

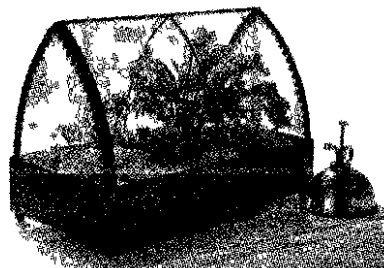
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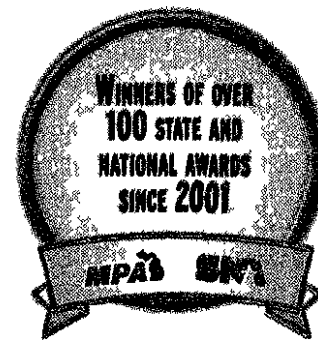


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The Exchange City Judge Josh Choroba (left) and Mayor Carly Curvin work through their paperwork before the Town Hall meeting

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Township latest to sway on underpass

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Director of Engineering Hassan Saab appeared at last week's Plymouth City Commission meeting to try to convince city commissioners to remain committed to the Sheldon Road underpass project

He may have to make a similar trip to a Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting. A survey of township board members shows the board no longer supports the \$12 million project, which county officials hope will alleviate traffic problems caused by trains at the CSX crossing on Sheldon

Combined with the departure of the city and its \$503,000, that means the loss of more than \$1.7 million of the project's \$12 million funding. The rest was going to come from CSX, Wayne County and a federal grant.

Saab didn't return calls for this story but did tell city commissioners at their meeting last week participation by both the township and the city was essential.

"It's very doubtful this project can see the light of day unless there's some commitment from the city and the township," Saab told commissioners last

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A5

Experiencing life's lessons

Program helps students learn what parents go through

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the owner of the International store in Exchange City, Jessie Hackman discovered how demanding being an entrepreneur can be. Taking a short break from a busy day selling candy, friendship bracelets and masks, Jessie, 10, said owning your own business is a tough venture.

"It's hard because once you're done

with something, you've got something else to do," said Jessie, a Fiegel Elementary fourth-grader from Canton Township. "You never stop working."

But, Jessie said, there are rewards to running your own business. "You get to put other people in their place," she said.

Jessie and more than 130 fourth- and fifth-graders from Fiegel took

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A5



Exchange City attorney Hannah Dembny looks over citations with police officers Zachary Cumper, left, and Kyle Adams

Township, city spar over property

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Squabbling between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township could cause the demise of a proposed \$16 million condominium project on property located in both communities that is currently undeveloped and tax-exempt.

Crosswinds Communities of Novi is proposing a 100-unit condominium project on 10.5 acres of CSX Railroad property, of which approximately two-thirds is located in Plymouth, with the other third in Plymouth Township.

For nearly a year, city and township officials have discussed a 425 Agreement, an intergovernmental contract that would allow one municipality to have control of the entire site located at Starkweather and Pearl. But, it appears talks have broken down as the city believes it's offering a fair share of the taxes to the township, while township officials believe they're not getting what is equitable.

While the two sides spend time taking shots at each other, Crosswinds is caught in the crossfire. "We're still on board," said Dick Schram, the head of land acquisition for Crosswinds.

But, when asked if the development company is running out of time, Schram said, "That question is still being considered. We've stretched a long way."

The two sides agree on one thing: The city wants jurisdiction over the property, and would give the

PLEASE SEE PROPERTY, A7

Critics out-muscle fitness center's new sign

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Some critics are flexing their muscles to get the muscle man at Fitness Things to cover up.

Fitness Things owner Gary Walley has received concerns from several people about his new outdoor sign along Ann Arbor Road that shows a muscle man showing off his masculine physique.

So, Walley said the bodybuilder — which is actually a wooden sign surrounding the retail complex mailboxes — will soon be less exposed.

"We've had more positive than negative comments," said Walley. "But, one person thought the breasts were more like those of a woman than a man, so we're going to have a T-shirt or tank top painted on it."

"I don't think it's offensive, but I don't want it to become an

issue," he said. "We'll go the extra step to clean it up."

Walley said the sign was designed by a couple of art students from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. General Manager Linda Jones said the fitness equipment store has received a lot of comments about the new sign, which has been up for about a week.

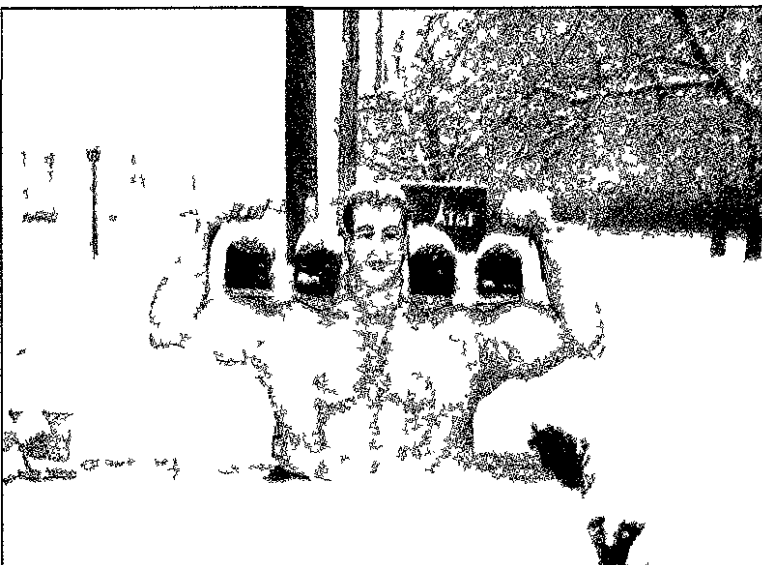
"I'm surprised on how many people comment on it," said Jones.

"We have a purple sign with a woman sitting on a home gym that is very attractive, but since the mailbox sign went up everybody has been calling and commenting, and we've received several e-mails."

Walley said the sign has been quite effective for business.

"The response has been unbelievable," he said.

"It has drummed up more



The owners of Fitness Things will soon cover most of this bodybuilder with a tank top in an effort to head off complaints

business and phone calls the week it's been up. We've had a lot of traffic from people who said

they didn't realize we were here."

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Waste collection

Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials join forces to allow residents to dispose of household hazardous waste when they sponsor "Household Hazardous Waste Day" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in the parking lot at Compuware Arena.

Identification will be required, since the event is open to city or township residents only.

Items to be accepted include fluorescent light bulbs, resins, solvents, wood preservatives, batteries, drain openers, driveway sealer, pesticides, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, hobby or laboratory chemicals, reactives, water treatment compounds, peroxides, elemental metal-sodium potassium, items labeled acid, flammable, caustic, poison, caution, toxic, danger or warning, lawn and garden products, computer equipment, prescription and over-the-counter medications, mercury, oil-based paint and stain products, polishes, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, adhesives, gasoline.

Items not acceptable include explosives, ammunition or fire-

works, latex paint, medical waste, smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, and PCB-containing materials.

For more information, call the city's Municipal Services Department at (734) 453-7737 or the township's Department of Public Services at (734) 453-8131.

Radio benefit

WSDP 88.1 The Escape, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools, presents the second-annual King of Spring benefit concert at 6 p.m. Friday, March 18 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Six area bands will be performing on two stages. The concert benefits WSDP, with tickets priced at \$6.

Station officials also announced that Forever Inside Records recording artist Ettison Cho will headline the show. The East Lansing-based indie rock band has made quite a name for themselves over the past five years, station officials said, and are "on the verge of much bigger things" with the release of their new CD, "This is for the Blue Collars."



Practice makes perfect

Band Director Linda Calzone and the Central Middle School Jazz Band rehearse for a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' benefit. An Evening of Excellence features 10 outstanding high school and middle school performance groups. The show is Friday, March 4, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are available, call (734) 416-3299.

Three of the band's members graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools. Ettison Cho performs early in the evening due to another concert later that evening. Other bands performing include The Rising Tide (formerly Sandbox Heroes), the Transfer, Which Way is Home, Common Misconception and Great Basement Crusade.

The concert is sponsored by Canton Computer and Simplicity-Board Sports. WSDP has been serving the

Plymouth-Canton community for more than 33 years.

For more information, call (734) 416-7732.

DAR luncheon

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, host a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, March 21, at the Northville Public Library. The program will focus on "History of the DAR." All DAR members and

potential members are welcome. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Career women

Amra Tame, president of the Alzheimer Activities Service, will be the guest speaker when the National Association of Career Women-West Suburban Chapter hosts its monthly meeting from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth.

Tame, who has provided services to Alzheimer's patients for 17 years, will discuss specialized programs and activities through which caregivers may enhance the lives of those living with Alzheimer's.

Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Guests are welcome. Atlantis Restaurant is located at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, just east of the I-275 interchange. To RSVP or for more information, call Linda Shoumate, (734) 459-4506.

Top employee

Meghan Packard has been named the March Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bannigan's restaurant, officials of LaBelle Management, which owns the restaurant, announced.

According to LaBelle officials, employees are recognized for the monthly honor "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

LaBelle Management owns and operates 33 restaurants and six hotels throughout Michigan and Indiana.

Beach party

Plymouth High School hosts its second-annual fund-raiser to benefit all Plymouth High School sports. The theme for this year's event, set for 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, March 12, is "Wildcat Beach Party."

The evening includes great food, music, a silent auction, 50-50 raffle and a reverse draw down with numerous community donated prizes and the grand prize of \$1,000. Winner need not be present.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at the VFW Hall in Plymouth, cost \$35. For tickets or more information, e-mail Katy Mihelick at mihelick@comcast.net or call (734) 637-6746.

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "Showcase Plymouth-Taste of Plymouth" event from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. The annual event is a chance for local businesses and restaurants to showcase themselves. Cost to chamber members is \$100 plus a \$15 door prize, or \$125 plus the \$15 door prize to be located in the Atrium. Prices double for non-chamber members.

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

Library blood drive

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Plymouth District Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 4. Appointment sign-up sheets can be found in the library's lobby, but walk-in donors are welcome, too.

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Playing for 'Peanuts'

Students bring Charlie Brown and gang to DuBois stage

BY LAUREL GNAGEY
CORRESPONDENT

The creator of the popular comic strip 'Peanuts', Charles M. Schulz, once told a Newsweek reporter, "It's tough to be a little kid."

Students preparing to present the musical based on the strip 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown', say it also is difficult playing little kids.

As students from the DuBois Little Theatre put the final touches on the musical to be performed March 10-12, they say thinking, acting and sounding like a 6-year-old has been one of the biggest challenges to portraying Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally and the gang.

"I had to do a lot of changing of my voice," says AmiAnn Bobo, who plays Lucy. "I spent a lot of time with the director, Mrs. [Shannon] Henry, trying to get Lucy down."

The Plymouth High School junior says she not only had to learn the words and mannerisms of the bossy Lucy, she had to undergo a complete personality change.

Her character is the exact opposite of mine. It's been quite a time, Bobo says with a gentle voice that still carries a heavy Tennessee accent after just more than three years of living in the area. Lucy is brazen and mean. I'm more of a sweet, southern belle.

Plymouth High School sophomore Kim Ford got her inspiration for being kid like from a 2-year-old and a third grader she knows. "I do a lot of baby sitting, so I



PHOTOS BY LAUREN KOZAK

Kyle Gnagey (Charlie Brown) asks 'When do the good things start?' as he and the ensemble cast sing the title song from 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.'

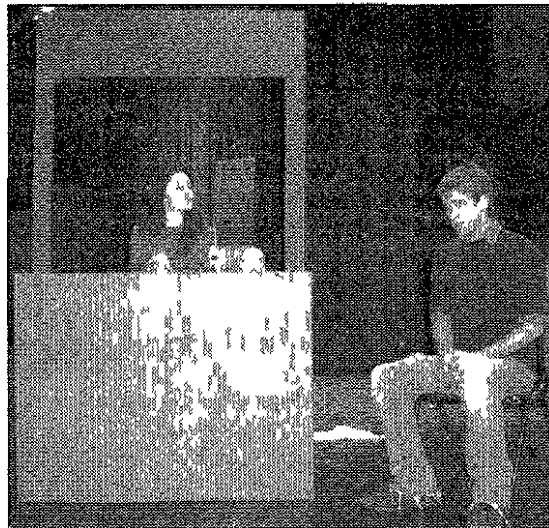
ON STAGE

What: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Where: DuBois Little Theatre, Canton High School

When: March 10-11 at 8 p.m., March 12 at 2:30 and 8 p.m.

Tickets: Sold at the theatre after school to 6 p.m. from cast members and at the door.



That'll be 5 cents, please. Lucy (AmiAnn Bobo) listens before offering her advice to Charlie Brown (Kyle Gnagey) during the song 'The Doctor is in.'

take my cue from them," says Ford, who promises the audience will find the show very entertaining and energetic. "It's a fun, fast-paced play."

In typical Schulz style, the musical portrays the perennial but lovable loser Charlie Brown, the devious and brash Lucy, the insecure but wise-beyond-his-years Linus who still has that blanket, the brooding musician Schroeder, the precocious Sally and the extroverted daydreamer and human-wannabe dog Snoopy.

Although Schulz stopped creating 'Peanuts' in 2000 — and in fact passed away the day before his

final comic hit papers — the messages in the strip, countless books and the musical continue to be relevant today, students say.

"I can relate most to Charlie Brown. At some point in time, every kid feels like Charlie Brown — the last one picked, the one who runs the baseball game or gets up late for school," says Salem senior Kimme Suchyta, who agrees with the Schulz statement that it's hard to be a kid but believes children are fairly resilient when it comes to bigger issues.

"The small things are more traumatic," she says.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is one of the most-produced musicals in the American Theatre, first debuting in 1967 and coming around again in 1999 in a Broadway revival, with countless performances across the country in between.

It is the second play to be performed at the DuBois Little Theatre since the start of a new drama program in the fall. Increased demand for creative outlets for drama prompted teacher Shannon Henry to offer extracurricular opportunities to be involved in plays — a decision for which Chris Dwan, who plays Schroeder, is thankful.

The Plymouth sophomore moved to the area from England last summer. Dwan says being in 'Charlie Brown' has made the transition into a new and very large school much easier.

"It's been an amazing experience. Everyone is really nice and it's really coming together," says Dwan, who compares the overall theme of Charlie Brown with the teamwork and camaraderie he has experienced with the cast and crew. "It's about friendship and happiness and just being together with your friends — just like being with this group."

Local water rates may float upward

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials say they aren't sure, yet, what the net effect will be on their communities' water and sewer rates after the Detroit City Council Monday approved a 3.5-percent average increase for services to the 125 suburban municipalities the system serves.

According to Plymouth Finance Director Mark Christiansen, the proposed water and sewer rate for the 2.2-square-mile community was a surprise.

"Our particular rates from Detroit are a decrease," said Christiansen. "That doesn't happen very often."

In fact, water rates were down 4.9 percent and sewer was down a half percent.

"However, that doesn't mean the city won't have an increase," Christiansen said. "The Detroit costs are only 39 percent of our water and sewer operation. The rest is our own labor force, costs for maintaining the system plus money to pay for the system debt and capital outlays."

Christiansen said the charges from Detroit equal about \$1.4 million of the \$3.6 million total expenditure for the city's water and sewer fund.

Last year, city commissioners approved a water and sewer rate increase of 10.6 percent. According to city figures, the average customer — one who uses 18,000 gallons per quarter — pays \$172.48 per quarter.

In Plymouth Township, Treasurer Ron Edwards said he expects rates to go up, but said it probably won't be much.

"We haven't raised rates the past couple of years, but there will probably be a rate increase," Edwards said. "We've been very responsible to the community. While everyone else has been hiking rates, we've been holding ours."

Edwards said the township's average customer uses 25,500 gallons of water per quarter at a cost of \$123.42.

This year, Detroit increased the township's water cost by 6 percent, with a nominal increase in sewer charges.

Edwards said Plymouth Township has experienced price hikes from Detroit the past several years, but the township board voted to absorb the increases. "The increases aren't blowing us apart," he said. "We'll come up with something."

Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials will decide the future of water rates for their respective communities to be implemented July 1.

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Audio book narrator shares story with fans



PHOTO BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Fans of George Guidall were able to match a face with an oh-so-familiar voice at the Farmington Community Library this week.

The renowned audiobook narrator, who has entranced thousands of listeners through his acclaimed 20-year career, visited Farmington Hills Tuesday as part of the 4th annual Everyone's Reading program.

Guidall narrated one of the programs three featured books by Elizabeth McCracken, *Niagara Falls All Over Again*. He shared secrets and experiences in his audiobook career with the audience.

Widely noted as the world's most prolific narrator of audiobooks, Guidall has recorded nearly 650 unabridged novels, bringing a consistent artistry to his reading that has delighted listeners for more than two decades.

His narrations of everything from classics like *Crime and Punishment* and *The Iliad*, to

Audio book narrator George Guidall takes time to answer some questions from listeners

best sellers like *Snow Falling on Cedars* and Lihan Jackson Braun's *Cat Who* series have set a standard for excellence that is recognized throughout the audiobook industry.

Guidall received Audi Awards — the industry's equivalent of an Oscar — in 1999 for his recording of John Irving's *A Widow of One Year* and again in 2000 for his rendition of Wally Lamb's *I Know This Much is True*.

The visit was a highlight to promote the Everyone's Reading program in metro Detroit. Other special events are happening at the public libraries in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Canton, Independence Township, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield Township.

The program encourages everyone to read the same book — or three books in this year's program — between Feb. 1 and

April 16. The three books, all by Elizabeth McCracken, are

■ *Here's Your Hat What's Your Hurry*, a collection of stories showcasing the author's sense of humor and talent for creating unforgettable characters.

■ *The Giant's House, A Romance*, a tender and quirky novel about a lonely librarian's love for the world's tallest boy.

■ *Niagara Falls All Over Again* chronicles two men and their flawed, passionate friendship over 30 years, weaving a powerful story of family, love, grief and loss.

"We hope that in offering a choice of books, we will encourage even more people to participate in the program," said Jean Tabor, director of the Canton Public Library.

For a schedule of Everyone's Reading activities, visit www.everyonesreading.info

Airport concessions receive high marks

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport's (DTW's) concessions program at the McNamara Terminal is still impressing industry experts. The airport and its concession operators recently received high marks across several categories in Airport Revenue News' 2005 Best Concessions Poll.

Topping out the list of awards for DTW and its concessionaires, was that for the airport's Motown Music Review store, operated by CA One Services, which was voted Best New Specialty Retail Concept.

Here's what some of the judges had to say about Metro's Motown Music Review Store: "Motown is the perfect local concept for Detroit and CA One Services has done a great job in execution."

"Motown fits the theme of the airport and the music history of Detroit."

"Music is a good airport concept and Motown is clearly Detroit. The concept defines a sense of place and is exactly what you would expect."

Detroit Metro Airport also

placed second among large airports in the category; Airport with the Most Unique Services.

In addition, DTW's concessions operators also received the following awards:

■ **Second Place, Best New Food & Beverage Concept** Mediterranean Grill, a Middle Eastern restaurant at the McNamara Terminal.

■ **Tied for Second Place, Retailer with the Highest Regard for Customer Service** Pangborn Design Collection, a specialty retail store featuring unique houseware items and gifts by local designer, Dominic Pangborn, and

Erwin Pearl, a women's fashion jewelry store.

"We are very proud of our concessions program and the industry recognition we have received," said Myrna Mendez, Director of Concessions at DTW. "With new and improved concessions still coming, we hope our program will continue to grow and to be rated among the best, by both travelers and industry groups alike."

In a report last year, the

Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine commended DTW's HeartSmart program, which gives customers over 50 heart-healthy meal options throughout the terminal. The program was the branchchild of Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson.

This year's ARN Best Concessions Poll marks the 10-year anniversary of this important industry event. Airports and concessionaires alike, were nominated for a variety of awards in sixteen categories, and were rated by a panel of industry experts. Airports were rated based upon size and separated into four categories which included large airports (serving more than 10 million enplaned passengers annually), medium airports (serving 4-10 million enplaned passengers annually), small airports (serving less than 4 million enplaned passengers annually) and single terminal.

For additional information about ARN's Best Concessions poll, please contact ARN's Pauline Armbrust at (561) 355-8488, ext 101.

Women of Color Task Force holds annual career conference at U-M

The University of Michigan Women of Color Task Force will hold its 23rd annual career conference 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 23, at the Michigan League.

The theme for this year's event is "Inclusion and Opportunity: Recognizing Everyone's Contribution." Toni Hoover, vice president and development site head of Pfizer Global Research and Development - Michigan Laboratories, will be delivering the keynote speech during the opening session.

The conference will be at the Concourse Level of the Michigan League, 911 North University St. on the Central Campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The conference, which is

open to the public, offers professional, financial and personal development workshops, a networking luncheon and an exhibit area featuring the following vendors: TIAA-CREF, Borders Express, Del Gallery, Out of Africa Clothing and Warm Spirit.

New this year is a strategic leadership seminar conducted by U-M Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer Laurita Thomas, a workshop by UHS on how to have a productive doctor's visit, and two panel presentations.

The cost for current U-M staff, faculty and students is \$55 for the conference and \$75 to attend both the conference and luncheon. The cost for non-U-M employees is \$75

(conference only) and \$95 conference with the luncheon. You may still register for the conference via fax or in person, however, registration for the luncheon is closed. Workshop information and the conference registration forms are available online at <http://www.cew.umich.edu>.

Also, conference attendees will be able to receive free massages from students studying at the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy, and University Health Services will provide free health screenings and have a chirocian onsite for further consultation.

The conference is sponsored by Women of Color Task Force (WCTF) Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan.

Lawmakers seek to curb imported trash

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Riding on the wave of last year's push to control the trash flow into Michigan landfills, Democrats in the House announced bills that would significantly boost the dumping fees.

The cheap cost of dumping in Michigan landfills — at 21 cents a ton — is appealing to out-of-state and Canadian trash companies looking to get rid of their garbage.

That appeal will hopefully end, say Democrats, if they manage to pass a bill that would charge waste haulers \$750 per ton.

Democrats said Michigan ranks third in the nation for the importation of trash.

"We don't want to be known as the Great Waste State," said State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, at a press conference this week in Farmington Hills.

"This invasion is threatening our air, land and water," he said. Vagnozzi was joined by state Reps. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, and Marie Donigan, D-Royal Oak.

"The garbage industry is getting a free ride and it must end and end now," said Donigan.

She pointed out that Pennsylvania slashed its out-of-state trash by 14 percent in the second year after lawmakers

there started to charge companies \$725 a ton.

Other bills the Democrats are introducing involve harsher penalties to municipalities that violate the rules.

Municipalities that send banned items such as car batteries and motor oil to a Michigan landfill three times in a year will have their certification revoked.

Those caught sending dangerous items such as radioactive, medical waste and blood just one time will be banned for a year from dumping in Michigan.

Democrats are also pushing a ban on landfill expansion. The current ban ends Jan. 1, 2006, but the Democratic plan will extend it to 2010.

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STUDENTS

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part in Experiencia, an education and learning center in Taylor where students receive a hands-on experience in a student-size city where they learn to develop business plans, make laws, elect officials and provide the city with goods and services.

All-the-while, almost matter of factly, students are learning curriculum in math, science, language arts and social studies, which help them with state-required MEAP tests and compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

It's a great experience for kids,' said Jessie's mom, Colleen Hackman, a parent volunteer in the broadcast center. 'I think they're learning what their parents do every day. And maybe, just maybe, learning to appreciate it a bit, the whole going to work and paying the bills, in a fun way.'

The idea to experience Experiencia was that of Fiegel fourth-grade teacher Barb Toth. Students write resumes, fill out job applications and interview for jobs during a six-week period before the actual field trip.

'The curriculum helps teach them how to do different jobs, write a check and deposit slips and a civics lesson in voting,' said Toth. 'They don't know they're doing math, civics and social studies.'

'Kids know about being teachers and police officers and firefighters,' added Toth. 'Through this program they've found out about different jobs and the responsibilities for those jobs.'

Andrew Tung, 10, of Canton, interviewed and was chosen for the job as president of the Safe Safe Credit Union.

'It has a lot of responsibilities and I wanted a challenge,' said Andrew, appropriately wearing a blue sportcoat and tie. 'I have to do loan applications, and I have to help other people and work as a team.'

Margaret Gordinier, a fourth-grader from Plymouth Township, was a photojournalist for Exchange City's newspaper, which puts out an eight-page edition.

'I'm taking pictures and downloading them on the

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The students in each department kept track of their expenses and made payments to pay off their debt to the credit union.

computer, and I write the captions, said Margaret, with a digital camera hanging around her neck. 'I go to different shops and take pictures of people. If they're smiling good we'll use it. If not, we won't.'

The fourth- and fifth-graders — along with 75 third graders who study the environment on the EarthWorks side of Experiencia — were able to take the trip with the help of an anonymous \$5,500 donation. The other \$500 was paid by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

'It's career preparation even though it's a young age,' said Chris Dail, a member of the chamber's education committee. 'It really teaches them about responsibility and real life situations.'

Exchange City residents earn a paycheck of \$7.90, with all but \$2 deposited in the bank. That can make for some tough decisions when it comes to purchasing power.

'I think I'll buy a drink and popcorn,' said Brian Landahl, a fifth grader from Canton. 'Then I'll have to wait until

my next paycheck. So, I guess I'll have to choose wisely.' Zachary Cumper, 10, of Plymouth Township was patrolling the streets of Exchange City.

'I give out tickets for crossing the grass, chewing gum, for running and you can't hang around the bathrooms,' said Zachary. 'In the beginning, I gave out three warnings because we weren't allowed to pass out tickets until the town meeting.'

At the other end of Experiencia, Fiegel third-graders seemed to be having as much fun learning about the environment, animal habitats and recycling.

'We learned about what kinds of animals live in the forest, like snakes and birds,' said 8-year-old Jessica Prieskorn of Canton. 'We studied a bobcat and found what it eats.'

'I'm having lots of fun,' she said. 'It's better than being in the classroom all day because you get to see animals and how they blend in with their habitat.'

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UNDERPASS

FROM PAGE A1

week. It's essential we maintain this funding, otherwise the project will be delayed, if not canceled completely.

The project, originally discussed back in 1999, has been delayed by a variety of problems. First, officials had trouble getting easements from businesses along Sheldon Road. Then a problem with moving a city water main out of the way bubbled up. CSX officials have dragged their feet on signing the agreement.

Now, so much time has passed since the project was first discussed that officials in both the city and township have moved on to other priorities. The cash-strapped city would prefer to use money it had set aside for the underpass to pave its own roads, while the township is trying to rein in the costs of its now-\$13 million township hall project.

'We don't have the money for it,' Plymouth Township

Treasurer Ron Edwards said this week of the underpass. 'The benefit just isn't there, and I don't think the votes are there.'

Edwards, clerk Marilyn Messengill and trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Kay Arnold would likely vote against continuing support of the project. Trustees Steve Mann and Charles Curmi are on the record in favor of it, while new supervisor Richard Reaume said he'd have to study the options presented.

'We would have to take all proposals on their merits based on today's economic conditions, which aren't as rosy as they were,' Reaume said. 'Some (residents) say they'd like to see it go forward, and we have others who are very concerned about the impact on businesses along Sheldon Road, and the impact on Beck Road, and all of the adjoining intersections. That's a valid concern, and one we need to address going forward.'

Township trustee Steve Mann, a former supervisor, said he'd like to see the project move forward, even if the

township has to finance its \$1.2 million obligation with municipal bonds.

'We've been looking forward to the underpass project for too long now (and) we're extremely disappointed at talk the city is going to pull out,' Mann said. 'This was a project that has a great deal of federal dollars coming to fix an eyesore, a traffic problem and a public safety concern.'

That might be true, but trustees weren't willing to look at financing \$2 million to pay for the over-run on the township hall budget, and the votes likely wouldn't be there for the underpass, either.

'I'd like to continue to support it, and do our due diligence, given the fact the city wants to pull back out of it,' said Doroshewitz, the township's newest trustee.

'At the end of the day it's going to come down to whether we can afford it or not. It's a good project, but honestly I'd be surprised if we can afford it.'

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Foundation hands out \$8,000 in project grants

Ten educational projects are a collective \$8,130 richer after the Educational Excellence Foundation announced the awarding of its most recent grants

The EEF, a non-profit organization serving Plymouth-Canton schools working in partnership with the district to fund curricular-based projects, reviews grant applications three times during the school year

The latest grants went to Bentley Elementary School's fourth-grade, \$1,600 for its Underground Railroad project

Teachers Burnstein and Junga at Salem High School and Miller Elementary schools, \$399.51 for their Shakespeare partnership

Arlene DeForest at Central Middle School, \$250 for her "detecting germs" project
Patricia Domin at Tonda Elementary School, \$500 for the "African Drumming" project

Teachers Evans and Moss at Hulsing Elementary School, \$483 for their "Motor Skills Enhancement" project

Angela Han at the Plymouth Symphony, \$2,000 for the Concert for Kids program

Sue Iwema at Allen Elementary, \$425.84 for the Reading Fluency Support program

Jason Kaye at Pioneer Middle School, \$214 for the Horizons Literacy Project
Joan Pence at Salem High School, \$249 for Pasco Probes

Mark Poghano, technical education, \$974.44 for the Play House Model

Steven Seidel at Plymouth High School, \$620.81 for the "Concrete and our Lives" project

Janet Sutherland at Plymouth High School, \$412.95 for the "Bright Idea" program

Combined with the November 2004 awarding of more than \$15,000 in grants, the Education Excellence Foundation has now handed out some \$23,194.66 in grants this school year

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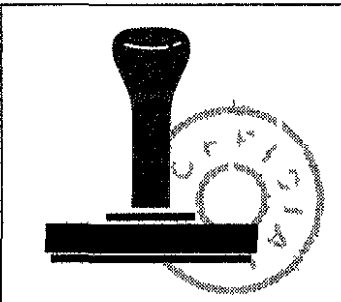
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DEATHS

- A**
Oliver Aytes of Livonia, died Feb 27
- B**
Mark L. Brundage, 37, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 21
- D**
Pauline J. Davis, 83, died Feb 25
Lucille Caiami Dobbs, 82, of Garden City, died Feb 28
William H. Douglas, 97, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 16
- F**
Stella Margaret Fishel, of Plymouth, died Feb 25
Errol E. Foster, 64, of Romeo, died Feb 27
- G**
Ruah G. Graves, 99, of Livonia, died Feb 28
- H**
Barbara L. High, 57, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 14
Ruth J. Hoppe, 87, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 24
Mary L. Hulsman, 77, of Pontiac, died Feb 14
- K**
Frederick Reid Keydel, 76, of St. Louis, died Feb 26
John D. Knapp, 86, of Rochester, died Feb 18
Mary Lou Kotlarz of Livonia, died Feb 28
- L**
Irma V. LeLacheur, 88, of Troy, died Feb 11
Douglas W. Lintz, 67, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 12
- M**
Regina Marie McVey, 61, of Roscommon, died Feb 23
Marion Genevieve Discovish Murphy, 91, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 27
- P**
Ethel Parent, 96, of Lake Orion, died Feb 19
Bobbie D. Pierce, 75, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 24,
- R**
William K. Rankin, 82, of Rochester, died Feb 25
Louise Cecilia Roberts, of Waterford died Feb 27
Morley L. Russell, 86, of Utica, died



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports in Passages on page C9

- S**
Barbara E. Schultz, 86, of Rochester, died Feb 23
Delphine Marie Stachowak, 76, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 26
- T**
Joyce A. Taylor, 79, of Lake Orion, died Feb 28
Joseph A. Terzo, 58, of Davisburg, formerly of Waterford, died Feb 19
- V**
Peter A. Ventura, 95, of Livonia died Feb 26
- W**
Harry P. Westra, 84, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 11
Beryl Whitman, 85, of Addison Twp., died Jan 25
- Z**
Ralph E. Zimmermann Jr., of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 25

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb 23-March 1

Tuesday, March 1 - Residential rescue runs on Main and on Plymouth Road, commercial rescue run on Lilley, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 over M-14 and on eastbound M-14 east of Ridge

Monday, Feb 28 - Residential rescue runs on Colony Farms, on Postiff, on Sheldon, on Haggerty, on Fox and on Wilcox, investigation on

Irvin, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accidents on Plymouth Road and on westbound M-14 west of I-275

Sunday, Feb 27 - Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Northville Road, on Terry and on Westbury rescue run on Mill, industrial rescue run on Sheldon

Saturday, Feb 26 - Residential rescue runs on Danbridge, on Parkview, on Franklin Court, on Hunt Club, on Sheldon and on Wild Wing

Friday, Feb 25 - Vehicle accident with wash-down on eastbound M-14 at Schoolcraft, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 over M-14 and on the ramp from eastbound M-14 to Beck, residential rescue runs on Roe and on Red Maple

Thursday, Feb 24 - Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Sheldon, on Sheridan, on Newport and on Pineview, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Sheldon

Wednesday, Feb 23 - Smoke investigation on westbound M-14 at North Territorial, residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Firwood and on Northville Road

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Rockettes bring home pair of trophies

The success just keeps on coming for the Salem High School Rockettes

Appearing for the third straight year at the Universal Dance Association National Dance Championships in Orlando, Fla., the Rockettes, Salem High School's dance/pom pon squad, brought home a pair of trophies

The Rockettes placed eighth in the nation competing against teams from around the country. The Rockettes also made it to the finals in the jazz dance portion of the competition, where they finished 11th in the nation.

Team officials said the



The Salem Rockettes brought home a pair of trophies from the National Dance Championships in Orlando, Fla. For good measure, they also won a competition that gave them the chance to perform at halftime of a Detroit Pistons game

National Dance Championship is "the largest dance competition in the world," featuring the best of school dance teams from across the country competing for the national title.

The success of the Salem squad ties to its routines, choreographed by coach Aileen Balatico and assistant coach Laura Thorp.

And if the performance in Orlando wasn't enough, the

team also placed first in a poms competition at The Palace of Auburn Hills in January, earning the Rockettes a chance to perform at halftime of a Detroit Pistons game.

Cops wait on driver's autopsy results

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Law enforcement agencies involved in the Canton shooting death of a man who fled from police Feb. 21 are waiting for autopsy results while pursuing routine investigations into the shooting.

Michigan State Police Lt. Harold Love said that the state police investigation of the shooting should be complete in three weeks, pending lab test results of the guns fired in the incident and interviews with the four officers who fired. Love said indications are the shootings were justified.

Four officers from three different police agencies fired at Christopher Slay, 42, as he drove a Jeep Grand Cherokee in an attempt to run down a Canton police officer on foot in a snowy field just north of Ford Road west of Beck, police said.

One MSP trooper said he spotted Slay using a crack pipe before running his truck toward an officer. Police said Slay had a record of auto theft, breaking and entering, fleeing police, assault and drug charges.

Of the four who fired weapons, two were Canton officers. One was a Wayne County Sheriff's Department deputy, and the other a MSP trooper.

According to the MSP official orders policy directive, troopers are justified in

shooting their weapon at a suspect if they determine the suspect poses imminent danger of death or great bodily harm.

All were placed on leave -- a standard action for law enforcement agencies after a shooting. The MSP trooper was back at work March 1, Love said.

Each local agency conducts separate investigation of the actions of its own personnel, to determine if department policy was followed.

John Santomauro, Canton director of public safety, said, "Our goal is to return the officer back to some duty status as soon as possible."

"The misconception tends to be that police do this daily, and that it has little or no effect on them. It very much does affect them."

The director said he speaks with affected officers and offers options. The options include speaking with a police department psychologist, talking with a chaplain, or talking with counselors through St. Joseph Hospital's employee assistance program. Santomauro said just spending time with family can also be a help.

Counseling is not required. But if an officer displays signs of stress, police administration can order counseling to establish fitness for duty.

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Spring treats, more fitness options come to Wayne County

NOT A DIME

The groundhog may have predicted six more weeks of winter, but in Garden City, spring is set to arrive Saturday, March 5. That's when King Kone opens its doors.

The ice cream destination kicks off a sunnier season with tradition - Nickel Day. It will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 5. Ice cream cones sell for a nickel, though sprinkles cost extra.

King Kone has been opening business with Nickel Day since 1992.

The business is at 31051 Ford Road, east of Merriman, in Garden City. Call (734) 522-5663.

IN THE ZONE

Women seeking a new choice in exercise won't have to wait much longer. Fit Zone for



Women is set to open its doors March 7 in Livonia. The women-only fitness center was created by CEO Gretchen Shannon.

Shannon opened her first Fit Zone in Kalamazoo and the company has since spread throughout Michigan.

Fit Zone features a variety of options. Nautilus for Women is a 30-minute circuit training program that includes both resistance and cardiovascular challenges from hydraulic, physical therapy equipment, all in a quick workout. Instead

of increasing resistance by 10-pound increments, the equipment can be altered in 1-pound increments.

"We are a full facility," said Bob Smilanich on behalf of Fit Zone. He added that they have the only antibacterial aerobic floor. Fit Zone offers everything from Pilates and Yoga, to Ball Blast, Step Aerobics, or Body Sculpting, all free with membership. "This is a club designed by a woman and run by women," he said.

Personal trainers also come with each membership. And cardiovascular equipment - treadmills, bicycles and elliptical machines - is all part of the package. Each of the machines comes with a personal 17-inch television monitor.

Fit Zone also provides a level one weight loss program, for which all fees are tax deductible. Smilanich said the

program is individualized, scientific, and based on what each person actually likes to eat. It's not a diet, he said, and he can attest that it does work.

Memberships are based on one or two-year plans and will be limited to 700 patrons. Smilanich said it will never be "too crowded" and members will receive individualized attention. Grand opening specials for 1/2 off of enrollment fees are available now.

Fit Zone for Women is located at 16112 Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (734) 525-4636 or check the Web at www.fitzoneforwomen.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oe.homecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054.

PROPERTY

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township to share of property taxes at the township millage rate.

That's where the similarities end. City officials believe they deserve the lion's share of the tax money because residents in the complex would be using city services and driving city streets to access the property. Township officials are demanding more than the \$8,900 annually from property taxes, wanting compensation for what they feel is a loss of revenue.

"Everybody who lives there represents about \$80 in state-shared revenue, so we should be entitled to that," said Supervisor Richard Reaume, who noted the township would lose out on water and sewer

collections, building fees and brownfield (contamination cleanup) tax money. We feel we should be compensated for some of that loss.

According to city estimates the township's tax rate would generate \$30,000 a year, a figure city officials consider more than fair.

"We're between a rock and a hard place until the township does something," said Commissioner Phil Pursell. "They're holding us up."

"I'm not going to vote for anything that has to do with the township until they get off the dime," he said. "I thought we all tried to work together. That's why we have a community fire department, whose contract is up soon, I might add."

Treasurer Ron Edwards said until the pot is sweetened, he won't vote to accept the 4-25 Agreement.

"We're asking for fairness in this," he said. "I have a fiduciary duty for township residents. I'm not going to give away our community just because the city needs taxable property. Every time the city has financial problems, they come to us for a bailout."

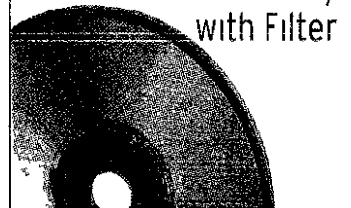
Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Dwyer said he's frustrated.

"I'm tired of this animosity between the township and the city, it's bad government on both sides," Dwyer said.

"This is a perfect opportunity to have a joint venture, a great chance to revitalize Old Village and develop land in Plymouth Township," he said. "We've got a guy who wants to put in millions of dollars into the Plymouth community and we're squabbling over a couple thousand dollars."

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'Shop Plymouth' is a team effort

There are some people, including store owners and officials at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, who are becoming concerned about a lack of shopping being done in Plymouth.

It's easy to downplay such concerns, because the streets of downtown Plymouth are almost always bustling. Parking is generally tough to come by and pedestrians galore dot the landscape.

However, according to Annette Horn, who chairs the chamber's retail committee, that isn't necessarily translating into a shopping boon for downtown retailers. In a letter appearing on this same page, Horn decries a movement toward shopping at "big-box stores" and on the Internet, obviously worrying consumers only have so many dollars to spend and far too many options on which to spend them.

A plethora of festivals bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to Plymouth every year. Ice fest in January, Art in the Park in the summer and Fall Festival in September are all huge draws for Plymouth, and the downtown merchants should be able to take advantage of all the extra foot traffic.

We agree with Horn's assessment that shoppers should be able to find what they want in most of the town's retail shops. Her Native West store is among the most interesting, but hardly the only shop worth a peek. We also agree shoppers should be giving local retailers first consideration when deciding how to spend their money.

However, that is a fairly biased point of view, since Plymouth is our town. Consumers will shop in stores where three things hold true: They can get goods that appeal to them, they can get those goods at prices they can afford and they can get those goods during hours that are convenient to them.

According to Horn, downtown retailers collectively just had their worst year. While we absolutely support the idea of people shopping Plymouth first, those results beg the question: Are retailers doing everything they can to attract shoppers?

Are products priced in an affordable range? Are specials offered that would be attractive both to Plymouth residents and out-of-towners? Do stores adjust their hours to take advantage of evening attractions such as the Friday night concert series in Kellogg Park?

The Plymouth community has become a destination spot, particularly for diners. It's also drawing its share of residential development. There's no reason it shouldn't also be a Xanadu for shoppers.

Plymouth has a formidable lineup of retail shops. If they want to keep those shops, Plymouth consumers need to do their part and shop Plymouth first. Retailers also have their part to do in making sure their stores are attractive spots.

After all, shopping Plymouth (except along Penniman) is a two-way street.

Ambitious roads plan has little hope of gaining favor

Everyone knows that the roads in metro Detroit are a mess. And everyone knows that something has to be done about it.

What that something is, however, is the topic of great gnashing of the teeth and wringing of the political hands.

Oakland County Businesses for Better Roads — an offshoot of the transportation committee of the Oakland County Business Roundtable — has decided to take the problem on by looking locally rather than hoping for an influx of cash from the state or federal government.

The group's plan is ambitious and expensive, and while targeted primarily at Oakland County, its success depends on similar proposals being approved in Wayne and Macomb counties as well.

The BBR wants to institute a 0.5-mill countywide property tax, a 0.5-percent local sales tax, a 20-percent increase in vehicle registration fees and a \$25 flat rate driver's license fee. All four initiatives would require the state Legislature to authorize a countywide vote to approve them.

While the plan has merit, there is little chance it will fly in Lansing, or at the ballot box if it makes it that far. The reason?

While everyone agrees our roads are in a shambles, so is the state's financial house. And it is unlikely that the governor and Legislature will give their blessing to any new taxes at a time when whispers are growing that a hike in the state income tax may be the only way to pull the state out of its budget mess.

Which means that at least for the time being, commuters should prepare themselves for another long, hot summer navigating area roads.



Geoff Brooks 3/3/05 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Shop Plymouth

I sit here writing this thinking of how wonderful Plymouth is, how lucky we are to live in or near such a wonderful community, how great the concerts are, the restaurants, the shops and the people.

As a downtown business owner, I also think about how few people who live here really come down and support their downtown. We're all feeling the strain of budgets, higher costs, job security, etc. The city has concerns, too, we all do. But the downtown business scene is sure to have a major change this year.

CLOSED/GOING OUT OF BUSINESS/FOR LEASE you get the picture. Go through town on any given week day around noon. It's jam-packed. Parking is at a premium! Look inside the stores. There is little to no business. Now take a look at the restaurants. Full to busv until around 2 p.m.

Wouldn't it be great if all those folks who come to town for lunch visit a shop they've never been in once a week? Wouldn't it be grand if a quarter of the people who come in for the annual trick-or-treating come back to shop? Or those who come once a year for the ice festival or Art in the Park? Wouldn't it be great?

Do you think about shopping in Plymouth first? We need all of your support and we need it now. Great developments are coming in! There are new building opportunities. Yet, downtown retail just had the worst year ever!

Where have all the people gone? We are inundated with the big-box stores. We are being taught to buy cheap and made in China. We are shopping on the Internet at a rate I can't even keep up with.

We are in changing times. Plymouth will change, too. How? I don't know. Remember how you feel about your town. Remember that warm fuzzy it gives you. Remember because that may be all you have very soon — a memory!

Shop where you live. Shop Plymouth first. We'll surprise you.

Annette Horn
 owner Native West
 chair Chamber Retail Committee

Perception as reality?

I found it quite interesting reading state Sen. Bruce Patterson's reply to the recent articles regarding the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association.

I trust what the senator says, but isn't there a concern for the public's perception of impropriety? We are indeed looking for the best and the brightest to represent our interests. Doesn't mere attendance at such junkets continue to create a tainted political stereotype?

And one last question — why does the Wholesalers Association continue to fund such out-of-town get-togethers unless they are getting some results?

Mike Grosbeck
 Canton

Shooting the messenger

The purpose of the sponsored trip by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association that Sen. Patterson took to

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Palm Beach, Fla., was, in my opinion, to influence him or to thank him.

Why did Sen. Patterson take the paid trip? Couldn't he have evaluated any pending legislation and obtained advice and opinions from the Michigan electorate through open discussion?

The Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association made an investment in Sen. Patterson and the other legislators who attended the sponsored trip. If he was House majority floor leader at the time of the trip, then the Wholesalers had a very deep interest in gaining his support.

In the Feb. 17 *Observer* Local News section, it was reported that he said the reporting of the trip (in the *Detroit Free Press*) tarnishes an already scrutinized profession (lawmakers). By going on the paid trip, Sen. Patterson himself tarnished "the scrutinized profession." It was NOT tarnished by the *Detroit Free Press*. Does Sen. Patterson believe in shooting the messenger?

William Cole
 Plymouth

Where are the funds?

In its latest report the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund reports that 90 million children are starving.

How is the United States responding to this great human tragedy?

For fiscal years '03, '04 and '05 Congress approved more than \$30 million each year for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. These funds would have been used by UNFPA to help women in poor countries engage in family planning programs, prevent disease, space their children, determine the healthiest time for bearing children, reduce unwanted pregnancies, avoid maternal death and reduce the number of abortions.

But each year, President Bush, apparently carrying out his faith-based administration of government has refused to approve these funds.

Frederic Adams
 Beverly Hills

Defend Darfur

The world looks away once more and the genocide continues. The people of the Darfur region of Sudan are being brutally murdered by their own government.

A document, taken from a janjaweed official dated August 2004, makes clear the policy, as it urges regional commanders to execute directives from the president of the republic to "Change the demography of Darfur and make it void of African tribes." Recently released photographs confirm the truth. One was taken little more than one month ago, when the Sudanese government-backed janjaweed militia attacked the village of Hamada and killed 107 people. In it a child lies dead. His 5-year-old brother is not pictured because he has been so badly beaten that there was nothing left of his face. These children had no one to protect them from this unspeakable evil.

It is time to protect the children that are still alive. Lofty words about spreading freedom mean nothing when the

world turns a blind eye. Let our government know that we expect them to do something. Do not wait until it is all over, do not wait again, until it is too late.

Katie Jacob
 Birmingham

Granholt must be bold

I am writing in response to your editorial "Granholt typically cautious in revamping of tax system" *Observer & Eccentric* Feb. 3, 2005.

I am still learning about the SBT and what it taxes.

I was astounded working at a major auto company to see a tax staff working all year to keep track of personal property tax on all company vehicles used on plant property, number of pallets and number and value of production machines.

Another problem was a WWII policy that the major company purchased the production machines used by suppliers, and has to keep track of these machines and pay the personal property tax on these. There was no tax staff in the field to track these production machines. Some supplier companies went out of business and the machines were sold at discount because ownership was ignored. Some machines were scrapped. Some machines were pushed out in the lot to rust in the rain.

I now understand that a payroll and personal property tax is very perverse, a tax on capital. The tax should be on profits or transactions, or specifically profitable transactions. That is, if at the end of fiscal year, the company does not make a profit, the accumulated transaction tax should be refunded. That would be novel.

I am curious to search to see what other states and territories have payroll and personal property taxes. Michigan needs new high-tech businesses and Michigan is ready to tax the new million-dollar machines. I can see why Intel is not here with its million-dollar photolithographic chip-making machines. No, Gov. Granholt cannot be cautious, but must be bold.

Neil Kart
 Livonia

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"We don't have the money for it. The problem the county has is when they knew their engineering costs were going to be higher they had to notify the board, and they didn't do it. Originally we were told our two-thirds would be about \$173,000. Now, based on what they told the city, it's almost four times that. The benefit just isn't there."

— Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township treasurer, on the future of the Sheldon Road underpass project

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Local leaders showing the way to state's politicians

Michigan is having trouble working out a sensible business strategy. There are lots of reasons, some good, some bad.

Start with the bad. The usual mess in Lansing. The governor's a Democrat, the Legislature, Republican, both are more than faintly interested in short-term partisan advantage.

Nor does the infighting stop there. As I understand it, the tone of discourse during the meetings between Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikema involves language you wouldn't want to appear in a family newspaper. Worse, relations between DeRoche and Sikema vary between frosty and frigid. If these folks can't get along like sensible adults, where does that leave the state?

The Legislature started by treating Granholm's proposals as DOA, but then (oops!) figured out that to just keep on saying "no" risked being called obstructionist. So maybe they're re-thinking. On top of it all is the sad state budget, which will need something like \$376 million in cuts to bring this year's spending plan into balance. This is mostly the result of our chronic structural budget deficit, which the Lansing politicians are too timid to tackle.

But the biggest obstacle might be called the "live by the sword, die by the sword" problem. For decades, Michigan made a great living off the high-pay, low-skill manufacturing jobs provided by the auto industry. But over the past few years, a combination of outsourcing, offshoring and productivity gains has resulted in an accelerating hemorrhage of these jobs. It's as though the foundation for our entire economic house is being disassembled, cinder block by cinder block.

Worse, the "one big industry" habit of mind is deeply entrenched. Far too much conversation in Lansing rotates around the fantasy of one great big economic silver bullet that will bail us out of trouble. Will it be life sciences? Might it be homeland security? Could it be agile manufacturing? Nah.

Most likely it will wind up with an unpredictable mix of things where Michigan has a comparative advantage. And the process is very likely to take place piecemeal and by fits and starts.

Which is why it's instructive to look at two locally-based efforts that offer some hope for the future. First is Automation Alley, originally proposed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson in 1997. The idea was to leverage the combined strength of the county's automobile-related, high-tech businesses into a national marketing effort that would attract skilled talent and new cutting-edge companies. Forty-four organizations joined initially,

and trade missions jetted off to Europe, China and Mexico.

In 2001, the Alley affiliated with the Great Lakes Interactive Marketing Association, marrying the high-tech business community and an interactive and technical labor force. In 2003, Automation Alley created the Technology Center, which leverages businesses, educators, government and money to help entrepreneurs bring new technologies to market quicker and more efficiently. Just last year, the Alley started a new headquarters in Troy.

The Alley's current annual budget is around \$2 million, mostly raised from dues from member companies and some state assistance. Tom Anderson, the capable and thoughtful director of the Tech Center, says that he's trying to start a quarterly forum to bring together entrepreneurs and investment professionals to make more visible the good business investment opportunities available in southeastern Michigan. He's also working on tripling the Alley's \$1.4 million seed fund.

Over in Ann Arbor, some local business leaders are hooking up with the University of Michigan to try to do something similar. With a working title of "Ann Arbor Tech Central," the group is shaking the bushes to put together a \$1 million-plus annual budget.

Central to the undertaking is active involvement by the University of Michigan, which under President Mary Sue Coleman's regime has at last realized it needs to get its hands dirty exploiting its terrific research capability and helping get businesses launched.

A university insider put the case sensibly to me last week. "We've got to look on this just like a venture capital firm looks at a startup. It's a long-term proposition. You've got to keep at it. You'll make some mistakes. But you have to keep working on it until it works."

Right on. In the case of Automation Alley, it's taken seven years of hard work to make a functioning organization capable of building on southeastern Michigan's existing strengths in automobile-related high tech.

In the case of Ann Arbor Tech Central, the right people are coming to the right conclusion at the right time. Similar organizations are bubbling up in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

In all cases, it's hard-driving local folks who are leading the charge, not the politicians in Lansing. Sure, they need support from the state, in two major ways: a) money, and b) keeping out of the way. And fortunately the local folks are not all hung up with partisanship, egos or chronic structural budget deficits. Perhaps Lansing can learn something from the Livomas of this state. Let's hope so.

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

County fighting to keep city, Plymouth Township in underpass

It's been interesting to watch Wayne County officials scrambling to keep their fingers in the holes of the bursting dam the Sheldon Road underpass project has become.

The beleaguered project, which has seen foot-dragging from CSX and hand-wringing from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, may have gone down for the count with the revelation this week Plymouth Township board members may no longer support the plan.

The county, already reeling from the potential secession of the city of Plymouth, is still earnestly trying to save the project, originally introduced nearly six years ago. But local officials aren't likely to make that easy.

City commissioners, who initially pledged \$503,000 toward the project, voted a few weeks ago to withdraw their support. Plymouth Township is on the hook for \$1.2 million, money officials now don't feel is available.

"We don't have the money for it," Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said this week. "The benefit just isn't there, and I don't think the votes are there."

He may be right about that. An unscientific survey of the seven members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees shows that, if a resolution was needed today to renew the township's support of the project, the move would fail by at least a 4-3 vote.

That's not good news for Wayne County Director of Engineering Hassan Saab, who went to last week's Plymouth City Commission meeting in an effort to convince the city to stay with the project (and to tell commissioners that, even if they withdraw, they still owe some \$333,000 in engineering fees).

Saab may have to make the same trip to a township board meeting because, while he didn't say it directly, he knows finishing the project without both the city and township would be tough.

"It's very doubtful this project can see the light of day unless there's some commitment from the city and the township," Saab said shortly after the city commission meeting last week. "It's essential we maintain this funding, otherwise the project will be delayed, if not canceled completely."

While some trustees still feel it's a viable project, they worry the money simply isn't there. Remember, this is a board that just had to whittle nearly \$1 million out of the new township hall project for fear of having to finance an out-of-control budget.

"I'd like to continue to support it, and do our due diligence, given the fact the city

wants to pull back out of it," said Bob Doroshewitz, the township's newest trustee. "At the end of the day, it's going to come down to whether we can afford it or not. I'd have to understand what it would do to our cash flow. It's a good project, but honestly I'd be surprised if we can afford it."

Funding it would be the bugaboo for the township, which originally kept the \$1.2 million as a line item in its budget. But large cuts to state-shared revenue and other economic factors forced officials to remove that line item from the budget last year. That means the township would have to find the money elsewhere.

Trustee Steve Mann, in his first term as a trustee after serving four years as supervisor, said he still wants the project to go ahead. If it were up to him, the township would take the money out of its fund balance or finance its \$1.2 million share of the bill.

"We've been looking forward to the underpass project for too long now (and) we're extremely disappointed at talk the city is going to pull out," Mann said. "This was a project that has a great deal of federal dollars coming to fix an eyesore, a traffic problem and a public safety concern."

When the project was first discussed back in 1999, the board voted 5-2 (with Clerk Marilyn Massengill and former Trustee Ron Griffith the nays) in favor of it. Of those yes votes, Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold would likely vote against it now, while Trustee Chuck Curmi is known to still favor the project.

Nether Mann nor Doroshewitz was on the board at the time. Mann would vote in favor of the project, Doroshewitz, while favoring the idea, would probably look at the money and vote no. New Supervisor Richard Reaume is on the fence.

"We would have to take all proposals on their merits based on today's economic conditions, which aren't as rosy as they were," Reaume said.

The consensus seems to be (and it's hard to argue the point) that this was a great project five years ago. Times have changed, priorities have been altered, bank accounts have dipped.

"(The underpass) is going to be a real tough one," Arnold said. "We're over budget on the township hall by a million right now, and we've been trying to get that built for what, 10 or 12 years? That's my priority."

The city wants to pave its own roads. The township wants to get its new hall built. And the county is frantically trying to convince both the underpass is still the way to go.

Hassan Saab may need a few more fingers.

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Returning soldier calls service a blessing

Private companies to get crack at Wireless Oakland

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Capt Larry Smith hadn't seen his 3-month-old daughter, Alexa, until he arrived at Detroit Metro Airport from Kuwait Saturday night and instead of feeling robbed of the time missed, the Army trainer said it was a blessing.

"I think it's the absolute opposite of being robbed," Smith, 28, said. "I wouldn't change anything. My daughter is going to grow up knowing that her dad did everything absolutely possible that he could to make sure she'd grow up in a better place. The fact that I wasn't there for the first three months doesn't change anything."

He said the magnitude of war struck him the hardest last Father's Day when his unit was returning from a patrol and a roadside bomb killed two soldiers and seriously injured 11 others.

"We had been shot at before that, but that was the first experience we actually had casualties and it opened my eyes to the real horrors that were going on over there," Smith said. "I looked down and my arms were saturated with blood, because I was trying to bandage people."

On Aug. 14, his unit was involved in another encounter and this time Smith was wounded in the leg. He received a Purple Heart, but he didn't even mention the honor until his wife, Gina, brought it up.

DOWNPLAYS INJURY

"At the tail-end of that mortar round there was a hit about 10 feet from me and I went down with about nine other soldiers," Smith explained in an interview at his parents' home late Saturday. "My leg didn't move and there was some nerve damage. They were going to evacuate me to Germany, but I didn't think it was worth it. It was just a little hole."

Family, friends and members from their church, Merriman Road Baptist in Garden City, gathered Saturday evening in his parents' Livonia home. They were greeted at the front door by two posters that read



Capt. Larry Smith is greeted by his wife, Gina, and 3-month-old daughter, Alexa, at Metro Airport on his return from duty in Iraq.

"Thank you so for protecting your family, neighbors and fellowmen." "You made a difference. We are so very proud of you."

Cathy and Larry Smith were just happy their son was on American soil, even though he would only be in Michigan for 12 hours before driving to Texas where he and Gina will live. Smith also has three sisters, Jennifer, 27, Rebecca, 24 and Melissa, 19.

"It's an amazing relief just to have him safe at home," Cathy explained.

Although Larry and Gina, who was raised in Redford Township and has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy, have been married two years they've only been together three months, because Smith served in Korea the year before he was sent to Iraq. Smith was on a short leave when Gina became pregnant with Alexa.

Being able to talk by telephone occasionally and using e-mails helped lessen the pain, somewhat, of being apart and knowing that her husband was in such a dangerous situation, said Gina, a graduate of Redford Thurston High School. I talked to my grandma who

had to go through the same thing in World War II and they would go months without anything," she adds.

GOD AND COUNTRY

Smith, a former *Livonia Observer* carrier, said he believes he was called by God to serve in the Army.

"I love my country and this is the path that God set out for me and every time he calls you it's not always what you want to do," Smith said. "It's still something that needs to be done, regardless, and it's an honor to be chosen for this purpose."

After the welcome home party, Larry and Gina planned to return shortly to the Farmington Hills apartment where she and Alexa have been living.

In Texas, Smith will continue to work as an Army trainer and has decided to make the military his career. The 1994 graduate of Stevenson High School and 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University knew he wanted to be in the service since he was 15.

"The things I've seen in the last year," Smith said. "It put things in perspective about how wonderful it is that our families don't have to experience that

kind of violence. How good it is that our families are safeguarded. People really need to realize it's not just a fruitless endeavor, that others may have a motive for sending us there, but there is an honorable cause and that needs to be fulfilled."

Smith and a friend plan to write a book about their war experience.

Meanwhile, he will work at adjusting to his new role as a father and being back home. At Metro Airport, he was surprised to see how small his daughter is.

"They were talking about how she had quadrupled in size," he said. "I picked her up and I thought, she's so tiny. She's just so wonderful."

"I was a father before and now I can finally be a dad," he added.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County is taking steps to lay the groundwork for its proposed comprehensive wireless Internet system, "Wireless Oakland," by throwing open its doors to the companies upon whom, ultimately, the creation of the system rests.

At his State of the County address, Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced the county's plan to create a "technological cloud," universal wireless Internet access, encompassing all of Oakland County. Anyone with the right kind of modem could access the web without connection to a cable or telephone line.

As part of his bid to bring high-tech jobs to Oakland County, Patterson wants to offer every businessperson rolling through to be able to access their accounts as easily as they could at home. The details are still sketchy, but he says there might be a mixture of advertising and for-fee services to pay for the continued operation of the system.

To that end, the county will hold a private sector summit on March 14 to put the word out to vendors of all kinds in advance of making a request for proposals in the spring. The county is hoping to answer questions potential partners will need to ask before the project kicks off in earnest.

Deputy County Executive Phil Bertolini said the summit will play host to a wide range of businesses.

"We will be talking to bandwidth and technology vendors," he said. "We've sent out some invitations and more than 80

companies have shown an interest."

He said companies like Comcast and SBC, which sell access to the Internet, will be side by side with companies that build the actual components used to access the Internet — both kinds of companies are necessary to getting the Wireless Oakland initiative off the ground.

"I don't believe any one company will be able to do the whole job," Bertolini said. "I think some companies will partner up to make proposals. This will be an opportunity for some companies to come together."

The summit is the first step toward actually getting Wireless Oakland off the ground. Bertolini said he expects to make a request for proposals in April and, he hopes, award contracts as early as June.

While the final costs are unknown, officials believe Oakland residents have already ponied up enough money for technology to cover their end.

Patterson reiterated that point, adding that between emergency towers, water towers and the fiber optic cable already in place, the county has a very good platform for private investors to build upon.

The final cost? That will come from the private sector.

The Wireless Oakland Private Sector Summit will be held at 1:30 p.m. March 14 in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph. The event is open to the public. Get more information on the web at www.co.oakland.mi.us/wireless

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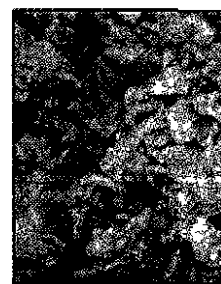
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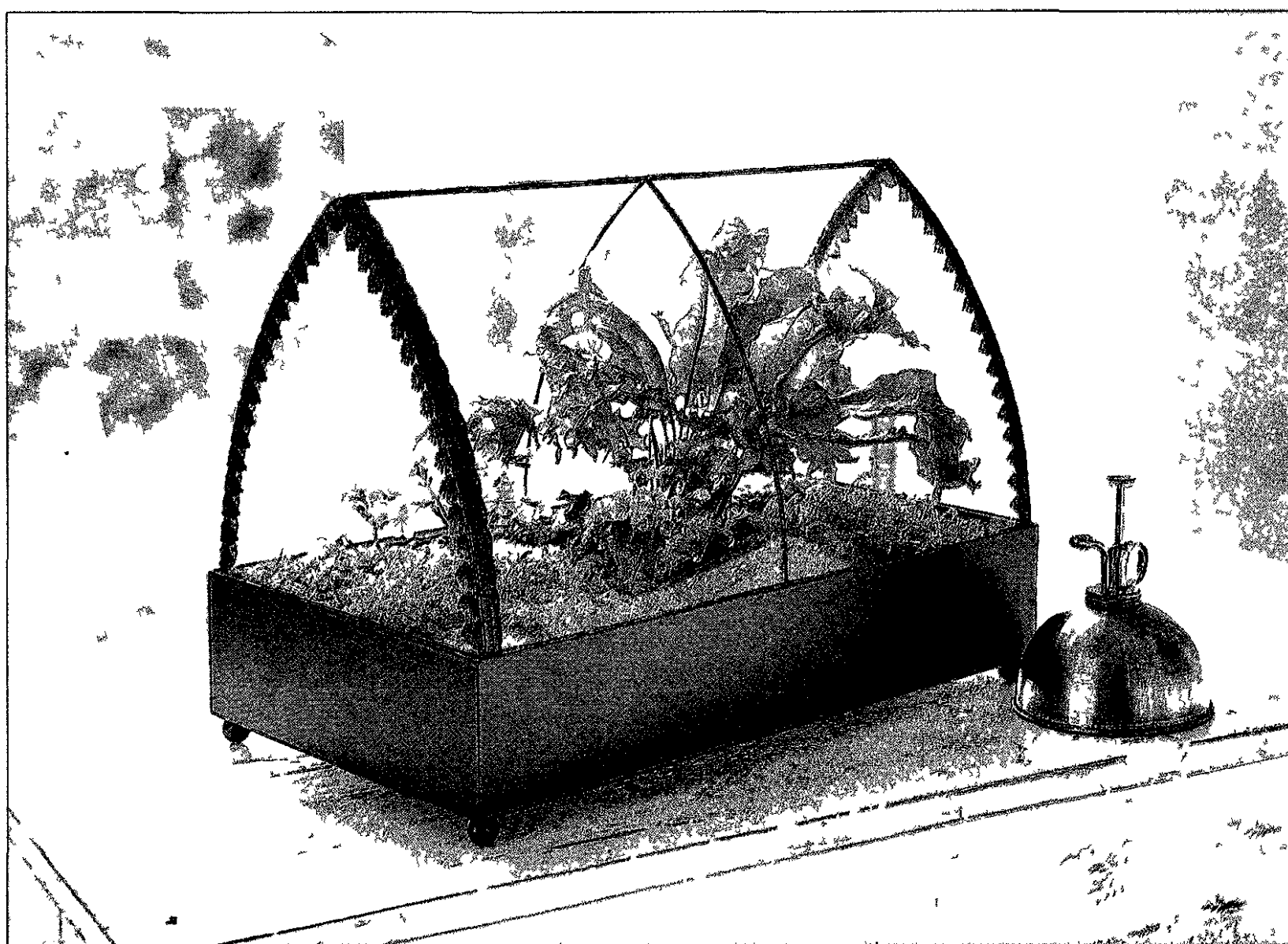


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Ready-made terrariums are available, such as this tabletop model by Smith & Hawken. You can make your own container from almost anything, including bottles and jars.

ACCENTS

New offerings

Hancock Fabrics Inc., one of the country's leading fabric and home decor retailers, announces the national launch of an exclusive new fabric line by Trading Spaces designer Laurie Smith.

Smith has earned millions of fans on TLC's popular television series, *Trading Spaces*, which will begin its sixth season this fall. Laurie Smith's philosophy is to approach each room with a design inspiration.

"Ninety percent of the time, that one inspiration is fabric," Smith said. Whether Smith is designing an entire room or simply adding accessories, her advice to consumers is to have fun with the design process and enjoy inspiration as they express personal style.

Fabrics in the Laurie Smith collection include prints and wovens, both solid and patterned that reflect Smith's classic design technique and contemporary style. Smith chose an assortment of colors such as terra cotta, chocolate and robin's egg blue.

Hancock Fabrics opened its first store in Birmingham, Ala., in 1958. Today, the chain has more than 445 stores in 42 states, including locations at 26105 Greenfield in Southfield, 482 Telegraph in Pontiac and 27500 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Hancock Fabrics operates an internet store under its domain name, www.hancockfabrics.com.

Trees sold

Global ReLeaf of Michigan is selling to the public bare root trees especially selected for their hardiness and ability to prosper in both urban and rural areas. Funds raised through the annual tree sale support community tree plantings throughout Michigan.

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Honeycrisp apple and Stella cherry are two fruit trees offered, along with two shrubs this year, endless summer hydrangea and blue multiflora arrowwood viburnum.

Orders must be prepaid by April 9. Quantities are limited. Prices for trees are \$28 each, six or more are \$23 each. The shrubs are \$18 each, and five or more are \$15 each.

Call (800) 642-7353 or e-mail GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com to request an order form. Order forms can be printed off the Global ReLeaf Web site at www.global-releaf.org.

Pickup is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the city of Livonia's Department of Public Works Yard, 12973 Farmington Road, and Mike's Tree Surgeons, 249 Park St., Troy.

It's a small world

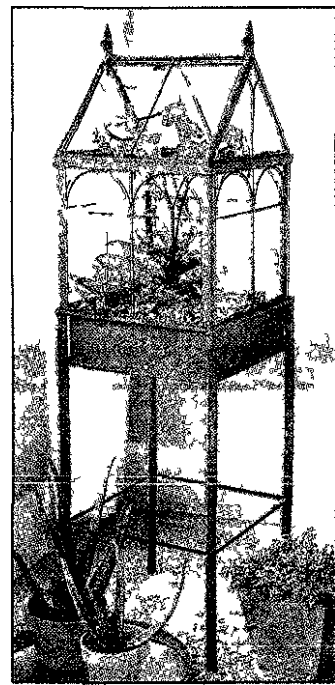


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A terrarium can stand on the floor. Chopsticks can be used to tend to the little landscape contained within.

Terrariums put you up close to nature

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The Lilliputian landscape enclosed in a terrarium can be big in terms of fascination and fun.

And on a larger scale, a type of terrarium can purify the air (see related article).

A terrarium provides a way of having a garden all year, different from potted plants.

A terrarium is a clear, enclosed or partially enclosed, container filled with compatible plants. Care for the plants is easy.

"If you overwater you create a lot of problems," said Andy Donatiello, sales associate and master florist at English

Gardens in Royal Oak. Other English Gardens stores are in West Bloomfield, Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township and Eastpointe. "The idea is to have a greenhouse effect and have some moisture build up."

"It's a living thing. You have to be considerate of that."

You can choose from ready-made terrariums, such as those offered at Smith & Hawken in Birmingham. Another Smith & Hawken store is in Rochester Hills.

These are handcrafted, Victorian style terrariums for the table or floor, or tabletop terrariums with arched, bronze-finished frameworks, that make humid environments.

PLEASE SEE TERRARIUMS, B5

Plantaire cleans air in natural way

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 years ago, a British physician discovered plants growing inside a closed bottle during his experiments with caterpillars.

The physician, Dr. N.B. Ward, continued his observations with other plants in containers. His studies led to the development of Wardian cases, enclosed containers for growing or transporting plants.

The Wardian case became today's terrarium. And, in a way, the terrarium has become Plantaire™, an installation that turns a room into a little tropical garden that keeps the air clean naturally.

Planterra Tropical Greenhouses Inc. in West Bloomfield is the only North American dealer of Plantaire.

"It does the same thing Mother Nature does," said Shane Pliska, business development at Planterra, COO of Plantaire.

"There's no filter like Mother Nature," said Larry M. Pliska, president and CEO of Planterra. "No man-made filter can do what plants and trees can do."

In Europe, Plantaire is used in airports and at fast food restaurants (where idling vehicle motors create toxins), Shane Pliska said.

Plantaire features a chamber of plants, soil and water in natural light. It pulls in air from the top

The air flows over the plants and through the soil. Pollutants are absorbed and decomposed, and fresh oxygen is shot out from the bottom of the chamber by silent fans.

Plantaire conserves energy since it purifies and supplies oxygen indoors without having to introduce outdoor air that has to be treated and distributed.

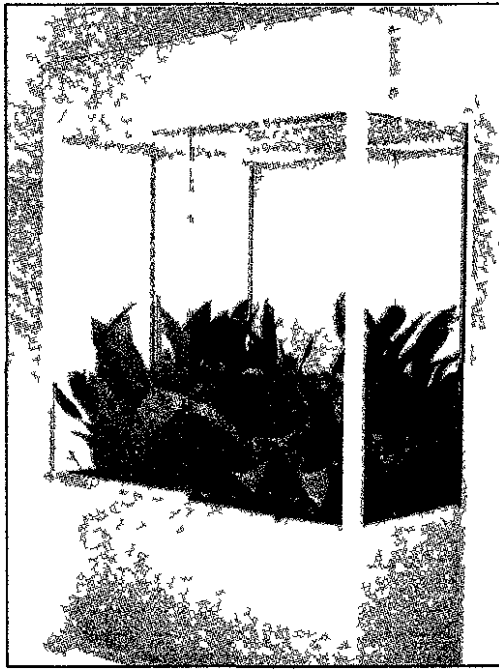
The dry, warm indoor air is humidified to a suitable level that is gentle on mucous membranes.

The cooler air is heated and rises to be drawn through the chamber again.

Plantaire purifies about 120 cubic meters of air an hour and

PLEASE SEE PLANTAIRE, B5

Plantaire™ purifies the air in a natural way. Planterra in West Bloomfield is the only North American dealer of the installation, which is like a large terrarium.



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Learn when to upgrade your PC and when to buy new

Since the dawn of the personal-computer age, users have grappled with the same knotty question: Should I upgrade my system or buy a new one?

Upgrading always seems the most desirable course of action, especially in light of the major investment you've already made in the machine. Wouldn't it be great if, say, a \$50 memory module could rev performance to 2005 levels?

Dream on. While a few strategic upgrades can improve performance or extend the life of an aging PC, there's a law of diminishing returns. I hate to use the "diminishing returns" analogy, but it's true: After you just

have to junk (or, better yet, recycle) the old girl and buy some new wheels.

Specifically, if you're still using a computer that runs Windows 98 or Windows Me, it's time to replace it.

It's not just a matter of gaining faster hardware or a bigger hard drive, though those are obvious perks. A new PC also nets you the Windows XP operating system. Though far from perfect, XP offers vastly superior stability, crash protection, and security than its predecessors.

When shopping for a new system, start with a Pentium 4 processor - pokey Celerons are too slow. Other essentials



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

512MB of RAM, a built-in media reader (for easy access to your digital camera's memory card), and a DVD burner. Don't let a salesperson talk you into spending extra for XP Professional, stick with XP Home.

What about Apple's new Mac Mini? If you're looking for a second computer or just want to see if Macs are all they're cracked up

to be, this \$500 cutie definitely deserves consideration. Just keep in mind you'll have to pay extra for a monitor, mouse, and keyboard, or use your own if you have spares lying around.

If buying a new machine isn't feasible, I still advise against putting any serious money into the old one. Exceptions include installing a second hard drive (to add more storage space) and replacing a worn-out monitor with a spiffy new LCD (which you can continue to use with the new machine you'll eventually buy).

In fact, the upgrade I recommend for sluggish, ill-performing Windows 98/Me systems isn't an

upgrade at all - and it doesn't cost a cent. To return your system to a speedy, glitch-free, factory-new state, reformat the hard drive and reinstall Windows.

You'll need an afternoon to accomplish this admittedly daunting task, but it's worth the effort. Space doesn't permit me to detail the process here, but a Google search (try "reformat Windows 98 drive") will reveal plenty of step-by-step guides.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com

GARDEN CALENDAR

Metropolitan Rose Society
The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday March 4 at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center 3500 Marais east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. Member Paul Colombo will give a slide presentation from the National American Rose Society's 2004 Rose Show. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information call (248) 689-9529.

Farmington Garden Club
The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday March 7 at Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile. The topic will be Creative and Traditional Designs. Jean Moran a member of the Hill & Dale Garden Club and the Farmington Flower Guild and a master judge will demonstrate the difference between creative and traditional types of flower arrangements. Guests are welcome.

Hardy Plant Society
The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday March 7 at Congregational Church of Birmingham 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. George Papadellis of Telly's Greenhouse will speak on New and Underused Perennials for Shade. He will also cover other topics. Guest fee \$3. For more information call (248) 589-2286 or visit www.hardyplantsocietygreatlakes.org.

Herb study group
The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday March 7 in Room 125 at the Gardens 1800 N Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Attendees will discuss and participate in coloring Easter eggs with natural dyes. The public may attend. The program is free. For more information call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061 or call Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or e-mail her at jdwysocki@aol.com.

Rochester WNF&GA

The Rochester Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association will host Dale Morgan of Blossoms at its meeting Tuesday March 8 at the Rochester Community House 816 Ludlow. Morgan will discuss fresh flower arranging and related topics. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow. Guests are welcome. For more information call (586) 739-5337.

The Rochester Branch has something to offer everyone including horticulture herbs flower arranging arts and crafts community gardening and flower planting projects and horticulture therapy. New members are always welcome.

Troy WNF&GA
The Troy Garden Club a branch of WNF&GA will meet at noon Wednesday March 9 at Big Beaver Methodist Church 3753 John R in Troy just south of Watties on the west side of the street. Mike Barger of Mike's Trees will speak about Emerald Ash Borer. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. For more information call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

Rain gardens
Rain gardens are not only beautiful but also provide the important function of improving our water quality. Learn about the importance of rain gardens and how you can install one in your yard at a free presentation 6:30 p.m. Tuesday March 8 at the Milford Township Library 330 Family Drive off Commerce Road in Milford. Registration is requested call (248) 684-5335.

The program is sponsored by the Huron Valley Environmental Council a branch of the Milford Garden Club. The speaker Peggy Mainati is a SOCWA member and lecturer.

Perennials
Learn how to combine perennials to cover seasonal dormancy and to fill in lulls in blooming periods in Doubling Up Perennials a class taught by Pam Palechek Wednesday March 9 at The Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$42. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates.

To register or for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Floral arrangement
Join in the fun of making a spring floral arrangement with fresh flowers and greens to take home with you at the Floral Arrangement Workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday March 12 at the Henry Ford Estate. The class will be taught by a professional florist. The \$45 fee includes materials. Proceeds benefit the Henry Ford Estate Gardens. Register by Wednesday March 9. Call (313) 593-5590.

Spring Day
Spring Day Trees and Shrubs in the Garden an educational program for gardeners will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday March 19 at the Henry Ford Estate. The program is co-sponsored by the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) and the Henry Ford Estate. Four presentations and a box lunch are included. Cost is \$28 for MGAWC members and \$31 for non members. Register before Thursday March 10. Registration forms are available at http://www.mgawc.org at the Henry Ford Estate or by calling (313) 593-5580.

Bold landscaping
Goldner Walsh Nursery's Cabin Fever Lecture Series continues 7 p.m. Friday March 11 with The Big the Bold and the Beautiful by Jim Slezinski the nursery's senior landscape designer and ornamental horticulturist. Need a little drama in your garden? Want to turn heads twice? Join Slezinski for a slide presentation on how to use super sized annuals hardy perennials tropicals woody trees shrubs vines and impressive flowers foliage and bark that will fit into any landscape style. A question and answer session will follow. Admission is \$7.50. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Bower School Farm's Bird and Butterfly Garden. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation call (248) 332-6430. Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559

Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.
Flower show
District 1 of Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will present a standard flower show at the Pontiac Silverdome Thursday Sunday March 10-13. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 10-11 and 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. March 12-13.

The theme is Games of Life depicting the fun times and variety of games people play. Judged floral designs horticulture and artistic crafts will be on display. Educational exhibits and judged youth exhibits will be featured. The event is part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show.

Green infrastructure
Learn how conservancies can help build a green infrastructure in southeast Michigan at the annual meeting of the Oakland Land Conservancy 6:30 p.m. Monday March 14 at the Southfield Public Library 26300 Evergreen between M 10 and I 696. The public may attend. Registration is suggested call (248) 601-2816. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

Green space in a rapidly developing area such as southeast Michigan becomes a basic necessity that should be planned and developed as an integrated system. At the meeting conservation and recreation planner Jonathan Jarosz will explain how individuals can work with the conservancy to create an integrated network of green space. Also at the meeting the conservancy will present the newest ideas in land conservation outline its conservation priorities for 2005 and recognize some outstanding volunteers. Jarosz has worked in the Saginaw Bay watershed region for the past 10 years and is currently project coordinator for Genesee/Lapeer/Shiawassee GreenLinks. He holds a master's degree in resource development from Michigan State University and has worked in collaboration with the Conservation Fund and National Park Service on developing green infrastructure initiatives in Michigan. For information about the Oakland

Land Conservancy call (248) 601-2816.
Royal Oak Garden Club
The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet 7 p.m. Monday March 14 at a new location the Saifer Community Center 1545 E. Lincoln in Royal Oak. Tom Guibord the perennial specialist from Telly's Garden Center will share his knowledge of hostas. If you have ever been stumped with what to do in those shady areas of your yard let him help answer your questions. The club welcomes everyone to share in its love of nature friendship and community involvement.

Now is the perfect time to visit with the club and help in planning its community involvement with the zoo Gilca's Club Royal Oak Cemetery Marais Street Community Center Royal Oak in Bloom and community plant exchange plus field trips and meetings! For more information contact president Sherry Jurva at sherryjurva@hotmail.com phone (248) 217-9883 or e-mail camlmartin@aol.com.

Gardeners conference
The Association of Professional Gardeners Annual Meeting and Conference will take place Sunday March 20 at Wojo Greenhouse 2570 Oakwood Road in Ortonville (phone (248) 627-6498).

The conference will be an all day program including lunch. Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3:30 p.m. For more information visit www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org or call (248) 330-7466. Cost is \$60 for members \$70 for non members. The registration form is available at the Web site. Topics will include Photography in the Garden and What's New in the Garden This Year. The conference will feature a chance to network with professional gardeners and a tour of the facility.

Seminars
English Gardens presents free gardening seminars Saturdays at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506) Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Perennial Gardening will be the topic 11 a.m. March 5. Learn about English Gardens favorite plants how to select the best ones for your garden and how to care for them during and after the growing season. Organic Gardening (11 a.m.) and Starting Seeds Indoors (1 p.m.) will be the topics March 12. In Organic Gardening English Gardens experts will give you tips on caring for plants naturally without the use of chemicals. In Starting Seeds Indoors learn how to grow your own transplants and get a head start on gardening. English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed. Learn which varieties work best and what's required to get the best results. For the nearest English Gardens call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

School of Gardening
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangarden.org.

The schedule includes Lawn Pest Management Thursdays March 3-10 in Pontiac (fee is \$84). Growing Fruit Trees Shrubs and Fruiting Vines three sessions beginning Monday March 7 in Livonia (\$102). Landscaping Design seven Mondays beginning March 7 in Pontiac (\$232). Propagation Secrets for Making More Plants Tuesdays March 8-22 in Livonia (\$115). Roses Old Species and Shrub Roses Sunday March 13 in Pontiac (\$42) and Garden Design Tuesdays beginning March 15 in Pontiac (\$168).

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

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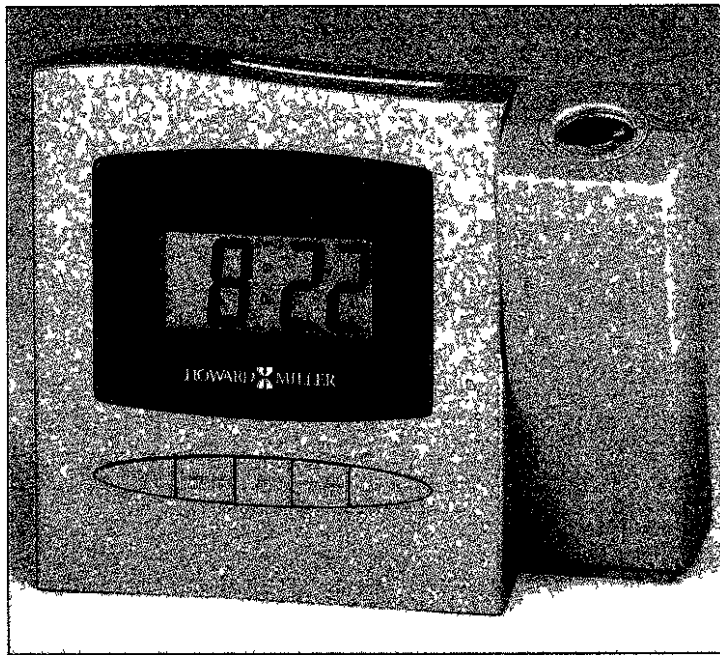
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How to open up that clogged drain

Plumbing clogs can happen to the best of us. Whether it is in the shower, bathroom sink or kitchen drain, clogs can slowly build up and then stop water from draining altogether. Fortunately, with the right approach, a clogged drain can be free-flowing again. Clogs can be caused by buildup of hair, soap and oils on pipe walls or occasionally by foreign objects in the pipe. Bright Winn, member of the Drain Care Council and the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling-Contractors National Association, is no stranger to clogs. His team of professionals often responds to this common nuisance. 'Liquid drain openers are a good first line of action for common household clogs,' says Winn. The new generation of formulations are effective and safe for your plumbing. If the problem persists, then it's time to call a professional. Liquid drain openers that contain less than two percent sodium hydroxide, such as Liquid-Plumr Clog Removers, are safe and effective to use on your pipes, garbage disposals, septic tanks and sinks. It is also important to pick a product appropriate for your clog type. For slow-running drains, foaming products deep clean and dissolve hair and gunk. For a fully clogged drain, try a product specifically designed to cut through standing water. While it is unlikely you will stop clogs completely, there are steps you can take to prevent

slow-running drains from becoming severe problems, says Winn. Winn recommends flushing drains once a week with warm water and allowing them to drain. Avoid brushing your hair over the sink and allowing it to wash down the drain. Also, using a liquid drain opener on a monthly basis can be a preventative step to keeping your pipes free-flowing. There will be instances when the clog will not clear by using a liquid drain opener. When this happens, you should immediately call a licensed plumbing professional. Hiring a qualified and trustworthy plumber is easy when you know what questions to ask. PHCC National Association, formed in 1883, provides education and training to more than 4,000 plumbing, heating and air conditioning contractors. PHCC members pride themselves on quality and service. When you place your initial call, ask for a current plumber's license and what quality guarantees they provide. Most professional plumbers are responsive to customer service and will share this information. They should also be willing to explain their diagnosis and provide a written estimate at the time of service. For more information, visit www.draincare-council.com

RVs of all shapes, sizes, prices rule the show at Ford Field

See RVs of all shapes, sizes and price ranges at the Ford Field Camper, Travel & RV Show March 3-6. 'Our show is the ideal way to comparison shop to find a vehicle to fit your travel plans and budget and to see Kurt Busch's 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup winning race car, said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc. of Grand Rapids. The best campgrounds for great hiking in Michigan will be revealed by outdoor writer Jim DuFresne. DuFresne will inform RVers on how to plan an Alaskan RV vacation. He is an author of over 15 outdoor and wilderness/travel books, including Lonely Planet's Alaska Guidebook, Michigan's Best Campgrounds: A Guide to the Best 150 Public Campgrounds in the Great Lakes State and just released Road Trip Lake Michigan - Traveling Lake Michigan's Shoreline. Full-time RVers Steve and Gloria Gibbs will present Planning for Full-Time and

Extended RVing, 10 Tips for New RVers and Traveling the Devil's Backbone - RVing along the Natchez Trace Parkway. Originally from the Detroit area, they are at home wherever they are in their RV working as RV tour guides and educators. A 1929 Ford Model A Roadster pulling a 1930 Covered Wagon Trailer will be display of the history of auto camping from RV historian and Smithsonian consultant David Woodworth. CNN, People magazine and The New York Times have featured Woodworth. Hundreds of RVs from folding camping trailers and conventional travel trailers to truck campers, motor homes and fifth wheels will be on display for families who are looking to purchase their first RV, looking to upgrade their present RV or for the veteran camper to explore new camping adventures. Vacation information will be available on all the camping and travel destination options.

from tourism bureaus and campgrounds. Other exhibits will feature accessories, towing systems and camping and cooking equipment. Tips and advice will be available from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and maintenance. The third annual Ford Field Camper Travel & RV Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50. \$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Internet Express Tickets which include a free parking pass are available online at www.FordFieldRVShow.com. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy Seniors over 62 will be admitted free on Thursday's Senior Day. Active and retired military members and families with valid military ID cards will be admitted free on Friday's Military Appreciation Day. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, visit www.FordFieldRVShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Conquer space with ingenuity

(NAPS) - A little ingenuity can go a long way toward helping you make the most of your home. Sometimes, more can be less. A few more storage items can mean a lot less clutter. Here's a look at a few that may help. The first step may be to cut down on cleaning and the time, trouble and supplies it entails. One way is with the help of an anti-microbial doormat from homefocuscatalog.com. This mat not only traps dirt and water but has an EPA-registered, anti-microbial treatment that's permanently bonded to the fibers to help prevent the growth of bacteria and mold on the mat. The stain-resistant fiber surface has a dense plush Berber design, thick rubber backing and a five year war-

ranty. Next, if the idea of keeping all your CDs together is music to your ears, consider getting an elegant tower, six feet tall, that's made to hold up to 1,000 CDs, 720 DVDs, 300 videotapes or over 1,000 audio cassettes yet take up less than two square feet on the floor. It has eight pull-out trays and 22 adjustable shelves. You can cook up some shelf space for your kitchen by getting your hooks on an untouched nook. If, as in most homes, there's 10 inches or so between your refrigerator and counter, you can slip in a strong, sturdy Thin Man Pantry Caddy cabinet. Rolling right along, install some roll out shelves in or under existing cabinets or counters. Use them for easy

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TERRARIUMS

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The Victorian style terrariums feature lids that lift off to release humidity. Tropical specimens kept inside can go for a month or more without watering, as moisture trapped inside trickles down the glass sides and is reabsorbed by the roots of the plants.

You can also make your own container out of almost anything, including a bottle, jar, fishbowl or brandy snifter. A clear sheet of glass, a clear dish or plastic sheeting are among the items that could be used as lids.

"Big bottles used for bottled water work real cool for terrariums, laid on their side," said Carol McCreedy, manager, Clyde Smith & Sons in Westland.

Larry M. Pliska, president and CEO of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses in West Bloomfield, compares tending a terrarium in a bottle or jar to building a ship in a bottle. He recommends using chopsticks or long bamboo sticks as tools.

Any tropical plant is good for terrariums, Pliska said.

Succulents, small cacti, dwarf plants in general, dwarf ficus trees, cuttings and tillandsia are also good selections, said Shane Pliska, business development at Planterra.

Bushy plants are easier to prune in a terrarium than tall plants, Donatello said. He suggests plants measuring 2-1/4 to 4 inches.

You need a light plant that are slow growing, McCreedy said.



PLANTERRA TROPICAL GREENHOUSES

A terrarium works like a little greenhouse, making a humid environment for plants.

You don't want plants that are super super tall.

Baby tears, ferns, friendship plant, peperomus and prayer plant are good for terrariums, she said.

Terrarium plants should be chosen for their compatibility in lighting, watering and humidity needs, according to The Garden Helper Web site.

GETTING STARTED

You also need sterilized soil and pea gravel, charcoal or coarse sand for drainage.

The Garden Helper Web site (www.thegardenhelper.com) says that the planting foundation in a terrarium will consist of four layers.

The bottom layer is drainage. Proper drainage will ensure that the soil doesn't become oversaturated, which

could lead to root rot.

Depending on the size of your container, you will want to spread at least 1 inch of drainage material evenly across the entire bottom. Use up to 3 inches for large or deep containers.

On top of the drainage, spread a thin layer of activated charcoal, like that in an aquarium filter. This will help clean the air of fumes caused when organic materials begin to decompose.

The third layer is a thin cover of sphagnum moss. This will keep the soil from sifting down into the drainage layer.

The top layer is soil. Don't add fertilizer.

The Web site recommends first arranging the plants in their pots in the terrarium to determine their placement.

When removing each plant from its pot, it isn't necessary to loosen the root ball. Keeping the root ball compacted will slow growth.

Firm the soil gently around the roots, and don't crowd the plants or place them directly against the sides of the container, according to The Garden Helper. Leave enough space for them to grow and spread, without getting entangled.

Check the lid frequently for condensation. There should be some moisture on the glass.

If large water drops appear, leave the container open for a while so excess moisture can evaporate. You may have to keep the lid slightly opened for fresh air circulation.

HISTORY

Dr. N.B. Ward of London is credited with the invention of the terrarium during the Victorian era.

Ward discovered a seedling fern and some grass growing inside a closed bottle where he had buried a chrysalis in moist earth while studying caterpillars. The fern and grass grew for four years, without any water or the cover of the bottle removed.

Ward continued his observations with other plants in containers. He published a book in 1842 called *On the Growth of Plants in Closely Glazed Cases*.

After this came the development of Wardian cases - large, enclosed containers used for growing delicate plants in the home or transporting plants over long distances. Most terrariums today are small versions of the Wardian case. (mkleim@oe.homecomm.net | (248) 901-2569)

Making bathrooms guest friendly

(NAPS) - If you want to make your home a bit more functional - and hospitable - pretend you don't live there. That's the advice from designers who say looking at your home from a guest's point of view can make a big difference in how comfortable your house is.

There may be no place in the home where a little hospitable forethought makes more difference than in the guest bathroom.

That's probably one reason the latest trend in home remodeling involves installing bath/showers in closet bathrooms and guest bathrooms.

Homeowners can find a number of bathing fixtures that are roomy enough to be comfortable yet small enough to fit into a smaller bathroom. For instance, the Sterling Ensemble bath/shower that's 60 inches long, 32 inches wide and 18 inches deep is a spacious upgrade over standard models that tend to measure 30 inches wide and 15 inches deep.

The fixtures are manufactured in such a way that they

are easy to install and clean, and each fixture has a high-gloss finish that does not chip, crack or peel.

In addition, the showers come with six vertical shelves, three in each corner, that provide ample amount of storage for toiletries.

If you want your guests to enjoy a more luxurious bathing experience, try installing a whirlpool bath. Sterling's Ensemble whirlpool bath incorporates eight adjustable jets to create a hydromassage experience that is unique to each person. Two jets are located on the side, two are directed toward the feet and four smaller jets are positioned for the back and neck areas.

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The bath also features a removable front-access panel, which provides convenient access to the bath's adjustable components.

For more information, visit www.SterlingPlumbing.com

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comes in three designs - hexagonal, rectangular and corner cabinet.

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Our staff received nine awards for excellence in journalism in 2004. What makes this even more exciting is that of the 2,246 entries, *we brought home more awards than any other non-daily newspaper in the state.*

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Some garden facts have roots in lore

BY DEAN FOSDICK
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Oftentimes, gardening is all in the telling. We do things the same way generations before us did them or the way people with flourishing flower beds tell us they do them.

Using banana peels to fertilize roses, for example. Planting vegetables by a waxing moon. Both are folkways handed down from parent to child, neighbor to neighbor.

But are they validated science or myth? In many cases, they're a bit of both.

'My grandmother might be astonished to find that I make tea specially to water the geraniums once a week, but she and my mother always watered them with tea leaves as a bit of astringent helped them to thrive in pots,' says Charlie Rynne in her book, *Garden Folklore That Works* (Reader's Digest, \$24.95).

'The only difference is that I have more geraniums and less tea so the habit of using the leaves has turned into something more proactive,' Rynne says.

'This is exactly what happens in folklore. An old habit or saying changes slightly through the ages until it is hard to see exactly where it came from. But there is still a reason for it.'

ANTS AND PEONIES

Consider the accuracy of some other plant lore, like ants being necessary on peonies if the buds are to open.

That one is all myth, says Vernon Bryant, director of horticulture for the Florida Botanical Gardens at Largo, Fla.

'Generally, the ants are there to harvest the drops of sap exuded from the sepals of the flower buds, but their presence will neither hinder nor help the buds to open,' Bryant says.

'Peony flowers usually fail to open for reasons related to the overall health of the plant, because of disease problems or due to weather factors.'

'As a matter of fact, there has been some research to suggest that ants may even carry some of the disease that negatively affect the blooms.'

FALL PRUNING

Then there's the one about fall being the best time of year for pruning. Only one-quarter true, Bryant says.

'Generally, pruning on most plants can be done whenever your pruning shears are sharp and in good repair,' he says.

'If you prune too early in the fall you may actually encourage new growth that fails to harden off before winter and will be more susceptible to damage.'

Many trees and shrubs set

flower buds in the fall and by pruning in the fall you may be pruning off the flower buds. A better rule is to prune after a plant flowers.

STAKING TREES

How about that old saw saying you should securely stake a tree after planting? That's a 'yes, but,' according to the International Society of Arboriculture.

Although it is sometimes necessary to stake trees to keep them upright and allow establishment, there are some harmful effects related to staking, the society says on its Web site. Trees that haven't been staked actually develop more extensive root systems and better trunk taper than staked trees.

Allowing a small amount of movement can help root and trunk development. Also, staking materials generally should be removed after about a year to avoid 'girdling' the tree, the society says.

BANANAS AND ROSES

Using banana peels to add color to rose bushes? Actually, that one offers as much good science as horse sense.

Bananas are a strong source of potassium, magnesium, phosphorus, calcium, iron and trace amounts of zinc, copper and manganese, among other

things, so you would be passing some of those minerals along by slipping a few sliced banana peels under your rose bushes.

IN TUNE WITH MOON

How about planting by lunar cycles? Some people swear by it, saying the moon impacts the movement of moisture in soil and plants, or helps bulk up root and leaf growth in vegetables. Others, however, aren't so sure.

'I don't discount the theory,' says Tony Bratsch, an assistant professor and extension specialist, vegetables and small fruits at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

'Look at what the gravitational pull of the moon can do to ocean tides,' Bratsch says. 'But I think your macro environment is more important, primarily soil temperature, how deep you plant, moisture and how much fertilizer you use.'

Garden lore, then, apparently won't hurt anything and some of the tips could be helpful. It may depend more upon who is doing the telling.

For more about plant and tree lore, visit the International Society of Arboriculture Web site: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/home.aspx>, and click on CAD planting, then shrub and tree transplanting.

Conserve water throughout the house

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Brett asks, 'Can you provide some tips for conserving water?'

Water can be easily wasted during any of numerous activities, from landscape irrigation to showering.

Obviously, it is crucial to cut down on landscape irrigation and vehicle washing. And, it is hoped, at least in drought conditions, eliminate all washing at exterior surfaces of the house and around the house.

Dish washing and rinsing should be done in containers or plugged sinks, but not with running water.

If you have a dishwasher, pre-wash your dishes if possible, and don't use secondary rinse cycles. Never, never run a load unless the machine is completely full.

For clothes washing, cut down on recommended detergent levels (approximately 20 percent), and eliminate extra rinses. Use completely full loads or adjust the water level (if your machine allows).

Swimming pools are big water-wasters, primarily because of surface evaporation caused by a combination of warm water and wind.

This can be reduced by turning off the pool heater and by using a pool cover. The pool cover diminishes the rate of evaporation and will keep the pool comfortably warm as well. You not only will conserve water but cut the energy used by your pool heater as well.

FLUSHING

Toilet flushing is another water waster. New toilet tanks are constructed to use about 3-1/2 gallons of water per flush, as opposed to the old ones that used as many as 4 gallons.

The old brick-in-the-tank trick solved tank water waste, but in some cases the brick dissolved slightly, causing clogs in the siphon holes at the inside of the rim.

Ensuring that the siphon jets remain open and clear is very important (mineral salts from water buildup can clog them too).

Clear jets will deliver optimum performance with a minimum of water. Additionally, if you hear water running in your tank, it may be time to adjust the float or replace the 'flapper' at the tank throat.

Showering can be done military style. Wet down, soap up, rinse off. But less radical water-saving measures are available.

Modern shower heads are inexpensive, are easy to install, and contain flow regulators that disburse less water more efficiently. You also might investigate a flow-control lever for your shower head in addition to the typical spray control lever.

WATER HEATING

Water heating is an important issue. The hotter the water in your heater, the more cold water it will take to cool it in a mixing situation (i.e., clothes washer, shower).

Bleed your water heater every six months or so. Air in the tank will cause overheating, and may result in water being lost through the pressure overflow valve. The easiest way to bleed the water heater is to open the drain valve at the bottom until the water coming out stops sputtering. Usually 2 to 3 gallons are lost.

A bucket, eye protection, rain gear and heavy rubber gloves will help. Remember the water that will burst out is hot.

PRESSURE

Another wonderful way to save water is to precisely control water pressure as it enters your home.

This, appropriately enough, is done with a water pressure regulator. If you have a regulator, adjust it so that the pressure doesn't exceed 60 pounds.

If you don't, buy a water pressure gauge (\$12) with a garden-hose fitting. Hand-screw it onto the faucet closest to where the main water line enters your home. Turn the faucet on with the gauge in place and read the number behind the needle.

Regulator or no, it is wise to make this pressure check. High water pressure isn't only wasteful but can do damage to dishwashers and washing machines.

Feeling at home with your decor

(NAPS) - Whether it's a retro room, a minimalist motif or a relaxed atmosphere, virtually every home has a unique design scheme that sets the overall decorating tone.

That's the finding of a recent survey that revealed 67 percent of homeowners considered their homes decor to be 'casual.' Another 17 percent preferred the contemporary look while nine percent thought their decorating style to be luxurious or opulent.

'People are looking to decorate with pieces that fit their lifestyle and personal tastes,' explains T.J. Maxx Home Fashions Spokesperson Laura McDowell. T.J. Maxx commissioned the survey. 'But whatever

your style, it's really the details that count. Accent pieces, careful use of color, the right throw rug or pillow—these are the little things that make a room truly special,' McDowell offers these tips for room design.

■ Casual Comfort—Simple yet inviting, the casual look utilizes neutral colors to obtain a soft, muted decor. Edges are softer and more rounded in furniture and accent pieces. Warm colors and earth tones prevail. Focal points of the room may include a textured floor rug, a sophisticated (yet easy on the eye) piece of artwork and light-colored wood accent pieces in maple and birch. Oversized pillows and

throws provide a 'sit down and stay awhile' ambiance.

■ Contemporary Appeal—Simple shapes and geometric patterns prevail. Strong colors dominate the palette. Stainless steel is the accent of choice, and surfaces are polished in finishes such as lacquer. Lamps are geometric, simple and sleek. Vases and glassware scream color and shapes are everywhere—circles, swirls of color, triangles and squares.

■ Luxurious/Opulent—The style features gold accents adorning rich burgundy, midnight blue, emerald green and onyx accent pieces. Animal prints can provide dramatic flair, or select an elegant tapestry print for fabrics. Artwork is

a focal point featured in large-scale gold or deep mahogany frames. Chenille throws, velvet and satin pillows, and extravagantly patterned area rugs all add to the overall opulence theme.

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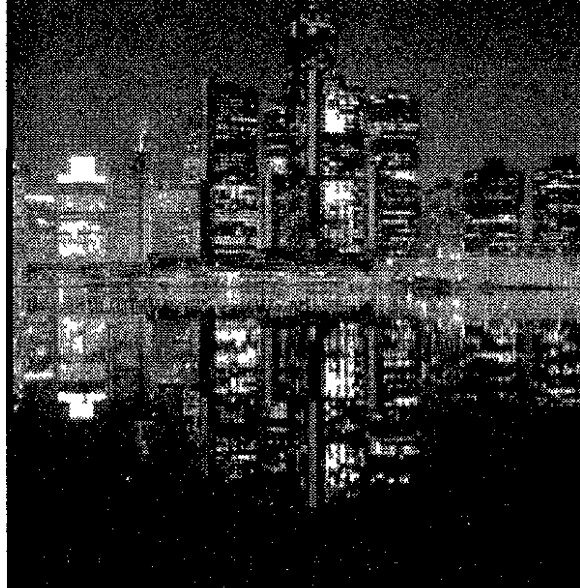
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Side dish

Pancho's opens

Pancho's Mexican Grill opened its newest location in Michigan Feb 21 at 17390 Haggerty Road in Livonia

Pancho's Mexican Grill serves its signature homemade tortillas. Customers also can choose from burritos, quesadillas, tacos, fajitas and salads

"Pancho's Mexican Grill offers its customers great-tasting, fresh, high-quality Mexican food in a quick-service format. We are excited to open our first of a planned 20 locations in the metropolitan Detroit area. Our second store will open in Southfield in May," said Ernie Byerly, Pancho's project manager for the Detroit metro area.

The restaurant will have its official grand opening celebration 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, featuring local personalities, special giveaways and \$1 burritos.

Pancho's Mexican Grill (www.pancheros.com) was started by Rodney L. Anderson, president and founder, along with his father in 1992 with two locations. Today, it has grown to over 25 locations.

The original store was in East Lansing and the restaurant expanded two years later to Ann Arbor. "So as we expand our fresh concept, we've looked for strong communities," Anderson said. "We know that Livonia is just that, and it's a great place to start our metro Detroit area growth."

Eat like a champ

Competitive eating is coming to Michigan.

The GameWorks World Tex Mex Roll-Eating Championship converges on Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills at 2 p.m. March 12.

Events include a Kids Neat-Eating Event at 1 p.m., an Amateur Contest at 1:30 p.m. and the Main Championship Event at 2 p.m. The event is free to the public.

The winner of the 12-minute championship event, which is sanctioned by the International Federation of Competitive Eating, will receive a luxurious trip for two to Hawaii valued at \$4,000. Second and third place will also receive certificates redeemable for cash in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

Among the competitors is Ed 'Cookie' Jarvis of New York, the former American Hot Dog Eating Champion and one of the most recognized competitive eaters in the world. Jarvis has amassed no fewer than 25 wins in IFOCE contests. His records include 21 cannoli in 6 minutes, 91 Chinese dumplings in 8 minutes, 1-gallon, 9-ounces of vanilla ice cream in 12 minutes, six and 2/3-pounds of linguini in 10 minutes, and 33 1/2 ears sweet corn in 12 minutes.

To register to compete (must be 18 years or over) visit www.ifoce.com or call (212) 627-5766.

One-dish meals are all that's needed in cold weather

Katie Renton, a caterer of small parties, a culinary instructor and owner of Chef Girl Productions, loves preparing casseroles.

It's a great way to get your family to eat vegetables," Renton said. "Americans don't get enough vegetables in their diets, and I'm always looking for new ways to get them in."

Casseroles freeze well. You can have one for dinner and another at a later date.

Renton enjoys the traditional favorites of macaroni and cheese and shepherd's pie.

But you can use vegetables for casseroles too, beyond the green bean casseroles that so often grace the table during holidays. You can create them from spring vegetables to hearty winter dishes.

Renton likes variety.

Asparagus with parmesan cheese gets a little added zip from curry powder. "You can use spices to make the dish interesting,"

Renton said. In shepherd's pie, Renton uses cumin. "Cumin gives it a smoky, earthy flavor," she said. "I love using fresh herbs as a garnish for casseroles. It adds a more lively flavor."

You can feel free to substitute in casseroles, too. "I love lamb, but you can still substitute ground beef. But I love to find different ways to fix ground lamb," Renton said.

Renton adds a little nutritional bang in adding sweet potatoes instead of potatoes. "You really ante up the nutritional value of the dish."

Egg casseroles also make a beautiful presentation for catered parties, and they translate well for home cooks, Renton said. Renton also will use prosciutto, tarragon and baby Swiss cheese in casseroles.

Adding herbs bring new life to casseroles. "Tarragon is obviously wonderful, but fresh basil and cilantro can be added to tomatoes," Renton said.

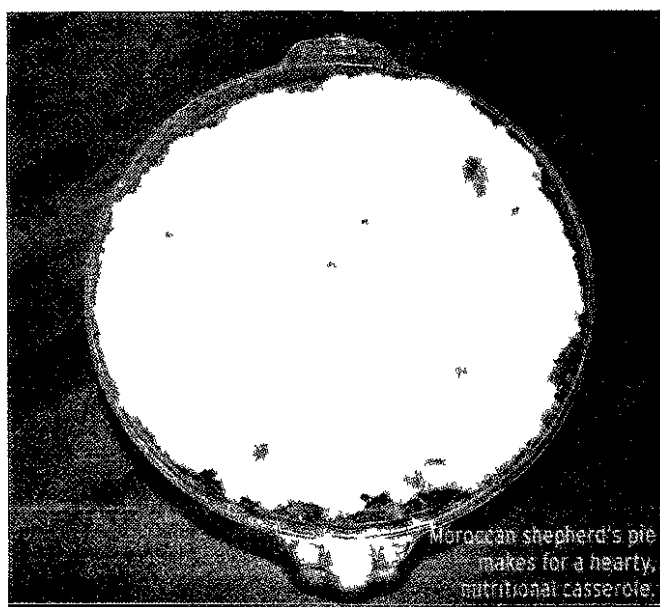
Italian parsley brightens up any dish, while chopped mint is "herbaceous, and is beautiful in any dish with chiles."

Renton, a Birmingham resident, teaches in Bloomfield Hills public schools and at The Community House in Birmingham and the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Renton grew up in Birmingham in a household where both her parents — John and Liz Hurbis — cooked. "My dad was a meat-and-potatoes guy, and my mom would try anything," Renton said.

Her parents eventually moved to Bloomfield Hills. Her father

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Moroccan shepherd's pie makes for a hearty, nutritional casserole.

MOROCCAN SHEPHERD'S PIE

This recipe makes two 9-inch casseroles, so you can freeze the second and enjoy it at another time.

- 2 pounds ground lamb (or ground beef if desired)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 6 small carrots, peeled and diced
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups low sodium chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 4 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
- Kosher salt and ground pepper to taste
- 16 ounces fresh green beans
- 1 cup currants (optional)

Sweet Potato Topping

- 3 pounds of sweet potatoes, peeled and cut
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 cup half and half (or whole milk)
- 3 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 425°F. In the meantime, heat up a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook 1 pound of lamb, 2 teaspoons of cumin, salt and

pepper until meat is browned and no longer pink on the interior. Remove lamb and pour off fat from pan. Repeat with remaining lamb, cumin, salt and pepper. Deglaze pan with wine while scraping the bottom and sides of the pan with a wooden spoon. Turn heat down and cook onions and carrots until tender. Add tomato paste and flour and stir to combine. Add to the pan. Worcestershire sauce, chicken stock, Tabasco, salt and pepper. Add lamb and currants then stir until mixture becomes thickened. Add green beans, stir to combine and cook for one minute. Pour mixture into two 9-inch glass pie plates or round casserole dish. Begin sweet potato crust.

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender. Drain and add back to pot. In the microwave, heat half-and-half and butter until steaming and pour over potatoes. Season with 2 teaspoons of kosher salt and pepper to taste. Mash well using hand masher. Spread topping over pie or cool slightly and add to pastry bag fitted with star tip and pipe on to pie. Bake pie until top has browned 25-30 minutes. When you freeze the second casserole do not bake, but wrap well and include reheating instructions to "bake at 375°F for one hour. Serves 8."



Katie Renton, owner of Chef Girl Productions and Birmingham resident, prepares her Moroccan shepherd's pie, one of her favorite casseroles.

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Doña Paula leads the Argentina wine market

Against the backdrop of the Andes Mountains, meticulously tended vineyards in the Mendoza region of Argentina display dazzling beauty that's hard to beat anywhere else in the wine world.

Doña Paula vineyards, with an average vine age of more than 30 years, in the Lujan de Cuyo region, are at an average altitude of more than 3,280 feet.



Focus on Wine

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At these heights, grapes receive excellent exposure to sunlight throughout the day, and a broad temperature differ-

ential between nighttime lows and daytime highs. Such a diurnal temperature variance causes grapes to ripen perfectly while at the same time keeping acid levels high for balance and freshness.

Add to this well-drained soils and vines cultivated among nearly constant circulation of wind, which prevents development of vine diseases, and you have ideal growing conditions

for malbec.

Grown at higher elevations, malbec makes densely-colored, concentrated wine with a powerfully rich fruit presence. Less well-colored and less intense malbec comes from vineyards at lower elevations.

UNIQUENESS

Also interesting in the hands of Doña Paula is the new character of chardonnay from

Lujan de Cuyo. Having tasted it over several vintages, we know the tropical fruit element is quite different from the same descriptor used for chardonnay produced elsewhere in the world.

The 2003 Doña Paula Chardonnay, Lujan de Cuyo (\$15), displays tropical fruit in the exotic passion fruit, mango,

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WINE

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papaya spectrum, not pineapple. Although it was 70 percent barrel fermented and aged six months on the lees, the oak is well-integrated, adding notes of vanilla, spice and smoke to an overall impression of a food-worthy wine.

As we learned during our visit, vineyard land prices in Argentina are attractive and much less expensive than those in the best areas of Chile.

In 1997, when owners the Claro Group began looking for vineyard land in Argentina, they did not discover value in old wineries with older technology that were for sale. So they built a modern winery from the ground up to make wine from the Lujan de Cuyo vineyards and also those in Tupungato, planted to merlot, which makes a pleasant wine with pleasing grip at \$15.

LOCATION ADVANTAGE

Locating a winery in Argentina, the fifth-largest wine producing country in the world, was a good company

WINE PICKS

Another of our favorite Argentine producers is Catena. Try ■ 2001 Catena Alta Chardonnay (\$32) grown at 5,000 feet elevation. It packs a rich payoff in attractive tropical fruit and soft wood tones. Produced in limited quantity, it's worth a search.

■ 2000 Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon (\$53) has generous ripe fruit with spice notes over the top from judicious barrel aging. Why spend more for most Napa Valley cabernets or a Bordeaux when you can drink this?

■ 2001 Catena Alta Malbec (\$53) is full and plump with a gorgeous fruit core that finishes rich and elegant.

All wines mentioned are available in metro Detroit. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

decision. Argentina is now building a solid wine export market and Doña Paula is one of the leaders.

As it is at Santa Rita, Doña Paula's sister winery in Chile, the winemaking focus at Doña Paula is directed toward regional expression of the variety, yet with a fruit pres-

ence supported by balanced oak aging for food-friendly wines.

Of all its wines, 2003 Doña Paula Malbec (\$15) must be a reflection of Argentina.

With its mellow, approachable black fruits and integrated tannins and lush finish, it is

Malbec from outside Argentina does not have the same characters.

Other Doña Paula wines at \$15 we recommend are the 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon (big and powerful blackberry and dark plum fruit expressions with good length) and 2003 Shiraz-Malbec (smoky black fruit spectrum with a solid core of fruit and pleasant grip in the finish).

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Chicken pot pie is a quick hit at dinner

Carla Fitzgerald Williams rushed through the grocery store, children in tow, panicked about what to feed her family and spur-of-the-moment weeknight guests.

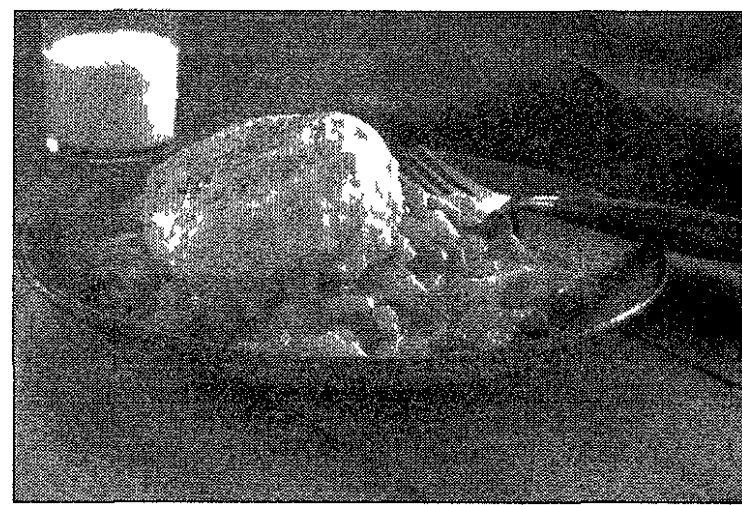
Inspiration hit. A rotisserie chicken could serve as the starting point for a delicious meal and save a lot of preparation time.

The revelation prompted her cookbook, *Rotisserie Chickens to the Rescue!* The cookbook is filled with tasty recipes based on her simple theory: rotisserie chickens, when used creatively as an ingredient, can help deliver home-cooked meals without spending added time in the kitchen.

"Feeding a family can be tricky, but approaching traditional ingredients with a little ingenuity can help fit home-cooked meals into any lifestyle," Williams says. "I used to be obsessed with cooking everything from scratch. But after my boys were born, I realized the goal was just to get everyone to the table."

Convenience products like rotisserie chickens are one of the ways I can do that without sacrificing taste. Whether it's a rotisserie chicken, frozen vegetables or refrigerated biscuits, each provides a delicious shortcut and tasty addition to recipes.

Williams points to her Chicken and Biscuit Pot Pie recipe as an example of how a little creativity brings a favorite comfort food to the table in under an hour. She makes the classic pot pie with rotisserie chicken, but she also uses a combination of frozen and fresh vegetables and canned soup and broth for added ease. Then for a tasty topping, she arranges Pillsbury Grands refrigerated buttermilk biscuits



PILLSBURY

Chicken and Biscuit Pot Pie is an example of how a little creativity brings a favorite comfort food to the table in under an hour.

atop the mixture. For a special touch, she brushes the biscuits with milk and sprinkles thyme on top.

The biscuits bake up to form a nice golden crust, and everyone in the family can get their own warm biscuit with the meal, added Williams.

There's little clean up with this dish because it's prepared in just one skillet. That makes life a little easier for mom, too.

In her book, Williams provides a list of pantry staples that make dinner easier to prepare. Like rotisserie chicken, refrigerated biscuits are another key convenience product she suggests you keep on hand. You can serve them as a bread with the meal or use the biscuits as an ingredient for many recipes.

With eight large biscuits in each can, Grands' Biscuits are perfect for moms wanting to satisfy a hungry family with just-baked breads.

Here are some quick, tasty dinner tips using Grands' Biscuits from the Pillsbury test kitchen:

Individual-sized biscuit bowls add more substance to a soup or salad dinner and cut down on dishwashing time. Simply roll each section of biscuit dough into large circles and gently lay each over crumpled foil on a cookie sheet to make upside-down edible bowls. The biscuits will bake into golden bread bowls that are perfect for holding chili, hearty soups or salad.

For a meal that can be personalized to suit everyone's tastes, make build-your-own biscuit sandwiches by rolling biscuits into large, flat circles and baking until golden brown. When served with family-style plates of bacon, lettuce, tomato or other sandwich fixings, this is an easy way to encourage your family to build a dinner that's right for them.

Or, turn your family's favorite casserole or hot dish recipe into a more satisfying comfort food by adding a golden biscuit topping. When your favorite casserole is 15 to 20 minutes from being done and the contents are hot, cut biscuit dough into quarters and

arrange on top of the casserole. The biscuits will bake into a golden, fluffy crust and make your standard supper more special.

Satisfying your family during dinnertime doesn't have to take all your energy when you get creative with family-favorite foods like rotisserie chicken and biscuits. For more meal-time tips and recipes, visit www.pillsbury.com.

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT POT PIE

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 large stalk celery, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 3 cups bite-size chunks rotisserie chicken
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounce) fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounce) condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 can (16 3 ounce) Pillsbury Grands! Homestyle refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 2 teaspoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

Heat oven to 350° F. In 12-inch nonstick ovenproof skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Cook onion, mushrooms and celery in butter about four minutes, stirring occasionally until softened. Reduce heat, stir in chicken, peas and carrots, poultry seasoning, pepper, broth and soup. Heat to simmering, cook five minutes, stirring frequently.

Arrange biscuits over mixture in skillet, seven around outside edge and one in center. Brush tops of biscuits with milk, sprinkle with thyme.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Serves eight.

Tips: Three cups of turkey can be used in place of the chicken for a quick meal idea using leftover holiday turkey. Wrap skillet handle in foil, if not ovenproof.

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Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

March classes include Swiss Chocolates taught by master pastry chef Joe Decker 6 p.m. Thursday March 10 (\$98) 30 Minute Meals taught by Bruce Konowalow the director of Schoolcraft's culinary arts department and certified executive chef 9 a.m. noon Saturday March 12. Good Morning Sunshine (Breakfasts) taught by Michelle Bommarito 6 p.m. Tuesday March 15 (\$77) Meals 500 Start to Finish with Polcyn 5 p.m. Wednesday March 16 (\$139) Savory Soups and Stews with Gabriel 5 p.m. Thursday March 17 (\$89) Classic French Pastry Series (Pate a Choux for You, Too and Mille feuille to Die For) taught by Decker 6 p.m. Thursday March 24 and 31 (series classes can be taken separately for \$99 each or together for \$175) and Quick Easy Meals with Gabriel 5 p.m. Wednesday March 30 (\$99). For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands on experience preparing the recipes. Wilson offers a four week beginning series which she describes as the best place to start as this class is the most informative. Learn all about foods like tofu, tempeh, seaweed, vegetables, miso, and each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands on" experience preparing the recipes. Next beginning series dates are scheduled 6 p.m. March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Fee for the beginning series is \$120 (\$30 for each class). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City; visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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CASSEROLE

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died a few years ago. Her mother still lives in Bloomfield Hills. "She still makes chicken curry that I adore," Renton said. She also remembers her father's chicken with potato chip topping. "It's amazing that when you talk about food, it reminds you of your childhood," Renton said.

Casseroles allow you to be creative without a lot of pressure or risk. "Casseroles are a real forgiving way to experiment," Renton said. "If you are using foods you like, you're so rarely going to make a mistake

"Use leftovers layered with cheddar, leftover mashed potatoes or puff pastry. I like using white cheddar because it browns real nicely, but you can use parmesan or romano or any of the hard cheeses. They stand up well to baking."

MORE IDEAS

Cookbook authors often write glowingly about casseroles. Over the years, many delicious dishes have been created and named after famous people — especially European opera stars.

Chicken tetrazzini, named in honor of the Italian diva Luisa Tetrazzini, is a delicious combination of pasta, chicken, mushrooms and cheese sauce. The dish is a fantastic way to use up

leftover chicken and pasta.

This casserole is perfect for an informal dinner with friends. "Round out the meal with some crusty bread and a tomato, black olive and arugula salad drizzled with balsamic dressing," the author writes.

Lynn Alley writes in *The Gourmet Slow Cooker, Simple and Sophisticated Meals From Around The World* that *Provençal Beef Stew* is a flavorful one-pot meal from the south of France that can be made with either free-range veal or beef. "The use of thyme, olives, garlic, olive oil and particularly rosemary makes this dish truly representative of Provence," Alley writes.

Renton will be the instructor

of Cooking 101, one of several classes offered through Birmingham Community Education. This three-class series will teach you basics that will expand your kitchen prowess, as you sharpen up those knife skills (or develop some) at the first session. Class members will discuss and make beautiful stocks, as well as a roasted cream of tomato soup.

The second class focuses on two all-purpose, no-fail entrees.

First, roast beautiful and juicy chicken and master perfect gravy.

Second, students will use yesterday's crockpot to produce a perfect yankee pot roast.

In the final class, the science

behind baking will be discussed while creating a rich and tempting Brazilian chocolate cake, as well as superb chocolate chip cookies. A \$15 material fee is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Classes are scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 17, 24 and 31.

Three sessions cost \$90. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Renton also caters small parties (50 persons or less).

For more information, visit her Web site at www.chefgirl-productions.com or call (248) 760-5469.

RECIPES

ASPARAGUS AU GRATIN

Blanching seems daunting, but in reality, it is very easy. It allows the asparagus to maintain its bright color.

2½ pounds fresh asparagus
¼ cup unsalted butter
4 chopped scallions, chopped
½ small white onion, chopped
¼ cup unbleached flour
¼ teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Black pepper (to taste)
½ cups whole milk
¼ cup dry white wine
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
¼ cup white cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F. Fill a stockpot with 1 quart of water and add 1 tablespoon of kosher salt to the water. Fill a medium-sized glass bowl with ice cubes and water to serve as your ice bath. While you are waiting for the water to boil, remove the tough, dry ends of the asparagus and cut stems into 1-inch long pieces. Cook the asparagus in boiling water for 30 seconds and remove quickly with a strainer and place into ice bath.

In a pan over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add white onion and cook until translucent but not browned. Add scallion and cook for an additional minute. Blend in flour, curry powder, salt and pepper, cooking until bubbles begin to form. Gradually pour in milk, then wine and whisk to combine. Cook until sauce boils then remove from heat. Mix in Parmesan cheese and drained asparagus. Transfer mixture to a 9-inch casserole dish and sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes. Serves six.

EL DIABLO MAC AND CHEESE

Never get bored with the same old elbows and cheese, just take it to another level.

1 pound rotini (spiral) pasta, cooked according to package directions
½ cup unsalted butter
1 medium yellow onion, chopped finely
¼ cup unbleached all purpose flour
2½ cups whole milk
1 cup heavy cream
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 teaspoon Worcestershire
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (more if you like)
2 cups white cheddar cheese
2 cups Monterey Jack Cheese
½ cup dry white wine
Salt and pepper
¼ cup bread crumbs
¼ cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt butter in frying pan over medium-high heat until it bubbles, and then add onion. Cook until soft and translucent. Add flour and cook until mixture bubbles. Pour in milk and cream and whisk mixture until it boils and thickens. Turn heat to medium-low and add red pepper, cayenne and Worcestershire. Add cheddar and jack cheeses and stir to combine. Pour in wine and stir.

Incorporate cooked pasta and season with salt and pepper after tasting. Scoop mixture into 8 individual buttered ramekins and top with breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese. Place ramekins on a sheet pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Serves 8.

SPINACH AND CHEESE STRATA

This dish has been a staple in Katie Renton's family "for as long as she can remember." Renton says, "This dish is wonderful because you make it the night before and pop it in the oven in the morning. It couldn't be a more simple for a brunch entree."

6 slices of sourdough bread (whole wheat may be used)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
2 cups grated English Cotta swald cheese
1½ cups half and half
6 large eggs, beaten lightly
10 ounces package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons fresh tarragon, chopped

The night before you wish to serve. Spread bread with butter and place slices in a single layer on the bottom of a greased 13- by 9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese. In a large bowl combine half and half, eggs, spinach, salt, pepper and tarragon and whisk well. Pour over bread and cheese. Cover well and refrigerate overnight (or at least 6 hours).

The morning you wish to serve. Preheat oven to 350°F and bake strata for 1 hour until golden and puffy.

Recipes courtesy of Katie Renton of Birmingham, owner of Chef Girl Productions (www.chefgirlproductions.com).

PROVENÇAL BEEF STEW

¾ cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 ½ pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1 ½-inch cubes

2 3 tablespoons olive oil
2 sprigs thyme
2 sprigs rosemary
2 yellow onions, sliced
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup dry white wine
1 (14 ½ ounce) can crushed tomatoes
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
freshly ground black pepper
1 ½ cups green olives, pitted

Combine the flour and salt in a resealable plastic bag. Add the meat to the bag, several pieces at a time, and shake to coat completely.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. In batches if necessary, add the meat and cook, turning, for 7 to 10 minutes, until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer the meat to the slow cooker and add the thyme and rosemary.

Place the onions in the plastic bag and shake in the remaining flour to coat completely. Set the sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the onions. Sauté, stirring frequently, for about 10 minutes, until lightly browned. Add the garlic and sauté for three to four minutes, until softened. Add the wine to the pan and stir to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the tomatoes and whisk in the mustard and pepper to taste. Cook, stirring frequently for 10 minutes, or until the sauce thickens somewhat. Pour the sauce over the meat in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for five to eight hours, until the meat is very tender. Stir in the olives 20 minutes before the end of cooking. Remove and discard the thyme and rosemary.

Ladle into soup bowls and serve immediately. Serves four to six.

Recipe courtesy of *The Gourmet Slow Cooker, Simple and Sophisticated Meals From Around The World* by Lynn Alley. Ten Speed Press.

CHICKEN TETRAZZINI WITH TWO CHEESES

8 ounces spaghetti, broken in half
4 teaspoons olive oil
½ pound white mushrooms, quartered
2 garlic cloves, minced
¼ cup thinly sliced scallions
¼ cup cornstarch
¼ cup medium dry sherry
2 cups milk
1 ½ cups chicken broth
¼ cup grated Jarlsburg or Swiss cheese
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
salt and freshly ground pepper
2 ½ cups shredded cooked chicken or turkey
½ cup fresh bread crumbs

Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add a large pinch of salt and the spaghetti and cook, stirring often, for 9 to 10 minutes, until al dente. Drain the pasta in a colander and toss with a little of the oil,

set aside.

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Spray a shallow two-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium nonstick skillet, heat two teaspoons of the oil over high heat. Add the mushrooms and garlic and cook, stirring for four minutes, or until the mushrooms are lightly browned. Stir in the scallions and cook, stirring, for one to two minutes longer, until the scallions are wilted. Remove from the heat.

In a small cup, blend the cornstarch with the sherry until smooth. In a large pot, stir together the milk, broth, and the cornstarch mixture. Place over medium heat and cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens and boils.

Remove from the heat and add the Jarlsburg, about half of the Parmesan, one teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper, stirring until well blended. Stir in the chicken and the mushrooms, then stir in the spaghetti. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, mix the breadcrumbs with the remaining Parmesan and the remaining two teaspoons oil and sprinkle over the casserole. Bake for 10-15 minutes, until the top is browned and the casserole is bubbly. Serves four to six.

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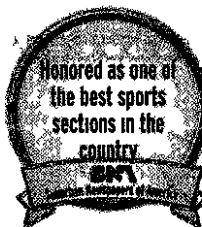
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Salem wrestlers Ryan Stump (left) and Jeremy Henderson qualified Saturday for the Division 1 individual state wrestling finals, which are slated for March 10-12 at the Palace of Auburn Hills



Canton wrestlers Ryan Webb (left) and Corey Phillips will both be making their second consecutive trip to the Division 1 individual state finals March 10-12

Survival of the fittest

Four local wrestlers move on to state finals

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following months of rigorous training in their respective schools' workout rooms, four P-CEP wrestlers have earned the right to display their talents under the bright lights of the Palace of Auburn Hills next week in the Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament.

Canton will be represented at the Palace on March 10-12 by senior Ryan Webb and sophomore Corey Phillips, both of whom competed in the event last year. Representing Salem will be two-time qualifier Ryan Stump, a senior, and first-timer Jeremy Henderson, a junior.

All four grapplers qualified for the state meet by placing fourth or higher at Saturday's Division 1 regional competition at Monroe High School. Sixteen wrestlers in each of the 14

weight classes will be on hand at the finals, with the top eight finishers taking home medals.

The 135-pound Webb will take the most impressive record into next week's action. 49-1. On Saturday, he avenged his lone loss of the year when he upended Redford Catholic Central's Sean Dong, 5-2, in the regional final.

"I've been looking forward to that match ever since I lost to him at the Observerland tournament," Webb said. "That was probably my most satisfying win so far, but it wasn't as important to me as our team winning its first district championship."

Webb will open the state tournament against Utica Ford's Jack Abbate, who crafted a 34-14 mark this season. A victory would propel him into the second round against the winner of

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, C6

Randolph honored

Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph was recently honored as the Division 1, Region 3 Coach of the Year.

Randolph, who was named the Chiefs' varsity wrestling coach prior to the 2002-03 season, led Canton to a school-record 23 dual-meet victories and the school's first-ever Division 1 district team title this past season.

"The award has my name on it, but it is a testament to the hard work all of the kids and our staff have put in this season," said Randolph, a former state champion wrestler at Hudson High School.

Randolph, 29, wrestled at the collegiate level for Eastern Michigan University.

He also serves as an assistant football coach at Canton.

Sidelines

Waidmann excels

Canton graduate Brad Waidmann, a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, finished seventh in the heptathlon this past weekend in the Mid American Conference Indoor Track-and-Field Championships held at Central Michigan University.

Waidmann, who graduated from Canton in 2004, also finished seventh in the open high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 4 inches.

Waidmann either equaled or set personal-best efforts in five of the seven heptathlon events on his way to earning 4,292 points.

The Eagles finished third in the event behind first-place CMU and second-place Kent State.

HVS spring events

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering a pair of sports camps during spring break March 28 through April 1.

The all-sports camp includes soccer, flag football, volleyball, floor hockey, dodge ball, kickball, and other backyard games. Participants will also do team-building exercises and take part in fun relay races.

The half-day camps for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 years old are \$20 per day while the full-day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds cost \$35 per day. Both camps are also available on Friday, March 25.

HVS will also host a soccer camp, which is designed to help recreational players hone their dribbling, shooting, passing and defensive skills before the upcoming outdoor season commences.

The camp is offered for players between the ages of 5 and 8 (from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and for kids between the ages of 9 and 12 (noon to 2 p.m.). The camp fee is \$75 per player and will be run by HVS staff and Canton Soccer Club trainers.

A play group for youngsters between the ages of 1 and 5 will also be available during spring break from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The play group allows kids to run, kick and play on the HVS facility's fields. The cost is \$5 per child.

For more information on the programs, call (734) 487-7678 or visit www.hvsports.com.

Wildcat boosters

The next meeting for the Plymouth High School Football Boosters will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players are encouraged to attend.

Lacrosse boosters

The booster club for the unified Plymouth-Canton-Salem high school lacrosse team is accepting business ads for the inaugural game program through March 10. The 2005 season begins March 31 and programs will be sold at home games.

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Chiefs' 3's sink Wildcats, 55-34

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team took the highway to Northville High School for Wednesday night's Class A district semi-final game against Plymouth.

Once the game started, the Chiefs jumped on the "three-way" to advance to the finals.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Canton swished nine three-point bombs — four in the first quarter — and ran away with a 55-34 victory over the Wildcats, who finished their inaugural varsity season with an 11-10 record. The Chiefs will tangle with South Lyon in Friday night's 7 p.m. district final at Northville. The 10-11 Lions upset Novi (18-4), 46-41, in the other semi-final match-up.

"Offensively, we start outside and work our way in, said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "When our threes are falling like they were tonight, it opens up the inside game, which Andre Bridges took advantage of. We have five weapons on offense now, so we can be hard to defend."

Senior guards David Calille and Andy Cortellini

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS ADVANCE, C2

PCA thumps Hawks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's no better way to open the district basketball season than with a bench-clearing, everybody-gets-to-play victory.

Plymouth Christian Academy enjoyed one of those games Tuesday night when the Eagles opened their Class D district tournament at Detroit Urban Lutheran with a resounding 60-40 win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

With the win, PCA improved to 12-9 and advanced to tonight's semi-final contest against Redford Bishop Borgess, which nipped Urban Lutheran, 44-42, in overtime Tuesday night. The Hawks finished the year with a 4-17 mark.

"They were missing a 6-3 starter tonight due to illness, so we tried to put a lot of pressure on them in the pivot," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We got off to a big, early lead, which allowed us to rotate a lot of players in."

"I thought Jordan Johnston played well tonight. He had a season-high 10 points and he only missed one shot. He also handled the ball really well."

Offensively, the Eagles were paced by senior center Aaron Ciborowski, who netted 17 points. Stephen Sumner (14 points), Mike McCord (eight points, seven rebounds) and Chase Van Tiem (five assists) also played well for the winners.

Erik Gruenewald led the Hawks with nine points. PCA raced to a 16-3 first-quarter lead and 31-9 halftime advantage. The Eagles erased any comeback plans the Hawks may have envisioned by securing a 45-19 lead after three quarters.

PCA canned 8-of-13 free throws and four three-point shots. The Hawks were 12-of-27 from the line. Tonight's game against Borgess is slated for 8 p.m. It will follow the other semi-final contest which pits Canton Agape Christian against Detroit City.

"Borgess is a very athletic team that wants to score at the rim," Taylor said. "We have one day to prepare for them and they have one day to prepare for us. We won five in a row and eight of our last 11, so we're excited."

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Plymouth John Knoerl battles Walled Lake Central's Tony Lis for the puck during the first period of Monday night's Division 2 district game played at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena. Knoerl scored twice to lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 win.

Plymouth skaters upend Walled Lake Central, 5-2

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When the going got tough for Plymouth's hockey team Monday night, so did Wildcat goalie Justin Desilets.

Walled Lake Central fired 19 shots at Desilets during the second period alone, but the junior net-minder turned away every one to lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 victory in the Division 2 regional game played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

It was the first post-season state tournament win for Plymouth, which will carry an 11-12-2 record into tonight's 6 p.m. semi-final game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Justin Desilets played extremely well for us tonight," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "He was the difference — especially in the second period when they had all those shots."

"Overall, we did a good job of pressuring the puck in their zone and forcing turnovers. We scored two of our goals off their turnovers."

Plymouth skated to a quick 2-0 lead when John Knoerl and Ryan Stamm scored goals within the

game's opening five minutes. Mark Olivier assisted Knoerl while Nick Rosochacki and Charlie Webb recorded helpers on Stamm's.

The Vikings cut their deficit in half, 2-1, with 3:51 left in the opening stanza when Jack Kennedy scored.

The Wildcats regained their two-goal cushion midway through the second period when Knoerl scored again, this time off a pass from Justin Michalek. Six minutes later, Michael Manner found the back of the net with a shot to put the Wildcats up 4-1 with 19 seconds left in the period.

Central's Matt Johnson scored four minutes into the third period to make it 4-2, but Webb countered a short time later with a goal that was assisted by Stamm.

Both teams finished with 24 shots on goal. Kaput said his team will be feeling no pressure heading into tonight's semi-final showdown against Birmingham Brother Rice.

"To tell you the truth, I think we've over-achieved up to this point," he said. "Nobody expected us to be this far, so all of the pressure is on them."

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Rough season ends for Salem cagers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The way Salem's 2004-05 basketball season unfolded, the Rocks probably wouldn't have been totally surprised if the tires on their school bus were flat following Monday night's season-ending loss to Novi in the Class A district quarterfinal game played at Northville High School.

Fortunately, the tires still had plenty of air, but Salem's chances of moving on in the tournament were deflated by the Wildcats, 57-37. The loss dropped the Rocks' final record to 1-20. The victory catapulted Novi into Wednesday night's semi-final contest

BASKETBALL

against South Lyon, which drew a first-round bye.

Just about everything that could go wrong did go wrong for the Rocks this season — or at least it seemed that way.

That was never more apparent than in the second quarter of Monday's loss when on a few occasions, potential comeback-igniting shots by the Rocks rolled around the rim and out. Meanwhile, Novi seemed to be hitting three-pointers from as far away as the intersection of 6 Mile and Beck roads.

Novi outscored Salem, 21-3, over

the eight minute period to seize a 39-9 halftime lead that would doom any hopes the Rocks had of pulling off a substantial upset.

The Rocks went over seven minutes without scoring between Jeff Lake's fast-break lay-up that opened the quarter and Jon Pomorski's free throw that ended it.

There was smoke coming off the fingers of Novi's Sean White, who buried three long triples in the second quarter for the winners.

Todd Janer finished the first-half scoring for the Wildcats by securing an offensive rebound from just outside the free throw line, dribbling a few feet back behind the three-point arch, and swishing a fade-away trey

as the buzzer sounded.

Welcome to Salem's world. To the Rocks' credit, they never quit hustling during the second half and actually outscored Novi, 28-18, over the final 16 minutes.

Brad Zonca and Billy Leddy both scored six points to lead Salem, which got five from Kyle Price and four each from Dave Cardenas, Lake and Jerah Dixon. Price pulled down a team-high six rebounds.

White finished with a team-high 11 for Novi. Janer contributed 10 while Mark Moore and Anthony Harbin swished eight a piece. Moore led the Wildcats with eight boards.

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Salem's Jon Pomorski (left) and Jeff Lake saw their season end Monday night in the Class A district opener against Novi. The 18-3 Wildcats upended Salem, 57-37.

CHIEFS ADVANCE

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did most of the damage on the perimeter for the Chiefs. Cahille finished with 18 points, including a pair of threes, while all 12 of Cortellm's points were the result of four first-half triples. Bridges contributed nine points and a team-high seven rebounds.

"We didn't really go into the game looking to take threes, but they were giving them to us in the first quarter," said Cortellm. "Once I hit the first one, I felt pretty good, so I kept shooting."

"Before this season, I had never won a district game, so getting to the championship game is pretty exciting."

Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said his team — which opened in a zone defense — wasn't able to chase down the Chiefs' three-point shooters quick enough early in the game.

"We had a hard time locating their shooters in the first quarter," Van Wagoner said. "We didn't close well on defense. But give Canton credit — they made plays and we didn't."

Juniors Josh Le Duc and D J Coleman paced the Wildcats with 11 points a piece. Jim Wilbur netted six points and five rebounds.

Plymouth's normal starting point guard Brent Jones came off the bench against the

Chiefs

"Brent's been very ill for a while, so he hasn't been able to practice much," Van Wagoner said. "He actually played a little more tonight than we thought he would."

Freshman Brandon Roberts started in Jones' place Wednesday night in his first varsity game.

The Chiefs surged to an 8-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game thanks to a trey and fastbreak lay-up from Cahille and a Cortellm triple. Undeterred, Plymouth scored the next nine points — five by Le Duc — to take a 9-8 lead.

However, Canton reeled off a 13-1 run over the next three-plus minutes to grab a lead it would never give up. Canton led 28-18 at the half and 44-29 following three quarters. The most impressive two-point shot of the night came from Canton's 6-foot-8 center Kevin Thornton, who grabbed an offensive rebound with 2:10 left in the second quarter and slammed home the putback to put the Chiefs ahead, 26-16. Thornton finished with six points, six boards and four blocked shots.

"At halftime, I reminded them that Novi was leading South Lyon by 10 at the half and ended up losing in the game before ours," Paye said. "We came out in the second half with the same intensity we had in the first."

Friday night's district final



B. LL. BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Andre Bridges tallied nine points and seven rebounds in the Chiefs' 55-34 victory over Plymouth Wednesday night.

will be the second meeting this season between South Lyon and Canton. The Chiefs won the first match up 64-58, in overtime on Dec. 16. Cortellm scored 18 and Thornton added

17 in the win. South Lyon has a very scrappy physical team," Paye said. "We have a size advantage on them, but they scrap for everything."

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Canton icers earn 1st district win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's hockey team killed two birds with one puck Tuesday night.

The Chiefs won their first-ever Division 1 regional contest, 5-4, over Ann Arbor Huron. With the win, they also got rid of an annoying monkey that had been riding on their collective backs for the past four seasons.

"Huron had beaten Canton in the first round of the regionals the past four years, so winning tonight, in a way, was like getting the monkey off our backs," said Chief coach Mike Behen, whose team improved to 15-6-3. "Tonight's game wasn't our best, but I thought the kids played hard. We have to learn to play smarter with the lead. We had a couple of bad

penalties that helped them get back into the game after we were up 4-1.

Huron's record isn't great (7-14-2), but they have a good team. They play a tougher schedule than us, which is one reason they haven't won more games."

The victory propelled the Chiefs into Thursday night's 8 p.m. regional semi-final showdown against Ann Arbor Pioneer, which advanced by thrashing Temperance-Bedford, 10-0.

"They're a good team, they're very well-coached and they've been highly ranked all season," said Behen, sizing up his team's next foe. "It should be a good game."

Canton surged to a 2-0 first-period lead against the River Rats thanks to goals from Bryan Wioncek and Reece McCabe. McCabe and Ben

Laurin assisted on the first goal while goalie Tony Hylko and Wioncek picked up helpers on the second.

Huron made it 2-1 early in the second period on the first of three Thomas Renkes goals, but Canton answered a short time later when Kevin Tollison and Wioncek lit the lamp to make it 4-1. Renkes' second goal with eight seconds left in the period made it 4-2.

The River Rats made things interesting with 10:40 left when Adam Dwyer slid the puck past Hylko to make it 4-3, but Wioncek's third tally of the night helped Canton regain its two-goal cushion.

Renkes' third goal with 1:30 remaining made it 5-4, but Huron failed to mount a serious threat in the final 90 seconds.

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Salem rocks Willow Run, 11-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Willow Run's first-year hockey team got "Tripp-ed" up by Salem Monday night in a Division 1 regional quarterfinal match-up played at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

The Rocks' Stephen Tripp recorded a hat-trick and an assist to lead Salem to a mercy rule-shortened 11-0 rout of the upstart Flyers, who were getting a taste of post-season tournament hockey for the first time. In accordance with a Michigan High School Athletic Association rule, the game was called after two periods because of the lop-sided score.

"We've been where they're at now," said Salem coach Fred Feiler, whose team evened its record at 11-11-3. "We got laid out pretty good our first year, too."

Salem's semi-final test on Thursday night gets considerably more difficult as Brighton — the second-ranked team in Division 1 — advanced to play the Rocks thanks to a 5-3 triumph over Jackson on Monday night.

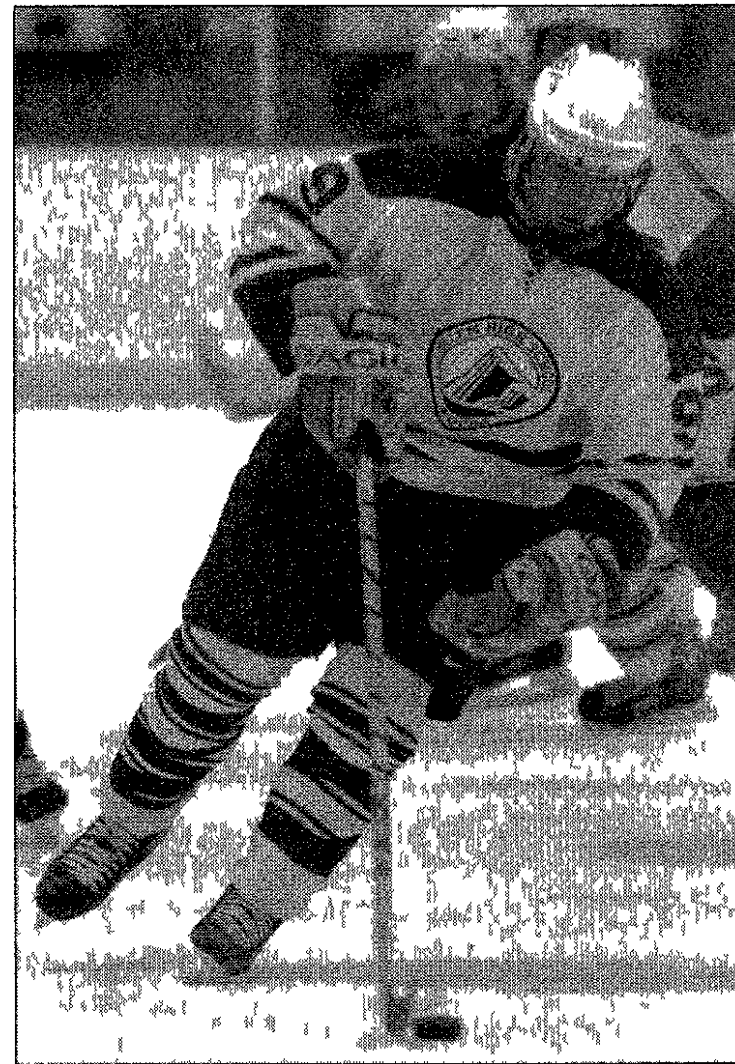
"While I don't know a lot about Brighton, I do know they have a very good team and they brought a lot of experienced players back from last year's team," Feiler said. "We stayed and watched them play Jackson. We're looking for a good game in the semis."

Thursday's game is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Ice Cube.

The outcome of Monday's game was never in question as Salem scored seven first-period goals and four in the second. Goal-scorers in the opening 15 minutes were Tripp (two), Kris Brant, David Carey, Craigen Bauldry, John Maurer and Chris Wilson. Carey (two), Brooks Belhart, Tripp, Maurer, Nathan Edelen, Tom Cooper (two) and Adam Gillikin picked up first-period assists for the Rocks.

Bauldry, Belhart, Evan Meibers and Tripp joined the goal-scoring bonanza for Salem in the second period.

"David Carey assisted on all three of Stephen Tripp's goals so those two were working very well together," Feiler said. I



TOM HOFFMEYER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Adam Gillikin recorded a pair of assists in the Rocks' 11-0 victory over Willow Run Monday night in the team's Division 1 regional opener at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

thought Craigen Bauldry and Tommy Cooper both played well, too. They worked hard on both ends of the ice.

Salem's goal-tending duties were split in half between starter Brandon DeMars, who made four saves in the opening period, and Derek Edelen, who knocked away two shots in the second stanza.

Salem outshot the over-matched Flyers, 33-6.

PCS Penguins 3, G.P. North 2
With the thrilling victory Saturday afternoon, Plymouth-Canton-Salem improved its record to 14-5-1 and clinched third place in the Michigan Metropolitan Girls High School Hockey League.

The Penguins trailed 2-0 after one quarter as the Norsemen outshot them 15-5. Junior defenseman Kelli

Bargowski beat North goalie Angela Lee 1:06 into the second period to cut PCS's deficit in half, 2-1. Keely Kowalski assisted on the goal. Penguin senior forward Olivia Pennebaker tied the game at 2-2 with a power-play goal with 12:18 remaining. Stephanie Murray and Kelli Bargowski picked up helpers on the goal.

Junior forward Lisa Ealy scored the game-winner with 1:20 to go after taking a pass from Murray.

"The girls remained focused tonight," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Even though North scored the first two goals, we continued to play. We were able to pull together as a team, support each other and put forth the extra effort that was necessary to come back and win."

Eagle spikers capture 2nd title

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team captured its second consecutive Class D district title Saturday at Washtenaw Christian. The Eagles, who are now 22-14, advanced to Saturday's regional tournament at Lenawee Christian. They will take on Wyandotte Mt. Carmel in the opener.

"Every girl came to play Saturday," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "We played well as a team, both offensively and defensively."

The Eagles ousted Huron Valley Lutheran in the quarterfinals (25-11, 25-17, 25-27 and 25-12). In the semi, PCA swept Washtenaw Christian

VOLLEYBALL

25-6, 25-5 and 25-19.

In the finals, PCA upended Canton Agape Christian 25-9, 25-12 and 25-12.

The Eagles were led by Kelli Feiler (34 kills, 29 digs and 16 service points), Kelsie Tietjen (28 kills, 11 blocks and 26 points), Julie Bahbah (20 kills, 53 digs and 30 points) and Sara Ross (60 set assists, 32 digs and 34 service points).

Bahbah and Ross were both 100 percent accurate on their serves.

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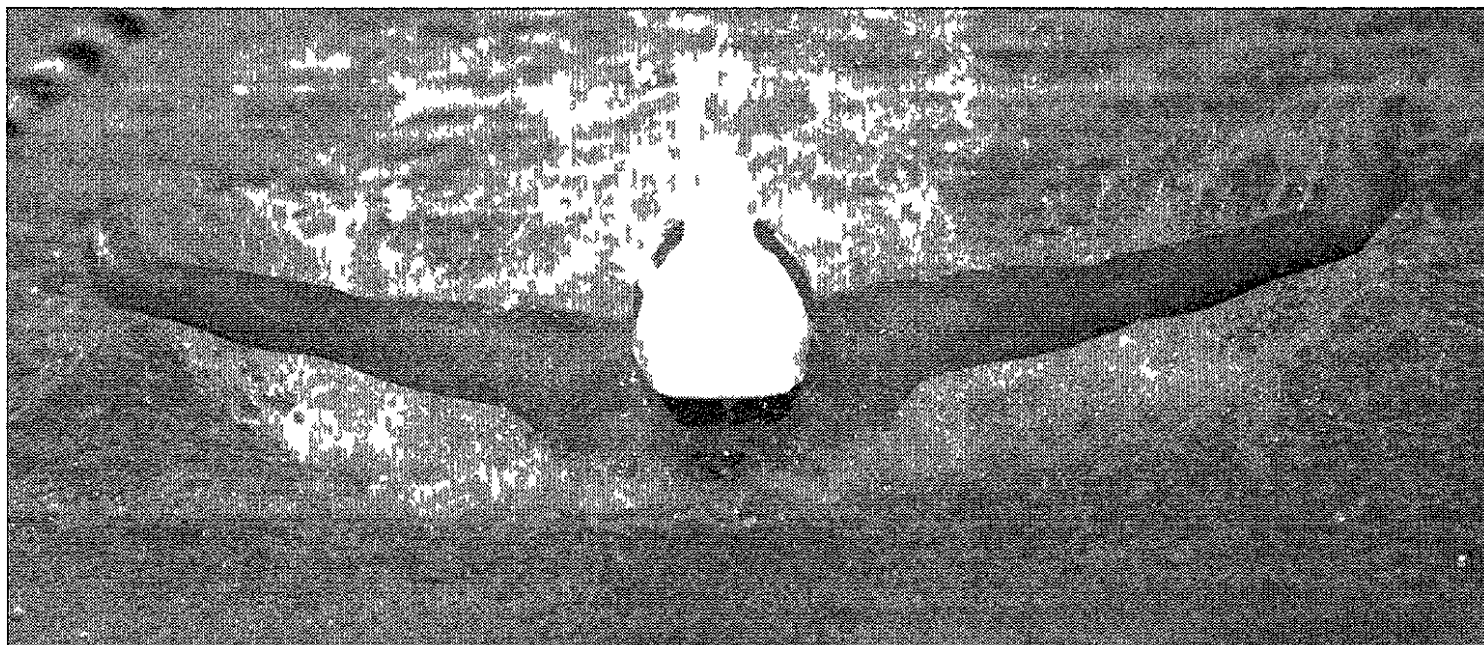
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Salem's Mike Higgs finished fifth Saturday in the 50-yard freestyle at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet held at Salem. Higgs' time was 22.78.



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Canton's Shogo Uno stroked his way to a sixth place finish in the 100 yard butterfly event at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association swim meet held at Salem. Uno's time was 56.41.

SWIM RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS SWIM MEET Feb 24-26 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Northville 590 points
2 Livonia Stevenson 565 3 Salem 377 4
Canton 366 5 Walled Lake Central 244 6
Walled Lake Northern 218 7 Livonia Churchill
193 8 Wayne Memorial 143 9 Walled Lake
Western 103 10 Westland John Glenn 75 11
Livonia Franklin 64 12 Plymouth 57

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

200 yard medley relay 1 Stevenson (Jeff
Paauz David Gosdzinski Garrett Baringhaus
Steve Bruestle) 1:39.25 2 Northville 1:40.75
3 WL Central 1:41.3 4 Salem 1:42.17 5 WL
Northern 1:43.32 6 Churchill 1:49.61 **B final**
7 Canton 1:48.9 8 Wayne 1:52.36 9 Franklin
2:01.89 10 John Glenn 2:09.29 11 Plymouth
and WL Western disqualified

200 freestyle 1 Chris Keady (N) 1:44.24 2
Matt Jurcak (S) 1:47.89 3 Chris Culk (N)
1:48.21 4 Brody Bickie (N) 1:48.92 5 Andrew
Schoff (LS) 1:49.12 6 Baringhaus (LS) 1:50.88
B final 7 Nick Landis (C) 1:51.06 8 Mark
Stuber (N) 1:52.59 10 Derek Schmitt (C)
1:55.15 11 Matt Underhill (S) 1:56.72 12 Sam
Lonia (LS) 1:57.15

200 individual medley 1 Travis Hatt (LS)
1:59.16 2 Roman Sandler (WLN) 2:01.08 3
Nick Dixon (S) 2:01.66 4 Will Bickie (N)
2:01.68 5 Ryan Booms (WLC) 2:02.6 6 Matt
Carlson (C) 2:07.33 **B final** 7 Westen Laabs
(N) 2:07.37 8 Greg Scully (LC) 2:10.99 9 Penn
Chou (S) 2:11.6 10 Hunter Schwartz (N) 2:11.81
11 Nathan Phillips (C) 2:12.01 12 Kyle Herman
(LS) 2:13.53

50 freestyle 1 Matt Massman (LS) 22.22 2
Joel Rinkevich (WLN) 22.28 3 Gosdzinski
(LS) 22.41 4 Brad Farris (N) 22.46 5 Mike
Higgs (S) 22.78 6 Bruestle (LS) 22.92 **B final**
7 (tie) Joe Hogan (N) and John Faraoni (C)
23.23 each 9 Ben Jylkka (WLV) 23.28 10 Kyle
Erdmann (WM) 23.7 11 Jon Templeton (C)
23.91 12 Greg Calabrese (C) 24.78

1 meter diving 1 Andrew Murawski (S)
370.05 points 2 Travis Kneale (WLN) 360.95
3 Brad Lempke (N) 359.95 4 Kev n Cafare
(C) 358.55 5 Ken Stafford (LS) 336.70 6
Jarett Machovec (WM) 290.15 7 James Corp
(WLV) 280.55 8 Jam e Weiner (N) 269.75 9
Matthew Williams (LC) 269.70 10 Steve Smith
(LS) 259.30 11 Just n Mag (P) 255.85 12
Scott Lee (N) 245.50

100 butterfly 1 Baringhouse (LS) 53.13 2
Bruestle (LS) 53.94 3 Phil Watkins (WLC)
53.96 4 Faraoni (C) 55.3 5 B Bickie (N)
56.01 6 Shogo Uno (C) 56.41 **B final** 7 Jylkka
(WLV) 56.09 8 Ryan Smith (N) 56.37 9
Robert Luke (LS) 57.79 10 Spencer Mabey
(LC) 58.36 11 Pat Sautural (S) 58.45 12 Billy
Horgan (S) 1:00.64

100 freestyle 1 Farris (N) 48.55 2
Rinkevich (WLN) 49.24 3 Massman (LS)
49.36 4 Jack Oliver (WLC) 49.74 5 Schoff
(LS) 50.3 6 Higgs (S) 50.8 **B final** 7 Hogan
(N) 51.47 8 Stuber (N) 51.86 9 Adam Whalen
(LS) 52.26 10 Templeton (C) 52.76 11
Underhill (S) 53.51 12 Calabrese (C) 54.43

500 freestyle 1 Keady (N) 4:40.3 (breaks
WLA record of 4:41.18 set by Karl Kozicki in
1994) 2 W Bickie (N) 4:48.86 3 Hatt (LS)
4:52.34 4 Culk (N) 4:53.34 5 Dixon (S)
4:57.97 6 Land s (C) 5:00.02 **B final** 7 Paauz
(LS) 5:04.62 8 Greg Sheppard (N) 5:07.92 9
Herman (LS) 5:14.45 10 Andrew Randall (LC)
5:16.2 11 Loria (LS) 5:22.21 12 Ross Schwartz
(C) 5:26.04

200 freestyle relay 1 Stevenson
(Gosdzinski Hatt Bruestle Massman) 1:29.14
2 Northville 1:31.13 3 Salem 1:32.63 4 WL
Northern 1:33.26 5 Canton 1:33.28 6 Wayne
1:37.59 **B final** 7 WL Western 1:38.12 8
Church 1:38.81 9 WL Central 1:39.29 10
John Glenn 1:40.20 11 Plymouth 1:43.59 12
Franklin 1:43.69

100 backstroke 1 Oliver (WLC) 54.59 2
Jurcak (S) 55.7 3 Schwartz (N) 57.22 4
Paauz (LS) 57.6 5 Luke (LS) 57.73 6 Scully
(LC) 57.8 **B final** 7 Whalen (LS) 58.76 8
Smith (N) 1:00.12 9 Phillips (C) 1:00.53 10
Robert Blaesser (C) 1:00.96 11 John Bardsley
(N) 1:01.35 12 John Kline (S) 1:02.83

100 breaststroke 1 Booms (WLC) 1:01.6 2
Sandler (WLN) 1:01.68 3 Gosdzinski (LS)
1:01.72 4 Laabs (N) 1:02.05 5 Stan Chen (S)
1:05.07 6 Carlson (C) 1:05.26 **B final** 7 Geoff
Wroble (WLC) 1:05.94 8 Chou (S) 1:06.11 9
Jeff Weber (LS) 1:08.29 10 Sheppard (N)
1:08.49 11 Mark Gordon (LC) 1:08.85 12 Dan
Anthony (C) 1:08.89

400 freestyle relay 1 Northville (Keady
Farris W Bickie Culk) 3:16.19 2 Stevenson
3:18.53 3 Salem 3:20.84 4 Canton 3:25.74 5
WL Central 3:26.07 6 Church 3:36.17 **B
final** 7 Wayne 3:38.86 8 WL Northern
3:41.03 9 John Glenn 3:48.67 10 Frank n
s 52.87 11 Plymouth 3:56.83 12 WL Weste n
3:59.54

Northville lands WLAA boys swim title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Like a good symphonic performance, the Northville boys swim team has been building toward a crescendo.

Saturday afternoon at Salem High School, the Mustangs took a curtain call by winning their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship, edging defending champion Livonia Stevenson by 25 points, 590-565.

The host Rocks and neighbor Canton finished third and fourth, respectively with 377 and 366.

It took a 1992 Stevenson graduate and Spartan assistant girls coach to help orchestrate the upset.

It's been a process and it paid off today, said Northville sixth-year coach Rich Bennetts, who swam under Stevenson girls coach Greg Phill when he was at the Clarenceville Swim Club. "We've been creeping up a place or two every year. What really did it for us were the kids who swam in the second heats (places 7 through 12)."

Sophomore Chris Keady figured in three firsts in leading

the Mustangs winning the 200 yard freestyle (1:44.24) and setting a meet record in the 500 freestyle (4:40.3). He also teamed up with Brad Farris, Will Bickie and Chris Culk to win the meet's final event, the 400 freestyle relay in 3:16.19.

Northville also got a first from Farris in the 100 freestyle (48.55).

The Mustangs helped cement their win by placing three of the top four in the 500 freestyle.

Freestyles have always been our strongest, Bennetts said.

That's why I've tried to build our team because if you stop and think about it, that's half the meet. If you have freestylers, you'll have a pretty good team.

Stevenson captured two of three relays and had three individual champions in Travis Hatt (200 IM), Matt Massman (50 freestyle) and Garrett Baringhaus (100 butterfly).

The teams are so evenly matched that you could split hairs, Bennetts said. "We just had a good day. In the dual meet, they smoked us and I've reminded our boys quite often of that score after that point."

Stevenson may have been the favorite going in, but Northville had been building toward a crescendo all season.

"I could see this coming," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "They beat us here (at Salem) in the Kilgore Invitational and we knew they had depth. I've been telling our guys that the last one and-a-half months, I knew how stacked they are."

"Northville earned it. Rich Bennetts is a great coach."

All is not lost, however, for the runner-up and state-ranked Spartans.

Our focus now is the state meet, Shoemaker said. "We have six guys going that are non-tapered and non-shaved. Salem, meanwhile, got a first place from senior diver Andrew Murawski, who had a total of 370.05 points."

Murawski heads Tuesday, March 8 to the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional.

Andrew should do well there, Olson said. "He just missed placing at state last year."

Salem pair of seconds from senior Matt Jurcak (in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke). "I thought we swam really

well, a lot better than the dual meet season."

The Rocks also took thirds in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, along with a fourth in the 200 medley relay.

"This is the fastest our 400 freestyle relay (3:20.84) has swam," Olson said. "We were sixth at MISCA (meet) and third here, which isn't bad. We knew we had to go 3:17, and that was asking too much." (Mike) Higgs made the (State) cut in the 50 freestyle (22.78). Our 200 freestyle relay team of Higgs, (Penn) Chou, Pat Sautural and Matt Underhill made it, too (1:32.63), so we have all three relays going now."

Earlier in the season the Rocks lost a dual meet to Canton, but turned the tables this time.

"We knew we couldn't discount guys like Carlson, Templeton, Shogo and Landis," Olson said of the rival Chiefs. "They have some good kids over there, a lot of them."

But the day belonged to the upstart Mustangs.

"Northville is legit," Olson said. "They have a lot of depth and a lot of speed and that's a good combination to have."

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(There is an additional expense for those team players who play in USA tournaments, AAU state tournaments and the USA Nationals in Chicago, Ill.)

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The Canton Cubs 14-and-under travel baseball team is looking for one or two additional players. The team plays a 40-game schedule.

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"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas.

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at www.Top50JrTour.com.

WRESTLING

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The match between Jenison's David Johnson (42-6) and New Baltimore's Ben Boudro (47-4).

Phillips, who has chalked up a 47-5 mark at 130 pounds, finished seventh in the state last year as a freshman. He finished first at the regional meet by taking down Livonia Churchill's Justin Smith, 8-2.

Phillips first opponent next week will be Holt's Zach Shaw, who went 24-7. A victory will lift him into a second-round tilt against the winner of the match between Saginaw Heritage's Andy Sullivan (47-3) and Utica Ford's Tom Webb (38-14).

"If Ryan and Corey stay healthy and perform up to their abilities, I think their chances of doing well at the state meet are extremely high," said Canton coach Casey Randolph.

Salem's Stump, who has compiled a 39-2 mark at 125 pounds, qualified for the individual state meet as a sophomore at 119, but was knocked out at the regional level in 2004.

Stump will take on Battle Creek Central's Brent Hare (38-2) in the March 10 open-

er. If Stump wins, he'll battle either Harland's Owen Wilkinson (41-1) or Lansing Eastern's Jeremy Larkin (24-14) in the second round.

"I've gone through it once, which should help me," Stump said. "I don't think I'll be as nervous as I was when I was a sophomore."

The 189-pound Henderson will carry a 33-9 record into next week's season-ending competition.

"Qualifying for the state meet was one of my top goals all season," Henderson said. "Now that I've made it this far, I want to try to place in the top eight. I'm sure I'll be a little nervous at first, but that will wear off once the matches start."

West Bloomfield sophomore Zoran Lazar (42-4) awaits Henderson in the first match. A victory over Lazar would send the Rock into a round-two dual with either Holly's Chris Turner (47-6) or Lansing Eastern's Paul Hutchins (31-11).

Three Salem wrestlers — Scott Fysh, Jeremy Stankewicz and Jake Bennett — and a trio of Chief grapplers — Konrad Konstzke, Alex Amberg and Pat McWhirter — all came within one victory at the regional meet.

Temperance-Bedford's Alex Johnston (38-2) in the March 10 open-

WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA Division 1 Region 3 Individual Wrestling Results Feb. 26 at Monroe High School

103 pounds Ibrahim Abdulla (Dearborn Fordson) dec. John Cole (Wyandotte Roosevelt) 3-2. 3rd Zac Stevens (Monroe) dec. Phil Noriega (Roseville) 7-3.

112 Jack Cassidy (Dearborn) dec. Kris Lewis (Temperance Bedford) 5-2. 3rd Steve Brighton (Temperance Bedford) dec. Jubran Nasser (Dearborn Fordson) 11-5.

119 Craig Gin (Temperance Bedford) dec. Mitch Graves (Monroe) 9-2. 3rd Josh Stadwick (Roseville) dec. Zaid Aljalmi (Dearborn Fordson) 6-5.

125 Tim Davis (Belleville) dec. Ryan Stump (Salem) 9-2. 3rd Andrew Nadhir (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Josh Noble (Roseville) 15-9. 3rd Corey Phillips (Canton) dec. Justin Smith (Livonia Churchill) 8-2. 3rd Jon Gruenberg (East Detroit) pinned Justin Ball (Dearborn Fordson) 4-0.

135 Ryan Webb (Canton) dec. Sean Dong (Redford Catholic Central) 5-2. 3rd Matt Fulgenzi (East Detroit) dec. Colin Arnold (Temperance Bedford) 9-1.

140 Rece Cox (Westland John Glenn) pinned Greg Rochon (Belleville) 3-2. 3rd Jim Moore (Redford Union) dec. Tyler Johnston (Temperance Bedford) 3-2.

145 David Watkins (Livonia Franklin) dec. Kyle O'Keefe (Ypsilanti Lincoln) 4-2. 3rd Kyle Whitford (Monroe) dec. Josh Kelly (Livonia Churchill) 9-3. 3rd Chris Gruenberg (East Detroit) dec. C.J. Lynn (Southgate Anderson) 8-2. 3rd Darrn Tims (Woodhaven) dec. Blake Karkoska (Livonia Franklin) 7-5.

160 Trevor Stewart (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Kevin Zink (Temperance Bedford) 9-3. 3rd Ryan Stephens (Grosse Pointe North) dec. Kyle Lis (Livonia Stevenson) 13-7.

171 Brad Bartram (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Manuel Schubert (Livonia Churchill) 5-3. 3rd Scott Heidtman (Temperance Bedford) dec. Will Higgins (Southgate Anderson) 10-4.

189 Jim Petoskey (Ann Arbor Pioneer) won by major dec. over Steve Fiordelis (Southgate Anderson) 13-3. 3rd Joe Bergerstock (Livonia Churchill) dec. Jeremy Henderson (Salem) 9-2.

215 Hafeez Qureshi (Livonia Churchill) pinned Kyle Hawkins (Monroe) 15-7. 3rd Eric Voytkofsky (Redford Catholic Central) dec. David Bailey (Temperance Bedford) 4-3.

275 John Morasso (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Spencer Channell (Grosse Pointe North) 4-3. 3rd Pat Drahem (Livonia Churchill) pinned Nick Turco (Livonia Franklin) 1-53.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15, 2005.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review

Saturday March 12, 2005 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. First Come First Serve (Walk in Schedule)

Monday March 14, 2005 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. AND 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday March 15, 2005 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK, Charter Township of Canton

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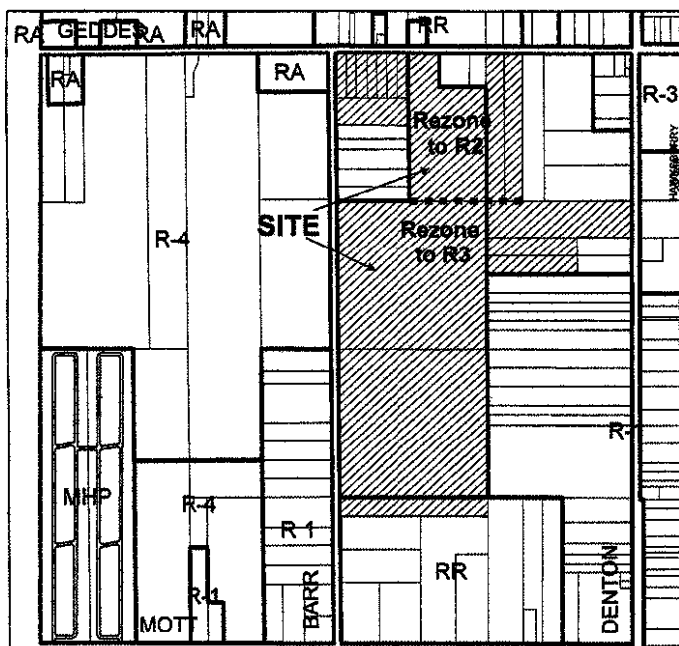
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 7, 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PULTE REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0031 000, AND 121 99 0032 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 121 99 0014 000, 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, 121 99 0038 000, 124 99 0001 AND 124 99 0002 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL AND RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Remodeling of Allen, Burd, & Smith Elementary Schools. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. 24317 Indoplex Circle Farmington Hills MI 48335.

A pre bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Smith Elementary School Media Center located at 1298 McKinley Street, Plymouth MI 48170. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope.

Board of Education, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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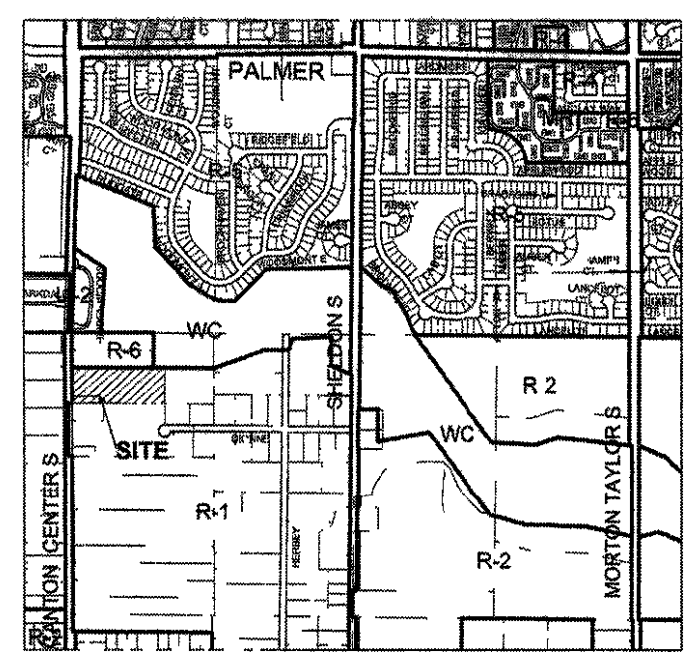
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SINGH REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 107 99 0003 002 AND PART OF PARCEL NO 107 99 0003 001 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Palmer and east of Canton Center Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

March 10, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, March 10, 2005 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

- 1. Tim McDonough of RBS Construction, 2250 Genoa Business Park Dr Suite 100, Brighton, MI 48114 representing Thomas Mallory of Canton Classic Living LLC, 363 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215 for property located at 3741 Shepard Lane appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00 General Provisions Section 2.24 C regarding storm water protection buffer along the drainage course, Zone R-3, Parcel 111 99 0004 000 (Planning)

Approval of February 10, 2005

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005

7:00 PM

(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

- PUBLIC HEARING FOR: 1. SP 05 01 Change of Use, Sandwich Shop, 710 N. Mill, Zoned MU, Mixed Use, Applicant: Cliff Engerer; 2. SP 05 03 Planned Unit Development, Amelia Row Condos, 377 Amelia, Zoned I 2 Heavy Industrial, Applicant: Connektiv LLC; 4. SP 05 04 Planned Unit Development, Condominiums, 300 Hamilton, Zoned I 1 Light Industrial, Applicant: Connektiv LLC; 5. SP 05 05 Change of Use, Business Office/Residential, 725 N. Mill, Zoned MU Mixed Use, Applicant: Kathryn & Bill Smith.

All interested persons are invited to attend. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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Defensive specialist

PCA's Bahbah is nightmare for big hitters

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Julie Bahbah's first taste of sets, digs and spikes came in the seventh grade when she made PCA's middle-school team.

If you are a big-time hitter and your volleyball team is lined up across the net from Plymouth Christian Academy, you'll quickly become aware of Julie Bahbah. After awhile, you may not like the way Bahbah's hustling, diving digs snuff out your potential kills, but you'll appreciate her all-out style of play.

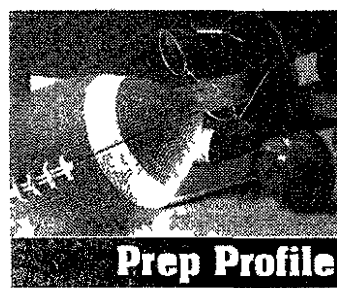
Missy Henry certainly does. Henry is Bahbah's coach, not to mention one of her biggest fans. "If the ball is hit somewhere on the court, Julie will get it before it hits the floor," said Henry. She is a tremendous defensive player. She's a good leader, too. She leads both vocally and by example.

Julie is a good all-around player. She's always on the court for us. She has worked very hard over the past year to improve her offensive skills. Right now, Julie is a better defensive player, but her offense is getting there.

Bahbah isn't just talented — she's also versatile, according to Henry.

Last weekend in the U-of-M Dearborn tournament, we had a player out sick, so Julie had to play in the middle, which she isn't used to," Henry said. "Well, she did a great job and was a big reason for our success."

Bahbah's first taste of sets, digs and spikes came in the seventh grade when she made PCA's middle-school team. She was



Prep Profile

quickly inserted as the team's setter, a position she played until making the Eagles' varsity squad as a freshman.

"I prefer playing a couple positions — like I'm doing now — to being the setter," Bahbah admitted. "I especially enjoy playing back-row defense. I get an adrenaline rush when I can go down and pick up a hard hit. Defense gets overlooked a lot because everyone's watching the set and spike right after the dig, but for me, it's the most satisfying part of the game."

After playing sporadically as a freshman, Bahbah became a regular in the Eagles line-up at the beginning of her sophomore season. She rarely left the court as PCA earned the school's first Class D district volleyball title — thanks in large part to her all-around play.

"Winning that first district title is probably the most memorable thing that's happened to me sports-wise, she said. "I was happy to see our seniors, who hadn't won a district title during their first three years, win something in their final year of high school. I was only a sophomore, but it was still exciting. Winning the district championship was exciting this year, too, but not as much as winning last year."

Bahbah said the responsibilities that go along with her team captaincy are greater

than she anticipated before the season started.

"I didn't think it would be much different (than last year), but being a captain has totally changed my perspective on things," she said. "Last year, I could just go out and play and have to worry about how I played. This year, I feel more responsible for making sure all five girls that are out there with me are fired up and ready to go. I like to encourage my teammates and make sure everyone is giving that extra effort. This team is very close, so that's not even an issue."

If opponents are blown away by her digging skills, they should check out her work in the classroom. With just over a year of high school remaining, Bahbah has earned a just-slightly-less-than-perfect 3.99 grade point average. Her only sub-A effort came in an English class earlier this year when she received a 96.

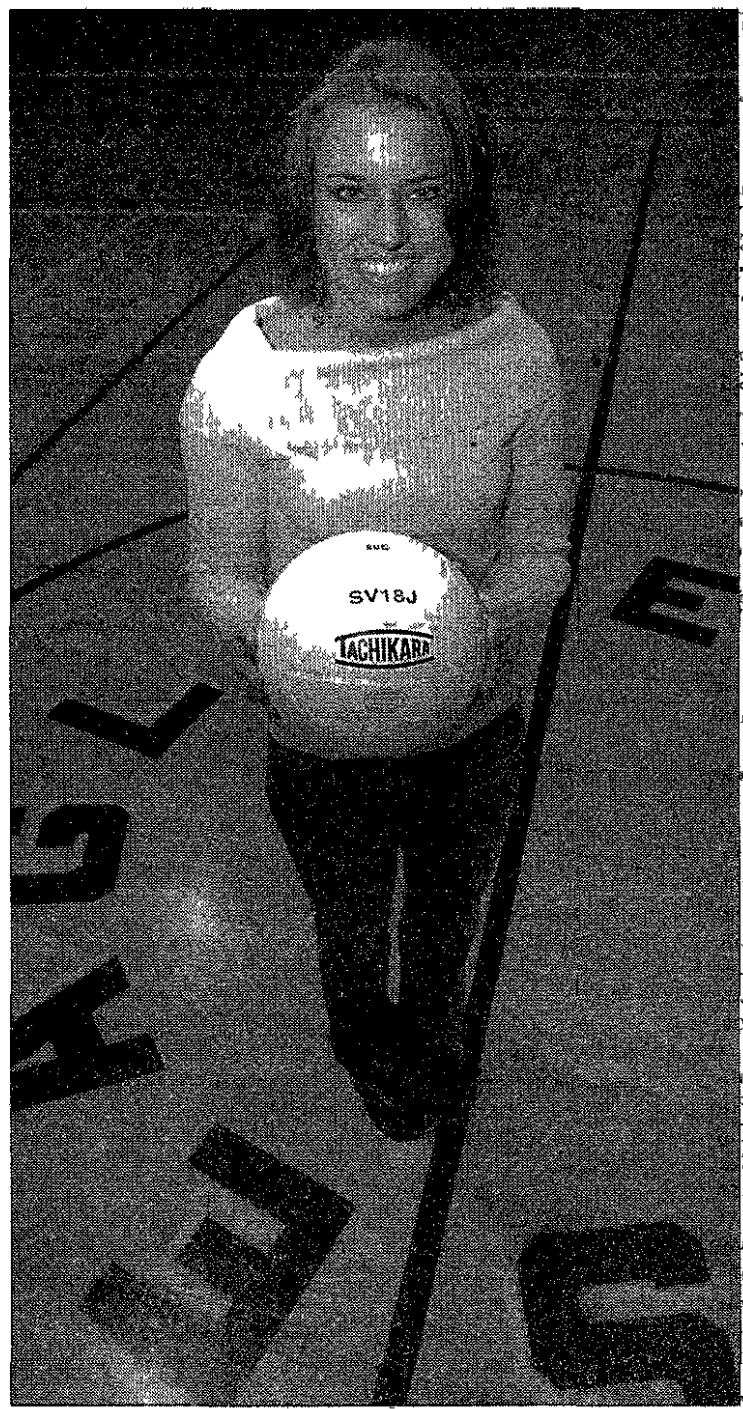
"In a way, it took a lot of pressure off me when I lost my four-point," Bahbah admitted. "When I had a 4.0, I was sacrificing a lot of important things to keep it up. Now, there's not as much pressure to get a 97 and higher on everything."

Bahbah still has a chance to push her GPA over the magical 4.0 mark next year when she takes a few advanced-placement classes.

While her post-high school life is still not set, Bahbah said she's aiming towards attending Taylor University, a Christian college located in Upland, Ind.

"My brother, David, is a freshman there and he said he likes it because it is small and everyone is friendly, a lot like things are at Plymouth Christian. It would be a smooth transition to go from here to there. Plus, I would have a chance to play volleyball, which would be nice."

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy's Julie Bahbah played a key role in leading the Eagles volleyball team to its second consecutive Class D district title Saturday. The junior is also a standout student, having earned a 3.99 grade point average.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- February 22, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at 11:50 Canton Center S. Canton Township MI. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Caccamo to move Consent Calendar items C 1 Appointment to the Canton Tax Board of Review C 2 Reappointment to the Canton Tax Board of Review and C 7 Approval of Cultural Arts Strategic Plan to the General Calendar and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees joint meeting minutes from January 24, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of February 8, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Study Session Minutes of February 15, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for February 22, 2005 General Fund 101 \$ 305,208.82 Fire Fund 206 112,021.12 Police Fund 207 49,301.20 Summit Operating 208 36,457,052. Cable TV Fund 230 1,853.04 Twp Improvement 246 197,292.61 E 911 Utility 261 327.64 Auto Forfeiture(wva) 267 5,300.04 Federal Grants Fund 274 1,829.00 Auto Theft Grant 289 27,686.30 Cap Proj Summit Const 402 19,650.69 Cap Proj Road Paving 403 1,947.13 Golf Fund 584 15,628.21 Water & Sewer Fund 592 595,011.57 Construction Escrows 702 5,336.47 Saltz Road Paving 803 349,476.64 Total - All Funds 1,724,328.00 CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 3 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES "MOM TO MOM" SALE Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples Mom to Mom sale on March 5, 2005 at the Plymouth VFW Hall. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDOT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the Fourth Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 18, 2005 beginning at 9:00am and ending at approximately 10:00am, that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road, just east of Canton Center, at Meyer's far most east drive to Outback Steakhouse drive just west of Lilley Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5 SECOND READING TO AMEND ORDINANCE FIREARMS, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and amend the Ordinance Chapter 46, Article IV Division 2, Firearms with publication and effective date on March 3, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FIREARMS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS; TO PROHIBIT THE POINTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS; TO PROHIBIT THE RECKLESS CARRYING OR USE OF FIREARMS; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II Chapter 46 Article IV Division 2 Subdivision II is hereby amended to read as follows Sec. 46-241. Definitions The following words, terms and phrases when used in this subdivision shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. Approved range means a range for the shooting of firearms and/or bows and arrows approved by the township board and constructed in a manner as to prevent the projectile from any weapon so fired on the range from exceeding the physical limits of the range. Building, structure and edifice mean a space within walls and usually but not necessarily covered with a roof. Firearm means any weapon or device from which is propelled any missile, projectile, bullet, shot, pellet or other mass by means of explosives, compressed air or gas or by any means of springs, levers or other mechanical device, but does not mean a bow and arrow, sling shot, paint ball gun or BB gun, which propels a projectile of a caliber of .177 or less. Sec. 46-242. Exemptions. Notwithstanding anything in this subdivision to the contrary this subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the possession or discharge of any firearm by (1)

Authorized officers of the law who utilize and/or discharge their weapons in the performance of their duties. (2) People who discharge their weapons for the lawful protection of life and property.

Sec. 46-243 Possession Pointing or discharge generally of firearm (a) Pointing or discharging without malice It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally without malice point or aim any firearm at or toward any other person or to discharge any firearm while so aimed (b) Discharge upon or across certain places prohibited It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township except at an approved range (1) Discharge any firearm within an area of 100 yards from any building structure or edifice whether occupied or unoccupied (2) Discharge any firearm upon any platted land or within 100 yards of any public or private school property (3) Discharge any firearm upon or a toss any public road or highway within the township (c) Discharge by person under 17 years of age It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to discharge a firearm unless under the direct supervision and control of and accompanied by a parent legal guardian or adult authorized by the parent or legal guardian to have direct supervision of the person under the age of 17. It shall be the responsibility of every parent legal guardian or other person having the physical custody or charge of any minor under the age of 17 years to control the minor and prevent him from violating or attempting to violate any provision of this subdivision. Sec. 46-244. Possession or discharge while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. It shall be unlawful for any person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any exhilarating or stupefying substance to carry or have in possession or under control or use in any manner or discharge any firearm within this township. Sec. 46-245 Reckless carrying or use. It shall be unlawful for any person to recklessly or heedlessly or willfully or wantonly use carry or handle or discharge any firearm without due caution and circumspection for the rights safety or property of others SECTION 2 VIOLATION AND PENALTY Unless otherwise provided, any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who violates the Unlawful Acts provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. SECTION 3 REPEAL All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4 SEVERABILITY. If any section subsection clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5 SAVINGS CLAUSE The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance as amended. SECTION 6 PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7 EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of February 2005 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Introduced November 23, 2004. Published December 2, 2004. Adopted February 22, 2005. Effective upon Publication March 3, 2005. Item 6 REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to reappoint Melissa McLaughlin and Elaine Kirchgatter to the Election Commission for a four (4) year term from November 24, 2004 to November 26, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR Item 1 CONSIDER DEDVUKAJ REZONING Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for Dedvukaj Rezoning from R 2 Single Family Residential District to R 6 Single Family Attached Residential. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2 CONSIDER CLINK/PRICE/WATSON/STACHOWSKI REZONING Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to rezone Chnk/Price/Watson/Stachowski property from R 1 Single Family residential to R 3 Single Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3 CONSIDER NEW TOWNE PLAZA (JOANN FABRICS ADDITION) SITE PLAN Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for New Towne Plaza Expansion (JoAnn Fabrics). Motion carried unanimously. Item 4 CONSIDER LEGACY DEVELOPMENT REZONING Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution to rezone the subject property from RA Rural Agricultural to R 2 Single Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously. Item C-7. APPROVAL OF CULTURAL ARTS STRATEGIC PLAN. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the Canton Cultural Arts Commission Strategic Plan 2005-2008. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE \$6,000 IN INVOICE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CANTON'S STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Canton's Storm Water Discharge Permit from account

number 101 445 928 000 Storm Water Permit Fees. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6 CONSIDER CREATING AND FILLING A WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION. Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the creation and filling of the Water Quality Technician position in the Public Works Division. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7 CONSIDER PURCHASING UNINTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) BATTERY BACK-UP ITEMS FOR SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of battery back up traffic signal systems from Carrier & Cable Inc for a total not to exceed amount of \$92,131.00 (account no 101 860 977 1600). Motion carried unanimously. Item 8 CONSIDER AWARDED ALTERNATE "A" OF THE HARD ROCK CONCRETE INC BID FOR CONCRETE WORK AT THE DPW AND INCREASING PO 49017. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the Alternate A portion of the Hard Rock Concrete Inc bid opened on September 9, 2004 and increase PO 49017 to Hard Rock Concrete Inc in the amount of \$89,845 (account # 592 441 977 9999) less \$1,720 for testing and inspection for a total not to exceed amount of \$294,005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to increase PO 49019 to the Mannik & Smith Group Inc for the added testing and inspection necessary for Alternate A by \$1,720.00 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,720.00 to provide inspection laboratory testing and as built drawings. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM. Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase and installation of an additional video surveillance system from Advanced Satellite Communications Inc 9282 General Dr Ste #110 Plymouth MI 48170 for an amount of \$8,947 (Account #207 301 977 0000 Police Fund Capital Outlay). Motion carried unanimously. Item 10 PURCHASE UNLEADED GAS AND DIESEL FUEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to RKA Petroleum Companies 28340 Wick Rd Romulus MI 48174 in the amount of \$45,000. Funds are available in the 2005 Parks budget account # 101 270 860 000/Transportation # 101 270 930 000, Maintenance and Repair and the 2005 Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584 756 860 0000/Transportation. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11 APPROVE COLOR COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2005 Maintenance Contract for the IKON CPP8050 Color copier/printer at \$ 045 per color impression and \$ 014 per black and white impression (Account #101 200 932 0000 Maintenance and Repair of Equipment - General Government (\$15,000)). Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. APPROVE PURCHASE OF RECYCLING BINS. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 2,000 eighteen gallon recycling bins from SCL A 1 Plastics Ltd in the amount of \$9,680 (account #246 500 800 0000 Community Improvement Fund Professional & Contractual Services). Motion carried unanimously. Item 13 APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving Grant Application for New Election Equipment State of Michigan Department of State and Canton Township Help America Vote Act Grant application Optical Scan Voting Tabulators and Election Management Systems. Motion carried unanimously. Item 14 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A DELEGATION AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REVIEW AND INSPECTIONS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to delegate Plymouth Canton School District's inspection authority to Building & Inspection Services for the purposes of performing plan review and inspections for the school's construction projects for 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item C 1 APPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the appointment of John Burdzak to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two year term to expire March 1, 2007. Roll Call Vote Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried. Item C-2. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the reappointment of George Bradley to the Canton Tax Board of Review for two year term to expire March 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: A study session is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S. Canton Michigan. ADJOURN. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett Clerk.

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Cornerstone earns WHAC title vs. MU

BY RYAN DOHERTY
SPECIAL WRITER

Senior point-guard Jackie Pingston scored the first two points in Monday night's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball championship game.

Unfortunately, this was the first and only lead Madonna University would enjoy, as the Crusaders battled a double-digit deficit for most of the game and fell 73-51 to the No. 2 seed Cornerstone Golden Eagles at the Madonna Activities Center.

More importantly, the Crusaders also lost the conference's automatic bid to the 2005 NAIA Division II National Tournament in Dubuque, Iowa.

Madonna was the No. 1 seed in the tournament, and had beaten Cornerstone just three weeks ago, but during that game the Crusaders lost the WHAC Player of the Year Sarah Thomson to a knee injury.

Without Thomson in the lineup on Monday, Cornerstone was able to get the ball down low in the post and score several easy layups.

"Playing Cornerstone without our leading scorer and rebounder was huge," Madonna coach Marylou Jansen said. "They our strong inside and have great rebounders."

That explains why Cornerstone shot a blistering 53 percent from the field, and how its full-court press forced the Crusaders into 23 turnovers.

Early in the first half Cornerstone went on a 16-0 run that the Crusaders were never able to recover from.

Cornerstone's pressure defense kept the Crusaders out of their rhythm offensively, and prevented them from even attempting a free throw in the first half.

Cornerstone went into halftime with a comfortable 14-point cushion, 35-21. The Golden Eagles didn't let up in the second half either, as their lead ballooned to as many as 25 points.

"We were rushing everything on offense and it was hard to get a good look at the basket," said an emotional Pingston after the loss.

Cornerstone sophomore guard Mary Schmidt led all scorers with 19 points and four assists.

Cathi Velzen, who went scoreless in the previous meeting with MU, finished with 14, while Stephanie Allers and Ashley Tatro came off the bench to score 12 and nine, respectively.

Pingston led the way for Madonna with 13 points and three steals, while Amy Henry (Canton Agape Christian) came off the bench to score 11. Lydia Prusinowski finished with 10 points. Freshman forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) chipped in with seven points, seven rebounds, and two steals.

Madonna and Cornerstone were regular season co-champions of the WHAC with 10-2 records.

Cornerstone is 27-4 overall, while Crusaders finish 18-13.

MADONNA 68, SIENA HEIGHTS 67: The Crusaders (18-12) earned a spot in the WHAC final thanks to Jackie Pingston's three-point play with only 14 seconds to play in Saturday's semifinal against Siena Heights University (15-14).

Pingston finished with a team-high 21 points, while Stephanie Childs scored 12 of her 19 in the opening half as MU led 38-35. Kass Jacob, who nailed three triples, chipped in with 11, while Martina Franklin (Redford Union) had eight points and 11 rebounds.

Laura Panozzo paced the Saints with 21 points, while Nicole Coffey added 15.



Schoolcraft College sophomore Sara Tyree (No. 50), formerly of Westland John Glenn, helped the Lady Ocelots earn a state championship. She is shown in game action from her freshman season.

Talent fuels Lady Ocelots

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Both Sara Tyree and Amanda Combs made Observerland proud by their contributions to the state champion Schoolcraft College Lady Ocelots.

Tyree, a 6-3 sophomore center from Westland John Glenn, and 5-8 sophomore forward Combs (from Belleville) provided skill and leadership in helping Schoolcraft win the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament championship Saturday.

And after the Lady Ocelots defeated Mott Community College 76-73, both had trouble keeping smiles off their faces.

"It's a different feeling" than succeeding in high school, said Tyree following the postgame awards ceremony. "To come to Schoolcraft and play on such a great team, it's just great."

According to Combs, winning the state tourney "was a great, awesome experience. I'm so happy. We've been talking about it for so long and we finally did it."

Combs said the Belleville teams she played on won four state district championships

and three state regionals. But they weren't quite as sweet as Saturday's accomplishment.

"It's even better," she said. "So much better."

Tyree said the Lady Ocelots succeed because of hard work, talent and teamwork.

"We play together as a team," Tyree said. "It's not just one person doing it all."

Their coach, Karen Lafata, praised Tyree and Combs for their contributions.

"They're local kids and I'm so proud of them," Lafata said. "Sara and Amanda have represented Schoolcraft in the highest fashion. They've done it in the classroom and on the court and they'll be going somewhere after here. They exemplify what junior college basketball is all about."

Tyree is still deciding on where to play as a junior while Combs said she likely will go to Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Other area players on the championship squad include 5-9 freshman forward Renita Price (Wayne Memorial) and 5-5 sophomore forward Jenna Hess, who graduated from Lutheran West in Westland.

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Wolverines present, future earn mutual respect on ice

BY RYAN DOHERTY
SPECIAL WRITER

Two current Michigan Wolverine players faced off against two future Wolverines for the first time this past Saturday night at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, and all four shared one common bond: growing up in Livonia.

Left wing Zack MacVoy (Redford Catholic Central), and defenseman Mark Mitera (Livonia Stevenson), are current members of the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team, which is based in Ann Arbor.

The U-18 team plays in the North American Hockey League, but also schedules several exhibition games against Division I teams, as was the case Saturday night.

The U-18 team is comprised of the 30 best 17-year-old players in the entire country. Both MacVoy and Mitera have committed to play next season at Michigan, and have already played 20 games against NCAA Division I opponents.

That has Michigan coach Red Berenson very excited. "There is no question that they can play at this level, and they showed that tonight," he said.

MacVoy and Mitera didn't waste any time shaking off their nerves, because just 23 seconds into the game they were on the ice when teammate Dan Fardig snapped a wrist shot past Noah Ruden, to give Team USA an early 1-0 lead.

MacVoy and Mitera started on a line with three other players that have also signed to play with Michigan next season.

This is tradition whenever Team USA plays at a college where their players will be moving onto the following year.

Team USA continued to lead 5-3 going into the third, but the Wolverines rallied with three unanswered goals and junior Jeff Tambellini netted the game-winner with just

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56 seconds left, giving Michigan a slim 6-5 victory.

Michigan senior center David Moss and junior left wing Brandon Kalenecki, both Livonia natives, played together at CC for three years before heading to the North American circuit and then to Ann Arbor.

"It will help Zack and Matt tremendously, because they have already played a year together on the U-18 team," said Moss, who has 10 goals and 18 assists in 32 games this season.

Berenson agrees. "From our experience the players from the USA National training and developmental program have always come in and been able to be impact players right from the start."

Twelve USA NTDP players have gone on to play at Michigan, more than any other school.

"That says something about minor league (youth) hockey and the production of quality players in the state of Michigan," Berenson said.

For MacVoy and Mitera, the transition to life in the CCHA next year will be eased a bit because of their experience against top level play this season.

"Playing against college players has given me a lot of knowledge on how the speed and skill level will be like next year, so it's like having a freshman year under my belt," MacVoy said.

For Mitera, this has been an opportunity he has been looking forward to.

"Growing up as kid I always wanted to be a Wolverine, so to get a little taste of that atmosphere tonight was a great feeling," he said.

Kalenecki, who has 11 goals and six assists in 34 games, recalled the first time he put on that Maize and Blue helmet.

"It is something you will never forget," he said. "Because once you get on the ice and the band starts to play, you realize how special it is."

Meanwhile, playing close to their friends and families is also an added benefit that has helped all four players.

"I can go home on the weekends and eat dinner with my family, and a lot of my teammates have to wait until Christmas break to do that," said Mitera.

"Their families will be at every game next season, and for a young player that is the kind of support you need the most," said Moss, who also grinned when he talked about playing against MacVoy and Mitera. "We took it like a normal game, but Kalenecki and I gave them an extra shot or two just to remind them that they will still be rookies when they come here next season."

Also, both Team USA players are eager to play for one of the most revered coaches in college hockey.

"His reputation speaks for itself, and I have a ton of respect for Coach Berenson," MacVoy said.

Berenson has been behind the Michigan bench for 21 years, and has led Michigan to 14 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament.

"I know that he will help me improve my game, and he always has his team in the hunt for a national championship every year," added Mitera. He also said that during the off-season, the 6-foot-3, 197-pound defenseman will continue to work on improving his physical conditioning.

"My strength and skills have definitely improved over the last two years playing on the U-18 team, and I know that I can be even better."

When asked about allowing that early goal when five of his future players were on the ice, Berenson chuckled first and then said, "I hope they can score like that when they get here."

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There's no place like home? office

New condos open to small business

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A developer wants to offer small business owners the opportunity to own their offices under an arrangement formerly only open to those shopping for a new home.

RSM Development and Management has converted the 46,000-square foot Pineview office park, turning the facility into office condominiums and offering small businesses the chance to purchase office space under the same auspices that allow homeowners to purchase condominium homes.

RSM Principal Scott Marcus said there are a lot of similarities to a residential condominium development in the office condominium arrangement.

"(Under the arrangement) you own your four walls," he said. "You can get loans on it, rent it out, use it and basically do what you want with it within the restrictions of the agreement."

He said the office condo idea has been very well-received out west where those operations have been running for the past five years. Shay Development, an Arizona

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Scott Marcus
RSM principal

firm doing office condominiums, is doing big business at \$200 per square foot.

RSM is selling space at Pineview for \$159 per square foot and renting it for \$19 per square foot plus electricity. Spaces are available between 799 and 6,300 square feet with an option to pick up as much as 12,600 contiguous square feet. The benefit, he said, is ownership.

"The owners will be members of the association," Marcus said. "As the association grows, we will be phased out of ownership in the

building. That should happen in three or four years."

RSM bases that on similar developments track records in the region. Two operations in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills have both sold out, their respective companies leaving the associations as ownership forced them out.

Marcus said the investment pays off.

An analysis RSM performed before launching Pineview showed a lease or purchase of 2,000 square feet over five years would give a business more than \$68,000 savings over traditional rent. He said, on the purchasers' side, opening up ownership perks to smaller business operations will be a draw all its own.

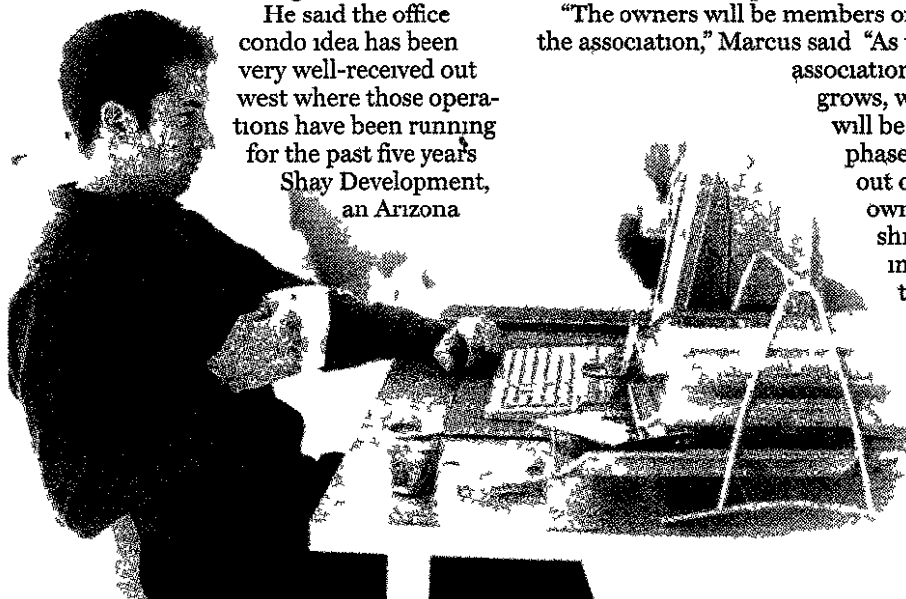
That doesn't include appreciation or tax benefits, Marcus said. With 5 percent appreciation per year, we anticipate a benefit of \$160,000."

The Pineview office condominiums are being offered exclusively by the Friedman Real Estate Group Company Vice-President Eric Banks said there's a lot of interest in the option.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities for an office user in the 2,000 to 12,000 square foot range," he said. "There are more opportunities for 10,000 to 12,000, but when you move down to 2,000 to 5,000 square feet, the market is very, very tight."

Since many business owners are already familiar with the condominium concept in general, he says a lot of operations looking to buy know that this will give them more flexibility. He said there will likely be more office condominiums in the future.

"In a soft office market like we've had this past few years, more developers will be opening up their projects to the condominium idea," Banks said.



What consumers need to know about subprime loans

(NAPSI) - You may have heard horror stories about abusive lenders who take advantage of subprime borrowers by charging outrageous interest rates and fees. While there are some predatory lenders out there, the vast majority do not use such tactics.

The reality is there are a number of laws and regulations that protect subprime borrowers

from predatory lenders. However, consumers still need to arm themselves with the right information to find a reputable lender and get the best deal.

Roughly 25-35 percent of Americans are classified as subprime and 10 percent of all mortgages are taken out by such borrowers, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Subprime borrowers are not

only people who have low income. Layoffs, unexpected medical bills and divorce all may result in less-than-perfect credit.

Many consumers with imperfect credit assume they can't buy a home or refinance their existing mortgage. The good news is consumers with bad credit are usually able to obtain a mortgage, although they will have to pay slightly

higher interest rates and fees. On average, consumers with less-than-perfect credit receive interest rates about 50-200 basis points higher than "prime" borrowers. The exact interest rate depends on how many problems exist in the individuals' credit histories as well as how their current gross incomes compare to their existing debts and the level of equity in their current homes.

Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



Making sense of cash-flow mortgages

Every person reading this article has two things in common with all the others reading it. Each of you has to pay for a place to live, and the payment you make is likely the largest of your monthly debt obligations, regardless of whether you rent or own your home.

For most, renting for the long term is a poor financial decision. Occasionally, a reader will challenge me on this assertion. However, nobody has put forth a logical, fact-based argument to the contrary that would compel me to change my position.

Simply put, renters have inflation working against them instead of for them. Thus, given that all of us should own homes, the only significant remaining decision is whether to have lower monthly mortgage payments for a very long time, or whether to completely own your home much sooner.

Personally, I opt for cash flow at this phase of my life. I currently have a new interest-only, three year adjustable-rate mortgage that allows me to live in my home for very little out-of-pocket. My payments are low and fixed for three years, and my home is going to appreciate the same amount regardless of my monthly payment.

In turn, I take my large cash savings every month from my discounted mortgage and invest it into other growth investments.

The only credible counter-argument to this strategy is that interest rates might be extremely high three years from now due to inflation. Well, if that's true, my house and my investments should be worth much more, too.

I can refinance my home again into another similar cash-flow mortgage, as required, to continue to keep my payments low, and my net interest savings can pay for the refinance many times over.

If you are "equity-minded," you may opt to go in the opposite direction. You can own your home many years earlier by perhaps selecting a shorter-term mortgage, or voluntarily paying additional money toward your current loan's principal every month.

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Home sales in the Portland area are defying a national decline

(AP) - The housing market may be cooling in some parts of the nation, but it shows no sign of slowing down in Oregon's largest city.

Robust levels of home construction, along with sales of existing dwellings in the Portland area, describe trends far more frenetic than chilly. Keeping the market hot, experts say, is an influx of newcomers to Oregon - many of them affluent.

"In-migration is significant right now," said Randy Sebastian, who owns Renaissance Development. "And it's not just anyone who's moving here. They're high-earning professionals who are able and ready to buy new homes."

At least 20,000 more people moved into the Portland area during the past year than moved out, said Barry Edmonston, director of Portland State University's Population Research Center. Records based on out-of-

state driver's licenses surrendered by incoming residents to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles indicate most new arrivals came from California, Washington, Arizona, Colorado and parts of the Midwest.

Most are of working age rather than retired.

"When the economy is very strong here, we get a pronounced influx of people accepting job transfers," Edmonston said. "But even when it isn't that strong, we still get a net inflow of at least several thousand people into the metro area alone."

Jim Chapman, president of Legend Homes in Tigard, said that the hot construction market has everything to do with low interest rates. The rates, despite the Federal Reserve's gradual increases in its benchmark federal funds rate since June, are dipping further. Fixed rate 30-year mortgages fell to 5.66 percent last week, marking the fifth straight week

they've hovered near historic lows.

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But newcomers are a significant part of the continuing Portland boom.

"It's a huge part of the market," he said. "We're getting new buyers from all over. The Denver area alone seems to have sent a bunch in the past few weeks."

Current residents are, for the most part, not among those rushing to buy new houses, Chapman said.

And new buyers are putting Legend Homes on a pace to chalk up 2005 as one of the best sales years in its 40-year history, Chapman said.

"Across all price ranges, I'm having a difficult time keeping inventory at most of our sites," he said. "It's just hot."

Last year saw a record number of home sales in the Portland area, according to RMLS, the primary regional real estate listing service. The

33,075 sale closures topped the next-closest year - 2003 with 31,013 sale closures. That figure outdistanced the 27,695 closures in 2002.

Renaissance Development's Sebastian is building houses around Wilsonville, West Linn, Sherwood, Beaverton, Southwest Portland, Woodburn and Camas, Wash.

Last year was his best in the business, he said. From the looks of things so far this year, 2005 may be even better.

"Interest rates continue to be a big, big deal," Sebastian said.

That helps us because we're a move-up builder, not a starter builder. People have to be able to sell their existing house to be able to buy one of ours."

But, unlike even a year ago, he added, in-migration was increasingly popping up on his radar screen.

"A lot of people arriving from California just can't believe how less expensive the housing is up here," he said.

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chairman of the board for 2005. James J. Cole Jr. of Skanska USA Building Inc. in Southfield was elected as its chairman. Serving with them is Paul E. Hatcher of Oliver/Hatcher Construction Company as treasurer. The elections were held at the AGC's annual meeting at the Detroit Science Center on Jan. 19.

Home builder class slated

Oakland Builders Institute is conducting a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on how to build your own home. The seminars are set for two Sundays, March 13 and March 20, at the Best Western Concorde Inn in Rochester Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who wish to work with a builder, the two-day 16-hour seminars will cover home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts, as well as building codes and insurance requirements. Pre-registration with \$210 payment is required by March 10. For more information, call (248) 651-2771.

Home buyers seminar set

Learn how to work with Realtors, sellers and mortgage companies when shopping for your first home. A free seminar is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, sponsored by Victory Home Loans, 950 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. Space is limited, so call 248-723-6400 to register.

AGC names new directors

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) Greater Detroit Chapter has selected its 2005 board of directors. Elected were Odell Jones III, president of JOMAR Building Company, as vice

Addressing myths about manufactured housing

PRNewswire - A common misconception about manufactured homes is that since they are affordable, they are poorly constructed versions of site-built homes.

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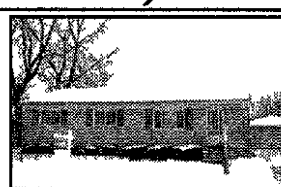


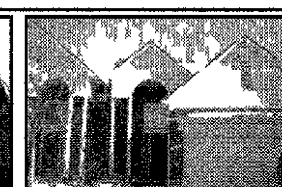





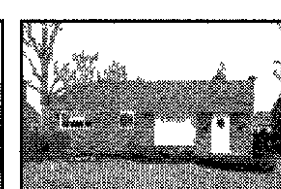
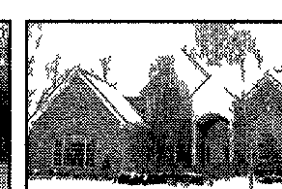









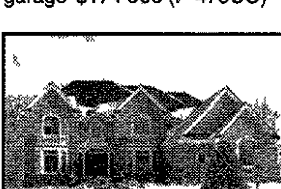






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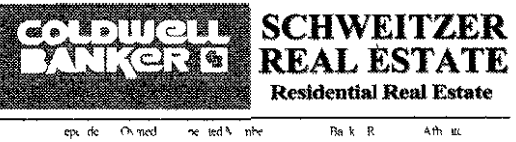
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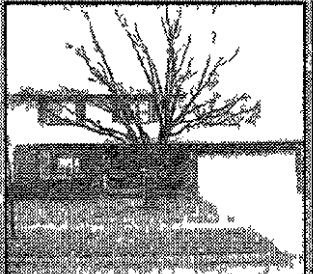






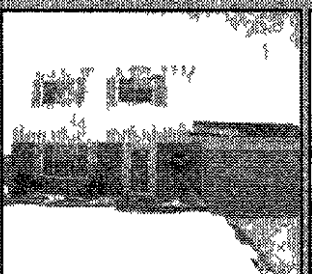









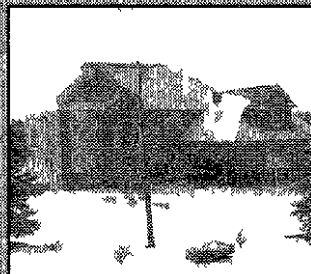

















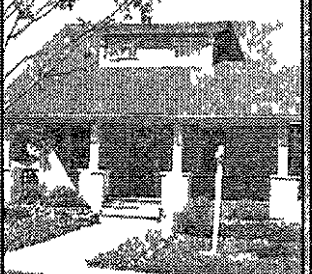








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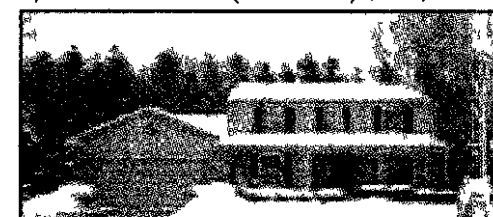
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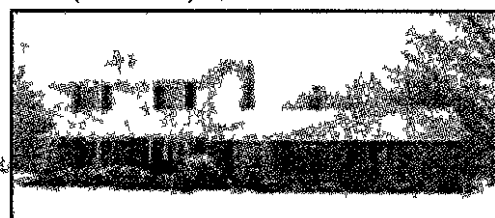
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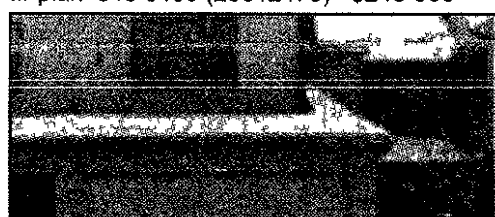
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NICE CLEAN & PRVT CONDO Prvt
southern view from this grt ranch condo LR
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door to deck 2 car att gar & walk to common
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COMFORT AND SPACE Open floor plan lg
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room Large tree lined lot and much more!
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kit w/doorwall to patio 1st fir Indry 2 car att gar
& more (25016141) \$194,900



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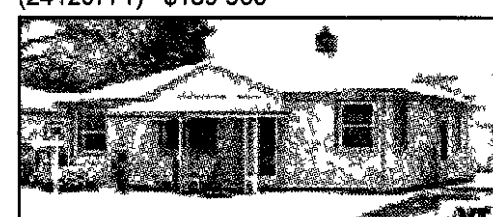
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large bedrooms newer sliding roof front door
& deck Some hardwood floors Shows well
Nice 2+ garage & fenced lot Ready to move
into (M357) \$119,900



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The 2005 Mercury Mariner

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BY DALE BUSS

After dawdling over the issue for several years, it seems as if Ford Motor Co. has made a recommitment to its Mercury line, promising a number of new vehicles over the next several years as it continues to refurbish one of its three main brands. The company needs vibrant Mercury and Lincoln brands as well as Ford in order to have a shot at remaining No. 2 or even No. 3 in the U.S. market versus old-time rival General Motors and a nascent Toyota.

But Mercury has made another good step toward brand revival with the 2005 Mariner, the brand's first compact SUV, which is based on the same mechanical platform as the Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute. This five-passenger, five-door SUV makes for a nice, crisp entry in the crowded SUV-lite market and a worthy smaller, less expensive echo of the redoubtable Mercury Mountaineer standard-sized SUV.

I found the Mariner Premier model that I drove a perfect balance of size, power, payload and space. Its all-wheel-drive system performed very reliably in the local snows of mid-February, even effortlessly traversing suburban side streets that were left unplowed for much of that time. Its ride and handling -- owing largely to the successful fine-tuning of the related Ford Escape model over the years -- were very sharp, producing a lot of confidence in the machine as I drove.

And while esthetics are highly personal and subjective things, there is just something I like about how Mariner looks, inside and out. It is stylish in a tightly drawn sort of way outside, and spiffy inside. Start with its exterior styling. Some reviewers criticize Mariner as looking too much like its larger and more expensive sibling, Mountaineer. But I admire Mountaineer's styling, too, and I still don't believe there's anything wrong -- and, indeed, there may be a certain consumer appeal -- to designers' creating a family resemblance within a brand, especially in sim-



The Mariner Premier model gets 18 MPG in the city, and 23 MPG on the highway.

ilar-type vehicles. It certainly seems to work for Jeep, for example.

One thing I appreciate about Mariner's design is that it is organic without getting overly so. A mid-door seam between the cladding on the lower door and the sheet metal, for example, runs elegantly from the front fender to the bumper. The cladding itself is subtle, as is the understated front and rear fender flares. Mercury's satin-finish aluminum vertical-bar grille spearheads Mariner just as it does Mountaineer. My favorite touch: A highly diagonal C-pillar, lending a streamlined look, but followed by D-pillars that are more straight up and down, underscoring the fact that Mariner can haul some cargo too.

Even more than its styling, however, I appreciate Mariner's performance. A 153-horsepower, four-cylinder engine is standard, and I'm not sure that would do the trick with this vehicle. But the Premier version is powered by the same 200-horsepower V-6 that makes Escape a joy to drive, and Mariner utilizes it well. Acceleration and gear shifting are consistently sharp and seamless, reminiscent of a fine Japanese-made powertrain. At 18 miles a gallon in the city and

miles a gallon on the highway, Mariner Premier's fuel economy is just fair to middling.

Inside, Mariner Premier is both esthetically striking and efficiently functional. In this top-end version, satin-finish aluminum doesn't just occur here and there -- it predominates. From the vertical braces of the center stack to the shift-lever cap, from the logo in the steering-wheel hub to the flat surfaces on the door armrests, satin-finish aluminum is a signature of this vehicle. I like the look because it's consistent and it is crisp.

Even more of a visual statement in the premier is the two-tone upholstery, a stimulating melange of a suede-like material and a more conventional cloth. In the Mariner I drove, the leathery stuff was black and the other material was cream, creating an ambience that is quite unusual for a mainstream vehicle. I really appreciated it, others, easily, might not.

Overall, then, Mariner is a worthy and welcome entry in the compact-SUV marketplace. At a list price of just \$28,000 even for the Premier version, it would be very easy to do much worse in your purchase.

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Oslo Philharmonic with Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin

André Previn, conductor
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 8 PM
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After winning a 2005 Grammy Award two weeks ago for her recording of André Previn's Concerto for Violin, Anne-Sophie Mutter returns to Ann Arbor with the composer to perform this romantic, nostalgic work with the Oslo Philharmonic.

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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The Cranbrook Institute of Science's 31st Annual Maple Syrup Festival,

THE SCIENCE OF SYRUP

What: The 31st annual Maple Syrup Festival — everything about this sweet sap from soil to syrup

When: 1-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, March 5 & 6

Where: Cranbrook Institute of Science
39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

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For more information: Call 1 (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrook.edu

At the festival, science experts will demonstrate the hows and why of maple sugaring — from the soil to the syrup. Historic re-enactors will pose as French.

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Dutch master

DIA features works of Gerard ter Borch

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Vermeer comes to mind when one contemplates the Golden Age of Dutch painting

But a lesser known master, Gerard ter Borch, greatly influenced the genre paintings, or portraits of everyday life, associated with the era.

"There is no Dutch artist that was copied more than ter Borch, not even Rembrandt," said Arthur Wheelock, a curator at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., where Gerard ter Borch Master Works, now on view at the Detroit Institute of Arts, was organized

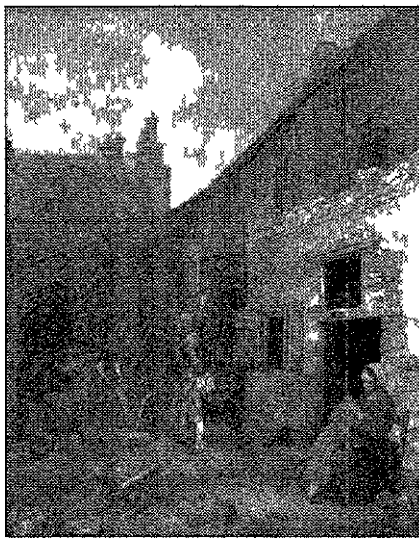
The exhibit of close to 50 paintings by ter Borch continues through May 22. Several related events, including a lecture about decorative arts in 17th century Holland slated March 19 at the DIA, are planned

Born in 1617, ter Borch was an affluent and well traveled Dutch artist who infused his portraits and everyday scenes - most depicted the affluent class set in room interiors - with psychological insight. His works hint at the dynamics between his human subjects

tempting the viewer to move beyond the everyday objects in the room and wonder what is taking place in the scene depicted

He had a tremendous impact on Dutch art," said Wheelock. "Artists knew of his work and these psychological relationships between subjects. He was the first to do this, and these are subjects that Vermeer later picks up on."

Also remarkable are ter Borch's representations of fabric - particularly the crisp, shimmering satin of the dresses worn by his upper-class female subjects. Glowing in the light, the

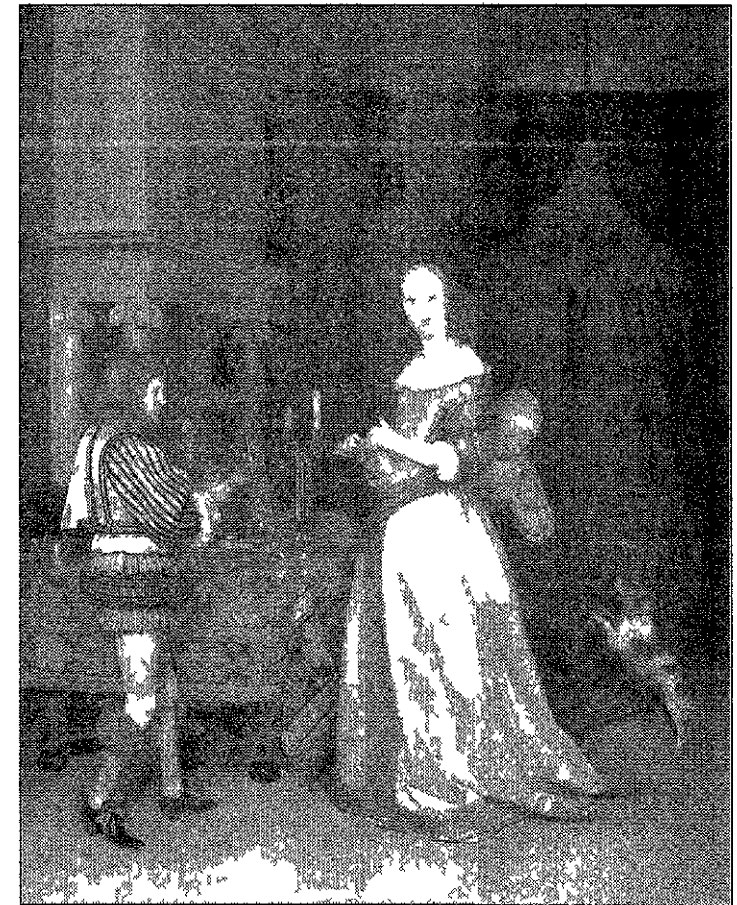


The Grinders Family represents Gerard ter Borch's depiction of ordinary life scenes

lady's attire of the day contrasts the dark, heavy textures of tapestry, velvet upholstery and other decorative elements

Organized chronologically beginning with ter Borch's early work in the 1630s, the exhibit includes an audio tour and text panels that expand on the development of genre painting and portraiture, as well as Dutch culture and day-to-day life during the time period

The audio tour includes



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'Lady at Her Toilette,' from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection, is considered one of Gerard ter Borch's masterpieces

options for adults and children

In the 1640s, ter Borch's reputation as a portraitist brought him commissions from upper-class Dutch society. The artist would later paint the King of Spain.

Among the more than 20 genre paintings on display, *Lady at Her Toilette*, ca. 1660, is considered one of ter Borch's masterpieces. The DIA, which holds a large 17th century Dutch art collection, acquired the painting in 1965. The ter Borch exhibit will be supplemented by six works from the collection, including Rembrandt's *The Visitation*.

"Recognition of Dutch artists by Americans doesn't extend far. But there is a love of Dutch art in this country," said DIA director Graham Beal.

In Detroit, you have one of the great masterpieces by ter Borch. There should be a sense of pride in the city. And if you didn't realize it, you can now.

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RELATED EVENTS

■ Guest lecture about decorative arts in 17th century Holland with Reinier Baarsen, Department of Sculpture and Decorative Arts, Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the DIA.

■ Ruff and Ready to Wear Fashion Show, a 21st century fashion design contest and runway show. 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 22, Rivera Court at the DIA.

■ Slide lecture on Golden Age of Dutch painting with Michael Farrell, assistant professor, art history, University of Windsor. 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. \$10 per person, (248) 356-5454.

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Art

UM Museum exhibit surveys 20th century

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

From Cubism to Surrealism to Abstraction, the many movements of modern art can quickly overwhelm anyone trying to piece together a broad understanding of the era.

Surfing the Century Twentieth-Century Art, which continues through May 15 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor, aims to help visitors connect the dots, so to speak.

Rather than surveying modern art chronologically, the exhibit focuses on contrasting different movements and artists.

SURF & SEE

What: Surfing the Century Twentieth-Century Art' an exhibition of works covering the era from Cubism to Post-Modernism

When: Through May 15 museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

Where: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor

Tickets: Admission is free suggested donation is \$5, call (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

"I'm hoping to provoke the viewer to ask themselves why are these pieces side by side," explained Sean Ulmer, the exhibit's organizer and university curator of modern and contemporary art.

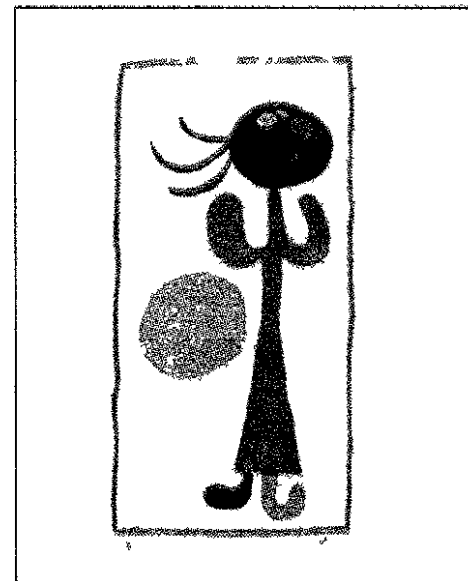
"As they begin to look and think, they begin to make these connections."

For instance, *Surfing the Century* opens with two early Picasso works. Adjacent to them are a

set of Tiffany candlesticks and Pewabic pottery. Ulmer considers the juxtaposition a study in the use of line.

"You see a sensitivity to line (in Picasso's works) next to the Arts and Crafts, Art Deco and Art Nouveau works. These make a beautiful complement, draw out the power of line and the power of silhouette," said Ulmer.

Likewise, Cubism is contrasted with a series of Mexican prints and a selection of



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Joan Miró's 'Personnage,' Spanish, ca. 1948, is among the approximately 100 works on exhibit in 'Surfing the Century Twentieth-Century Art.'

German Expressionist works as a way to explore 20th-century artists' use of black line.

"This is a very powerful use of black and the black line to convey energy and vitality, not to simply define form," said Ulmer. "But people don't think about German Expressionism next to Cubism or either of them next to 20th-century Mexican printmaking."

In all, *Surfing the Century* features more than 100 works from UMMA's extensive collection of 20th-century art, which numbers about 6,500 pieces. Artistic movements represented include Cubism, Surrealism, Abstract Expressionism, Minimalism, Post-Modernism and Pop Art with work by such artists as Helen Frankenthaler, Henry Moore and Keith Haring.

One section displays a series of photographs "that take you from the beginning of the century up to the start of the 1950s," said Ulmer. While some portray urban landscapes, others focus on nature. Photographers featured include Walker Evans, Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Weston and Ansel Adams.

Two photographs by Sally Mann done in 2002 look like sepia tone photographs of bygone days. The artist uses tea to create the effect.

"These are the most recent works in the exhibit, yet they have the oldest feel," said Ulmer. "They take us over the threshold and encourage us to look forward to the future."

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Club scene

Rockers: Dress up for Great Lakes Myth Society

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Forget, for a moment, Detroit garage rock

Think a little broader and consider checking out the mysterious Great Lakes Myth Society

The harmonious musical project, led by Ann Arbor brothers Timothy and James Christopher Monger (and the other band members all formerly of the well-established Original Brothers & Sisters of Love) celebrates and captures the quirkiness of the Michigan

This is a band whose members would rather vacation along Michigan's rugged shorelines than California's waters. The string-heavy, nostalgic, folk-rock band is influenced by Beach Boys, Flaming Lips, Camper Van Beethoven and Celtic sounds. GLMS tells tales about Michigan's winters, loggers, bus stops, buffalo, ghost stories, the city of Novi, the Northern Lights and more.

"We stay away from the nameless girl love songs let someone else do that,

vocalist/accordion/guitar player Timothy Monger said.

The band is hosting its CD release party on Thursday, March 10, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. The band, setting themselves apart from messy garage rockers, dress in dark suits during their performances.

"And we don't mandate it, but we ask the audience to help us make it a luminous affair. Dress well for the occasion," Monger said.

To some, the Great Lakes are inland oceans. To others they're just large pools of water that aren't very exciting. For the

five members of the Great Lakes Myth Society, the five bodies of water that form the chain of freshwater basins are living souls worthy of celebration and fear.

Michigan is beautiful and strange. The lakes are enchanting, small enough to be personal but large enough to fear,

Monger said. The people are enchanting and interesting. And I can't imagine life without the seasons. If I went through a winter without scraping the ice off my car, I'd miss it in a weird way. It's part of our culture, almost a ritual.

The band writes stories of their Michigan road trips and the people they meet. The music is stream-lined, harmonious, textured with soaring harmonies and lilting melodies. While the music of the Original Brothers & Sisters of Love was more improvised, intense epic monologues, the GLMS sound is tightened, amped up rock — but still with a pop harmony that's very lyric-based, vocalist/guitarist James Monger said.

"Tim and I used to live downtown on Ann Street (Ann Arbor) in a rented house from the 1850s," said James Monger. "In

June, storm clouds would come in from the west and hold steady over us like a wrath in a Ray Bradbury novel. I like the idea of severe weather as an apocalyptic hiccup — a window into the past that, for just a brief moment, would re-animate our pre-World War I neighborhood of old. The chimes, thunder and sirens that appear on (song) Buffalo Nickel, were recorded from my bedroom window during one of these occurrences."

Each song takes the listener on a journey. The self-titled CD, on Stop Pop and

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When: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 10

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"You'll become an expert on how to identify different qualities of syrup," said Cranbrook Manager of Education Jacob Standish. "The darker syrup is actually caramelized sugar resulting from longer boiling times. It's easy to make a motor oil grade of syrup, but the highest quality is actually lighter in color, but still we all have our own preferences."

Dress for the weather, maple sugaring is for the rugged.



Great Lakes Myth Society is a harmony-emphasized rock band. Its love for Michigan is evident in the lyrics. Its members are formerly of the now defunct Original Brothers and Sisters of Love.

Rock Records, encompasses many aspects of the Great Lakes region, specifically the dark tales of its people and natural surroundings.

Through the lyrics, it's refreshing to hear a band celebrating the mitten.

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Theater

Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage takes on 'Angels in America'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Edgy shows sell, but they also threaten to scare audiences away

So community theaters don't often wander off the beaten path of classic comedy and drama

But Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage at the Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak has mustered up the courage to mount a production of Tony Kushner's controversial and award-winning play *Angels in America Part I Millennium Approaches*

The play, which explores a number of hot-button issues, among them homosexuality and the AIDS epidemic, continues March 3-6 and 11-12. *Part II* is slated to run in October 2005, said director Jamie Richards of Birmingham

"Edgy pays off, if you're not afraid to do it, and you do it well," said Richards, a first-time director for Stagecrafters. "And I think people want to see plays that are different. I mean why not?"

Anyway, Richards believes Detroit's community theater patrons are ready for *Angels in America*, including its nudity and adult content

"We're in the age of *Will and Grace* where homosexuality is not that taboo anymore," he said. "I always like to give audience members more credit. In community theater, people say there's an older audience. And although I'm sure that there will be people that are offended and will walk out, I'd like to think the majority of the response will be positive."

After all, *Angels in America*, which was made into a movie starring Al Pacino and Meryl Streep in 2003, is a ground-breaking work

The play not only garnered Tony Awards for Best Play in 1993 and 1994, but also the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play first opened in 1992 in Los Angeles

The story, which is set during the Reagan era in New York City, follows two troubled couples, one gay and one straight, as they confront life's trials and tribulations

"It portrays how they deal with love, death, loss and betrayal," said Richards

"Out of all of this, one man is chosen to be a modern day prophet, and the play looks at his struggle to accept this"



COURTESY OF STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

Scott MacDonald, left, of Berkley plays Prior Walter, who is being embraced by Vanessa Sawson of Pontiac in Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *'Angels in America Part I Millennium Approaches'*

ANGELS

What: Tony Kushner's *'Angels in America Part One Millennium Approaches'*

When: March 3-6 and 11-12 shows at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: Baldwin Theatre (Second Stage) 415 Lafayette Avenue downtown Royal Oak

Admission: \$12, call (248) 541-6430 or visit www.stagecrafters.org

Despite its political content, *Angels in America* is deeply spiritual, exploring both religion and philosophical sentiment in the United States

"It's ground-breaking in the sense of all the issues that it covers," commented Richards, who described his production of the work as paired-down and intimate

"It's also an amazing piece of theater because it's like poetry"

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First year

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storm. said White. A snowstorm also welcomed the Brighton location's opening in January of 2001. The eatery is well known for its signature item of towering oven-baked French toast topped with raspberries, blueberries, strawberries and a thick streusel topping served with real maple syrup. Other tempting menu items include fresh squeezed orange juice, jumbo cinnamon rolls, four egg omelets, sweet smokehouse bacon, corn muffin toast and more. The Breakfast Club is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. seven days a week. It is a smoke-free restaurant that seats 50. Diners can enjoy the patio with a beautiful garden during the spring and summer. Reservations are accepted for parties of 6 or more. Call (248) 307-9090.

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In the end poor Cinderella gets her glass slippers and the handsome prince, but have you ever wondered who this girl really is?

This Cinderella story Les Ballets de Monte Carlo's 21st century version of the fairy tale — reveals the back story

The production opens tonight and runs through March 6 at the Detroit Opera House, closing the venue's 2004-2005 dance season

This ballet takes up the story in a direct way and gets underneath the trappings of the fairy tale," said Detroit Opera House General Director David DiChiera. "Who was Cinderella? How did she get here? Who was her mother? This ballet starts here

After all, the real story lies beneath the fortuity of Cinderella's fairy godmother and the spectacle of her golden pumpkin coach and sparkling glass slippers. *Cinderella* tells the story of a girl in need of her lost mother

It's a ballet that examines both the power of love and the goal of the story," said DiChiera

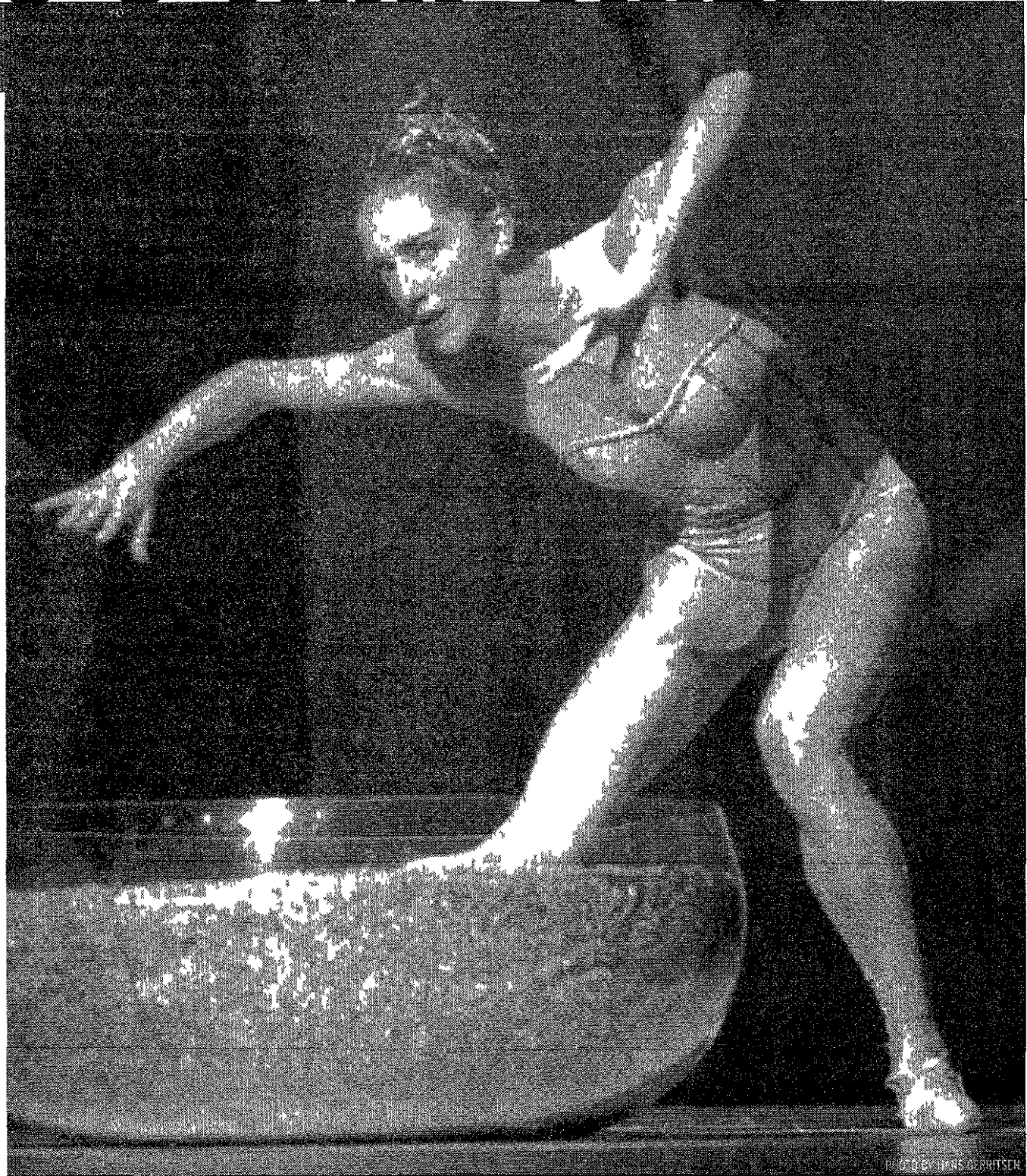
Choreographed by Les Ballets de Monte Carlo's Director, Jean Christophe Maillot, the production unfolds the fairy tale in a novel dance and production style

It's not a big story ballet with lavish sets. It doesn't depend on that," said DiChiera

Indeed, sets and costuming are pared down: sleek and contemporary, and the movements of the 41 member ensemble are decidedly fresh

Maillot believes the approach makes for a ballet that tells portions of the fairy tale we have yet to see and hear. "Maillot says everybody knows the story. Why take so much time telling a story that everybody already knows?" explained DiChiera

For instance, Monte-Carlo's Cinderella prince is really kind of a carouser," said DiChiera. "So when he falls in love with Cinderella, it's much more of a transformation for him



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Comedy

Pot is Tommy Chong's schtick, but also his nemesis

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Tommy Chong's *Marijuana-Logues* comedy show scheduled at the Royal Oak Music Theatre this weekend is postponed until summer

Marijuana and Tommy Chong are seemingly synonymous. Talking about pot is what made the comedian famous.

But here's what happened:

We called Chong last week to discuss the *Marijuana-Logues* — while the show was still on schedule. To our surprise and everyone else's, Chong told *Filter* he was considering canceling the tour. He's on probation for marijuana-related issues and the show could land him some woe.

"My probation deal won't let me be in the same room with the stuff," Chong said. "But at a show in Seattle a lot of people started lighting up — that could get me in

a lot of trouble. I might have to take a break from the show."

That statement caused scurrying among promoters and his management who didn't know Chong was considering postponement. Then a few days later a statement was released confirming the tour delay.

The cast and crew stressed that the show doesn't glorify pot. To describe the show, promoters wrote:

"Rather, it illustrates that cannabis culture is a thing of substance, humor and creativity."

Chong said certain celebrity figures seem to get busted for similar reasons.

"Timothy Leary once did time for possessing a roach," Chong said.

"John Sinclair got busted for something small, too. I don't want to go back to jail man."

"I can do other work, but still this topic is my roots," Chong

said. "And now, I'm wondering if I need to become more involved with marijuana reform laws."

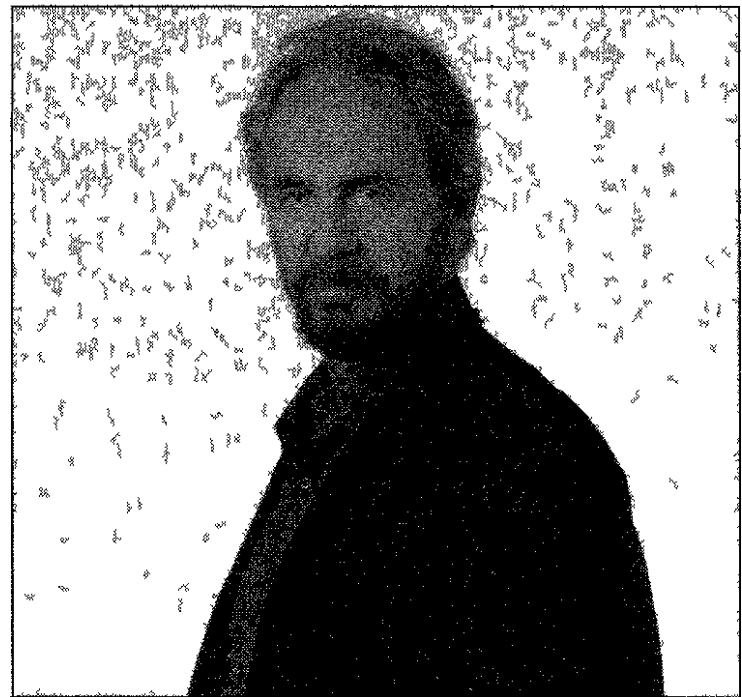
Currently Chong can also be seen in his recurring role on Fox's *That '70s Show*.

Chong, best known for his contribution to American counterculture in the comedy team Cheech & Chong, was leading the *Marijuana-Logues*, a stage show written by Arj Barker, Doug Benson and Tony Camin and directed by Jim Millan.

Cheech and Chong recorded six gold comedy albums and starred in seven films including *Up in Smoke*, one of Warner Brothers' highest grossing features.

Tickets can be refunded at the place of purchase. For future dates visit www.marijuana-logues.com.

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Tommy Chong — more controversy for the comedian



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Hoops City Grille appeals to everyone, but especially Pistons fans

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

If it wasn't apparent already, last year's championship season of dreams drove the point home - this is a city where hoops reign

And folks who'd like to celebrate that fact in the company of others don't necessarily have to trek out to Auburn Hills

Pistons Hoops City Grille, a full-service restaurant and bar opened recently in the Star Southfield theater complex, brings the action a little closer to Eight Mile

With a legacy of ownership rooted in the big-screen wining and dining sports-ogling tradition established with eateries such as Mike Ilitch's Hockeytown, the Hoops City Grille hopes to treat everyone from the family of four to the corporate party of 100 to a game experience that is about as close as one can get to the real thing

"There's really not a bad seat in the house," Hoops City operating partner Dan Linnen said "And for people who don't care about sports, we feel the restaurant stands on its own"

The Hoops City Grille menu is packed with pastas, steak and seafood, as well as sandwiches, and has been evolving in line with customer feedback, said Linnen

Since Hoops City Grille opened its doors in mid-December, Linnen said,

Hoops City has fast become a home for sports fans and moviegoers alike who seek a dining experience that places food, fun and games at the forefront

The expansive main dining area of the restaurant and bar seats 250 people and immense video screens have been placed strategically in the room so sports lovers can gorge on the games and those not so inclined can still enjoy themselves

"We didn't want to knock them over the head with sports," Linnen said. "I think we have something to appeal to everyone."

SPECIAL EVENTS

Indeed, plans for Hoops City Grille include special events such as a black-tie Oscar Night party when screens were filled with the glamorous visions of

Hollywood instead of Pistons red, white and blue

Linnen said

Hoops City, which also contains a VIP room suited for 40 and a sports studio that seats 220 whose centerpiece is a 240-inch screen designed to display both sporting events and PowerPoint presentations, plans to host just as many kids' birthday parties as it does corporate events

But make no mistake, as the name implies and the inclusion in the restaurant of a 3,000-square-foot sports merchandise store indicates, the Pistons will always pre-



Honey Mustard Chicken Salad with mixed greens, accompanied by oranges, strawberries, broccoli and cauliflower is a specialty at Pistons Hoops City Grille



Jamal A. Gibson, partner/executive chef, presents Chicken Parmesan

vail at Hoops City

Hoops City is a joint venture between the Andiamo Restaurant Group and Palace Sports and Entertainment. Because of its association with the Palace, Pistons' games at Hoop City look and sound exactly as they do at the Palace.

"We've had a great reception so far," Linnen said. "On game nights this has become the place to be. This is as close as you can get to the Palace experience, without going to the Palace. It's the next best thing to being there."

Response from Pistons fans so far has been favorable enough for Linnen to recommend that customers call in reservations if they desire tables during game times, and the fact that Detroit is a sports town that may be unequaled anywhere else is reflected at Hoops City.

"People here are proud of the area where they live and work and they tend to take that pride and reflect it on their teams," Linnen said. "I happen to be a sports fan so this is right up my alley. It's easy to work to develop the business when you have a passion for both sports and restaurants."

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Reservations: Recommended during Pistons games

Linnen's past experience as a restaurateur includes clocking in eight years overseeing operations at Hockeytown Cafe as an employee of Olympia Entertainment.

He said that besides offering customers optimum sports viewing, the idea behind the restaurant is simple.

"I think we offer a diverse menu at a good value in a quality and friendly environment," Linnen said.

Executive Chef Jamal Gibson, whose experience also comes from working for Olympia Entertainment as well as the Muir Corporation, has designed a menu flavored both by Andiamo's

and relatively inexpensive pub fare.

Linnen, who played basketball while growing up and was a basketball player at Ferris State University before he traded in his uniform for a career as a restaurant operator, said operating Hoops City can be as exciting as running in a layup.

"It's much like sports. It's a constant challenge and the gratification is instant," Linnen said. "Everybody comes here wanting to have a great time. It really creates a cool atmosphere."



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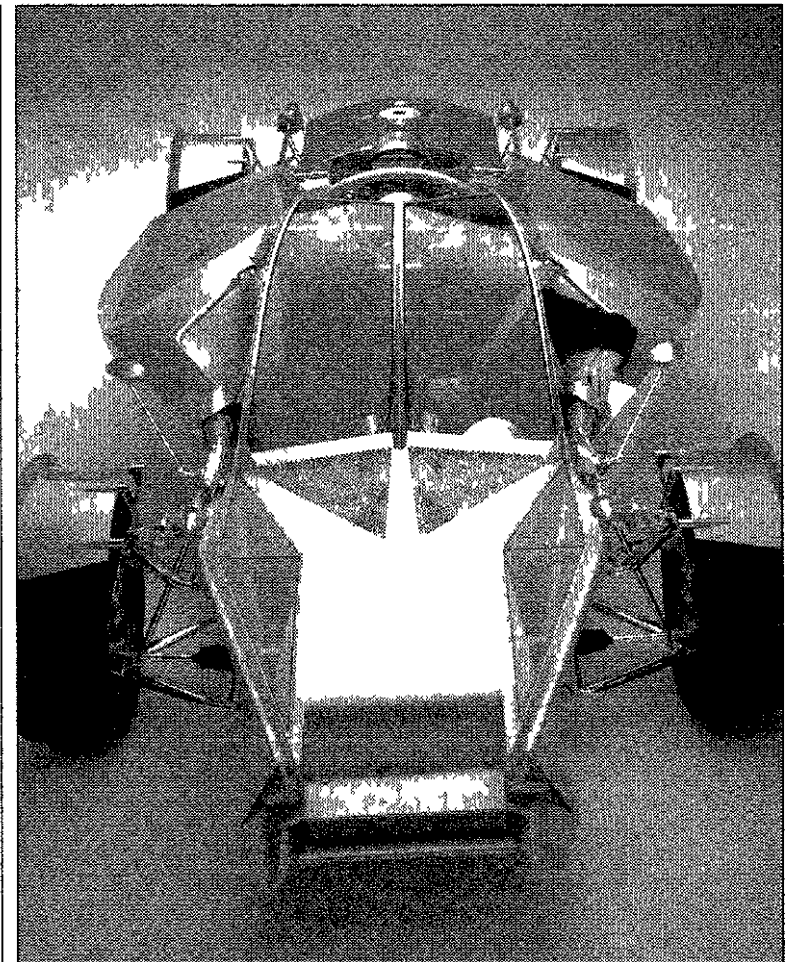
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You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown at 8 p.m. March 10 11 2 30 and 8 p.m. March 12 at in the Canton High School DuBois Little Theatre on Canton Center at Joy Rd. Tickets are \$8 each and are available in the theatre after school to 6 p.m. and just outside the theatre during the high school lunch periods For information on special rates for groups of 20 or more call (734) 416 7514

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SPECIAL EVENTS

British Isles Spectacular

Motor City Brass Band presents music

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Dinner auction

An Evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's *Artful Affair* presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. As the only major fund raiser for the Arts Council each year the goal for the Dinner Auction is \$50 000 with proceeds going toward their many and varied educational and community arts programs. The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be the location for this elegant evening of fine dining fun dancing to the sounds of Channel 6 and wonderful live and silent auction items. The Saturday March 19 event will begin at 5 30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$85 per person call (734) 416 4278

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Members of the Detroit Symphony perform music of Beethoven Carter and Spohr 8 p.m. March 3 at the Music Box at the Max Woodward Avenue Detroit Tickets \$25 Call (313) 866 5639

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Thirty eight voice choir directed by Eric Freudigman performs choral works by Bach Mozart and Mendelssohn 3:30 p.m. Sunday March 6 at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills Tickets \$5 presale \$10 at the door \$7 for seniors and students Call (248) 988 0604 or (248) 474 8521

Cranbrook Music Guild

Quartetto de Venezia performs an all Italian program of music by Boccherini Bazzini Cacioppo Puccini and Verdi 8 p.m. Tuesday March 8 the Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook 470 Church Road Bloomfield Hills Tickets \$30 Call (248) 644 6352

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On stage

Michael Hough and David Tamulevich of Mustard's Retreat perform with Jan Krist, Jim Bizer and Kitty Donohoe 8 p.m. Friday at Trinity House in Livonia

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Sacred Sounds featuring music for Easter with the choruses of Madonna University and Schoolcraft College and music by Rimsky Kosakov Hovhaness and Fanny Mendelssohn 8 p.m. Saturday March 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth Tickets \$17 adults \$15 seniors For tickets and information call (734) 451 2112 or online info@plymouthsymphony.org

Detroit Symphony

Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition and music by Rossini and Mozart with Vladimir Fedoseyev conducting and Horacio Gutierrez at piano 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday March 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday March 5 and Pictures at Exhibition only 3 p.m. Sunday March 6 at Orchestra Hall Detroit Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* Spring and Summer and Beethoven's Overture to Egmont and Symphony No. 3 Conducted by Itzak Perlman 8 p.m. Thursday March 10 8:30 p.m. Saturday March 12 and 3 p.m. Sunday March 13 at Orchestra Hall Detroit Tickets \$16 \$69 For ticket information call (313) 576 5111

University Musical Society

Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra with violinist Anne Sophie Mutter and musical director Andre Previn performing music by Previn Debussy and Richard Strauss 8 p.m. Saturday March 12 at Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor Tickets \$10 \$65 Call (734) 764 2538 or online at www.ums.org

Ars Nova

Under the direction of Dr. Craig Scott Symons the ensemble will 2nd concert

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ART

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

The Forgotten Photographs The Work of Paul Goldman continues to March 20 Jewish Community Center 6600 W. Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5448

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Robert Kidd Gallery

An exhibition of paintings by Timothy McDowell and sculpture by Christine Hagedorn opens at Robert Kidd Gallery on March 4 and continues through April 30 2005. A reception to meet the

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Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair

Call for artists for the fair Saturday Sunday Sept. 10-11 around the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill Village northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton Deadline for submissions is April 29 Download application at cantonmi.org or call (734) 394 5174

Avon Players

Auditions for its final show of the 2004/2005 season *Forever Plaid* Stuart Ross musical celebration of the 1950s on Sunday March 6 and Monday March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Registration begins one half hour prior to auditions Auditions will consist of selections from the score Avon Players is located at 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills For more character and audition song information access the web site at www.avonplayers.org

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Auditions for upcoming production of *Godspell* 7 p.m. Monday March 21-22 at Genesis Center Palmer and Wayne in Westland Need five men and five women 17-30 who can sing dance and act Come prepared to read sing and move Performance is May 19-20 and 21 Call (734) 728 4107

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Detroit Science Center

Monster Trucks An Xtreme Exhibit continues to May 29 \$4 adults \$2 children age 2 and up and seniors with paid general admission For more information call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Beyond bad



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

'Maniac' is not to miss

I got a sweet surprise in the 10-pack of films I got at Thomas Video. Mixed in with such cinematic messes as *The Passing* and *The Vampire Project* was *Maniac The Maniac*. The 1934 maniacal film that has unjustly been hailed as the worst film ever made but still ranks as one of the strangest movies of all time. I'll let the plot tell the story. A

mad scientist believes he can bring people back from the dead. When Maxwell, his equally mad (and would-be actor) assistant, lets him down in trying to acquire a body from the local morgue, the two get into a scuffle leaving the scientist dead. But not to worry, the assistant

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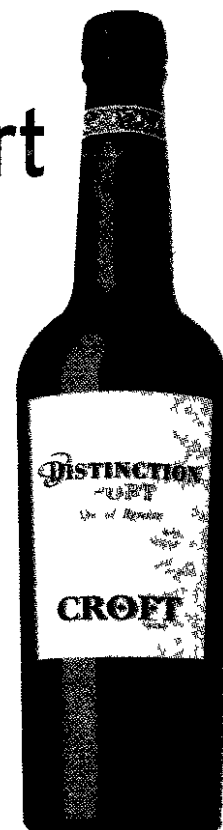
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Local businessman rescues historic photos

THE FORGOTTEN PHOTOGRAPHS: THE WORK OF PAUL GOLDMAN FROM 1943-1961 FROM THE COLLECTION OF SPENCER PATRICH

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

A Farmington Hills real estate developer, and art collector, saved a photography collection that documents a turning point in the Middle East

His endeavors are now spreading respect worldwide for a photojournalist who passed away nearly 20 years ago

More than 100 rescued works are now part of *The Forgotten Photographs The Work of Paul Goldman from 1943-1961, from the Collection of Spencer M. Partrich*. The exhibit is on display through March 20 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in West Bloomfield

The exhibit documents life in Israel during the years of its development

"These evocative images have been hidden away for much too long," Partrich said. "Their emotional pull is strong, just as it must have been when some originally ran in newspapers."

Partrich acquired more than 40,000 negatives shot by Goldman, a freelance news photographer, from 1943-1961. The exhibit comes to Michigan after being on display for four months in Tel Aviv. It's curated by Shlomo Arad, a veteran *Newsweek* photographer. A 146-page catalog in English and Hebrew accompanied the Tel Aviv exhibit.

"The situations he recorded, the contexts and the choices he made, are the threads of the elusive web that constitutes the collective memory of this



ALL PHOTOS BY PAUL GOLDMAN

Refugee/Holocaust survivors arriving in Palestine at "Detention Camp Atlit" in November 1945.

nation," Arad writes in the catalog. "This is how we were."

Goldman, who passed away at age 86, in 1986, was a Jewish war refugee from Hungary. He resettled to Palestine in 1940 — eight years before it became Israel.

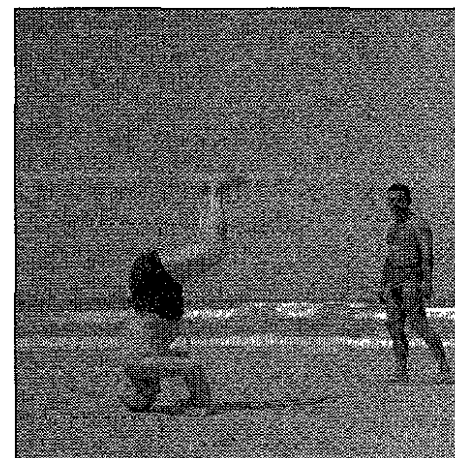
Partrich acquired the negatives from Goldman's family in 2001. Since then, he's restored them and created a videotaped historical overview with Goldman's family.

Partrich wants generations to see life during the 1940s and 1950s in that land.

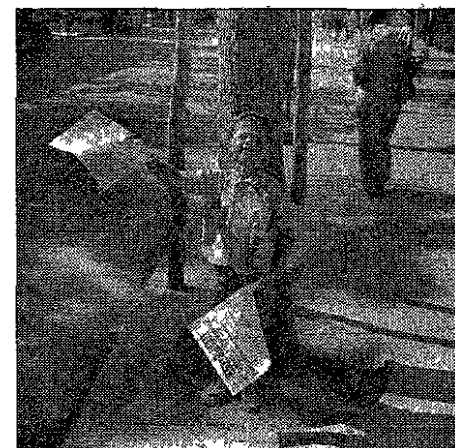
These photos add a moving, personal perspective to the drama that is Israel," he said.

The photos offer an array of different moments of life there: David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, playing on the beach, women in the army, and Holocaust survivors from Nazi camps as they reached "resettlement" camps in Palestine. Goldman also photographed casualties from an attack in 1946 by Israeli underground fighters against British Army offices at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

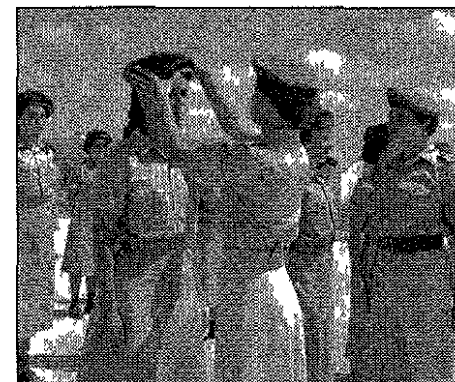
At right, photographed in the Middle East by Paul Goldman, "Two Women," depicts Women's Army soldiers during infantry training in 1957 during the time of Israel's development.



Prime Minister and Defense Minister David Ben-Gurion performing a headstand at Herzliyah Beach in 1957.



A young child sells the "Ha'erev" newspaper in Tel Aviv in 1946. The photos are on display at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in West Bloomfield.



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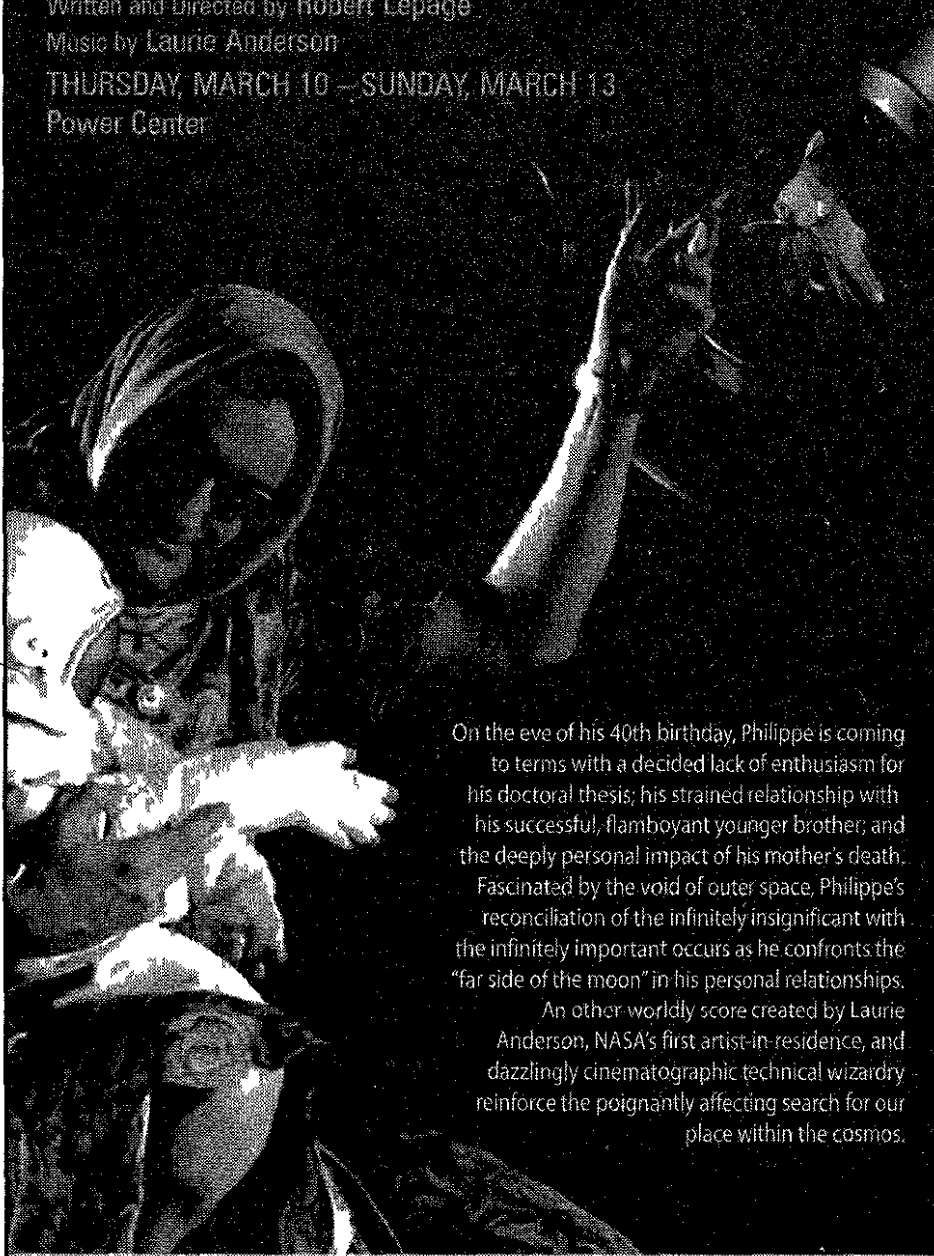
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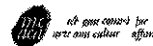


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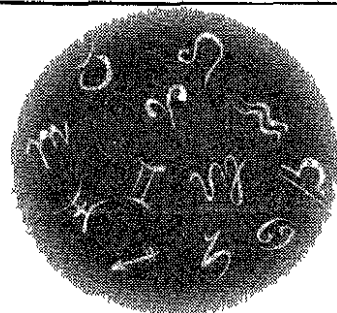
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Star struck

(March 3-6)

By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)



Certain people will go out of their way to convince you that what you're proposing can't be done. Ram. Don't believe a word they tell you. Chances are they're jealous of your know-how and don't want you to show them up. Mercury entering your element this weekend urges you to be true to yourself!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



The week began a little iffy, right? Bull? Well, don't feel bad if you have to change your plans at the last moment or eat your words and let people down. You may not be the sort to go back on your promises, but on this occasion, you may have no choice.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



The current 4th Quarter Moon warns you to not turn your back on a problem and pretend it doesn't exist. Deal with it and it won't worry you again. The longer you put it off, the more you'll believe that you can't resolve it. Stand proud, roll up your sleeves and go for it, even if it's the jugular.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



You may not have given much thought to your cash flow situation of late, but you'll have to start doing so next week. You must earn more or spend less. MoonKid. Neither is easy. Start thinking about slowing down a bit. Even you have limits. Listen to the wake-up call!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



Chill, Lion! You may be tempted to take on rivals who have more experience than you or others who are really in your court, and that could be a costly experience, so look before you leap! The best way to impress people is to be and believe in yourself. Don't move up at other's expense.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



Even though you always aim to please, don't be discouraged from doing something that you want simply because some wet blanket is lacking in enthusiasm. Virgo. Faith in your ideals and ideas is all important just now, and there is no reason to be deterred or demoralized by anyone!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



You are far too compassionate to allow a close friend to charge headlong into a predicament that has little chance of ending satisfactorily. With your loving ruler, Venus strongly influenced by mental Mercury, you are splendidly placed to offer a guiding hand. Do so, and accept one in return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



Certain people will go out of their way to convince you that what you're proposing can't be done. Don't believe a word of what they tell you. Chances are they're jealous of your gameplan and ambitions and don't want you to show them up. Be your own best friend now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Much of the strain you are currently under seems to self-created. You need to understand what it is that your subconscious mind is trying to tell you. A work or health issue demands your attention, and you would be wise to seek an unbiased reaction. Spring your favorite season is just around the corner. Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



Your strength of character will be put to the test over the coming days, and you'll come through with flying colors. SeaGoat. Anyone who thinks you can be coerced into giving what you don't want to give is in for a ride awakening. What matters most is that you remain in the driver's seat. Buckle up!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Even though you have a wide circle of acquaintances and support, only you know what you're trying to do, so only you can decide how best to go about it. You'll get advice from all sorts of people, but you must ignore them and listen to your own inner voice. Kiddo! Separate fact from fiction - results count!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



Common, admit that you don't like confrontations. Fish. It may be the Big Picture that matters, but that doesn't mean you can ignore the little things that add up. The planets warn that if you leave the details to other people this week, you'll surely regret it. Don't be appeased or tempted by promises.

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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

Show

Ryan of The Casionauts is a friend of mine and of my super hip sister that was weird to discover because we met him independently of each other and my sister is a scene age below me. But Ryan is that uber friendly person you eventually meet if you go to enough rock shows and why am I telling you this? It has nothing to do with his band. The Lansing based band combines the good stuff of new wave and high energy pop with crazy fun ramblings on songs with titles such as *A Horse is a Corpse of Course Unless of Course that Horse is the Wonderful Mr. Dead* and *How I Learned To Love Mitosis*. Obviously I love this band. But don't take my word for it, take my sister's too. The Casionauts will open for Saddle Creek's Beep Beep Wednesday March 9 at the Magic Stick Detroit. Cover is \$7. All ages. Doors at 8 p.m. For more on the band, click on thecasionauts.ohsoquickly.com



Here is a photo of Ryan I yanked from the Casionauts' Web site. Hopefully he won't be too mad. They play next Wednesday at the Magic-Stick.

Book, sort of

If you haven't heard about journalist Malcolm Gladwell's *Blink*, you probably haven't been reading any news magazines lately. The book, which looks at how snap judgments affect everyday life, has been on the bestseller list for the past month - which means I probably don't need to rehash this as a pick. Instead, here are some suggestions for those of you who have read *Blink* or are interested in some of the many topics discussed in its pages.

If you were fascinated by the IAT tests - based on the idea that humans match pairs of ideas we are already familiar with quicker - you can take the tests online. IATs can be found at implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/demo/selectatest.html. If you're distraught about the findings, especially when it comes to the race test, tolerance.org provides some interesting and helpful information about hidden bias at www.tolerance.org/hidden_bias.

If you're interested in the section about how advertisers can influence our split-second decisions, check out Frontline's *The Persuaders* (Heck, check it out anyway; it's a thoroughly interesting and informative look at modern advertising.) The one-hour program deals with many of the same thin-slicing techniques and word associations Gladwell writes about in *Blink*. You can find more information on the program, including the full-length video of the show online at www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/persuaders/. If you were interested in Gladwell's arguments

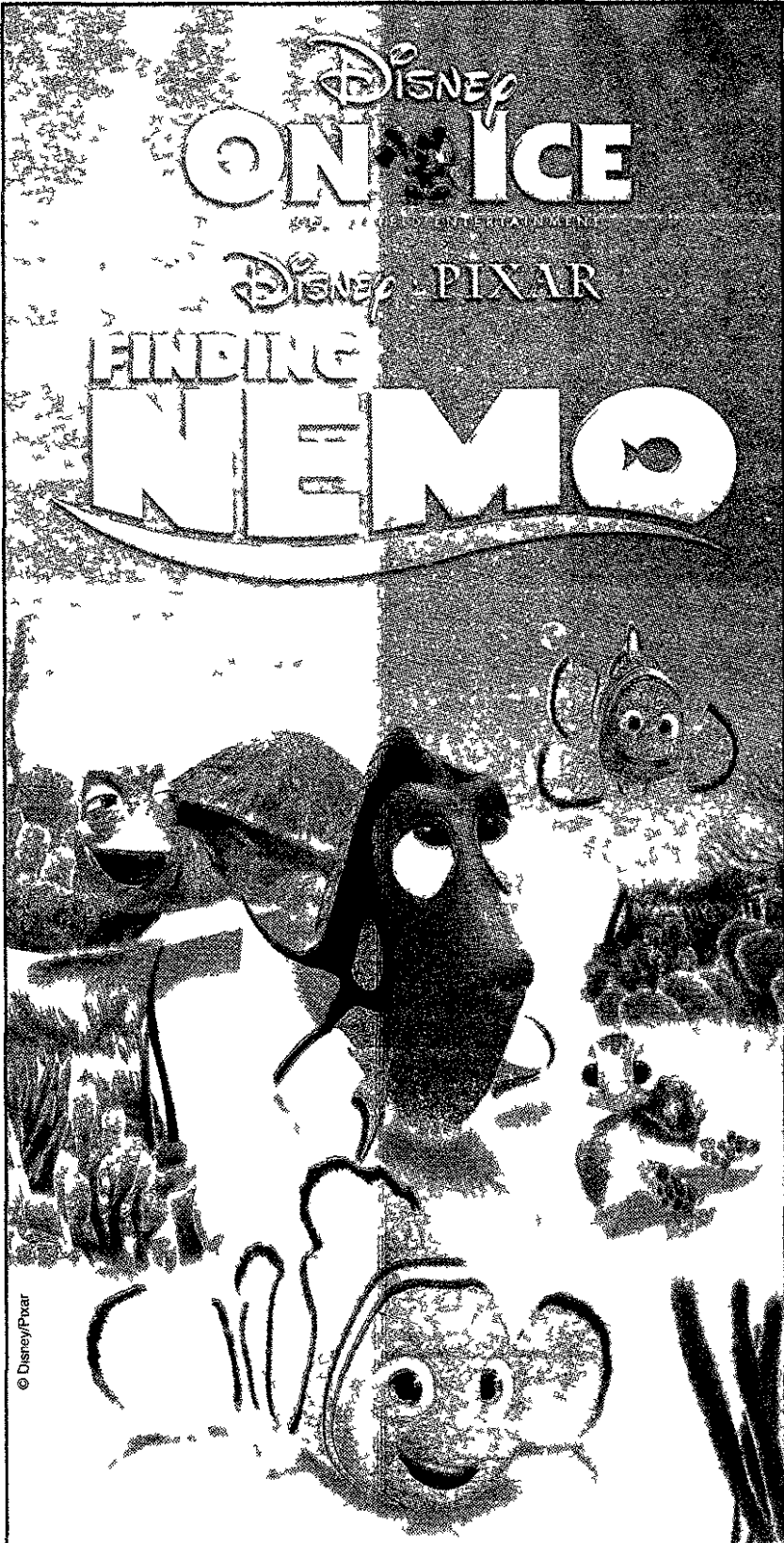
on the New Coke debacle, but thought that New Coke was a marketing ploy all along, check out urban legend debunker Snopes' take on one of the worst marketing decisions in recent memory. The discussion is here: www.snopes.com/cokelore/newcoke.asp.

If you liked the accessibility of Gladwell's book and want to learn more about how neuroscience plays into everyday decisions, check out *Mind Open Wide: Your Brain and the Neuroscience of Everyday Life* by Steven Johnson, *On Intelligence* by Jeff Hawkins, or *Mind Hacks: Tips and Tools for Using Your Brain* by Tom Stafford and Matt Webb. All three are written interestingly and clearly for those of us who aren't rocket scientists.

If you liked the psychological discussion of *Blink* but are now interested in a totally different argument, check out *The Futile Pursuit of Happiness*. In this essay, *New York Times* writer Jon Gertner explores the study of emotional and behavioral prediction, or to put it more specifically, how we think we will feel when we get that new car and what we actually feel after getting it. This is fascinating stuff. The essay can be found by searching nytimes.com and will cost you \$2.95, or it is included in the Dave Egger's edited *The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2004*.

Finally, the best resource for more on the subjects covered in *Blink* is Gladwell's notes section in the back of the book. There you will find his sources - everything from journal essays to researcher homepages. Check out those appendixes, people! They can be useful!

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who strives to be your information burrito, overflowing with facts, layered in tasty observational detail. You can state your peace piece peas gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.



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FROM PAGE D8

Their love is no G-rated Disney story, either. And audiences can and should expect a more realistic and red-hot love affair.

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Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo was established in 1985 by the Princess of Hanover in accordance with the wishes of her mother, the late Princess Grace. Monte-Carlo's history with ballet dates back to 1911. The art form flourished until the 1950s and reemerged with the ensemble's founding.

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and 30-something audience, said DiChiera. "People love this company. They relate to the sparseness, the melding of traditional ballet with a more modern sensibility. It's modern storytelling."

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walls up the scientist's body in the basement, cracks open his makeup case - which he just happens to have available in the scientist's secret laboratory - and makes himself up to look like the old coot, complete with wild hair and fuzzy beard.

The plan falls apart when the assistant's estranged wife shows up and he dumps her in the basement with another woman who get into one heck of a fight and the cops show up, hear the brawl and the meows of a cat that just so happened to be walled up with the old scientist's body.

Along the way, there's some nude scenes and, of course, the famous scene of the assistant eating a cat's eyeball.

And remember, this was made in 1934. Phyllis Diller is also listed as a member of the cast, and indeed, the film turns up in her filmography. But she would have been about 17 years old when this was made, and the character played by the

actress named Phyllis Diller here certainly is not the Phyllis Diller we know and adore.

If all that wasn't enough to make this a memorable movie, *Maniac* contains some of the most over-the-top acting ever captured on film. These folks want you to believe they are raving maniacs, and they sure do act the part. Poor Mr. Buckley's, whose brain "is on fire" is a hoot. Think of Gene Wilder in *The Producers* and magnify that 100 times.

But just so you don't lose touch with reality, interspersed with scenes of demons and a most bizarre visit to a cat farm (supposedly a real one where you could buy a cat fur coat) there are solemn title cards describing the various forms of mental illness. Despite its age, *Maniac* has not lost any of its power to repulse you. Or at least leave you stupefied with its meanness. That being said, it is a must-see movie. Check it out.

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