highest levels since early January amid mounting signs that the economy's recovery is establishing deeper roots.

The average rate on benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 5.79 percent this week, up from 5.52 percent last week, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

This week's rate was the highest since Jan. 8, when 30-year mortgages averaged 5.87 percent.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate mort-

gages, a popular option for refinancing, increased this week to 5.12 percent, compared with 4.84 percent last week. For one-year adjustable mortgages, rates moved up this week to 3.65 percent, from 3.46 percent. This week's rates for both 15-year and one-year ARMs also were the highest since Jan. 8.

Signs that the recovery is gaining ground, including a good employment report for March released by the government last week, were factors in pushing bonds rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise, analysts said.

"The bond market reacted to the welcome news last

Friday that jobs are finally being created, which is much needed for continued expansion of the economy," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist.

"Mortgage rates again followed the bond market, rising significantly from last week, and spurring speculation that the Federal Reserve will raise rates sooner rather than later," she said.

Nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.5

point. This time last year, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.85 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.17 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.80 percent.

Looking ahead, some economists are hopeful that there will be further improvements in the nation's employment picture, which would help to offset higher mortgage rates.

David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, is predicting that sales of both new homes and previously owned ones this year will turn out to be the second-highest on record.

Home sales last year registered their best year ever. He predicts rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages will rise slowly this year, reaching 6.4 percent by the end of the year.

"The fundamental demand for housing against a backdrop of an improving economy and mortgage interest rates that remain historically low mean home sales will remain near record levels," Lereah said.

Rising mortgage rates, meanwhile, are slowing home-mortgage refinancing activity. The Mortgage Bankers Association said refinancing accounted for 57.1 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week.

That was down from 62.8 percent the previous week.

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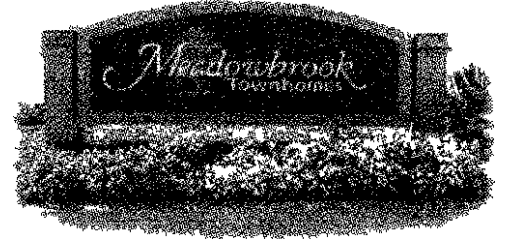
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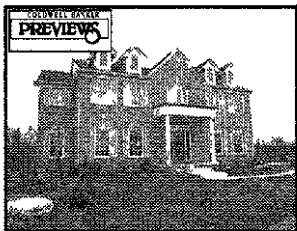
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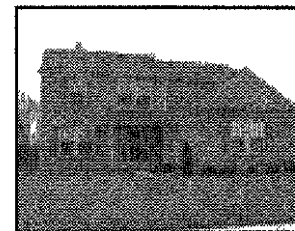
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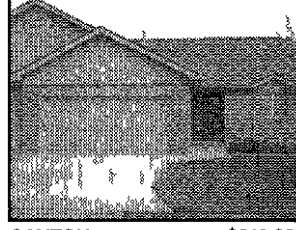
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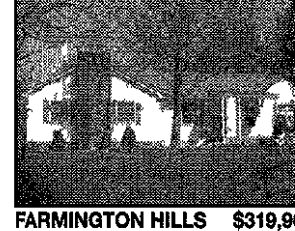
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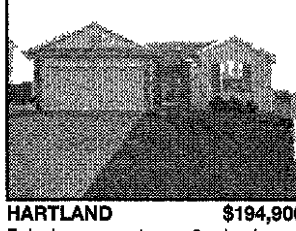
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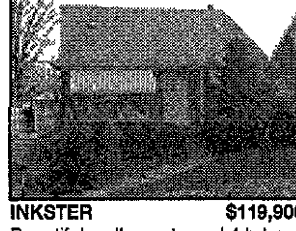
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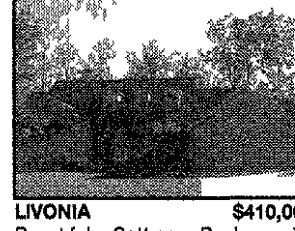
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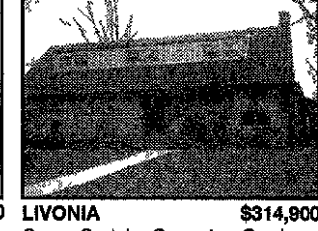
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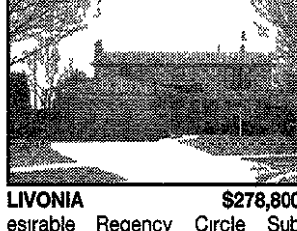
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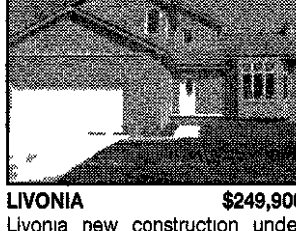
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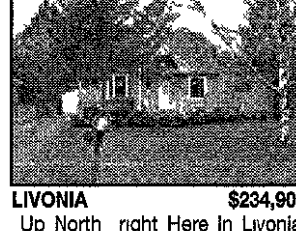
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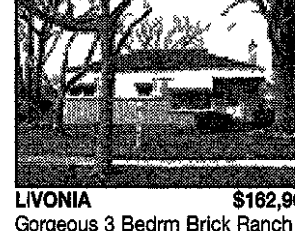
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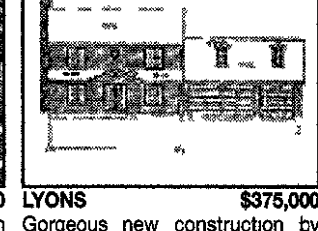
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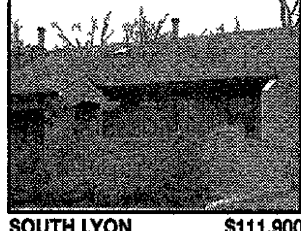
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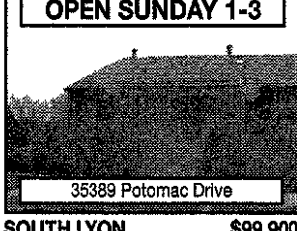
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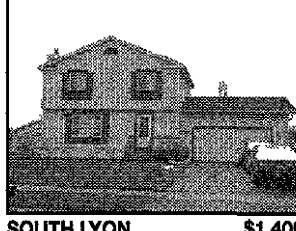
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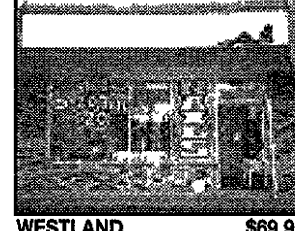
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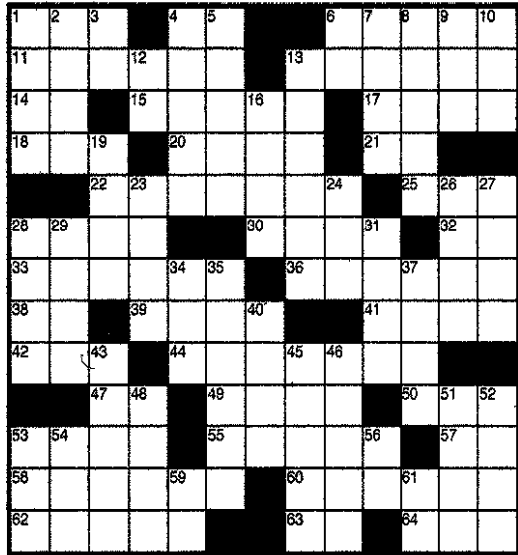
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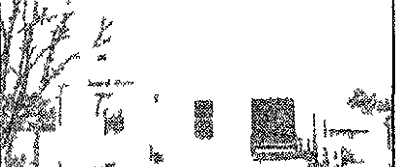
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(E08ETO) 248 349 5600 \$89,000



ORCHARD LAKE House On 2 Sports Lakes
Enjoy Orchard & Upper Straits Lakes. Awesome 2+ acre property w/ huge deck gazebo paths & more. 6 bedrooms 3.5 baths 2 fireplaces cath ceilings huge DR & office. It's a one of a kind!

(E47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$2,399,900



DEARBORN HGTS Open Floor Plan
Offers many amenities & updates. Totally remodeled kitchen w/ granite cabinets & Pergo flooring. FR w/ Berber carpet & gas og fireplace. finished basement & 2 car attached garage. Newer windows doo w/ turn C.A. & roof.

(E42SIM) 734 455 5600 \$297,500



WESTLAND Quiet Suburban Retreat
3 bed room 2 bath brick ranch w/ 2 car attached garage. new roof bath w/ windows full nace & C.A. + a ge deck w/ gazebo. 1st floor laundry full v. l. e space w/ nse t. Take a look.

(E70GLO) 734 455 5600 \$154,900



DEARBORN Spectacular & Tranquil
Best describes the view of the 9th fl. view from the soaring 2 story window. spacious living room open floor plan has dwood floors n foyer kitchen & family room w/ rapace. 2 car attached garage bsmt & apps.

(E39TUR) 734 455 5600 \$459,000




NOVI Welcome Home
Dunbarton P ries proudly presents this awesome 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial on a large lot. Extensive own moldings great room w/ brick fireplace. bay w/ wet bar. Master BR offers walk in closets & BA. Huge deck & Nrvie Schis.

(E48FOR) 248 349 5600 \$349,900




CANTON Wow What Hasn't Been Done
In this 2 BR 1.5 BA end unit condo? New doors/moldings ceramic floors n foyer both baths kitchen all newer appls plus washer & dryer newer windows & roof. Home s across from golf course.

(E23ORC) 248-349-5600 \$127,500



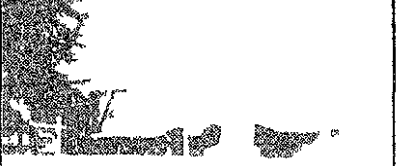
ROMULUS Don't Miss This One
3 bed room 2 1/2 bath ranch on a large lot. offer ng 5 baths off maste s bed room finished bsmt v lots of storage & 2 car garage. En oy the spacious covered deck. Murm ous updates & some apps.

(E00OAK) 734 455 5600 \$125,500




GARDEN CITY Custom Built Ranch
Unique floor plan su o n ds n ground pool. offer ng a ge v ng a ge. 2 k. t. orens. 2 sunn y a eas. sepa ate heating & cooling. Newer f n & C.A. nts. ny s d ng newer roof at gar. s t f ng on app ox. 2 ac e ot.

(E11DAW) 734 455 5600 \$193,500



LIVONIA Wonderful Rosedale Meadows Ranch
Offer s part a y, finished basement garage. bea updated kt & DR w/ oaks o oak cabinets. Pe pool. ng & excess lighting. Also has dwood floors wide ca pet. 08 am c bath v n y windows & updated elec.

(E36HEE) 734 455 5600 \$160,000



ROMULUS Brand New Model Home
Gn. cou. ve comm. intv. 2 s o y. qua ty upg ades. S de ca ge age sp nke s. u. ando. ca. ng. ce amc. p em um kitchen C.A. des gne wa pape. Other homes & s tes ava ab e.

(E33GAT) 248 349 5600 \$207,900




SUPERIOR TWP Sharp New Home & Sub
4 BR colonial w/ hardwood fls n kt & upgraded oak cabinets. Great room w/ marble su. urce. Berber carpet. light ste w cath ceiling. WIC tied BA n s her van ties. Glass shower cul de sac. locat on Nice open floor plan.

(E87PRE) 248-349-5600 \$249,900



DEARBORN HGTS Very Clean Ranch
3 bedroom 1.5 bath a brick ranch n walk ng d stance to H nes Park. Ha d wood floors & neutral paint throughout. 1.5 baths on main level. Full basement & 2 car garage.

(E15COL) 734 455 5600 \$154,900




LIVONIA Clean & Neat
Huge lot fenced yard b g kitchen beautiful hardwood floor basement w d y ba extra parking space. Home v a ranty.

(E20SAI) 734 455 5600 \$155,000



NORTHVILLE One Of A Kind
Sprawling 4 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch. Have you ov n resort. ght n your own backyard. In g. pond pool and Jacuzzi. Too many updates to mention. B ng your fust est buyers. Home wa anty nced.

(E64BEA) 248 349 5600 \$379,900




ROMULUS Golf Course Home
18th fl. way gorgeous colonial 2 story foyer open floor plan. ba y a GR. Huge master w/ whi pool tub. Bridge basng. Many updates. Add t ons. homes available in th s sub.

(E64GAT) 248 349 5600 \$264,900




NOVI Stop Your Search
This 4 BR 3.5 BA home will make your heart race. In law set up. Newer carpet landscaping driveway paint granite hardwood floors & open floor plan. Custom upgrades t/o. Th s home w ll not disappoint.

(E81SUN) 248-349-5600 \$574,900




GARDEN CITY Updates Galore
Newer windows full nace C/A bath of s d ng plumbing & carpet n th s great 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch w finished basement w wet ba & 2 car garage.

(E24BAR) 734 455 5600 \$158,900



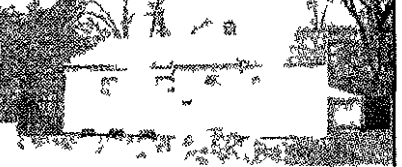
GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
3 bed room 2.5 ba h am ng b ck anch /2 car at ga bsmt to ma DR. ba y v bay window vaulted ceiling n g eat room. v lras. ace. 1st floor laundry oak kitchen & app s. 4+ season sunn room.

(E36LAS) 734 455 5600 \$499,885



FARMINGTON HILLS Updated & Affordable
3 bed room 1.5 bath home w emodeld kitchen & bath. n resort. ght n your own backyard. In g. pond pool and Jacuzzi. Too many updates to mention. B ng your fust est buyers. Home wa anty nced.

(E00BRO) 248 349 5600 \$194,000




YPSILANTI Cute Ranch
3 BR BA home fo f st tms buyers or investors. Newer windows roof & HW/H. Remodeled kitchen v oak cabinets & an updated bath. B ck paver patio n backyard. Home wa anty nced.

(E41GRO) 248 349 5600 \$105,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful House & Lot
You're going to love this custom built 3 BR 2.5 BA ranch on nearly 1.5 acres. Spacious & open floor plan. FFL. Fireplace n FR & LR. Fin basement. plaster walls & coved ceilings. Updates too numerous to mention.

(E80VIL) 248-349-5600 \$365,000




DETROIT 3 Bedroom Bungalow
Newer furnace HW/H & finished basement beautiful y ma nated & decorated. Make an offer. Great starter home.

(E88FIV) 734 455 5600 \$97,000




WESTLAND All The Updates Are Done!
Livonia schs. Updated brick anch 3 BR 2 BA newer kt cer baths full n A/C doors windows ga dr opens doo f tea off. nclud ng gar. Br ck pave. pat o po ch & nscped OS. F n bsmt w rsc. m & 4th BR.

(E06GIL) 734 455 5600 \$174,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Say Hello To A Good Buy
Fantastic custom built 3 BR ranch n Farmington. Spacious. Excellent quality materials used t/o. Gou met kitchen formal d n ng. com. F ench doors. wood floors. Huge basement & g w/ l. e space. Many updates.

(E43BAY) 248 349 5600 \$350,000



ALLEN PARK Cute Ranch
3 bedroom 2 bath v all cared fo home w/ sunny living room and finished basement w extra rooms. Fenced yard and on a pretty street.

(E41HAN) 248 349 5600 \$133,900



NORTHVILLE Hard To Find Cape Cod
Golf course location. Desirable 1st floor master ste 3 BR 2.5 BA full basement 2 car attached garage. Upper loft. FR overlooks 17 vaulted ceiling. FFL. Security system. Behind island for reduced traffic.

(E56VIL) 248-349-5600 \$322,900



DEARBORN Seller Is Motivated
Charming 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home n a great neighborhood. Large rooms n a very spacious yard out ranch. Family room w woodburning stove. Ove s red 24x22 attached garage. All on corner.

(E19SIL) 734 455 5600 \$199,900




DETROIT Great Home In Great Area
Stunning 2 bedroom 1 bath brick anch w fu basement garage v eec & new doo. Ha dwood fl s. Wals de windows t/o. epaced v th n ast few yea s. Updated kt w/ v s of g backyard. Near freeways.

(E11APP) 734 455 5600 \$79,900



REDFORD A Pleasant Surprise!
Spacious bungalow. The size of most rooms v it w oooms. BRs w/ w C. La ge kitchen & b kfst rm. Beautiful v emoded bath. 2nd floor MBR s perfect on. Cove ed f ont pch on v e e. as pat o. Fenced yard & 2 car ga.

(E56BRA) 248 349 5600 \$114,900




LIVONIA Seller Hates To Leave
This 3 BR b ck on a n eve popu ar sub. Fam y oom w/ fireplace & newer carpet & doorwall. Lots of updates. ke windows roof s d ng garage.

(E42JAM) 248 349 5600 \$219,900



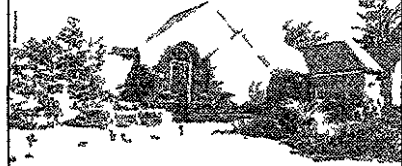
REDFORD Clean Brick Ranch
This one s move in ready 3 bedroom 1 bath home is waiting for you. Newer windows furnace A/C Berber carpet. appliances. Updated kitchen cabinets & freshly painted.

(E09WAK) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



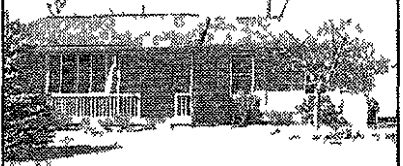
REDFORD Large Colonial
5 bed room 2 bath 2+ ca ga age private setting finished basement. appliances fenced ya d C.A. & mo e.

(E05FEN) 734 455 5600 \$194,900



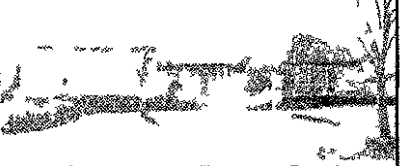
TROY Candidate For Architectural Digest
4 bedroom 5 bath custom built ranch w over 5000 sq ft. Spacious GR w cath ceiling. gou met kt w hexagon b eakfast m & cust cabinets. fu yequ pped kt n LL. BR & off ce. Hobby st or o ecto s ga. + 3 ca. att ga.

(E23ADA) 734 455 5600 \$649,900



CANTON Nothing To Do
3.4 BR 2.5 BA b ck anch. Many updates. windows doo s v ny t m ca pet ng. vood f kt 2 full baths. f n bsmt. turn C.A. hum d f e. nscpd. pat n s de & out LL w FR. exe c se m laundry g BR & sto age.

(E29CAR) 248 349 5600 \$209,900



NORTHVILLE Executive Ranch
P est gous Pheasant H s. Freshly painted. hrdwd frs n foyer & ha s. Large open eat n kitchen w/ ceramic tile floor. Huge LR w f p c. Lots of elbow room. MBR has tied tub. Gun te pool. cabana & sound system.

(E85MCD) 248 349 5600 \$449,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Words Cannot Describe
This incredible 5 BR 3 + 2 BA 2 story home has been remodeled t/o and looks like a \$1 million + new construction! The 1 acre lot features a beautiful n ground pool w th bar & entertn n g area. Wow!

(E21WEL) 248-349-5600 \$619,000

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NORTHVILLE \$629,900
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! 4 BRs 3 1/2 BAs grand foyer w/hwdw 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



NORTHVILLE \$594,900
BEAUTIFUL & ALMOST NEW located on cul de sac backing to trees 4 BRs 3 BAs 2 lavs part fin walk out w/spa gourmet kit w/cherry cabs dbl oven hwdw flrs thru out and so much more (W17580)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE \$515,000
PHEASANT HILLS SOFT CONTEMPORARY 4 BRs 2 1/2 baths Open flr plan/2 story great rm Multi level cedar deck w/fountain Lrg BRs mstr ste w/dbl ins & spa tub Cedar sun rm Yard prof landscaped (95ELM2)

248 348 6430



CANTON \$439,900
THE LOOK OF LOVE! Great location backing to pond 2 803 SF GR DR fab kit w/maple cbnts corian ontrs granite isl Sound sys mstr ste w/vld cell Daylight wndws in bsmt (23B8530)

734-455-7000



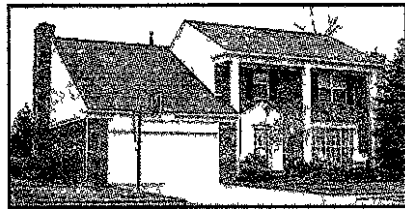
COMMERCE \$376,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Up north feeling just minutes from city conveniences Country size lot filled with trees & perennials A traditional 4 BR tudor completes the picture (M4225)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE \$324,900
OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE CONDO! This 2002 built 1938 SF home offers 2 BRs 2 1/2 BAs GR w/gas frplc granite kit w/hwdw flrs huge master suite w/ceramic luxury bath full fin bsmt & 2 car garage! (21LYO2)

248-348 6430



CANTON \$307,000
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT 4 BRs 2 1/2 BAs crown moldings neutral decor prof fin bsmt walk to swim club & parks lg luxurious mstr ste w/g WIC prvty yd 2 tier deck nicely Indscpd (W6554)

734-591 9200



NORTHVILLE \$299,900
CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open spacious sunlit condo with view of pond 3 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplaces study with bay window island kitchen Perfect! (90COU2)

248 348 6430



HOWELL \$264,900
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN LK COMMUNITY Lakeshore Pointe Access to Thompson Lake Walkout basement Four bedroom colonial (44RAV2)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$264,900
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner 4 bedroom Northville beauty! Quality updates have been maintained Two baths cozy fireplace home office and a lovely private yard (32LAN2)

248-349 6200



BELLEVILLE \$259,900
NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE REFLECTS AROUND YOU 3 BRs 2 story in Walden Woods sub w/ 2 1/2 baths LG country kit DR Finished bsmt GR W/FP enclosed Fla Rm attached garage & first floor den (W935)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$259,900
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 3 BRs 2 1/2 BAs Mstr w/sitting area Whirlpool tub Cer tile Hwdw flrs in Kit Foyer 1st Flr Indry bsmt 12x12 Deck 2 Car att Gar Close to downtown Plymouth (C874)

734-326-2000



SUPERIOR TWP \$254,900
LOTS OF PRIVACY Large Ranch w/nice open floor plan on 5 acres 3 BRs 1 1/2 baths fabulous new oak kitchen newer roof shingles fireplace super family & game rm pole barn (R165)

734-326-2000



DEARBORN \$249,900
2000 SQUARE FOOT DEARBORN COLONIAL Remodeled in 2002 4 BRs 3 baths custom kitchen garage fin bsmt/w bar office Hardwood floors newer carpet C/A Near Levagood Pk Land Contract terms (D172)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$239,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH IN POPULAR LIVONIA Updates galore! Open floor plan 3 lg BRs cozy FP w/hearth in FR Large FR full bsmt 2 car att gar Newer furn a/c wndws roof hwh Well maintained! (24034257)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$234,900
GREAT STARTER OR DOWNSIZE HOME Hard to find in downtown Northville w/basement & garage Fenced yard! Possible 1st floor laundry Compare! \$5 000 for closing costs Walk to downtown & cider mill (25NOV2)

248 348 6430



BELLEVILLE \$214,900
MAKE A MUST SEE! Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom 2 bath home loaded with upgrades! Huge backyard with custom wood fence 2 1/2 car gar with storage Close to freeways school (23K42770)

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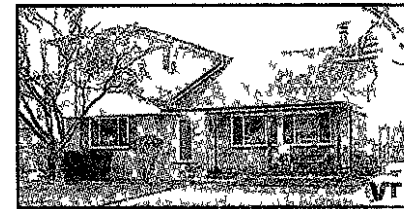
PLYMOUTH \$212,900
RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP 3 BR 1 1/2 BA brk colonial tastefully decorated w/xtra special touches Lg eat in kit w/oak cabinetry FR w/gas log FP remodeled bath hwdw flrs & much more! (C9343)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$209,900
PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME! Located on a dead end str on almost a half acre wooded lot Blt in 93 w/new wndws berber crpt 2 full updated baths Mstr ste has a jacuzzi Fin bsmt & more! (23M37744)

734-455 7000



LIVONIA \$209,900
LOOKING FOR A BIG HOUSE FOR THE MONEY? 2169 SF 4 bedroom home in Livonia's States Streets subdivision Roof wndws A/C and much more are newer (M31845)

734-591 9200



CANTON \$209,900
CHARMING SPACIOUS COLONIAL very open flr plan huge eat in custom kit lg LR formal DR mstr BR w/WIC & access to bth Newer fr wndws furn c/a Great lot w/pato & child's play gym (F43438)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$204,900
4 BR BUNGALOW IN OLD ROSEDALE IN LIVONIA Great updates and beautifully maintained 2 car detached garage In the middle of the sub Just listed! (B9910)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$201,900
A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH! Walking distance from downtown limited traffic sub 1236 SF 3 BRs 1 1/2 BAs low maintenance in & out Brk FP in FR 2 car gar newer wndws furn HWH & more! (A42520)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$196,500
COMPLETELY UPDATED NOVI RANCH! Sparkling KIT & Brkfst area Beautiful lg FR w/cathedral ceiling 3 BRs LR w/FP New wndws newer hi eff furnace/AC newer roof New deck w/prv fenced yard (83LEB2)

248-348 6430



NORTHVILLE \$188,000
SOUGHT AFTER HIGHLAND LAKES CONDO! Spacious 2 story unit w/att gar! Updated Kit w/walkin pantry 3 BRs 2 1/2 BAs Full Fin Bsmt Huge Patio w/bulltin gas grill and beautiful gardens Great Buy! (72QUE2)

248-348 6430



WESTLAND \$183,500
ELEGANT LIVING AWAITS YOU 3 BR 1 1/2 bath Tonquish home W/ approx 1 930 SF of living space FR W/ nat FP Hwdw flrs newer carpeting and updated throughout Detchd 2 car & att 1 car (G658)

734 326-2000



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)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$169,900
LIVONIA SCHOOLS, UNDER \$200,000! Lots of room with 4 bedrooms & large fenced yard Fresh paint neutral new carpet home warranty (23L29274)

734-455 7000



SOUTHFIELD \$150,499
HURRY HURRY!!! 12 mile to Franklin to complex West to address This Beautiful 3 bedroom brick Ranch condo In much sought after area Many updates End Unit 2 Carports (F265)

734 326 2000



CANTON \$132,000
SUPER SHARP CONDO! Popular end upper unit with vaulted ceilings lg open kitchen with snack bar area master ste w/prvt bath This one s in move in condition! (L42575)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$129,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes With in a block of Lawson Field offers tennis basketball & play area Nice floor plan with finished basement (L19158)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$129,900
COZY CLEAN CONDO Ground floor ranch appliances doorwall to patio Lots of storage Updated kit & bath w/shower separate tub C/A newer carpet MBR w/walk in closet (A360)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$129,900
ALL WORK IS DONE! JUST MOVE IN Oak kit w/brk in ovens & cooktop(01) bath(00) elec(01) plumb(01) rfr(95) furn(81) wind rms & carpet(02) Too much to list! A must see! (B17229)

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NOVI \$126,500
CAREFREE CONDO LIVING Wonderful 2 BR condo in lovely Olde Orchard Charming kit w/new fr Cozy FR w/new vinyl doorwall leading to patio Nice mstr w/great views All appl stay (06OLD2)

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ROMULUS \$125,900
LOVELY RANCH! 3 BR 2 bath ranch on dead end str Above grnd pool lg lot; MBR & bath Frplc in open FR Kit & DR All on 1st flr C ty inspections done & approved (23H6132)

734-455 7000



NORTHVILLE \$125,000
DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE BUSINESS! This card shop has it all cards stationary gift wrap shower supplies balloons Computer & card generating software Complete w/ fixtures cash register etc (15MAI2)

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WAYNE \$121,900
ADORABLE WAYNE BRICK RANCH 3 BRs 1 1/2 baths 2 car garage completely updated kitchen & bath New flooring throughout Freshly painted Built in Dishwasher Updated electrical home warranty (G388)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$121,500
AFFORDABLE & NICE! Canton condo in The Winds complex Townhome style 2 bedroom 1 full bath Patio carport all appliances! (23N41030)

734-455-7000



LINCOLN PARK \$119,900
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR BRICK BUNGALOW Full Brick home with large Master bedroom All appliances included 2 Stoves frdg washer dryer freezer & microwave Furniture is negotiable! (M177)

734 326 2000



DETROIT \$80,000
WELCOME YOUR FAMILY into this 2 BR 1 1/2 bath bungalow Security doors newer wndws new pedestal sink & toilet in bath Fnsd bsmt w/glass block wndws newer roof furnace & HWH (23R19453)

734-455-7000

NORTHVILLE
PERFECT LOCATION Stunning & beautifully cared for 3 BR cape code 1st floor bedroom 2/2 baths w/o bsmt finished 2 car garage fireplace at location Move in condition 56WHI2 \$432,900 248-348-6430

WESTLAND
OUTSTANDING RANCH & GREAT LOCATION Great 3 BR 1 1/2 bath ranch w/many updates Redone oak kitchen w/newer appliances that stay! Bath redone w/Jacuzzi Full bsmt 2 car att garage 32TON2 \$169,900 248-348 6430

REDFORD
EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! Full brick! Three BRs! Fin bsmt 24x24 block garage newer windows rf shingles electrical copper plumbing & carpet Remodeled white kit privacy fenced yd 120455 PC670162 \$131,711 734 591 9200

WESTLAND
TOTALLY UPDATED 3 BEDROOM HOME Livonia schools Updates include new vinyl siding carpet electrical closet & bedroom doors bathroom new floor in kitchen new roof C7606 \$125,000 734-591-9200

PLYMOUTH
LOCATION IS EVERYTHING! Ground floor 1 bedroom condo Central air private basement all appliances included Great commons view Price lowered 23S1199 \$79 900 734-455 7000

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The 2004 Volkswagen Touareg

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Thursday Drive Time



BY DALE BUSS

By now, I'm used to Volkswagen doing the unexpected in its bid to recover some lost traction in the U.S. automotive market. The new Beetle of a few years ago was only the first and most notable such effort. More recently, VW introduced a top-end luxury sedan called Phaeton, which took the German brand way out of its usual comfort zone.

VW's new Touareg sport-utility vehicle, introduced last year, is a bit less of a stretch for a brand that always has had utility as its middle name. VW probably should have had an SUV in the American market long before it did. And now that Touareg is on the scene, it's making a lot of SUV buyers happy. I think it's better than a lot of competitive offerings.

Despite its nearly incomprehensible and unpronounceable name whose history really doesn't need to be a topic of this review, Touareg was named Motor Trend magazine's 2004 SUV of the year. And like the editors of that magazine, I was attracted by its interesting and unconventional proportions, its ready power, its lush interior and amenities and its solid ride.

The starting price of around a suggested \$35,000 will certainly put off some buyers who, justifiably, would be expecting to pay that much for an SUV from a true luxury marque rather than from VW. VW points out that Touareg is the "most affordable" German SUV, but of course the other "German SUVs" are those produced by BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

I was also disappointed by the lack of an available third seat, the fact that the ride wasn't more car-like, and by the strange tendency that Touareg demonstrated in slow-speed, hard-corner-turning situations, either going forward or in reverse, of lurching bit by bit instead of proceeding smoothly. I checked the tires and other contingencies that I could imagine might be contributing to a problem with the particular vehicle I reviewed, but couldn't come up with a source of a problem. So I have to



The interior of the VW Touareg is impressive for a SUV.

conclude this is how Touareg is engineered. Those misgivings aside, there's a lot to be said for Touareg. It has a brawny look unlike most VWs, and it's proportioned to be more squarish than many other SUVs. It's available in a V6, a 3.2-liter engine rated at 220 horsepower and a V8, a 4.2-liter engine boasting 310 horsepower. Mileage ranges from 14 mpg in the city to 20 mpg on the highway, depending on the engine.

The interior is where Touareg impresses a lot of SUV buyers. It has leatherette upholstery that is standard, eight-way adjustable seating, wood trim, a power-glass sunroof, dual-zone temperature controls with a rear-seat control, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and many more amenities.

Options for both models include high-intensity discharge headlamps, for an extra \$750, and an electronic park assist for \$600, which alerts the driver to objects or people that are behind the car when it is backing up. A navigation system comes bundled with a sound-system upgrade for an additional \$2,350. The V6 version offers a premium

package for \$2,200 that includes leather trim, 12-way memory power seats, heated power folding auto-dimming mirrors with memor, center console wood trim, and a front sliding armrest.

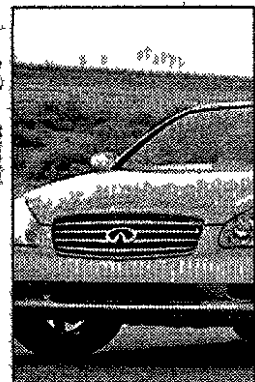
Even with all these luxury touches, however, VW clearly is trying to appeal to the off-roader with Touareg, with features such as an air suspension that lowers the vehicle when you want more agile, pavement driving and raises it when you need higher ground clearance in the brush and muck. An optional rear-differential lock forces both rear wheels to spin instead of only the one with better traction.

Oh, yes - in case you're curious, Touareg is pronounced "Tour-reg" and is named, for some reason, after a nomadic tribe in Saharan Africa whose name, in some language, means "free folk." The bet here is that not one of the Touareg people can afford a Touareg.

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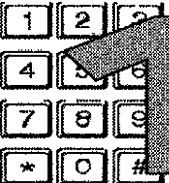
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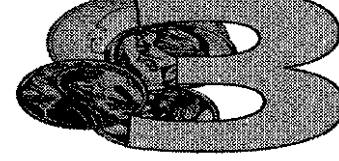
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Classy romantic SWF 57 56 190 lbs with long blonde hair and green eyes. Enjoys antiquing craft shows garage sales casinos playing cards and board games. Looking for a SWM 50-65 who's romantic classy and would like to enjoy life together. Ad# 715804

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VERY KIND LADY
SWF 28 is seeking a SBF 30-40 for friendship first and maybe could turn into more. Ad# 712726

RESPONSIBILITY IS KEY
SWF 41 55 120 lbs with two children at home. Seeking an attractive SWM 37+ who likes children and responds to a. Ad# 712290

TAKE IT SLOW
DWF 46 59 128 lbs smoker with blonde hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys football hockey NASCAR Hairys concerts and shooting pool. Looking for a tall secure SWM 39-50 who's honest caring and doesn't play games. Ad# 712188

I'M YOUR LADY
SWF 43 57 with long brown hair brown eyes and 2 children. Enjoys bingo casinos pines boating long walks drive ins and carnivals. Looking for an employed honest caring affectionate SWM 43 or older with similar interests. Ad# 712171

MAKE MY DAYS!
Fun SBF 50 enjoys family dancing movies and trips. Looking for an established spunky D/W/M 47-67 who is done with games. Ad# 675614

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT
SWF 57 54 red curly hair brown eyes Enjoys movies theater boating swiming cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM 55-70 who is ambitious spiritual successful and fun. Ad# 473811

SOLID VALUES
W/W/W 49 57 blonde hair green eyes Enjoys outdoors sports travel and more. Seeking an honest N/S SWM 39-70 with high morals. Ad# 488338

INTERESTED?
Motivated SWF 21 looking for a communicative SWM 21-27 Give me a call and let's see where things go. Ad# 687893

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
SWF 30 510 blonde hair blue eyes Seeking a SWM 29-45 who enjoys 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 61 medium build college graduate non smoker Enjoys working out theater movies walking and more. Seeking a SWM 63 plus 53-62 who is well groomed and professional for friendship first. Ad# 470261

LETS TALK
Outgoing and friendly SWF 46 58 brown hair blue eyes smoker Enjoys animals crafts the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up front SWM 40-51 with similar interests who has a get up and go attitude. Ad# 539780

YOU WILL LIKE ME
SWF 66 55 blonde medium build fun loving artist Seeking SWM 60 plus who wants to do things is talkative humorous and loves to cuddle. If interests call non smokers. Ad# 557287

ADVENTUROUS & SPONTANEOUS
SWF 31, enjoys playing cards being social dining out and much more. Seeking a SWM 18-67 must have a sense of humor. Ad# 684940

SMILE WITH ME
SBF 24 Seeking an intelligent honest and trustworthy SWM 24-35 who is financially independent. Ad# 683195

BROWN EYED GAL
I'm a SWF 48 54 a medical professional seeking a church going N/S good humored SWM 46 52 with no children at home who loves laughter the theater people and trying new things. Ad# 683074

GOOD MORALS AND VALUES
SWFC 42 slim humorous and active Enjoys travel the outdoors movies dining and more. Seeking a SBF 40-48 who is honest loving loyal and has good morals. Ad# 682247

NO GAMES
SWF 42 56 125 lbs enjoys going to the movies and hunting. Seeking a SWM 35 55 who is into head games. Ad# 682223

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU
SWF 60 auburn hair green eyes professional Enjoys travel week and get-aways camping cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM 57 70 who is loving humorous N/S N/D fun and affectionate. Ad# 645039

GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST
SNAF 54 looks younger black hair brown eyes full figured retired with grown children. Enjoys a variety of things Seeking a SM 45 65 who is honest and compassionate. Ad# 681971

LOVES TO HAVE FUN
SNF 29 mother of 2 55 190 lbs with long blonde hair and green eyes. Enjoys sports dancing and more. Seeking a SM 27 39 who is understanding trustworthy and down to earth. Ad# 681926

I DO LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBF 63 N/S social drinker energetic and retired Enjoys traveling good conversation and more. Looking for a SBF 60-69 to get to know. Ad# 681889

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF 33 54 very active a professional and hoping to meet an intelligent professional SWM 32 42 in Michigan for a possible relationship. Ad# 680543

ANXIOUSLY WAITING
SWF 60 52 brown hair medium build. Wants to meet a SWM 55 70 who is tall medium build likes to go places is affectionate and seeking a commitment. Ad# 680347

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPE CIAL?
SWF 73 53 170 lbs with blue eyes and dark hair Enjoys reading and dancing. Looking for a tall dark handsome SWM 20 29 who responds to coffee. Ad# 680314

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?
SWF 45 54 129 lbs with blonde hair and blue eyes Enjoys boating camping motorcycles and just kicking back having fun. Looking for a SWM 35 50 who is caring fun loving and likes having fun. Ad# 683751

A LITTLE SPICE
Retired SWF 62 enjoys dining out dancing traveling or staying home for a quiet evening. She is looking for a SWM 56 64 to put some fun and excitement back into her life. Ad# 653750

MOONLIT WALKS
Interested? Romantic SWF 59 54 135 lbs brownish hair Enjoys walks under the moonlight. Looking for a caring romantic SWM under 65. Ad# 684937

FUN TO BE WITH
SWF 19 51 110 lb with blue eyes Enjoys bowing the outdoors and dancing. Looking for a tall dark and handsome SWM 20 29 who responds to coffee and dependant. Ad# 679632

NO TIME FOR GAMES
SBFC 39 59 adventurous and spontaneous Seeking a SBF 40 under 48 who is very honest adventurous fun loving kind hearted and knows how to treat a woman. Ad# 678598

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
SWF 41 56 148 lbs with one child. Looking for a tall professional SWM 40 or older who enjoys the outdoors sports family and children. Ad# 684798

LET'S BEGIN AS FRIENDS
SBF 22 college student one daughter. Looking for an honest caring understanding commu nicative SWM 19 29. Ad# 684474

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW
Very average looking SWFC 71 with blonde hair and blue eyes is looking for a SWM 66 74 to share companionship for dining out dating and so forth. Ad# 683697

HOPES & DREAMS
SWF 25 41 150 lbs with one child. Enjoys traveling. Looking for a nice S/W race and age antiprom tent who's educated employed and accepts the fact I have a child. Ad# 683397

THE MARRYING KIND
SWF 55 54 125 lbs with red hair and green eyes Enjoys dancing walking and sports. Looking for a marriage minded educated SWM 55 65 with a good sense of humor who likes having fun. Ad# 682734

SEEKING NICE GENT
SBF 51 55 good cook Seeking a courteous SBF 45 55 5+ for friendship first and then see what happens. Ad# 682197

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
W/W/W 56 58 123 lbs long hair stays in shape Enjoys gourmet cooking & traveling. Seeking a SWM 55 58 years old. Ad# 680575

I LL BE WAITING
Calm laid back SWF 62 52 110 lbs blonde hair blue eyes Loves family activities cooking crocheting cultural events and more. Seeking a kind quiet SWM 56+ who cares about other people and loves an male. Ad# 567461

DINNER & A MOVIE
Responds like SWF 51 years old seeks non smoking non drinking SWM 50 65 who is looking for companionship. Ad# 680427

SOUTHERN BELLE
Down to earth SWF 29 55 120 lbs a pretty blonde Loves dancing dining out and time at home with a special someone. Wants to be spoiled by a SWM 40-58 with no baggage. Ad# 683006

THE KEY TO HER HEART
SWF 58 enjoys boating reading movies and dining out. She is looking for a N/S SWM 59+ or taller social drinker ok with salt and pepper hair. If this sounds like you give her a call. Ad# 659790

CALL & CHAT WITH ME
SWF 53 53 weight proportionate Enjoys garden moves fine dining good conversation plus more. Hoping to meet a SWM 50 60 Ad# 659405

SEEKS FRIENDSHIP
SWF 50 57 weight proportionate retired Loves dancing time at home and people. Looking for a SWM 47 60 Ad# 659597

ONE IN A MILLION
Professional educated DWF 43 with one child Enjoys movies dining and dancing. Looking for an honest sincere SWM 35-52 who's not into games knows what they want and enjoys the outdoors. Ad# 658558

HUSBAND WANTED
SWF 38 attract ve blonde likes to cuddle fine arts and n/g movies. S honest caring romantic passion ate N/S not outdoor type. Seeking a SWM 35 55 5+ attract ve stable serious relationship passion for 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 SWM 40-50 who's fun likes to have a good time and likes children. Ad# 656043

END MY SEARCH!
I'm an honest dependable SWM 25 55 105 lbs smoker with brown hair & hazel eyes. Looking for a long term relationship with a tall SWF gentleman 30 50 who enjoys summer and winter activities and is true for me. Ad# 655797

WHY NOT CALL?
SWM 24 56 120 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 seeking a nice SBF 21-40 who loves kids. Ad# 654399

CHAT
SWF 26 57 115 lbs with a great sense of humor no children. Seeking for a SM 22 32 who is good looking. Ad# 654219

SEEKING CHURCH GOING MAN
SBF 22 enjoys going to church. Looking for a fun respectable clean cut SBF gentleman 18 30 N/S N/D who is serious about a committed relationship. Ad# 640709

LOOKING TO BE SPOILED
SBF 27 mother of 3 boys. Seeking SWM over 30 for a possible relationship. Ad# 640217

TRY IT OUT
SWF 48 beautiful blonde who is romantic and sophisticated. Enjoys the bookstore antieria n/g and cooking. Seeking a special SWM to make her house a home. He should be intelligent financially stable honest secure handsome generous & marriage minded. Ad# 640050

SIMPLE LIFE
SWF 47 54 110 lbs brown hair and green eyes Enjoys sports beach golf cooking dancing. Seeking SWM who is outgoing friendly oyal and good hearted. Lets have fun and good times together. Ad# 640037

LOVABLE SWEETIE
SWF 42 I enjoy life family cooking and movies. Seeking a SWM who is honest sincere You must enjoy life and good conversations. Ad# 639222

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COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST
I'm a sincere SBF 21 with one son in searching for an energetic fun honest SBF who believes that honesty is the key to a strong relationship. Ad# 636745

LIKE GOOD SURPRISES?
SBF 28 51 160 lb boned N/S N/D Enjoys bowling movies cast n/s travel and time with friends. Looking for an honest person. Ad# 636902

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SBF 31 57 145 lbs light complexion Looking for a sweet spontaneous level headed good looking SBF 25-35. Ad# 636499

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LET'S LIVE
51 WF Independent like movies travel dining out dancing. Looking for a SWM 50 60 with same interests. No couch potatoes and I interested give me a call. Thank You. Ad# 616570

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
Fun faithful outgoing SWF 41 blue-eyed blonde 52 Loves roller coasters computers cards racing camping and fishing. Looking for a good humored open minded passionate SM 35 55 who enjoys life. Ad# 536207

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
SWF 47 52 attractive blonde hazel eyes with a beautiful smile. Seeking a honest and caring SWM 40 52 who enjoys spending time with that special someone. Ad# 641159

LOOKING FOR HONESTY
SWF 58 54 with green eyes Enjoys the water and trying any thing once in search of a tall SWM 55 66 who is honest with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad# 638111

GOOD NATURED
SBF 47 53 dark brown hair outgoing sincere and fun loving Enjoys shopping travel dining concerts the outdoors pines and more. Seeking a SBF 40 60 who is sincere outgoing fun loving heart oriented and is a kid at heart. Ad# 442747

LOVE TO GIVE
SWF 27 59 145 lbs blonde hair green eyes. She is seeking a man who loves children has a sense of humor is honest and enjoys quiet times at home. Ad# 633192

IN SEARCH OF LOVE
SWM 52 with brown hair and a mustache Enjoys dining out the outdoors etc. Looking for a SWF 40 53 who is looking for a long term relationship. Flint area. Ad# 420370

THE FIRST TO BE THE LAST?
SWM 47 57 athletic build dark hair blue eyes Enjoys dancing and life at the lake. Looking for an open minded fun attractive W/ SF 35 47 Ad# 714636

FUN LIFE
SWM 68 61 210 lb brown hair and eyes active easygoing and fun to be around. Seeking an affectionate SF age unimportant who's fun to be with. Ad# 683232

WE WILL SEE
SWM 34 51 180 lbs brown hair blue eyes smoker social drinker. Seeking a decent SWF 24 42 Ad# 713575

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SNAM 50 a Christian who likes hunting camping rdng his motorcycle and going to Church. He would like to meet a SF 18-48 for a possible relationship. Ad# 712725

NICE & FUNNY
SBF 57 51 226 lbs Enjoys jazz walking cuddling and more. Looking for a SF 25 36 who is loving down to earth sweet and has respect for herself. Ad# 595204

GIVE ME A CALL
SWM 18 58 enjoys skating and kicking back watching TV. Looking for a SBF 18 28 who would like to get to know me. Ad# 713076

I'M WAITING
SWM 49 looks 39 knows how to treat a lady someone who has a nice build and a pleasant personality. I am looking for a woman that is looking for a good man. Hope to hear from you as soon as possible. Redford area. Ad# 411537

ONE IN A MILLION
SBF 27 a father college graduate Enjoys music basketball movies and traveling. Seeking a SF who is sweet and well dated. Ad# 712237

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
SBM 33 hazel eyes 5 11 210 lbs tattoo. Looking for an independent confident SF around 60 65 with tattoos. Ad# 686504

THIS IS IT!
SBM 43 6 220 lbs N/S social drinker Enjoys sports chess dominos and more. Seeking a SF who is caring loving honest and enjoys the same. Ad# 711740

UNIQUE & FASCINATING
Self employed DWCM 55 63 who enjoys the out door talks in front of the fireplace and traveling. Looking for a prudent SWFC 43 55 who is attractive fit and looking for a possible long term relationship. Ad# 643411

WHATS UP LADIES
SWM 26 is seeking a SF over 18 for a possible long term relationship. Ad# 711290

BOLF ANYONE?
SWM 50 5 10 190 lbs blue eyes and gray hair Enjoys working out boating swimming golf and more. Seeking a SWF age unimportant who knows how to play golf or who wants to learn. Ad# 710867

LET'S MEET
SWM 29 59 160 lbs hardworking Likes going out and having fun going to the movies hanging out with friends and bowling. Seeking a SBF 20+ with similar interests. Ad# 708674

STABLE MINDED
SWM 52 56 medium build brown hair green eyes N/S Seeking a SWF 38-51 who is kind caring and stable. Ad# 701914

ONE IN A MILLION
If you like walks in woods can do light and moves give him a call! He is an attractive SWM 38 who would like to meet a SWF 45-55. Ad# 715326

FUN TIMES
SBM 27 59 short hair light brown complexion. Seeking a SF 20 41 to have fun with. Ad# 706374

DATING WORLD AGAIN
SWM 66 56 N/S N/D Enjoys crafts craft shows casinos and movies. Looking for a very outgoing slim to medium built SWF 50 65 with no children at home who likes crafts and would like companionship. Ad# 705654

LIFE IS BETTER SHARED
White male dentist 6 173 lbs 54 very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female 38 to 53 54 plus slim non smoker very attractive and physically fit who loves fine dining travel cuddling and is seeking a best friend. Ad# 403950

KEEPS AN OPEN MIND
SWM 46 51 190 lbs blue eyes Has varied interests. Seeking a SWF 40 53 for friendship first and see where it goes. Ad# 682239

CALL ME!
SBM 36 who would like to meet a nice talkative red headed SWF 33 45 who enjoys spending time watching movies and being together. Ad# 687835

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM 52 57 with brown hair/eyes like social dining traveling landscaping etc. Seeking a SWF 62 82 retired and ready to have fun. Ad# 683394

WAITING FOR YOU
Tall SWM 29 58 looking for a long term relationship with a SWF 23 33 who is pretty fun loving and enjoys life. Ad# 571726

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE
SWM 58 62 200 lbs no children at home Enjoys reading basketball dining out cooking and much more. Looking to meet a SWF 48 61 who is looking for a long term serious relationship. Ad# 689635

GOOD GUY
SBM 32 51 150 lbs who caters to that special woman's needs. Seeking a SBF 18 40 Ad# 689208

A LONG KNIGHT
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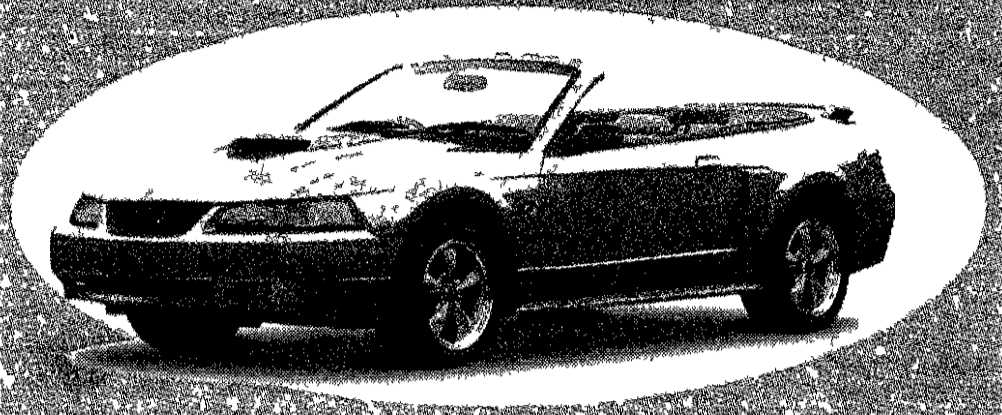
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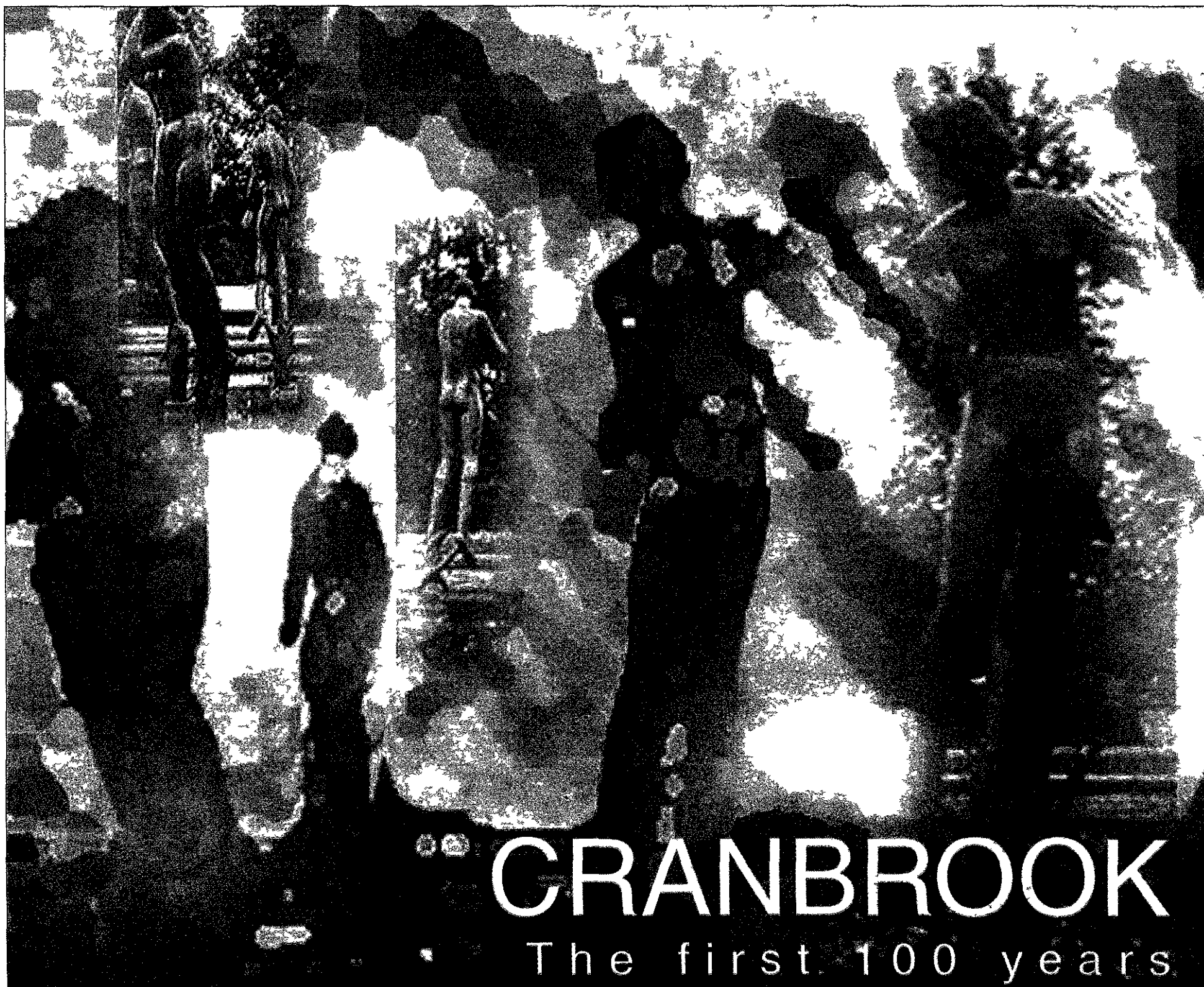
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Each member of Slipknot, a nine-piece nu-metal band, wears a disturbingly creepy, sub-human face mask.

Slipknot ready to attack Detroit

"There are six words to describe a Slipknot show 'Anything that can happen will happen' It can be complete chaos to the point where the band strips down and throws blood and other bodily fluids at each other across the stage," said Slipknot vocalist Number Eight.

The bodily fluids that Number Eight is referring to could be sweat, spit or urine, and he doesn't apologize for the behavior of the nine-piece nu metal band Slipknot's fans, or 'maggots' as the band affectionately calls them, don't mind either

Apparently, few seem to care about the chaos The band's popularity is surging Slipknot is on tour to promote its album *Vol 3 (The Subliminal Verses)* and will headline Harpo's in Detroit on Friday On Monday, May 17, Slipknot plays *The Tonight Show* Yes, with Jay Leno Then at end of summer the band will come back to Detroit to play Ozzfest.

WILD

'Detroit is always really wild for us, something interesting always happens here,' Number Eight said

Slipknot created the biggest stir of all the bands at its last Ozzfest stint and its albums have gone platinum Be warned however, Slipknot's music is not for the faint of heart The first thing you should know about Slipknot is the style Each member wears disturbingly creepy, sub-human like face masks

"We wanted the most inhuman emotionless images something that puts you off Look at the faces and you see that they're just not right," Number Eight said

The masks, he said, are a reflection of how each band member feels deep inside So do you really want to know what

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these guys are feeling?

Well, actually, yes But first the music

Number Eight, also known as Corey, describes Slipknot's music as the heavy brutality of Slayer combined with the sadness and melody of Radiohead Still, the nasty lyrics packed with obscenities and overtones of violence and abandonment are more like Slayer than Radiohead. The band consists of three percussionists, two guitarists, one bassist, a sampler, a DJ and a lead vocalist The style is percussion-based It's heavy, distorted new metal

Despite the violent lyrics, Number Eight said fans understand he's not condoning it Slipknot merely comments about the harsh world around them Eminem does the same thing, as do scores of other bands

The most important aspect of *Vol 3 (The Subliminal Verses)* is the underlying theme of hope that's buried deep within the music

Number Eight wants people to know that. Look at Number Eight's face and you might imagine a conversation with a madman, but he's exactly opposite. He has reasons to smile these days He's a new father, a husband and celebrating one month of sobriety

Family life, he said, gives him reason for happiness, but it's also part of his dark side "When you have a family, you pay more attention to the news going on in the world and it makes you angry," he said "That's what I'm writing about All I can do is write and hope that people can relate to it in some way"

The music is aggressive and intense "There's so many elements, it's hard to pin it all down," Number Eight said. "It has all the brutality you might expect from us, yet it's melodic. With nine members in the band, it makes the musical writing process more experimental"

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Entertaining 'Alamo' delivers history lesson

BY DAVID GERMAIN
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Remember the Alamo? Recall anything more than the war cry it inspired, "Remember the Alamo," and the fact that it's where Davy Crockett and a load of

Texas freedom fighters died? You'll come away with quite a history lesson from John Lee Hancock's *The Alamo*, which generally delivers the goods as entertainment without becoming a stuffy classroom project. The film drags a bit for the first hour in its exposition of the issues that led a

raggedy assemblage of 200 men to hole up in the old Spanish mission in San Antonio and fend off a Mexican force 10 times its size for almost two weeks.

Yet Hancock, a native Texan who co-wrote the script, has crafted an intriguing dynamic among his heroes, ably led by Billy Bob Thornton as Crockett, Dennis Quaid as Sam Houston, Jason Patric as Jim Bowie and Patrick Wilson as William Travis.

Hancock's version forgoes the larger-than-life nobility of Hollywood's most famous depiction, the 1960 epic *The Alamo*, directed by and starring John Wayne as Crockett. None of Wayne's holier-than-thou preachiness carries over in Hancock's vision, an earthy story of decent men who find resolve in a hopeless situation not so much from patriotism as from one another.

The Alamo grabbed headlines as the latest Hollywood "troubled film" after Disney yanked it off the schedule last December to give Hancock more time in the editing room (the job came to Hancock after Ron Howard, who remained a producer, decided against directing it).

The only real trouble with the movie was the overly optimistic release date Disney picked, hoping to qualify *The Alamo* for the 2003 Academy Awards. That earlier release date likely would have left the studio holding a much duller three-hour

turkey instead of Hancock's crisp, two-and-a-quarter-hour finished cut.

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

The film provides a speedy introduction to 1830s Texas politics and the personalities that would make the Alamo live on in legend. Texas, part of the newly independent Mexico, is viewed as a land of opportunity for many Americans until Mexican

dictator Santa Anna (Emilio Echevarria) starts flexing his muscles.

Houston, commander of the Texas army, is one of many settlers pushing to make the land a separate republic. Bowie, a broody frontiersman who carries the big, fat knife that bears his name, and uptight yet upright Travis forge an uneasy alliance as leaders of the Alamo

troops. Crockett, recently departed from Congress and looking for fresh adventures, simply turns up at the Alamo at the wrong time.

"Well, I understood the fighting was over. Isn't it?" Crockett says, his trace of a smile vanishing as realization sinks in that he's entered a war zone.

With only one other feature film behind him (the feel-good baseball tale *The Rookie*, also starring Quaid), Hancock admirably marshals the action and scope.

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Three men, Lt. Col. William Travis (Patrick Wilson, left), Davy Crockett (Billy Bob Thornton, center), and James Bowie (Jason Patric, right) lead one of the most momentous battles in American history in 'The Alamo.'

Small Screen

Wait until kids go to bed to watch 'A Clockwork Orange'

BY DAVID MacGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes the tag line for a film gives only a vague idea of what the film might be about, on other occasions, it can give a fairly accurate picture of the film

For *A Clockwork Orange* (released in 1971), the tag line was "The adventures of a young man whose principal interests are rape, ultra-violence and Beethoven." That sums it up pretty well

There are many people who will claim with no reservation that this was the late Stanley Kubrick's greatest film, surpassing *The Shining*, *Dr Strangelove* and even *2001 A Space Odyssey*. However, there are many other people who walked out of theaters because they found it too offensive and unsettling

Based on the novel by Anthony Burgess, the film takes place in a future that doesn't seem that far removed from our present. True to its advertising, the film stars a young man named Alex (Malcolm McDowell) who takes the term juvenile delinquent to new heights

He and his gang have their own slang-laden language, a unique sense of fashion, and their idea of a good time is loading up on drug-infused milk and then creating as much havoc as they possibly can. Alex exudes both charm and pure evil and it is only when he is betrayed by his own gang that he is arrested for murder and sent to prison

RECONDITIONING

While there, Alex volunteers for an experimental reconditioning program that is designed to get criminal offenders out on the streets again much more quickly

The program appears to be a resounding success. Alex may still have his violent and anti-social impulses, but before he can act on them he is overcome by nausea

In fact, he is so incapable of violence that when his past victims exact their revenge on him, he is helpless to even defend himself

This presents the government with a bit of a public relations problem and Alex is experimented upon once again

This time around, Alex himself is quite pleased with the result, laconically remarking, "I was cured all right"

Aside from its thought-provoking premise about how

to best rehabilitate criminals, the appeal of this film lies in its set design, editing, cinematography and use of music

Yes, there is violence in the film, but it is presented in such a stylistic fashion that much of its power is muted

For example, a fight scene between Alex's gang and another gang is choreographed to *The Thieving Magpie* and it is more like a ballet than a brawl. And standing above and beyond everything else in the film is McDowell's portrayal of Alex

It is a chilling, mesmerizing performance — one of those rare occasions when everything about an actor is perfectly suited to the role he is playing

The best advice for watching *A Clockwork Orange*?

First, wait until the kids go to bed. Second, watch it once just to get a handle on the story

And third, watch it again to appreciate the way in which the story is told

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Malcolm McDowell stars as Alex in 'A Clockwork Orange'

ALAMO

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of *The Alamo*, though he tends to overdo the mythic imagery — bodies splayed in skeletal trees, a slain soldier face down in a river with a halo of blood

The battle scenes are rousing, considering how repetitive 19th century cannon and musket fire can become. Pamstakingly designed sets, props, costumes and particularly the hoary stylings of hair and beards lend great authenticity, as does Carter Burwell's memorable, rootsy score

Thornton's hearty performance anchors the film, while Quaid largely is left on the

sidelines until the aftermath of the Alamo massacre. Even then, Houston's vengeful engagement with Santa Anna's forces feels rushed, coming off as a rather clumsily appended epilogue

As Bowie and Travis, Patric and Wilson present a captivating study of how the needs of the moment can foster cooperation, concord and even respect between utterly opposite sorts of men

It's a fine microcosm of the civilizing cement that turned pioneer rabble into the Republic of Texas and later, the 28th state

The Alamo released by Disney's Touchstone Pictures is rated PG-13 for sustained intense battle sequences. Running time: 136 minutes. Three stars out of four

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More movies

'The Girl Next Door' lives down her past

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Girl Next Door is essentially *Risky Business* with porn stars instead of prostitutes, starring good-looking, likable Emile Hirsch in the Tom Cruise role and good-looking, likable Elisha Cuthbert in the Rebecca De Mornay role.

She helps him loosen up, he helps her live her past down — and in true high school film fashion, everything ends up at the prom.

If you're going to re-envision a teen movie, the one that made Cruise a star back in 1983 is better than most sources of inspiration.

The Girl Next Door could do the same thing for Hirsch, who — with his approachable demeanor and boyish visage — resembles a young George Stephanopoulos.

(That's apropos because his character, Matthew, is the Georgetown-bound student body president with aspirations of reaching the White House.)

Cuthbert, who plays Kiefer Sutherland's peril-prone daughter on *24*, already is a star — but after sexy supporting roles in *Love Actually* and *Old School*, this is her first shot at the lead. She's lovely, with a Marilyn Monroe-esque combination of innocence and sex appeal.

And she and Hirsch have an easy, flirtatious chemistry that transcends the movie's boy-fantasy premise. As Danielle, a former porn star with a heart of gold, she moves in next door to Matthew to start a new life in suburbia.

Director Luke Greenfield suffered nearly universal critical derision for his first movie, the typical gross-out comedy *The Animal*, starring Rob Schneider as a poor schmo who undergoes surgery

after a car crash and ends up with animal organs.

Greenfield seems a bit more in control here — his early scenes at Matthew's high school have a melancholy, dream-like quality — and he chose the film's effective, eclectic soundtrack, which features songs from The Who, David Bowie and Queen, Echo and the Bunnymen and N.E.R.D.

Dangerously Charming

But the movie seriously drags in the middle, despite the presence of Timothy Olyphant in the Joe Pantoliano, Guido-the-Killer-Pimp role.

Recalling his scene-stealing performance as a drug dealer in *Go*, Olyphant livens things up as Kelly, a volatile, dangerously charming porn producer who tries to drag Danielle back into the biz. When he's gone, he takes the movie with him.

And the script from Brent Goldberg and David T. Wagner (which is far superior to the one they wrote for *My Baby's*

Daddy) collapses just when it should be building toward a climax (pardon the pun) when everyone heads to the Adult Film Convention in Las Vegas.

The payoff at the end helps redeem things somewhat, thanks in large part to supporting work from the actors playing Matthew's nerdy best friends: Chris Marquette as the sex-crazed aspiring filmmaker Eli, and Paul Dano as shy, self-loathing Klitz.

(And yes, that really is the character's name. Maybe he should have been the porn star instead.)

By the end, all three of them learn, like Cruise's *Risky Business* character, that sometimes you just gotta say what the (expletive).

In these fast-paced, post-millennial times, *The Girl Next Door* has reduced that sentiment to the pithier "(Expletive) it."

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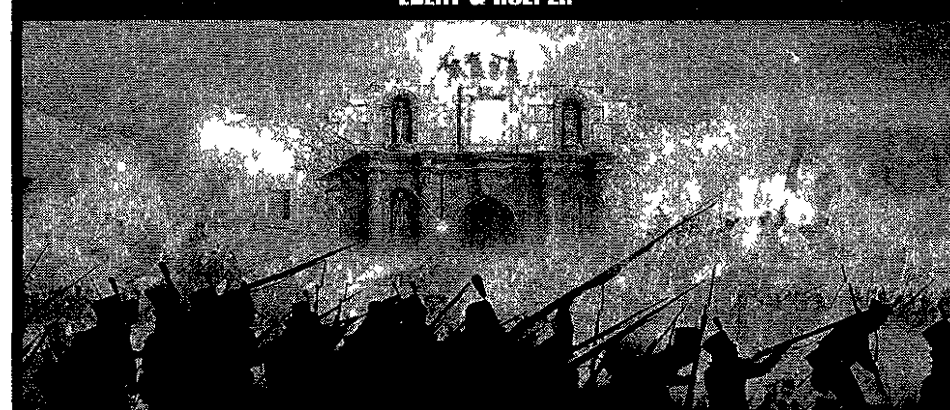
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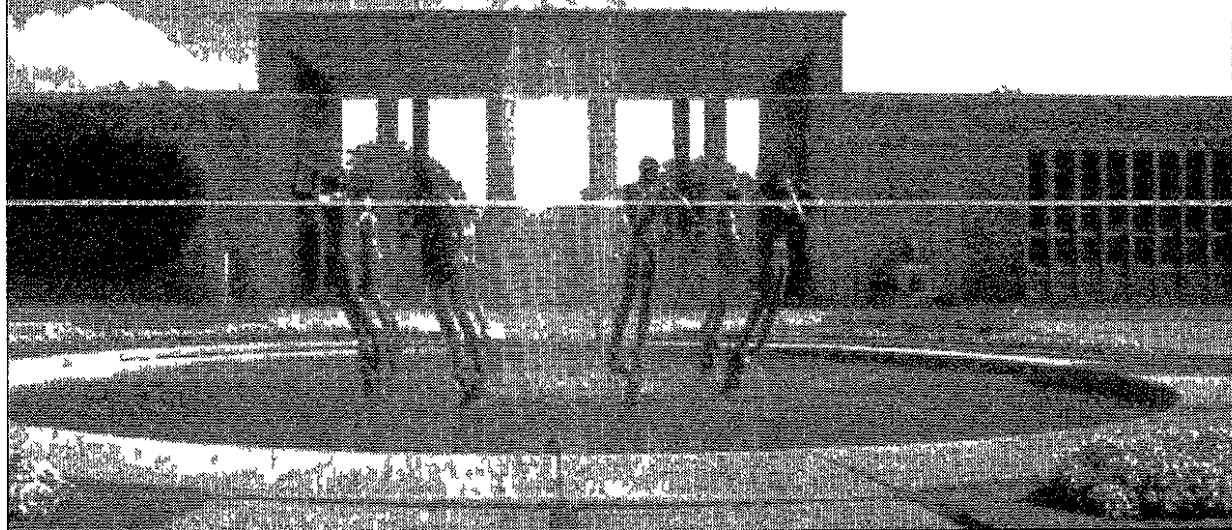
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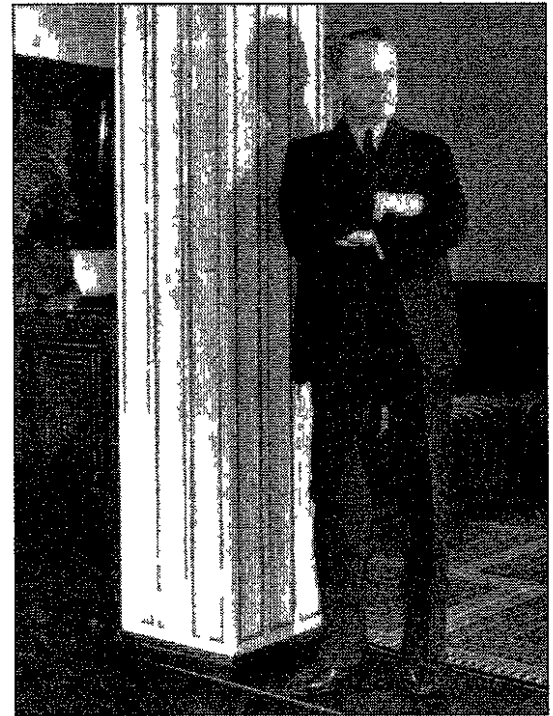
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It goes without saying we're lucky to have Cranbrook. Then again, perhaps it's not said enough. Visually stunning, rich in culture, history and inspiration, Cranbrook has reached a milestone.

It was in 1904 that the institution's founder, newspaper publisher George Booth, purchased the land that now hosts the sprawling 318-acre Cranbrook Educational Community.

On Saturday, April 24, Cranbrook hosts Centennial Day and welcomes the public to join in the celebration. Special events are slated from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is priced at a celebratory 100 cents.

A related event, "Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss," a celebration of the author and Cranbrook hosted by the Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary and St. Dunstan's

Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, is scheduled for May 22. Also, patrons can purchase a Centennial Pass, good for unlimited general admission through 2004, for \$100.

INVALUABLE RESOURCE

"Cranbrook is an invaluable cultural resource," said John Bloom, a private art collector and executive director of the Fanclub Arts Foundation, based in Royal Oak. "It is a fabulous place, the aesthetics are breathtaking, and it only improves with age. It is an historical center and it is a design epicenter."

MARK THE MOMENT

What: Centennial Day, a celebration of Cranbrook's 100th birthday

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24

Where: Cranbrook campus, 39221 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: Admission is 100 cents (\$1). Call (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrook.edu

Centennial Day features historical trolley rides of the Cranbrook grounds and guided tours of the museums and historic homes. The science institute presents Astronomy and Chemistry Day 1-4 p.m., while the art museum hosts the Cranbrook Academy of Art Student Degree Show along with works in the Cranbrook collection. Also, Cranbrook Academy of Art's annual stu-

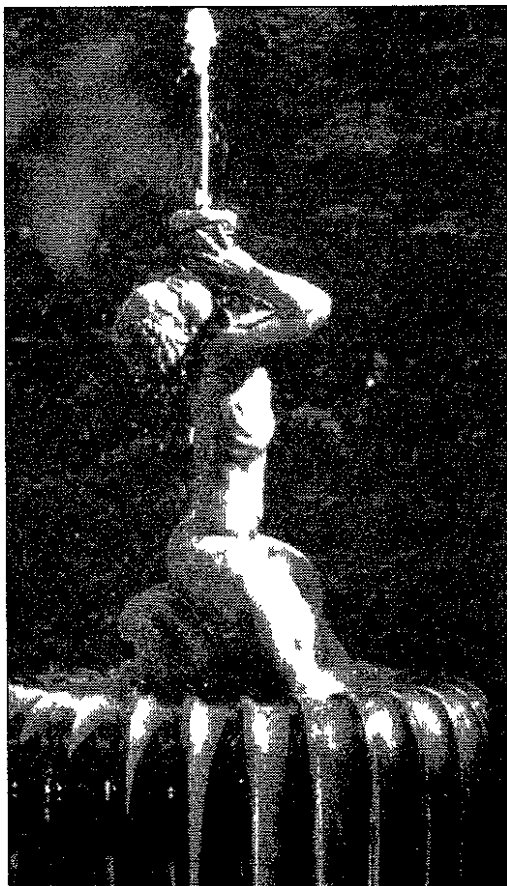
Clockwise from top left: Cranbrook Art Museum's 'Orpheus' fountain was designed by Swedish sculptor Carl Milles, in Bloomfield Hills, off of Woodward Avenue, is the front entrance to the Cranbrook campus, Cranbrook's chief architect Elie Saarinen stands inside the Saarinen House, his Art Deco masterpiece; an historical photo of a painting class at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 'Triton with Shell' sits outside the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

dent art auction is scheduled 4 p.m.

When Booth and his wife, Ellen Scripps Booth, purchased the Cranbrook site, the land was barren and housed a badly rundown, overgrown farm. The couple immediately set out to transform the property, erecting dams, bridges and cottages, constructing roads and paths and planting hundreds of trees and shrubs.

The Booths then committed themselves to projects intended for public use and benefit, the first of which, the Greek Theater, was completed in 1915. Ultimately, they commissioned all the structures, including Christ Church of Cranbrook, that today make up Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, Cranbrook House & Gardens, Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook Schools.

At the same time, they generated a design movement and fueled cultural and artistic activity in metropolitan Detroit.



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CRANBROOK

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VISION

"It's a peculiar vision in the sense that it's largely one person's vision," said Mark Cour, director of Cranbrook archives and cultural properties. "The myth of Cranbrook is that Ehel Saarinen designed Cranbrook."

While Saarinen was Cranbrook's primary architect, Booth, himself a trained architect, closely oversaw all projects, Cour said.

"The reality of the situation is that George Booth began and ended all architectural works. He himself would very frequently — almost always — sit at his table with his boards and create his own schemes. Then he would call in an architect."

Booth's patronage also can't be underestimated, either. He died with about \$400,000, having turned over \$12 million in assets to a foundation for Cranbrook.

"Why aren't there more Cranbrooks? There are so few patrons like George Booth," Cour said. "I think it's important that Cranbrook take a look at its past as it moves into the future. It is a very, very rare animal — unique among institutions."

THINGS YOU NEVER

KNEW ABOUT CRANBROOK

- Founder George Booth named Cranbrook after his ancestral hometown Cranbrook, Kent, England.
- Cranbrook House's *Weeping Zeus* sculpture has a hidden ground trigger that when stepped on causes a stream of water to flow from the work.
- Kingswood is clad with the largest copper roof in the country — about three acres.
- Composer Leonard Bernstein wrote portions of his musical *West Side Story* while visiting Cranbrook. He used a piano now located in Cranbrook House.
- When the Booths bought the land for Cranbrook, it was barren. More than 100,000 trees, shrubs and flowers were planted over a 45-year period following the purchase.
- George Plimpton's best-seller *Paper Lion*, about working out with the Detroit Lions, took place at Cranbrook, where the team held training camp for several years.
- Cranbrook's 315-acre campus was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

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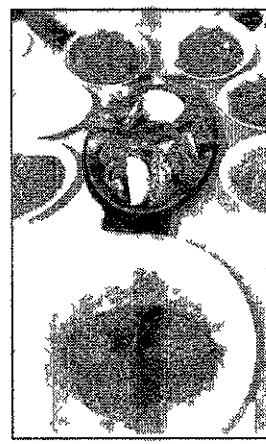
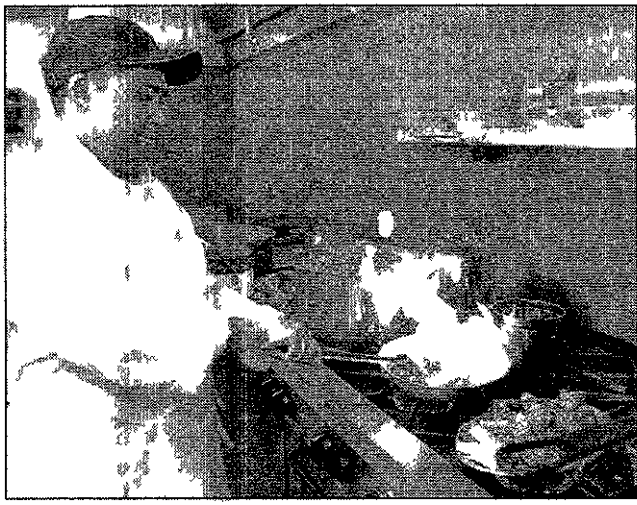
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Top Mayur Indian Cuisine co owner Vijaya Kambhampati presents a mixed grill platter, above. Things can get a little hot in the kitchen, but head chef Abdul Malik keeps cool as he works to fill orders at Mayur Indian Cuisine, left. Here's a sampling of the dishes you'll find on the menu at Mayur Indian Cuisine



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three months, Mayur will have its liquor license in
operation Then you can order a chat with a cocktail,
beer or glass of wine

Kashmiri Nan is a unique bread with nuts baked in
a tandoor



Venkat Sunkara's family owned restaurants in the southern region of India, and enjoys helping his wife and her partner

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until 9 p.m. Sunday

Food style: A mix of northern
and southern Indian cuisines.
Cost: \$3-\$20 At \$5, a "pick any"
kids portion also includes chick-
en fingers with fries
Reservations: Accepted

born children of other Indian families in this area."

DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES

Sodas, hot tea, chai, coffee and lassis are the drinks
until Mayur's liquor license becomes operative
Mango Pistachios Kulfi is housemade creamy ice
cream with mango and pistachios. A fitting finale.

Eleanor Heald writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for
the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at
focusonwine@aol.com

VEGETARIAN FARE

Malai Kofta includes vegetables
and cheese balls, fried and cooked
in a gravy with the chef's choice of
spices. Tarka Dal, similar to a yel-
low lentil curry, simmered with
onions and spices, is another vege-
tarian delight. With the consistency
of a thick minestrone, it can be
drunk like a soup

Paneer Tikka Masala is house-
made cheese marinated and cooked
in yogurt, herbs and spices

Vegetable Biryani is a large por-
tion of mixed broccoli, peas in the
pod, tomatoes and potatoes with
brown spice-flavored basmati rice

OTHER SPECIALTIES

Served on a sizzle platter, Boti
Kabob is skillet-sauteed boneless
chicken with spices

Chicken Chettinad, a southern
Indian specialty from the Chettinad
region, tastes different at Mayur
because of the spices. Liken it to
chicken curry with ground black pep-
per, cumin seed and fried curry leaves
that add distinguishing flavors.

Chicken Tandoor Biryani, as the
name suggests, is chicken cooked in
the tandoor and served with spice-
flavored basmati rice. A list of
seven other classic tandoori dishes
are on the menu, including game
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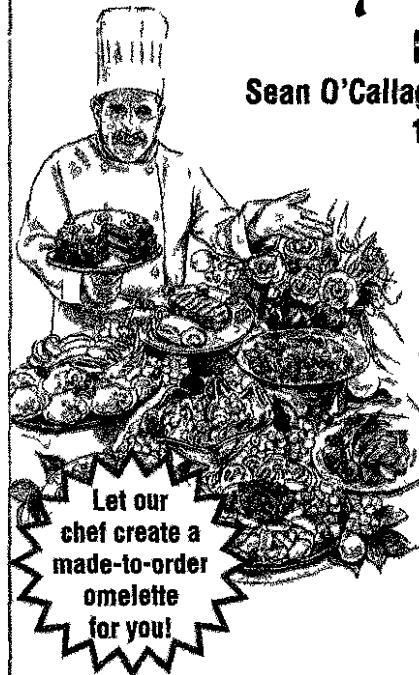
A first in the area is a kid's menu
that not only includes kid-size por-
tions of Indian foods, but chicken
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Venkat said. "They like American
food and so do a lot of American-



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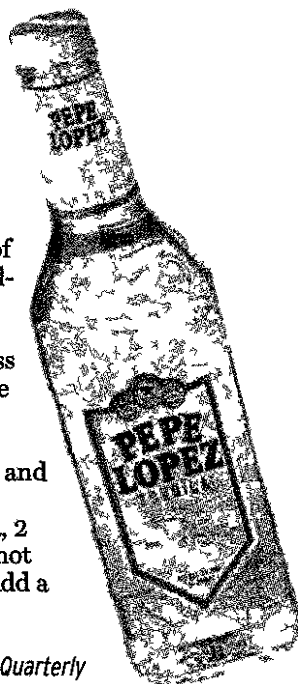
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To make a Bloody Pepe, use 1 ounce Pepe Lopez tequila, 2 ounces tomato juice, a dash of lemon juice and a dash of hot sauce Pour all ingredients into tall glass over ice cubes Add a slice of lemon or serve with a celery stick



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City bites

City Bites lists special dinners, menu changes and other restaurant news

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Michigan restaurant corporation Schelde Enterprises, Inc announces the conversion of its Freshwater Lodge restaurant in Waterford to Cass Lake Roadhouse

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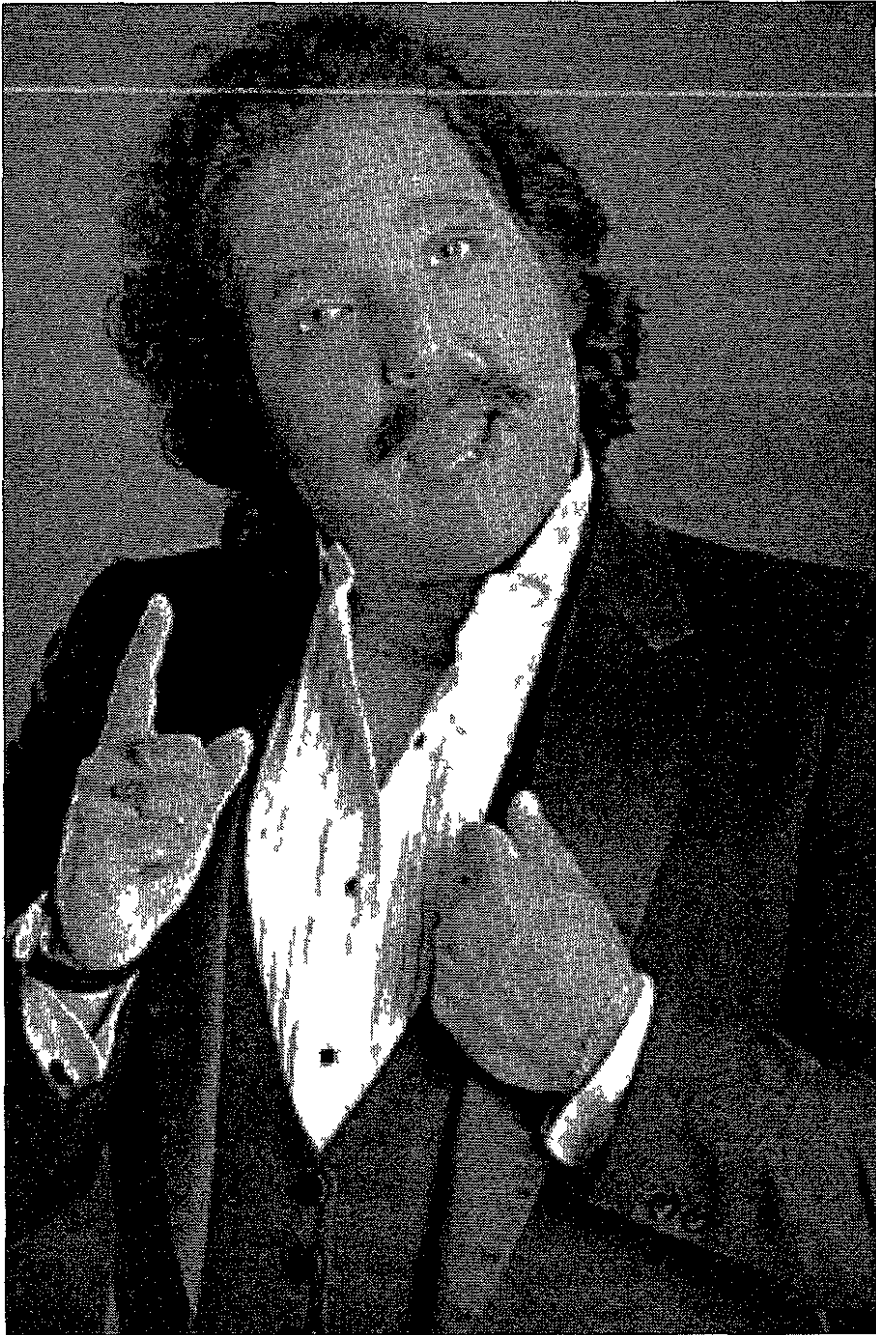
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Night spots

'Clown of Porn' brings his humor to Magic Bag



Porn star Ron Jeremy is touring as a comedian

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Ron Jeremy, the most well-known male porn star in the U.S., is known by many slang names: The Hedgehog, or simply Hog, because he's a big hairy guy, the Clown of Porn because he's also a comedian, and others that we don't see fit to print.

Jeremy, 48, is one of very few porn stars to successfully cross over into mainstream film. He's coming Saturday to The Magic Bag for two stand-up comedy shows. The shows begin with his comedic act, followed by a short film about his career, then a no-holds-barred Q & A. You must be 21 to attend.

Jeremy has a master's degree and worked as a special education teacher in the 1970s before making it big in adult movies

RON JEREMY ON

TOUR

When: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, April 17, ages 21 and older only

Where: The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale

Tickets: \$20, available at Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666, or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information call the Magic Bag, (248) 544-5991 or visit www.themagicbag.net

The film *Porn Star — The Legend of Ron Jeremy* explores his life and was nominated for best documentary by the Chicago Film Critics Association

Jeremy's career began in 1978, when a girlfriend sent his nude photo to *Playgirl* magazine. The photo attracted attention from adult film producers. Since then, he's starred in more than 1,600 films and directed more than 100. He also served as a consultant for mainstream movies like *Boogie Nights* and *9 1/2 Weeks*

Jeremy was named Top Porn Star of All-Time by *Adult Video News*. He has broad appeal because of his attitude — he's an average guy whose job is having relations with beautiful women.

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It might be an old-time show, but *Chicago*, the musical, tackles a modern-day phenomenon: Our insatiable appetite for celebrities on trial.

"It's topical," said Tom Wopat, who stars as attorney Billy Flynn in the touring production of *Chicago*, which runs through April 25 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. "But it's so cynical. In this musical, the girls end up having a vaudeville act because Billy Flynn has gotten them off a murder-wrap."

CHICAGO

When: Through Sunday, April 25.

When: Fisher Theatre

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645-6666; or the box office at (313) 872-1000

murderesses is well-known thanks to the recent Academy Award-winning film version starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger and Richard Gere, who played the role of Flynn.

Of course the stage version gave birth to the movie and garnered a slew of accolades, including six Tony Awards, a Grammy and the distinction of being Broadway's longest-running revival.

"What I like about the show is that it's really one that lends itself to touring," Wopat said. "It has a very simple set. It basically tells the story in the

vaudeville format."

Entertaining, spectacular and accessible, American vaudeville — or variety entertainment — not only evokes nostalgia, but continues to welcome audiences with its trademark showmanship.

That's why Wopat focuses on his character's stage purpose and function in fleshing out the role of Billy Flynn.

MUSIC

"I take him from the outside in. I look to see what role he has on stage, what position he fills and then do what makes that work," said Wopat, who recently released an album of standards sung in a style he calls New York "caberjazz." The album, *The Still of the Night*, is Wopat's first jazz recording.

Chicago features music and lyrics by Broadway composers John Kander and Fred Ebb with its infamous Bob Fosse-style choreography by Ann Reinking.

"It is definitely a classic of this type of musical," Wopat said. "But you could make a case that it's the most visible musical in the world right now because of the success of the movie. At the heart of it, it's a story about celebrity trials."

Tom Wopat stars as master attorney Billy Flynn.

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BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

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Join her on a musical journey April 23 as she presents "Musica Sin Fronteras" at

the 19th annual Festival of World Music & Dance at Smith Theatre on OCC's Orchard Ridge campus

"The scope of it is amazing," said Ortega, a classically trained flutist who organized the festival and performs. "We go from one extreme to the other. From flamenco to traditional Chinese dance and singing to Gypsy swing and timeless classics. It brings a newness to everything

The rhythms are complex, it's music that challenges the audience and players, it's hypnotic and captivating."

Guest artists include flamenco dancers from the Chicago-based Clnard Dance Theatre, Ortega with the Las Guitarras de Espana Ensemble, the Django Reinhard Quartet featuring French Bayan virtuoso Julian Labro, and The Chinese Silk Road Duo

MUSICA SIN FRONTERAS

(MUSIC WITHOUT LIMITS)


What: The 19th annual Festival of World Music & Dance

When: 8 p.m. Friday, April 23

Where: Smith Theatre Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, Orchard Lake Road, south of 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills

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BY ROBERT SCHENKMAN Parts I and II



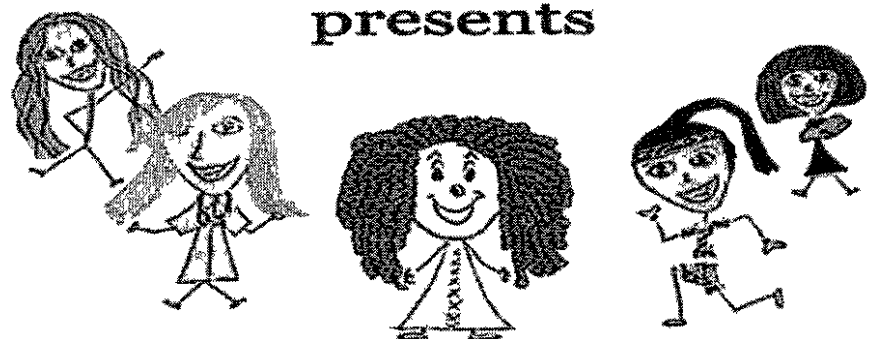
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Plowshares Theatre Company

Blues for An Alabama Sky by Pearl Cleage 7:30 p.m. Thursday 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday & through April 29 Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 315 E. Warren Detroit \$20 in advance \$25 at door matinee \$15 in advance \$20 door discount seniors/students (313) 872 0279 www.plowshares.org

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The Drawer Boy by Canadian playwright Michael Healey 8:30 p.m. Thursday Friday 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday through May 23 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit \$17 (313) 868 1347 www.detroitreptheatre.com

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

The Unsinkable Molly Brown 8 p.m. Friday April 23 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday April 24 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township \$45 adults \$40 seniors/students (586) 286 2222 or www.MacombCenter.com or www.ticketsplus.net

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Main Stage Theatre Guild

Driving Miss Daisy 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday through April 25 Theatre Livonia in the Livonia Mall Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt Entrance G or H \$8 students/seniors \$6 (586) 344 7774

Stagecrafters 2nd Stage

A View From the Bridge by Arthur Miller 8 p.m. Friday Saturday April 16 17 2 p.m. Sunday April 18 and 25 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday April 22 24 8 p.m. Friday April 30 and May 1 415 S Lafayette Royal Oak \$14 & \$16 (248) 541 6430

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Steel Magnolias 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday April 22 24 Riverside Arts Center 76 N Huron St one mile north of I 94 downtown Ypsilanti \$15 \$10 students/seniors (734) 483 7345

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University of Michigan

Jesus Christ Superstar 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Power Center 911 N University Ann Arbor \$20 & \$15 reserved \$8 students (734) 764 2538

Henry Ford Community College

The Music Man 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday through May 2 Adray Auditorium MacKenzie Fine Arts Center 5101 Evergreen Dearborn \$12 adults students K 12 \$6 (313) 845 6475

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Wedding Bell Blues interactive dinner theater comedy \$45 per person *The Trouble with 12* children's lunch theater interactive comedy Saturday Sunday \$14.95 kids \$16.95 adults 108 E. Main St Northville (248) 349 0522 for reservations/info

Soapranos

Interactive dinner theater parody of the HBO show *The Sopranos* 8 p.m. Saturday Club Monte Carlo 50265 Van Dyke Utica 8 p.m. Saturday April 24 Castello Di Bologna and Friday May 21

\$55 includes show dinner and music for dancing call (800) 383 6080

YOUTH

Marquis Theatre

The Shoemaker and the Elves 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday through May 2 135 E Main St Northville No children under 3 \$7.50 (248) 349 8110

Paper Bag Productions

Annie Jr. at Theatre Livonia in the Livonia Mall Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt Lunch at noon show at 1 p.m. Saturday lunch at 1 p.m. show at 2 p.m. Sunday through May 23 \$10 lunch & show \$7 show only (586) 344 7774

DANCE

Afro Duban Dance Party

Featuring the Senegalese club band Orchestra Baobab 9 p.m. Saturday Eastern Michigan University Convocat on Center 799 Hewitt Road Ypsilanti \$35 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

Polka Boosters

Music by Fred Ziwich doors open 12:30 p.m. dancing 2:30 p.m. Sunday Msgr Hunt Knights of Columbus Hall 7080 Garling Dr Dearborn Heights Admission \$12 includes beer and pop (586) 751 2834 (734) 422 1901

Meadow Brook Hall

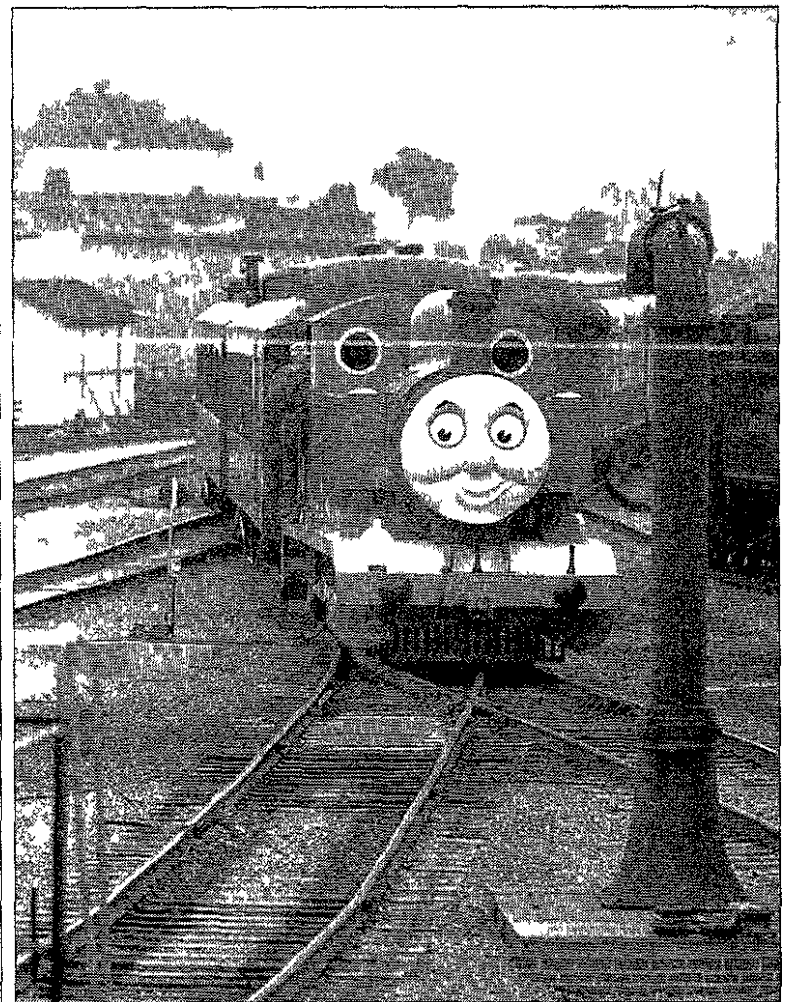
Ballroom dance lessons lessons begin at 7 p.m. in the grand ballroom Admission \$25 per couple per class reservations required April 22 East Coast Swing April 29 the waltz May 6 Cha Cha call (248) 370 3140 www.meadowbrookhall.org

Country Western Dance

Hosted by Blackberry Creek Dancers Saturday April 24 Italian Cultural Center 28111 Imperial Dr Warren Doors open 7 p.m. lesson 7:30 p.m. open dancing for couples flow and line dancing 8:11 p.m. \$10 includes lesson snacks soft drinks & coffee (313) 526 9432 singles and couples welcome

Moondusters

Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands featuring popular swing fox trot waltz cha cha and others 8:30 11:30 p.m. every Saturday \$6 dressy attire Singles and married Meet at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington



All aboard for Thomas the Tank Engine as the classic storybook friend rolls into Greenfield Village in Dearborn for a 'Day Out With Thomas' April 17-18 and April 21-25 Meet and take a picture with Sir Topham Hatt, join Thomas & Friends for storytelling and video viewing, hear live music and visit the Thomas & Friends Imagination Station featuring arts & crafts Take a 20-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine Rides depart every 30 minutes beginning at 10 a.m., rain or shine Tickets for a 'Day Out With Thomas' are \$10 for ages 1 and up, plus entry to Greenfield Village which is \$20 for adults \$14 for youth ages 5-12, children under 5 free Advance ticket purchase recommended Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org for tickets and more information

Road and Five Mile Livonia Ballroom dance lessons 7:30 p.m. Saturday call Joe (248) 968 5197

AUDITIONS

Plymouth Symphony

Spring open auditions for all instruments for Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton the chamber orchestra sponsored by the PSO 1 p.m. Sunday April 25 Our Lady of Good Counsel School 1151 William Plymouth Auditions are by appointment only Full orchestra rehearsals begin in September Call (734) 968 9909 or e mail Faith Kurtz violin faith@juno.com

Barbershop

Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church 36660 Cherry Hill Road 1/2 mile east of Newburgh Westland Gentlemen interested in singing in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartets can call Bob Wolf (734) 421 1652 or come to any rehearsal

SPECIAL EVENTS

Red Wings Playoffs

At the Palladium 12 Theatre shown on the big screen tickets \$6.50 in advance by phone or at the box office 250 N Old Woodward Birmingham Red Wing and playoff merchandise available for purchase special menu (248) 644 3456 (automated) (248) 723 6240 (guest services)

Opera Workshop

Lend Me a Tenor an opera workshop at Madonna University 36600 Schoolcraft Livonia 4:10 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and attend the Michigan Opera Theatre's production of *The Magic Flute* on Saturday April 24 For more information call (734) 432 5731 or visit www.madonna.edu

How to visit Ireland

Several speakers will give a presentation on the best ways to visit Ireland 1 p.m. Saturday April 24 at the Parks and Recreation Building on the north side of the Southfield Civic Center Complex 26000 Evergreen Program presented by the Irish Cultural Forum \$5 donation (248) 540 6687

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
Best of Broadway pops benefit dinner and auction 6 p.m. Saturday April 24
Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft
Livonia \$75 adults \$35 children tickets must be purchased in advance (734) 451 2112 plymouthsymphony@aol.com

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Fund raising dinner and auction at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham Friday April 23 Call (248) 645 BBSO or www.BBSO.org

Woodward Speakeasy

At the Detroit Historical Museum 5401 Woodward Ave. at Kirby 8 p.m. to midnight Friday April 23 live music games of chance cash bar History hunt at Fort Wayne April 24 ice cream social at the museum on April 24 Speakeasy tickets \$10 in advance \$15 at door (313) 833 4727 www.detroithistorical.org

GALLERIES/ART

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Clinton Snyder April 16 to June 5 Reception 6 8 p.m. Friday 700 Livernois Ferndale (248) 541 4700

Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center

Cross Currents five international artists living and working away from their homelands Shiva Ahmadi Iran/Bloomfield Hills Sacha Eckes Belgium/Detroit Sean Gallagher Canada/Berlin Dick Goody England/Royal Oak Julia Ruess Germany/San Francisco April 16 to May 21 Opening reception 6 8 p.m. Friday gallery talk 3 5 p.m. Saturday 1516 S Cranbrook Birmingham (248) 644 0866

Wayne State University

Elaine L. Jacob Gallery Site Lines

Elizabeth Mead and Neil Goodman April 16 to May 28 opening reception 5 8 p.m. Friday 480 W Hancock Detroit (313) 993 7813 www.art.wayne.edu

Detroit Artists Market

Spring Show April 17 to May 1 Opening reception and tea 2 6 p.m. Saturday 4719 Woodward Ave. Detroit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

Graduate degree exhibition April 18 May 7 opening reception 6 8 p.m. Saturday 39221 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills (248) 645 3323 www.cranbrook.edu

Del Gallery

Visions of Inspiration collection of art by Eileen Montiero Julia Richardson Pate Alicia Nails and Brenda Stroud with African sculpture from the Griffith Jones Gallery and African artifacts from The Saccob Collection through the month of April Reception to meet the artists 2 6 p.m. Sunday 28001 Southfield between 11 & 12 Mile Roads Lathrup Village (248) 423 7270 www.delgallery.com

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Coffee Culture and Conversation with local glass artists 7 30 p.m. Thursday April 22 6600 W Maple Road West Bloomfield call (248) 432 5449 for reservations

ACT Gallery

Redux Tables and Chairs Transformed closing reception 6 9 p.m. Friday April 23 bidding continues during normal gallery hours noon to 5 p.m. Friday Saturday or by appointment 35 E Grand River Detroit upstairs from Galleria Biegas (313) 961 4336

Lemberg Gallery

Stephen Magsig New Paintings April 24 to June 5 Opening reception 5 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 23241 Woodward Ave. Ferndale (248) 591 6623 www.lemberggallery.com

Creative Art Center

Looking for women artists in all media and from all countries other than the U.S. or whose immediate family came from other countries for an international women's art exhibit to be presented May 21 through June 18 Call (248) 333 7849 for more information

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Small Potatoes the Chicago based folk duo Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso perform 8 p.m. Saturday at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N Woodward Ave. near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Open mic 7 15 p.m. Admission \$10 \$8 seniors and students age 16 and under Refreshments available, call (248) 569-0965 for information, (248) 626-4650 to reserve a slot for open mic

call (734) 453 3710 for information

JAZZ/BLUES

Matt Michaels

With Rob Piphon vibes 7 30 11 p.m. Wednesday April 21 Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 without dinner two drink minimum reservations recommended (734) 762 7756 April 28 Barbara Ware vocals

Edison's

Mark Arshak 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday The Hips 9 30 p.m. to 1 30 a.m. Friday John D Lamb 9 30 p.m. to 1 30 a.m. Saturday 220 Merrill St. Birmingham (248) 645 2150

Bugs Beddow Band

At Bachelor's 1967 Cass Lake Road Keego Harbor 10 p.m. to 1 30 a.m. Friday Saturday (248) 682 2295

Wynton Marsalis

At the Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W 4th St. corner of Lafayette 7 p.m. Saturday April 17 \$45 & \$60 with a \$2 50 facility fee at Ticketmaster outlets (248) 645 6666 and the box office (248) 546 7610

Sax Alive

Group of five saxes plus drums piano and guitar performs bebop big band cool jazz 6 8 p.m. Sunday First Baptist Church corner of Willits and Bates Streets downtown Birmingham (248) 644 0550

Jazz at the Philharmonic

Big jam session 3 5 p.m. Sunday April 18 VisiTechCenter Schoolcraft College

Livonia Features Matt Michaels & Bill Meyer piano Dan Jordan & Paul Keller bass Jim Ryan & Jerry McKenzie drums Jeff Trudell percussion and others Two bands will jam separately and then come together at the conclusion of the concert Tickets \$15 in advance send check or money order payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival with a self addressed stamped envelope to Midge Ellis 20457 Maplewood St Livonia MI 48152 2022 No tickets sold at the door For more information call (248) 474 2720 or (734) 459 2454

CONCERTS

UMS

Alfred Brendel pianist 8 p.m. today Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ave. Ann Arbor \$10 \$60 Girls Choir of Harlem 8 p.m. Friday Michigan Theatre 603 E Liberty St. Ann Arbor \$16 \$30 Music of Armenia performed by the Shoghaken Ensemble 6 p.m. Sunday Rackham Auditorium 915 E Washington St. Ann Arbor \$16 \$32 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

DSO

Itzhak Perlman conducts the DSO with guest artist pianist Joseph Kalichstein 8 p.m. today 8 30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at The Max 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit \$15 \$60 (313) 576 5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

A Circle of Friends 7 30 p.m. Saturday James P. Carli Auditorium Churchill High School Newburgh between Ann Arbor and Joy Roads Livonia Program includes *Sinfonia Concertante* by Mozart *Symphony in C* by Bizet and *Ancient Airs and Dances for Lute* by Respighi \$17 students/children \$8 at the door Ticketmaster outlets and all three Livonia libraries

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club

Spring concert 8 p.m. Saturday Hill Auditorium Ann Arbor \$15 and \$12 reserved \$5 students/general admission (734) 764 1448

Cantata Academy

With the Oakland Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Saturday Clarkston High School Auditorium 6093 Flemings Lake Road \$15 (248) 358 9868

Stars of Weil

Lawrence Weil style champagne music featuring musicians singers and dancers 3 p.m. Sunday Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township \$35 golden circle \$32 adults \$29 seniors/students (586) 286 2222 or www.MacombCenter.com or www.ticketsplus.net

POPULAR/ROCK

Trinity House Theatre

Brooks Williams with Jason Dennie 8 p.m. Saturday April 24 \$12 38840 W Six Mile Road Livonia (734) 464 6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org

Silky's

Pat Brennan (classic rock) today Bomb Squad (70s & 80s) Friday Kat & Sound

Byte (Top 40) Saturday 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Silky's Martins and Music Cafe 21931 Michigan Ave. Dearborn \$5 cover (313) 565 6278

Blue Martini

Joy Ride (Top 40) 8 p.m. to midnight Friday Persuasion (Top 40) 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday Blue Martini 201 Hamilton Birmingham (248) 258 3005

Magic Bag

Butterfly Effect 8 p.m. today \$15 Urge Overkill 8 p.m. Friday 21 and over \$10 John Ondrasik 7 p.m. Sunday \$17 22920 Woodward Ferndale \$15 in advance (248) 645 6666 www.themagicbag.com

WORLD/FOLK

The Ark

Old Crow Medicine Show 8 p.m. Friday \$13 50 Jackie Greene 8 p.m. Saturday \$13 50 Melissa Ferrick 7 30 p.m. Sunday \$16 David Roth 8 p.m. Monday April 19 \$13 50 Angie Aparao 8 p.m. Tuesday April 20 \$12 50 Laurie McClain 8 p.m. Wednesday April 21 \$11 316 S Main St. Ann Arbor (734) 761 1451 www.a2ark.org

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John Cowley & Sons

Kelly's Heroes upbeat Irish music 9 30 p.m. Friday Saturday 33338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941 www.john.cowleys.com

COMEDY

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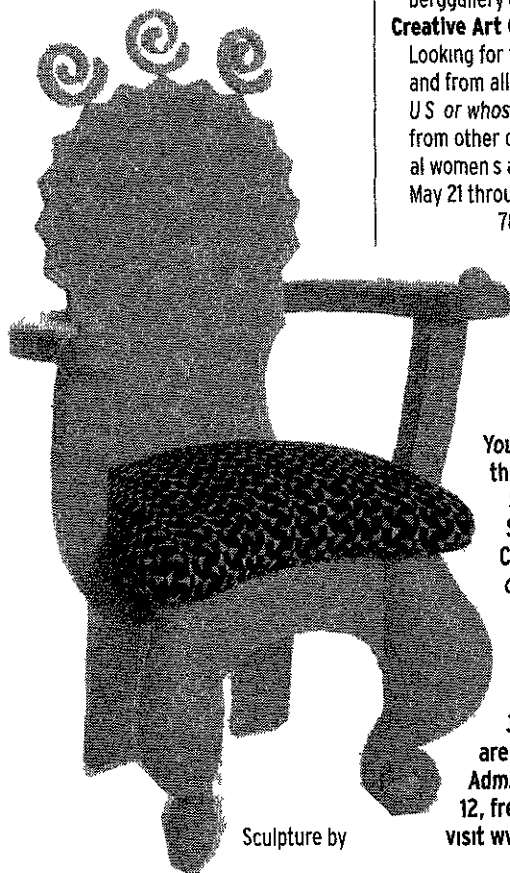
Bring their latest jokes to the Fox Theatre in Detroit 8 p.m. Saturday \$35 \$45 \$55 (248) 433 1515 www.OlympiaEntertainment.com For information call (313) 471 6611

Richard Jeni

At the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 8 p.m. Saturday \$27 \$32 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn (313) 943 2354 www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Micki Joseph 8 15 & 10 45 p.m. Friday Saturday \$12 7 p.m. Sunday \$8 dinner show option available at Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeycomedy.com or www.paisano1.com



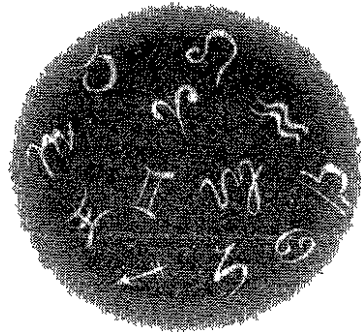
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By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)



You've pushed yourself hard in recent weeks and accomplished a great deal. However, after every period of intense activity, it's wise to slow down and give your body and mind time to recover. Make that your goal this weekend with the Sun and Moon both in your sign.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



Too much stress is harmful, so don't feel guilty about delegating certain responsibilities and, if necessary, discarding some. It's easy to get trapped on a treadmill - the time has come to prove you can get off.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



There's no point in trying to control what others want to do, because you won't be able to. Planetary activity in one of the more sensitive areas of your chart means you have to accept that people are free to do as they please. Change is a good thing - do act!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



Put the past behind you. That is the message of the stars this weekend, and if you heed it, the next few days will be quite fun. Life moves in cycles, and the good times now beginning will more than make up for stinky bad ones.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



Don't let it worry you if your critics complain that you never compromise. They may be right, but why should you change when you alone seem to know which way is up? You won't lack for ambition in the days ahead, but may be lacking for others who share your enthusiasm.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



If you're the typical kind of Virgo who likes a set routine, you're going to be in for a shock because nothing you plan will work out the way you expected. (Lay the blame on retrograde Mercury in off the wall Aries.) The good news is it'll teach you how to adapt.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



You won't be short of opinions over the next few days, and some of them are likely to stir things up a bit. Whether that's good or bad remains to be seen, but don't tone down your beliefs for fear of offending friends or family. Some things need to be said - now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



No matter how convincing your arguments and determined your efforts over a financial matter, you'll never bring certain individuals around to your way of thinking - especially this month! It's not so much a case of defeat as of accepting the inevitable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



It's time to slow down and count your blessings. You've been moving so fast that you may have overlooked just how lucky you are to have people around you who can always be counted on to look out for your interests. Do something nice for them this weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



You are nobody's fool and are unlikely to fall for flattery or promises by someone who is determined to win you over. While the approaching eclipse will reinforce your suspicions, you must keep your wits about you if you are to maintain your integrity and independence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Even if you're the kind of water bearer who enjoys sudden changes, you'll be surprised how quickly things happen this weekend. As your ruler Uranus, planet of upheaval, conjoints the Moon, you can say good-bye to the certainties of the past. And that ain't all bad!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



No one is purposely standing in your way, but ongoing astro aspects may be making you feel less supportive than normal. The fact is, others feel the same way that you do. Be positive - it's only a phase. Your enthusiasm and faith will take you through to the next stage.

Birmingham astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com. For details about Fairchild's Birthday Predicting class at the Community House next month, call (248) 644-5832.

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

Show

Isn't it funny that Canada may only be a few miles away, but we don't hear much about their musicians? This is your chance to get a crash course with amazing singer-songwriter Joel Plaskett and his latest creation, the **Joel Plaskett Emergency**.

The Canadian wonder boy will cross the border for one date on his latest tour, playing Detroit's Lager House on Sunday. His latest CD, *Truthfully Truthfully*, is a genius mix of 70s power pop, new wave hooks (oh God, hooks galore!) making it easily one of the best pop albums of 2003. It's really sad you've never heard of him.

So if that guilt wasn't enough to make you attend the show, opening is Tiny Steps, fronted by Detroit's own power pop wonderkid Eric Weir. **Tiny Steps** have finally outed a new EP with the help of Michael Cianfarani, Ryan Allen (Red Shirt Brigade Thunderbirds are Now!) and Matt Hatch (it would be easier to name the bands Matt hasn't been in). The result is as hooky and energetic as the group's live shows.

Combine these bands with **New Granada**, also opening, and this is sure to be one rockin' show. Doors open at 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover is \$5.

For more on Joel Plaskett, check out <http://www.joelplaskett.com>. For more on Tiny Steps, click on <http://www.tinysteps.net>. The Lager House is located at 1254 Michigan Ave. in Detroit.



Astute readers may notice a theme lately. In honor of spring's hormonal shifts, I'm thinking about re-naming this page 'pure cute indie boys.' Joel Plaskett Emergency plays Sunday at the Lager House in Detroit.

Play

I hear so much new music in a week, but I often don't have the space to give some really great bands some press. So in the spirit of even more RIAA lawsuits, here are five songs to round out your iPod's playlist.

Starting Five by Djos: Starts with the noise of children playing, blasts into a melodic, feel-good jangly ditty about doing what the heck you feel like and leaves your feet tapping in its wake. Plus, who doesn't love a good 'woo hoo' chorus?

Everybody's Gotta Learn Sometime by Beck: Until Beck puts out a new album, spin this cover of the Korgis' 80s hit, included on the *Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind* soundtrack, and revel in the Big Star meets Gordon Lightfoot magic that was *Sea Change*.

Trunk of My Car by Volcano, I'm Still Excited!!: Remember when you had to sit in a circle in music class and sing a round? Well, this song is a round



California's Djos

for grown-ups by the art rockers with the best name in indie rock. So haunting it will send chills up your spine. **Summer Bronzed Beach Boys by Pas|Cal:** You know that OnStar commercial with the catchy tune? This would be it. Unless you get the longer version, you'll never hear the genius of We're going to go out/Smack the day in the mouth/like Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow.

Every Single Song by The Paper Hearts: How much do I love this band? The alt-country rockers craft songs perfect for a 2 a.m. full of regret. Grab a whiskey on the rocks and pull up a barstool.

Web site

Ever wonder why the female half of The White Stripes is so quiet? One Web site has made it its tongue-in-cheek mission to expose The White Stripes for who they really are. It seems evidence culled from the careful examination of the band's lyrics, pictures, interviews, and music videos shows Meg is actually a robot, while Jack is the evil scientist who created her. Not convinced? Check out http://www.geocities.com/wilhelmina_wonka/ws.html. Now about that bridge in Brooklyn you were going to buy.

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.

Family fun

Skater a champion on and off the ice

When life seems tough, think about Olympic skating champion Rudy Galindo and his perseverance

Eight months ago, Galindo endured ceramic hip replacement surgery on both hips as a result of a degenerative condition called avascular disease necrosis. Years prior, he was diagnosed with HIV. In his adult life, he suffered the loss of both his father and brother and split from skating partner Kristi Yamaguchi. His childhood was spent in a rough area of California.

Now, he's inspired. This Saturday, he'll skate in the John Hancock Champions on Ice Tour at Joe Louis Arena. He's almost 100 percent recovered and only needs to achieve the triple axle jump, which he expects to accomplish within a few months. "There's no doubt I'll do it," Galindo said. "I've been working hard. Having goals keeps me motivated. Maybe growing up in a tough neighborhood made me stronger."

CHAMPIONS ON ICE

When: 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
Where: Joe Louis Arena, Detroit
Tickets: \$30-\$65 at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-6666
Web site: www.championsonice.com

He's already re-mastered double axels, triple toes, salchows and loops.

COMEBACKS

Galindo's most recent comeback is one of several unique stories surrounding Champions on Ice. The tour features Michelle Kwan, who captured her eighth U.S.

national title last month, as well as her top rival Sasha Cohen, a three-time U.S. silver medalist. Kwan and Cohen are projected to be medal contenders at the 2006 Olympics in Italy.

"The best skaters are on this tour," Galindo said. "It's packed with excitement and creativity."

Along with Yamaguchi, Galindo won the 1989 and 1990 U.S. pairs championship before his U.S. singles title and world bronze medal in 1996.

Also skating in Champions on Ice are 2003 world champion Evgeni Plushenko, Olympic bronze medalist and 2003 world silver medalist Timothy Goebel, newly crowned national champion Johnny Weir, and world champs Victor Petrenko and Philippe Candeloro.

Afro-Cuban Dance Party!

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soprano

Martin Katz, conductor

Thu **4/22** 8 pm

Hill Auditorium

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