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Board forum

The four candidates for two seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education have been invited to take part in a public forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Discovery Middle School in Canton

The forum is sponsored by the *Observer Newspapers* and the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County

Incumbent board President Judy Mardigan and challengers William Gibbons, Becky Moore and Barry Simescu were all invited to attend

Candidates will give opening and closing statements and will answer questions posed by audience members, who will have the opportunity to submit their questions on cards provided by the League of Women Voters

The election is scheduled for June 14

Allen is golden

The staff and families of Allen Elementary, on Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township, celebrate the school's 50th anniversary in conjunction with its annual Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7

The event features free ice cream, a cake walk and a silent auction. All are welcome

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School district OKs bond issue vote

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education lays off 16 people **News, Page A4.**

The Plymouth-Canton school board voted Tuesday night to seek voter approval for a nearly \$107 million bond issue that includes \$91 million for district-wide repairs and renovations, nearly \$14 million to build a new elementary school in southwest Canton, and \$1.25 million for the most immediate fixes at Central Middle School

No date for the election has been set, however, it's expected to be in either September or October

The elementary school will

use the same blueprint utilized at Tonda and Dodson, but will be built a bit larger to accommodate 750 students

Jasmin Walker lives in southwest Canton, and two of her children are bused to Miller Elementary because of overcrowding at nearby Dodson

"If we don't build a new elementary now, we'll be in trouble down the road," she said. "A new school affects everybody, not just people with children. If

you own a home in this community, it affects property values

Superintendent Jim Ryan put to bed any speculation the district won't have the \$750,000 annual cost to operate the new school, considering the current financial problems

"We believe we're going to have 700 more students by the time we have that elementary built, bringing us in excess of \$5 million in increased (state) revenue," he said. "The enrollment will easily be able to cover the costs and open that building"

The school will be constructed on property the district pur-

chased for \$1.2 million at Cherry Hill and Denton roads in Cherry Hill Village. District officials said it could take up to two years to construct the building after approval from voters

While the bond issue will include money for immediate repairs at Central, board members decided not to include money in the bond package for a new middle school

"As a board I don't think we've fully addressed all the concerns we have about our middle schools," said Trustee Tom Wysocki

"I don't think we've done

enough work to come to a decision about putting the new middle school up and repurpose Central"

While the bond issue calls for installing air conditioning in all the school buildings, board members deferred adding air conditioning to Central until they decide the future of the building

According to the administration, the bond would cost a taxpayer with a \$235,000 house approximately \$123 a year in increased taxes

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Dairy King employee Claire Bacigal fills a cone

Plymouth screams for ice cream

Dairy King banks on tradition for long-term success

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Michael Hurley believes in tradition and he believes in quality service

Hurley also believes one begets the other, particularly at the popular Dairy King ice cream parlor he owns with his wife, Mary

The Dairy King was voted Plymouth's most popular ice cream hangout in a recent "Best of Plymouth" poll in the *Plymouth Observer*. Hurley, who bought the business from Tom and Carol Lang six years ago, believes the traditions the Langs set, and the high number of veteran employees who keep coming back, are why the parlor had the highest margin of victory in the poll

"If you have a good staff and your location is secure,



Mary and Michael Hurley used to be patrons of the Dairy King before buying the business six years ago

and I do my job in making sure everything is in place," Hurley said, "it all just falls into place for you"

The business opened in

1950 as a Dairy Queen, and remained that way until 1973, when it changed to Dairy

PLEASE SEE BEST OF, A6

Site visits next in hall project

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

After sitting in the Plymouth Township board room sifting through architectural bids for the new township hall project, township board members are now headed for a field trip

Board members on Monday will visit sites designed by six of the 19 architectural firms who submitted bids to design the township's \$12 million hall. After that, the board will invite the bidders to make a presentation to the full board as the process unfolds

At a study session Monday, supervisor Steve Mann said he'd like to have an architect on board by the end of May. He said the design phase would "take about six months"

Of the 19 architectural bids received, the Township Hall Committee recommended the board look at three: French Associates from Rochester, A3C of Ann Arbor, and THA of Flint

Citing the township's purchasing policy, board members added a pair of local bidders, DeMattia and Architects and Engineers, to the mix. A sixth, Hobbs & Black of Ann Arbor, was added at Monday's study session

The committee recommendations came after the six members reviewed the 19 bids. Committee members also visited sites designed by THA, French Associates and A3C, and came away largely impressed. "We looked at the buildings they designed," said township clerk Marilyn Massengill. "I liked what a couple of them did"

The bids being considered by the board range in price from just under \$255,000 to \$585,000. Committee members did not use any kind of written checklist in making their recommendations, which drew the ire of trustee Chuck Curmi. "We're making a \$500,000 commitment, and there's nothing written down?" he asked

Trustee Abe Munfakh, himself an engineer, offered to provide samples of checklists township board members could use to develop a checklist for choosing the final bidder. "I know many of these companies, and some would do a better job than others," Munfakh said. "I think it would be helpful to have a checklist that shows how we arrived at this decision"

Idea has patrons reading more than menu

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Four-year-old Jacqueline Collins was reading one of her favorite books

"I read books all by myself," said Jacqueline proudly. "Five little monkeys jumping on the bed"

Jacqueline — who said she likes books about princesses the best — wasn't at her Kiddie Kampus preschool program, run by

Plymouth-Canton Schools. She was reading books at TGI Friday's in Canton

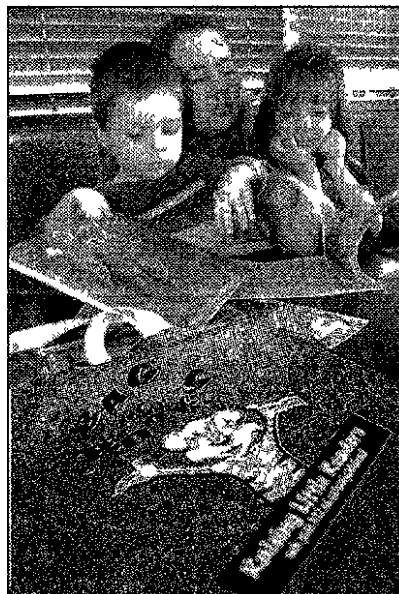
The restaurant is one of 15 participating in the school district's Raising Little Readers program. Book bags filled with children's favorites, such as Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and The Alphabet Book, are given to kids and their parents while they wait for their meals

"We're trying to change the wait time children have in restaurants into a

time of wonder," said Martha Giles, director of the Early Child Development program. "By handing out books in bags, children and parents can read to each other while they wait for their table, or their food"

"Families are so busy parents don't always take the time to read to their children, added Giles. "This is built-in wait time, something they can't

PLEASE SEE BOOKS, A4



Jennifer Collins and her kids, 3-year-old Alex and 4-year-old Jacqueline, look over the selection of books at TGI Friday's

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer

American Profile

Despite a successful career in country music singer Sara Evans' first priority is being a good mother to her two small children



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SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hosts Showcase Plymouth and Taste of Plymouth from 5-7 30 p m Tuesday, May 4, at St John's Golf & Conference Center. A \$10 ticket gets the buyer tastes of food from local restaurants, including Compari's, Station 885, The Plymouth Crossing (formerly Dunleavy's), E G Nick s, Bennigan's, Steak & Ale, Papa

John's, Atlantis, St John's and Laurel Manor

The chamber will award four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and honor a volunteer of the year from every Plymouth service club

For more information, call (734) 453-1540

'FANTASTIC MR. FOX'

Roald Dahl's fantasy adventure for children, 'Fantastic Mr Fox,' opens on the stage at

the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 7 p m Friday, May 7

The Plymouth Uptown Players will continue their children's theater production with 2 p m and 7 p m shows Saturday, May 8 and a 2 p m performance Sunday, May 9. All tickets cost \$5 and are available by calling the PCAC, (734) 416-4278, or at the Arts Council, 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth

FIFE & DRUM BOTTLE DRIVE

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps will hold its annual bottle/can drive from 10 a m -4 p m Saturday, May 8. The funds raised will go toward the purchase of new uniforms

Due to ordinance changes in Canton, the corps will not be allowed to go door-to-door asking for bottles and cans, so they will concentrate their efforts in Plymouth. The rough boundaries of their collection will be Beck to Lilley, north of Joy and south of 5 Mile Road

The corps will also have members stationed at the Kroger store located at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon from 11 a m -2 p m the same day for anyone who would like to drop off donations

If anyone has a donation to make or has questions concerning the bottle/can drive, call Tim or Mary Ayers, (734) 207-5026

LIBRARY SING-ALONG

The Plymouth District Library hosts award-winning children's performer Jim Gill at 10 a m Saturday, May 8. His light-hearted songs and expert banjo playing are for children of all ages and their families. Register by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

ERIKSSON SPRING CARNIVAL

Eriksson Elementary School hosts its first Family Fun Carnival from 5-8 p m Friday, May 14

The event features food, games, a cake walk, prizes, raffles, a giant obstacle course, henna tattoos, face painting, balloon hats and an up-close look at a fire engine. Admission is free

Eriksson Elementary is located at 1275 N Haggerty between Ford Road and Cherry Hill in Canton

CRAFTERS WANTED

Organizers of the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale are looking for crafters and food vendors for the annual event, scheduled for 9 a m -9 p m Saturday, Aug 7

Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth, food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight-foot spaces. For more information, call Sally or Tomi Genitti, (248) 349-0522

RYDER CUP TICKETS

While tickets to the bi-ennial Ryder Cup competition between the United States and Europe have been sold out, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) will be raffling three sets of tickets to the coveted event, scheduled for September at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills

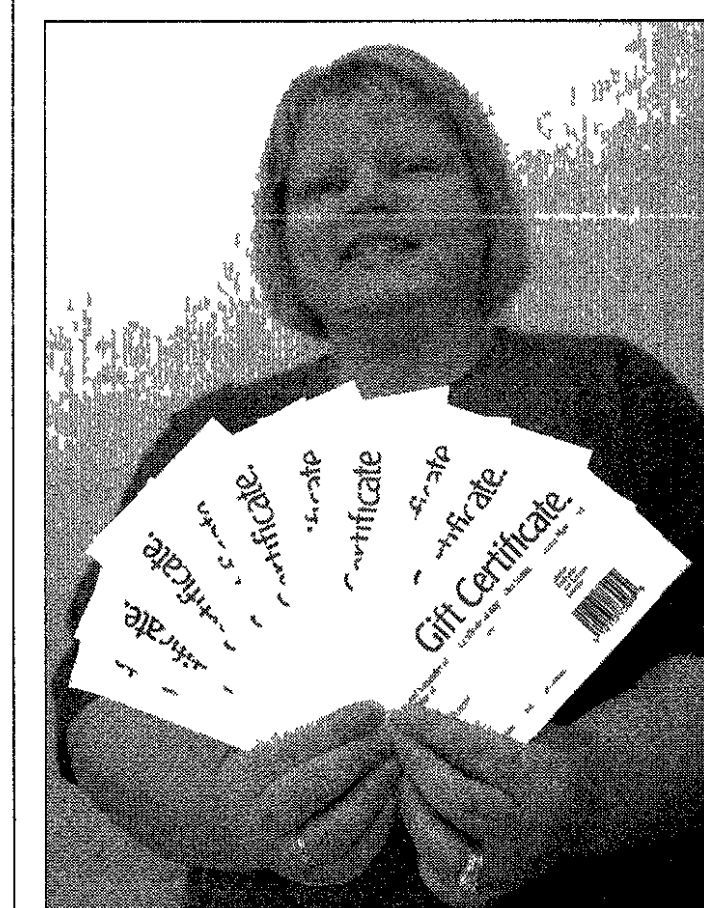
Each raffle ticket is \$100 and will be available until June 21, 2004, by calling VNA's Development Office at (248) 967-9600

Each set of tickets is good for one day of practice play and one day of competition play, including free parking and an official program book. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Winners will be selected during the Maggie & Bob Allesee VNA Classic Golf Scramble June 21, 2004, at 7 p m at the Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield, Mich

Individuals need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit VNA's Community Care Fund, which provides \$1.3 million in uncompensated care for Metro Detroit residents with chronic or terminal illnesses. For more information, visit www.vna.org or contact VNA's Development Office at (248) 967-9600

TEEN DRUG SERIES

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do, a



O&E contest winner

Katherine Brown of Merriman Road in Livonia is the winner of a \$500 Farmer Jack gift card in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Haystack Contest. Brown's entry was drawn randomly last Friday from among more than 30,000 entries. Her twin daughters are graduating from college next month and she plans to use a portion of the prize for the party. 'It was one of the largest responses of any contest that the Observer & Eccentric has had in many years and we thank everyone who took the time to enter,' said LeeAnn Mitchell, O&E circulation director

free, ongoing community education series, will be presented by social worker Ron Harrison in the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive in Ypsilanti

Part One, 'What To Know,' will be presented from 7 30-9 p m Tuesday, June 1 and will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems

Part Two, 'What To Do,' will be presented from 7 30-9 p m Tuesday, June 8 and will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker

The presentations are free and open to the public. Parents, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome

Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. There will be opportunity to speak with the presenter after the workshop

For more information, call (734) 973-7892, e-mail jessa@med.umich.edu or go to http://www.hvcn.org/info/teen_susingdrugs

DAR MEETING

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter, meets for a sandwich luncheon at noon May 17 at the Plymouth District Library

The program is entitled, "Remembering the Wars." All DAR members and potential members are welcome

For more information, call Pam Westerhold, (734) 420-2775

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A Broadway salute

PSO delights audiences and raises money

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

While the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra saluted Broadway, guests helped raise money for the almost 60-year-old organization with live and silent auctions Saturday night

It was great fun, said Matthew Moore, music director at Plymouth's First United Methodist Church



David and Sarah Han and Pat Lang were among the 250 guests who attended the Best of Broadway Saturday

"They really did a great job. For a symphony of that size and caliber, they play really well."

"Best of Broadway" - the symphony's annual pops benefit dinner, concert and auction - drew some 250 guests to Laurel Manor. The symphony, directed by music director and conductor Nan Washburn, entertained with selections from *Chicago*, *Cats*, *My Fair Lady* and *The Music Man*.

I was very pleased with the response. I think the audience was glad they came, said Linda Alvarado, PSO board member and advisory chair. Follow-up phone calls were made to determine guests

response to the event. They were very happy. They thought this was the best pops concert they had been to in years.

The Plymouth Symphony League's silent and live auctions were an equal hit, especially when Canton resident Ron Bovitz won a chance to conduct the 50 musicians. His one-year-old daughter accompanied him and helped bring the house down.

There was a bidding war over which fight song the orchestra should play - MSU won, said Angela Han, PSO executive director.

While PSO staff is still calculating expenses and proceeds, Alvarado estimated that the



Wilma Cleveland, Nan Washburn, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor, and Linda Alvarado, board member and advisory chair, review items for the silent and live auctions at the Best of Broadway pops concert, dinner and auction night.

symphony likely drew in approximately \$12,500 to \$13,500 for the evening.

There was really some spirited bidding on the live auction items, she added.

The evening was sponsored by Target and supported by the PSO League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Mike and Mary Gladchun RE/MAX on the Trail sponsored the invitations.

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Shelly Sorenen and Michael Sprague eye an auction item at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual fund raiser and pops concert Saturday.

Commission faces charter decision in light of budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

What began as a hot topic of debate in the 2001 Plymouth city commission election campaign came to a conclusion in somewhat obscure fashion last month.

The city's charter review committee completed its 16-month task with little fanfare, coming up with more than 30 pages of changes to the current city charter, ranging from deleting references to municipal judges (there no longer are any) to how the mayor is elected.

Now the question is what will the city commission decide to do with the recommendations?

Among the three choices,

according to City Manager Paul Sincock, are:

■ To accept the charter committee's comments and not act on them.

■ Put all or some of the recommendations on the ballot for voters to decide. Each issue would have to be put separately on the ballot, Sincock said. "They could put all on one ballot, or the commission could take a few issues each primary and general election and put them before voters to decide."

■ Commissioners could recommend the election of a Charter Review Commission which would result in starting the process all over again. A charter commission could then put before the voters a new charter, with all its changes, in

one ballot question, Sincock said.

The city commission is expected to make a decision after discussing the cost of electing a charter commission and starting the process over.

"There are parts of our charter that are no longer pertinent and need to be purged," Commissioner Michele Potter said.

"We need to make sure these recommendations move for ward so we can have an accurate up to date document that drives the commission to do its best for the city."

The current eight committee members have expressed interest in becoming part of the nine-member charter commission. However, if all aren't elected by the public, it could

take another 16 months to come up with some of the same conclusions as the current charter committee.

Sincock said the city spent more than \$8,000 on the current committee, most of it in legal costs. He said it cost another \$11,000 in administrative time.

We're probably talking about it costing another \$10,000 for a charter commission, and that's provided the same group of people is elected, Sincock said.

The city charter dating back to 1957 has had three revisions - minor changes which were voted on and approved by city residents.

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DEATHS

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 Karen Sue Adamson, 57, of Milford, died April 21.
 Mary E. Aldrich, 69, of Waterford, formerly of Auburn Hills, died April 20.
 Donald P. Amato, 80, of Keego Harbor, died April 26.

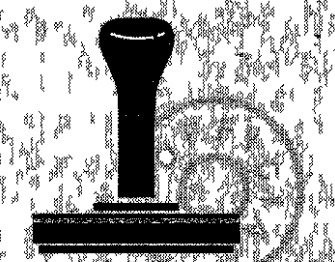
B
 Gioryahn "Glo" Baily, 53, formerly of Beverly Hills, died April 19.

C
 Donald F. Clinton, 84, of Canton, died April 22.

G
 Elmer G. Goings, 82, of Rochester Hills, died April 23.
 Darren Martin Gunther, 22, died April 25.

H
 Edward Fowler Horton, 85, of Troy, formerly of Birmingham, died April 22.

K
 Katherine Bigge Kestner, formerly



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of Birmingham, died April 26.

M
 Grace O. Mitchell, of Livonia, died April 23.
 Eileen Moran, 84, formerly of Westland, died April 24.
 Cecil O. Moreland, 70, of Farmington, died April 21.

S
 Geneva Schrage, 89, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died April 25.
 Amy B. Sherman, 79, of Redford, died April 24.

W
 Kenneth Weir, 70, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Berkley, died April 21.

Z
 Linda Zimmerman, 48, of Livonia, formerly of Redford, died April 24.

POLICE BLOTTER

Bottle battle
 A woman reported to Plymouth Township Police Monday that someone had thrown a beer bottle through the driver's-side window of her 2003 Pontiac Grand Am. Police have no suspects and no witnesses.

Egg-plant
 The owner of a 2001 Ford Taurus reported that he parked his car outside a friends' parents house and spent the night at the house.

When he came out around 7:30 the next morning, he discovered his car had been pelted by eggs, and the roof had been dented.
 Police have no suspects, and no witnesses.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between April 21-27:

■ Tuesday April 27 - Residential rescue runs on Beech Court, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Brookside - rescue run to a public building on 5 Mile.

■ Monday, April 26 - Mutual-aid fire run on North Territorial west of Napier, residential rescue runs on Irvin and on Tyler, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Harvey, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Sunday, April 25 - Investigation on southbound I-275 north of M-14,

residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Filmore and on Aspen, rescue runs to public buildings on Ann Arbor Road and on Greenview Place.

■ Saturday, April 24 - Wash-down on eastbound M-14 and Sheldon, dumpster fire on Golfview, residential rescue run on Lincoln.

■ Friday, April 23 - Commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Lilley, residential rescue runs on Aspen, on Deer Creek Circle, on Sheridan and on Palmer, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Massey, vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Ridge, rescue runs to public buildings on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Thursday, April 22 - Vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, vehicle accidents on Beck south of Ann Arbor Road and on Northville Road; vehicle accident with extrication on the westbound I-96 ramp to northbound I-275, rescue run on 5 Mile, residential rescue runs on Adams and on

North, commercial rescue run on Sheldon.

■ Wednesday, April 21 - Commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road, open burning on Cottonwood, residential rescue runs on Hillcrest, on Latheron, on Shadywood, on Northville Road and on Pinewood, special run on Sheldon, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road west of Canton Center, vehicle fire on northbound I-275 north of M-14.

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ADs gone, but teachers could return from layoff

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education laid off 16 people Tuesday night, including the three high school athletic directors and eight teachers.

Superintendent Jim Ryan said the restructuring of the athletic department at the high school park mainly comes down to the salaries of the three AD's. Currently, Sue Heinzman at Canton High School earns \$98,021, Tom Willette at Salem and Terry Sawchuk at Plymouth each earn \$83,395.

"They are paid at a district-wide athletic director level, when they are actually building athletic directors," said Ryan. "My concern is how do you address the salary issue when there really isn't a contract open until next year?"

Ryan said he's working with

the Plymouth Canton Administrators union in an attempt to negotiate a compromise that could result in the return one or all of the athletic directors.

As for the teachers, Ryan said the layoffs were a contractual matter.

Of the eight, we already have three that are coming back because of special education staffing, and I anticipate all eight will be back," he said.

■ The board also approved the hiring of a development director, who will be responsible for raising much-needed funding for the district.

The development director would likely seek foundation grants and corporate partnerships, as well as tapping into alumni.

The board approved a salary range of \$51,000-\$79,000 for the position.

BOOKS

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avoid, so it's a way to help busy parents make time for reading to their children.

Instead of the waitress handing children a coloring book and crayons, the restaurants will have book bags to hand out.

"When we go places we bring books with us because it's good for the kids," said Jennifer Collins, Jacqueline's mom. "It helps entertain them and keeps their attention. It's something we can do together."

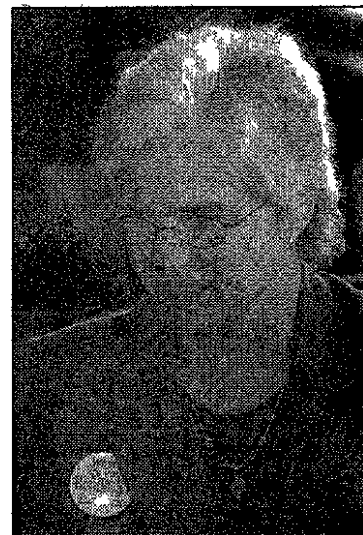
"The kids really enjoy the stories," she said. "It's nice to sit down with them and get them interested and excited about reading."

And Giles said that's what parents should be doing with children from the time they are born.

"The research shows children who are read to consistently from birth are more successful in school," she said.

"The Raising Little Readers program is part of our desire to have kids ready for school, and it's part of our campaign to make that happen."

The program is being funded from a \$12,300 grant from Wayne County RESA, the intermediate school district



Martha Giles, director of Plymouth-Canton's Early Child Development program, said the new program is designed to 'change the wait time children have in restaurants into a time of wonder.'

Restaurants in Canton participating in the program include Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, Big Boy, Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen, Logan's Roadhouse, Outback Steak House, Palermo's, Pizza Hut and TGI Friday's. Plymouth eating establishments include Bennigan's Grill & Tavern, Denny's, Gimopolis on the Ice, Pizza Hut, Station 885, Zack's of Plymouth and the Coffee Beanery.

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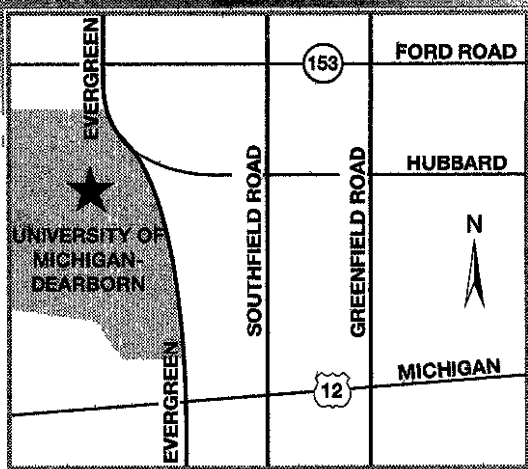
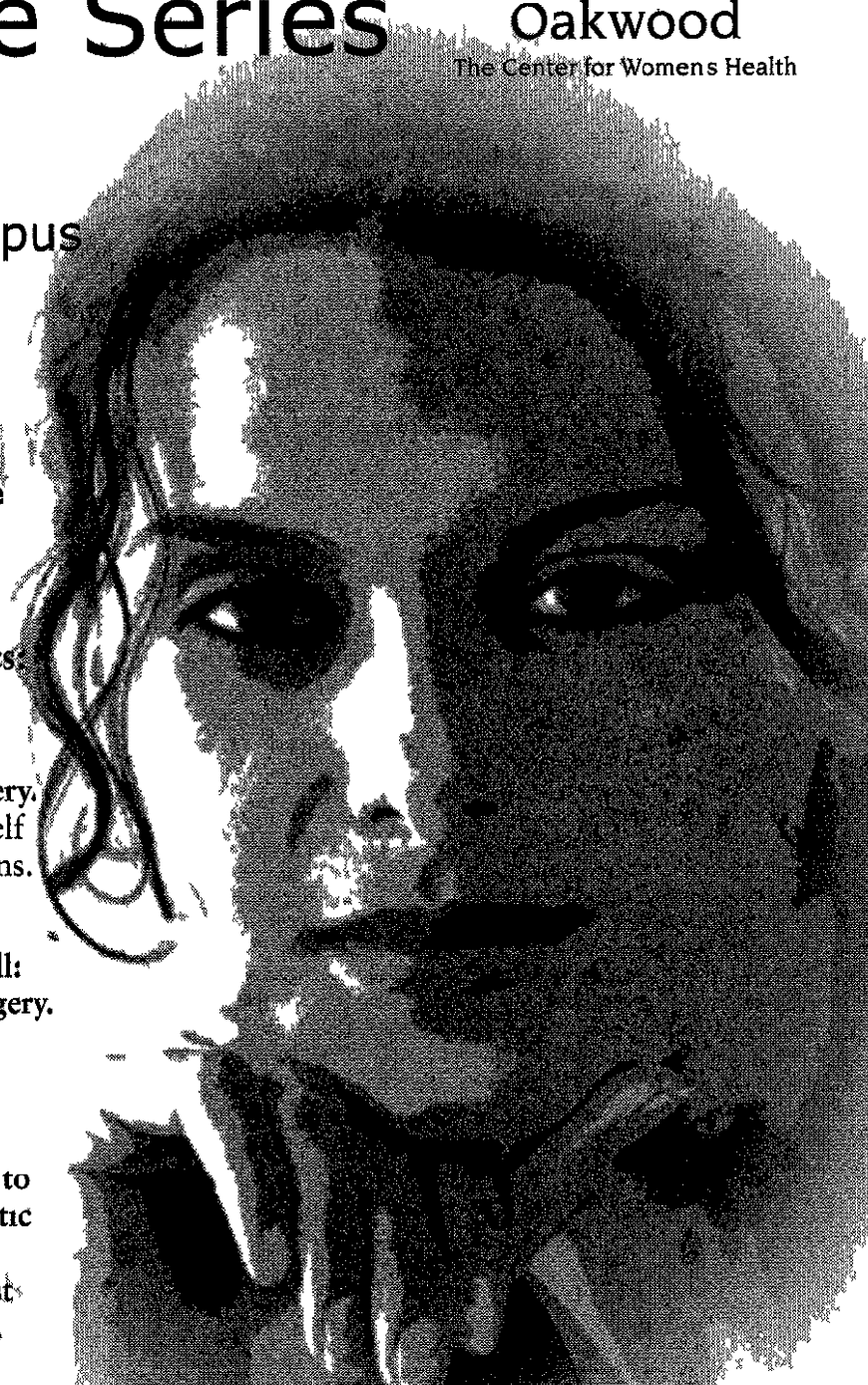


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Congregations partner to sponsor new Habitat home

Seven churches and faith groups in western Wayne County have formed a Circle of Churches to sponsor and build a home in the Canton area with Habitat for Humanity.

Together, the congregations have committed to providing the volunteers and to obtaining the resources needed to begin construction. As a result, sometime later this year, a Habitat partner family will receive the keys to a new house, built with the love and dedication these congregations are excited to show as a witness of their faith.

The participating congregations are Crosswinds Community Church, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Mushum Community of Western Suburbs, Northridge Church, The Redemption Center (formerly Canton Community Church), Resurrection Parish and St. John Neumann Church.

A steering committee composed of representatives from each congregation is coordinating the activities of the Circle. The churches will work this spring to secure the funds and donations of services required to begin construction and to complete all pre-construction planning, including site selection.

"We are so pleased to be working with Habitat to help a local family acquire safe, affordable housing," said Jon Beyer, pastor of Crosswinds Community Church. "As a congregation, we have a desire to be a 'church in the streets,' serving needs in the community. This is a terrific way for the people of Crosswinds, partnering with other congregations, to move out into the community in a hands-on, purposeful way."

"We are blessed that these churches have joined together to sponsor and build a Habitat home," said Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity. "Habitat for Humanity builds more than houses. We build lives, we build hope, we build the community."

Habitat for Humanity is considering multiple building sites in the Canton area and also is seeking possible site referrals for this and future homes.

A recent study of Habitat homeowners nationally found that:

- 35 percent saw improvement in children's grades
- 68 percent saw improvement in the financial situation of the family
- 23 percent saw improvement in the health of the family
- 58 percent reported there was less family conflict
- 40 percent reported a change in the educational goals of the family

Habitat for Humanity is a grass-roots, Christian housing ministry. Founded in 1976, affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International have built more than 125,000 homes, providing safe, decent housing for 625,000 people around the world.

Habitat's partner families invest their own sweat equity alongside community volunteers, who with their hammers and prayers witness the Gospel message of neighborly love.

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County works in partnership with God and people in our community to develop decent neighborhoods and homes. The affiliate recently dedicated its 16th home in Taylor.

It is committed to building "50 in 15," a total of 50 homes by its 15th anniversary in 2010.

Visit the Web site, www.habitatwvc.org, for more information, to participate in the Circle of Churches project, or to learn how you can become involved in Habitat's housing ministry.

Bollin family holds final scholarship fund-raiser

At a bowl-a-thon held on May 15, the Bollin family of Farmington Hills will realize the completion of a dream fully funding a college scholarship to honor the memory of their daughter.

The event represents the final chapter in efforts to endow the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award. Leah was 23 years old when she suffered an epileptic seizure while driving to work on Aug. 15, 2001. She had been seizure free with medication for over four years.

Bill and Sharon Bollin own

ers of Bollin Electric Co. in Plymouth, say this year's bowl-a-thon will fulfill their commitment to raise \$100,000 to see that up to four students per year can benefit from a \$1,000 grant. The award is renewable (by reapplication) for up to four years if the student is in good academic standing.

Leah's epilepsy was diagnosed when she was seven years old, but she never let it deter her from who she was or what she wanted to accomplish in her life. Sharon Bolling said. Although learning disabilities

that stemmed from her epilepsy derailed her dreams a few times, she was about to begin her junior year at Lake State Superior University, following in her brother's footsteps.

To honor her spirit, the Bollin family began efforts in 2001 to endow the scholarship for students who have epilepsy and some of the accompanying learning difficulties.

In addition to the bowl-a-thon, one of the Bollin's friends and contributors, Sam Khashan of Sean O'Callaghans

in Plymouth, has volunteered proceeds from his annual Charity Golf Outing at the Fox Hills Golf Course on June 27.

An article published in Thursday's edition of the Observer incorrectly implied the golf outing would replace the bowl-a-thon. Rather, family members said, it will supplement proceeds from the original fund-raiser.

To obtain entry forms for the bowl-a-thon, donate auction items or obtain more information, (248) 553-4776 or (734) 459-0700.

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What: Bowl A Thon and Silent Auction benefit for the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award.
When: Saturday May 15, 4 p.m. (registration begins at 3 p.m.)
Where: Drakeshire Lanes Farmington Hills
Who: Bowlers and non bowlers alike are invited for an evening of refreshments and bidding on a variety of auction items as well as the chance to win a 7 day cruise for two on Holland American Lines. Bowling teams are asked to raise \$50. Non bowlers may participate for a suggested \$25 donation.

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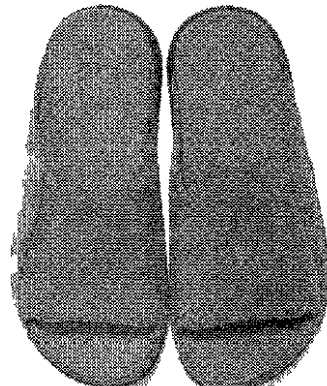
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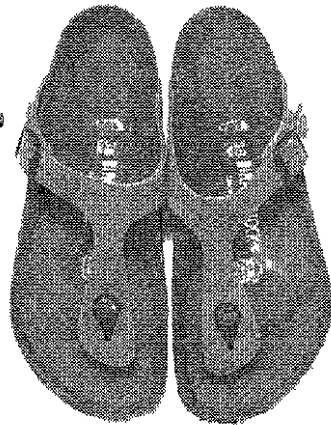
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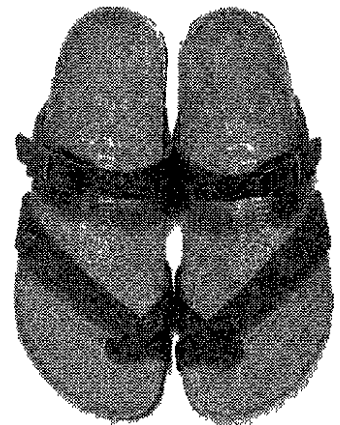
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Caregivers conference to feature workshops

If you are one of the more than 50 million Americans who provide care to others, the 2004 Caregiving Conference that will debut at the Summit on the Park May 10 is for you

Here's an opportunity for caregivers to gather in one convenient location to learn about resources. They will also discover two important facts they are not alone and there's help and assistance available," said Doris Love, a social worker, at Adult Well-Being Services, one of the conference sponsors

In addition, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services (WCNLS)-Elder Law Center, Senior Alliance, American House and Health Care Partners Inc are sponsors of the event that is designed to give caregivers resources and support

The conference is 6-9 p.m. Monday, May 10 at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. Other cities include Detroit, Redford and Woodhaven. The event features workshops, vendors, presentations, health screening, literature and information on-site adult care (by reservation) and refreshments

Workshops topics include Information on legal issues for elders, How to find help when needed, What is dementia, Signs of depression and how to help, What special care does a person need who has diabetes?

Information and literature will be available on Home Health Care, Medical Equipment, Medicaid/Medicare, Prescription Assistance, Respite Care, Adult Day Care, Long Term Care, Senior Safety, Elder Abuse, Public Benefits, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, Legal issues, Caregivers Agencies, Services and Programs

Adult Well-Being Services is a nonprofit agency serving as a resource for older adults and caregivers in Wayne County. It provides additional Aging services such as a short-term respite program, health promotion, information and assistance, support for grandparents raising grandchildren and caregiver support groups

To register for the Caregiving Conference call (313) 937-8291. For information on ongoing support groups for caregivers call (313) 359-0736

Facts for caregivers

Here are some statistics compiled by the National Family Caregivers Association

■ More than one quarter (26.6 percent) of the adult population has provided care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged family member or friend during the past year

Based on current census data, that translates into more than 50 million people

■ Caregiving is no longer predominantly a women's issue. Men now make up 44 percent of the caregiving population

■ The value of the services family caregivers provide for 'free' is estimated to be \$257 billion a year

■ Virtually one half of the US population has a chronic condition. Of these, 41 million were limited in their daily activities. Twelve million are unable to go to school, to work, or to live independently

■ Elderly caregivers with a history of chronic illness themselves, who are experiencing caregiving related stress, have a 63% higher mortality rate than their non-caregiving peers

■ The pool of family caregivers is dwindling. In 1990 there were 11 potential caregivers for each person needing care. In 2050 that ratio will be 4:1



Jennifer Leshkevich scoops a cone for Katelyn Olewnik (from left) and Tiffany Watt both 12 years old from Plymouth

BEST OF

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King According to Hurley, the Langs bought it in 1976 and leveled the small shack that housed it, replacing it with the structure it has now

The Langs made it possible for the staff to move around efficiently, redesigned the inside of the building and, especially important, designed a spacious parking lot to accommodate patrons

They did a great job with the parking lot," Hurley said. The parlor is staffed almost entirely by students, nearly all of whom come back every year looking for work. Hurley even makes note of the veterans on a plaque that hangs on the wall. Nineteen of the 22 part-timers currently on staff are returning employees, 14 of whom have been there three years or more

Four employees have been there at least seven years, including college students who want to keep the job. It's that kind of experience on which Hurley depends for a successful season. "Some of these kids are 21 or 22 years old, and they help bring the place to a new level," Hurley said. "A lot of this job is preparation, and they know how to do it. I could bring

three of these kids in here at 11 and be ready to open by noon. That gives me the confidence to say, 'Bring it on!'

Of course, a good reputation is not made on good staff alone, and Hurley said he's done what he can to keep the service and the quality of the products at a high level. The Dairy King's "hard" ice cream comes from Guernsey in Northville, and the Hurleys have made some additions to the menu

For instance, Dairy King now offers yogurt smoothies, and there's a frozen Coke machine. While adding to the menu, Hurley said he's tried "to keep things simple," which helps keep prices down

"The idea is you can afford to come here three, four, five times a week," Hurley said. "With all the restaurants downtown, and all the concerts, we've become an after-dinner destination"

But Dairy King is more than that, according to Mary Hurley. The place is deluged with customers during its early March to mid-October seasonal run. Lanes frequently run out the door and around the building, especially on Friday nights when Kellogg Park hosts its summer concert series

Mary Hurley says it's because coming to the Dairy King is almost like a social event

"You see all the people coming in, and their children, and their grandchildren," she said. "It's almost like people don't mind the lines, because it's like a social event. They think, 'I wonder if so-and-so will be here!'"

That's because there's so much repeat business. Many of Dairy King's customers, Hurley said, are people who used to patronize the parlor as a child who now bring their own kids

Even the Hurleys, who have lived in Plymouth 20 years, are in that group

"I've lived here 20 years, and we used to come here," Michael Hurley said. "It's a tradition. You get a lot of people who come with their kids who say, 'I used to come here!'"

The Hurleys have no idea how long they'll keep going. When they bought the business from the Langs six years ago, the Langs had been going for 23 years. Michael acknowledges 23 years would probably be enough for me, too," but for now they're just reveling in the joy of the business

It's a great business, Mary Hurley said. "It's part of this town. You see all these people coming in with their children and their grandchildren. We feel very blessed we had this opportunity"

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Seventy kids take stage in 'Music Man Junior'

The spotlight will turn on Canton, Plymouth and Northville kids when they take the stage in *Music Man Junior* May 14-16 at Discovery Middle School in Canton

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town is full of quirky townsfolk and the pleasantly stubborn music teacher Marian Paroo (Stefanie Mallasch). As Harold captivates the town of River City, Iowa, Marian sets out to prove that he's a fake all the while falling head over heels

Music Man Junior, which is presented by Ever After

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'SuperCenter' to replace 3 local Secretary of State sites

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land will close all three of Livonia's branch offices and replace them with a new "SuperCenter," under plans to modernize and consolidate branch operations.

Livonia will be one of five locations to get a "SuperCenter," which will feature Saturday hours, automated license renewal services and

additional staff. The location of this new site has not been determined as Land recently hired a real estate company to look for potential sites.

"We're trying to use our limited resources better," said Kelly Chesney, Land's spokeswoman. "Our current branch centers are based on a 1970s business model, so the Secretary wanted to upgrade the services."

By the end of this year, Livonia's branch offices at Newburgh near Seven Mile, Seven Mile next to Livonia Mall and Plymouth near Levan will close after the new SuperCenter opens, Chesney said.

Land also will open 22 Secretary of State Plus offices, which will be bigger than the traditional branch offices with

additional staff and automated services, but not have Saturday hours. Land wants to station four of these Plus offices in Western Wayne County. They will be located in Westland, Canton, either Novi or Northville, and either Dearborn Heights or Redford.

After a year of gathering input for customers and employees, Land developed

the statewide reorganization that will eliminate 20 of Michigan's 173 Secretary of State offices. No jobs will be lost, though.

"There will be a number of staff reassigned to new offices as we open up these new SuperCenters and Plus Offices," Chesney said.

"We hope to open up some of these new facilities within the

next 90 days."

By increasing the staff at fewer, larger facilities, Chesney said customers of the SuperCenters and Plus Offices will no longer be turned away because the staff is out to lunch. "With early retirements and fewer state resources, we have only two people working at some metro Detroit branches," Chesney said.

Canton man announces run for Congress against McCotter

Abdullah Haydar, a 28-year-old Canton resident and computer consultant, has announced his candidacy for the 11th District Congressional seat held by Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

Haydar

Haydar is running as an independent. The most important issue in his platform, he says, is campaign finance reform.

He says he is so committed to that issue that he will not accept monetary donations of any kind.

"Money has corrupted politics across the world for millennia," he said. "In some societies, that has taken the form of illegal bribes. In our society, the two main parties have legalized bribery in the form of campaign contributions from special interests."

Charging that such "immoral" contributions influence the types of legislation that gets passed, he says he wants to change that.

"Today, I am launching my campaign to put an end to this practice and return to a government of the people, by the people, for the people," he said.

Haydar said he will not run any television ads in his grassroots campaign, but will spend, and has already spent, a lot of time knocking on doors.

The son of Syrian

immigrants, Haydar was born in Dearborn, grew up in the Flint area and has lived in Canton for about two years. He and his wife have three sons.

He said his parents were a big influence on his decision to run for Congress.

"My parents were immigrants," he said. "There was not a lot of political activity going on in Syria — just a few people running things. I was born in America. I grew up here. My parents said, 'Take advantage of it.'"

He says he intends to start a movement of government reform based on two principles:

- Banning all money from the electoral process. Politicians should not have to seek funds from anyone to get their messages out in the campaign for office.

- "Return to the government intended by the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. House of Representatives is supposed to be comprised of ordinary citizens taking a few years away from their normal jobs to represent their fellow citizens in government. Instead, it is now comprised of life-long politicians who spend most of their time meeting with special interests who contribute very large amounts of money in exchange for undue influence on the legislative process."

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OUR VIEWS

Critical changes should get vote

Once again, the City of Plymouth's precarious financial situation has put it in a position of struggling to decide what to do with a good thing

The city's Charter Review Committee, commissioned some 16 months ago, has finally finished the task it set out to accomplish: Review the entire charter and make recommendations on necessary changes

You'll recall the initial urge to review the charter started several years ago, when former city Commissioner Sean FitzGerald — at the time part of a fractured, contentious commission — suggested changing the way the mayor is chosen. That burgeoned into the idea of reviewing all aspects of the charter.

The eight-member charter review committee dove right in, tackling an exhausting, time-consuming, mind-numbing exercise with fervor and grit to come up with more than 30 pages of changes to the current charter, which has been revised three times and dates back to 1957.

The changes range in importance, from eliminating archaic language — such as talk of municipal judges — to accomplishing FitzGerald's original goal, tweaking the way the mayor is chosen.

Now the question becomes what to do with the committee's recommendations. State law says to put them on the ballot in their current form, each change would have to be listed on a ballot separately. With 32 pages worth of changes, that's not feasible.

The other way would be to rewrite the charter and ask voters to approve the new one. However, state law would require the city to first elect a Charter Review Commission, a nine-member panel that would then have to reinvent the wheel.

The eight members of the current committee have all said they'd serve, and in an apathetic political environment they'd likely be elected. But City Manager Paul Sincock estimates it would cost at least \$10,000 to do that. That's \$10,000 the city really doesn't have to spare at the moment.

While the committee did an outstanding job discharging their duty, the bulk of the recommendations are simple housekeeping changes designed to clean up the language. Only a handful of them — including changing the way the mayor is chosen and imposing a one-year residency requirement for potential city commission candidates — actually affect the way the city is governed on a daily basis.

So we propose a compromise. The city commission should define any changes it deems vital to improving life in the city and put them on a ballot. Such a move would place value on the outstanding work already done by the charter review committee and not allow it to go to waste.

Most importantly, it would give voters a say in how their own lives will be affected.

Compromise, not a new water system, needed to end dispute

In the game of poker, it is sometimes good to call a player's bluff.

When it comes to providing affordable, safe drinking water while meeting federal clean water standards, it is time for those pushing for an alternative water system to fold their hand.

A simmering battle between the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and its suburban customers has boiled over in the past year, amid allegations of mismanagement and overcharging for service.

The finger-pointing and rhetoric have done little to resolve the dispute, and a historic visit by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to a March meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners only added fuel to the political fire.

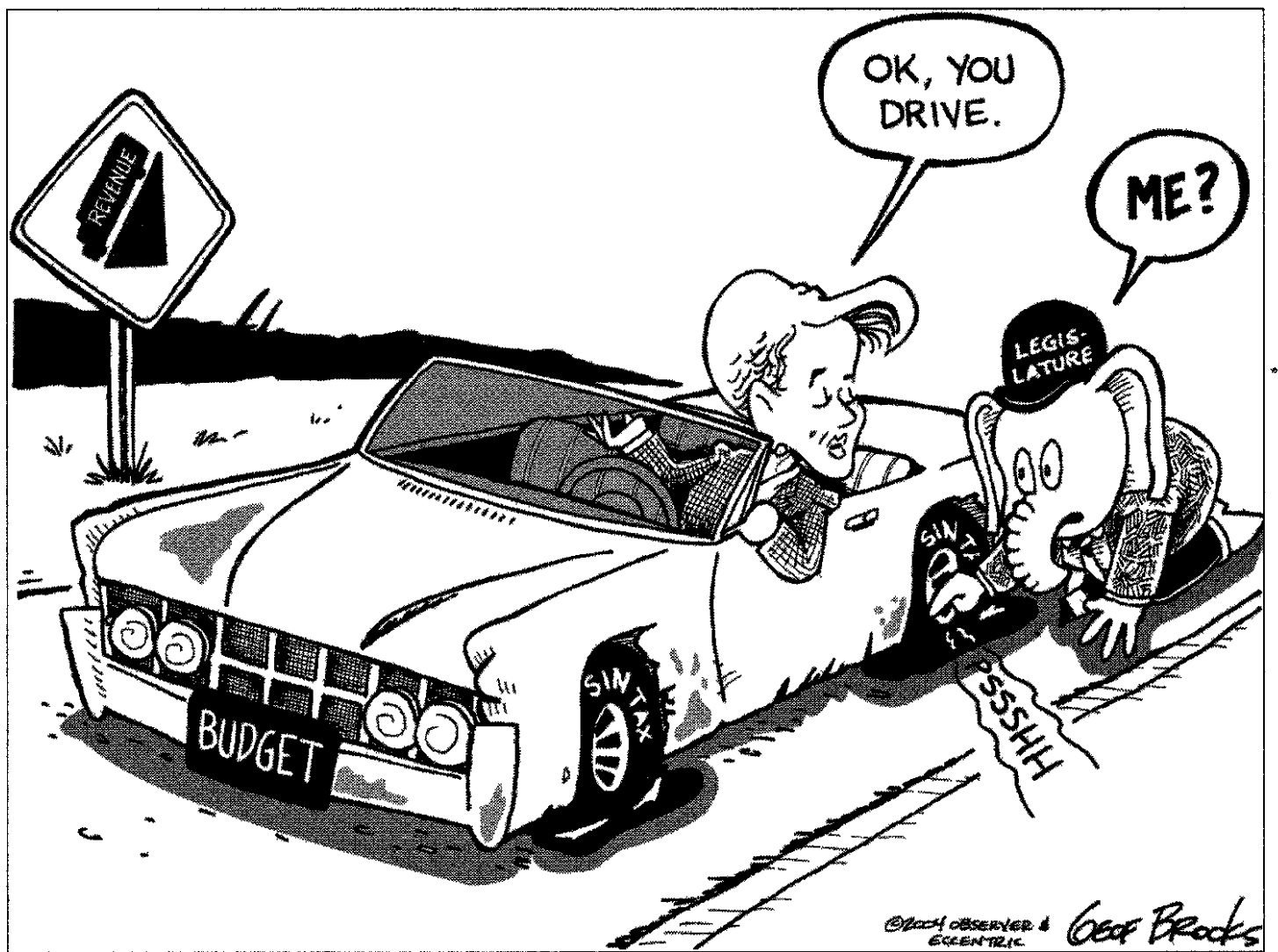
During his remarks, Kilpatrick defended the Detroit system, and challenged Oakland County to develop its own water source if it wasn't happy with the service it was getting from Detroit.

Kilpatrick's suggestion was a rallying call for Oakland Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, who quickly formed a coalition of communities to finance a feasibility study to do just that.

It is foolhardy for local communities to waste precious and dwindling financial resources on the study.

Instead, suburban leaders should continue their efforts to gain more say on how the system operates through the creation of a regional water authority. The compromise is endorsed by U.S. District Judge John Feikens, who is charged with ensuring our communities comply with provisions of the Clean Water Act.

Besides the cost of conducting such a study, there is another reason why McCulloch and his supporters should end the bluff. If they play their hand and the study determines developing a new system is not cost-effective — which it almost assuredly will — that leaves the city of Detroit holding all of the cards.



LETTERS

Parking problems?

I was furious when I read about the Plymouth parking problem, and how the city commissioners are in a quandary about whether to install meters.

How about this for an idea: Cease the building of condos with no parking, and then allow those millionaires to utilize our one-and-only parking structure with a special city permit. By the way, I would like one of those permits for when I drive downtown instead of walking.

I would also like to know why I cannot park in front of my house overnight (without a special permit, of course), and don't tell me it's for snow plowing. If it is, then make the rule December 1-April 1.

Enough said.

Jacqueline Carr
Plymouth

First 'yes' vote

I read with great interest the article describing the upcoming school bond vote. Let me be the first in line to vote YES.

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We must recognize that:
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■ A new elementary building in Canton is a must. This area of our community is the fastest growing with new families living in prime subdivisions. We need this trend to continue.

■ Keeping our school facilities in good condition supports the value of our homes and businesses. Do not forget, our property values and population continue to increase because of the solid reputation of the school system, which includes the condition and location of the buildings and grounds.

I hear the concern about the economy and I say that is dated news. This economy is in full recovery. The newspapers give us a negative report on everything, but if you read beyond the first paragraph, you find one turnaround after another.

I am a senior on a fixed income and I will gladly find this money for two reasons: (1) It is the right thing to do. These are our children! They live in a great community and deserve the opportunity to be educated in proper surroundings that we bought and paid for. (2) It is the smart thing to do.

I want to be proud of my community and watch it continue to grow with ever-increasing property values. My net worth is tied up in my house and I like to see it increase. I like to see new families move here, happy with the answer to

their first question, "How is the school system here?"

I'm voting "yes!"

Thomas Solomon
Plymouth

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 as 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

Consider volunteer work

Every day, volunteers lead the humanitarian work of the American Red Cross in southeast Michigan. They provide disaster relief in times of crisis and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Our volunteers are on call and serving the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

At the Red Cross, we're celebrating National Volunteer Week April 18-24. It's a time to recognize our volunteers who've made it possible for us to provide vital services throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Last year we responded to an average of four home fires every day, helped supply approximately 222,000 units of blood to local hospitals, trained over 52,000 people in first aid/CPR and provided more than 11,000 blankets to local homeless shelters.

If you want to help, now is a great time to volunteer. You can assist your community in preparing for and responding to emergencies and providing lifesaving blood. Volunteer with the Red Cross as a disaster action team member, blood drive volunteer, health and safety instructor or community presenter. Training is provided.

I think you'll find volunteering for the Red Cross a rewarding experience as I have. It's an opportunity to meet and learn from many people, while serving your community.

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Marty Martin
chair of volunteers
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— Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent Jim Ryan on his plan for attacking the budget deficit

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Wal-Mart continues to change retail landscape

It may have come as a sad surprise to us in Michigan when Wal-Mart surpassed General Motors as the world's biggest company. But it sure didn't catch Wal-Mart's competitors off-guard. They have been admiring (with a touch of envy) for years the Arkansas-based company has revolutionized retailing and in the process grown into a competitive monster.

Just how monstrous? Plenty. Wal-Mart racked up \$256 billion in sales in the year ending Dec 31. It operates nearly 3,000 giant discount stores and supercenters in the U.S. In Michigan, Wal-Mart has 45 stores, 23 supercenters and 23 Sam's Clubs, which employ an amazing 26,113 "associates." According to *The Economist* magazine, eight out of every 10 American households shop at Wal-Mart at least once a year and 100 million customers visit Wal-Mart stores worldwide every week.

When a company has this size and momentum, any little setback makes news. And so when 60 percent of the voters in Inglewood, a suburb of Los Angeles, turned down Wal-Mart's attempt to bypass the planning commission and build a new store, it made national headlines. Wal-Mart is beginning to experience problems in Michigan, as well. The company has been trying to get zoning approval for a new store in Charlevoix Township for three years. A public hearing is supposed to be held in May, and advocates for the 'This Is Our Town' opposition group claim the company's plans fail to meet six out of nine requirements in the zoning ordinance.

The complaints about Wal-Mart are many. Its giant stores and supercenters chew up undeveloped land and spread sprawl. By buying up to \$15 billion worth of goods from Chinese suppliers each year, it is helping destroy America's manufacturing base. Its business strategy of "Always Low Prices Always" is based at heart on exploiting its 1.4 million employees, most of them poorly paid and without much chance of getting overtime.

The worst charge, in my mind, is that ruthless Wal-Mart is the chief engine of destruction for countless locally-owned "mom and pop" stores and, thus, the major reason for the hollowing out of previously thriving downtowns in little communities all over the country.

Some of my newspapers serve communities where Wal-Mart operates, so I thought it would make sense to check out the facts.

In Charlotte, a thriving community southwest of Lansing, Publisher Tricia Johnson reports that Wal-Mart, which opened in 1991, almost certainly

caused the closure of Carter's food store outside of town and probably had a hand in the closure of two small-town independent grocery stores, Carl's of Olivet and Carl's of Sunfield. But according to Johnson, "our downtown remains successful, both our strip malls are full, and we have a good number of niche businesses in the community, many of them downtown."

The same story seems to be the case in Howell, where Maria Stuart is editor of Michigan's most rapidly growing daily newspaper, *The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*. According to Stuart, when folks in downtown Howell heard that Wal-Mart was coming, "they were scared to death. Some local stores shut down after Wal-Mart opened, but many of them most likely would have closed down anyway."

Overall, Stuart says the impact of Wal-Mart has been less than many expected. "With the coming of lots of 'big box' stores in the Livingston County area, the independent stores are anxious, but they realize that if they give outstanding personal service, a good range of merchandise and fair prices, they'll do just fine," she said.

Certainly, Wal-Mart had a part in the bankruptcy of Kmart, a Michigan company now trying to make it back to profitability. (Not that Kmart didn't bring many of its woes on itself.) And Wal-Mart's efficiency and good management is forcing other competitors — Meijer and Costco come quickly to mind — to sharpen up. But that's simply the rigorous logic of a competitive, free-market economy.

More worrisome, to my mind at least, is Wal-Mart's uncertain commitment to sustain the communities where it operates. "They work hard — and very shrewdly — on their reputation as a good corporate citizen," according to a competitor who chose not to be identified. Wal-Mart speedily joins the local chamber of commerce, allows youth groups to use its parking lots for car washes, and the like. However, according to Wal-Mart's PR office, the company spends 1.3 percent of its pretax profit (not counting contributions in kind) on philanthropic community relations, substantially less than the 5 percent spent by Meijer and Target, both big box store competitors.

I've always found shopping at locally-owned, downtown "mom and pop" stores far more personally satisfying than being just another number in Wal-Mart's relentless search for growth. And when word gets out that Wal-Mart might be coming to a community served by one of these newspapers, my first instinct is to advise folks in the downtown to batten down the hatches and get ready to compete like crazy.

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



Phil Power

Proposed clean indoor air ordinance would punish innocent

The Wayne County Commission has been considering a new ordinance that would ban smoking in practically all workplaces, both public and private. This is a very important public policy issue. What is being considered is the right of nonsmoking individuals to be able to work in an environment without being subjected to second-hand smoke versus the rights of private individuals and businesses to regulate their own buildings and workites.

I in many respects agree with and support the American Cancer Society and the numerous other individuals and organizations that have been seeking passage of the Wayne County Smoke Free Ordinance. I am not a smoker and I never have been. I understand that second-hand smoke can be an annoyance and even a health hazard to many individuals. However, the ordinance that has been proposed in Wayne County should not be passed because it is unenforceable and, in my opinion, not legal.

Wayne County commissioners, as the lawmakers of Wayne County, have an obligation to review any proposed laws carefully to ensure that they are legal, enforceable, and most importantly good public policy. Unfortunately, the ordinance that has been proposed in Wayne County is none of these.

The greatest flaw of the proposed ordinance is that it tries to make an innocent third party criminally responsible for the actions of another. The ordinance provides that "any individual who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls the use of any premises" shall be guilty of an infraction and punished by up to a \$500 fine, if someone else violates the ordinance by smoking on the premises. In my opinion, this provision is not legal, nor should it be.

The proposed ordinance does nothing to punish any individual who continues to smoke at the workplace. Frankly, a smoker could smoke an entire pack of cigarettes at their workplace every day and blow smoke into co-workers' faces, and this ordinance would do nothing to that individual. However, it would hold the building owner/manager criminally responsible for that individual smoker's behavior, even if they had published and distributed a no smoking policy and posted no smoking signs on their premises as called for in the ordinance.

It is my understanding that at least 80 per-

cent of businesses in Wayne County currently self-regulate smoking by not allowing smoking at the general worksite. Most businesses and building owners currently require smokers to go outside to smoke or they have provided a separate, designated smoking room where smokers must go to smoke. This ordinance would eliminate those separate smoking rooms. Under the proposed ordinance, a separate smoking room would only be allowed if the building owner incurred the exorbitant expense of installing separate ventilation systems just for those rooms.

The other great flaw in the proposed ordinance is that it is virtually unenforceable. The burden is placed on the director of the county Health Department to enforce this ordinance although no funding has been provided for enforcement and the health director really has no legal right to fine individuals without police or court involvement. The reality of the situation is that nobody, not the health director or a police officer is going to be willing to issue a citation under this ordinance unless they personally witness the violation. Even then, the ordinance will not allow the citation to be given to the person that is causing the problem by smoking at the worksite, but they would have to hunt down the building owner or manager to give them the citation.

Backers of the proposed ordinance say that three other counties have passed similar ordinances and they have had no challenges. This is true. However, the reason the ordinances have not been challenged is because they have never been enforced. Not a single ticket or citation has ever been issued under these ordinances.

I personally do not believe that Wayne County should be wasting people's time or the taxpayer's dollars passing laws that are flawed and not enforceable. I would much rather see an ordinance introduced that could actually assist nonsmokers in their work environments.

The backers of the ordinance must address the serious legal deficiencies in the proposed ordinance. The county executive as well as the legal counsel for the county have publicly raised concerns about the ordinance as it is currently written. These concerns would be inviting a legal challenge to the ordinance if it were passed which could be very costly to the taxpayers of Wayne County. I believe that the best solution would be for all parties to sit down together and draft an ordinance that can really protect the rights and health of nonsmokers by drafting an ordinance that is legal and enforceable.

John J. Sullivan is vice chairman of the Wayne County Commission. His district includes Canton.



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Graduates will hear Keith A. Pretty, president of Walsh College, deliver the commencement address. Guests must have tickets to attend the ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m.

The college will confer honorary degrees on Pretty, James B. McKeon, a member of the Schoolcraft Development Authority Board and past mayor of Plymouth, Robert Nix II, vice president of the Schoolcraft Development Authority, attorney and real estate expert, and state Rep. Bruce Caswell, R-58th District, who is an advocate for community colleges in Lansing.

On Friday, April 30, 123 Policy Academy, Policy Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates will convene for their graduation, where they will hear David Hiller, director of public safety for Grosse Pointe Park, deliver the commencement address.

Commencement speaker Pretty joined Walsh College in 1999, and initiated measures to increase enrollment, raise scholarship contributions and increase efficiency. He also implemented two new graduate degree programs.

Pretty has held posts in higher education, the private sector and government. Before joining Walsh, he was vice president for external affairs, general counsel and president and CEO of the University Foundation at Western Michigan University.

He has had memberships on the Michigan Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education, the Education Commission of the States and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. In the private sector, he held several

governmental affairs positions with Amoco Corp.

This year's distinguished alumna is Mary Ellen King, director of Northville Youth Assistance, who attended Schoolcraft as an adult learner in the early 1970s. King went on to earn a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and is founder or cofounder of the Northville Youth and Family Forum, ACORD, and Northville Nite.

This year's graduates face a tough employment market, with competition very intense for most jobs, according to Schoolcraft College career counselors. The exception is the health care sector, in particular nursing, which is experiencing a shortage of qualified professionals. However, all job seekers must have professional resumes and solid interviewing skills to be a successful candidate for a position.

John Titus, director of career planning and placement, predicted that the future employment picture will be better.

Projections are that the job market will change, but we are not seeing it on a day-to-day basis. We're not getting a lot of requests for new jobs," he said.

"The job vacancies we have in the service areas, not the skilled areas. If graduates are not finding jobs right away, they might consider continuing their education to be more competitive in the job market. The better prepared you are, the better able you are to get a job."

Titus said graduates shouldn't expect to be hired the first time they apply for a job.

"The market is very competitive," he said. "Employers want people who can hit the floor running. They don't want to spend a lot of time and effort training new workers. Communication, teamwork and analytical skills are critical for most positions."

Madonna holds 57th commencement Saturday

Madonna University's 57th commencement is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit.

Of the more than 800 graduates who will join the Madonna University alumni ranks, approximately 563 will have earned a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or certificate, and the remainder will receive master's degrees.

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed upon Dearborn resident Ludger A. Beauvais and Sister Mary Damascene Brocki of Livonia. A distinguished alumnus award will be given to Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans of Detroit.

Madonna University will confer the degree of doctor of

humanities upon Ludger A. Beauvais who was influential as president of the Edward C. and Hazel L. Stephenson Foundation in leading its board in supporting higher education, particularly independent higher education. Madonna University students have benefited from the Foundation's scholarship support since 1981 and will continue to do so through an endowed scholarship the Foundation recently established.

A member of Madonna College's first graduating class of 1948, Sister Mary Damascene Brocki's lifelong commitment to higher education is unequalled, having touched the lives of students throughout the history of Madonna University and for generations to come. She will

receive the honorary degree of doctor of educational administration. Known for her superb scholarship, Sister Damascene earned a master's degree and doctorate degree from the University of Notre Dame. Her early teaching years were spent in private elementary schools and at Felician Academy in Detroit.

A 1976 graduate of Madonna University in criminal justice, Sheriff Warren Evans for over 34 years has worked in every area of law enforcement and community justice in Wayne County. He began as a deputy in the Wayne County Sheriff's department at age 21 and quickly moved up the ranks. His assignments have ranged from road patrol duty to jail administration, crime lab and

identification, internal affairs, narcotics, marine patrol and the mounted division. By the time he was 38, he had been named Undersheriff, the second highest rank in the department.

In addition to completing his bachelor's degree, Sheriff Evans went on to become a licensed attorney, earned a master's degree in criminal justice and graduated from the FBI Academy.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Mary Wawrzynski, dean, College of Nursing and Health. The mace bearer will be James O'Neill, associate professor, psychology.

Road rally supports the arts

The Livonia Arts Commission is sponsoring a new fund-raiser, a Rally for the Arts road rally Saturday, May 15. All clues will lead to Livonia locations all over the city.

Start time is 4:00 p.m. at the Livonia Community Recreation Center north parking lot.

Cost of the event is \$20 per person. Fifty teams (cars of 2 to 4 people) will be accepted. There will be food, cash prizes and more.

To register or for more information, call Arts Commissioner Virginia Bosak at (734) 432-5976.

Deadline for sign-up is May 8.

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Chiefs aim for Hawks

Canton wants to regain Relays title

Too bad Farmington Harrison isn't still part of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Harrison-Canton rivalry in boys track could use another stage for another showing.

Guess the Observerland Relays, an annual event now entering its 34th year that features every Observer-area boys team, will have to do

These two track powers have dominated the last four Relays. Harrison, winner of the last three Division 2

state championships, broke Canton's string of three straight Observerland titles by beating the Chiefs in

TRACK

2003 Which makes Saturday's meet, hosted by Livonia Churchill, a chance for the Hawks to start a streak of their own

The sprints are always Harrison's strength, but it also won the 3,200-meter relay as well as the open 1,600 and 800 runs in the Farmington city meet last Saturday

"In some ways, we're a more balanced team this year," Harrison coach John Reed said. "I think we're stronger in the distances than we have been in a while, and I think we're going to do OK in the field events, too"

"There are a lot of good teams and we expect it to be very competitive as always. Canton is going to be very good. We'll give it our best shot and see what happens. We'll certainly go for it, that's for sure"

Canton will, too. And the Chiefs have the talent to rise to the top once again

"We scored in practically every event last year," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "That's what you have to do to win. That's what did it for us in all those other years"

The Chiefs' strength is in the field events. Leading them is senior Brad Waidmann, who ranks with the Observer's best in the shot put, discus and high jump — as well as the 110-meter high hurdles

"He's definitely having a big season," Richardson said. "You have to say that. And he's a quality kid. He's the best role model for the young kids. They see how hard he works and how many events he competes in"

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Salem's Ali Proodian slides in safely in the sixth inning with what proved to be the game-winning run for the Rocks against Stevenson

Salem holds off Stevenson

It took a while for both teams to get it going when Livonia Stevenson and Salem clashed in a Western Lakes Activities Association softball game Monday at Salem

But it couldn't have ended fast enough for the Rocks, who withstood a two-out, seventh-inning rally by the Spartans to escape with a 3-2 victory

Salem, which has struggled with rain-outs all season, improved to 4-0 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division

Stevenson is 3-7 overall, 1-1 in the Lakes Division. "We just weren't hitting the ball," Rocks coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We weren't hitting it with an authority. We got off to a slow start. No one got it going until the fifth inning"

The win went to Kelli Szczepanski, who allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits and three walks, striking out five. She improved to 4-0. Jenny Hamel took the loss for Stevenson, giving up three runs on five hits and one walk, fanning two

Stevenson scored first, getting a run in the fifth on a single by a Jessica Michael, a ground out by Danielle Smith that moved Michael to second and a run-

scoring double by Julie Wooton

The Spartans' lead didn't last long. Salem scored twice in the bottom of the inning, the rally starting with a walk by Natalie Szawara. Emily Maletic bunted her to second and she moved to third on a wild pitch

Alycia Murawski's single delivered Szawara with the game-tying run. Kait McKinley bunted Szawara up a base and she eventually scored on Cortney Edwards' grounder

The Rocks added what proved to be the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth. It started with a leadoff single by Ali Proodian, a stolen base moved her to second, which is where she was when Szawara came to the plate with two out. Szawara singled down the right-field line, scoring Proodian

Stevenson's first two batters went down to start the seventh, but Wooton singled to keep the inning alive. Janice Hollandsworth then hit a ball that got past first baseman Brook Posler, putting runners at second and third

Amanda Alpert followed by lining a two-strike pitch off the glove of pitcher Keli Szczepanski, the ball dribbling to

shortstop Cortney Edwards. A run scored and put the tying run at third base, but Kristen Hutchins' ensuing drive was grabbed by Szawara at second base to end the threat

"That was probably our best scoring opportunity," said Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon, whose team has always struggled against Szczepanski

She's been consistently tough on us in the past," he added. "She's got good control and moves the ball around well. She's going to make you beat her"

Which the Spartans came close to doing in the seventh. "Our division is going to be pretty tough, Witherspoon said. This (comeback) will give us something to compete with later in the season. It should help us build our confidence"

For Salem, Monday's game provided some innings, which the Rocks haven't been able to get much of this season

"Our pitching, I couldn't be more pleased with that, she said. Our hitting will be better in time. We've just got to play"

They should get the chance this week, with four games prior to Saturday's Salem Invitational

Johnson's goal spree lifts Canton to win over Wayne

Andrea Johnson struck for three goals and got an assist on another Monday to lead Canton to an 8-0 romp over host Wayne Memorial

With the victory, the Chiefs improve to 6-0-2 overall

Five other players scored goals for Canton, with Rachel Perry getting a goal and two assists. Megan Romer, Bailey Fagen, Kelsey Zemanski and Rebecca Houdek each contributed a goal, while Lisa Ealy collected two assists. Katie Esper, Katie Mills and Maggie Maloney also had assists

Brittany Cervi started in goal for the Chiefs and played the first half. With Canton up 4-0 at the break, Pam Wisniewski took over in goal for the second half

Last Saturday, Canton played Troy Athens to a 1-1 draw at Athens. Johnson accounted for the Chiefs' only goal. Cervi made 10 saves in goal

Salem 2, Franklin 0: The Rocks got just enough scoring and a lot of goaltending by keeper Kristen O'Beirne Monday in beating Livonia Franklin at Salem

The Rocks improved to 4-1-1 overall. Kelly Adsit and Kathryn Wheatley scored goals for Salem, Jane Dewitt assisted on both. O'Beirne made them stand up, making nine saves

"I didn't think we played all that well," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "The story of the game was Kristen O'Beirne in net. She stole the show"

"It was an ugly game, we were fortunate to come out on top. It

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was a direct result of the saves Kristen made. She didn't give up any rebounds — she was tough

Plymouth 2, A.A. Gabriel Richard 0: The Wildcats scored twice in the second half and kept visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard from scoring at all Monday in earning the shutout

Plymouth improves its overall record to 5-3

Chelsea Quinlan got what proved to be the game-winning goal 11 minutes into the second half, she was assisted by Chelsea D'Agostino. Brittany Hengesh provided an insurance goal with 9:23 remaining, the assist going to Val Klemmer

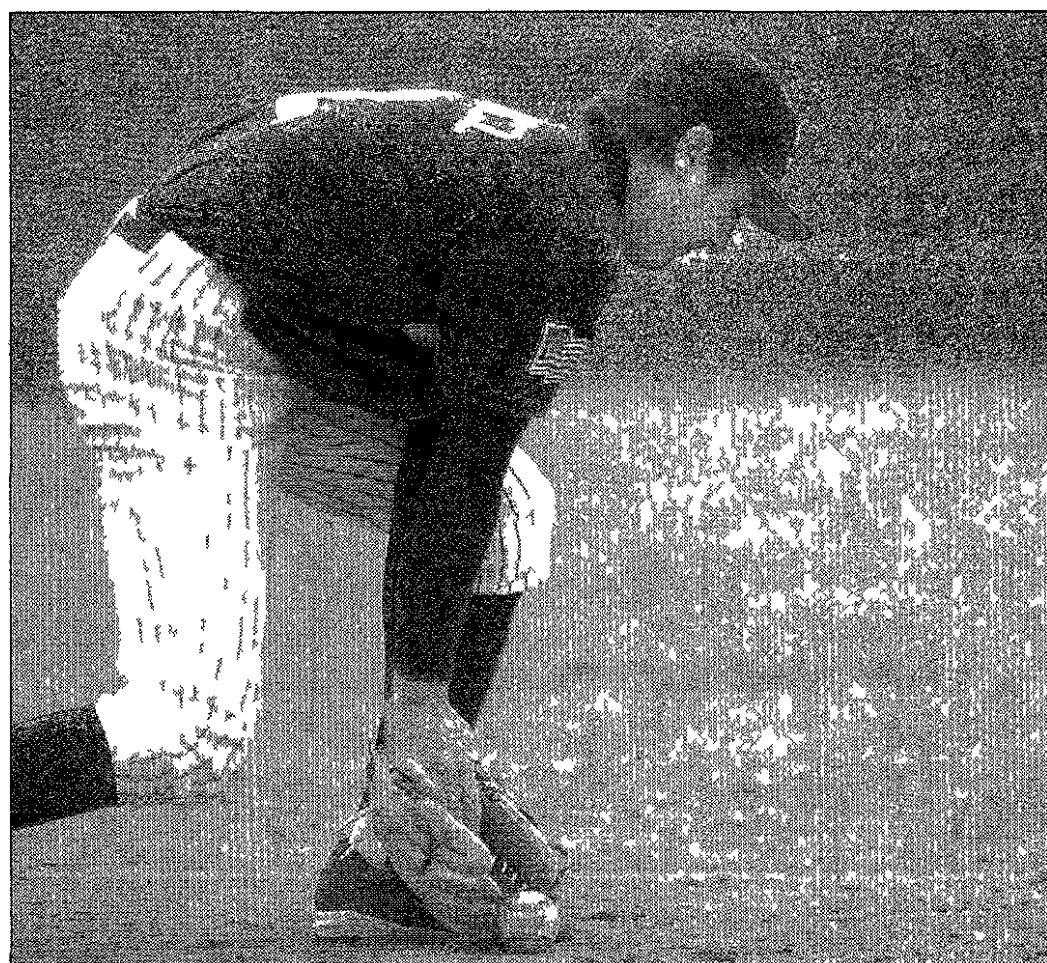
Britt Warner was in goal to get the shutout

On Saturday, Plymouth outscored Adrian 4-2. Quinlan and Klemmer accounted for all the scoring for the Wildcats with two goals apiece

Salem 4, Saginaw Heritage 1: On Saturday at Saginaw Heritage, the Rocks avenged a loss suffered earlier in the week at Royal Oak Kimball by pounding the Hawks by three goals

Goals came from four different players. Jane Dewitt, Jordan Falcusan, Kristen March and Kelly Adsit

Last Thursday, Salem was surprised by Kimball, 3-1. The Rocks' only goal came from Megan McCarthy



Dave Pawlukewicz seen here fielding a grounder, contributed a run-scoring single in Salem's rout of Stevenson Monday

Rocks wreck Spartans

Nic England came through, once again, when his Salem baseball team needed it most

England stopped Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson on

four hits Monday as the Rocks ended a three-game slide by blasting the Spartans 15-1

Salem improved to 7-8 overall, 1-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Stevenson

slipped to 3-5 overall, 1-1 in the division

Dylan Tobin provided all the fireworks that the Rocks would need with a two-run

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Sidelines

Warriors roll

The Canton Warriors' varsity lacrosse team evened its record at 3-3 with a 15-2 thrashing of Northville Friday at Heritage Park in Canton

John Moyian did most of the offensive damage for the Warriors, collecting five goals. Bobby Groat scored three more

Other goals came from Jared Ruark, Tim Farrow, Jeff Rork, Tim Schroeter, John Groat and Jeff Brandt

Northville slipped to 2-2 with the loss

Splitz sparkles

At a Level Six State Meet in Westland last weekend, several members of the Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton performed superbly, enabling them to place third in the 40-team competition

Lindsey Russell, from Canton, competing in the 10-year-old age division, finished first in the vault with a 9.35. Russell was also third on the uneven parallel bars (9.20) and sixth in floor exercise (9.225) to earn a second in the all-around (36.375)

Erin Freier, from Westland, competing in the nine-year-old division, won the state title in the floor with a 9.325 and in the all-around with a 37.30. She was third in bars (9.40), fourth in vault (9.35) and fifth in balance beam (9.225)

Other standouts included

Megan Valentini, from Canton, competing in the 11-year-old division, was second in floor (9.325), fourth on beam (9.225), fifth on bars (8.80), eighth on vault (9.125) and third in all-around (36.475). Kall Pierce, from Canton, in the 10-year-old division, was state co-champ in the beam with a 9.325, was sixth in both the vault (9.175) and floor (9.225), and earned a third in the all-around (36.275). Inna Cassidy, from Novi, in the 11-year-old division, was third in the vault (9.275), bars (8.975) and floor (9.20) and was fifth in the all-around (36.20). Alexandra Romano, from Northville, in the 10-year-old division, was sixth in both beam (9.20) and floor (9.20), took eighth in bars (9.025), ninth in vault (9.025) and sixth in the all-around (36.45), and Kayla Spicher, from Canton, in the nine-and under age division, was fifth on bars (9.275) and 10th in the all-around (35.675)

1st home run

It was going to happen sooner or later, and Andy Swanson was the one to do it. Swanson hit the first-ever home run at Plymouth's varsity baseball stadium

The sophomore third baseman for the Wildcats' junior varsity team slugged a grand-slam homer on April 6, clearing the left-field fence. His homer was pivotal in Plymouth's 13-8 triumph over Belleville.

Chiefs go extra innings for 3 straight

Seems Canton's softball team should look into getting some thing extra for overtime

The last three games the Chiefs have played have all gone extra innings. In a non-league double-header Monday against Ann Arbor Huron at Canton, the Chiefs won 1-0 in the opener in nine innings, then lost 4-3 in 10 innings in the nightcap.

On Saturday at the Chelsea Invitational, Canton met the host team in their final game and ended up with a 2-2 tie, a game called after nine innings.

Molly Conlon got the decision in all three games, making her 3-2-1 overall. In the first-game win over Huron, Conlon allowed just three hits with no walks and 12 strikeouts in nine

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The game's only run came after Brittany Scero singled and moved up to second on Kelly Baker's sacrifice bunt. Conlon's bounce to first base was bobbled, allowing the game-winning run to score. Rachel Wade had two of the Chiefs' six hits.

In the second game, the River Rats scored three runs off starter Sarah Anthony, she worked five innings and allowed six hits and one walk, with six strikeouts. Bethany Sadek followed with three strong innings of scoreless relief, giving up two hits with one strikeout.

Conlon worked the last two innings and surrendered one run on three hits, taking the loss.

Wade had three hits, including a triple, and one RBI, and Jackie Perrino got two hits.

The split left Canton with a 5-3-1 record. Before their 2-2 tie with Chelsea Saturday, the Chiefs beat Holt 17-0 and lost to Okemos 7-1.

Ladywood 4-10, Marian 1-7: Livonia Ladywood (6-3, 3-3) kept its Catholic League Central Division playoff hopes afloat Tuesday by sweeping host Birmingham Marian (2-8, 0-6).

Freshman pitcher Lauren Taylor won the opener on a two-hitter. She struck out nine and walked two.

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single in the first inning, a run-scoring single in the third and then a grand slam in the fifth. He finished the game with three hits and seven RBI.

Salem scored five times in the first, two on a Cliff Thomas single, two on Tobin's single and another on a wild pitch. Three walks issued by Stevenson aided the Rocks' rally.

They got two more in the third on a Dave Pawlukiewicz base hit and Tobin's single, then broke it open with eight in the fifth. Tobin's grand slam was one big hit in the frame, Steve Cox provided the other, a three-run homer.

England improved to 3-1, striking out five in the game. Stevenson starter Clayton Pack took the loss.

Ply. Christian 11, S.H. Bethesda 1: Andrew Shumaker was a one-man army Tuesday against visiting Sterling Heights Bethesda, tossing a one-hitter and going 3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI.

Shumaker allowed one unearned run, walking three and striking out one as he improved to 5-0. Plymouth Christian Academy is 6-1 for the season.

The Eagles scored three in the second, seven in the third and one in the fourth in the five-inning mercy game. Aaron Caborowski had a two-run double and a solo home run, Eric Immerfall and Matt Saagman each had two hits, scored two runs and had an RBI. Ryan Arnold had a two-run double and scored twice, and Alex Unis contributed two sacrifice bunts — that drove in three runs.

Nov. 10-13, Salem 5-2. The Rocks lost a non-league doubleheader Saturday at home, committing six errors in the two games.

Josh Rutter lost the first game, although seven of the runs he surrendered were unearned. Salem had four errors in the game.

Cliff Thomas was 3-for-4 at the plate with a double and a two-run home run.

In the second game, Mitch Hosch gave up 10 runs in four innings to take the loss. The Rocks managed just three hits, Thomas drove in their only runs with a two-run single in the fifth. Last Friday, Wayne Memorial pounded Salem 9-1, collecting 11 hits. Dave Pawlukiewicz was the losing pitcher. The Rocks managed just two hits.

Northville 11, Canton 0: The Chiefs fell to 2-10 overall, 0-1 in the WLAAs' Western Division, with a five-inning mercy loss Friday to Northville. Brooks was 3-for-3 with triple, Amble and Simcox were 2-for-3 and Anthony Sabo was 2-for-3 with four RBI, thanks to his grand slam in the first inning.

TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4 SALEM 4

April 26 at Churchill

- No. 1 singles: Mike Ware (S) defeated Trevor Kogut 3 6 7 5 7 6 (7 4)
- No. 2: Pat Shaw (S) def. Glenn Wozniak 6 1 6 3
- No. 3: Chris Treadwell (S) def. Mike Leski 7 6 (8 6) 2 6 6 4
- No. 4: Phil Sulejmani (LC) def. Robbie Wallen 6 3 6 4

- No. 1 doubles: Evan Be M Ke Layne (LC) def. Aji El Houran Chris Fenton 7 5 7 5

- No. 2: Casey Green Pete Schrader (LC) def. Alex Poe Kushal Mistry 6 3 6 3

- No. 3: John Schellhase David Geick (S) def. Mike Han Austin Be 6 0 6 2

- No. 4: Rich Simkow Kyle Andersen (LC) def. Blake Foster Neil Bakshi 3 6 6 4 7 6 (7 2)

Churchill's overall dual meet record: 13 1 overall

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CANTON 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

April 26 at Canton

- No. 1 singles: Brian Keesey (C) def. Mike Galunas 6 4 6 4

- No. 2: Zach Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Tom Drotar 6 2 6 0

- No. 3: Steve West (C) def. Ajay Taylor 6 1 6 1

- No. 4: Justin Hernandez (JG) def. Alex Fabiszewski 6 2 6 4

- No. 1 doubles: Jeremy Romer Alex Marinica (C) def. Pat Wei Jake Delp ano 6 0 6 0

- No. 2: Mike Keesey Sam Kaufman (C) def. Josiah Swartz Richard Dzuban 6 1 6 2

- No. 3: Duke Kapelanski Amal Patel (C) def. Bruce Green Scott Fletcher 6 2 6 0

- No. 4: Matt Schichtman Mike Paimer (C) def. James Fisher Andrew Suchan 6 1 6 2

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 PLYMOUTH HIGH 2

April 23 at Plymouth

- No. 1 singles: Dan Petty (LS) defeated Luc Lucaj 6 0 6 1

- No. 2: Nick Stoyanov (LS) def. Kevin Welch 6 0 6 0

- No. 3: Chris Welch (LS) def. Ali Salem 6 1 7 5

- No. 4: Marwan Chamout (LS) def. Just n Mag II 6 0 6 1

- No. 1 doubles: Mike Jewel Ricky Roman (LS) def. Doug Eggleston Jerry DeClercq 6-0 6-1

- No. 2: Brad Yergeson Clint Korpalski (P) def. Kevin Lim Jeff Jackson 6 4 6 3

- No. 3: Erik Korpalski Nick Mazzocco (P) def. Dave Ayyash Mazen Chamout 6 2 6 2

- No. 4: Anthony Franchina Mike Horgan (LS) def. Don Zhang Brett Kavul ch 6 3 6 0

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3 1 overall 3 0 WLAAs

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 7 UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT 1

April 27 at Schoolcraft College

- No. 1 singles: John D Ilon (UD) defeated Matt Rutkowski 6 2 6 4 6 3

- No. 2: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Marus Parker 6 2 6 3

- No. 3: Andrew Lulek (CC) def. Brian Burqu gn 6 1 6 0

- No. 4: Nick Carroll (CC) def. Andrew Kaczmarek 6 0 6 3

- No. 1 doubles: Ali Daneshvar Gabe Diaz (CC) def. Greg Hyland Dave VanEgmond 7 6 (8-6) 6 0

- No. 2: Jason Beydoun Ryan Snyder (CC) def. Hamilton Harris John Schultz 6 4 6 1

- No. 3: Kevin Gardner Chris Atallah (CC) def. Alex W diah Matt Connery 6 4 6 2

- No. 4: Victor Ansara Manuel Bartolo (CC) def. Justin Drecz Matt Aurches 6 4 6 1

CC's dual meet record: 5 0 1

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL PORT HURON NORTHERN 1

April 22 at P H Northern

- No. 1 singles: Br tton Steele (CC) defeated Steve Hall 7 5 6 2

- No. 2: Andrew Lu ek (CC) def. Nate LaBelle 6 3 6 4

- No. 3: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Sean Loftus 6 1 6 0

- No. 4: Nick Carroll (CC) def. Bill Deroccha 6 1 6 1

- No. 1 doubles: Joe Nakh eh Greg Johnson (PHN) def. Ali Daneshvar Gabe Diaz 6 2 6 2

- No. 2: Jason Beydoun Ryan Snyder (CC) def. Eric Mastria Matt Bartie 6 1 6 0

- No. 3: Kevin Gardner Chris Ata lah (CC) def. Chris Enders F ras Marenkos 6 1 6 2

- No. 4: Victor Ansara Manuel Bartolo (CC) def. Darren O Dell Rob McDougall 6 4 6 1

CC's dual meet record: 4 0 overa 1

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday April 29

A P Inter C ty at Ply Christian 4 p m

Agape at Huron Va ley 4 30 p m

Friday April 30

Salem at W L Western 4 p m

W L Central at Canton 4 p m

Stevenson at Churchi 4 p m

Wayne vs Franklin (Ford Field) 4 p m

John Glenn at Northville 4 p m

Clarenceville at Liggett 4 30 p m

Luth Westland at Luth North 4 30 p m

Saturday May 1

Canton at Farmington Inv at Harrison 9 a m

Canton Agape at Ply Christian noon

(all double-headers)

Salem at Mi Ford 11 a m

Church II at Thurston noon

U D Jesu t at Redford CC 2 p m

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday April 29

Ply Chr stan at A P Inter City 4 p m

Mercy at Ladywood (2) 4 p m

Agape at Huron Valley 4 30 p m

Friday April 30

W L Western at Salem 4 p m

Canton at W L Central 4 p m

Church II at Stevenson 4 p m

Franki n at Wayne 4 p m

Northville at John Glenn 4 p m

Clarenceville at G P Liggett 4 30 p m

Luth Westland at Luth North 4 30 p m

Saturday May 1

Brandon Inv tat onal 9 a m

Salem Invitational 10 a m

Canton Agape at Ply Chr st an TBA

Sunday May 2

Brandon Invitational 9 a m

BOYS TRACK

Thursday April 29

Canton at Plymouth 3 30 p m

Churchill at Northville 3 30 p m

Franklin at W L Western 3 30 p m

Stevenson at Salem 3 30 p m

W L Central at John Glenn 3 30 p m

W L Northern at Wayne 3 30 p m

Saturday May 1

Observerland Relays at Churchill 3 30 p m

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday April 29

Northv ile at Church 3 30 p m

Frank in at W L Western 3 30 p m

Salem at Stevenson 3 30 p m

John Glenn at W L Central 3 30 p m

Wayne at W L Northern 3 30 p m

Plymouth at Canton 5 30 p m

Saturday May 1

Stafford Relays at W L Western 9 a m

Stevenson Invitat onal 10 a m

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday April 29

Luth Westland at Harper Wids 4 30 p m

Ladywood at D vine Ch ld 5 30 p m

Friday April 30

John Glenn at Bellev ile 4 p m

Roeper at Luth Westland 4 30 p m

Redford Union at Churchill 7 p m

Stevenson at Troy 7 p m

Saturday May 1

Canton at Northville 9 30 a m

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday April 29

Harrison at Churchill 4 p m

Farmington at John Glenn 4 p m

Friday April 30

Salem at Northville 4 p m

John Glenn at Church II 4 p m

W L Northern at Franklin 4 p m

W L Western at Stevenson 4 p m

Wayne at Canton 4 p m

Saturday May 1

A A Huron Tournament 8 15 a m

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday April 29

Salem vs Plymouth at St John's 3 p m

Ladywood vs Marian at St John's 6 C 3 p m

Friday April 30

Traverse C ty Invitational TBA

Franklin vs W L Northern at Hilltop 3 p m

W L Central vs Plymouth at Hilltop 3 p m

John Glenn vs Church II at Whispering Will ows 3 p m

Wayne vs Canton (Hilltop) 3 p m

Saturday May 1

Traverse City Invitational TBA

PREP LACROSSE

Friday April 30

CC at Franklin (Pa) Regional 7 p m

Saturday May 1

Canton at Lincoln Tourn

vs Mattawan 10 a m vs Avondale 2 p m

Redford CC at M Lebanon (Pa) 1 p m

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday May 1

Concordia at Madonna 1 p m

Sunday May 2

Madonna at Concordia 1 p m

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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Thursday April 29

Cornerstone at Madonna 4 p m


Friday April 30

Madonna at Cornerstone 4 p m

Sunday May 2

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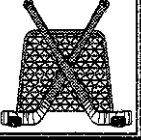
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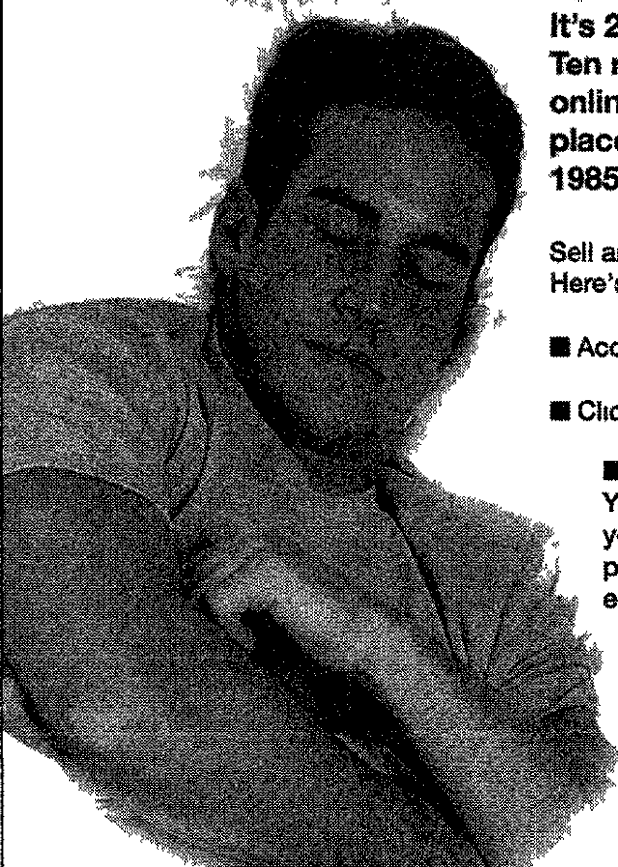
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Crusaders split 4-game set with Tech

When the top two teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet in a four-game weekend series, a close encounter can be anticipated.

That's what happened when Indiana Tech's and Madonna University's baseball teams clashed, playing two games at Madonna Saturday and two more at Tech Sunday. They ended up splitting both double-headers, the Warriors winning Saturday's first game 6-2 and the Crusaders taking the second 2-1, Tech winning Sunday's first game 6-3 and Madonna taking the second 8-2.

Tech remained atop the WHAC at 13-3, the Warriors were 26-18 overall. Madonna was second at 11-5.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

In Saturday's first-game loss, the Crusaders were handcuffed by Tech's Jesse Hoover, who tossed a one-hitter. He allowed two earned runs and walked six, striking out 11 as he improved to 6-0. Doug Brooks started and took the loss for Madonna, giving up four runs (two earned) on five hits and three walks, striking out seven, in six innings.

Preston Picard (from Farmington) had the Crusaders only hit, a run-scoring single.

In the second game, Jeff Savage threw a four-hitter, surrendering one earned run

on four hits and two walks, striking out six in six innings as he improved to 5-2. Kyle Fedorka got the save, his seventh, with a hitless inning of relief.

Pete Byrum took the loss. Picard had three hits in the game and Jason Barbeau got two, with an RBI.

On Sunday at Madonna's University Ballpark, a four-run eighth inning boosted Tech to the 6-3 win. Derek Dufrene was the losing pitcher, giving up three earned runs on four hits with no walks, fanning six. Fedorka relieved Dufrene in the eighth and was tagged for three runs on two hits and two walks.

Matt Brew was the winning pitcher. Matt Gorske (Farmington) had two of Madonna's seven hits.

In the second game, Picard slammed two home runs and Gorske added another in Madonna's 8-2 win. Picard finished with three RBI, Barbeau had two hits and two RBI and Joe Greene was 3-for-3.

Chris Behrns got the pitching win, allowing two runs on five hits and one walk, striking out six in seven innings. Dustin Sebastian took the loss.

Madonna 8-4, Ohio Dominican 5-3: Madonna avenged an earlier twinbill loss to Ohio Dominican by sweeping the Panthers Tuesday at

University Ballpark in Livonia.

The Crusaders improved to 29-21 overall, Dominican is 30-17.

In the opener, Madonna had two four-run innings that carried them to the victory. The first came in the first inning, with Tony Kern — he was 3-for-3 with three RBI in the game — slicing a two-run single.

Kern added another run-scoring single in the fifth, and Jake Ghannam (Farmington Harrison) added a two-run, pinch-hit single.

Dan Duffey got the pitching win, surrendering three runs on eight hits and three walks, striking out six in six innings. The loss went to Dan McCarthy.

In the second game, the Crusaders came back from a 2-1 deficit by scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Dave Nester had the key blow, a pinch-hit two-run single. Gary VanAllen also had a hit and two RBI.

Doug Brooks got the pitching win in relief of Adam Kline, who worked the first 5 1/2 innings and gave up two runs on seven hits and three walks with six strikeouts. Brooks pitched the last 1 1/2 innings and allowed one unearned run with no hits and one walk, fanning four. The loss went to Nick Kelley.

Madonna sweeps Siena, stays in 1st in the WHAC

Three out of four — not bad. Madonna University's softball team rebounded after losing the first game in a four-game weekend by winning the next three, including both ends of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header against Siena Heights Sunday.

Those two victories — 4-2 in the opener, 9-1 in the nightcap, played at Livonia Ladywood HS — kept the Crusaders atop the WHAC with a 14-4 mark. They are 32-12-2 overall (Tuesday's WHAC games at Aquinas College were postponed). Siena Heights is 8-14 in the conference, 14-26 overall.

On Saturday, Madonna lost its opener at Tri-State (Ind.) University 2-1, but won the second game 9-7.

In the sweep of Siena Heights, Kelly Nilson allowed the Saints two runs on seven hits and four walks, striking out six in the opener. She improved to 19-8. The loss went to Natalie Waelchli.

The key hit in the game was delivered by Ann Fowler, who tripled in two runs in the fourth. Fowler and Kathy Day (from Livonia Ladywood) each had two hits in the game, and Mary Warchuck had a single and two RBI.

The Crusaders scored four times in the third and added three more in the fourth in besting Siena Heights 9-1 in the second game. Shannon Noder allowed one unearned

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

run on three hits and two walks, striking out five, in getting the win. The loss went to Emile Ondrus.

Erin Cunningham was Madonna's top offensive threat with two hits and two RBI. Jamie Bobrowski had one hit and three RBI, and Fowler scored two runs and drove in two more. The Crusaders took advantage of five Saint errors to score four unearned runs.

On Saturday at Tri-State, the Thunder broke a scoreless tie by scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth, then withstood a seventh-inning Madonna rally to get the 2-1 win.


Nilson took the loss, giving up two runs on two hits and two walks, striking out two in six innings.

Fowler singled in Madonna's only run in the seventh.

In the second game, Cunningham had three hits, including a double, and knocked in four runs, and Kasey DeSutter had a pair of doubles and three RBI in the Crusaders' 9-7 victory.

Madonna trailed 7-5 after three innings, but a four-run fourth combined with five solid innings of relief pitching by Nilson delivered the win. Nilson did not give up a run, allowing just two hits and striking out six.

Bobrowski also had two hits for the Crusaders.



**City of Plymouth
NOTICE OF SALE
SURPLUS &
CONFISCATED PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will conduct a sale of surplus property and property confiscated by the Police Department on **Saturday, May 1, 2004** from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The sale will be held in the City Hall garage 201 S Main Plymouth MI. Items to be sold include bicycles, office furniture, tools, tires, electronic equipment.

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CAROL STONE
Admin Services Dir

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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:

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Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton MI 48188
(734) 394 5260

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Burd Elementary School Gymnasium Roof Renovation**. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained on or after April 29, 2004 by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953. Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Educational Center RE Burd Roof Bld 454 S Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 2004. For further information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.


Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of Engineering Services up to 4 00 p.m., Friday, May 14th 2004 for the following:

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CANTON'S DPW BUILDING VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING AND PARKING AREA EXPANSION

Specifications and drawings are available to be picked up on the second floor, Public Works located at the address above. Questions can be directed to William Serchak at 734 394 5149. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish 04/29/2004 CE0208967

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

TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS

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Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC	071 064 99 0003 000	4 17 acres
Livonia Builders Danny Ven	071 064 99 0004 000	4 43 acres
Livonia Builders Turnberry Park LLC	Parcel C1	2 99 acres

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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 Saltz Road from Beck Road to Ridge 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 11th day of May, 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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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Canton High School Electrical Improvements**. Specifications and bid forms will be available for viewing on or after April 29, 2004 at the office of the District's architects, TMP Associates, located at 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, the McGraw Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room in Southfield, MI, the Reed Construction Data Plan Room in Novi, MI, or the Construction Association of Michigan, in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Sealed bids are due on or before 2 00 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 2004 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE Canton Electrical Bid, PCCS E J McClendon Building 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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**LAST DAY OF
REGISTRATION
SCHOOL ELECTION**

**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF
THE ELECTORS OF
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES,
MICHIGAN**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education

THOMAS J WYSOCKI
Secretary, Board of Education

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -
April 20, 2004**

The Board of Trustees convened at 7 04 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly. Members Absent: Yack. Staff Present: Director Durack, Craig S Manser, Regional Risk Manager, Michael Ellis, Director of Claims, MMRMA, and Gloria Winfrey, Senior Claim Adjuster, MMRMA. Closed session adjourned at 8 00 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 8 00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter to chair the meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 8 00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call. Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly. Members Absent: Yack. Staff Present: Director Durack. Others Present: Craig S Manser, Regional Risk Manager, Michael Ellis, Director of Claims, MMRMA, and Gloria Winfrey, Senior Claim Adjuster, MMRMA. Adoption of Agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 1: Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Update. Mr Michael Ellis presented a presentation related to the process of handling claims. It is a three step process that includes investigation of claim, evaluation of claim and termination of the claim. A claim can then be accepted, rejected or negotiations can bring the claim to a compromised conclusion. A team approach is used by the MMRMA staff to seek a successful resolution to the claim. The team is made up of the claims adjuster, the member representative, and a defense attorney.

Item 2: Other Information. Director Durack informed the Board of Trustees that he is working with Canton Waste Recycling on the terms of the extension of contract for solid waste pick up. The Board will see the item on a public agenda in the near future. A three percent per year increase will be brought to the Board for consideration. Cable Lawsuit related to use of franchise fees was dismissed in court.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to adjourn, Treasurer Kirchgatter adjourned the meeting at 9 04 p.m.

Thomas J Yack - Supervisor / Terry G Bennett - Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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Glenn tops Central for first victory

Westland John Glenn first-year girls softball coach Bill Duncan felt a sense of relief Monday as his Rockets earned their first victory of the season at the expense of visiting Walled Lake Central, 11-5.

"I'm really thrilled," said Duncan, whose team is 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We did not expect to get it from a team like Walled Lake Central, but we'll take it."

"I'm happy and I hope it helps our confidence." Each team scored four runs in the opening inning. Central got another run in the second to take a 5-4 advantage, but the Rockets tallied four in the bottom of the third inning and cemented the victory with three in the sixth.

Several Glenn players contributed to the win including Rebecca Oros, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI and cut down two runners from behind the plate.

Amanda Fullerton and Devin Ross each added two hits, while Stephanie Rees had an RBI double and winning pitcher Dana Baran an RBI single.

Baran went all seven innings, scattering seven hits and one walk.

Churchill 3, Northville 0: Bridget Long hurled a 2-hitter and Cat Sidor went 3-for-3 with an RBI as Livonia Churchill (5-4, 1-1) corralled the visiting Mustangs in a WLAA-Western Division game.

Long struck out six and walked one to pick up the win. "Bridget put the ball in play and we made the plays defensively," Churchill coach Carrie Koricam said.

Brynn Kerr went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Sarah Pernak contributed an RBI double.

W.L. Western 14, Franklin 0 (mercy): Winning pitcher Lauren Talbot allowed only a second-inning single by Sara Wagaman to give Walled Lake Western (5-0, 2-0) a WLAA-

SOFTBALL

Western Division triumph over host Livonia Franklin (4-3, 0-1) in a game played at Emerson Middle School.

Talbot struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

Franklin starter Amanda Morrill lasted two innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on four hits and two walks. She was the victim of three Patriot errors.

Jackie DeFranceschi finished up, allowing nine runs (six earned) on six hits. She struck out one and walked one. Franklin committed two errors in her three innings.

On Saturday, Franklin finished 1-2 at the Richmond Tourney.

The host Blue Devils blanked Franklin in the opener, 4-0, as Morrill took the loss. The lone Franklin hit was by Lisa Garbutt and Lauren Giacobozzi.

Harper Woods Regma upended Franklin the second round, 3-1, as Morrill suffered the loss. Jenny Mosier's double scored Wagaman with the Patriots' lone run.

In the next round, Franklin dumped Macomb Dakota, 13-3, in five innings as Morrill got the victory. Jaleece Lavine went 2-for-2 with a 3-run double. Garbutt went 2-for-2, while Wagaman added a 2-run triple.

Churchill 1-11, Redford Union 0-4: Livonia Churchill gained a sweep Saturday over non-league foe Redford Union (2-6).

The opener was a pitcher's duel between the Chargers' Bridget Long - who gave up two hits - and Helene Lloyd, who scattered five.

The only run came in the bottom of the seventh as Long opened the inning with a double and was replaced by courtesy runner Danelle Maxwell. Maxwell went to third on a wild pitch, then Sarah Buddenborg hit a grounder to short and Maxwell scored on a fielder's choice.

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB
The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers boaters and non boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656 0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693 4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association a non tournament bass club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information call Ron Fodor at (734) 676 2863 or send an e-mail to [riverratl22@home.com](mailto:rivrerratl22@home.com).

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258 5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information call Mark Boggs at (734) 464 6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285 0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625 6473 to register or for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the pro-

grams at Maybury call (248) 349 8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693 6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685 2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229 7067.

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a fire station and the site thereof together with all appurtenances, attachments and related facilities.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS


THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM


THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

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FROM PAGE B1

There are plenty of other athletes to watch at Canton Rodney Preston in the hurdles and long jump, Scott George in the distance events, Devin Thomas in the sprints, Jon Chapman in the pole vault and Andy Rossow in the high jump and 400, to name but a few

The problem is, it won't be just a Harrison-Canton clash Plenty of other athletes will play a role in deciding who captures the title this Saturday

Here's a few examples Garden City's Paul Stradtner tops the area in the shot and discus, Livonia Franklin's Joe Mielke is among the best high and long jumpers, Redford Catholic Central's Bill Makela leads in both hurdles, Wayne's T J Dillard is the best of the sprinters, Max Working and Dave Lucas lead a strong distance contingent for CC, and Redford Union's Matt Patra should be a factor in the mid-distance runs

And that doesn't include a

BRAGGING RIGHTS

What: 34th annual Observerland Relays

Where: Churchill High School

When: Saturday, May 1 field events begin at 3:30 p.m. preliminaries at 6:30 p.m. final events begin at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$5 adults \$3 students

Teams competing: Liv Churchill Liv Stevenson, Liv Franklin Redford Union Thurston Redford CC Wayne, Westland John Glenn Plymouth Canton, Salem, Northville Garden City, Lutheran Westland, Clarenceville Bishop Borgess Farmington Farmington Harrison North Farmington

few other teams that could mount a challenge, like Northville, CC and a



Matt McClellan's ability in the high jump - he's ranked among the Observerland's best - should keep Canton near the top in that event

Farmington squad that upset Harrison at last Saturday's Farmington city meet

"CC's always been tough, they show up in the bigger meets," Richardson said

"Livonia Churchill has a good program, Northville's a solid team and Harrison - hey,

they're the defending champs And now we'd better keep an eye out for Farmington, we'd better watch out for them"

CC is one team that has already seen plenty of Canton this season As coach Tony Magni pointed out "(Canton) had kids missing at the Dearborn Elks Relays and they were still strong We ran against them at Ann Arbor Pioneer and they were still strong We saw them three times around the vacation, and they always had kids missing and they were still very good"

Churchill, the host team, will approach the Relays the same way Canton does, according to coach Rick Austin "Our kids will compete in any meet we're at I think we can be a factor because we have the ability to score in every event"

But Canton and Northville are two strong teams I've seen early in the season And, of course, there's Harrison"

Yes, Harrison and Canton figure to be the top contenders for the Observerland trophy - which only means that, to a host of other area squads, they'll be the ones wearing targets

Spartans stay unbeaten with shutout of Chargers

Goals came fast and furious Monday night for state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, which rolled to a 9-0 girls soccer victory over Livonia Churchill

Stevenson improved to 5-0-2 with the Western Lakes Activities Association victory, while Churchill drops to 0-8

Jamie Radley, who had two goals and one assist, opened the scoring at the 2-minute mark

Melissa Dobbyn, who also had two goals and one assist, scored again three minutes later Stevenson led 6-0 at intermission

Lia Wilhelmson contributed two goals, while Ally King had a goal and assist Dina Allie and Kate Howe each added a goal, while Caitlin Boyak and Amber Sharpe collected two assists apiece Other assists went to Megan McConnell and Lauren Thiel

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD BESTS

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES

(through April 27)

Shot put

Paul Stradtner (Garden City)	48.5
Jon Smart (Redford CC)	46.11.5
Chuck Cannon (Churchill)	46.4.5
Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson)	45.10.25
Ryan Danescu (Redford CC)	45.9
Dan Haller (Luth Westland)	45.1
Patrick Higgins (Luth Westland)	43.5
Jon Whaley (Franklin)	43.4
Chris Snider (Canton)	43.3
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	42.10

Discus

Paul Stradtner (Garden City)	164.5
Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson)	150.3
Ryan Danescu (Redford CC)	146.8
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	146.3
Chuck Cannon (Churchill)	144.3
Ike Mbanugo (Salem)	132.4
Jon Smart (Redford CC)	128.3
Nick Schwagle (Redford Union)	123.2
Mike Toner (Franklin)	123.0
Adam Bogenshutz (Churchill)	120.7

Long Jump

Joe Mielke (Franklin)	20.8
Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	20.7.5
Julian Smith (Canton)	20.6.5
Brian Rumao (Salem)	19.10
Francisco Beltran (Churchill)	19.9
Rodney Preston (Canton)	19.6
Dan Haller (Luth Westland)	19.4.25
Zack Zrull (Redford CC)	19.3.5
T J Dillard (Wayne)	19.3
Doug Persondek (Garden City)	19.1

High Jump

Brad Waidman (Canton)	6.4
Joe Mielke (Franklin)	6.2
Matt Graham (Franklin)	6.2
Andy Rossow (Canton)	5.10
Matt McClellan (Canton)	5.10
Mike Lanus (Canton)	5.10
Matt McClellan (Canton)	5.10
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth)	5.8
John Johnson (Salem)	5.6

Pole Vault

Jon Chapman (Canton)	12.6
Jayson Wurtzbacher (Salem)	11.6
Aaron Reamy (Churchill)	11.6
Derek Reeves (Canton)	11.3
Rich Hensel (Canton)	10.9
Chip Fisher (Salem)	10.6
Bill Breslin (Churchill)	10.6
Ryan Bridgeman (Stevenson)	10.0
Joe Pond (Stevenson)	10.0
Mark Yapp (Luth Westland)	9.0
Phil Taylor (Redford Union)	9.0

110 meter hurdles

Bill Makela (Redford CC)	15.2
Rodney Preston (Canton)	15.4
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	15.6
Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC)	15.7
Matt Keppler (Salem)	16.4
Ross Farquhar (Churchill)	16.4
Alan Culbertson (Franklin)	16.5
Gholston (Plymouth)	16.6
Phillips (Plymouth)	16.7
Aaron Anselment (Stevenson)	16.9

300 meter hurdles

Bill Makela (Redford CC)	39.3
Rodney Preston (Canton)	40.7

100-meter dash

T J Dillard (Wayne)	11.1
Devin Thomas (Canton)	11.2
Eddie Brown (Thurston)	11.3
Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	11.3
Mike Palombo (Redford CC)	11.3
Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	11.4
Julian Smith (Canton)	11.5
Ian Iler (Redford Union)	11.5
Brandon Reeves (Canton)	11.5
D J Coleman (Plymouth)	11.5

200 meter dash

T J Dillard (Wayne)	22.2
Brandon Reeves (Canton)	22.9
Eddie Brown (Thurston)	22.9
Ben Moldenhauer (Luth Westland)	23.1
Devin Thomas (Canton)	23.1
D J Coleman (Plymouth)	23.5
Julian Smith (Canton)	23.5
Brian Chandler (Stevenson)	23.7
Derrian Miller (Wayne)	23.7
Kevin Burdette (Canton)	23.8

400 meter dash

Andy Rossow (Canton)	51.5
Cyrus Azizi (Canton)	51.6

800 meter run

Keith Hearn (Stevenson)	2:03.8
Matt Patra (Redford Union)	2:05.0
Joe Horka (Churchill)	2:05.3
David Lucas (Redford CC)	2:07.0
Max Working (Redford CC)	2:08.0
Eric Kehoe (Luth Westland)	2:08.7
Joe Crst (Salem)	2:09.0
Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton)	2:11.0
John Gourlay (Redford Union)	2:11.0
Adam Warner (Salem)	2:12.1
Heidenreich (Salem)	2:12.7

1600 meter run

Dave Lucas (Redford CC)	4:35.5
Max Working (Redford CC)	4:40.0
Matt Patra (Redford Union)	4:40.0
Scott George (Canton)	4:43.7
Joe Horka (Churchill)	4:47.3
Adam Warner (Salem)	4:48.0
Tim Howse (Churchill)	4:51.7
Eric Zech (Canton)	4:52.0
Mike Nienhaus (Redford CC)	4:55.0
Matt Rzepka (Stevenson)	4:55.1

3200-meter run

Max Working (Redford CC)	9:54.2
Dan Horgan (Redford CC)	9:57.4

400 relay

Canton	4:41
Wayne Memorial	4:53
Stevenson	4:55
John Glenn	4:52
Franklin	4:65
Salem	4:65.3

800 relay

Canton	1:33.1
John Glenn	1:34.9
Lutheran Westland	1:35.1
Wayne Memorial	1:35.6
Redford CC	1:36.3

1600 relay

Stevenson	3:30.0
Canton	3:34.6
Lutheran Westland	3:38.3
Redford CC	3:40.4
Thurston	3:43.9

3200 relay

Redford CC	8:30.0
Stevenson	8:34.2
Canton	8:37.5
Salem	8:38.0
Churchill	8:52.3

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Kiss stains good-bye

Lipstick can be one of the toughest of all stains to remove, especially from white cotton.

Morris and James Carey of the Associated Press report that a formula, however, does just that. In a spray bottle, mix three equal parts of laundry bleach, water and milk. Spray it on the stain, and then scrub the area with a toothbrush.

It works well on strawberry stains, too.

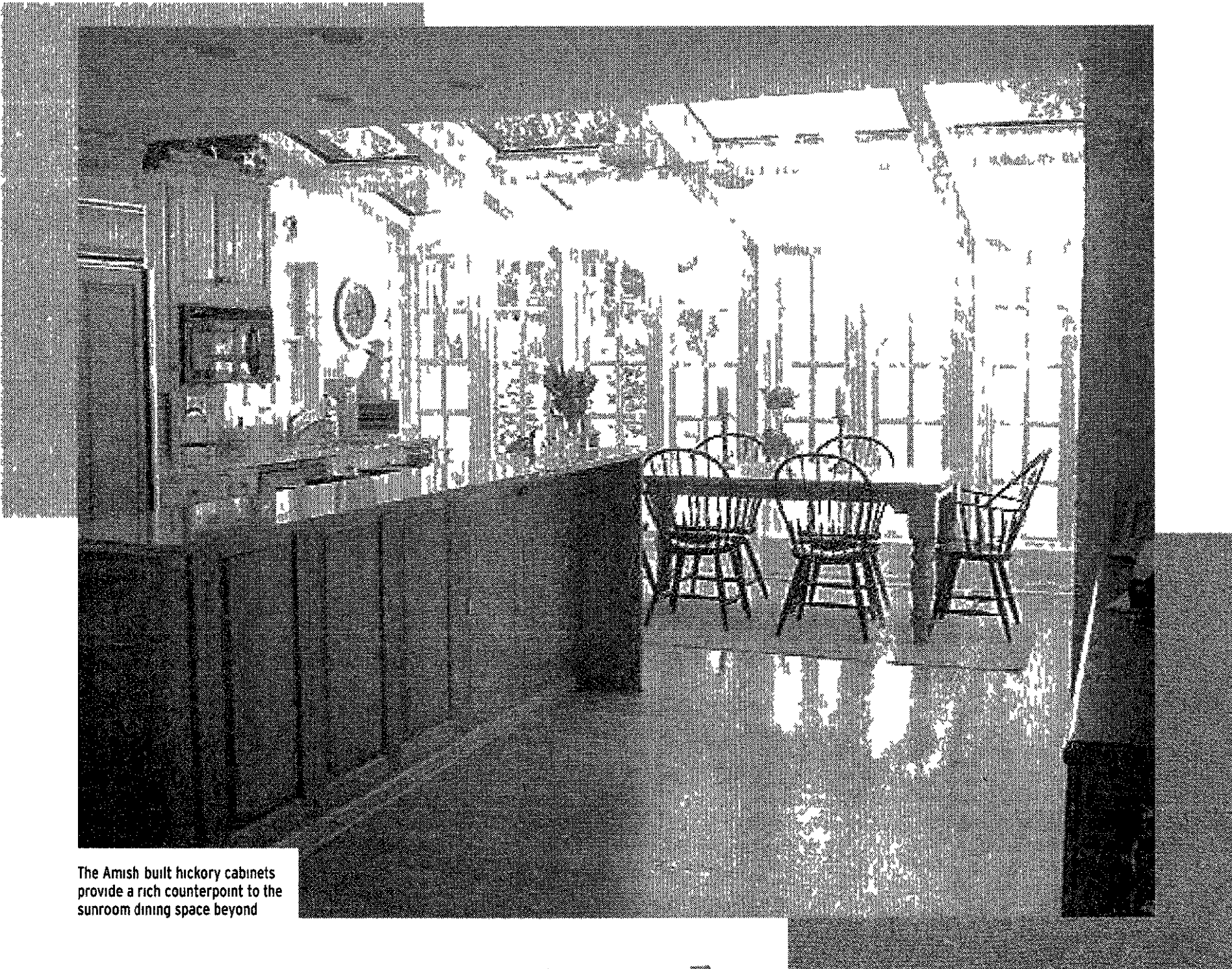
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Referrals

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Its diverse membership includes more than 750 contractors in landscape design, construction, lawn maintenance, irrigation, lawn spraying, tree care, brick paving and snow removal.

For your free referral, call the MGIA at (248) 646-4992.



The Amish built hickory cabinets provide a rich counterpoint to the sunroom dining space beyond.

in the kitchen

Tour benefits summer camp

Karen and Marv Moran of Plymouth faced what many couples face who live in older homes. They needed more space.

The couple "gutted it," Karen Moran said with a laugh. "There was nothing in it of redeeming value."

An overhang over the peninsula in the kitchen darkened the kitchen and they just wanted a whole new look.

"Our goals were to get more lighting in and a little bit more warmth," Moran said.

Out went the white cabinets. In went cherry cabinets, along with Corian countertops, recessed lighting, a breakfast bar and new wood flooring, along with new Kenmore elite appliances, and a stainless steel under-mounted sink.

The Morans' kitchen is one of six featured on the second annual Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit OUR Camp (Opportunity, Understanding and Recreation) for Children with Special Needs. (See related article.)

Kathy Peltier, organizer of the Plymouth/Northville kitchen tour and interior designer for clients in Wayne and Oakland counties, said many of the homes were restored bungalows that featured new kitchens.

"We tried to get a good mix of styles and houses," Peltier said.

One was built in the 1960s. Another was a bungalow constructed in the 1920s.

"All the older homes had recent remodels in the last three or four years," Peltier said.

"There's a wide variety of projects and styles, and kitchen layouts in all kinds of spaces. And people also can see what can be done in a newer house."

Last year's tour raised \$3,500 for OUR Camp.

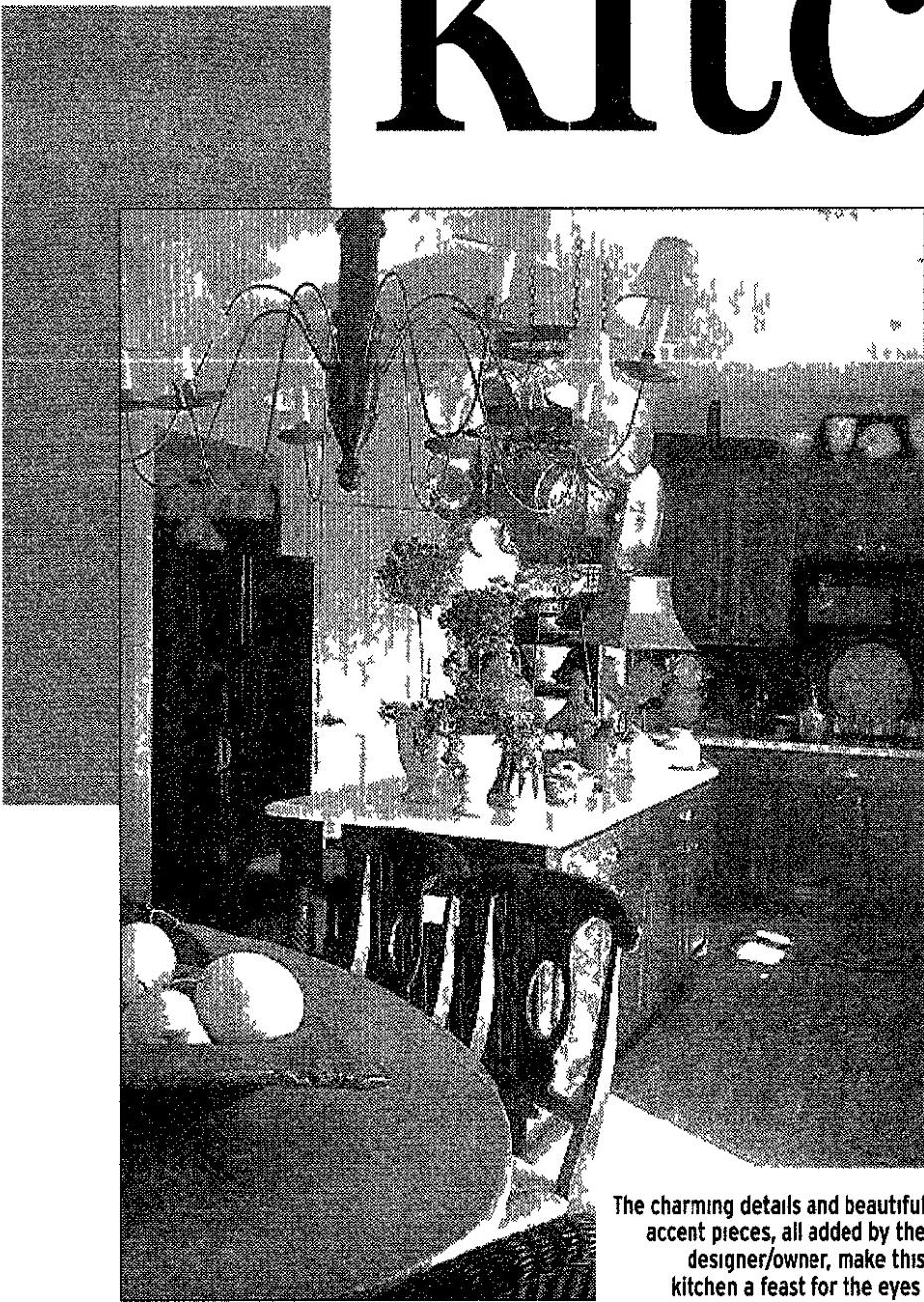
"We're hoping to do even better this year," Peltier said. "All the proceeds go to the camp."

Anne and Gary Harris of

'Our goals were to get more lighting in and a little bit more warmth.'

Karen Moran
Plymouth resident

PLEASE SEE KITCHEN, C3



The charming details and beautiful accent pieces, all added by the designer/owner, make this kitchen a feast for the eyes.

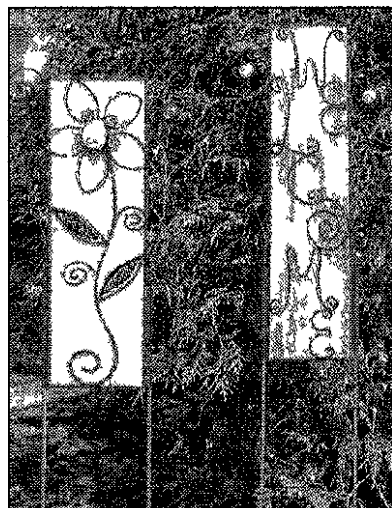
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Great stakes

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The planting kits include a vegetable seed packet, row marker and information on Forgotten Harvest.

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Plant A Row is a national grass-roots effort sponsored by the Garden Writers Association of America.

It encourages gardeners in individual, community, faith-based and school gardens to plant extra vegetable seeds and plants in the spring and donate the surplus harvest to people in need.

The program is spon-

PLEASE SEE PLANT, C5

Food is love, so don't 'kill with kindness'

Food is love. It seems too many people love their pets way too much.

Too often I see obese cats topping 20 pounds, or a dachshund near 50 pounds. This obesity can be a prelude to intense medical consequences, including severe arthritis or diabetes.

About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Often the owner doesn't notice, or they think it's cute. I always notice that the person coming in with a grossly obese pet never gives treats or table scraps. It's their spouse. Or kids. Or neighbors.

No matter the culprit, we need to alter the current patterns to get Fluffy less puffy. First, we need to identify if the pet has gotten little heavy. People tend to note their own girth by the need for another hole on their belt, or, in my case, the need for a new, much larger belt.

While not quite that simple, there are ways to tell about your pet's growing size. If the dog's been mistaken for a coffee table, he might be fat. If you try to feel his ribs, but realize you'd need Indiana Jones to find bones hidden that deep, he might be fat.

If you lift your cat up, holding around the chest like Simba was lifted as a baby in *The Lion King*, and the body bears a striking resemblance to a pear, he might be fat.

Of course, your vet would love to talk to you about obesity, and to evaluate your critter for extra girth. This evaluation will help let you know how much of a problem you're looking at. I believe that obesity is one of the top two problems we face in veterinary medicine, along with dental disease. Very few adult animals don't have one or both of these problems to some extent.

Obesity plagues our society, both humans and animals.

In any bookstore's health or lifestyles section with diet books, hundreds of books have weight loss ideas. If you melted them all down, and crystallized the core idea that permeates every diet worth the paper it's printed on, they would all say about the same thing: take in less calories, burn up more calories.

The situation with animals differs from that with people. Animals eat a diet of kibble or canned food that has been formulated to meet their metabolic needs with the right number of calories. Diet foods meet those needs with less calories.

Table scraps unbalance the diet. Your dog does not need a Swedish meatball. Your cat does not need lunch meat. Remember about not killing them with kindness? By feeding them formulated diets without the scraps, we control their caloric intake.

How many treats would be too many? Any is too many when you're dieting, and the same is true for your pet.

Burning off calories involves exercise, a specialty of dogs. Walk in the yard or go for walks. Start slow, just like you would for yourself, and work up to longer play sessions and longer walks.

For cats, sometimes it seems like there's a reason the catatonic begins with *Cat*. Getting them to exercise just isn't easy.

Laser pointers get them running, and even dancing as they swat at the dot on the wall. The reliable toy bird at the end of a string also excites those hunting instincts and gets them moving.

Energy increases with more exercise. (If there are underlying health concerns, contact your vet to be sure exercise is all right.) Once some weight peels off, the desire for play will increase. The cycle then continues to happily repeat.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Write him there with questions and comments. Send E-mail questions or comments with your e-mail address to Questions@an.maltakrad.com.

There is not enough room for my car and all the other things in my garage. How do I organize my garage to make room for everything?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

The attached garage is a great building. You can park your car, and unload groceries. If the weather is rainy, you are safe from the elements and on icy, snowy mornings you do not have to scrape the windshield. Just as important, a garage also serves as a storage area for many household items.

The garage and the basement are great places to put those things we do not know what else to do with. Unfortunately, they quickly become a cluttered mess. I have made it my mission not to fall prey to that trap. I avoid this in two ways. I 'spring clean' my garage several times a year and I neatly arrange items by separating into areas and containers.

When I pull my car into the garage, I want to be able to open my door without hitting a

bike, trash can or lawn mower. My garage is never as organized as I would like it to be, but I continually work towards my goal. Our garage is packed to capacity even though I purge it thoroughly several times a year.

I stand in the garage and look around to see what I can remove. This is what I see: Things belonging to four children, items my husband likes to keep in case he needs them in the future, two lawn mowers for my sons' grass-cutting business, a snow shovel for each family member, two cars, bikes, trash cans, wheelbarrow, gardening supplies, hoes, tools and rakes. The list is endless. I have concluded we need to build a shed in the backyard but until this happens, I have come up with some organizational ideas that have helped make my garage efficient.

TIPS FOR THE GARAGE

My husband attached two long pegs above the back door on which to hang lawn chairs. We can easily hang eight chairs on the pegs. The chairs used to stand up against the wall of the garage, which made it hard to open car doors or sweep the garage floor.

We extended the back of our garage and included a sink,

shelf and extra floor space. The children's bikes are in the extra space. Bikes can also be hung from the rafters. You should not store your bikes from the rafters if your ceiling is finished or your children ride their bikes often.

I like to keep as many items off the garage floor as possible so I can sweep and mop it twice a month. This keeps dirt from blowing into my home. I have several throw rugs at the door opening into the house.

Some of our walls are finished and some are bare studs. We put slats of wood across the studs to create bins for baseball bats, rakes, shovels, and tomato stakes. I have hammered nails into the studs to hang saws, snow shovels, bicycle helmets, and certain other articles. The ladders hang on large metal hooks which are attached to the studs.

It is also handy to have several shelves in the garage. Divide everything into storage containers and put like items together on shelves. I separate the children's things into laundry baskets. There is a basket for water guns, large sports balls, small balls and baseball gloves. The tennis rackets are stacked on a shelf together. There is a handled basket for gardening tools. Weed killer, plant food, and fertilizer are in

an open plastic container. Fishing equipment is also in this area. Smaller containers are used for dog supplies, tools, flashlights, nails and screws, string and tape.

Put up racks with hooks on which to hang coats and school backpacks. Attach hooks for umbrellas, fly swatters, shoe horns, plastic grocery bags, and other items handles. I have three racks (two on the floor and one on the wall), and three baskets for shoes. We do not wear shoes in the house so, except for seasonal shoes and dress shoes, we keep them in the garage. I have them separated so everyone has their own specific area. I keep only large items on the garage floor such as trash cans, lawn mowers, bikes, the wheel barrow and golf clubs. I can sweep the garage faster if I do not have to spend time moving items.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin "Organize the BIG space in your garage by separating and putting like items together."

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Check those tires on your vehicle

BY JOHN HEILIG
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

April is National Car Care Month. The Car Care Council is recommending paying attention to factors that contribute to poor fuel economy as this year's theme.

Poor fuel economy can be an expensive proposition, as well as an environmentally sensitive one, and often can be improved by a few simple measures.

One of them is paying proper attention to tire inflation.

According to a survey released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 27

percent of passenger cars and 32 percent of SUVs and light trucks have at least one dangerously underinflated tire.

According to NHTSA, tires were considered underinflated if they were 8 pounds per square inch (psi) below the manufacturer's recommended pressure, usually 32 psi.

Low tire pressure adversely affects vehicle handling, fuel economy and tire life.

Underinflated tires can lead to blowouts, which can cause drivers to lose control.

Underinflated tires also can cause tread separation.

Insure.com, a Web site for the insurance industry, recommends checking your tire pres-

sure at least once a month. Tire pressure should be checked when the tires are cold, ideally after the car has been sitting overnight.

How do you know what the correct pressure reading is? It's usually printed on a decal on the driver's side door jamb. Another location is inside the glove compartment door. As a last resort, read the owner's manual.

To check your tire pressure you need a tire pressure gauge. Most air pumps you find at gas stations have tire pressure gauges on them, but because of their extreme use, they often are inaccurate.

It's much easier to keep a tire

pressure gauge in the glove compartment. Take it out regularly and use it. If you use the same gauge every time, your readings will be consistent.

There are three major types of tire pressure gauges: pencil, dial and digital.

All perform the same function, but in slightly different ways.

The most common, and generally least expensive, is the pencil gauge. It usually has a metal or plastic body, a bubble at one end that contains a deep-set chuck and a pressure release nipple on the other side. Pressure is indicated by a bar that comes out the other end.

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KITCHEN

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Northville also faced limited space in their older home

It had very small dimensions, said Peltier, interior designer of the Harris home, which will also be on the tour. It probably had a 10-by-12 original space.

The kitchen had three entrances, one of which went to the back porch.

They removed the wall between the kitchen and the back porch," Peltier said. Now the old back porch serves as a seating area for the kitchen with a small table.

What these homeowners face is reflective of what others face in older homes.



The painted beadboard, unfitted cabinetry style and slate floors along with the hand-carved post and beam construction impart the air of an English country home to this kitchen on the Northville/Plymouth kitchen tour.

POPULAR FEATURES

Stainless steel continues to be popular with homeowners in the kitchen, according to Daniel Lennon, designer with Bytner Design Associates of Clarkston.

Bytner also has a display at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

With older homes, many homeowners want to remain true to the architecture of the home, yet they want all the modern conveniences of the new homes, too, Lennon said.

They have an Old Tudor style home, and they want to

stay specifically to that style with the modern amenities, Lennon said.

Customers like the natural color woods, such as cherry and maple, or red birch and teak in cabinetry.

People are trying to get into different woods now, Lennon said. Cabinets are upgraded into knotty alder and quarter sawn white oak. People are getting more into that and it's making kitchens a lot more interesting.

Amenities include the separate wine coolers, and hidden coffeemakers, built right into the cabinets.

You can pick out a grind you want, press a button and you get a cup of coffee in 20 seconds, Lennon said. And the coffeemaker is stored inside the cabinet so you'll only see the face of it.

NEW LOOK

The wine coolers are out-

standing,' Lennon said. Some have two separate wine zones. Red wines need a 65-degree temperature, so it zoned automatically for that, Lennon said.

In higher-end homes, concrete countertops are growing in popularity, while granite is making its way into the mid-range homes. Butcher blocks and gas grills are inset right into the concrete countertops, Lennon said.

While the homeowners on

Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour information

What: Second annual Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit O U R Camp (Opportunity, Understanding and Recreation) for Children with Special Needs.

The tour will feature beautiful kitchens at six homes, with tablescaping designed by local businesses. The tour and ticket price includes a luncheon at Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant.

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2.

Admission: \$25. Tickets are available in Northville at Genitt's, The Kitchen Witch and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. In Plymouth, tickets are available at Haven or by calling Kathy Peltier at (248) 348-7026.

More info: There will be a wide variety of kitchen styles to see and local businesses are participating by decorating each kitchen on the tour. Some of the participating businesses are Designer's Choice, Haven, Southern Living at Home in Plymouth, and Center Street Design in Northville.

All proceeds from the tour will help support O U R Camp, a summer day camp in Northville for any child age 3-9 with special needs. The camp is operated by a volunteer, parent-run board of directors whose mission is to offer a fun-filled, appropriately structured program at the lowest possible cost. O U R Camp Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

this year's kitchen tour are pleased with their renovations, they haven't forgotten about the purpose of the tour.

I'm very honored (to be on the tour)," Moran said. "It's really all about helping the kids' camp. It will be fun."

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When painting grasscloth, be careful

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Earl asks: I have grasscloth covering the walls in my dining area and living room. Rather than remove the grasscloth, I would like to paint over it. I have seen it painted, and the texture looks very good.

Does it have to be prepared prior to painting? Should I use oil base or latex paint?

A: Our personal taste causes us to recommend that you not paint grasscloth, but rather brighten it by slowly and carefully vacuuming the entire surface

But if you must paint, you can use either oil or latex paint - with certain caveats

■ Use a flat (not shiny) finish
■ Thin the paint (2 parts paint to 1 part thinner or water)

■ Apply the paint with a sprayer in very thin applications

Applying a high-gloss paint will tend to accentuate unattractive irregularities in the grasscloth that otherwise add to its beauty when it is in its natural state

Thick paint will fill in the narrow spaces between the straw, and might ruin the look you are trying to achieve

Use very thin layers of paint, checking the result after each layer dries to ensure you get the effect you want

Applying wet coat over wet coat isn't recommended for two reasons The net effect of paint can't be determined until it dries, and getting the surface too wet may de-laminate the paper from the wall

The marketplace is a great location to shoot

One location that always provides a wealth of interest and activity, along with a great potential of human interest pictures, is a market

Whether it's a fish market in a quaint seaside village or a large flea market near your hometown, you're never far away from the opportunity to photograph in a market

It's always easy to shoot pictures unobserved in markets because there is usually plenty of activity and people are generally preoccupied with the business of wheeling and dealing

Most market people are

extrovert in character which offers even a better chance of good subject material

The most difficult problem in photographing a market is being selective

A market is a busy place making it easy to take pictures that are too busy and confusing

So it's best to choose a viewpoint and compose your shots in such a way that extraneous details are excluded and attention is focused firmly on the central subject

Often a telephoto lens is best because you can isolate a smaller area of the scene and throw distracting background details out of focus This is particularly useful when you want to single out a certain face from the crowd

An outdoor market in northern Thailand provided me opportunity for many good



An outdoor market in northern Thailand provided Monte Nagler with many photo opportunities including this Akha tribe woman smoking a pipe. A telephoto lens filled the frame while at the same time blurring the background

shots In all the hustle and bustle, many candid shots were available But this woman smoking her pipe co-operated fully with my camera A 90mm telephoto lens enabled me to get in close for impact, while at the same time, subdue the background

Anywhere you may travel, or even close to home, market places are fun and rewarding

Not only might you bring home that special gift or souvenir, but you'll bring home prize-winning photographs, too

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

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For those last minute ads that just had to get in!

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HOME CALENDAR

Ikebana
The Detroit Chapter of Ikebana International will present A Glimpse of Japan 1 p.m. Wednesday May 12 at Southfield Presbyterian Church 21575 W 10 Mile between Lahser and Evergreen The public may attend Demonstrations of Ikebana floral art an exhibition of arrangements by chapter members an origami display Japanese entertainment and a raffle will be featured Assorted Japanese items will be available A tea will follow the program Donation \$8 Tickets at the door Parking is at the rear of the church

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 No sew Window Treatments (Tuesday May 4) learn how to reproduce any window treatment using the latest products Faux Finishes (Wednesday May 5) will show how to update an ugly kitchen or bath counter with such techniques as marbleizing ragging and sponging with latex paint
Custom Cornice Boards (Tuesday May 11) and E 2 Build Chaise Lounge (Wednesday May 12) don't involve any sewing or sawing In the May 11 class make three cornices and learn how to embellish them in a professional manner In the May 12 class make a beautiful full size chaise that would be great for a bedroom or family room

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

Antiques market
The 2004 Utica Antiques Market will open Saturday Sunday May 8 9 at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on 21 Mile 1 mile east of Van Dyke Road in Utica
Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 8 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 9 The market will take place rain or shine Admission is \$5 for adults free for ages 12 and under Parking is free Food and beverages will be available on site
For information call (800) 645 6466
The Utica market brings together more than 200 dealers from all over the country specializing in pieces from all periods for the serious collector or the novice Numerous experts will appraise pieces on site Now in its 18th year the event is the largest open air market of its kind in southeastern Michigan It is recognized throughout the Midwest for the great variety quality and affordability of the antiques and collectibles
The site lakeside on the tree lined Knights of Columbus grounds offers a beautiful setting for browsing and enjoying the first open air market of the spring and summer season

Essay contest
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 Furniture 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

Book drive
Drop off new or gently used books for ages 5 to 12 at any Art Van Furniture store during April The books will be donated to low income elementary school children in local communities
The donations are part of Book Drive America a national campaign to bring much needed books to youngsters schools libraries and community centers across the country ABC's Good Morning America WXYZ TV and Art Van have teamed up to bring the campaign to Michigan
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Detroit Rose Society

The Detroit Rose Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday April 30 at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The community center is on Ridge Road one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward.

Butterfly gardening

Barson's Greenhouses 6414 N Merriman in Westland will conduct a butterfly gardening seminar 1 p.m. Saturday May 1. Call (734) 421-5959 for information.

Perennial exchange

The Royal Oak Garden Club will sponsor a Perennial Plant Exchange 9:11 a.m. Saturday May 1 at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center 3500 Marais. The center is north of 13 Mile and just south of Lexington Boulevard east of Crooks.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday May 3 in the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday May 3 at Congregational Church of Birmingham on Woodward just south of Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Speaker Jim Langhammer will talk about peonies choosing growing and caring for them. Guest fee \$3. For more information call (248) 589-2286 or (248) 879-3272.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday May 4 at the Beverly Hills Village Office 18500 W 13 Mile. A program will take place 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

Refreshments and door prizes will be featured. For more information call (586) 781-9914.

Native plants

A free workshop Gardening With Native Plants will take place 7 p.m. Thursday May 6 at the Franklin Library 32455 Franklin Road. The workshop is presented by the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program and master gardener Ruth Urbensky. All attendees will receive a free information packet. Space is limited. To register call Koreen Lowe at (248) 858-0896.

Michigan birds

The Shelby Gardeners Club will present Four Seasons of Michigan Birds a slide show and commentary by nature photographer Jim Simek 7 p.m. Thursday May 6 at the Shelby Senior Center. The senior center is on Van Dyke north of 23 Mile in Shelby Township. Admission is \$5 at the door.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday May 13 at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The topic will be The World of Butterflies. The public may attend. For more information call Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374.

Spring sale

The Milford Garden Club will host its 14th annual Spring Plant and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 8 at Johnson Elementary School 515 General Motors Road in Milford. The sale will feature perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees, Mother's Day baskets and baked goods. Proceeds go to horticultural scholarships and community beautification. Master gardeners will be on hand to assist. Call (248) 685-3505 or (248) 684-1620 for more information.

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Fight frustrations with refrigerators Save these crafts for rainy spring days

Americans are having a hard time staying cool and collected when it comes to their refrigerators

According to a recent survey by the makers of Whirlpool Home Appliances and GLAD Food Storage products, one in two Americans has had a hard time finding items in their refrigerator because it's overcrowded. This could explain why so many people—more than 60 percent—throw out at least one produce item a week because it's past its prime. Creating order in key areas within the home, such as a refrigerator, can make a significant

impact on everyday life, said Stacy DeBroff, author of *Mom Central* and a nationally recognized home organization expert.

DeBroff says fighting fridge frustration is as easy as A-B-C.

ASSESS THE SITUATION:

- Unlock the answers to your refrigerator frustrations by asking yourself some simple questions
- Can I put away and find items easily in my refrigerator?
- Is more food going in the garbage than on the table?
- Do I often buy duplicate

products because I can't find things in the fridge?

BANISH PROBLEMS:

- Cut wasted food by storing right. Use a versatile food storage product like Glad Press 'n Seal wrap. It seals to practically any surface—even plastic containers.
- Throw out spoiled food the night before garbage pickup. This way you can take the items from the kitchen to curb Torn on what to toss? Follow the cardinal rule "when in doubt, throw it out."
- Make sure your fridge is meeting your needs. Some new

refrigerators offer innovative space-saving features. For example, Whirlpool has moved the ice dispenser to the door to free up enough space for eight more pizza boxes in the freezer.

CREATE SPACE:

- Develop a "store more" strategy. For an easy space-saver tip—stack items to maximize space.
- For more refrigerator cleaning tips and to learn how you could win a new refrigerator, visit www.cleanout-yourfridge.com

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NEW YORK (AP) — If you've heard your children say "There's nothing to do" one too many times, it might be time to stockpile some indoor activities. Several new craft activity books offer ideas to save for a rainy day, if spring showers keep you indoors or if winter keeps its grip on your area long past February.

For the youngest children, several books offer activities that are simple but allow children to unleash their creativity.

Holidays provide the framework for *Crafts for Kids* (Hamlyn, \$19.95, ages 2-6) by Gill Dickinson. With color photos and instructions, the book outlines craft activities for Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Valentine's Day.

Inexpensive, fun activities for birthday parties are offered as well, such as stringing foam flowers onto necklaces, personalizing paper crowns with patterned paper, buttons, glitter or feathers, and making birthday bandanas with napkins and markers.

My Picture Art Class (DK Publishing, \$12.99, ages 3-5) by Nellie Shepherd takes painting and drawing and adds a dimension, encouraging children to turn their pictures into 3-D objects like hats and rockets.

Shepherd's projects raid the pantry quite a bit to create texture, using uncooked rice, aluminum foil and food coloring along with paper, paint, felt and glitter.

Another book by Shepherd, *My Puppet Art Class* (DK Publishing, \$12.99, ages 3-5), uses art projects to inspire children to write and perform once they've made their puppets.

Once they've made Serena Swan, Bao Bao the Dragon and Sidney Snake, it's up to the children what the characters will do when the youngsters use them in a puppet show.

OLDER CHILDREN

For elementary school-age

children, the preparation is more elaborate and the activities often illustrate lessons the children are learning in school.

Even blowing bubbles can be educational, as in *The Ultimate Bubble Book: Soapy Science Fun* (Sterling, \$9.95, ages 7-11) by Shar Levine and Leshe Johnstone.

Making a large bubble eat a smaller bubble shows how objects with different internal air pressure react to each other. The air pressure is greater in the smaller bubble, and that pressure forces it to push into the bigger bubble.

The book offers several recipes for bubble solutions and instructions on a number of nifty tricks — like making "bubble bees" with a cookie sheet, pennies and the top of an old CD case, or putting a person inside a bubble using a hula hoop and an outdoor swimming tub.

Along the way it also teaches lessons associated with bubbles, like their importance to deep-sea divers, who blow bubbles as they come up to relieve pressure in their lungs and who can suffer "the bends" if they ascend too quickly and nitrogen bubbles form in their blood.

In addition to blowing bubbles, Levine and Johnstone encourage children to get into the "kitchen laboratory" in their book *Kitchen Science* (Sterling, \$19.95, ages 6-12).

One colorful science experiment illustrates the concept of acids and bases by adding vinegar to water used to soak purple cabbage. The vinegar turns the water pink, and the addition of baking soda turns it blue, showing how acids and bases react with substances differently.

Another experiment features a balloon that inflates seemingly by itself. The balloon grows with the help of a solution that contains yeast, which gives off carbon dioxide as it grows and fills up the balloon.


In *Fantastic Paper Airplanes* (Sterling, \$17.95, ages 10 and up) author Jack Botermans takes a beloved childhood pastime and refines it to an impressive degree.

You can find the simple design most of us made back in homeroom, but the book also includes planes that can perform a double somersault with a backward twist. Botermans offers diagrams and step-by-step instructions for several winners of *Scientific American's* international airplane competition. Highlights include the "flying fish" and the T-shaped "paper helicopter."

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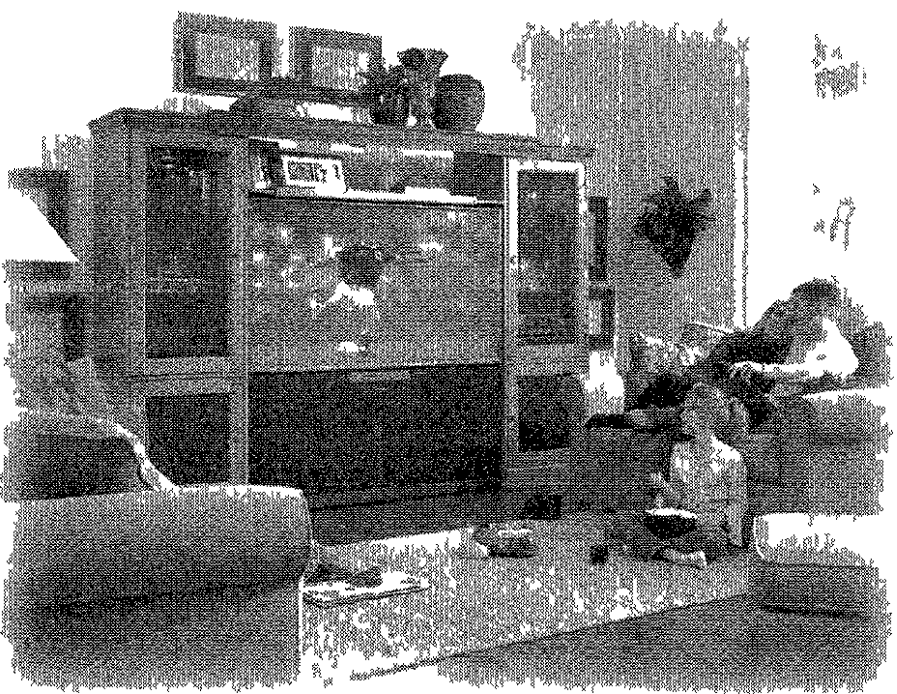
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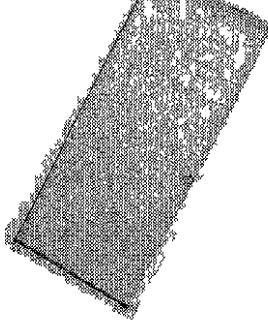
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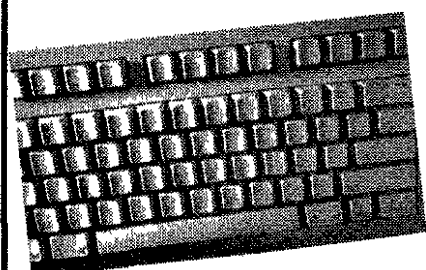
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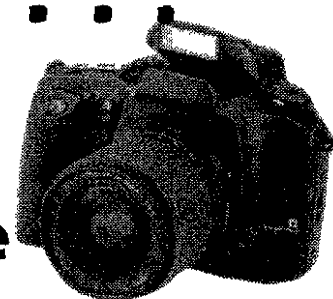
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Don't Be Defensive

 It can be extremely difficult not to be defensive when we feel we are being attacked. Especially when we are sure we are right. But being defensive usually puts others on the defensive and leads both sides attacking each other more vigorously. The best way to keep others from being defensive is not to offer any resistance to their attacks; truly turn the other cheek. This can be hard to do when we feel we are right. We should resist the idea that we are absolutely right, and see this as a form of egocentrism. Consider that the other person may be right, and we are wrong after all. Even if we are right, so what? Why be so concerned with being right? Let down your defenses. Resistance doesn't protect you, it only insures that you will have a good fight on your hands. Consider Jesus' advice: Resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. (Matthew 5:39-42)
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Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church 5085 Orion Road Rochester for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (248) 652-7774.

Prayer group

After a short recess the St. Edith Disciple of Love prayer group resumes its weekly meetings 7 p.m. Thursday in the A.V. room back entrance 2, 15089 Newburgh south of Five Mile Livonia. All are welcome for songs, praise and worship. For more information call (734) 464-8906 (734) 464-3656 or (734) 464-1896.

School registrations

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Leverage Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year. After school care available 3-6 p.m. For more information call (313) 937-2233.

Registration time

Our Lady of Good Counsel is now taking registrations for the 2004-05 school year in the K-8 program. Call Principal Kay Reilly or secretary Terri O'Connor for information at (734) 453-3053.

UPCOMING

Rummage sale

The sale is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday May 1 at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road between Grand River and Freedom Farmington Hills. Household items, children's items and clothing, furniture and more. Bake sale, refreshments and children's area also available. For information or directions call (248) 474-0584.

Birmingham-First Concert Series

A festival of hymns performed by First Presbyterian Church's Chapel Carol Chancel and Cantus choirs with members of Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings 4 p.m. Sunday May 2 at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 1669 W. Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. The program includes Rutter's "Feel the Spirit" a cycle of spirituals that include arrangements of such favorites as "Deep River" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." Mezzo-soprano Adrienne Webster is the featured soloist. No charge for the concert. Free will offerings are collected to benefit future events in the series. Call (248) 644-2040 Ext. 136.

Children of Abraham Project

A fictional retelling inspired by the story of Abraham and his two sons Isaac and Ishmael 6 p.m. Sunday May 2 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 19887 W. 11 Mile Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10. Call (248) 476-8860 Ext. 118. Presented by Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit and Brenda Naomi Rosenberg in association with the National Conference for Community and Justice. For more than two months Muslim, Jewish and Christian teens from metro Detroit came together to discuss their fears and the possibility of peace between religions. From those conversations came the new play.

Spring card party

The Golden Anniversary card party takes place 7 p.m. Friday May 7 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at St. Hilary of Redford 23901 Elmira. Buffet dessert table, raffle prizes, table prize. Donation is \$6. For more information call Betty at (313) 533-8239 or Dorothy at (313) 533-5698.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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

Children are a Gift from God!

Presented by the youth puppeteers from Trinity United Methodist Church Chesaning Mich. 6:30 p.m. Saturday May 22 at Trinity Church of the Brethren Inkster and West Chicago Redford. The community is invited to this event and also to the family meal that will be served prior to the performance. To be admitted bring a canned or packaged food item for the Redford Interfaith Food Pantry. In addition, a free will offering will be taken to support the ministry of the Youth Puppeteers. For more information or to make a reservation call (313) 937-1199 or send e-mail to trinitycobmi@earthlink.net.

Fashion Show and Tea

Annual Mother Daughter Grandmother Granddaughter Fashion Show and Tea 1-3 p.m. Saturday May 22 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft Semi for mail Victorian attire is encouraged but not required. Tickets are \$12. \$8 ages 2-12 and include a light buffet of traditional tea fare of sweets, fruits, cheeses, finger sandwiches and herbal teas. Call (734) 425-7280 for advance reservations. Seating limited. Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Fish for Food program which supports the Holy Cross Lutheran Food Pantry in Livonia.

Classical Bells

The 20th anniversary concert is 8 p.m. Friday June 4 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 W. Six Mile Livonia. Dessert reception follows the concert. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 ages 2-18. Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew's. For more information or tickets call (734) 422-6038.

Boutique/bake sale

The sale is noon to 6 p.m. Sunday June 27 at St. Mary's Basilica Cultural Center 18100 Merriman between Six and Seven Mile Livonia. Vendors interested in participating should call (248) 478-7062. The sale is presented by St. Mary's Basilica Ladies Society.

Crafters wanted

Currently accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 4 at St. Thomas & Becket 555 S. Lilley Canton. Interested crafters call Gloria at (734) 673-6061.

ONGOING

Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and PACS People Active in Christian Study. Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

Sunday worship

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. There is also a 9:45 a.m. education hour for all ages. For more information call (734) 422-1470.

Synagogue services

5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 851-5100.

Services

Services are 9 a.m. Sunday at the non-denominational Dayspring Christian Fellowship 2207 Jackson Road Ann Arbor. For more information call secretary Katie Laiklam at (313) 563-7948.

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church 23414 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call (248) 426-0096.

Scrapbook and cropping

If you're interested in learning about scrapbook and cropping, Faith Bible Church is offering a place to put it all together 3-10 p.m. the second Friday of the month at 23414 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills. A Creative Moment consultant will be available to everyone from diehard scrapbookers to novices wanting to learn more about it. For more information call (248) 426-0096.

Sunday worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music 1150 Walton Rochester Hills. No charge. For more information call (248) 651-6550.

Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail west of Haggerty. For more information call (734) 453-5534.

Contemporary worship service

A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia. For more information call (734) 422-6038.

Worship services

Services are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia. For information call (734) 422-1470.

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries

Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting-edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media and a relevant message that can change lives. Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph Redford. For more information call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

Redford Church

Detroit World Outreach, a non-denominational church at 23800 West Chicago in Redford, has Sunday services 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It also offers Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night it offers a young adult service for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Jack C. Wallace is senior pastor. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.dwo.org.

Here are tips for cleaning carpets

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you plan to clean your carpets at home, follow these steps for good results:

■ Pre-treat spots and traffic areas using a cleaning solution in a spray bottle.

■ Go easy on the soap and chemicals. Use only as much as the manufacturer recom-

mends. Too much can act as a magnet for future soiling.

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DARREN MARTIN GUNTHER

Age 22, died April 25, 2004. Dear son of Dr. Stephen & Janice Gunther. Sister of Alexa Gunther. Grandson of Kenneth Gunther, the late Julie Gunther, the late Martin, and the late Anna Spitz. Nephew of Jay and Mary Anne Gunther, Judy Grey Robert and Jane Spitz. Cousin of Julie Grey John (Sarah) Grey, Andrew (Linda) Grey, Laura (Michael) Enos, Jeffrey (Marcy) Gunther, Will Spitz, Genna Spitz and Alec Spitz. A world of loving friends. Services were held Wednesday at THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL, 248-569-0020.

EDWARD FOWLER HORTON

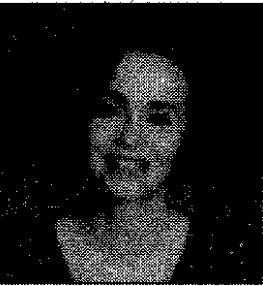
Lived all his life in Birmingham until he recently moved to Troy April 22, 2004. Brother of Max B. Horton of Waterford, Brother-in-law of Wilbur (the late Elizabeth) Buckheit of MO, Uncle of William Buckheit of KS and Betsy (Justin London) of MN, Edward was a graduate of Oberlin College. His primary interest was playing flute and piccolo in the Birmingham Concert Band and the South Oakland Concert Band. Graveside service Thursday, April 29th at 1:00pm at Greenwood Cemetery Birmingham. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Flanders Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oberlin College, Birmingham Concert Band, or the Good Samaritan Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Health Ministries, Waterford.

EILEEN MORAN

84, of 134 Anderson Road Skandia formerly of Westland, Michigan, died peacefully, Saturday morning at her home surrounded by her family and under the care of Lake Superior Hospice. Eileen was born November 2, 1919, in Detroit, a daughter of the late John & Bessie (Ley) Bissell. On June 12, 1950 she married Albert E. Moran and he preceded her in death in 1987. She was employed for several years with the Westland Public School System. Eileen relocated to Skandia, MI in 1999 to live with her youngest daughter and her grandchildren. She is survived by her children Phillip (Peggy) Ford of Alexandria, VA, Karen (Thomas) Dawson of Fredrick, MI, Gregory Ford of California, Keith (Susan) Moran of Westland, Sandra (Lawrence) Sprague of Manton, MI, David (Jeri) Moran of Fayetteville, GA and Melanie (Gary) Treumer of Skandia, MI, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her parents, husband Albert E. Moran, eldest son, Gary Hallbrighter, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. There will be no services at this time. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home is assisting the family.

GENEVA SCHRAGE

Born June 17, 1913, died April 25, 2004 in Santa Fe, NM, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Born to Deliah and Albert McCalla in Hurdsville, ND. Geneva survived her parents and all ten of her siblings. She moved around as a child but Michigan eventually became her home. She married Harry Schrage in 1939 and had two children, Joyce Kopp and Richard Schrage. She has 6 grandchildren: Greg Kopp, Lori Hoolihan, Rick Schrage, Brad Schrage, Duane Kopp and Andrea Schrage. She took much pride and joy in her 9 great grandchildren, ages 8 to 2, Gillian, Katherine, Kristin, Kerr, Kielan, Owen, Fionna, Tyler, and Bridgit. Funeral service Monday, May 3rd, 11:30am at The Runkel Chapel of First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the Church. Arrangements by A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.



GLORYANN "GLO" BAILY

Age 53, formerly of Beverly Hills, MI. Died peacefully at home in Anchorage AK April 19, 2004 after a long, brave fight with cancer. Services and a visitation were given in Alaska, and a visitation will be held at Hermann Funeral Home in Brighton on Friday evening, April 30 at 5 pm, and a memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton, MI on Saturday, May 1 at 1 pm. Burial will be in Southfield, MI at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. Ten Mile. Mrs. Baily was born January 15, 1951 in Detroit to Donald J. and Monica L. (O'Callahan) Harrington, formerly of Beverly Hills. She graduated in 1969 from Marian High School in Birmingham, earned her BA from Central Michigan University and obtained her Master's degree from the University of Alaska. She began her teaching career at Frankemuth, MI, and then was recruited by the Kenai (Alaska) Peninsula School District in 1977. She taught special services at Nikiski and North Star Elementary schools, returning in 2003. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi education honor societies. Mrs. Baily was active in her church, teaching Sunday school and helping with choir. She earned her pilot's license in 1984. She loved making clothes for her friends and relatives, children, camping, hiking, and kayaking were activities she enjoyed every summer. She was an avid reader. Friends and colleagues wrote about her wonderful smile, sense of humor, positive attitude, and friendly and vibrant nature. She brought excitement and a spirit of collaboration to her job. She had a talent for bringing out the best in her students, her co-workers and parents. She had the gift of empathy and set her students up for success. We've all missed her loving, gentle, special touch. She is survived by her husband and friend of 20 years, Nathan O. Baily of Anchorage, her father of Brighton, sister Donnamane Harrington of Royal Oak, brother Robert Harrington of Southfield, sister and brother-in-law Rosemary and Tom, nieces and nephew Olivia, Katherine and Adam Bloomer of Birmingham, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Contributions may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society or NPR/PBS.

ROBERT A. JONES

Age 76, longtime resident of Canton, died April 26, 2004. He was born March 12, 1928, in Fulton, New York. He was the owner of Bob's Sharp-all in Canton. He was proud to have served in the United States Navy, during which time he traveled on the maiden voyage of the Midway. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his wife, Glenda A. (Everett) Jones, 8 children, 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and a sister. Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth Friday April 30, 11am. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm VFW. Service Thursday 7pm Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.



JAMES EDWARD MCKELVEY

Longtime Plymouth resident and 41 year employee of the Ford Motor Company died April 23 of respiratory failure at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. McKelvey started his work with Ford in 1936 as an hourly employee at the Rouge Plant. After service in the U.S. Army during WWII, he returned to work in personnel at the Highland Park plant, followed by work in labor relations at the Ypsilanti plant. His work with Ford continued as Manager of Industrial Relations at the Sandusky, Ohio plant, and the Sheldon Road plant in Plymouth, and the Rawsonville plant in Ypsilanti until his retirement in 1977. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth ELKS and a member of the Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Plymouth. McKelvey is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara (Maynard), his children James, Timothy, Anne, Mark and Paul and their spouses, 14 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at noon on May 8 at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewing, Michigan where the family has a summer home. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Pastoral Care Program of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJM), 5301 E. Huron River Drive, PO Box 995 Ypsilanti, Michigan, 48106-0995, or to the attention of Reverend Bill Foster - or to the Plymouth ELKS Major Projects which supports programs and scholarships for handicapped youth, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, attention Stu Israel.

KATHERINE BIGGE KESTNER

Loving Mother, Wife and Teacher died Monday, April 26 at Carmel St. Vincent Hospital Born in Muskegon, Michigan, Katy grew up in Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Michigan area. She earned both a BA in speech and theatre and a masters degree in theatre from Indiana University. During college, she was active in theatre and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Katy met her husband Nick while working on Indiana University's Showboat in the summer of 1965. Her 30 year teaching career began at Wylie Grove High School, Birmingham, Michigan followed by a brief tenure at Portage High School in Portage, Indiana. After the births of her two daughters, Katy returned to teaching in 1978 becoming a member of the English Department Staff at Carmel High School. Over the course of her 24 year tenure, Katy taught English, Speech, Acting and Debate. In 1993, Newsweek and the Sallie Mae Foundation honored Katy with the prestigious National Teacher Tribute Award. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Friends may visit with the family from 4-8pm Thursday, April 29 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center - Carmel. Katy is survived by her husband of 37 years, Nick, daughters, Ceci and Lici, mother, Peggy, sister, Barbara, sons-in-law, Chad and Rick, and grandchildren, Kadin and Ricky. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Carmel Clay Education Foundation or the IU Foundation Theatre Department.

LINDA ZIMMERMAN

Of Livonia, born in Detroit November 25, 1955, died April 24, 2004 at U of M Hospital. Former resident of Redford. She earned a BA in Social Work in Northern Michigan-Marquette and was employed as a social worker for Senior Alliance. Survived by sons Nicholas and Anthony. Parents Eva and the late Ansti Nykanen. Brothers John (Dorcia) Nykanen and James (Judy) Nykanen. Many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial service Saturday, 10:30 am at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Memorial gathering Friday 3-9pm. Memorials suggested to Gift of Life. Donnie Pennala officiating.

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Plan, plan and plan some more for kitchen renovation

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A renovated kitchen not only will make meal preparation and cleanup more efficient, it can greatly improve the appearance and value of a home, as well.

Over the last couple of decades we have, as remodeling contractors, remodeled hundreds of kitchens.

No two kitchens are the same. Although fundamental layout and design may be similar in many cases, specific design elements and features vary from project to project according to an owner's particular needs and desires.

The style and finish of cabinets, counters, appliances, flooring, plumbing fixtures, painting and other elements are a combination of the style of the home, available space and budget limitations.

The kitchen renovation process isn't for the faint-hearted. The key to a successful project is a three-step process. The first is planning, the second, planning, and the third - you guessed it - plan-

ning. Although this might sound vague, as the homeowner, your job is to do as much as you can before the counters and cabinets are torn out to minimize confusion and make the job go smoothly.

Considering the complexity of most kitchen renovations there will be enough details to be concerned with during the project - no matter how thorough the planning.

The planning can be fun and make the renovation project go more smoothly, and you will be more satisfied with the result.

LISTS

Where does one begin? Start by making a list of what you least like about your kitchen.

Common complaints are the kitchen is too small, too dark, appliances are out-of-style or don't work properly, the floor is shot, there's not enough storage, cabinets are the wrong color or species, and artificial lighting is poor.

Then make a list of the features you would like to incorporate, such as new cabinets

filled with convenient storage accessories, maintenance friendly flooring and counters, a shiny new sink and faucet, new state-of-the-art appliances, task lighting, etc.

When it comes to dreaming, the sky is the limit. However, you will need to come down to earth when your budget is considered. Fortunately, dollar-for-dollar a kitchen renovation is one of the best investments you can make.

Thus, you might be shooting yourself in the foot by cutting too many corners.

Looking for ideas? Model homes, home shows, home centers, contractor showrooms and design studios are resources for gathering information and product samples.

Home and garden magazines are also an excellent resource. Find something you like, tear out the page and put it in a 'kitchen renovation' file.

DESIGN, INSTALLATION

Next incorporate your 'dreams' into a design. This usually involves assistance from a kitchen design profes-

sional. This can be an independent professional or an individual associated with a design-build remodeling firm, an appliance retailer or home center.

Beyond sensitivity to style and finish, the design professional will have an understanding of fundamental design elements such as the 'work triangle' - an imaginary path that connects the kitchen's three primary work areas - the sink, the refrigerator, and the range or cook top. Keeping the triangle suited for the way you use your kitchen will yield efficient use of space.

The designer will use solid design principles to make your wish list and budget work together.

And budget is the next step in the planning process. If you're like many folks, you have champagne taste and a beer budget.

Fortunately, with the rise in property values, many homeowners have ample equity against which to borrow.

That, coupled with historically low interest rates, means

many people can have their dream kitchen and end up with a monthly mortgage payment equal to or lower than their existing payment.

The final step in the kitchen renovation planning process is to choose an installation professional to pull all the details together - to make your dream kitchen a reality.

Often, the installation team and the design professional are the same.

This is usually the case with a design-build remodeling contractor or a home center that offers optional installation when supplying products.

Choose a contractor or installation team with whom you feel comfortable working and has a proven track record.

Friends and neighbors that have had similar work done are a good resource.

Never let price be your guide.

Choosing the low bidder might be a big mistake. Typically, all else being equal, the average of several thorough bids is your best choice.

WHAT'S HOT

So, what's hot and what's not when it comes to kitchen design? Lowe's commissioned a quarterly Trendex survey of 500 homeowners to provide a current gauge of homeowners' kitchen remodeling and renovating design preferences.

According to the survey, "creating a spacious, inviting atmosphere while incorporating natural, sleek design elements into decor" is the general theme that American homeowners are seeking.

What features does the ideal American kitchen include, according to the survey? Wide, open spaces, an island (76 percent), a walk-in pantry (72 percent), natural or laminate wood cabinets (88 percent), natural stone countertops, such as granite (47 percent), stainless steel appliances (46 percent), chrome fixtures (29 percent), tile (43 percent) or hardwood flooring (37 percent), plenty of natural lighting, such as skylights (55 percent), and a professional quality audio-visual system (58 percent).

Save money, increase comfort

No matter what the season, there are several simple steps homeowners can take to improve their home's comfort while saving money, energy and protecting the environment.

The following tips can help homeowners conserve on both energy and utility bills.

- Replace aging heating and cooling equipment with Energy Star approved units. Properly sized and installed equipment can save you as much as 20 percent on annual energy costs.

- Seal leaky duct joints and you can save on energy bills while making your home's heating more uniform throughout.

- Clean your heating and air conditioning filters monthly. Dirty filters make equipment work harder and cause more wear and tear on the system - a system with dirty filters will have to run longer, costing you additional energy dollars.

- Have your system inspected annually by a NATE-certified technician.

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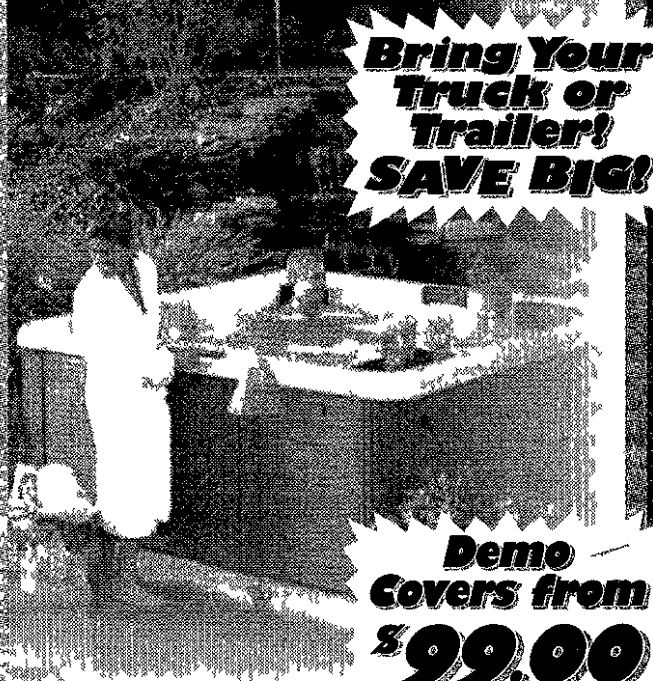
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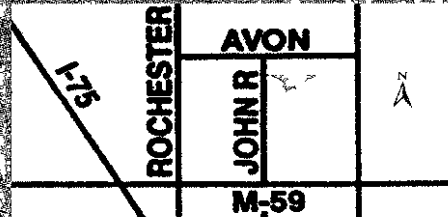
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(such as cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc or a blend of all three), you might as well consider the French concept

The French take their time cooking beef. They consider

American hastily-grilled, unadorned meat slightly bestial and something of

a disrespect for meat. With these considerations in mind, let's think about some French cooking methods for beef.

Yeah, it's spring and you want to fire up the outdoor grill. Yet if you really want savory meat flavors to match a great cabernet sauvignon, think longer, slow cooking. There's really no huge preparation time difference, but you do need to plan ahead when you slow cook.

THINKING FRENCH

French cookery braises meat, then simmers it slowly with herbs, spices and other ingredients such as wine and mushrooms.

For cabernet sauvignon-based wines consider steak au poivre (pepper steak) or boeuf au vin rouge (beef slices in red wine).

In France, lamb is as popular as beef. But with lamb, the cooking concept changes. The French generally eat lamb rare and pink. They remember this preference even with leg of lamb. And they don't serve the latter with mint.

PLEASE SEE WINE, D5

WINE PICKS

The following wines will match well with the Steak au Poivre recipe in the wine column.

PICKS OF THE PACK: 2000 Alexander Valley Vineyards Cyrus (60 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 35 percent Merlot, five percent Malbec) \$50 - best from this winery to date and 1999 Oakville Ranch Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon \$50.

The following are **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** unless otherwise noted.

■ 2001 Pine Ridge Rutherford \$39, 2001 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Appellation Selection \$28, 2001 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz \$26, 2001 Penfolds Bin 407, \$26, 2000 Lake Sonoma Winery \$22, 2001 Cinnabar Mercury Rising, \$19 (a proprietary blend of Bordeaux varietals), 2000 Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve \$16 and 2001 Geyser Peak Alexander Valley \$18, Wallet friendly 2001 Bogle \$12, 2001 Canyon Road \$10 and 2001 Bodegas Salentein Finca El Portillo \$10.

CELLAR SELECTIONS: 1999 Oakville Ranch Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$100 and 1999 Beringer Napa Valley Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$100.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.



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Mix a little class, a little pizzazz for Mom on her day

Food and motherhood promote nurturing and nourishment.

In 17th century Britain, apprentices and servants returned home for a day to visit their mothers on Mothering Sunday, often observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent. They brought a "mothering cake," a fruitcake-like food or fruit-filled pastry also called simnels.

In 1868 in the United States, Anna Reeves Jarvis promoted Mothers' Work Days in West Virginia as a means for the two sides in the Civil War to create better sanitary conditions and work to reconcile wartime differences.

Julia Ward Howe, who wrote *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, promoted a Mother's Day of Peace in 1872 after she was horrified of the carnage of the Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War.

But Jarvis' daughter, Anna, swore at her mother's gravesite in 1905 to establish

Complete recipes for wowing mom this Mother's Day can be found inside Taste, Page D3.

Mother's Day to honor mothers, living and dead. She passed out white carnations to mothers at a church in West Virginia. Then the church agreed to hold a Sunday service honoring mothers. By 1909, Sunday services were held in 46 states.

Eventually Jarvis got the attention of lawmakers. In 1912, West Virginia became the first state to adopt an official Mother's Day. In 1914, Congress passed a resolution and President Wilson signed it, establishing Mother's Day, emphasizing the mother's role in the family.

Jarvis became concerned over the commercialization of the day, sued New York Gov. Al Smith over a

Mother's Day celebration and criticized Eleanor Roosevelt's work with a Mother's Day committee that was not Jarvis'.

Today, Mother's Day may be commercialized, but it is a big deal for retailers and restaurateurs and a way for family members to express their love.

It is a peak day for long-distance telephone calls. Hallmark says about 96 percent of American consumers participate in Mother's Day. It is also the busiest day of the year for restaurants.

A FRESH DAY

Mother's Day brings out the freshness of spring. Peter Engelhardt, executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham, enjoys cooking for the Mother's Day buffet.

"It really brings out the flavors of spring," Engelhardt said. "It takes you into the season, the colors, the freshness and the flavors."

PLEASE SEE MOM, D2



This berry torte tops off any meal, not just on Mother's Day.

Side dish

Ginger adds zip

In dishes both savory and sweet, used in quantities governed by taste, ginger is a versatile accent that gives a special zing of flavor.



With its twisted, lumpy shapes, ginger is an odd-looking root from a tropical and subtropical plant that probably originated in southeast Asia. Corinne Trang writes in *Health* magazine's April issue.

It has long been prized as a remedy for queasy stomachs and colds, and as a stimulant for the appetite.

Eastern cultures usually pair fresh ginger with seafood and other savory foods.

Young ginger generally 3 to 4 months old, has a thin, pale skin, and very tender, juicy flesh. The mature kind, 7 to 10 months old, has a dull, yellowish-beige skin, a slightly more fibrous pulp, and a sharper, spicier flavor.

Mature ginger is available year-round at most supermarkets, young ginger is typically sold only at Asian markets during the summer.

Choose firm bulbs that have taut, thin skin. Refrigerate your purchase wrapped in a paper towel in an unsealed plastic bag.

It should last for several weeks as long as you change the towel when it gets moist.

You can tell that ginger is past its prime when the skin becomes wrinkled or the flesh gets dried out.

Here are ideas for using ginger, according to *Health* magazine.

■ Steep thin peeled slices in rice vinegar, and add to dressings or sauces.

■ Combine grated ginger with garlic and green onions, and add to stir-fries, poached fish or chicken, or steamed vegetables.

■ Perk up hot and cold beverages, broths, sauces and dressings with ginger extract.

To make it, take 1 pound coarsely chopped peeled fresh ginger. Place one-fourth of the ginger in a blender or food processor.

Process until a fine paste forms, and remove from blender.

Repeat the procedure with the remaining ginger.

Place ginger paste in a fine sieve over a bowl, pressing with the back of a spoon to extract juice. Discard paste.

Cover juice and refrigerate.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by cutting the fat in traditional recipes

Americans of all nationalities celebrate Cinco de Mayo, or Fifth of May, by recognizing Mexican culture - from food and music to colorful clothing and customs. Yet, as waistlines worldwide continue to grow, it is important to remember that appetites for cultural favorites can be satisfied without adding unwanted pounds.

Cinco de Mayo stands as a symbol of Mexican unity and national pride in commemoration of a small Mexican army's triumph over French troops at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Today, it is the most widely celebrated Mexican holiday in the United States - a nation housing the highest

percentages of overweight people. And, unfortunately, Mexico does not lag far behind the United States.

That's why this Cinco de Mayo, those who seek healthier lifestyles when celebrating the Mexican culture can serve lighter versions of traditional meals and incorporating a wide range of family-oriented festive activities. For a more authentic Cinco de Mayo fiesta, families can visit the Mexican Folklorico Web site, www.alegria.org, to explore Puebla-influenced costumes and dances, and experience the region's native music.

To celebrate a traditional fiesta in your own home, invite

your family to wear similar costumes and dance to the Puebla-infused rhythms of a mariachi band, either live or via www.MariachiRadio.com. Complement the calorie-burning fun with an array of Mexican-infused cuisine, such as Sargento's Soft-Shell Chicken Tacos, featuring Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese.

After the chicken has been stewed in the skillet, arrange the taco toppings - shredded lettuce, chopped fresh tomato and cheese - atop a culturally-dressed (green, red and white) table, and allow family members to top their tacos to suit their personal tastes. Classic Quesadillas, which also feature Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese, offer a delicious break after an exciting round of hitting the piñata. Visit sargento.com to access a variety of additional Mexican-themed recipes that include healthier ingredients.

Sargento Foods Inc., based in Plymouth, Wis., is a manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded,

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Still owned by the Gentine family, Sargento celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2003, and has net sales of more than \$500 million.

SOFT SHELL CHICKEN TACOS

- ¾ pound boneless skinless chicken breasts halved
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 can (8 ounces) stewed tomatoes undrained
- ½ cup salsa
- 1 green onion thinly sliced
- 8 (7 inch) flour tortillas warmed
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 medium tomato chopped
- 1 cup (4 ounces) Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

Place chicken in one layer in

skillet over medium heat, season with cumin. Pour stewed tomatoes and salsa over chicken. Simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes or until chicken is tender, turning once.

Remove chicken, reserve liquid in skillet. Cool and shred chicken, add to skillet with green onion, cook two minutes or until most of the liquid is absorbed. Divide chicken mixture evenly down center of each tortilla. Top with shredded lettuce, chopped fresh tomato and cheese. Add cilantro, if desired, fold and serve immediately. Serves 4.

Nutrition information serving size 348 g, calories 575, protein 44 g, carbohydrate 63 g, dietary fiber 5 g, total fat 16 g, monounsaturated fat 4.9 g, polyunsaturated fat 1.8 g, cholesterol 91 mg, calcium 351 mg, iron 6 mg, sodium 957 mg.

CLASSIC QUESADILLAS

- 2 cups (8 ounces) Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese divided
- 1 cup canned black beans rinsed and drained
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

2 teaspoons chopped bottled jalapeno peppers
4 (8 inch) fat free flour tortillas
¼ cup chunky style salsa
¼ cup fat free or light sour cream (optional)

Combine 1-½ cups cheese, beans, cilantro and jalapeno peppers in a medium bowl, mix well. Spoon onto tortillas, fold each tortilla over.

Coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray, heat until hot. Place two quesadillas in skillet.

Cook one minute or until golden brown on bottom. Turn, sprinkle with ¼ cup cheese. Cover, reduce heat. Cook 2 minutes more or until golden brown and cheese is melted. Cover to keep warm.

Repeat with remaining quesadillas and cheese. Serve with salsa and sour cream, if desired. Serves four.

Nutrition information serving size 147 g, calories 340, protein 20 g, carbohydrate 33 g, dietary fiber 2 g, total fat 14.7 g, saturated fat 6.7 g, monounsaturated fat 1.9 g, polyunsaturated fat 0.5, cholesterol 38 mg, calcium 529 mg, iron 2 mg, sodium 878 mg.

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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 Mores, No. 6 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 Mores, 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 about Cinco de Mayo dishes at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday May 5 at the commissary kitchen of Prontol at 4343 Normandy Court (one block east of Coolidge) just north of 13 1/2 Mile Road in Royal Oak. Other classes include 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 Prontol at (248)

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Meet Greg Zotos
Gregory Zotos, an instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and a Livonia resident, will sign copies of his debut cookbook, Gregory's Prta 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 with easy-to-follow instructions and recipes that are short and to the point. This cookbook will enable you to prepare your favorite Greek dishes and tailor them to your liking. For information call (248) 347-0780.

Physician Incentive Program

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- Commitment to learn about and refer to BCBSM care management programs

To receive an application or set of selection standards, please contact Sue Pearson by telephone at (248) 448-6789, fax at (248) 448-5777 or e-mail to spearson@bcbsm.com. Deadline for application is July 26, 2004.



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For entrees, he likes mustard-bourbon grilled salmon, a dish he says brings him back to the South, as he worked in Atlanta before coming to The Community House three years ago.

There's coconut chicken, chicken breast marinated in coconut milk and soy, then glazed with a ginger and soy sauce.

"The shrimp has a ginger and soy marinade with tomato relish, then it is cooled with cucumbers and red bell peppers, and a lime vinaigrette is mixed with it," Engelhardt said. The mustard-bourbon grilled

salmon is served with whipped sweet potatoes, sautéed spinach and lump crab and glazed pecans.

"You can tell that spring is coming," Engelhardt said. "The flowers are coming in, and it's the same with all the produce. You have more varieties between the bitter and sweet greens."

"Strawberries are available all year long, but they are becoming more flavorful. You have a lot more flavor and a lot more color at this time of year."

The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street in Birmingham, will be serving Mother's Day buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday May 9. Tickets are \$26.95 for adults, \$15.95 for ages 4-12 and free for children under age 4. For information call (248) 644-5832.

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Recipes courtesy of Peter Engelhardt, executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham. Many of the dishes served on Mother's Day at the Community House will be similar to many of these recipes, Engelhardt said. Of course, chefs at home can use the marinades for the upcoming grilling season or enjoy the spring salad recipes anytime.

GLOBAL CHICKEN CUBAN STYLE MARINADE

- 2 cups fresh orange juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh garlic chopped
- 4 tablespoons cumin
- 2 tablespoons oregano
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped
- 1 yellow onion chopped
- 1 cup olive oil

Mix first six ingredients together, slowly whisk in the oil. Pour over chicken, let marinate for two to three hours, chilled. Grill chicken until done, (reach-

ing internal temperature of 165° F) Great with saffron rice and sauteed peppers and onion

GARLIC-GINGER SOY MARINADE

- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons fresh garlic chopped
- 4 tablespoons fresh ginger chopped
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro chopped
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 cup canola oil

Mix first seven ingredients together, slowly whisk in the canola oil. Pour over chicken, let marinate for two to three hours, chilled. Grill chicken until done or internally reaches 165° F. Great with steamed rice, snow peas and grilled pineapple

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- 3 cups pickled jalapeno slices
- 1 cup yellow onion chopped
- 1/2 cup chives chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh garlic chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- Juice of one lime
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoons cayenne

Peter Engelhardt certified executive chef, displays some of the Mother's Day fare at The Community House in Birmingham. He holds a plate of coconut chicken while mustard bourbon grilled salmon (left) and shrimp salad fill plates on the table.



- pepper
- 1/4 cups soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- 1/4 cups olive oil

Puree all ingredients

Pour over chicken let marinate two to three hours, chilled

Grill chicken until done when it reaches an internal temperature of 165° F. Great with black beans and rice

PEPPER-COCA COLA MARINADE

- 2 cups tomato juice
- 1 yellow onion chopped
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 fresh jalapeno pepper chopped
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 12 ounces Coca Cola

Mix all ingredients together. Pour over chicken, let marinate chilled for two to three hours. Grill chicken until done when it reaches an internal temperature of 165° F. Great with macaroni and cheese and Southern green beans

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

- 1/2 gallon buttermilk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup fine cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt
- 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons black pepper

Pour buttermilk over chicken, let marinate chilled for two to three hours. Mix together flour, cornmeal and seasonings. Dredge chicken in seasoned flour mix, go back and forth from buttermilk to flour mix two or three times, until nicely coated

Fry chicken crisp and golden, making sure chicken is cooked to 165° F internally. Great with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn

GRILLED SALMON BRUSCHETTA CAESAR SALAD

- 8 ounces salmon fillet
- 3 Roma tomatoes chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 10 ounces romaine lettuce chopped
- 6 ounces Caesar dressing
- 2 ounces croutons
- 2 ounces Parmesan shredded

Lightly season and grill salmon fillet until done, approximately 10 minutes and reserve

In a big bowl mix together the tomato, basil, parsley, lemon juice, oil and seasonings. Reserve (for bruschetta). In a big bowl toss together the romaine, dressing, croutons and parmesan

Split the lettuce mix between two plates. Split the salmon into equal portions and place on top of lettuce mix. Top each plate with reserved "bruschetta" serve. Hint: Bruschetta can be made a day in advance

GRILLED CHICKEN HARVEST SALAD

- 8 ounces chicken breast boneless skinless
- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 ounces balsamic vinegar
- 2 ounces raspberry puree
- 4 ounces olive oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon oregano dried leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 ounces organic spring mix
- 2 ounces red onion sliced
- 1/2 cucumber sliced
- 1/2 grape tomatoes
- 2 ounces sun dried apricot sliced
- 2 ounces walnuts toasted

Mix oil, garlic and chicken, then let marinate for one hour. Lightly season chicken, grill, and reserve. In a bowl mix vinegar, oil, raspberry honey and seasonings together, and reserve. Split between two plates the mixed greens, onion, cucumber, tomato, apricot and walnuts

Shce grilled chicken breast and top each salad with equal amounts. Drizzle with raspberry vinaigrette and serve. Hint: You can make dressing one day in advance, and you can marinate and grill chicken one day in advance

GRILLED SHRIMP & SPINACH SALAD

- 10 jumbo shrimp
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 1 cup button mushrooms sliced
- 1 teaspoon garlic chopped
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 ounces organic baby spinach
- 1/2 cucumber sliced
- 12 grape tomatoes
- 2 ounces red onion sliced

Mix together shrimp, 2 table spoons of salad oil, soy sauce, lemon and honey, marinate one hour. Grill shrimp and reserve

Saute sliced mushrooms and garlic in 1 tablespoon salad oil for approximately 10 minutes. Let cool then add soy sauce, lemon juice, olive oil and seasonings and reserve

Split between two plates the spinach, cucumber, tomato and onion. Top each salad with five shrimp, drizzle with "mushroom soy vinaigrette," and serve. Hint: You can make "vinaigrette" one day in advance, and can marinate and grill shrimp one day in advance

ORIENTAL CHICKEN NOODLE SALAD

- 8 ounce chicken breast boneless skinless
- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1 tablespoons garlic chopped
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 10 ounces linguine cooked al dente
- 4 ounces carrot julienne
- 2 ounces red onion julienne
- 4 ounces red bell pepper julienne
- 4 ounces snow peas julienne
- 3 cups salad oil
- 1 cup lime juice
- 3 tablespoons ginger fresh minced
- 1 tablespoon garlic fresh minced

- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Marinate chicken in oil, garlic, soy and lemon for one hour. Grill until done then reserve

Mix oil, lime, garlic, ginger, honey, cilantro and seasonings together and reserve

Toss noodles with carrots, onion, bell pepper and snow peas. Slowly add reserved dressing until well coated

Split the noodles between two plates, slice the grilled chicken breast and split it between the two plates placing on top of noodles. Serve

Hint: Chicken can be marinated and grilled a day in advance, noodles can be cooked a day in advance, vegetables can be prepared a day in advance, and dressing can be made a day in advance

SOLE IN PARCHMENT PAPER

- 4 6 ounce sole fillets
- 1 zucchini julienne
- 1 carrot peeled julienne
- 1 yellow squash julienne
- 1 red bell pepper seeded julienne
- 1/2 red onion julienne
- 1 potato large julienne
- 4 tablespoons butter room temperature
- 2 lemons (slice one, juice of one)
- 4 teaspoons parsley rinse chop
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 pieces of parchment paper

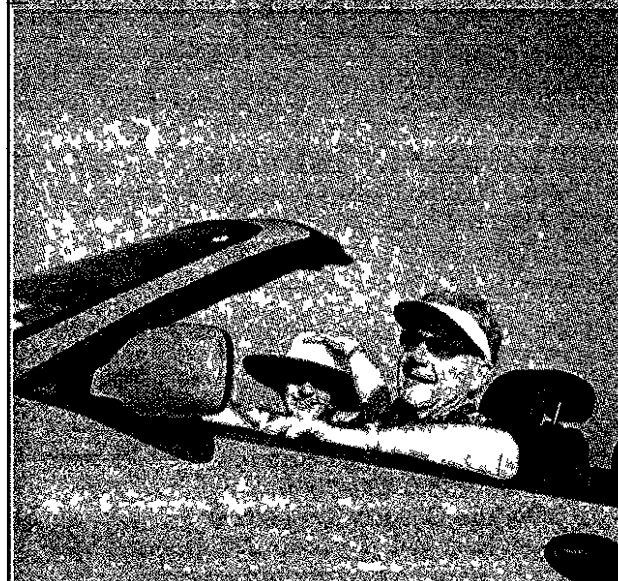
Cut paper into a heart shape, lay flat on prep table. Mix julienne vegetables together, place off-center on paper. Place sole on top of vegetables. Sprinkle with lemon juice, seasonings and parsley. Top with lemon slices and butter

Carefully fold bigger half of paper over the sole. Crimp edges around to seal. Place on baking sheet pan

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Go nuts with Asian style noodles

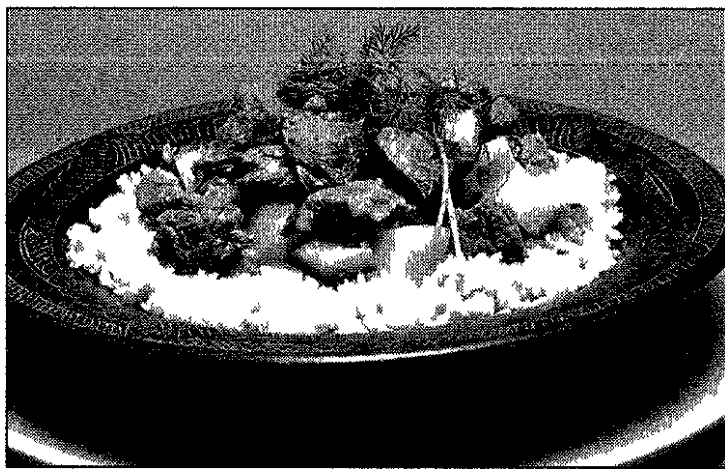
BY DANA JACOBI

Nutritional experts, including the American Institute for Cancer Research, now suggest we incorporate nuts into our diets. But nuts are loaded with fat and calories - so why has eating them gone from being considered naughty to nice?

Mainly, the change is a result of learning more about fats and the good they can do for us. The benefits are so positive that the FDA has authorized the claim that eating one and a half ounces of nuts per day as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease. They did this because most of the cholesterol-free fat in almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, and peanuts (technically a legume, but eaten as a nut) is mono- or polyunsaturated. Unsaturated fats can help lower blood cholesterol, especially "bad" LDL, and raise "good" HDL.

Some nuts, especially walnuts, contain omega-3 fatty acids, which also protect against the effects of LDL. And nuts can be a good source of fiber, as well as selenium, vitamin E, and other minerals and vitamins.

The challenge is keeping yourself to the recommended serving size (a modest handful), especially if you eat nuts as a snack, and even more so if you eat them directly from the package. It is at these times that fat grams and calories can skyrocket before we realize



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This noodle dish uses them in a creamy coconut milk sauce spiced up with three different Asian sauces

how much we have eaten. Incorporating nuts into a prepared dish is one answer. Whether sprinkling chopped hazelnuts on a spinach salad or mixing walnuts into oatmeal raisin cookies, I measure out the exact amount and put the container away. Peanut butter on crackers or in a sandwich is another easy option.

I prefer the way Southeast Asian cooks use chopped roasted peanuts in a sauce. This noodle dish uses them in a creamy coconut milk sauce spiced up with three different Asian sauces.

ASIAN STYLE NOODLES WITH CHICKEN

- 1 tablespoon peanut or canola oil
- 1/2 cup dry roasted unsalted peanuts
- 2-3 large garlic cloves finely chopped

- 1/2 cups fat free reduced sodium chicken broth divided
- 1/2-1/4 teaspoon dried chili flakes or according to taste
- 3 tablespoons light or dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Hoisin sauce
- 1 cup lite coconut milk
- 1/2 tablespoon fish sauce or reduced sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 package (7-8 ounces) dried rice (rice stick) noodles
- 3 large whole scallions sliced thin
- 1 large carrot cut in fine 2 strips
- 1/2 cucumber seeded and finely diced
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves finely chopped
- 1/4 cup mint leaves finely chopped for garnish (optional)

Heat oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add nuts to pan, reserving 1 tablespoon for garnish. Add garlic and saute until garlic is golden, stirring occasionally, about 2 minutes.

Transfer mixture to a blender or food processor. Add 1/2 cup of the broth and blend to a grainy purée. Transfer to a large skillet. Add all but 1/4 cup of the remaining broth, stirring until well blended. Stir in chile peppers, sugar, Hoisin sauce, coconut milk, fish sauce, soy sauce and lime juice. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Simmer sauce 2 minutes. Mix in chicken and simmer 1 more minute. Meanwhile, mix cornstarch into the reserved 1/4 cup of broth, stirring until well blended. Stir mixture into the sauce. Simmer 30 seconds, then remove from heat.

Place noodles in a large heat-resistant container. Add enough boiling water to cover. Let stand 3-6 minutes, or until noodles are pliable. Meanwhile, chop reserved peanuts to use as garnish. In a medium bowl, mix together scallions, carrots, cucumber and cilantro. Drain noodles in a sieve.

Evenly divide noodles among 4 individual plates.

Evenly spoon the chicken/peanut sauce on top. Sprinkle the mixed vegetables on top. Garnish with peanuts and mint, if using. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 361 calories, 14 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), 46 g carbohydrate, 14 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 751 mg sodium

Illustrator's contest for children begins

The Food Bank of Oakland County is publishing a very special book, *One Hungry Child*, just in time for this year's holiday gift giving.

Children with connections to anti-hunger organizations across the country will provide the anecdotal stories that fill the book's 10 chapters.

The book is written by Carol Dumitz, author of *Louder than Thunder*, with the forward written by Food Bank of Oakland County Executive Director Helen Kozlowski-Hicks, the creative force behind the book. *One Hungry Child* shares the lives and encounters of children nationwide who live in a state of hunger emergency.

The book will have 10 illustrations in addition to one on the cover.

Children from 5 to 12 years of age are being challenged to illustrate their version of *The Face of Hunger*. The top 11 entries will each have their illustration published in the book (one for each chapter) as well as win movie passes to their local Loews Cineplex Entertainment theater or a partner theater. The Grand Prize Winner will have their

illustration appear on the cover as well as receive an annual pass to a LCE theater, good for unlimited movies for one year.

To enter, Children must be 5 to 12 years of age. Their illustrations must be submitted on an 8 1/2- by 11-inch piece of paper (letter size). Children can use any medium to illustrate, including crayon, pastels, paint and pencil. The page must be one-dimensional - no collages or pictures with pieces attached. The child's name, phone number, parent/guardian name and the home address must be included on a separate piece of paper secured to the illustration by either a paper clip or staple.

Artwork will not be returned and by entering the contest, children and their parent/guardian agree to allow the publishing of their illustration without expectation of any remuneration other than prizes mentioned. The contest ends at 5 p.m., Monday, May 31.

Entries should not be folded. Entries should be mailed to Food Bank of Oakland County, P.O. Box 431385, Pontiac, MI 48343. *One Hungry Child* will be available for sale in October 2004.

Here's a quick recipe - steak with cilantro garlic sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 pounds skirt steak cut crosswise into 3 to 4 inch pieces

A fajita dinner is a crowd-pleaser, but it requires a vast spread that loads down a table with tortillas, pico de gallo, guacamole, grilled onions, sour cream and salsa.

This is a quicker route to the good stuff - juicy, grilled beef and a tantalizingly spicy sauce. The streamlined dish makes for a more elegant presentation, but maintains the boisterous taste of a family-style feast.

SKIRT STEAK WITH CILANTRO GARLIC SAUCE

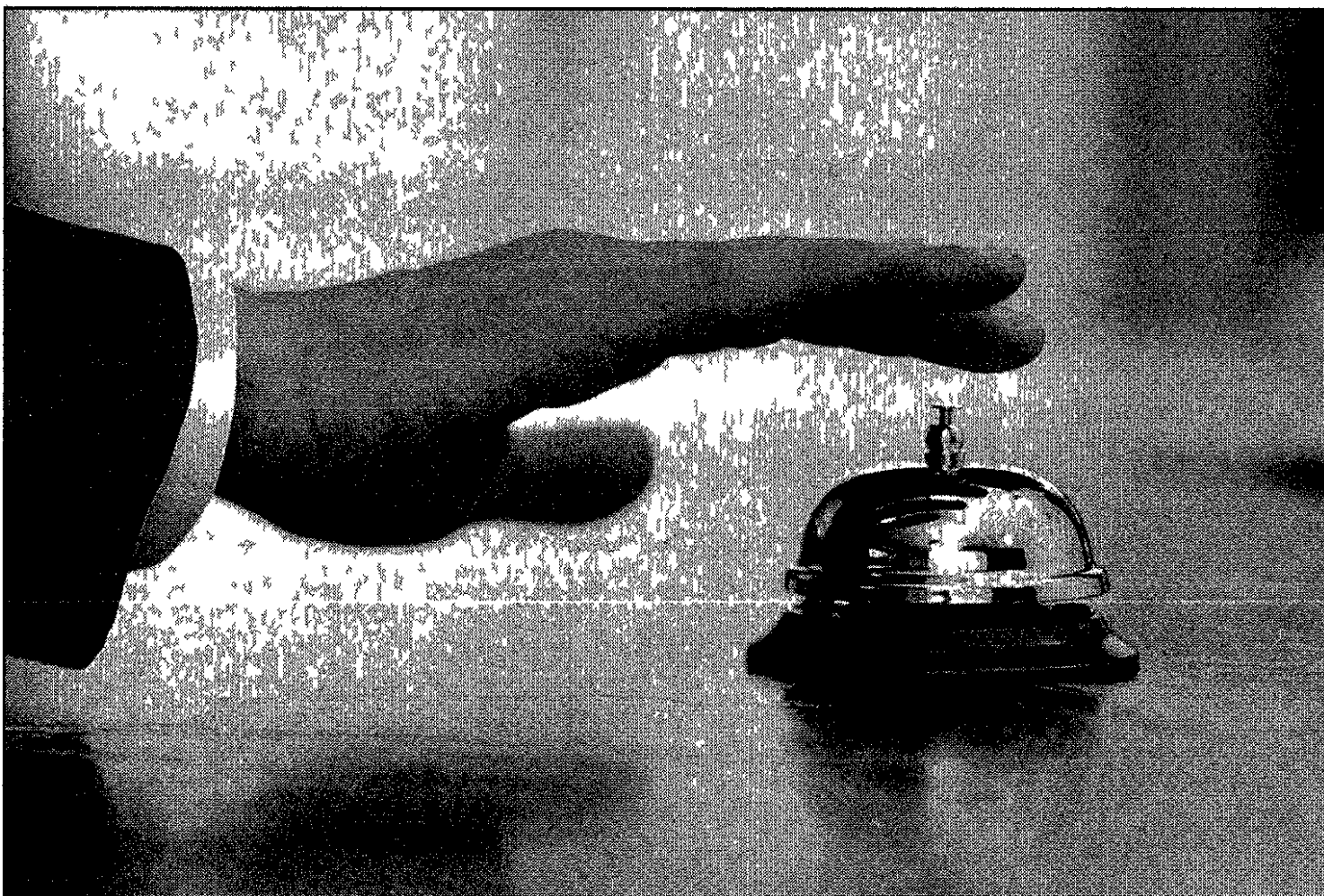
- For sauce:
- 1 medium garlic clove
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne
- For steak:

To make the sauce, mince garlic and mash to a paste with salt. Transfer to a blender and add remaining sauce ingredients, then blend until smooth.

Stir together cumin, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Pat steak dry, then rub both sides of pieces with cumin mixture.

Heat an oiled well-seasoned ridged grill pan over high heat until hot but not smoking, then grill steak in 2 batches, turning over occasionally, about 2 minutes per batch for thin pieces or 6 to 8 minutes per batch for thicker pieces (medium-rare). Serve steak drizzled with sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from *The Gourmet Every Day* feature in the April issue of *Gourmet* magazine.



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Sweeten this spring by enjoying some maple syrup

The warm days and cool nights that alternate throughout March and April are ideal for producing and collecting sap from maple trees. Sap flows daily as long as the freezing and thawing con-



Home Economist

Lois Thieleke
Maple syrup and sugar are one of the oldest agricultural commodities produced in the United States. Maple syrup is truly one of nature's most flavorful sweets. Originally, most annual sap was processed into sugar, while today most is marketed as syrup. It takes about 43 gallons of maple sap (with 2

percent sugar) to make one gallon of maple syrup. The sap is heated and the water evaporates. When the syrup reaches the correct sugar density, it is bottled and ready for use.

A bottle labeled pure maple syrup must be 100 percent maple syrup. Pure, all natural 100 percent maple syrup has no preservatives, no coloring, no artificial anything. Maple flavored blends may contain as little as 12 percent pure maple syrup. Read the label.

Unopened maple syrup can be stored for 12 months in a cool, dry place. Once opened, store the maple syrup in the refrigerator or freezer. If you open a large container of maple syrup, heat the excess to 190° F and re-can in hot, sterilized jars and seal. Process 10 minutes in a hot water bath. Store in a cool, dry dark place.

It is better to store maple syrup in glass rather than an

open tin can. If a sugary crust forms on the bottom of the container, set the container in a pan of not water until sugar dissolves. If maple syrup is left open, mold will grow on the top. If this occurs, skim off the mold and heat syrup to 190° F and skim off any remaining foam. The syrup will taste as good as it did when you purchased it.

Maple syrup can be substituted for sugar in many recipes. When substituting, use three-fourths cup of pure maple syrup for each cup of granulated sugar. When maple syrup is substituted for all the sugar in a recipe, reduce the amount of all liquid by three tablespoons for each cup of syrup substituted. If maple syrup is substituted for half the sugar, reduce liquid amounts by one-fourth.

Many cookbooks have recipes for main dishes

bread, cakes, cookies, pies, and more using maple syrup. Maple syrup can also be enjoyed over pancakes, ice cream, French toast or cereal. (Heat maple syrup slightly and pour over buttered pancakes, waffles or French toast.)

To add a little different flavor to whipping cream, add a little maple syrup after the cream has been whipped and serve over angel food, pound or white cake or bread pudding. Pour a little maple syrup over apples when baking.

Maple syrup can be used for a glaze on baked ham, ham loaf, pork chops, roasts or chicken. Next time you make baked beans, add some maple syrup. Drizzle maple syrup on cooked carrots, sweet potatoes or squash. Combine maple syrup with plain yogurt or stir maple syrup into hot coffee and serve with a cinnamon stick. One tablespoon of maple

syrup is about 50 calories, which is comparable to other syrups.

The quickest and easiest candy to make is called maple nugget. Boil one cup maple syrup until it forms a softball in water (236° F). Remove from heat, add one tablespoon butter and beat until it thickens. Add one and one-half cups of puffed rice cereal. Mix thoroughly and drop on wax paper. So simple, but great tasting.

To make hard maple sugar candy, use a darker grade of syrup. Heat until the temperature is approximately 252° F. Remove from heat and begin stirring immediately, when the syrup begins to thicken and sugar crystals form, pour the partially crystallized syrup into molds to harden. Soft maple sugar candy is made by boiling the syrup to 233° F, but don't stir the mixture during this process. Cool slowly, with the

pan set on a wooden surface to more evenly distribute the heat, and even if you're tempted, don't stir until the temperature of the syrup solution drops to 110° F.

Beat with a wooden spoon until it becomes lighter in color and creamy in texture. Pour into greased molds and allow to harden. Box this candy as soon as possible as the air will dry it out.

Maple syrup is a natural, sweet treat that has been around since before the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620. It is a pure product, with nothing added, and only the water is removed during the concentration process. It can be said that the maple syrup is a pure, natural sweet sign of spring.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist at the Oakland County office of the Michigan State University Extension Services.

Women's show offers new recipes

Visitors to the 2004 Michigan International Women's Show, today through Sunday in Novi, can experience new recipe ideas.

Shari Steinbach, healthy living advisor for Meijer, and chef Dianna Stoffer of Certified Angus Beef will prepare beef recipes on the cooking stage in the Meijer pavilion.

Steinbach will prepare Simple Beef Burgundy Over Pastry Shells and Tex-Mex Beef Wraps with Tomato Corn Salsa. The recipes include pre-made products that can be purchased ahead of time. The recipes can be easily prepared in 30 minutes or less.

Stoffer will make Grilled Meatloaf Mediterranean, Thai Beef Wraps and Steak Salad Martini. All recipes feature Certified Angus Brand cuts and ingredients that combine for elegant and entertaining entrees anyone can prepare.

Steinbach and Stoffer will host several demonstrations. Stoffer appears to fix these respective dishes at the following times and dates: 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today, to fix Grilled Meatloaf Mediterranean, and Thai Beef Wraps, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Steak Salad Martini, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Thai Beef Wraps.

Shari Steinbach of Meijer appears at 3 p.m. today, Simple Beef Burgundy Over Pastry Shells, and at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, Tex-Mex Wraps with Tomato-Corn Salsa.

WINE

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Jelly! Our version of steak au poivre strikes a happy medium between the French preference for slow-cooking beef and American fast-grilling and serving beef medium rare.

STEAK AU POIVRE

- 3 pounds boneless sirloin
- 2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/2 cup cabernet sauvignon based red wine
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 1 teaspoon salt

Rub 1 tablespoon pepper into each side of the sirloin.

Heat a large skillet to red hot. Add 1 tablespoon butter and the oil, stirring until both are melted and blended together.

Add steak to skillet and sear 2 minutes on each side. Reduce heat to medium and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side for medium rare. Remove steak to a heated serving platter. Keep warm. Add wine, brandy and salt to skillet. When warmed, whisk in remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Simmer 2 to 3 minutes. Pour over steak and serve with potato gratin or garlic mashed potatoes. Serves six.

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QUAKER OATS

Bake a batch of Multi-Grain Apricot Oat Muffins to have on hand for a nutritious breakfast-on-the go or healthful mid-morning snack

These muffins will add whole grains

There's more to losing weight than trimming calories and fat from foods. For many of us, what we add to our diets may play a more important role in weight management than what we avoid.

There's mounting evidence, for example, that eating more whole grains and dietary fiber can help keep weight in check. A study recently reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that middle aged women with the greatest consumption of whole grains weigh less than those who do not and are less likely to gain weight and become obese.

To get the most out of the powerful health benefits of whole grains, aim for three servings a day. Product names sometimes can be misleading so look for products labeled with a "whole grain" flag or "100 percent whole grain" banner, and check the ingredient list to be sure "whole oats" or "whole wheat" are listed first. Eating a bowl of oatmeal (instant, quick or old fashioned) at breakfast and a sandwich made with 100 percent whole-wheat bread at lunch are two of the easiest ways to add more whole grains into your diet. Also try adding oats, the only whole grain that contains both types of fiber, soluble and insoluble, to your favorite recipes. Add 1/2 cup of quick or old fashioned oats per pound of lean ground beef or ground turkey breast when making meatloaf, meatballs, burgers or taco filling, and replace up to one-third of the flour with whole-grain oats whenever you bake.

Bake a batch of Multi-Grain Apricot Oat Muffins to have on hand for a nutritious breakfast-on-the-go or healthful mid-morning snack. The combination of whole-grains oats, whole-wheat flour and wheat

germ pack a powerful nutrition punch, while apricot fruit spread doubles as both a filling and glaze.

If a cool and creamy blender drink better fits your morning routine, sip on a Strawberry-Orange Smoothie. Frozen berries, reduced-fat yogurt, calcium-fortified orange juice and whole oats blend quickly into a frosty, fruity, breakfast shake that's sure to tempt even the most reluctant breakfast eater. If there's no time to sit and sip simply pour the smoothie into a travel mug to enjoy on the way.

For more delicious whole-grain oat recipes and healthy eating tips visit www.quakeroatmeal.com

MULTI-GRAIN APRICOT OAT MUFFINS

- 1 cup oats (quick or old fashioned uncooked*)
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup wheat germ honey crunch or regular
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 egg whites lightly beaten
- 1 cup fat free milk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup apricot fruit spread plus additional for glaze
- Oats for topping
- *If using old fashioned oats add 2 tablespoons additional flour

Heat oven to 400 °F. Place paper muffin liners in 12 regular muffin cups, set aside.

In large bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, wheat germ, baking powder, orange peel, cinnamon and salt, mix well. Combine egg whites, milk and oil, mix well. Add to dry ingredients all at once. Mix just until blended. (Batter will be thin.) Fill each

prepared muffin cup 2/3 full with batter. Carefully spoon 1 teaspoon apricot fruit spread in the center of each muffin cup. Spoon remaining batter over fruit spread dividing evenly. Sprinkle each filled muffin cup with oats.

Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven to wire rack. Lightly brush additional fruit spread onto the warm muffin tops to glaze. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pans. Serve warm.

To freeze: wrap cooled muffins securely in foil, or place in freezer bag. Seal label and freeze up to 6 months. Makes 12 muffins.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe (1 muffin) Calories 180, calories from fat 45, total fat 5g, saturated fat 1g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 170mg, total carbohydrates 29g, dietary fiber 2g, protein 4g.

STRAWBERRY-ORANGE SMOOTHIE

- 1 cup frozen unsweetened strawberries 5 ounces (about 10 berries)
- 3/4 cup light vanilla yogurt (reduced fat and sweetened with aspartame)
- 1 cup calcium fortified orange juice
- 3/4 cup oats (quick or old fashioned uncooked)
- 1 to 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger or 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Combine all ingredients in blender container or food processor work bowl. Blend until smooth, stopping blender once and stirring.

Pour into 2 glasses. Makes 2 servings.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe. Caloried 240, calories from fat 35, total fat 4g, saturated fat 1.5g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 70mg, total carbohydrates 44g, dietary fiber 5g, protein 10g, calcium 35 percent DV, vitamin C 120 percent DV.

Recipes courtesy of The Quaker Oats Company

Gelatin Poke Cake blooms inside

While flowers are blooming outdoors, it can also blossom inside with colorful desserts that will delight family and friends.

Brightly-colored gelatin "pokes" through in every slice of a Gelatin Poke Cake, making this dessert a delicious way to complement virtually any decor. A versatile recipe, the gelatin can be prepared in any one of the colors of the rainbow. Or, for those who can't get enough of creamy treats, a Fluffy Lemon Fruit Pie is a wonderful twist on a traditional cheesecake. The delightful combination of sweet, fresh berries and tangy lemon pud-

ding will make mouths water and give cause to celebrate. For more seasonal recipes, log on to www.jello.com

GELATIN POKE CAKE

- 1 package (2 layer size) white cake mix or cake mix with pudding in the mix
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 package (4 serving size) gelatin dessert any flavor
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 tub (8 ounces) whipped topping thawed

Heat oven to 350°F. Prepare and bake cake mix as directed on package to make two 9-inch cake layers. Remove from oven. Cool cake in pan 15 minutes. Pierce

layers with large fork at 1/2-inch intervals.

Meanwhile, stir boiling water into gelatin in small bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water carefully pour half of gelatin over each cake layer. Refrigerate 3 hours.

Dip one cake pan into warm water 10 seconds, unmold layer onto serving plate. Spread with about 1 cup of the whipped topping. Unmold second cake layer carefully place on first cake layer. Frost top and sides with remaining whipped topping.

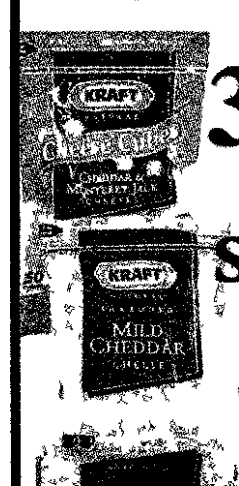
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Don't be 'floored' by renovations

Our condo association is having a problem with respect to the flooring that certain co-owners want to put in. We are concerned about the noise transmission and am wondering if you have any suggestions or ideas concerning a policy for flooring.

The Board of Directors is frequently asked to decide on changes to the flooring of a condominium unit. Unfortunately, sometimes the co-owner makes the change without Board approval which should result in Board action including the institution of legal proceedings, if necessary. The Board should create a policy for all flooring types to keep the peace and quiet. The Board should review the condominium documents to see if any flooring materials, other than carpeting, can be used without an amendment. The Board should determine who is qualified to help develop specifications for acceptable flooring options, that is a sound engineer, architect, flooring company, etc., and should create specific sound proofing requirements. The Board should develop a process for review and approval that includes submission of remodeling plans and sound proofing receipts, and establish construction regulations that specify insurance requirements and remodeling hours. There should also be a procedure to investigate floor related noise complaints. Contact your Association attorney to review the proposed policy.

Our attorney in his literature brags about how many associations he represents and how knowledgeable he is. Unfortunately, we can never get a return phone call. How do I get the other members of our Board to consider other attorneys?

As with any service provider, it is incumbent upon that service provider to provide good service. No doubt your attorney is capable, and has gained a share of the market, probably because of his fee structure. However, he has not apparently kept up with his clientele by having adequate back up personnel or does not have the time to properly service his clients. Unfortunately, your Association will no doubt suffer and the Board should recognize the need to engage other counsel or advise your present attorney of the need to better service your Association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com

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BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes a community has to work at comprehending a specialized language, the jargon of a particular activity — astrophysics, say, or cooking or weed control or cheerleading.

Real Estate English sometimes can be challenging to house-hunters. There are all those words and phrases that turn up in for sale ads and on listing sheets — words and phrases that can need translating back into everyday talk.

Recently, the Anonymous Translator made a rare periodic visit to the metro area and provided current definitions of some common real estate expressions.

■ **Affordable** Might not be your dream house, but you'll still be able to buy food.

■ **Amenities**, lots of Stove and refrigerator, hammock in the yard, supermarket cart in the garage.

■ **As is** OK, nothing's perfect. Bring your tools, you've got a new hobby.

■ **Bungalow**, substantial. A brick doll house.

■ **Character**, lots of. This is a charmer with a fireplace.

■ **Charmer** Any house built before you were born, might have cove ceilings and hardwood floors.

■ **Charming**, exceptionally. This is a doll house with archways and lilac bushes.

■ **Cozy** Very pleasant and comfy, but you might have to give away the Great Dane.

■ **Curb appeal** Everyone going by will say you bought a beautiful home.

■ **Decorating allowance** possible. When you close on the purchase, you'll get

some money to replace the worn carpeting that almost drove you away.

■ **Doll house** A small house with beautiful landscaping.

■ **Family home** Possibly a traditional-style house in a traditional-style subdivision, with enough bathrooms to make life manageable for mom, dad, and a herd of teenagers.

■ **Foyer**, charming. "Elegant" suggests spaciousness. See cozy.

■ **Great value** Could be the cheapest house on a pretty street.

■ **House**, a whole lot of. You might hate how it looks but it's roomy.

■ **Motivated seller** Bought another house, can't handle two payments.

■ **Move-in condition A** OK, you can use the paint money to buy furniture.

■ **Move-in condition B** The clutter has been cleared out. Aunt Vicky took the bird cage.

■ **Needs imagination** Picture the clutter removed, drywall patched, sink scoured, yard raked, and the sellers gone.

■ **Priced to sell** Sellers are packed, have a morning flight to Florida.

■ **Sharp** Appealing house with appealing price.

■ **Starter home**, cute. Quite like starter home, desirable, but with more exterior attractiveness. (See curb appeal).

■ **Starter home**, desirable. The home you'll love to sell someday.

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Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Discounting loan may make sense

I am normally not a huge fan of discount points on mortgages, but there are times that they can really make sense for certain borrowers. Now may be one of those times. With rock-bottom mortgage interest rates beginning to rise, adding discount points to your loan — more commonly known as "buying down the interest rate" — can yield some profound financial results for borrowers in the long run.

In the mortgage world, one "point" equals one percent of the borrower's loan amount. For example, one point assessed on a \$100,000 mortgage would cost \$1,000. One discount point will typically reduce the interest rate of a 30-year fixed rate mortgage by about one-quarter percent. For example, a borrower paying zero points at 6.25% should expect to pay about 6% after paying one discount point. The general rule is slightly different for shorter-term loans.

LONG-TERM BENEFIT

By far, the most important thing for borrowers to remember about buying discount points is that it will only benefit them in the long term. Borrowers will normally not realize the financial benefit of discount points until their loans are about five years old. To this point, consider that one discount point on a \$150,000 mortgage costs \$1,500 and will save the borrower about \$25 per month at today's rates. Not accounting for inflation, it will take that borrower 60 months, or five years, to make back the cost of his discount point.

Where's the strategy of using discount points? Obviously, if you are quite certain that the loan you are getting into is going to be your last for well beyond five years, you will probably benefit from one or more discount points.

Retiring seniors purchasing homes stand to gain the most from discounting their mortgage rates, especially if they do not plan to move ever again. Using equity from the sale of their existing homes to buy down the interest rate on their new purchase will result in a significant increase in their net disposable income — or their "fun money" — every month. This can be very important to those on a fixed-income.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.phillipsHQ.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Take stress out of selling your home

(NAPSI) - Selling a home can be stressful. With nearly six million existing home sales occurring in the US during 2003, along with a record 68 percent national homeowner rate, that can be a problem. Happily, the stress associated with putting your home up for sale can be avoided. Some common sense preparations can help. The first step should be an objective review of the state of your home. Sellers who don't have their homes in move-in

condition are at a decided disadvantage. To get ahead of the curve, a thorough, professional home inspection should be done and all required repairs completed before the first potential buyer walks through your door. In addition, be sure you have current, local home sales data available to you so you can determine a fair selling price. Listing your home far above its appraised value, in the hopes of making a "killing" on your sale, may unnecessarily turn off potential buyers.

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Mortgage rates steadily rising

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages rose for the fifth week in a row, climbing to their highest level of the year.

The average rate on a 30-year, fixed rate mortgage increased to 5.94 percent, up from 5.89 percent, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported April 22 in its weekly nationwide survey of rates.

This rate was the highest since 30-year mortgages averaged 6.02 percent the week ending Dec. 5. It marked the fifth straight increase since 30-year rates hit a low for this year of 5.38 percent the week ending March 18.

Increasing signs that the economy's recovery is gain

ing momentum, including a good employment report for March, have pushed bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to also rise.

'Although this month's dramatic rise in mortgage rates is consistent with an economic recovery, it will take more than one month of strong employment gains to verify this recovery is sustainable,' said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

The market is behaving as though the recovery is a fat accomplishment and has entered a volatile period of trying to outguess the Federal Reserve Board's next move," he said.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress that the recovery is solidly on track and that at some point short-term interest

rates must rise to keep inflation in check. But he didn't say when that might happen.

Some economists believe the Fed may push up short-term interest rates later this year. Others, however, don't believe higher rates will come until 2005.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rose to 5.25 percent, up from 5.23 percent. One-year adjustable mortgages, rates remained at 3.69 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

This time last year, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.79 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.12 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.79 percent.

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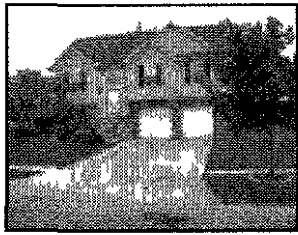
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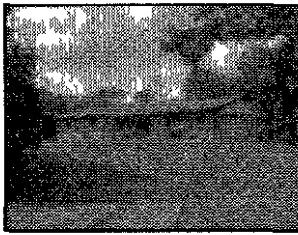
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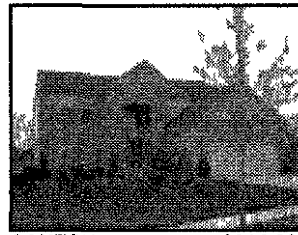
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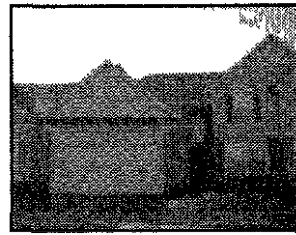
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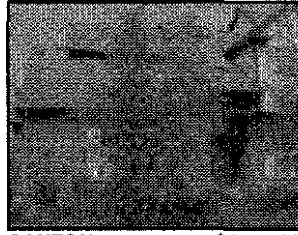
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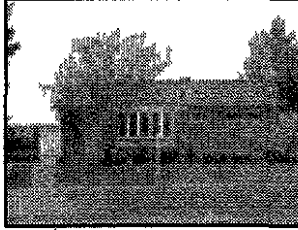
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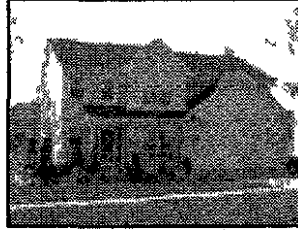
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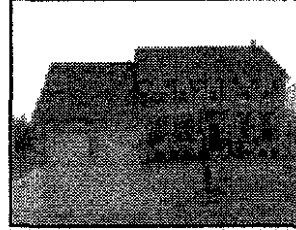
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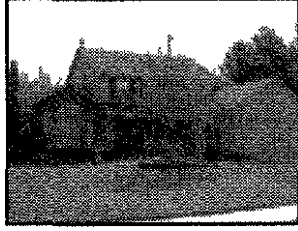
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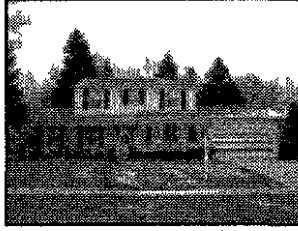
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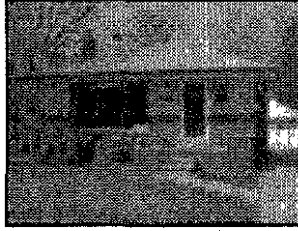
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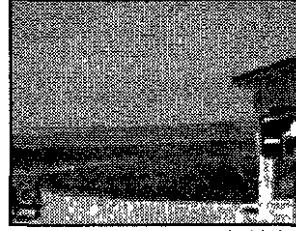
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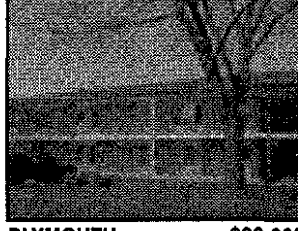
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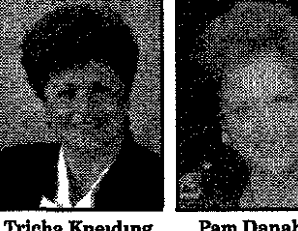
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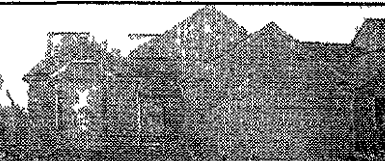
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PLYMOUTH Beautiful Detached Condo
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SOUTH LYON Welcome Excellence
You see this over for a luxury home. 4 bedroom suites w private baths. Neutral w/ tile Braz. an che. y floors on main level. Granite kitchen w/ marble. 1 replace. Spacious earthy decor. Custom lighting. Spectacular.

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WESTLAND Very Nice Bungalow
with open floor plan huge updated oak kitchen. hardwood floors. newer roof w/ windows & furnace. Large deck n fenced yard.

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GARDEN CITY New Community
Very nice detached Ranch Condo with 2 full baths. 1 replace daylight windows in basement. 2 car attached garage. Spacious floor plan. Dining room. Kitchen w/ tin snackbar. Pleasure to show. Buyer pays tax.

(E28BIR) 734 455 5600 \$195,475




BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Colonial
4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath 2 car garage. Romantic master suite w/3 skylights. Large GR oak kit w contemporary lighting. Bay door. Kit nook view of wetlands & wildlife. Bsmt. Corner lot.

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PLYMOUTH Mint Condo
Prime 3 BR 2 1/2 BA and unit backs to priv woods. Fin. L perfect for teenage or n. aw. quarter. Newer carpet. Bay door. Appl. FL. Private deck area. A newer carpet. Some hardwood floors. Double door walls. Newer.

(E77HID) 248 349 5600 \$389,900




CANTON Spacious Condo
Very neat & clean 3 BR 2 1/2 BA 2 story unit. Neutral deco. 1/2 DR has doorways leading to your large deck. Partly finished basement w/ ec room & additional room for office or storage. Large kitchen w/brkfst nook.

(E79SAR) 248 349 5600 \$205,900



PLYMOUTH Charming Duplex
Both units have new kitchen oak cabinets and one white cabinets. All newer windows. Gas fireplace. Hardwood floors. Separate basements.

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WAYNE A Honey for the Money!
Great home in great neighborhood. 3 bdr m. 1 1/2 bath. w/ appliances. Freshly painted. 1/2 & mmed. ate occupancy.

(E02HAY) 734 455 5600 \$127,777




LIVONIA Needs A Family!
Charming 3 bdr m. 1 1/2 bath home w newer mult. d ments. on roof. vinyl siding & updated windows. Large 2 car garage on extra large lot. Walking distance to shopping & schools.

(E9CUR) 734 455 5600 \$199,000



NORTHVILLE Smile You Found It
Sharp 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath on a family home. Gas eat in kitchen. Updated kitchen. Door to door carpet. Large deck. 2 car garage. 2nd floor master suite. 3rd floor BR's. P entry of storage. 3 car garage & more.

(E57HOL) 248 349 5600 \$446,950




LIVONIA Eye Catching Colonial
Absolutely stunning Livonia 4 BR brick colonial so pampered so many upgrades. Neutral decor. Delightful kitchen. Expanded FR w/ 1/2 DR. Form. DR. Upgraded. C.A. in vinyl. Gutters. 2003 garage door. 1 replace in family room. Remodeled kitchen. All appliances.

(E48SHE) 248 349 5600 \$244,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Well Maintained
This bed room Bungalow with new windows. Updated oak kitchen. Roof hot water heater and central air conditioning. New vinyl windows in basement. 2 car garage and new cement driveway.

(E30STA) 734 455 5600 \$122,677



LIVONIA This is it!
Ranch condo in the woods of Livonia. 2 bdr m. 1 1/2 bath. Freshly painted & ready to move in. West w/ vic. Court setting. Closest to shopping & X ways.

(E06CLA) 734 455 5600 \$115,500



WHITE LAKE Adorable & Affordable
another in vinyl siding. 3 bdr m. 1 1/2 bath. 2 car garage. Fenced back fully decorated. Updated appliances. HPP.

(E92OVE) 734 455 5600 \$154,900




DEARBORN WOW!
Bring your friends & family to this 3 bed room bungalow. Some features include hardwood floors. Newer siding. New windows. Updated appliances. 2 car garage. 2nd floor master suite. 3rd floor BR's. P entry of storage. 3 car garage & more.

(E50HUB) 248 349 5600 \$159,900



CANTON Great Yard w/ Large Deck
4 BR 2 BA home in the new amenities. Some of them are: roof w/ transferable warranty. New windows. 1st floor vinyl gutters. 2003 garage door. 1 replace in family room. Remodeled kitchen. All appliances.

(E46SOM) 248 349 5600 \$211,900



MILFORD New Construction
Pick your colors in this lovely 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial w/ 2 car attached garage. Basement study. Ceiling in family room and vaulted ceiling in master bedroom.

(E63TUR) 734 455 5600 \$259,900



DEARBORN HGTS 4 Bedroom Brick
Cape Cod w/ finished basement & oads of character. 2 1/2 bath. 18x20 covered back porch. Newer CA & roof. 2 car garage. Openers & plenty of storage. Clean & well cared for. Newer flooring in kit. Bath on all floors.

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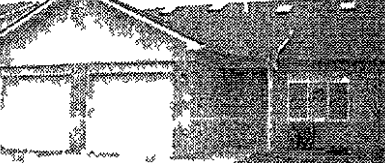
NORTHVILLE Golfer? This is For You!
Beautiful home w/ extensive upgrades. 4 BR 3 1/2 BA. 1st floor MBR. Marble cabinets & floor. T/O. Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances & granite. P offensively landscaped & ivy s & fence.

(E77BAY) 248 349 5600 \$649,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Course 2 BR Condo
Outstanding 2 story w/ open floor plan. Ideal for entertaining. Natural maple cabinets. Hardwood floors. Eat in kitchen. Huge MBR suite w/ dressing room. 2 WIC's. Skylight in MBR bath. 2nd BR w/ private bath. FFL & 2 car garage.

(E64LYO) 248 349 5600 \$319,900



BROWNSTOWN Ranch Style Condo
Lovely 2 BR unit w/ neutral deco. Vaulted ceilings. Plant edges and large kitchen w/ many cabinets. Super clean & across from Commons area. One car attached garage. All appliances newer and stay. Unit only 3 years old.

(E64STO) 248 349 5600 \$124,000




PLYMOUTH One Look & It's Yours
Everything is done in this charming 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home with updated oak kitchen. Siding windows. Pergo floor and carpet. Built in family room. Oversized 2 car garage.

(E45COR) 734 455 5600 \$208,000



CANTON Golf Course Community
5 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial w/ 2 car garage. 2 story foyer w/ hardwood floors. FFL. Master suite w/ walk in closet. 1st floor w/ b counter area for entertaining. Family room w/ fireplace. Off ceiling w/ french door. Sp. nkr & sec system. Home warranty.

(E70HIG) 734 455 5600 \$399,999




NORTHVILLE One Of A Kind
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CANTON Relax & Enjoy
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LIVONIA Condo Living At Its Best
Go geous brick townhouse in great location. Features include recessed lights. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplace & attic garage. Built in 2001. A must see.

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SOUTH LYON Beautiful Scenic Views
Wonderful approx 2 acres w/ pond. 3 BR 2 1/2 BA walk out porch. Fin bsmt w/ full bath & fireplace. 3 car garage. Large kitchen. FF laundry. Large deck. Newer windows & roof. Newer septic & water system. South Lyon schools.

(E77TEN) 248 349 5600 \$259,900




YPSILANTI Better Homes & Gardens
Best described this beautiful 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial w/ in open floor plan. Two story family room w/ fireplace. Kitchen w/ island. Dual staircases. Basement and 2 car attached garage.

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NEW BOSTON Bright & Cheerful
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W BLOOMFIELD Welcome Home
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Contemporary
4 BR 3 1/2 BA home on wooded lot w/ vinyl finished w/ o. LL. Siding & kitchen newer. Neutral carpet. Ceramic floors. Wet bar w/ wine ceiling & skylights. Master BR w/ huge WIC. Two furnaces. 2 A/C units. Fantastic. Don't miss.

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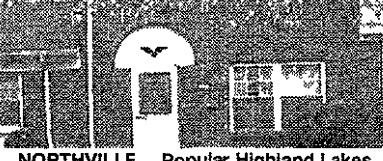
LIVONIA Rosedale Gardens
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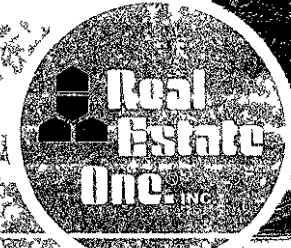
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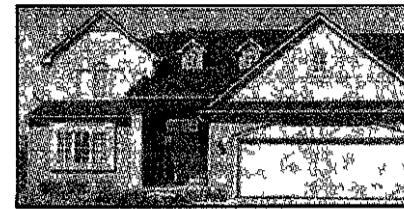
PLYMOUTH \$598,000
FINISHED WALKOUT BASEMENT! 3 500 SF 4 BRs 3 5 BA col w/prof fnshd walkout bsmt 2 FP's 2 kitchens Top of the line everything Many many upgrades Exceptionally clean & neut (23S9058)

734-455 7000



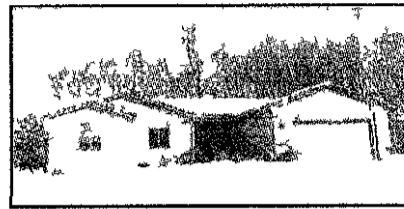
NOVI \$514,900
WONDERFUL HOME IN POPULAR CHASE FARMS Great open fir plan spacious kit & brkfst area formal LR & DR comfortable den FR w/ cathedral ceiling brick patio deck & great fin bsmt (24040687)

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SOUTH LYON \$479,900
4000+ GORGEOUS FINISHED SF! 3 BRs 3 5 BAs dk hwd thru out cherry cabs in kit w/brkfst area soaring GR w/2 way FP 1st fir mstr ste fin bsmt w/full BA sauna theatre rm wet bar & more (S23627)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$312,900
EYE CATCHING RANCH ON GREAT LOT Comfortable home backing to woods spacious GR w/cathedral ceiling & FP 3 BRs 2 full baths pleasant kit & brkfst area nicely fin bsmt & deck (72PH12)

248-348 6430



REDFORD \$299,900
GOLF COURSE & COUNTRY CLUB SETTING accent this custom blt & completely updated home Almost 3000 SF 3 5 BAs 2 FP's huge kit private lot bsmt & 2 car garage FR w/wet bar & more (M15033)

734 591-9200



LIVONIA \$279,900
1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace roof windows Pride of ownership shows Hardwood floors kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk in pantry (01PIC2)

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NORTHVILLE \$264,900
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner Quality updates have been maintained Two baths cozy fireplace home office and a lovely private yard (32LAN2)

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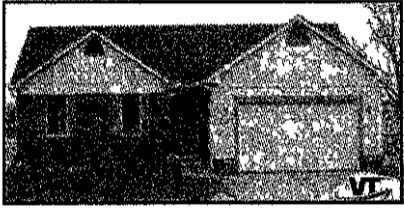
LIVONIA \$249,900
TOTALLY RENOVATED RANCH 3 BR 2 BA everything replaced using quality workmanship thru out You'll be sure to appreciate the fenced in lg lot w/2.5 car gar with loft (L10685)

734-591 9200



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$249,900
VERY CLEAN & SPACIOUS TRI LEVEL Desirable area 2400 SF 4 BR poss 5th BR 2 5 BA 2 car direct access gar FP wet bar Lg covered patio & 1 yr warranty finish off this well priced corner lot (715)

734-591 9200



LIVONIA \$239,900
HERE'S THAT NEWER RANCH you've been looking for 3 BRs 2 BAs GR w/cath cell FP & wet bar mstr w/full ba cath cell formal DR lg kit huge part fin bsmt 2 car attd gar & more (O28277)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$220,900
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2 story cell makes this LR inviting FR w/adj powder rm Can be blt w/ 3rd BR Avail upgrades Ext landscpng sprnkir sys lawn main & snow remov Prime locat (23A1205)

734-455-7000



PLYMOUTH \$212,900
RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP 3 BR 1 5 BA brk colonial tastefully decorated w/extra special touches Lg eat in kit w/oak cabinetry FR w/gas log FP remodeled bath hwdw firs & much more! (C9343)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE \$205,000
LEXINGTON COMMONS CONDO Comfort & convenience at a great price! 3 BRs 2 full & 2 half BAs spacious rms thru out lower level is a fin walk out 2 car attd garage Immediate occupancy (R828)

734-591 9200



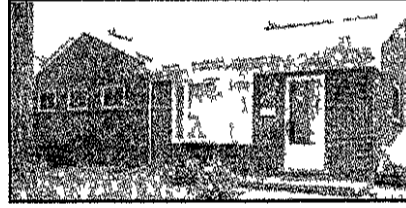
NOVI \$194,900
CONDO WITH A VIEW! Contemporary ranch condo on the water 2 BRs 3 BAs finished LL garage Close to everything what more do you need? Also comes w/ pool cabana & tennis courts (70EDG2)

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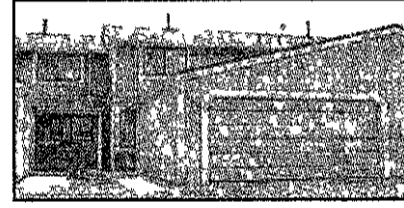
PLYMOUTH \$194,900
THE ARBOR has an open fir plan Fin lower lvl rec rm next to laundry & powder rm Townhome comm will feature landscpng sprnkir sys lawn main/snow remov Low asso fees (23A1205)

734 455 7000



LIVONIA \$179,983
BUDGET PERFECT! Livonia ranch needs a new king & queen 3 bedrooms 2 full baths Newer windows & carpeting Porch & fenced yard Party finished basement w/extra room (23W28983)

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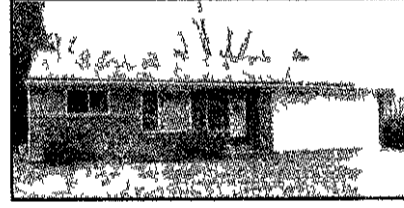
NORTHVILLE \$179,900
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE 2 BR condo w/ 2 full baths + 2 half Finished walkout BSMT Up dates include New carpet 03 roof in 03 fur nace & A/C in 99 HWT in 03 2 car attached ga rage (Y856)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$169,900
BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO Comfort able living on all 3 floors Bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors fireplace hardwood floors near shopping & restaurants Must see to appreciate! (C677)

734-326 2000



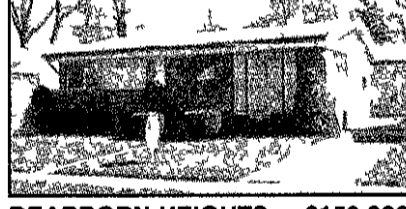
WESTLAND \$169,900
OUTSTANDING RANCH & GREAT LOCATION Great 3 BR 1 5 BA ranch w/many updates Redone oak kitchen w/newer appliances that stay! Bath redone w/Jacuzzi Full bsmt 2 car att garage (32TON2)

248-348 6430



WESTLAND \$164,900
AN ANSWER TO A DREAM is this 3BR brick ranch in Westland Full Bsmt & 2 car garage W/ opener all on a LG 77x120 lot Enjoy newer furnace windows carpeting roof shingles and C/A (P124)

734-326-2000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$159,000
WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR, 1 5 BATH HOME neutral decor thru out family sized kit w/pantry ceramic bths blt in oven/range bsmt is tiled carpeted & paneled Many updates and desirable neighborhood (V26811)

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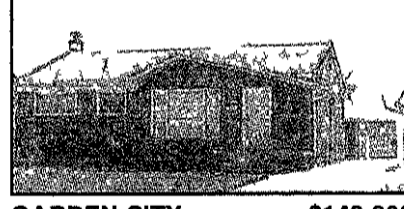
NOVI \$154,800
RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2br carriage unit w/ 1 car direct access garage new windows carpet neutral decor Very open floor plan Move right in! (45PEL2)

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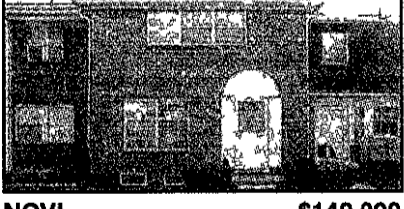
GARDEN CITY \$149,999
COMFY CAPE COD is this 3 bedroom brick home in Garden City 2 full baths 3 car garage Lots of nice features newer windows doorwall to deck double lot (M319)

734 326-2000



GARDEN CITY \$149,900
APPEALING TO THE POCKET AND THE EYE 3 bedroom ranch with 2 full baths and full finished basement C/A & 2 car det garage Remodeled kitchen w/oak cabs Hwdw floors (F286)

734-326 2000



NOVI \$149,900
CHARMING CONDO WITH ALL THE EXTRAS! Very clean & spacious novi condo Plenty of extra rm in this country style colonial Relax in your fenced patio or go for a swim in the pool (24040815)

248-348-6430



WESTLAND \$140,000
SLEEPING BEAUTY Just a little TLC and this can be a beauty! Livonia schools 3 BRs partially finished basement 4 car mechanic's dream garage 80x130 lot Hurry! (F631)

734-326-2000



WAYNE \$135,000
WAKE UP WITH A SMILE in this cute all brick ranch Beautiful updated kitchen newer windows doors & alum trim Roof & A/C 3 years 2 car garage home warranty All appl included (23M31620)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$129,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes Within a block of Lawson Field offers tennis basketball & play area Nice floor plan with finished basement (L19158)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$125,000
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)

734-591 9200



SOUTHFIELD \$120,000
PERFECT STARTER HOME New roof patio furnace A must see! Smaller sub Shed in backyard that is fenced Clean describes it all Perfect for starter or empty nester Show & Sell! (S218)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$112,900
3 BEDROOM RANCH newer vinyl siding newer windows roof shingles a/c Appliances included Newer brick patio A perfect starter home (B33632)

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WESTLAND \$112,500
BEAUTIFULLY REDONE HOME New kitchen top to bottom newer carpet remodeled bath new interior & exterior drs Neutral decor 2 car det gar w/220 privacy fenced yd Immediate occupancy (C5982)

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WESTLAND \$109,900
GREAT LITTLE STARTER HOME! Everything has been done for you Newer crpt newer wndws newer roof newer kitchen flooring Freshly painted 2 car detached gar on a huge double corner lot! (23B35553)

734-455 7000



REDFORD \$109,000
ENJOY SUNSET VIEW OVER THE GOLF COURSE Great starter home Updated but still charming Brck ranch hwh cove & curved arch ways Newer windows roof plumbing & elec 1st fir indry lots of storage (24025220)

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WAYNE \$99,900
GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided bungalow 2 bedrooms with a possible third 10x10 barn style shed large covered patio overlooking deep lot 150+ feet hurry (J445)

734-326-2000



INKSTER \$99,900
EVERYTHING IS DONE! Newer windows roof garage furnace & C/A 3 bedrooms 2 full baths Partially finished basement Really nice house w/garage & carport (N123)

734-326-2000



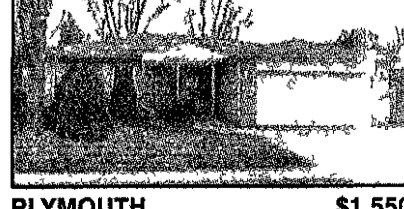
DETROIT \$84,900
MOVE RIGHT ON IN! Whole home has been redone in the last 5 years! New kit bath carpeting breezway Neutral decor on a corner lot Bring all offers! (23R7403)

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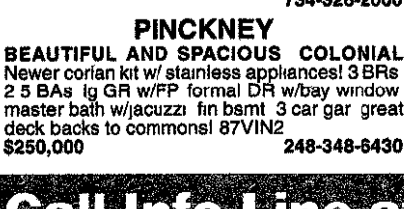
WESTLAND \$75,000
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN! Affordable 1 BR 1 BA condo w/freshly painted interior New carpet kit fir dishwasher & blinds Newer roof huge walk in closet Pato faces beautiful pond! (95W002)

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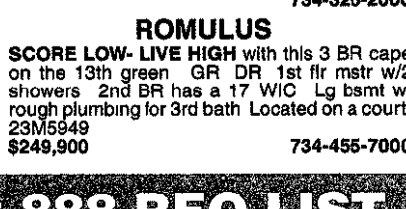
PLYMOUTH \$1,550
PLYMOUTH LEASE Neat & clean 3 BR 1 5 ranch w/2 car attached garage Full basement Fenced yard sidewalks & school in sub (24036291)

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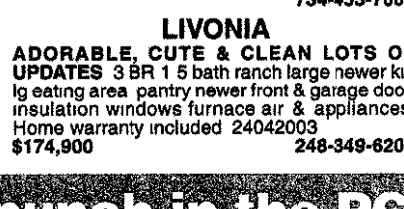
PINCKNEY \$250,000
BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS COLONIAL Newer corlan kt w/ stainless appliances 3 BRs 2 5 BAs lg GR w/FP formal DR w/bay window master bath w/jacuzzi fin bsmt 3 car gar great deck backs to commons! 87VIN2 (24036291)

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ROMULUS \$249,900
SCORE LOW- LIVE HIGH with this 3 BR cape on the 13th green GR DR 1st fir mstr w/2 showers 2nd BR has a 17 WIC Lg bsmt w/ rough plumbing for 3rd bath Located on a court 23M5949

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$174,900
ADORABLE, CUTE & CLEAN LOTS OF UPDATES 3 BR 1 5 bath ranch large newer kit lg eating area pantry newer front & garage door insulation windows furnace air & appliances Home warranty included 24042003

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$149,900
HAWTHORNE HILLS SUB 3 BRs 1 5 BAs finished bsmt 10x14 Florida rm 2 car side entry garage All new items of wndws furn w/c hwh kit All appliances stay 88600 (PC03182)

734 591-9200



REDFORD \$123,000
HUGE LOT on this homey bungalow 3 BRs new bath carpet pergo fir fresh paint newer furn hwh vinyl wndws & siding Very very clean & neat All appliances included Call now! W15823

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FLAT ROCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Antiques/Flea Market Sun May 2 7am 3pm 200+ Dealers Free parking & admission Flat Rock Speedway 1 mile S of Flat Rock on Telegraph Road No pets allowed 734 782 5220

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LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL Rummage Sale Fabulous 26th Annual Sat May 1 8 1pm 3 45pm LaHSer Rd btwn Long Lake & Square Lake Rds Bloomfield Hills

LIVONIA ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Hubbard Rd (1st signal light W/of Merriman btwn 5 & 6 mile) Fri April 30th 9-4 Sat May 1 9-2 Bag sale at 12 30 pm Plants & Bake sale

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE Fri Apr 30 9 4 Sat May 1 9 12 bag sale Prince of Peace Church 12/Farmington Rds

SOUTHFIELD Church Rummage St Ives Southfield Thur & Fri Apr 29 30 9 4pm May 1 9am 12noon 29350 Lahser N of 12 Mile

TROY First United Methodist Church 6363 Livernost btwn Square Lake & S Blvd May 1 8 1 8 2 bag sale at 11 00

VENDORS NEEDED St Paul Lutheran Lapeer 6th Annual Flea Market Sat May 1 9am 5pm Booths \$25/inside \$10/outside 810 678 2507

7100 Estate Sales 7100

ANOTHER BLOW OUT ESTATE SALE BY DECORATIVE ANTIQUES

FRIDAY & SAT APRIL 30 & MAY 1 10-4 13215 DRURY LANE PLYMOUTH TWP (Take 96 west to M-14 to Beck Rd left on Beck to N Territorial left to Danbury Ct to Drury Lane) Beautiful Duncan Phyfe Regency sofa carved Victorian chairs & tables many small beautiful pieces of Mahogany wooden cabinets Mahogany marble topped chest's small scale secretary Gone with the Wind oil lamps rockers trunks samplers Selb Bavarian china cut glass pressed glass candlesticks cups & saucers huge amounts of linens ladies clothing sizes 8 & 10 garden misc Everything in good condition SEE YOU THERE!

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ESTATE SALE LIVONIA Full house & garage incl fur niture pool table glassware antiques Hummel collection antique Victrola nearly new 8hp snowblower & mulching mower also 32209 Bretteon N of 7 W of Merriman April 29 29 May 1 Garage opens at 8am house at 8 30am

ESTATE/MOVING SALE Great antique furniture & col lectibles including beautiful armoire & corner cabinet Also TV's dishes linens & much more 665 Apple Hill Ln Rochester Hills btwn Rochester Rd/Dutton off Orion Rd Fr 4 30 Sat 5 1 10 4 No early birds

FARMINGTON HILLS 23510 Sans Souci 10 Mile & Middlebelt Antiques pump organ dresser bed tools books lamps & household Thurs & Fri 9 5pm

FRANKLIN Silver crystal antiques collectibles art fur niture records 1919 copper wash machine books Minks fox muskrat furs Jewelry electric Craftsman snow blow er exercise kitchen/glass ware redwood patio set w/umbrella golf clubs balls motorized put carts chain saws much more On 13 Mile go S on Franklin Rd (1st light W of Telegraph) to W on Woodside Dr Follow to 30175 Woodside Ct Sorry no pre sales Thursday 9 00AM 4 00 PM Friday 9 00AM ?

PRESTIGE ESTATE SALE Fri/Sat April 30 & May 1 10 4 2524 Timberwyck Troy Timberwyck E off Adams Rd between Watties & Long Lk

MOVING SALE Living & dining room furniture in exc cond Accessories Plants pictures kitchen clothes more 248 646 3504

REDFORD ESTATE SALE May 7 8 9 9 4PM 20105 Olympia off Beach Daly between 7 & 8 Mile Look for signs Full house Kitchen living bedroom dining garage Don't miss! Assisted Moving 734 751 5028

ROCHESTER 4/29 & 4/30 9 4 156 Maywood E of Rochester S of Tienken Iron stone china oak dining sets lamps bedroom sets china cabinets furniture & antiques!

ROCHESTER April 29th May 1st 9 4 No early birds! 251 Redwingwood Oakland Valley Sub N Rochester Rd past Mead E Cedarwald N Coahcamp E Reddingwood Household items furniture tools clothes

TROY 5201 Abington (Long Lk & Rochester Rd) April 30 & May 1 9am 1pm Antiques bedroom & dining sets misc items 248 689 6967

Garage Sales 7110

Bellville 3 Family Antiques misc April 29 30 4 170 W Columbia (Huron River Dr & Main next to A&W)

BEVERLY HILLS Sat 10 5 Sun 12-4 21655 W 13 Mile just E of Lahser +size clothing

BIRMINGHAM Sat 9 3pm 1090 Puritan btwn Southfield & Cranbrook N off Maple Furniture household etc

BIRMINGHAM HUGS SALE 1095 Lincoln Court (N off Lincoln/W of Woodward) Thurs Fri Sat 9am 4pm FURNITURE TOYS LOTS OF GREAT STUFF!

BIRMINGHAM Moving Sale Fri 4/30 8am 4pm Sat 5/1 8am 2noon 1344 Brookwood Birmingham (S of Quanton W of Chesterfield) Assorted furniture loft bed kitchen items linens toys games electronics

BIRMINGHAM Multi Family Sale Antiques furniture cam era display case baby bed bent wood rocker house ware odds of misc items you won't want to miss! 921 Brockwood Fri & Sat 9 5pm

BLOOMFIELD 2 HOMES! 4170 & 4180 Sandy Ln Telegraph & Maple Antique vintage & eclectic furniture & household Wicker clothes shoes Christmas Thur Fri 9 5

Garage Sales 7110

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Huge garage sale Thurs April 29 & Fri April 30 10 4 6280 Dakota Circle Maple & Franklin

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Moving all must go! Baby items household goods furniture etc Thurs 9 4 & Fri 9 4 2656 Plum Brook Square Lake & Odyke

BLOOMFIELD TWP April 30 & May 1 9 5pm 120 Vorn near Maple/Lahser

BRIGHTON GARAGE SALE 7586 Settlers Pointe Drive 4/29 thru 5/2 Everything must go including large play house

CANTON Thurs Sat 9 4pm 41460 Stafford Court NW of Palmer & Haggerty

CANTON 1250 Heritage Dr N of Palmer W of Haggerty Fri & Sat 9am 3pm

CANTON 39665 Koppernick Rd btwn Hix & Haggerty A bit of everything plus Stamp Station close out rubber stamps papers shelving etc April 29 30 May 1 2 9 4pm

CANTON 7207 Emerson (off Warren W of Lilley) 4/29 5/1 9 to 3pm home items 50 s toys playsets yard stuff variety of items

CANTON Big Garage & Moving Sale April 29 May 1 from 9 to 5 each day Sofa Futon Book Shelves Computer TV bikes 41569 Singh Dr Canton

CANTON Garage Sale Huge! Multi Family Furniture Boy & Girl Clothes baby materni ty 2289 Abbey Ct Canton S/Palmer E/Sheldon 4/29 5/1 Thur Fri Sat 8 5

CANTON Huge 5 family garage sale Apr 29 May 1 9 4 2067 Bellingham Forestbrook Sub Palmer & Sheldon

CANTON Huge! 5686 Willow Creek W/275 off Ford btwn Lilley & Sheldon Th Sat 8am

CANTON Sat 5/1 10 4 48250 Gyde Joy Rd & Beck Household antiques furniture

CANTON 2 Saturdays only! April 24 & May 1 10am 4pm 7555 N Ridge Rd 1 mi W/Beck just N/Warren

CANTON A Huge Sub Sale in Holiday Park Apr 29 May 1 9 4 S of Joy E of I275

CANTON MOVING SALE! TONS of Baby/Toddler items MARY KAY COSMETICS 40% off Furniture Misc House hold items S of Joy W of Morton Taylor on Oakbrook (734) 354 0811

CANTON Windsor Park Sub Wide/Sale Thurs April 29 30 & May 1 9am 5pm N/Warren btwn Lilley & Sheldon

CANTON Many kids toys & clothes Furniture misc Fri Apr 30 & Sat May 1 9-4 6629 Chadwick N/Ford W/Canton Center

CLARKSTON Clarkston Ridge Subwide Sale! April 30 May 1 9 4pm 10 12 families Off Sashabaw Rd N of Clarkston Rd Look for signs

COMMERCE TWP May 1 & 2nd 10 6 Const Co invento ry sale Windows doors & etc M & Pontiac Trail fol low signs 9220 Tanbay

DEARBORN HEIGHTS April 29 May 1 9 5pm 7100 Plainfield S/Warren E/Mkster

Dearborn Hts The Big One! 4 family! Plus size men's & women's clothes Fri Sun 8 13 Silvery Ln Off Ann Arbor Tr Beech/Telegraph

FARMINGTON HILLS Great sale Sat May 1st 9 4! Art furniture linens kitchen & more 23696 Haynes (S off 10 Mile E of Orchard Lake)

FARMINGTON HILLS Inde pendence Commons (Grand River/11 Mile off Drake) 25355 Crown Pt Ct April 29 30 May 1 9 4pm Toys clothing tapes etc

FARMINGTON HILLS Ramblewood Sub Sale 20+ homes Fri Sat May 7 8 9am 5pm Enter off 14 15149 between Halstead & Drake Free Maps at gatehouse

FARMINGTON HILLS Sub Sale 10 Mile/Middlebelt area Apr 29 30 & May 1 9 5

FARMINGTON HILLS Temple Israel Garage Sale to benefit Kadima Sunday 9 4pm Children's items and equip ment exercise and household equipment much more 29235 Glencaste Ct 2 blocks S of 11 just E of Middlebelt

FARMINGTON HILLS Quaker Valley Sub Sale April 30 & May 1 9am 5pm N/11 Mile & W/off Farmington

FARMINGTON HILLS 32063 Bonnet Hill Rd Kendallwood Sub off 12 between Orchard Lk & Farmington Rd Furniture in & out kitchen items framed pictures baby items clothes books much more April 30 & May 1 7am 5pm

Farmington Hills. Antiques collectibles tools bunk beds Little Tykes Fri & Sat 8am 4pm 30185 Fox Grove Canterbury Commons 13 Mile & Orchard Lake

FERNDALE Garage yard craft show & sale 11am to 6pm Saturday May 8 at 1620 Beaverfield near 9 Mile & Livernost Get good stuff art supplies vintage clothes music & more for a steal

LIVONIA Huge Sale! Fri April 30 15614 Hickies Ct N of 5 W of Newburgh 9am 5pm

LIVONIA 14911 Marsha 5 Mile & Newburgh April 29 30 May 1 & 2 9am 5pm

LIVONIA 28437 Gita Middle belt & Lyndon Sat & Sun May 1 & 2 9 4 Furniture clothes & toys

LIVONIA 35018 Elmira Power tools wood trim pieces & household Fri & Sat 10 5

LIVONIA 4 Family Sale 4/28 5/2 10 5 Lots of stuff 18982 Laurel S 7 & W/Farmington

LIVONIA April 29 May 1 9 3pm 29738 Macintyre W/Middlebelt N/W Chicago

Garage Sales 7110

LIVONIA Big Sale! Great stuff all priced to go! Fri Sun 9 5 18797 Westbrook 7 M/Levan

LIVONIA Garage Sale furni ture clothes kitchen misc Sat May 1 & Sun May 2 9am 5pm 19835 Parkville 1 Bk E of Middlebelt btwn 7 and 8 Miles

LIVONIA HOUSEHOLD GOODS games toys older childrens clothing May 7 8 9am 4pm 18643 Comstock (E of Newburgh S of 7 Mile)

LIVONIA KIMBERLY OAKS SUB SALE APRIL 30 & MAY 1 9AM 5PM FARMINGTON RD N/SCHOOLCRAFT AND S/5 MILE ANOTHER ENTRANCE OFF SCHOOLCRAFT/FARM INGTON MANY HOMES PAR TICIPATING COME & SHOP IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

LIVONIA MOVING! Furniture lots of tools large & small household small appliances adult clothes garden linens piano 37 yrs of stuff 15164 Yale S/off 5 miles E/off Levan Fri 4 30 10 6pm Sat 5 1 10 4

LIVONIA Multi Family New stuff added daily 29th Thurs Sat 10 6pm 11837 Cavell N off Plymouth W of Southfield

LIVONIA Tool sale Thurs Sat 9909 Fairfield S/Plymouth W/Merriman Shot guns fish ing tackle sewing machines

LIVONIA 4 Families House hold items toys clothes antiques & collectibles books Corner Igwa & Delaware Thurs & Fri 9 5pm

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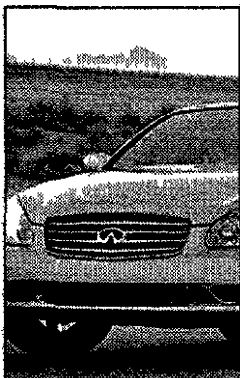
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BY DALE BUSS

For several years now, Korean carmakers including Hyundai and Daewoo have been trying to steal a page out of the Japanese playbook that succeeded so well beginning in the late Seventies.

Like Toyota and Honda, the Koreans entered the U.S. market with econoboxes, in an attempt to establish a market foothold in the Eighties. Since then, after having gained a certain amount of acceptance by American consumers, they've been filling out their product lineups with higher-quality small cars, mid-size sedans and, most recently, sport-utility vehicles. Hyundai, for example, manufactures Accent and Elantra small cars as well as the Sonata midsize sedan and the Santa Fe, a mid-sized SUV that has drawn plenty of good reviews.

But beginning in 2001, Hyundai really upped the ante for itself and the entire Korean auto industry by boldly foraying into the near-luxury niche. It launched the XG300 sedan, which impressed some reviewers as a significant value for its mid-20s sticker price and as another notable step forward for Hyundai. Hyundai changed the car's name and engine size in 2002 by increasing the power plant to 3.5 liters from three liters.

For 2004, and the XG350, Hyundai has changed the car's exterior styling, upgraded the mechanics and added various interior-feature refinements - all without raising the price. But while XG350 certainly presents many of the attributes that must attend a car that calls itself near-luxury, in some other ways it still misses the grade. Make no mistake that there's still a gap between Hyundai and many of the vehicles that truly populate the near-luxury segment - and are priced to remind consumers of that.

Styling-wise, XG350 in its newest incarnation certainly looks more the part of a luxury car. It has a larger grill and sleeker projection-lamp headlights than earlier versions. Overall, the impression is of a vehicle exterior the way that Buick or Oldsmobile designers might have rendered one a few years ago,



The Hyundai XG350 is an especially roomy car by mid-size sedan standards.

with a touch of a Ford look thrown in. There's not a lot about the vehicle that is reminiscent of Japanese-owned luxury makes such as Lexus and Infiniti.

XG350 certainly drives nicely enough. There is substantial responsiveness from the 194-horsepower, dual-overhead-cam engine, which produces 216 pound-feet of torque at 3500 rpm, including not only dead-start situations but also acceleration on the freeway and around town. Shifting is smooth enough with the five-speed automatic transmission. There were times driving the car that I could have been forgiven for mistaking its performance for that of a near-luxury entry.

Inside, one of the most impressive things about XG350 was the copious seating areas, both front and rear, and also the huge trunk. It's an especially roomy car by mid-size sedan standards. The leather seats are plenty comfortable, and the trim presents a bit of a sumptuous look, with burl wood and leather, that again can lead driver and passengers alike to mistake themselves for being aboard a much more expensive vehicle. A power sunroof and other accouterments add to the deception. There are even some nice touches that I'm not sure I've

seen elsewhere, such as the very sensible pairing of the interior switches to open both the trunk and the fuel lid - and the placing of them very conveniently on the lower driver-side front door.

At the same time, however, there are telltale indications - some of them very significant - that with XG350, Hyundai is more trying to simulate a near-luxury automobile for the price than actually to provide one. Some of the signs are small, but they add up to a subtle if significant feeling. For example, the CD player is a standard one-disk, in-dash model that lacks dynamic range - not the six-CD players that have become practically standard equipment in many near-luxury vehicles. And while much of the interior trim looks rich, the car's headliner material looked and felt ordinary at best. The instrument panel and controls clusters, while practically laid out for the most part, lacked any pizzazz or even stylishness. And the lack of any kind of navigation system was a glaring one.

Hyundai is getting closer to being able to provide near-luxury at standard prices. But it's still got a ways to go.

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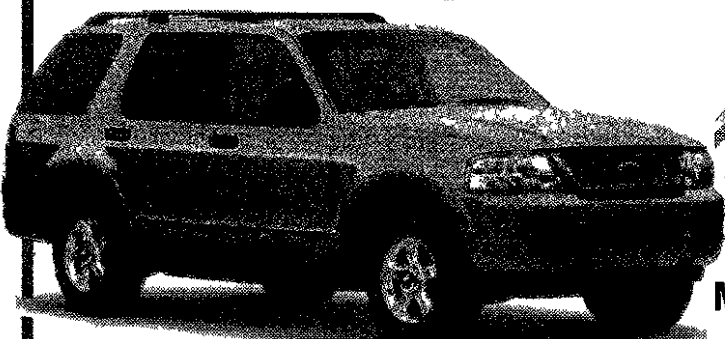


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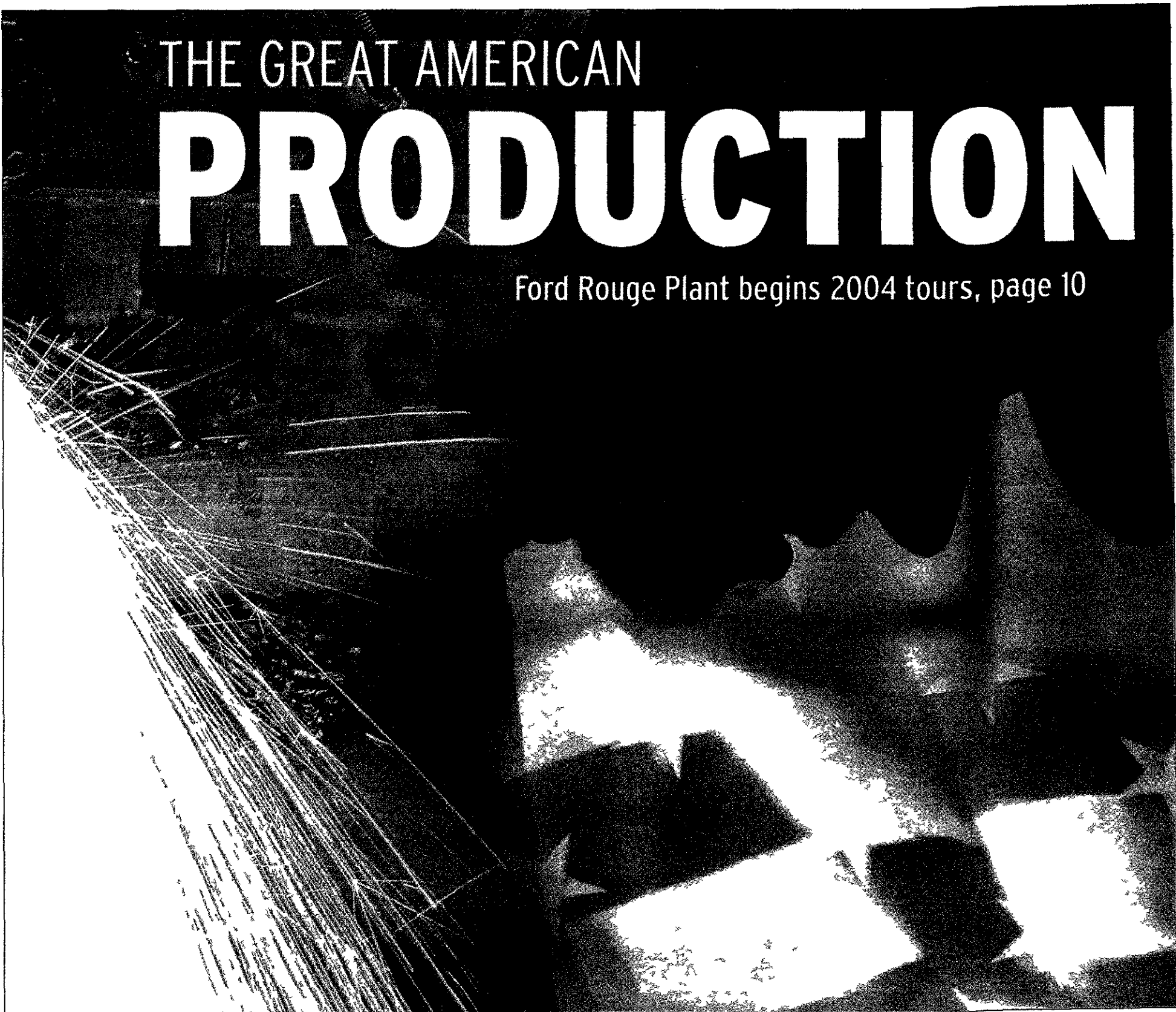
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Birmingham Art Festival picks up digital art

An outdoor art show – summer must be on the way

High tech digital art – the Birmingham Fine Art Festival must be getting hip

Slated Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9, in downtown Birmingham's Sham Park, the annual festival will showcase work by 260 artists from across the country and represent 17 media, including ceramics, fiber, furniture, glass, photography, painting and jewelry

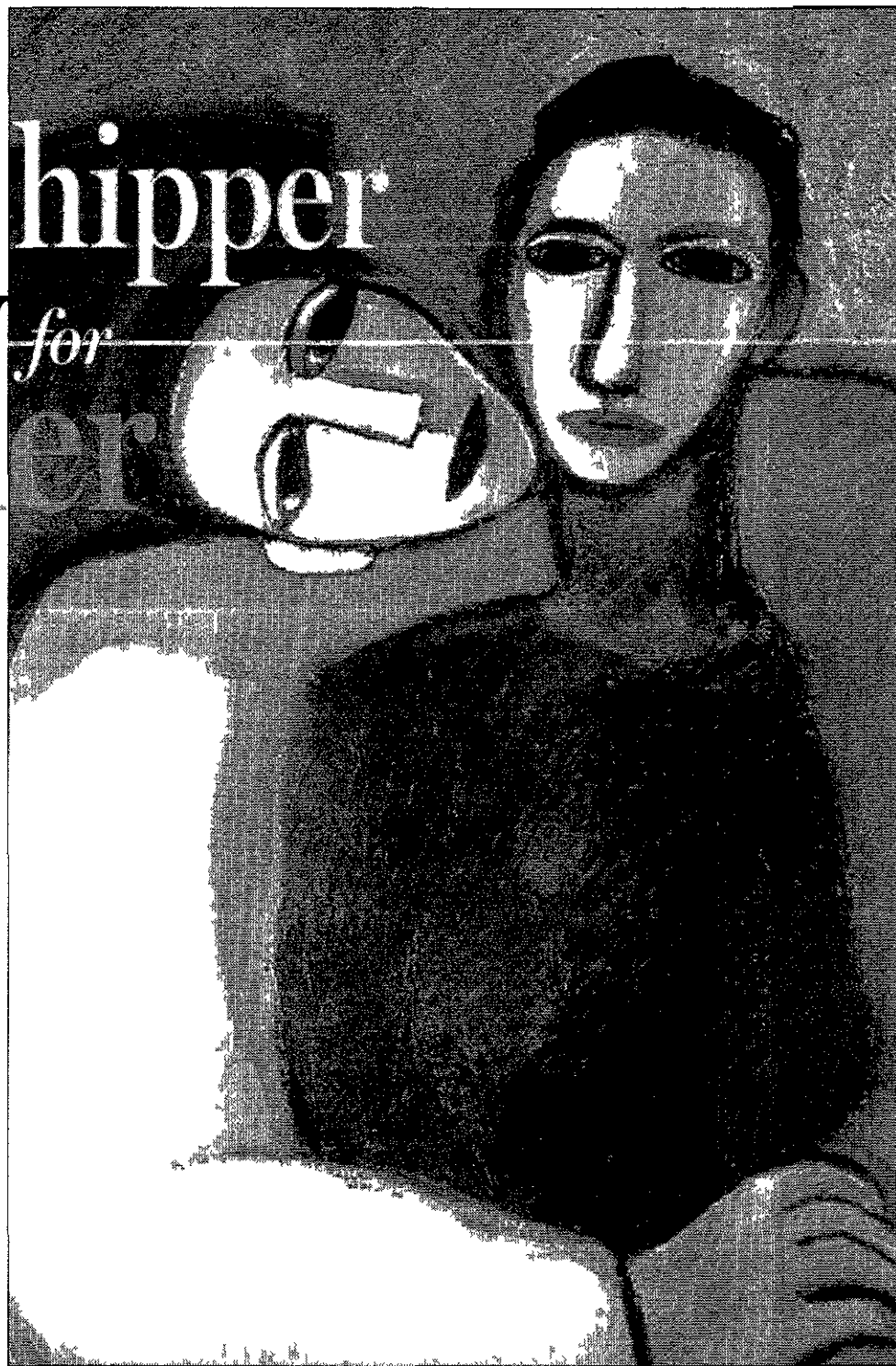
"It's really important for an art festival to keep in step with what's going on in the world and to make the show fresh," said Sharon Stanton, special events coordinator for the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, which produces the event along with the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber

INTIMATE SETTING

Another change Organizers have reduced the show's size

"We wanted a little bit more of an intimate setting," Stanton said "It's more conducive to looking at art and buying art"

All pieces in the juried art show are for sale Five cash prizes totaling \$2,600 go



BIRMINGHAM FINE ART FESTIVAL

Artists from across the country participate in the Birmingham Fine Art Festival Among them is Florida artist Hatsue Miki who rendered this oil stick painting

to awarded artists

This year's featured artist is Sadie Wang, a Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate who now lives in Tennessee

Known for her metal hollowware jewelry, Wang is recognized as a major artist in her field Last year Wang earned the Award of Achievement from the American Craft Council Show in Atlanta, Georgia

Food vendors, live entertainment and children's art and science activities round out festival offerings

"We just try to make it an enjoyable experience for all the artists and, of course, all the people who are coming to the show"

Organizers expect a whopping 80,000 attendees

GOING DIGITAL

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TRACY BENNETT

Andy Serkis (left) and Jennifer Garner (center) star in Revolution Studios' be careful what you wish for romantic comedy *13 Going on 30*

'13 Going on 30' fun, flirty

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charleston, W.Va., native Jennifer Garner goes big in her first starring role in a comedy – and it pays off big-time – in *13 Going on 30*

The star of TV's *Alias* plays an awkward 13-year-old girl who yearns for adulthood and is transported to her future as a 30-year-old woman, so comparisons to *Big* are inevitable (And there are more than a couple of nods to that 1988 movie. She marvels at Manhattan through the sun roof of a limousine and makes simplistic suggestions at the office that are interpreted as genius.)

That's OK, though, because Garner accomplishes something that Tom Hanks did, too. She truly makes you believe you're watching a child trapped inside the body of an adult, and is absolutely charming in the process.

It's a joy to see Garner's radiant smile replacing her usual tough-gal scowl, to watch her use her physicality for having fun instead of kicking butt. Even during a potentially cringeworthy moment at a party – when she busts out the moves from Michael Jackson's *Thriller* video and everyone else joins in – Garner is so lovably goofy, she makes it palatable.

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grossed out by the idea of making out with her boyfriend, for example.

But at other times, she functions capably as an adult. Jenna commandeers a redesign of the magazine and competes with Lucy (Judy Greer), the meanest girl in school who, she's now surprised to learn, has become her best friend and co-worker.

WISH

As Jenna Rink, she wishes during her 13th birthday party that she could be '30, flirty and thriving," to quote the fashion magazine that's her bible.

That was back in the big-haired days of 1987 – which brings me to a truly nitpicky quibble. The music, which is a huge part of the movie, is just a little bit off. Jenna listens obsessively to *Jessie's Girl* by Rick Springfield, which came out in 1981, and Madonna's *Crazy for You*, a hit in 1984, plays during a game of Seven Minutes in Heaven. The aforementioned *Thriller* was big in 1983.

Anyway, Jenna suddenly wakes up in a Greenwich Village apartment (with a fabulously stocked closet) and finds she's dating a New York Rangers star and has a high-powered gig at the same fashion magazine she read as a child.

The logic in the script from husband-and-wife Josh Goldsmith and Cathy Yuspa, who also wrote *What Women Want*, gets shaky here. At times, Jenna seems to have the mentality of a young girl. She gets giggly and

HIGH ENERGY

Gary Winick – who previously directed the low-budget *Tadpole* and produced indie films on digital video including *Tape* and *Chelsea Walls* – also goes big here, depicting Jenna's adventures with bright color and high energy.

But this teen-girl fantasy has some poignant moments, too, especially with Mark Ruffalo, who plays a grown-up version of the geeky boy next door she jilted as a child.

Ruffalo, the co-star of *You Can Count on Me*, who's great in everything he's in – even the self-serious *In the Cut* – gives the movie some emotional weight and resonance when everyone else is fitting about being girly.

13 Going on 30 opts for the obviously happy ending when there's at least a couple others that would convey the film's message. But now I'm probably just being too grown-up and uptight.

13 Going on 30 a Columbia Pictures release is rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief drug references. Running time: 97 minutes. Three stars out of four.

"Jennifer Garner is irresistibly wonderful. '13 Going on 30' is a winning number."

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'Kill Bill - Vol. 2' as thrilling as 'Vol. 1'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If *Kill Bill - Vol. 1* was like a roundhouse kick to the head, *Kill Bill - Vol. 2* is practically a warm hug.

Oh, there's still plenty of violence in the second half of Quentin Tarantino's samurai-kung fu-spaghetti Western-blaxploitation megamix. A knock-down, drag-out cat fight in which Uma Thurman and Daryl Hannah destroy a trailer (and each other) with mazonian fury is an example.

The cliffhanger ending of *Vol. 1* revealed that the baby taken from The Bride while she was in a coma is still alive. In *Vol. 2*, she sets out to get revenge on the rest of her former comrades in the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad who tried to kill her on her wedding day.

There's Budd (Michael Madsen), the sleazy brother of her former lover and boss, Bill. There's the eyepatch-wearing Elle Driver (Hannah), who has become the top killer in The Bride's absence. And, of course,

there's Bill himself - represented only in rich, baritone voiceovers in *Vol. 1* but now a main character played by David Carradine.

And what a fabulous casting choice Carradine is to play the charming, dangerous Bill, he's one of Tarantino's idols from his television role in *Kung Fu*, but he also has such gravitas about him, he's truly magnetic.

Despite the twisted nature of the relationship between Bill and The Bride, their scenes together are surprisingly moving.

In flashbacks, we see another of Tarantino's idols, Chinese film veteran Gordon Lau, challenging The Bride as her martial arts instructor.

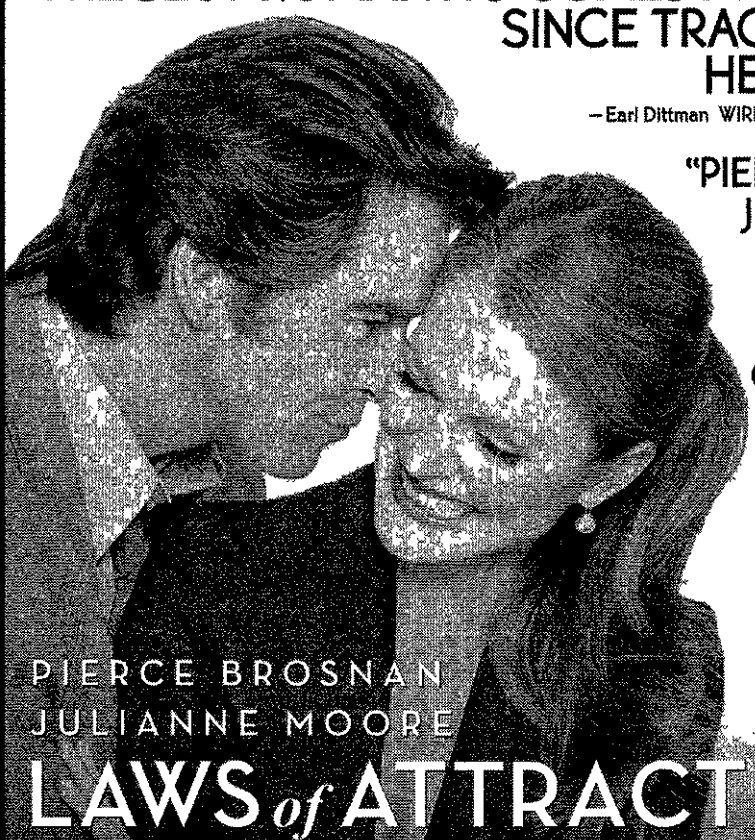
The training showcases Thurman's intensity and athleticism. Some critics said her character wasn't developed enough in part one, she is here, and while she's an intimidating spectacle to behold, she also gets to show a softer side.

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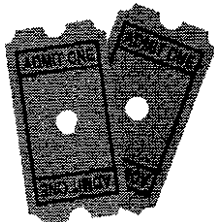
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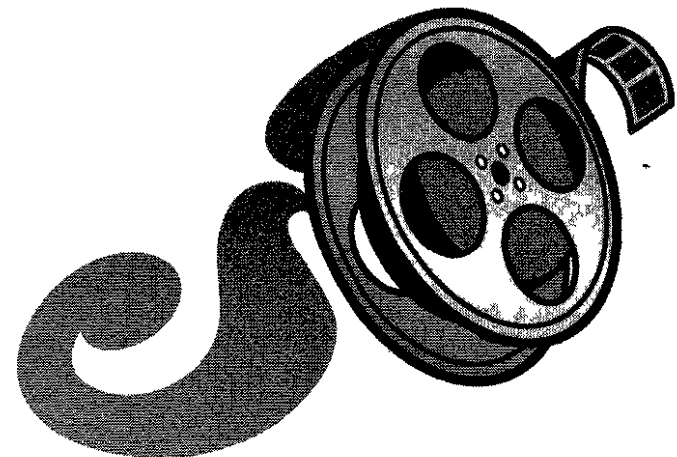
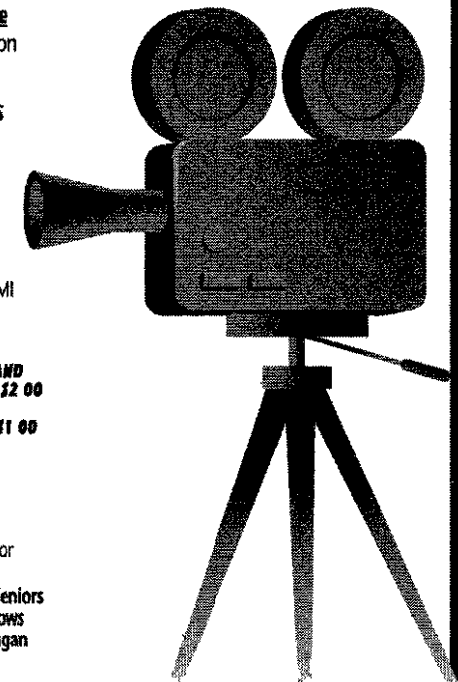
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Small screen

'The Apostle' is a one-man tour de force

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

In movie terms, *The Apostle* (1997) is about as close as you can come to a one-man show. It stars Robert Duvall, who also wrote, directed, and served as executive producer on the project. This film was a longtime labor of love for Duvall and he had to overcome any number of obstacles (including the indifference of his high-powered Hollywood friends) to get the picture made. While the film includes Farrah Fawcett and Billy Bob Thornton in supporting roles, there really is only one character in this film, and that is Duvall's version of a Southern minister named Sonny.

The name Sonny is appropriate, because Duvall's character is one of those men who never quite got around to growing up. Reaching into the grab-bag of charismatic Southern preacher stereotypes, Duvall doesn't miss a trick. Sonny has the fancy car, the flashy clothes and the pretty but pained wife who endures his drinking and womanizing. Sonny is a man headed for a fall, and he takes it big-time, by killing his wife's lover with a baseball bat.

Sonny flees from the consequences of his actions and winds up literally baptizing himself in a lake. Will this symbolic cleansing lead to his ultimate redemption? Well, yes and no.

STARTING FROM NOTHING

Sonny settles down in a small town in Louisiana and immediately starts to try and build up a church out of nothing. He changes his name, tones down his wardrobe, and works to raise cash for his dream church. His persistence finally pays off and his small congregation grows larger and larger. On the surface, it appears as if Sonny has straightened himself out, but in many respects, Sonny emerges from his baptismal experience completely unchanged. He is still

sexually aggressive with women, and when confrontation rears its head, he settles it by beating the other man up.

As a charismatic preacher, a good deal of his power and appeal comes from his ability to reel off Biblical phrases like a programmed machine. He creates a kind of spell with the rhythm of his speech and provides his listeners with an inspired mantra that lifts them out of the realm of the every day and transports them out of themselves to a higher plane. That is the essential appeal of the charismatic preacher, but the question becomes, where do self-reflection and self-knowledge enter into this picture? Rattling off memorized phrases from the Bible may be a valid way to deaden pain and fear, but it tends to get in the way of understanding or resolving issues in any meaningful kind of way.

Has Sonny learned anything or somehow changed for the better? Duvall seems to have left this ambiguous, and perhaps intentionally so because of the very nature of the subject matter. How does religion operate in people's lives? Is it a path leading toward hope, understanding and possible salvation? Or is it a kind of delusion, a hedge against reality?



'The Apostle' stars Robert Duvall, who also wrote, directed, and was executive producer on the project.

In essence, *The Apostle* raises more questions than it answers and it is worth noting that the ambiguous nature of the film is also reflected in the two fairly disparate audiences that the film was targeted toward: the blue-collar, working-class audience and the art-house audience.

Duvall won the Best Actor award from the National Society of Film Critics for this role,

and it is a tour de force performance that he built from years of studying evangelical preachers.

What he has finally created are both a character and a film that will make you think.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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Contests

'Waltz King' gets some Motown travel tips

Andre Rieu may be known as the "Waltz King of Europe," but what should he learn about us when he waltzes into town for Detroit Public TV's exclusive concert on Sunday?

Mary Beth Conger of Livonia, winner of the contest presented by WTVS Detroit Public Television and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, said she would invite Mr. Rieu to

"Start the afternoon off with a few innings at a Tiger game. Our stadium is fantastic. I hope that he likes Ball Park Franks!"

"I think that a quick visit to the Greektown Casino and a stop at Sweet Georgia Brown's for a little dessert would be a nice midday break.

"A ride to the top of the Ren Cen would offer Mr. Rieu a great look at the city.

"Is there time to go to The Henry Ford (Village or Museum)? If not, how about a visit to the Detroit Science Center. There's nothing like the experience of the IMAX Theatre!"

"I would definitely recommend that he go to Opus One or Mario's for appetizers and dinner. What a delightful way to end the perfect day!"

"PS: Could we sneak him into Joe Louis for a Red Wing Playoff Game?"

Conger will receive a pair of tickets for Rieu's performance 8 p.m. Sunday at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, along with a voucher for a complimentary CD.

"My family has been a fan of Andre Rieu for quite some time," she wrote. "I am proud of Detroit even though I live in Livonia. I go downtown on a regular basis to attend shows, plays or other events."

Rieu will lead the Strauss Orchestra in a repertoire of waltzes, classical numbers and rousing melodies in the Sunday performance at the Fox Theatre in Detroit to benefit Detroit Public Television.

Balcony seats are still available. The cost is \$120 per pair, which includes a voucher for a complimentary CD to be redeemed at the event. Tickets can be purchased by calling (800) 859-9887.

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Two readers will win four tickets to the 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, performance. Send, fax or e-mail entries by Friday, April 30 to Keely Kaleski, Assistant Managing Editor Features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. E-mail: kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net or fax (248) 644-1314. Winners will be notified by phone and announced in the Thursday, May 6, edition of *Filter*.

Oklahoma! tickets can be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations, including Marshall Field's, at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charges). Tickets may be charged

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This new national tour, with direction by Fred Hanson and choreography by Ginger Thatcher, is adapted from the Cameron Mackintosh presentation of the Royal National Theatre production directed by Trevor Nunn with choreography by Susan Stroman.

It was recently presented in London and on Broadway.

Based on the Lynn Riggs' play, *Green Grow The Lilacs, Oklahoma!*, written in 1943, was Rodgers' and Hammerstein's first collaboration.

Set in the territory of Oklahoma at the turn of the century, against a background of the rivalry between cattlemen and farmers, *Oklahoma!* is the story of the farm girl Laurey and the two rivals for her affection: the cowboy Curly and Jud, the brooding farmhand.

Spanish ambient band comes to the Lager House

Three distinctively different bands from different corners of the western world will perform together at the Lager House in Detroit on Tuesday, May 4.

Spain's ambient Manta Ray will headline the night. New York's acoustic musician Chris Brokaw along with Boston's singer/guitarist Thalia Zedek will also perform.

The artists, all with different styles, are intertwined and have contributed to one another's musical projects.

Imagine the sounds of Joy Division via Thurston Moore blended with a subdued energy without the bite of Sonic Youth and add some Six Finger Satellite influence and you have Manta Ray.

Manta Ray creates electronic atmospheric rock. The band's avant-rock CD *Estratexa*, released in Europe last year, is juxtaposed with a steady, stint-like rock intent. Brokaw is quick to praise them.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"Much has been said about how Manta Ray are Spain's premier 'post-rock band,' which is both simplistic and reductionist," Brokaw said. "When I first saw them in 1996, they came off as almost a tribal folk band, heavily and earthly percussive, with a quality of chanting without actual chanting. They were like a little gang with a language all their own. Over the years they've evolved into something more like rock band, all the while referencing certain signposts: Can, Suicide, the Chicago things."



Manta Ray is one of Spain's premier post-punk bands.

"*Estratexa* is definitely their most aggressive and hypnotic work to date."

Manta Ray started recording and touring in 1994. Members are Nacho Alvarez, José L. Garcia, Frank Rudow and Xabel Vegas.

Thalia Zedek has also worked with the band. "They asked me to record some vocals on a beautiful song called *Stars in your Eyes*, and this began a friendship and series of collaborations that continue to this day," Zedek said. "Over the years I watched them grow and change, moving from twangy reverb-soaked guitar

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ballads, to film music scored for full orchestras, to the more muscular, even brutal sounds of their newest CD. But throughout Manta Ray's musical evolution, it is the haunting beauty and melancholy beneath the surface that to me remains the soul of the band."

Brokaw's music is largely vocal, acoustic and confident. Last year he released his fifth CD and is currently on a solo tour throughout Spain and Italy.

Thalia Zedek's talent has been compared to Nick Cave and Patti Smith. Her career has spanned more than 20 years as a solo artist and also in the bands Uzik, Come, Live and Skull.

Relive Stooges DTE reunion on DVD

Is there a Stooges fan out there who doesn't know the lyrics to *1969*?

Probably not. Still, Iggy & The Stooges' live performance of *1969* on the new *Live in Detroit* DVD is a sing-along that's fun to watch.

Even cooler is that the DVD concert, distributed by *CREEM Magazine*, was filmed last August at DTE and was the Stooges' first Detroit homecoming in 29 years. If you have the slightest interest in Iggy & The Stooges (and what metro Detroit music lover doesn't?) you've probably heard about the highlights from that wild sold-out show.

Such as the moment Iggy demanded that security allow fans on stage. The live mayhem with Iggy swallowed in the middle of it can't be completely felt on a DVD. Still, it does give viewers a glimpse of the unstoppable energy that night. The DVD also lacks the constant roaring from the audience that nearly drowned out the music but added to the excitement of the historic show.

What is captured is Iggy's raw potency and the band's tight sound.

At the show were Iggy, guitarist Ron Ashton, drummer Scott Ashton, and also bassist Mike Watt of the Minutemen, who replaced the late David Alexander.

"Seems like the whole gig lasted five seconds, but my whole outfit is flooded with sweat," Watt narrates on the DVD. Looks

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like these guys very much put me to work. I can dig it—the gig of a lifetime."

The shirtless frontman hasn't slowed down in his older years and he's just as lean and lumber as ever. His energy succeeds any of today's twentysomething bands that mimic this punk pioneer's style.

Songs on *Iggy & the Stooges Live in Detroit* includes *Down on the Street*, *Dirt*, *Real Cool Time*, *Funhouse*, *Not Right* and two versions of *I Wanna Be Your Dog*. Yes, the Stooges actually sang it twice that night and no one dared to object.

True Stooges fan will devour the extras. It includes their New York City performance, where Iggy explains the origins of the songs and much more.

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And there was never a way to just walk up and buy a ticket," said Scott Mallwitz, director of experience design at The Henry Ford, which has partnered with Ford Motor Co. to reinvent and re-launch tours at the Rouge.

The permanent program, dubbed the Ford Rouge Factory Tour, features a spin through the center's new Ford F-150 truck assembly plant and starts Monday, May 3.

Tours will run between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week with a limit of 825 visitors per day.

HISTORIC LANDMARK

"It is a national historic landmark and who better to tell the story but another national historic landmark?" Mallwitz said of The Henry Ford, where all tours depart starting with a motor coach ride to the Ford

Rouge Center. During the video-guided, 15-minute journey, visitors pass numerous historic sites.

"It gives you a sense of how the buildings are associated with each other, their historical importance and relative location to the river," Mallwitz said.

The facility program begins inside a new visitor's center featuring a 475-square-foot mural done in the style of Diego Rivera that details the history of the Rouge plant.

Next, visitors experience the Rouge on the big screen. The first stop is the Legacy Theater for a 12-minute film about Henry Ford and the Rouge plant's historical development. The film

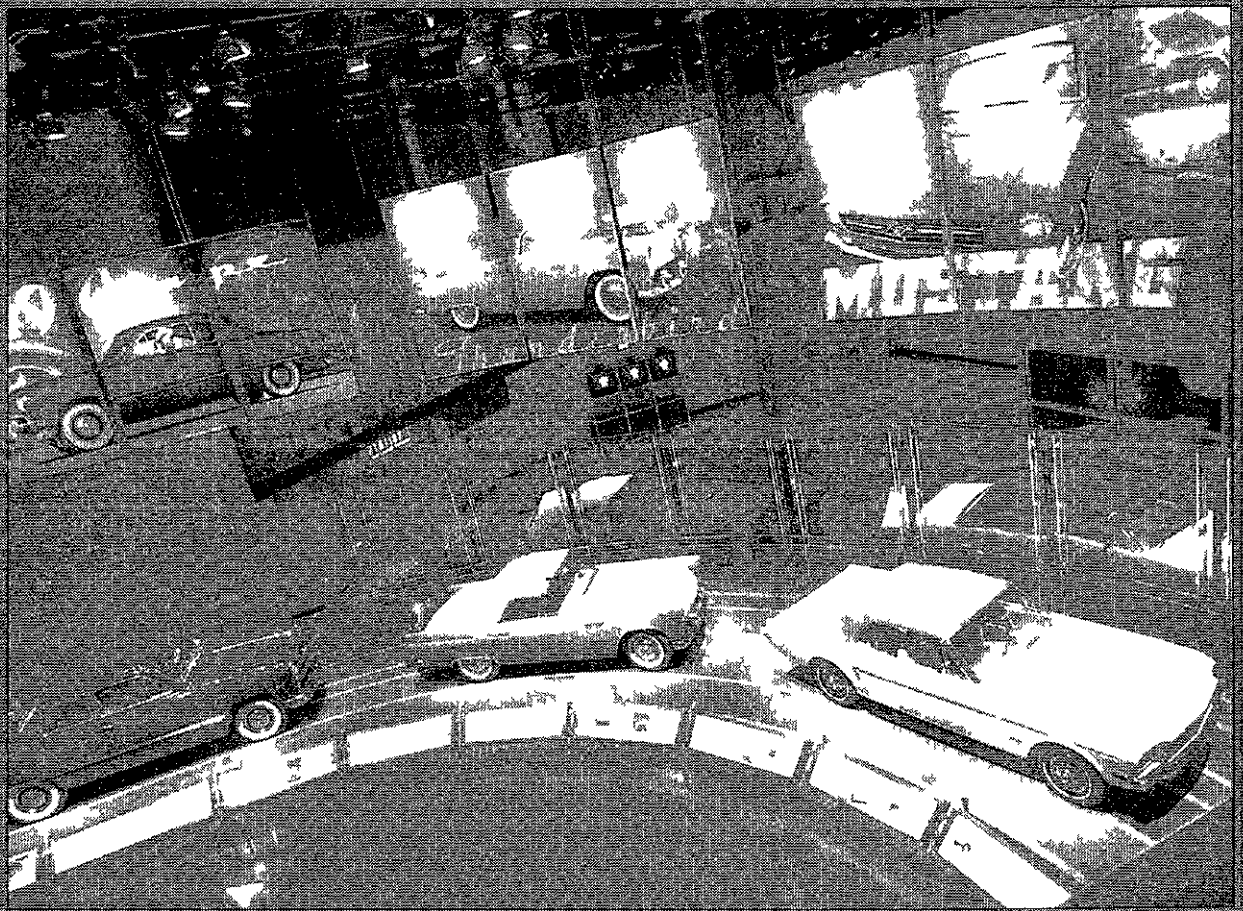
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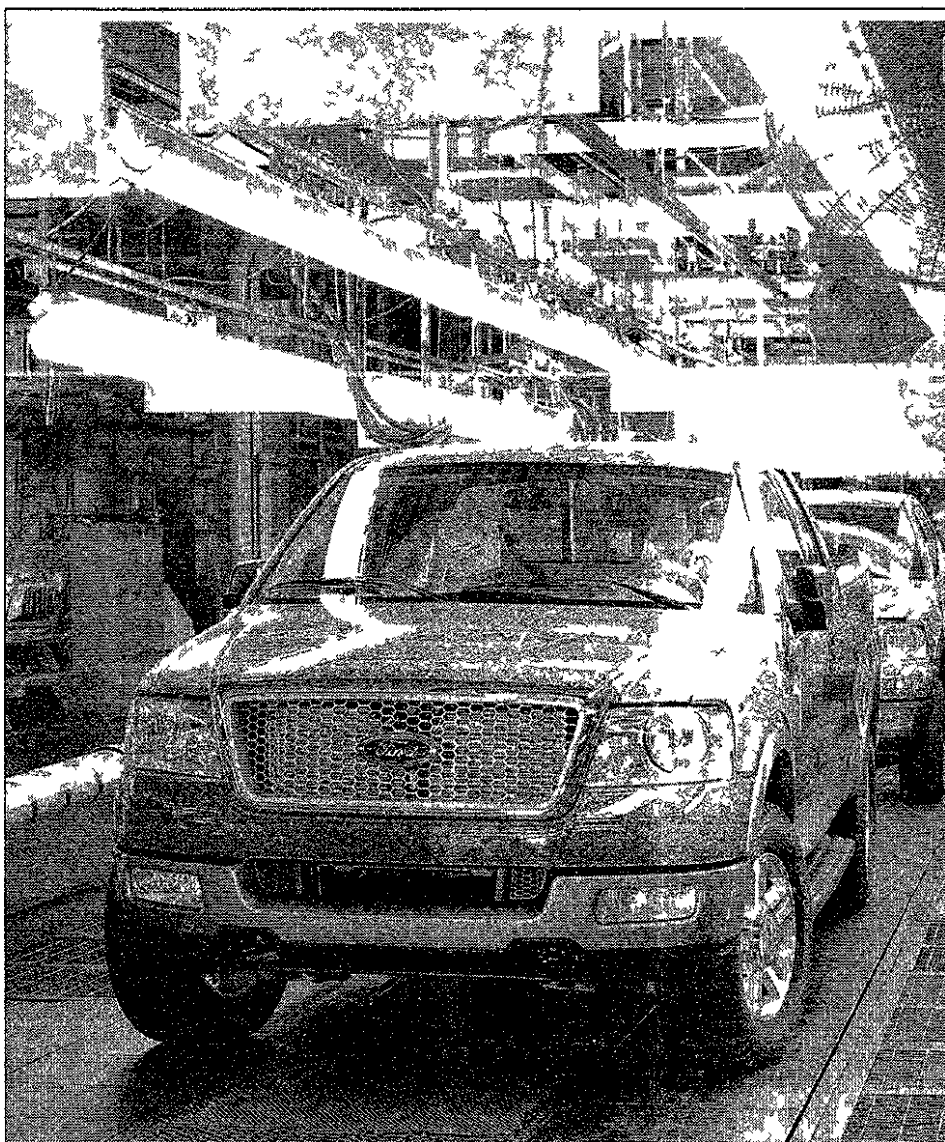


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Inside the plant, visitors get an up close look at final assembly of Ford's F-150 trucks

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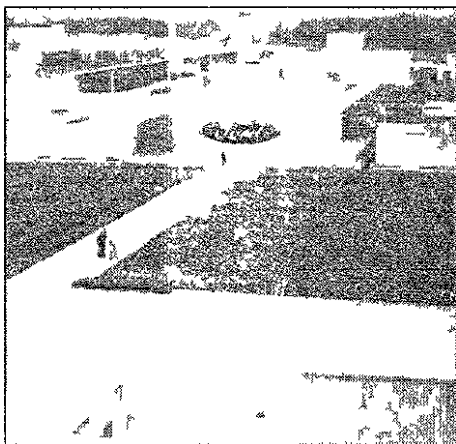
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Finally, visitors make their way inside the factory — the new 2.5 million-square-foot Dearborn Truck Plant. The third-of-a-mile walk allows visitors to view assembly mezzanine-style about 16 feet off the factory floor.

"You can really spend as much time as you'd like here. It's free-flowing and open to your own exploration," Mallwitz said.

Upon exiting, visitors enter The Legacy Lobby, which houses some of the most famous automobiles produced at the



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Rouge. The bus ride back to The Henry Ford runs less than 10 minutes.

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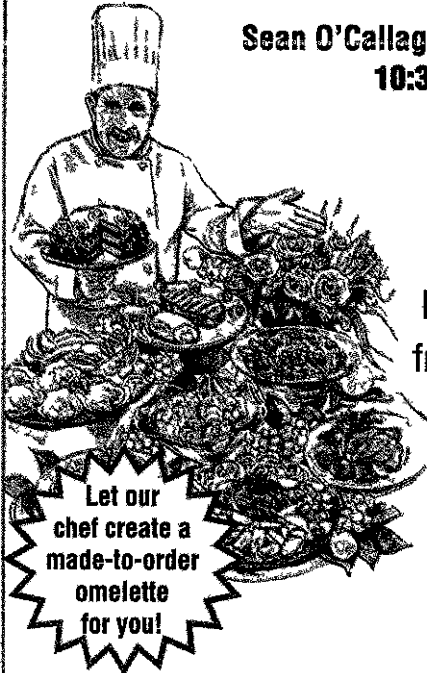
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Sit back and the Dartmoor offer

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

In these corporate cookie-cutter times when dining out evokes a not-always-welcome sense of déjà vu or sameness, something different is a rare commodity

But in its capacity to offer multiple levels of dining and a convivial atmosphere in a deceptively formal manner, the Dartmoor in downtown Plymouth succeeds in delivering something unique

Housed in the same building that once held the Cloverdale Dairy, which existed for decades as an eatery and ice cream shop in Plymouth well-designed for hanging out and good times, the Dartmoor holds promise to carry on that tradition, albeit at a little higher cost

A year's worth of renovations have almost erased the onetime Plymouth favorite, but while Dartmoor owner Michael Michaud has filled the room with elegant woodwork, transformed the walls into forest green backdrops for original artwork, installed a fireplace and put together a menu that runs the gamut from pub fare to haute cuisine, he'd like to think he's kept one thing

GATHERING PLACE

"The Cloverdale was a gathering place, and we're trying to extend that same kind of philosophy," Michaud said "We want people to feel at home here There's a lot of understated elegance, but not pretentiousness Just because there's white tablecloths doesn't mean we serve small portions or put on airs

The décor, aura and menu of the Dartmoor certainly amplify Michaud's culture and his upbringing, as well as his love of art, artists and their craftwork. But Michaud's hand is not overbearing

The restaurant is designed to be a public house after the fashion of those the restaurateur became familiar with while attending boarding schools in England.

But unlike many of the new 'pubs' springing up in this country that are festooned with nationalistic or cultural artifacts from across the Atlantic, the Dartmoor maintains a soul of its own.

Be prepared not to be assaulted with Union Jacks and paintings of English aristocrats following hounds and foxes For Michaud, the creation of a public house



Above, Michael Michaud and chef Scott Rye present of asparagus Top left, fresh flowers on the table and fine imported beers and fine wines are served at the Dartmoor

means something completely different

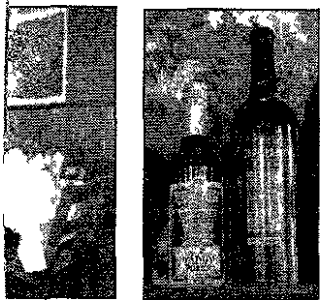
Open less than a year, the Dartmoor's more obvious colors are first and foremost a hand-carved mahogany sign commissioned from French craftsman Pierre Bataille, that depicts the Dartmoor Pony, an animal indigenous to England.

The superbly crafted sign will soon hang over the front door of the restaurant

MENU

Then of course there are English staples such as Yorkshire Pudding, Shepard's pie, and fish and chips, but Michaud's more concerned with the comfort level than the trappings of England.

"So far, we've relied almost entirely on word-of-mouth," said Michaud. "What brings people back is our reputation The servers



ink of England

rs more than a pub



ed lamb chops with an apple-mint demiglace and art on the walls are part of the experience Top right cor

know who you are We work hard to make a visit to Dartmoor worth it"

What first-time Dartmoor patrons will discover in terms of food and drink is a full bar, an expansive wine list and two menus, one containing pub fare and the other a dinner menu filled with meat, fish, fowl, and pasta.

Favorites on the dinner menu, according to Michaud, include medallions of venison and grilled lamb chops, which at \$28 is the most expensive dish on the menu

Pub fare is served throughout the day and night, and customers in the mood for something less expensive but just as appetizing can choose from a selection of reasonably priced burgers, sandwiches, bangers, meat-loaf and pasta.

The Dartmoor also offers wine flights that range in price from \$7 to \$20 and offer patrons the opportunity to sip a variety of

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Reservations: Not necessary

wines while dining or lingering in the public house

"You can discover wines here without having to waste your money on a whole bottle, said Michaud, who correlates wines he features in the wine flights with wines that are available from local wine sellers This is essentially a wine bar

Michaud is also a restaurant owner who enjoys the company of his regular customers, and he said he takes pains to make sure their favorites, whether food or drink, are always on hand

"It's been very fun for me Most people can't go out every night, but I do And it's on my terms," Michaud said "The same people who come into my restaurant have turned out to be the people I would like to go to dinner with if they weren't in my restaurant.

OUTDOOR PATIO

An outdoor patio is also in the works at the Dartmoor and should be open this summer Michaud, a painter himself who proudly displays one of his own works directly above the fireplace, is also very active in promoting the arts

Besides being a restaurant, the Dartmoor is a veritable art gallery that holds promise to become a permanent venue for known and unknown artists

"I look for talented people and I use this restaurant as a forum," Michaud said

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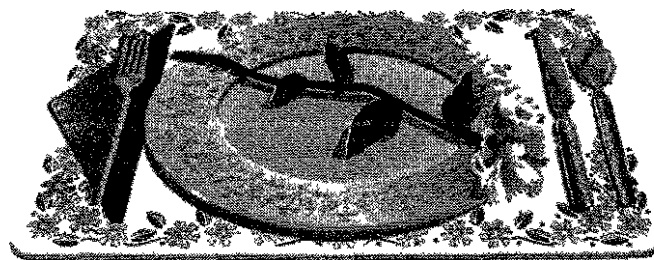
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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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FROM PAGE E15

"We have to use paper and plastic rather than china because of the noise," said Rudy Lauerman, performing arts coordinator. "We tried to go back to china - it was just awful."

What's not awful are the musical performances. The Mother's Day Brunch features Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist Robert deMaime and Grammy-nominated pianist Pauline Martin.

The schedule continues June 20 with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival featuring chamber ensembles. Harpsichordist and recording artist Martha Folts performs July 11. "It's an instrument you don't often hear in a live setting," Lauerman said.

Continuum performs 20th Century instrumental and vocal music Aug. 15. "Classical music has got to generate a new audience, we've got to get more people interested in modern music," Lauerman said.

"You can't keep playing the old Mozart and Bach forever."

He said music fans can develop an appreciation for modern music - like those who've become fans of the Kronos Quartet through their striking version of Jimi Hendrix' *Purple Haze*, and fans of the modern music Brodsky Quartet, which teamed for an album with Elvis Costello.

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Cost: \$50 for adults and \$25 for children under 12. Starting in June brunch and concert seats are \$22 for adults and \$11 for children under 12. Stair seats (no brunch) are \$5. Order by phone at (313) 833-4005. For more information, visit www.dia.org.

The brunch series started in the '70s to present the performing arts. Over the years, some performers have thrived in the echo-filled setting more than others.

"It's very lively compared to most chamber venues," Lauerman said. "Certain instruments sound good - voice, horns and wind instruments. But things like percussion are really difficult. The best you can do is program music that works in that reverberant space."

A first happens May 9, when three separate brunch options are presented. Option one opens with brunch at 10:30 a.m., music at noon and a tour of the Whistler exposition at 1 p.m.

Option two opens at noon, and a third option begins at 3 p.m., switching the music performance with a lecture by Whistler scholar Margaret MacDonald.

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Chocolate Stanley Cup

Maggie's Hockey Town Chocolate Fountain Bar will be unveiled at the Vineyards Cafe and Catering Hockey Town party 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 2. There is no charge. The Vineyards Cafe is at 32418 Northwestern Highway between 13 and 14 Mile Roads in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 227-8702 or visit www.chocolatestrawberry.com

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Live trivia contest 8-30 p.m. Sundays at Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple, Downtown Birmingham. Form a team of 2 to 6 people to compete for prizes (Dick O'Dow's gift certificates). Categories include entertainment, history, pop culture and more. The cost is \$5 per person.

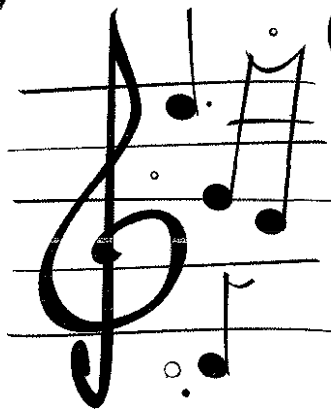
Morton's

The Steakhouse in Southfield is hosting an exclusive wine dinner with Silver Oak Cellars on Monday, May 17, beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

The four-course dinner (with petite lamb chops and herb-crusted filet mignon) features specially paired wines including a barrel sample of a 2001 vintage and a pre-release 2000 vintage. Acclaimed painter Thomas Arvid (credited with redefining the modern still life) will be a special guest. The cost is \$150 per guest, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For details or to RSVP, call Andrea Aretakis at Morton's The Steakhouse (248) 354-6006.

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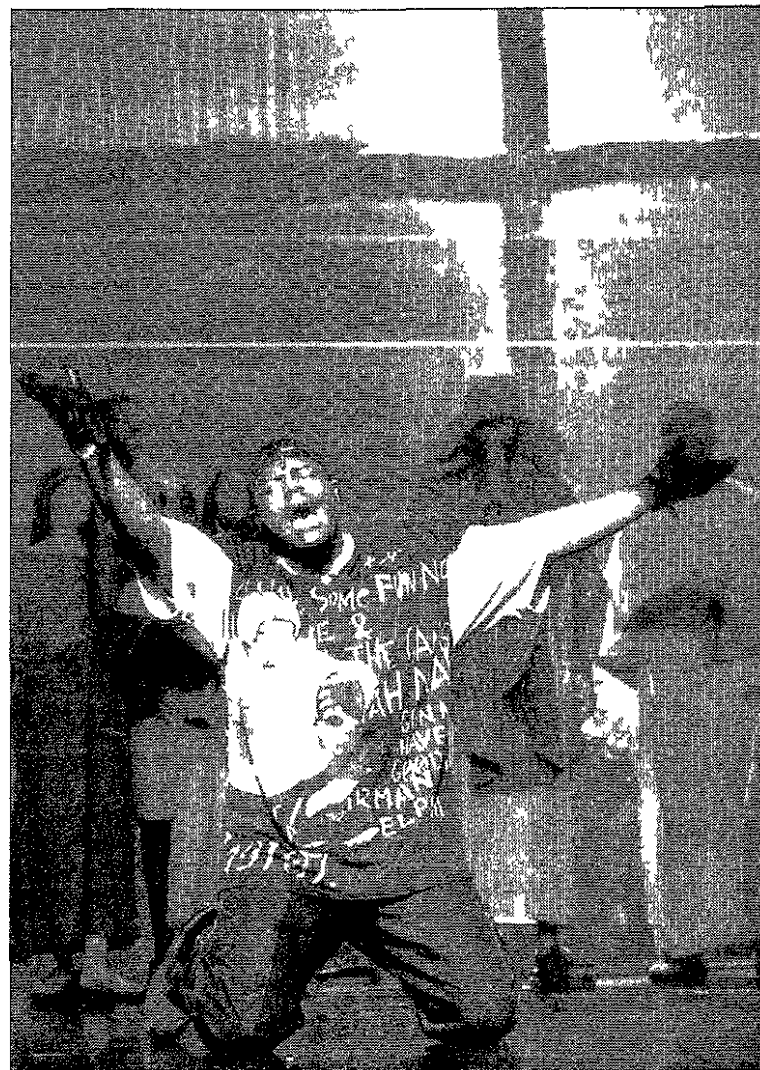
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Fort Street Chorale

The Fort Street Chorale continues a 25 year tradition with this year's spring performance of the *Faure and Durufle Requiem* 3 p.m. Sunday May 2 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Group rates and patron seating are also available. Tickets can be ordered by calling (313) 961-4533. Free secure parking is available next to the church at the corner of Fort and Third

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South Old Woodward Ave. Birmingham
Michigan Theatre 603 East Liberty Ann
Arbor and The Palace Theatre 300



Joyce (Amber Neuenschwander), Ed (Rick Hudson), and Frank (James Mio) are featured in 'Nooner' by Kim Carney. The show, which takes a light-hearted look at marital infidelity is presented by Flanders Theatre Company and opens 7 p.m. today (pre-view) at Trinity House Theatre, 3880 W. Six Mile Road, corner of I-275 and Six Mile Road, Livonia. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday through May 23. Tickets \$15 adults, discount for seniors and students. Call (313) 538-5739 or visit <http://members.aol.com/markgladders>

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4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues underground industrial punk reggae world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. Attire is freestyle casual and up. Call for hours (313) 833-9700

Paradox Cafe

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Detroit Historical Museum

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Rochester Hills Museum

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On stage

Hilberry Theatre's 'The Kentucky Cycle' travels through time

When an audience sees *The Kentucky Cycle Parts I and II*, they encounter more than 100 characters

Even more astounding the fact that only 19 graduate level actors portray all these characters in the Hilberry Theatre's production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play

Rotating repertory performances run Wednesday-Saturday through May 15 at

the theater on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit. Consecutive shows of parts one and two are scheduled on Saturday

"It's fascinating because you can see a young man playing a son in 1792 and then you see him playing his own son in 1819 later on in the production," said Lavina Moyer Hart, who is co-directing the production with Patricia Ansumi. Both are

Detroit theater veterans. Hart heads up Wayne State University's master's acting program

"It's intriguing for the audience to see each generation appear, you'll see one actor playing himself years later"

Indeed, *The Kentucky Cycle* hinges on the passing of time. It traces three families, all descending from one Irish immigrant, over a period of 200 years starting in 1775

The play, which is done in two parts and set in the Appalachian region of Kentucky, contains a total of nine one-act pieces, each representing a significant time period in American history

Part I, for instance, stops in 1776, when Congress adopted The Declaration of Independence, and closes in 1861, at the start of the Civil War. Part II begins in 1890 and pauses in 1920, 1954 and 1975

DEMANDING

The production is the Michigan premiere of the play, which is rarely staged by regional theaters because of its so demanding

But *The Kentucky Cycle*, which was written by Robert Schenkkan, places one family as represented by several generations at the heart of the story, portraying, not history itself, but a sense of how people were affected by the times in which they lived

"It's a profile of the evolution of the American personality," said Hart. "And we begin to see this cycle of exploitation that's connected with the drive to own land, gain wealth and succeed"

Exploitation of land, resources and people emerge both as the play's dominant themes and main conflicts

"We see this family - and these are great people - struggle with these issues for years," said Hart. "At long last, we witness how this family is able to break the cycle and come to a sense of harmony"

Note: *The Kentucky Cycle Part I* contains nudity



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Starring in 'The Kentucky Cycle Parts I and II,' at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre are, (from left), Alex Oriani, Jennifer Tuttle and Carly Germany

EPIC

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Tank of gas

Traverse City's Old Mission Peninsula welcomes spring

BY MICHAEL A. NORTON
CORRESPONDENT

It begins with one or two trees, usually in some sunny or protected spot. One day, the black, gnarled limbs suddenly burst into bloom, transformed into airy clouds of white blossom.

Within days, the phenomenon has spread to every hill and valley of the Old Mission Peninsula, as the vast orchards of America's "cherry capital" unfold in row after row of billowing flowers. Set against the deep blue of Grand Traverse Bay, the bright green of spring grass and a generous sprinkling of gold dandelions, it's an unforgettable sight.

These are the Blossom Days, a brief season of ethereal beauty that arrives each year in mid-May, as local farmers gather to pray for a successful fruit harvest and to celebrate the beauties and bounties of their land in a festival of wine, food and merrymaking. This year's observance is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16, and features a weekend of festivities, tours, dances and dinners.

"Everybody has an open house going on," says winemaker Mark Johnson at the picturesque Chateau Chantal Bed & Breakfast. The stores and restaurants all have specials, the fifth-graders at Old Mission School make pictures of cherry blossoms and we hang them up all over the place. It's become the kind of community event that everybody wants to be a part of."

HISTORY

Barely a mile wide in some places, the steep-sided Old Mission Peninsula extends north for more than 20 miles from the resort town of Traverse City, surrounded on three sides by the deep, protective waters of Grand Traverse Bay. Known to locals simply as "the Peninsula," it has been a fruit-growing area ever since 1852, when the area's first white settler - a Presbyterian missionary named Peter Dougherty - planted the first cherry orchard there.

Since then, Old Mission's scenic orchards have helped make Traverse City the largest producer of tart cherries in the world, with an annual crop that averages 250 million pounds. In recent years, many of its hillsides have been planted with vineyards, and it is rapidly gaining an international reputation for its crisp, aromatic wines.

In 1924, local fruit growers began holding a spring religious service in the peninsula's orchards known as the Blessing of the Blossoms. Held on a high ridge over-

IF YOU GO

■ For detailed information about Blossom Days and other spring events in the Traverse City area as well as a listing of lodging properties that offer special spring packages contact the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) TRAVERS or visit their Web site at www.mytraversecity.com

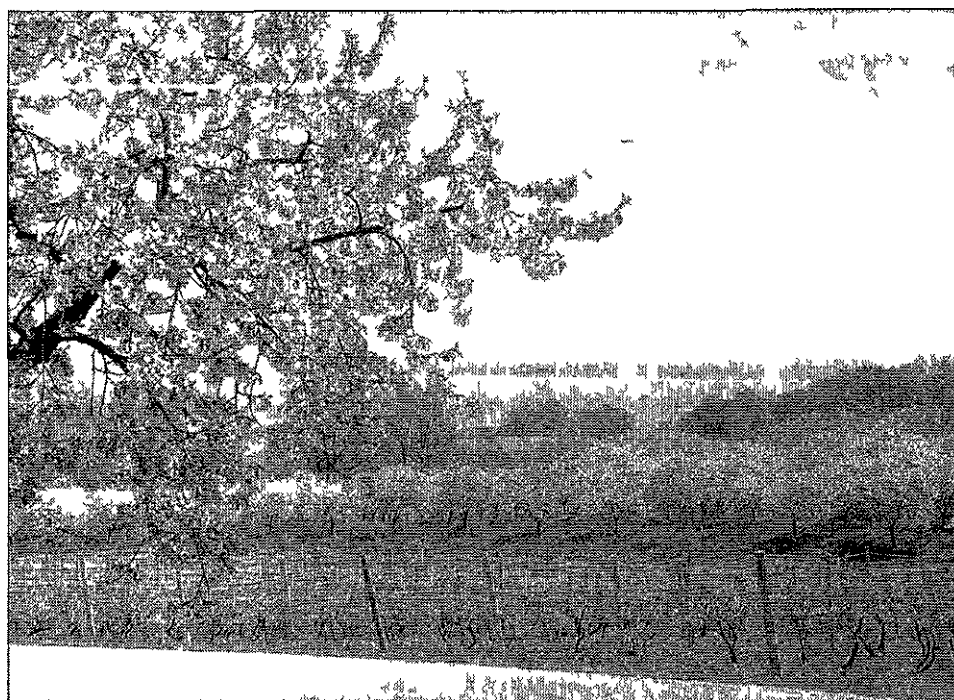
looking both East and West Grand Traverse Bay, that simple ceremony still forms the heart of today's Blossom Days celebration. But the event has grown to include many other activities, too.

A favorite feature of the weekend, for instance, are the "barrel tastings" of new wines at the Peninsula's four wineries: Bowers Harbor Vineyards, Chateau Chantal, Chateau Grand Traverse and Peninsula Cellars. For \$10, guests receive a special souvenir glass that becomes their "ticket" to special cellar tastings at each participating winery. (A portion of the proceeds is donated to some favorite local charity, such as the Grand Traverse Area Land Conservancy.)

The community's other institutions and businesses get into the act, too. Well-known peninsula restaurants like Bowers Harbor Inn, The Bowery, The Boathouse, the Old Mission Tavern and the Peninsula Grill offer dinner specials during Blossom Days. Local shops and farm markets like the Mapleton Market and Old Mission General Store have reduced prices (and even offer free items) while a number of normally exclusive bed & breakfast operations open their doors for public tours, and the local historical society holds an "old-fashioned afternoon tea."

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

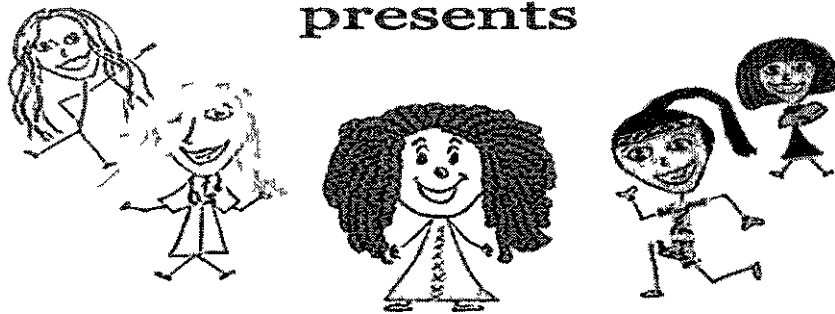
And there are plenty of outdoor activities on tap as well. Blossom Days organizers see the weekend as an opportunity to show off the peninsula's natural beauty in a season when many tourists have never experienced it. In spring, for instance, there's plenty of privacy for a romantic walk on the beach at Lighthouse Park or a quiet stroll through the woods at the Pyatt Lake Natural Area near Bowers Harbor, where thousands of trilliums are in bloom.



For a few short weeks each spring the verdant hillsides of the Old Mission Peninsula are covered with clouds of delicate white blossoms as the famed cherry orchards burst dramatically into bloom. On May 15-16 local residents celebrate this annual event with a weekend festival called Blossom Days.

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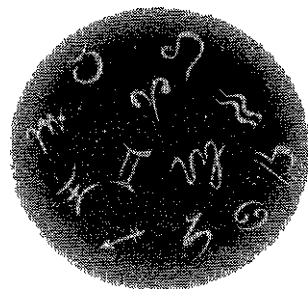
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Horoscope



Star Struck

(April 29 - May 1)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)



Old buds, relatives or family matters will take up a lot of your time, so don't plan too much on the work front because you'll get angry and frustrated when you find that your options are limited. If you deal with domestic issues now, they won't distract you later.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



Avoid all forms of stress this week because your body and mind are in a fragile birthday state at the moment and need to be protected, watched. No matter how much work you have on your plate, it can wait until you're ready to deal with it on your own terms. Be bullish!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



You want to break out of a rut, but you're scared to do so because you fear insecurity. (Hey, join the human race!) You can't go on like this forever. This week, you must decide whether to stay with what you trust or risk everything on something new. Think carefully.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



If you can imagine it, you can do it. The metaphysical message of the stars as the week begins is that nothing is impossible. If you want something, you can find a way to make it your own. What you dream of today will be your reality tomorrow, so dream. You're on top of the world this week!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



Be sure to use good judgment when you hear me say that if partners and colleagues try to stop you from following your dream this week, you're obviously on the right track. The more they don't want you to pursue a certain course of action, the more likely it is that it's the right thing to do. They're afraid that you'll succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



A lot of things are moving and changing in ways you don't feel comfortable with. But if you're brave and you think long term like a good Virgo, you can make at least some of them work in your favor. Change is a fact of life. It's how you handle it that counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



You'll find yourself at odds with just about everyone this week, sorry. But that's a good thing because you have something to get off your chest that's important to say, and the best way to get your message across is to leave no stone unturned. Don't worry about approval or your reputation. The people you love need to know the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



You're determined to break free, go your own way and do your own thing. The only problem is that other people are just as determined to keep you in bondage. Something has to give, but what? How hard are you prepared to fight? You'll know by the end of the week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Saturn in Cancer is making you a bit too defensive and cuckoo, and unless you snap yourself out of it, you may miss an important opportunity this week to have some personal fun. If a friend or family member suggests that you do something exciting this week, take them up on it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



The secret to success is often a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Cap. The reverse is also true - and that seems to be your problem now. Don't be afraid to make what ever changes you feel are needed to put your world right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Between the approaching Full Moon, school soon over, work, gosh! Just stick to what you're doing and don't allow yourself to be distracted by other people's stuff. The message of your solar chart is that you're on the right track. If you stay that way, you'll taste success. Don't let impatience or envy get the best of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



Although the approaching lunar eclipse may bring cranky news your way, the long term forecast is nothing but good. Stop wallowing in self-pity and be ready to take advantage of the marvelous opportunities coming your way. You'll feel better about yourself if you learn how to smile and be grand.

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

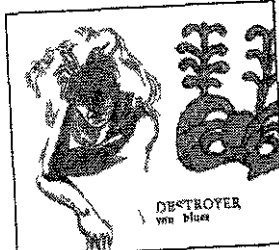
Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered, just for you.

Show

Destroyer's *Your Blues* (out now on Merge Records)

arrived in my mailbox the day after I was dumped. (We could debate how stupid of a move that was on his part, but this isn't about my love life - this is about the healing power of music. Or something.) Anyway, you might just say that was perfect timing.

Crafted by Daniel Bejar of Canadian band New Pornographers fame, the



album is the definition of sweeping melody - but not



Yes, please. Destroyer's Daniel Bejar will be at Stormy Records.

on a grand scale. Instead, Bejar uses a decidedly low-fi approach with acoustic guitars, electric keyboards and tinny hand claps spattered all over his eccentric soundscapes. And lord, his beautiful lyrical narratives are soaked in love and lessons learned. Think the raw recordings of the

Magnetic Fields, the mini-symphonies of David Bowie and the honesty of Nick Drake.

This is uplifting, psychedelic, baroque pop music sent to stomp through your bad mood and give you hope when you just got kicked to the curb. Music is great like that, isn't it? (Or maybe that's just me.)

Destroyer will play Wednesday at Stormy Record in Dearborn. Frog Eyes and The Casmier Pascal Now (which I fathom is lead singer Casmier from the pop band Pas|Cal) will open. Show at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more info, call (313) 581-9322 or click on www.stormyrecords.com. Stormy Records is located at 13939 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.



It does not escape me that most of my friends look like this today. Trendsetters MC5.

Film

High Time, indeed! After months of pushing back the release date, the film about one of Detroit's greatest musical legends is set to kick out the jams. **MCS: A True Testimonial** (RCA Victor) will hit stores Tuesday on DVD, and if you consider yourself at all a fan of rock music, your booty will pick it up. The film documents the craziness that is Motor City's original garage firestarters with rare interviews, film and TV clips, highlighting the American Dream, the history of punk and the American music industry all the while kicking you in the face - amps roaring and drums bleeding. The film is also being released limitedly in theaters. We'll let you know if any local theaters pick it up.

DVD

40 Helens agree. The release of ***Kids in the Hall: The Complete First Season, 1989-90*** is awesome, eh? The four-disk set includes commentary by the Kids, new interviews, unreleased material from the Rivoli Theater and rare fan-picked favorites from the pilot episode. Sure, some of you are lucky enough to not have jobs and can catch them daily on Comedy Central. But some of us have to work for a living. And I bet we have the \$50 it will cost to get this DVD in our hands. For anyone who appreciates the Kids' unique humor or if you're French and just love Kevin, it's truly worth dropping the dough. It's a fact.

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.

Music

Quick! Name the first CD you ever

bought. Mine was *It's a Shame about Ray* by the Lemonheads. Which I must say is not at all embarrassing. But it did start me down the road of liking greasy indie boys (see the Show pick). And if you asked me now, The Lemonheads would still make all my top 10 lists. **Evan Dando**, the lead singer from that (obviously now defunct) outfit, is coming back through Detroit about a year after his last stop. Watch as Evan rocks through old standards and his excellent newish solo work! Watch as Evan's bandmates avoid eye contact with him! Leave feeling like this was the best show you have seen in years!

Evan Dando will play Friday at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. All Systems Go will open. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the show or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Are you game?

'Rock festival to end all rock festivals' in Bonnaroo

A whole lotta music down on the farm at Bonnaroo Music Festival

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Bonnaroo
You won't find a definition in a dictionary

It's meaning is found on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn., about 60 miles south of Nashville, where as many as 80,000 music lovers converge each summer for three days and nights of bliss

Well, the Bonnaroo Music Festival is bliss if you don't mind getting a little dirty, camping in a field with 79,999 of your closest friends, eating, shopping and playing in Centeroo (the carnival-like epicenter of the festival) and, of course, continually combing the site in search of what sounds good to your ears and feels good from your toes on up

Still somewhat under the radar, the Bonnaroo Music Festival is in its third year and is set for June 11-13. Tickets are still available at the festival's official Web site www.bonnaroo.com

LINEUP

The musical lineup this year puts The Dead, Dave Matthews & Friends, Bob Dylan, Trey Anastasio (of Phish fame), Wilko Nelson and David Byrne (Talking



You never know what you'll find in Centeroo, the epicenter of the festival

Heads icon) on the main stages, with dozens more acts from every genre taking the auxiliary stages throughout the three-day festival

Aside from the headliners, a snapshot of the musical acts includes Nigerian afro beat performer Femi Kuti, singer-songwriter Damien Rice, reggae band Burning Spear, moe, Galactic, Govt Mule, String Cheese Incident, Medeski Martin & Wood, North Mississippi Allstars, Yo La Tengo, Los Lobos, The Del McCoury Band, Taj Mahal, Robert Randolph & the Family Band, DJ Danger Mouse, Nellie McKay, Erin McKeown and Jo Jo and his Mojo, plus many more. A complete list of performers is posted on the Web site

Bonnaroo fans appreciate great music of all kinds," said A.C. Entertainment's Ashley Capps. "We want to reinforce that sentiment with adventurous booking that builds on a solid foundation of grass-roots rock."

While the music almost never stops, Bonnarooters have plenty of other choices for entertainment throughout the festival grounds. Centeroo, in years past, has featured an adult-sized wooden play structure, a huge lighted water fountain, dozens of food and craft vendors, a general store, an Internet cafe, a video arcade, cinema tent, music store and the Brooder's Festival for sampling quality crafted beers. Organizers assure festival-goers that Centeroo will again thrill and surprise with some new added features

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