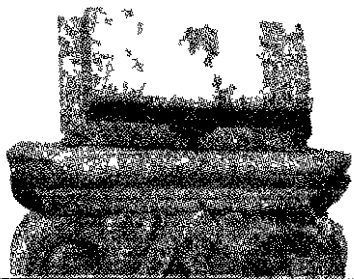


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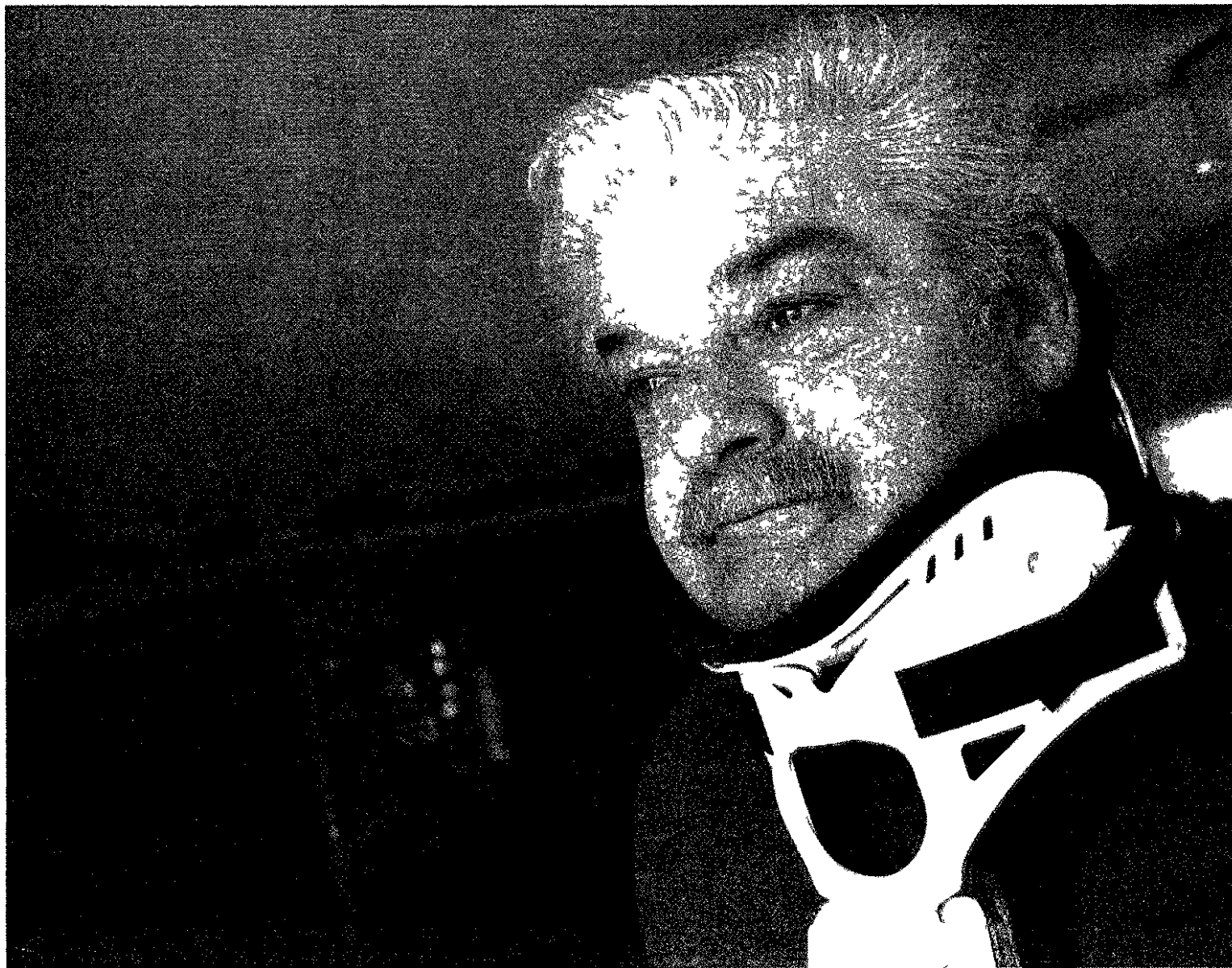
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Plymouth native Billy Dickey, in fear for his life and that of his son, didn't think the van was worth dying for. His son had other ideas, lending life-and-death connotation to the alleged thief's question.



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Billy Dickey of Canton, who grew up in Plymouth still shows the effects of injuries he sustained during an attack at a home he and his son are fixing up in Detroit



Billy Dickey points to a bullet hole in his arm

Story By Kurt Kuban ■ Staff Writer

'How much is your life worth?'

Shot three times, local man trying to put his life back together

The morning of Feb. 8 started out just like any other day for Billy Dickey. The Canton handyman headed to Detroit with his son, Billy Dickey Jr., where they had spent a couple months fixing up a home on Abington Street on the city's west side. Little did he know

the events of that day would change his life forever.

Around 3 p.m., a man walked into the house, while the father and son were working, and inquired how much the home was being rented for. According to Detroit police reports, when Dickey told the man the house was not yet ready to be rented, the Detroit resident allegedly pulled out a small-caliber handgun and asked a question Dickey

PLEASE SEE SHOOTING, A7



If the right offer came along, the Plymouth Whalers could soon be playing for someone other than Peter Karmanos

Compuware, Whalers could be up for grabs

Karmanos might give up franchise amid streamlining efforts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For Sale One 3,500-seat arena, complete with a junior hockey team, in a great location Price Negotiable

Compuware Arena president Mike Vellucci confirmed the two-sheet ice arena and the Plymouth Whalers are for sale - at the right price. "We don't have the 'For Sale' sign out, but we'll listen," said Vellucci. "(Arena and hockey team owner) Peter Karmanos is streamlining operations, and if somebody is interested, he'll look at any offers. As far as price, we really haven't gotten that far."

Karmanos is currently in the process of selling the Florida Everblades of the East Coast Hockey League, and their 7,082-seat home, German Arena, in Estero, Fla. According to the *News-Press* in Ft. Myers, Everblades general manager and team president Craig Brush, a minority owner of the team and arena, confirmed "the team and arena are for sale and there is an interested party."

Vellucci said if Plymouth operations are sold, it will have to be a package deal.

"We couldn't just sell the arena or just the team," Vellucci said.

PLEASE SEE SALE, A6

Chamber lands spot for downtown home

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For years, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce staffers have aspired to purchase downtown office space the chamber could call its own. Now, it appears the chamber is on the move.

"It looks like it's going to happen," said Fran Toney, chamber executive director. "They (the board) voted a couple of weeks ago to proceed. We're so close."

The chamber is buying 1,900 square feet of space from Richard Reid, who leases storefronts along Ann Arbor Trail currently occupied by Angelo's Card & Gift, Breads & More, Milano Fine Apparel and the soon-to-be-opened Bookcellar.

The chamber will purchase half the space currently leased by Angelo's, with the card and gift shop planning to downsize. The purchase price is reported to be \$350,000. Toney said it could cost another \$100,000 in renovations before moving in, which is expected in about three months.

The location is just so ideal, especially to parking.

PLEASE SEE CHAMBER, A6

Local businesses go green thanks to Spartans

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For Michigan State University sports fans, green and white apparel will be worn with pride this weekend as both the men's and women's basketball teams are playing in the NCAA Final Four.

For business owners, the green means the sound of cash registers ringing as they hope the run will continue through the championship games.

"It's been standing room only, said Ellis King, general manager of Bailey's Pub N Grille in Canton Township. "We've got 32

televisions, and at least half of them are on Michigan State games."

"Normally we do well during the tournament, and it really helped on Easter weekend, when it's generally slow," he said. "We're going to put together a Michigan State pep rally before the games, and have some MSU giveaways."

In Plymouth, John Doyle said his Doyle's Tavern also received a boost on Easter weekend.

"The last couple of games we had a really big turnout of State fans," said Doyle. "I think Saturday is going to be good, and we'll have a pretty good turnout

We'll probably do some beer specials."

At the Wolverine & Spartan Shop in Canton, general manager Tim Howell said much of the 25-percent increase in sales the past couple of weeks is attributable to the Spartan side of the store.

"We're catching a little bit of the wave of March Madness," said Howell. "The hats and Final Four T-shirts are the biggest sellers."

However, Howell points out that Michigan State basketball fans are used to success, so the novelty of the Spartans in the Final Four has worn off a bit. "(Coach) Tom Izzo has raised

the bar over the last 10 years and fans are happy," Howell said.

"But, it's not an extra special accomplishment. If they win the national championship, that's when we expect the (sales) explosion to happen."

Doyle said when it comes to playoff time, fans like to celebrate and cheer on their hometown teams.

"It always helps when the Red Wings and Pistons are in the playoffs," he said. "It hurts not having the Wings playing, especially during the week. Hopefully, the Pistons will make a run like last year. That would help us out a lot."

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Spring renewal

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is the site for the first Spring Renewal, a special evening for couples, from 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 1. The evening includes appetizers, desserts and beverages, wellness strategies and nutritional tips from Betty Maliska at First Fitness, 10 minute couples massage plus tips to use at home from certified massage therapist Rachel McKolay, rejuvenating hand treatment for men and women from Crista Bekker of Clearly You, men's fitness instruction from Paul Seymour of The Blitz, mini-makeovers for men and women from Salon Awesome, treats compliments of Bennigans, prizes and giveaways.

Proceeds will pay for shipping care packages to tsunami victims. Tickets cost \$15 per couple in advance, \$17 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Clearly You, 261 S. Main, Bennigans and The Blitz.

For reservations or more information, call (734) 453-7475 or (734) 414-0609.

Floral exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents 'Spring Fever', an exhibit of floral art by Joanne M. Porter, which runs through April 27.

In addition to several gallery representations, the artist's work has been purchased by numerous corporate and public institutions. She also has licensing agreements with various companies' product lines.

Porter will discuss her versatile art career at a PCAC ART REACH luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 6. Included in the luncheon will be a presentation by Bruce Webber of Weber's Flowers in Livonia. He will create an arrangement based on one of the artist's works. Contact the PCAC at

(734) 416-4278 for luncheon information.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Calendar honor

At the recent Michigan Townships Association Educational Conference Banquet, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume accepted an award for "Excellence in Township Government" in the Constituent Communications category for the 2004 Plymouth Township calendar.

The MTA created the awards program in 2003 to reward and highlight the outstanding achievement of dedicated townships. Applications for the 2004 awards were accepted in seven categories: Boardmanship, Constituent Communications, Fiscal Management, Human Resources Management, Land Use, Community Services and Intergovernmental Relations. Awards were given in four of the seven categories.

"It is always flattering to receive recognition from your peers, and we do appreciate this award for our hard work and efforts," said Reaume. "Our annual calendar is a single source of township information and phone numbers. Pertinent information is contained on each month's grid with ample room for residents to fill in their own appointments, making this a useful resource as well as a working calendar."

Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts the American Red Cross bloodmobile from 2-8 p.m. Friday, April 1. Appointments can be made by

calling (734) 453-5464, and walk-ins are welcome.

The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Bottle drive

Soccer boosters from Canton, Plymouth, and Salem High Schools are hoping that by now people have heard of the P-CEP Soccer Field of Dreams project, a collaborative effort between the school district, boosters from the girls and boys soccer teams at the three high schools, area businesses, and the community-at-large.

This project will update and refurbish soccer facilities including a new permanent concession stand, public restroom facilities, handicap accessible stands, new dugouts, the addition of a new Freshman/JV soccer game field, and the restoration of the Varsity field to a "best-in-class" status.

The boosters are committed to raising money to support this effort and have scheduled two upcoming events to kick-off their joint fundraising efforts.

The first event is a massive community can/bottle drive to be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 9 in the Salem High School parking lot. All brands of returnables will be accepted. The Coca-Cola Company will place two semi-trucks at the site for collection. The boosters hope to collect \$30,000 for this effort.

The second event is a community Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd at Plymouth High School. The breakfast will run from 8-11 a.m. and will feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any high school soccer athlete, High Velocity Sports, or by calling the Soccer Field of Dreams hotline at (734) 981-7445 or (734) 459-2007.

The Canton Lions Club is helping with the pancake breakfast by donating pancake



Cheers!

Premier Cheer Zone finished second at the UCA National Cheerleading Championships held earlier this month in Orlando, Fla. The all-star team competed in the 11th-grade-and-under division. Premier is located out of Splitz in Canton. Pictured are (front row from left) Jordan Thompsett, McKenzie Krochmalny, Victoria Kinsler, Haie Lindberg, (second row from left) Arica Reynolds, Carrie Brunt, Angela Whitehead, Andrea Golchuk and Kailey Bates, (third row, from left) Stefanie Davis, Jamie Fobar, Tiffany Gibson, Mackenzie Elliott, Kelly Kennedy and Kristin Jueneman. (back, from left) Head Coach Stephani Gagleard, Katelyn Olewnik, Chelsea Turner, Amanda Busha, Kim Cafarelli, Alyssi Livermore and coach Rachele Frusti. Not pictured is coach Allison Poremba.

The market opens May 7 and runs on Saturdays through Oct. 22. Last year, the market was expanded to include crafts produce, flowers and shrubs are also welcome, all must be hand-made or home-grown by the seller.

Booth space is available in front of The Gathering on the street for the full season or on a weekly basis. Cost is \$250 for the season or \$25 per week.

For more information, or to rent a space, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

EEF dinner

The Educational Excellence Foundation serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hosts a dinner-theater evening at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at Salem High School.

The district's culinary arts team will prepare dinner and dessert and, after dinner, patrons will enjoy reserved seating in the Gloria Logan auditorium for opening night of the Park Players' performance of the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Tickets are \$50 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the performing arts. To purchase tickets, call (734) 416-2718.

Pompon tryouts

The Canton Chieftette pompon team will be holding tryouts for the 2005-2006 squad during the week of April 11. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at the Canton High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Canton High general office.

End-of-era T-shirts

With the opening of Plymouth High School in 2003, the class of 2005 will be the last graduates from the park when only blue and red existed.

The senior classes from both schools hope to remember the past by printing t-shirts reading Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem across the front, and "The End of an Era 1973-2005" on the back.

Park alumni and community members are invited to support the senior class by ordering shirts through Heather Michalsen at (734) 207-5200 or Samra Haddad at (734) 416-4193.

The cost is \$10 per shirt and orders must be placed by April 8, 2005. Students at the park can order shirts in the Salem and Canton cafeterias during their lunch hour.

mix and letting the boosters use their griddles. The breakfast will include a bake sale, a raffle for U.S. National Soccer Team memorabilia and other surprises.

Pops concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, presents "The Fifties from the King and I to the 'King of Rock n' Roll,'" the symphony's annual pops benefit dinner and auction.

The event begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 22 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

The concert features favorite songs from the 1950s, including popular music from Broadway stage and film along with tributes to 50s icons Nat King Cole and Elvis Presley. As with all Plymouth Symphony events, the Pops is

family-oriented and invites audience members of all ages to delight in good music and auction and bidding for their favorite items, including a chance to conduct the orchestra.

Throughout the evening the Plymouth Symphony League's annual silent and live auctions will take place. Items to be auctioned include black and white diamond earrings donated by Showroom of Elegance, a Hearts on Fire necklace donated by Orm Jewelers of Garden City, dinner at numerous restaurants in the area and a chance to conduct the Plymouth Symphony.

This event is sponsored by Target and supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. The invitation sponsor is Mike and Mary Gladchun, REMAX on the Trail.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children. Table sponsorship for groups is also available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office, (734) 451-2112 or at info@plymouthsymphony.org.

Farmer's market

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BANDING TOGETHER

While strength training is recommended for overall fitness and is required for rehabilitation from an injury, not everyone likes the idea of lifting weights. Older individuals in particular are often just as intimidated by barbells and dumbbells as they are of weight machines. For years, physical therapists have overcome the reluctance to use weights by employing simple elastic exercise bands. The main advantage of the bands is that they are easy to use, portable and versatile. Studies show that they are effective in building strength and they can also be used in stretching routines to improve range of motion. They come in different colors indicating the level of resistance. As patients become stronger, they move on to a more resistant band.

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Family business hits golden hallmark

Printers celebrates 50-year journey from Detroit beginning

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Don Gehringer never intended to work as a printer, or own a print shop

But his destiny was sealed when in 1955 his parents

– Margueritte and the late Walter H. Gehringer of Livonia – opened Gehringer Printing in Detroit

“It was just my mother and father until 1956 when I joined the crew,” said Don Gehringer. Redford’s Gehringer Printing is celebrating 50 years in business

The Gehringers hired their first employee in 1959. At any given time, the shop has run with about eight employees. Today, there are six – and they average about 18 years of service each.

Founder Walter Gehringer was trained as a printer by age 16, earning his certification at Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Margueritte Gehringer – as her son said – ran the business end of the shop. At age 90, she still comes into work when she feels like it, about once a week.

“I like coming in here, she said. “It’s nice. I miss it.” Of his mother, Don Gehringer said, “She still has a pulse on the business. She’s 90 going on 35. She has customers that

make her want to keep coming in.”

Though the business itself has grown more competitive, Don Gehringer said the family business has outlasted plenty of competing operations. When they moved to their current Redford location, he said, seven other printers occupied the surrounding area. Now there are three, he said.

GEHRINGER PRINTING

Opened shop: February 1955 in Detroit, then relocated to Redford in 1992

Owners: Margueritte and the late Walter H. Gehringer started the business. Their son Don Gehringer, a Plymouth resident, runs it.

Location: 26045 W. Seven Mile in Redford

Employees: 6

Business: The print shop handles single and multi-color print jobs for everything from business cards, stationery and envelopes to technical and marketing tools for businesses, churches and government offices.

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and Southfield, where they do a lot of business.

The print shop creates and prints all sorts of business correspondence, from business cards, envelopes and letterhead to full color brochures and marketing tools for other companies and organizations.

“We do a lot of work for the City of Livonia,” said Don Gehringer, himself a Bentley High School graduate.

Livonia is our second biggest account



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Don Gehringer of Plymouth and his mom, Marguerite of Livonia, run the family business Gehringer Printing, which is celebrating 50 years in Redford.

Another major account, Shaw Electric in Livonia, celebrated its 75th anniversary recently. At 68, Don Gehringer said his customers, including Shaw Electric, feature second-, third- and fourth-generation families.

The printing business is wonderful, said Gehringer. “I’ve loved it.”

He’s seen plenty of changes in technology over the years. What was once drawn by hand is now completely computerized. And at one time he could work any machine in the print shop. That’s not necessarily the case today. What Gehringer Printing can’t do on site, they find a way to do by coordinating with other print shops.

For the most part, the business is self-contained, he said. Gehringer handles composition, creative development, single color and full color printing on its offset presses.

He said the key to longevity in business is treating employees like family and getting the job done for customers, no matter what.

Employees like Ann Webster of Redford, agreed. Gehringer Printing is more than a job; it’s a family.

“These are wonderful people to work for,” said Webster, who handles custom bindings and office work. She said she loves



Marguerite Gehringer started the business with her husband Walter H. Gehringer in 1955.

her job. These days, the most senior employee boasts 27 years, while the newest addition to the staff has worked in printing for 11 years.

As for Don Gehringer, he’s in the business to stay. And he hopes Gehringer Printing “goes on for another 50 years.”

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Battery operated

JCI picks up Delphi’s batteries

Johnson Controls, Inc. has signed a non-binding letter of intent to acquire Delphi Corporation’s global automotive battery business for approximately \$212.5 million, subject to adjustments.

In conjunction with the acquisition, Johnson Controls also anticipates receiving a global long-term contract to supply General Motors with original equipment batteries.

The business to be acquired, which has annual consolidated revenues of approximately \$600 million, would include Delphi’s battery operations in more than 10 countries, including joint venture interests in China and South Korea.

Delphi’s U.S. automotive battery manufacturing locations are not included in the transaction. Delphi will supply batteries from its New Brunswick, New Jersey and Fitzgerald, Ga., operations through a contract manufacturing relationship with Johnson Controls during a transitional period through 2007.

The acquisition enables Johnson Controls to participate in the rapidly-growing Asian automotive battery market, particularly in China.

The total vehicle population in China is expected to double in the next five years, with new car production expected to grow at double-digit rates.

The business being acquired has a leading position in original equipment batteries in China, as well as a presence in the Chinese aftermarket.

“We expect that this acquisition will enable us to extend our technology and grow our business globally, develop a leadership position in Asia, and become the primary supplier of original equipment batteries to the world’s largest automaker,” said Gregg Sherrill, vice president of Johnson Controls automotive group-battery.

“We’re very pleased about the potential these opportunities provide, and look forward to delivering our world-class quality and service to General Motors, and new original equipment and aftermarket customers around the world.”

The transaction is expected to close in the summer of 2005, subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence procedures, negotiation and execution of a definitive acquisition agreement, receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, and a supply contract with General Motors.

Johnson Controls is a leading global provider of automotive batteries. The company manufactures and distributes more than 80 million batteries annually, and is the world’s largest producer of power-storage devices for passenger vehicles and other applications.

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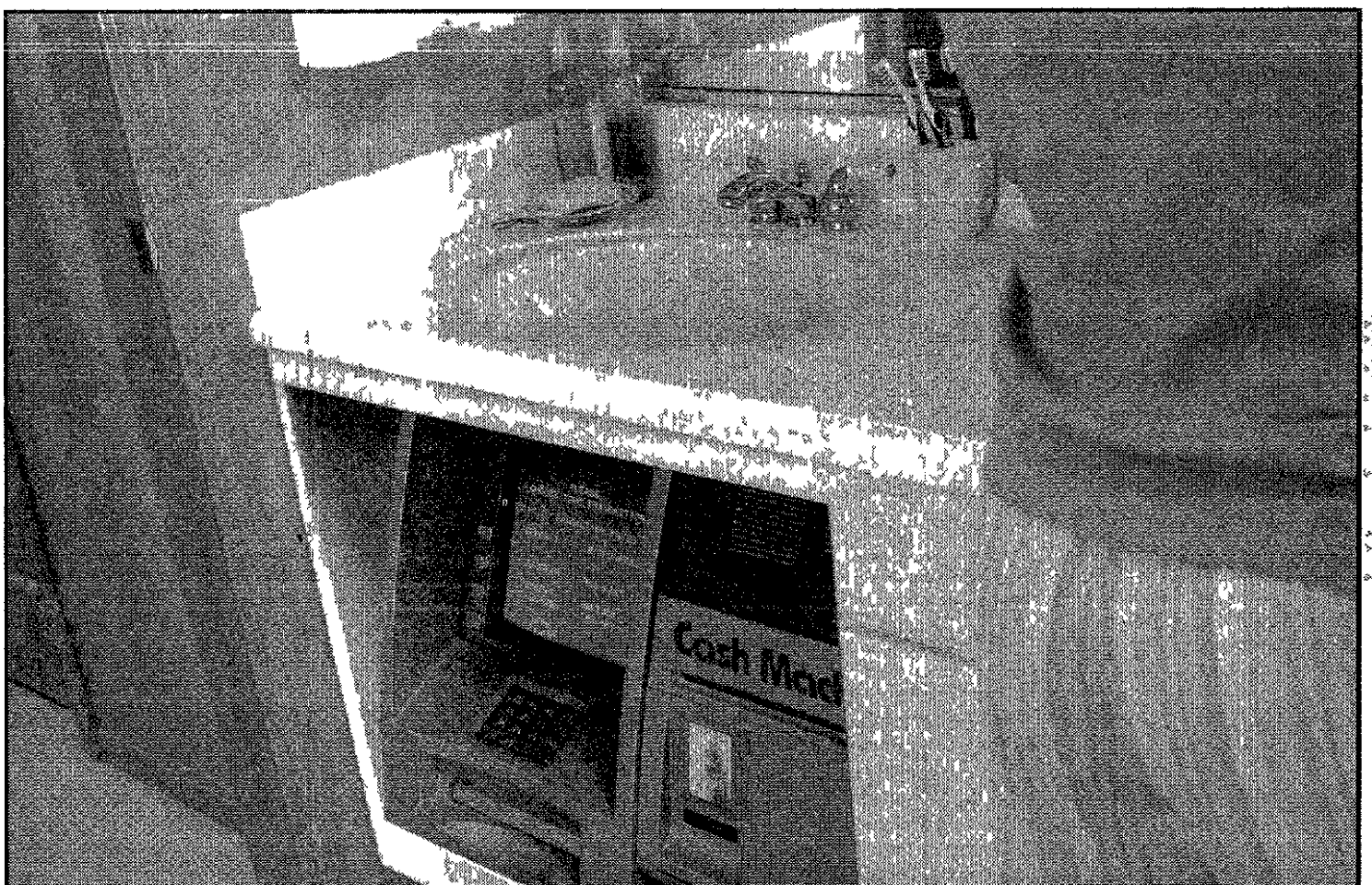
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■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p m — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult New members are welcome at any time For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

Survey gauges Penn interest

Local residents who want the Friends of the Penn to know how they feel about the downtown Plymouth landmark can do so by filling out the Penn Community Survey

The Friends of the Penn, a nonprofit corporation staffed by volunteers, is a grass-roots group seeking to preserve and maintain the Penn Theatre as a cinema and mixed-use community center

With that objective, the FoP is conducting a survey of the community (city and township) The survey asks whether or not the Penn should be saved from demolition at all The group is trying to gauge whether the community at large supports its efforts

We not wish to push an agenda with which the community does not agree," FoP board president Jennifer Philpot-Munson told supporters in an e-mail this week

Having said that, we suspect (from the level of interest thus far) that the community response will be quite positive"

The survey contains very basic questions about respondents' households, programming preferences, the likelihood of donation or membership purchase, etc This community feedback will later be used to finalize the group's business and fundraising plans

According to Philpot-Munson, good things have

already happened

■ The community has donated \$793 thus far

■ More than 1,100 signatures were collected on a petition distributed to local businesses

■ Some 99% of online survey respondents want to see the Penn saved

"Considering the fact that our group didn't even exist four weeks ago I think we're doing pretty well, Philpot-Munson said

Survey results will be discussed at the group's next meeting, the Envision the Penn Town Hall, set for 7 p m April 10 at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman in downtown Plymouth

FOR THE RECORD



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

DEATHS

J
Elizabeth Klaver Jenkins, 76, of Traverse City, died March 27

M
Mary Elizabeth "Molly" Mundt, 63, of Plymouth, died March 26

S
Ann Bleakley Spicer, 77 formerly of Birmingham, died March 28

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period March 23-29

■ Tuesday, March 29 — Industrial rescue run on Sheldon, rescue run on Harvey, smoke investigations on Mill and at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road

■ Monday, March 28 — Residential rescue runs on Beech Court and on Fairground, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and I-275

■ Sunday, March 27 — Residential rescue runs on Jener, on Hilltop, on Arthur, on Tyler, on Shadywood, on Maxwell and on Ridge, industrial rescue run on Jib, mutual-aid run on Manton, smoke investigation on Plymouth Road

■ Saturday, March 26 — Rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Ann Arbor Road, on Penniman, on Green Valley and on Hilltop, commercial rescue run on 5 Mile

■ Friday, March 25 — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Tyler, on Liberty and on Northville Road; rescue run on 5 Mile, vehicle accident with wash-down on 5 Mile at the CSX crossing

■ Thursday, March 24 — Single-family fire on Eaton, residential rescue runs on Adams Court on

Baywood, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Joann, carbon monoxide detector run on Green Valley, hazardous materials mutual-aid run on Rawsonville Road in Van Buren Township

■ Wednesday, March 23 — Rescue run at Hamilton and Red River, investigation on General, residential rescue runs on Plumtree, on Clemons, on Northville Road, on Sheridan and on Haggerty

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SOUND OFF

Musicians interested in buying or selling instruments and accessories will have another venue in which to do so - right in Garden City.

David Goldsworthy is about to open the doors to Blues Armen Guitars and Music, at 30955 Ford Road. Over the years he's operated a Web site - and a band - under the same name. Now he's decided to do something he's always dreamed of - own his own music store. Goldsworthy said he already owns plenty of inventory. He's been storing about 150 guitars in his basement and garage.

The store, scheduled to open in May, will sell guitars, bass guitars, amplifiers, drums and



accessories like strings and pedals, mostly on consignment. He envisions the inventory expanding, and he'll eventually bring in music teachers who offer instrument lessons.

Look for a variety of brands: Gibson, Fender, and other major names in music. Goldsworthy said the merchandise will range from beginners' instruments to collectibles.

This is something I've always wanted to do, he said. Blues Armen Guitars and Music will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (734) 525-9101 or check bluesarmenmusic.com.

GET ONLINE

When viruses attack a computer, Steve McLeod knows just how to fix it. As owner of recently-opened Internet City Computers in Westland, he does everything from sell and custom-build computers to repair them.

McLeod ran the business from his Livonia home for a few years, before opening the store in October. Since then, he's noticed more public exposure and is better equipped to

keep up with changing technology.

"Originally I got into Web design," he said. "I found building computers and repairing them to be a lot more exciting."

With the ever-growing world of technology, and the constant threat of new computer viruses, and spyware, McLeod maintains a steady business.

Customer Nancy Elder said Steve McLeod is as nice as they come. He is very helpful and courteous to all of his customers, and his prices are very reasonable - always below the prices of where I used to go.

McLeod doesn't keep a large inventory. He sells hard drives, memory, monitors, keyboards, and other accessories in the store, and aims to keep his prices fairly competitive. He

estimates a general service call costs about \$40.

Internet City Computers is at 35948 Ford Road in Westland. The store is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call (734) PC-STORE or visit www.internetcitycomputers.com.

FREE FOOD

There is such a thing as a free meal. And, even better, you can get a free meal while helping a good cause. The recently opened Qdoba Mexican Grill in Farmington Hills invites the community to an Open House Fiesta from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on

Friday, April 29 at the restaurant.

Bring the entire family for a free entree and fountain pop, balloons and coloring books for the kids, all to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Call (248) 354-0950 or (248) 324-2185 for more information.

Qdoba Mexican Grill is at 33224 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Staff Writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this report.

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.hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

SALE

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I don't think anyone could make it with just one or the other.

Vellucci said this year has been the best so far to date since the arena was opened in 1996 at Beck Road and M-14. The Whalers - members of the Ontario Hockey League - set a total attendance record of 109,699 fans for 34 home games. They averaged 3,224 fans per game, with 12 sell-outs.

However, it's been a struggle financially the past 10 years.

"The arena is great for the community, but certainly isn't a huge moneymaker," said Vellucci, who has worked for Karmanos 14 years, and helped supervise construction of the arena.

Four years ago, our attendance was way down, our lowest ever, said Vellucci. "But, we've added the drive-in during the summer, graduations, the Michigan high school hockey playoffs. That leads to more gate receipts more

advertising and more concessions.

"They are looking up, but there's a long way to go," he added. "We've done a better job of motions and marketing, and the community around here is growing."

Velli said it's only been the past couple of seasons the arena's Whalers have made enough to be near the break-even point.

Part of the reason is the spend of money sponsoring the Compuware youth league program and Wayne State University hockey, said Vellucci. "Mr. Karmanos wants the operations facility to operate like a premier program in the city, which we believe it is."

Velli revealed he had discussed with the past couple of years both Plymouth city and township officials about the \$22 million arena the municipalities, and transferring it back.

Plymouth Township trustee Steve Mann, who was supervisor at the time, said he had lunch with Karmanos and Vellucci in Gino's.

Restaurant, located in Compuware Arena.

"We met once, and I spoke with Vellucci on a couple of other occasions, but it didn't result in anything," said Mann. "I think they were being prudent in reviewing their business dealings and holdings, and seeing how to restructure and capitalize on revenue."

I think it would have been very difficult to have the right mix so it would be beneficial to the township, he said. No price ever came up, but we were well aware of the cost of the facility to begin with, and knew the magnitude of the proposal.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock's discussions with Compuware began a couple of years after the arena opened, but the situation was reversed. We talked with them about perhaps privately managing the Cultural Center," said Sincock. But, they weren't interested in our total operations, only in control of the ice rink. That presented some problems for us, so we didn't pursue it any further.

Several years later, Sincock was invited to a meeting with

Karmanos and Vellucci at Compuware headquarters, at that time located in Farmington Hills, about buying Compuware Arena.

"We did have our outside financial consultants look at that option, but it didn't seem to work to our financial benefit," said Sincock. Frankly, we didn't have the cash flow to do it."

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with both front and back entrances, said Toney. Our main goal was to have every thing on one floor so it can be handicap accessible.

The chamber's lease on its current 2,500 square feet of office space is up in July, which is when Toney hopes to move into the new location.

Ang's owner Ernie Gaggos said he decided to streamline his business rather than close the cafe and gift shop.

"I think everybody has been hurt to some degree as the economy has been off," Gaggos said. "I had the option of closing the store, but we love Plymouth. We'll be smaller, but still carry the most popular lines in cards and gifts."

Reid who operates Richard Reid in Southfield, said

it's unusual to sell space in the middle of a strip. However, he felt it was important to keep the Chamber of Commerce downtown.

The chamber is important, the key to functioning downtown business, and they need to remain downtown," Reid said. "We want downtown to remain a vital retail area."

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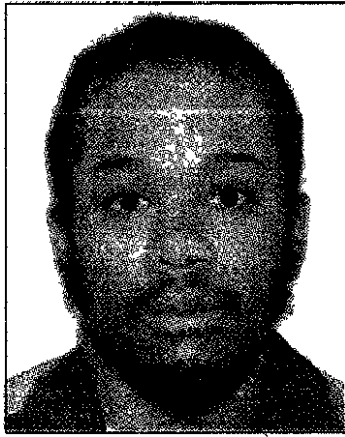
How much is your life worth? Dickey, 52, who lives in a mobile home in Sherwood Village on Old Michigan Avenue near Haggerty and his son handed over to the man all the money they had on them, which amounted to about \$41, according to police reports. The man then went through their wallets, and took note of their addresses.

He told us he would kill us about four times. He said if we called the police or 9-1-1 he would come find us and kill us, Dickey recalled.

According to police reports, the gunman also told Dickey to give him the keys to his work van that was parked in the driveway, and Dickey obliged, thinking the old van wasn't worth dying for. The man left the house, jumped in the van and was about to make his getaway. That's when Dickey's 25-year-old son turned to him and said, "This isn't right, dad." He grabbed a hammer and went running out the door. Dickey Jr. ran up to the van as the man was backing out of the driveway, smashed the driver's side window out, and began to tussle with him.

SHOT GRAZES

As the elder Dickey came out of the house, he heard a shot



Detroit resident Terrance Haynes was charged with numerous felonies associated with the attack on Billy Dickey and his son. This photo was taken in 2002.

emanate from inside the van, and saw blood "fly up off" his son's head. The shot only grazed the side of his head, and he continued to struggle with the gunman. Dickey also joined in the struggle, and says the driver dragged both of them down the street.

A second shot went off, and this time Dickey Jr. fell to the ground. Thinking the worst about his son, the elder Dickey was able to pull open the door, and the man fired off the gun several more times. Dickey was struck in the back of the neck and twice in the left arm, but he still struggled with the gunman. His son, who was grazed on the other side of his head, regained consciousness and again joined the battle to

subdue the man, who was out of the van at this point.

"I'm amazed at how much I remember. People were just standing around watching. Finally a woman held up a cell phone and said she had called 9-1-1. Her husband, who is my hero, came down and helped us hold him down until the cops got there," Dickey said.

Dickey, who grew up in Plymouth, said he remembers sitting in the street, blood shooting out of the two bullet holes in his arm, thinking he was going to bleed to death. He used two of his fingers to plug the holes in his arm.

THE AFTERMATH

Several Detroit police officers arrived and arrested Terrance Nathaniel Haynes, 27. He was charged with numerous felonies, including two counts of armed robbery, carjacking, two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of felonious assault, home invasion, and possession of felony firearm. He was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court and will go on trial June 1. Amazingly Billy Dickey Jr., who lives in Dearborn Heights, walked away with only scratches on his head.

Dickey Sr. was transported to the trauma center at Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit. Surgeons removed the bullet from his neck, but decided to leave the bullets in his arm. One of the bullets is lodged

dangerously close to a vein leading to his hand. Doctors told him not to work for one year because they are worried the bullet may move around and cut off the circulation, which would result in the loss of use of his hand.

Unfortunately, Dickey does not have health insurance. His hospital bill for two days amounted to \$34,000, an astronomical amount for a man who has been told not to work for a year. And he hasn't yet received other doctor bills. In addition, he needs to see a neurological surgeon because the bullet in his neck struck a vertebrae. Doctors have also told him he is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I have pain in my head all the time, and it shoots down my arm and leg. The doctors told me the pain is due to nerve damage," Dickey said. "I can't see a neurosurgeon until I have the money or the insurance."

Dickey is not eligible for worker's compensation, because he was subcontracting the work at the Detroit home. He also can't get welfare because he lives alone. He has applied for Medicaid, but it could take months to find out if he is eligible. He has also applied for aid through the Michigan Crime Victims Compensation Fund to help pay his medical bills. He is still waiting for an answer.

In the meantime, Dickey sits at home and is unable to pay

his bills, which are stacking up at an alarming rate. His electricity and gas may be turned off any day.

DTE calls me everyday wanting me to pay my electric bill. And I tell them every day I was the victim of a crime and can't pay. I don't know what is going to happen, Dickey said.

HELP FROM FRIENDS

Several of Dickey's friends are trying to raise money for him to help him with his predicament. Richard Fourmier, a Redford resident who shares a grandson with Dickey, has even contemplated starting up an organization to help other crime victims like Dickey.

"Not only do we want to be able to raise money for victims like Billy, we want to be a resource for them to get help. Billy didn't know where to turn. There are organizations out there that can help. You just have to know where to find them," Fourmier said.

Another friend, Livonia resident Ronald Dickey (no relation), wants to spearhead a gun buy back program in Detroit to help get guns off the street so they can't be used.

I want to get some money together through gun manufacturers and dealers so we can get all the dopeheads and drug dealers to trade their guns in. We could give them \$300 per gun, which would be a real incentive. I promise you, it will eliminate a lot of guns off the

street. If you can give them a fair price, they will bring the guns to you," Ronald Dickey said. "I grew up in Detroit, and ran those streets for a long time. I did drugs. I know how these people think."

Fourmier has established an emergency relief fund for Dickey through the Comerica bank branch office in Redford. People interested in helping Dickey can contribute to The Billy Carl Dickey Fund by sending donations to P.O. Box 51293, Livonia, MI 48151. For more information, call (313) 255-9890.

Although the actual shooting is now a memory, Dickey thinks it has altered the rest of his life. He said the physical struggle with Haynes was nothing compared to the fight he is having to get help. He did nothing wrong, except be in the wrong place at the wrong time — something that could happen to anybody.

"Basically I'm a good person. I've never harmed anybody in my entire life. I just don't understand how the system works. Why can't I get help?"

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Class offers training to be weather spotter

Garden City Emergency Management, in cooperation with the Wayne County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps and the National Weather Service, will offer severe weather spotter training 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Maplewood Community Center.

The training is designed for community volunteers, amateur radio operators and public safety officials to enable them to identify key cloud formations and storm effects and report their findings to weather service meteorologists at the Detroit/Pontiac Forecast Office.

The information is used,

along with sophisticated technology, including Doppler radar, to issue severe thunderstorm and tornado watches and warnings to protect the public.

"Skywarn spotters are a key component of our communities emergency management activities, and annual training is an important step to assure their readiness in an emergency," said Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Bill Forbush.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) program fields about 50 volunteer amateur ham radio operators during storms to act as the local eyes of the Weather

Service. Public service, and particularly emergency communication, is one of the cornerstones of amateur radio," ACES Officer Dan Hancock said.

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OUR VIEWS

State should pay for inspections

Plymouth-Canton school district officials have worked hard the last few years to improve the quality of their bus fleet.

Now, with Gov Jennifer Granholm scrambling to save money everywhere, that reputation may be put to the test.

The governor wants to eliminate Michigan State Police inspections of local school buses, saving the state \$1.3 million in the process. That's all well and good, except that it helps ease the state's financial woes while putting the safety of our children at risk.

In Plymouth-Canton alone, some 10,000 students use transportation. District officials made sure the buses were increasingly safe, adding a couple of new mechanics when director of transportation Mel Latnie was hired four years ago.

Plymouth-Canton's bus fleet received nine red flags - denoting problems severe enough to keep buses off the road - in each of the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years, mainly because of old buses that had hundreds of thousands of miles on them.

As a bus replacement program was put in place, the red flags went down. There were only two the following year, and four last year, in a fleet of 130 buses. Last week, even as the governor was talking about eliminating the program, MSP inspectors were combing the Plymouth-Canton bus fleet. In the first 80 vehicles, only one red flag had been found.

District officials point out Plymouth-Canton drivers do pre-checks every day, but agree the MSP inspections provide a "great checks and balance." Not only do they provide the inspection, they teach drivers and mechanics what to look for, making the daily checks that much more thorough.

Eliminating the MSP inspections would force the district to privatize the inspections, a costly process for cash-poor districts, or leave the daily checks as the primary inspection mechanism. Either way, a district struggling to provide basic instruction would be hard-pressed to pay for those inspections.

Latnie points out the district can't afford another unfunded mandate, and we agree shifting the cost to individual districts would be an unfair tax shift.

We trust Plymouth-Canton officials will find a way to keep the children safe, if it comes to that. We just don't think Granholm should let it come to that.

Granholm right to honor commitment

We're happy that Gov Jennifer Granholm has decided to honor a promise made by her predecessor and award graduating seniors this year and next who qualified for up to \$500 in scholarships while in middle school.

After all the political name-calling, it is the right thing to do. A commitment made on paper to citizens of the state by one governor must be honored, even by a governor of the other party. We are concerned that state record keeping is so poor that it took the governor a week to discover that parents had been informed that their children would receive a \$500 scholarship. But all's well that ends well.

Though not a large amount of money, especially at a time of escalating college tuition and fees, \$500 can be an important part of a student's total financing package. Students are also eligible for the \$2,500 Merit Award if they score well on their 11th-grade MEAP tests.

At a time when the governor is encouraging more students to receive postsecondary education, she should have looked somewhere else to save money in the state's troubled budget (the cost is estimated at \$9 million).

Granholm has said that education at all levels is the state's top priority. She's made a serious effort to push postsecondary education, a position bolstered by the findings of the Cherry Commission, a panel appointed by the governor and chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry.

The commission concluded that Michigan must increase the number of residents who receive postsecondary education to remain competitive with other states in attracting high-tech businesses.

It was inconsistent for the governor to take away money from students that would support that basic conclusion of the Cherry Commission.

But Granholm's plan to change the awarding of the Merit Scholarship is a move in the right direction and consistent with support for serious students. Granholm proposes replacing the \$2,500 Merit Scholarship awarded upon graduation with a \$4,000 grant for students who have completed two years at a university, college or community college.

We agree with the governor that this will encourage students to complete their education and we encourage the Legislature to seriously consider the idea.



LETTERS

Jack Gladden will be missed

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate staff writer Jack Gladden on all his successes with the *Observer* and to wish him the best of luck in retirement.

Whether Mr. Gladden was covering the townships planning commission or the board of trustees, I was impressed with his desire to give both sides an opportunity to explain their position. That required additional research and fact checking on his part, one of many reasons his reporting was highly regarded.

Jack's human interest stories speak for themselves - his passion for the subject was evident.

Jack will be missed. His colleagues have large shoes to fill. Fortunately, because he is a Canton resident, we will be able to continue to call him neighbor.

Karl Zarbo

Canton Township trustee

Positives in Iraq, too

It would be nice to see some positive things about the war in Iraq.

Did you know that 47 countries have re-established their embassies in Iraq?

Did you know that the Iraqi government employs 1.2 million Iraqi people?

Did you know that 3,100 schools have been renovated, 364 schools are under rehabilitation, 263 schools are now under construction and 38 new schools have been built in Iraq?

Did you know that Iraq's higher educational structure consists of 20 universities, 46 institutes or colleges and four research centers?

Did you know that 25 Iraq students departed for the United States in January 2004 for the re-established Fulbright program?

Did you know that the Iraqi Navy is operational? They have five 100-foot patrol craft, 34 smaller vessels and a naval infantry regiment.

Did you know that Iraq's Air Force consists of three operation squadrons, nine reconnaissance and three US C-130 transport aircraft which operate day and night, and will soon add 16 UH-1 helicopters and four Bell jet rangers?

Did you know that Iraq has a counter-terrorist unit and a Commando Battalion?

Did you know that the Iraqi Police Service has over 55,000 fully trained and equipped police officers?

Did you know that there are five Police Academies in Iraq that produce over 3,500 new officers each eight weeks?

Did you know there are more than 1,100 building projects going on in Iraq? They include 364 schools, 67 public clinics, 15 hospitals, 83 railroad stations, 22 oil facilities, 93 water facilities and 69 electrical facilities.

Did you know that 96 percent of Iraqi children under the age of 5 have received the first two series of polio vaccinations?

Did you know that 4.3 million Iraqi children were enrolled in primary school by mid-October?

Did you know that there are 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq and phone use has gone up 158 percent?

Did you know that Iraq has an independent media that consist of 75 radio stations, 180 newspapers and 10 television stations?

Did you know that the Baghdad Stock Exchange opened in June of 2004?

Did you know that two candidates in the Iraqi presidential election had a televised debate recently?

(This is verifiable on the Department of Defense Web site.)

Suzanne Thiele
Livonia

Helping to cut costs

President George W. Bush and Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm are urging more at-home care for Medicaid clients. I applaud these budget-cutting moves. About 5 percent of those in the state's

nursing homes are improperly placed, according to Michigan Department of Community Health reports. They don't need 24-hour care at \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month. They can be happier in their own homes or an assisted setting at less than half that.

But to qualify for long-term care under Medicaid, patients typically must enter a nursing home. It once cost Medicaid \$4,200 monthly for 80-year-old Hester Woods to live in a nursing home.

Now she lives in her own one-bedroom apartment in the American House Senior Living Residence in Hazel Park. It costs Medicaid \$600 monthly for her meals and at-home care. Her Social Security covers her rent.

Her recent move saves taxpayers \$3,600 monthly, achieved when The Area Agency on Aging I-B and American House's Stephanie Donaldson utilized an MI Choice Medicaid Waiver Program. It lets patients receive Medicaid-covered services in their homes.

American House Senior Living Residences are proud to play a role in this MI Choice program. David Schless, president of the American Seniors Housing Association in Washington, D.C., says, "American House and the Michigan MI Choice Medicaid waiver work extremely well for the residents, their families and the taxpayers alike."

Robert W. Gillette

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American House Senior Living Residences
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Let government pay bill

I believe it would be very easy to resolve the governments role in the Terri Schiavo story. All US citizens should make out a living will authorizing the federal government to pay the entire cost of keeping them alive, forever, if they are ever declared brain-dead.

Have the will notarized, keep a copy, and send a copy to your US Congressman.

John Quay
Redford

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It's all propaganda

Thank you so much for putting into print (March 17 column by Philip Power, "Fairness in journalism on its way to becoming an old idea") a concern that I have had for a very long time.

I've always talked about the 'myth' of the liberal media. I've also almost completely stopped listening to the radio except for NPR, and almost never watch TV news. The opposite of buying into everything that is brought out in a particular newscast is not believing anything you hear or read. I'm afraid that's pretty much where I am at this point. Now the 'progressives' are fighting back with more of the same. That's what it is, more of the same, propaganda.

We now not only not listen to other points of view, we demonize them.

Neither side on most issues will acknowledge any legitimacy to the other's position. We are cutting ourselves off from serious, informed debate. For those of us who want to know the deeper side to the issues, it is very difficult or even impossible to get reliable information and, more critically, almost impossible to have a calm and enlightened discussion about the issues that are now so critical. Thank you again. I shall look forward to your future columns.

Marshall Hutchinson
Farmington Hills

Stop feeding fat cats

Radical Republicans want absolute power to appoint Supreme Court justices that will favor corporate interests and the extreme right over the rest of us.

Although, last term Senate Democrats confirmed almost 95 percent of President Bush's judicial nominees, eliminating the filibuster is not about overcoming "obstructionism," it's about the desire for complete one-party control.

It's time for the corporatist, Christian Taliban right wing to stop its catering to fat cats and fringe groups.

Leon Juncaj
Farmington Hills

QUOTABLE

"As a parent, you trust the safety of the bus driver to pick up the kids at the appropriate time, and then you expect the vehicle to be properly maintained, just like you'd maintain your own personal vehicle. The safety of our kids is the most important thing."

- Paul Michalsen, Plymouth Township resident, on hearing Gov. Jennifer Granholm would like to eliminate annual state school bus inspections.

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State government continues to bleed our great universities

Here we go again. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature agreed last week on mid-year spending cuts to erase a \$380 million deficit in the state budget. State universities took a \$25 million hit, supposedly offset by a deal that gives higher education first dibs if tax revenue comes in above projections. (Don't hold your breath.)

Sound familiar? It should. It's been the same sad story for years. State support for higher education was once considered something society was just supposed to do, something that, in addition, benefited not only students and their families but the citizens and the economy of the entire state. Now, however, it has evolved, or degenerated, into a system of private user fees, accompanied by a gradual deterioration of what used to be one of Michigan's most wonderful assets.

Thirty years ago, state appropriations covered roughly 75 percent of the operating revenues of Michigan public universities. Today the proportions are nearly reversed, with tuition and fees accounting for a bit more than 60 percent. Think about this: Michigan now spends more on warehousing felons in our prison system than in educating our young people at college.

Talk about misplaced priorities! Unless, of course, we want to be known more for the size of our prisons than the quality of our work force. Frankly, for a state whose economic base in brown-based manufacturing is evaporating before our eyes, the policies we are following are nuts. And this trend is a road sign on the route to economic disaster.

If we are to have a future, the health of our great universities is paramount. If we are going to maintain our historic base in auto-related manufacturing, it will be only by keeping research, engineering and upper management functions in Michigan — precisely those activities that require university degrees. It is perfectly clear that the agile manufacturing techniques of the future will require a college-educated work force.

And if we have any hope of generating a diversified economy — life sciences, homeland security, information technology, whatever — we must attract highly educated entrepreneurs who can translate the discoveries of university research labs into the reality of high-tech startup companies.

But you don't get there by inflicting on your best schools the slow death of a thousand cuts. Michigan for years has had a state budget that is chronically and structurally unbalanced by more than \$1 billion each year. This has been aggravated further by the bad economy of the past few years.

What to do? The obvious remedy is to conclusively address the core of the problem, the structural budget deficit. My own preference would be

to radically reduce business taxes and at the same time broaden the state sales tax to include services and at the same time reduce the rate.

A general sales tax pegged at 5 percent, for example, would nearly wipe out the structural deficit while also aligning our tax system with the increased service base of our economy.

Frankly, I doubt if the occupants of our political system have either the guts or the farsightedness to adopt such a step.

Instead, the politicians have been relying for years on a policy that can only be described as remorseless incrementalism, in which the Legislature and governor make numerous little cuts, year after year, throughout the entire state budget. The result? Overall priorities are seldom respected and the most important things in our state's future — our great universities, for example — are subject to death by slow bleeding.

They are doing that, of course, because they think it is the best course politically for them. Intellectually, the only way you can rationally justify such an approach is to argue that Michigan is merely experiencing a cyclical decline in our economy, and everything will turn around if we just hold out for a while longer. That argument made sense in 1955.

Sadly, there is no evidence that it is true in 2005. Our real economic problems are deeper, caused by fundamental changes in technology and overall economic conditions, not mere oscillations in the business cycle.

All this has produced the worst of all possible outcomes for our state universities. Simultaneously they face budget cuts year after year, they are prohibited from managing their income by arbitrary caps placed on tuition increases, and they are asked by the Cherry Commission and others to double their output of graduates during the next decade.

As my old philosophy professor used to say, these are mutually exclusive and jointly exhaustive. As for the future — readers might remember the old story about the frog in the pot of cold water on the stove. You put a frog in the pot and you slowly turn up the heat, a degree or two at a time. Supposedly the frog will sit quietly until, yep, he's poached.

Based on the way we are going, the combined effect of our present policies will leave our signature universities well and truly poached. As the governor and Legislature consider this, they might also investigate how much it will cost to repair our universities once we discover our goose is, well, cooked. What is clear is that the costs, and the grief, will be far higher than doing the right thing now would be.

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

Schoolyard habitats provide invaluable learning experience

The schoolyard habitat program taking place at several Plymouth-Canton elementary schools is one of those projects that just makes perfect sense on so many levels. You almost have to wonder why it isn't something practiced at all schools, not just in this district, but schools everywhere. Not only are these projects good for the environment, because they restore native vegetation in our neighborhoods, but they can also be powerful educational tools, and a way to strengthen community ties all at the same time. And to top it off, there is very little cost to the district.

Four Plymouth-Canton Schools elementary schools (Allen, Bentley, Farrand and Hoben) will share \$8,000 in grants to develop schoolyard habitats that feature plants indigenous to this area, including many that have been decimated by the development of so many strip malls and subdivisions. These plants also attract a wide variety of insects, birds and other wildlife, creating an incredible hands-on, interactive classroom that can pique the interest of even the most detached student.

One of the driving forces behind the schoolyard habitat program is Rick Plecha, a fifth-grade teacher at Field Elementary. He spearheaded the wildlife habitat project along Truesdell Creek behind Canton's Field Elementary into what he calls one of the district's crown jewels. Plecha said most of the schoolyards in the district aren't eco-friendly. The grants, which were provided by Visteon and the Plymouth Community United Way, should help change that, he said.

In terms of the environment, we'll take a school that traditionally is undiverse, with only grass and a few trees, and introduce plants that are indigenous and encourage insect and bird interaction, Plecha said. "It increases the diversity of animals at the school site."

Because of the rapid pace of development, our schools offer some of the last areas of open space in our neighborhoods. So it is important to maintain some natural vegetation. In the case of the Field Elementary project along Truesdell Creek, the restored native vegetation actually helps improve the water quality of the Rouge River tributary, because the plants help prevent erosion.

Just as important, these habitat projects also provide our children with a unique educational opportunity. The hands-on learning allows the students to get their hands dirty, and get beyond the theories and lecturing of the traditional classroom. Students who often snooze through a lecture are excited to get outside and participate in something they can touch and feel, and help shape with their own hands.

Seeing the value of having interested students, many teachers in the district are incorporating the habitat projects into their earth science curriculums, which really connects students with the subject they are learning about.

The schoolyard habitats are also true community projects, because they not only involve teachers and students, but also local volunteers, such as garden club members and parents, as well as the businesses that have contributed funding for the projects. This does a great deal with cementing ties between the district and the larger community, particularly with people who don't have children in the schools.

In addition to arithmetic, science and writing, our public schools are supposed to teach our children how to be productive members of the community. These schoolyard projects do just that, because they get the students to take ownership of a positive feature in the community. In fact, one teacher at Allen uses the schoolyard ecosystem to teach her emotionally impaired students important life lessons. She believes the hands-on learning helps their self-esteem because they see all their hard work come to fruition as the habitats take bloom and come to life.

Ultimately, these projects also teach our children that they have a stake in maintaining a healthy environment, something that benefits us all. The individual decisions we make at home — what kind of fertilizers we put on our lawns, how we dispose of household hazardous substances, etc. — impact the water quality of our streams and the air we breathe.

Older generations didn't necessarily understand this impact. We must teach our children to respect the environment, or past failures will only continue.

April 22 is Earth Day, which is in its 35th year. In addition to being innovative learning tools, these schoolyard habitats are a perfect way to celebrate the milestone.



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Hendrix brings mayoral campaign to suburbs

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Freman Hendrix brought his campaign for mayor of Detroit to the suburbs Monday, saying Detroit can't solve its problems on its own and needs a leader who brings "experience integrity and reality to the position."

Hendrix, 54, chief of staff and deputy mayor for former Mayor Dennis Archer met with HomeTown Communications editors in Livonia.

Hendrix is running against incumbent first-term Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Detroit City Councilwoman Sharon McPhail.

The image of the city affects the entire region. What happens in the city affects you, Hendrix said.

Using Archer as his model, Hendrix said his former boss was an inspiration to thousands of people.

He brought money and confidence to a city that we didn't

have before, Hendrix said. Archer reached out to other parts of the state, Hendrix said, and it paid off by humanizing the city's mayor and the city itself.

It starts to change the discussion and how their (out-state) politicians campaign when it comes to the city of Detroit," Hendrix said.

This bridge building makes it harder for the opposition to rail against the city of Detroit, he said.

In his campaign Web site, www.fremanhendrix.com, Hendrix acknowledges that despite some pleasant residential areas such as the Boston Edison neighborhood, the image of the city is one of crime, deterioration and neglect. But, he said, some suburbs are beginning to experience their own similar problems.

As the suburbs grow more brown and more black, the close suburbs are aging. The Southfields, Royal Oaks, Redfords and Dearborns have

more in common with the city. It's aging vs. development, he said.

Detroit and its near suburbs need to work together to slow urban sprawl, Hendrix said. A key component is the development of a regional mass transit system.

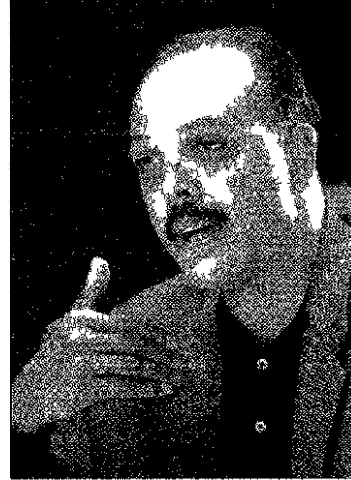
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Transportation has been the bane of our region. I won't even talk about Toronto, Washington or New York. But we are at the bottom of every major urban area," he said. "The politics of race, party, suburbs vs. city. Everyone bears some of the blame."

Hendrix said he supports development of light rail lines and said he is interested in Ferndale's plan to begin its own mile of rail. He said he would be willing to match them "mile for mile."

But crime, not transportation, is Hendrix's No. 1 issue for obvious reasons.

If we can't have a safe city, people won't come to live and



Hendrix

work here," he said.

He was critical of Kilpatrick for increasing staffing at the precincts at the expense of cutting specialty units dealing with gangs and drugs, which Hendrix said were more effective in dealing with the most serious crime problems.

On his Web site, Hendrix advocates a closer working relationship between the police department and neighborhood

organizations. He also advocates a "zero tolerance" program similar to those in Boston, New York and Los Angeles.

The Web site says, "The principle behind zero tolerance is the idea that by cracking down on the minor crimes, you can prevent the major ones."

In addition to crime, the city's other major problem is a pending financial crisis, Hendrix said. The city faces the real threat of bankruptcy. He said the threat of going into receivership might be a lever for dealing with the city's unions in next year's negotiations.

Hendrix supports a return to "zero-based" budgeting rather than across-the-board budget cuts. He also advocates sharply reducing the number of city departments and reducing the number of management positions.

PARTNERSHIPS

He said Archer's demeanor

was helpful in attracting investment to the city. He said he would also seek more private-public partnerships with business and private foundations. He said Archer had a full-time foundation liaison and he would also.

Hendrix acknowledges that he has less name recognition than Kilpatrick or McPhail, who has previously run countywide for prosecutor and county executive. But, he said, he wants to be the "grown-up" in the campaign.

"I don't know if there's a candidate who brings the experience I can bring to the job," he said. Kwame came to office with a steep learning curve and it's evident in the way the city is being run."

Hendrix said he's had a lot of success as a campaign manager, having managed Archer's campaigns and Bill Clinton's Michigan campaign.

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Dinner pairs high-end wines with three-star dishes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Konowalow expects La Balade Bodelaise, the April 2 fund-raising dinner for students in the Brigade program at Schoolcraft College, to be an educational as well as sensual experience. Guests will not only be treated to a six-course dinner, but savor Bordeaux wines from the 1980s. Certified Executive Chef Marcus Haight and post-graduate students from the Brigade program are preparing dishes from two and three-star French restaurants to complement the 61 different bottles of wine.

Fle Boudt, owner of Elie Wine Company in Royal Oak,

along with a few of his friends, is donating the wine. Elie Wine specializes in French wines and is one of the largest purveyors of French wines in the country. Boudt will be at the dinner to speak to what Bordeaux means and what the 1980s means to Bordeaux.

Not only will the dinner provide an education in Bordeaux wines but the money raised will allow Brigade students to go to Paris to learn firsthand about two- and three-star restaurants and the way food is prepared in France.

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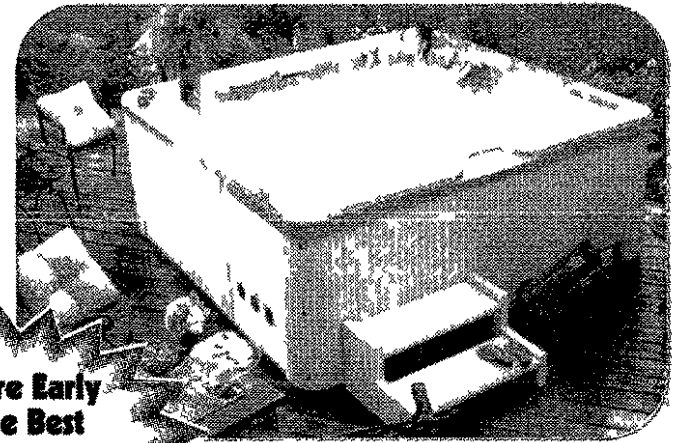
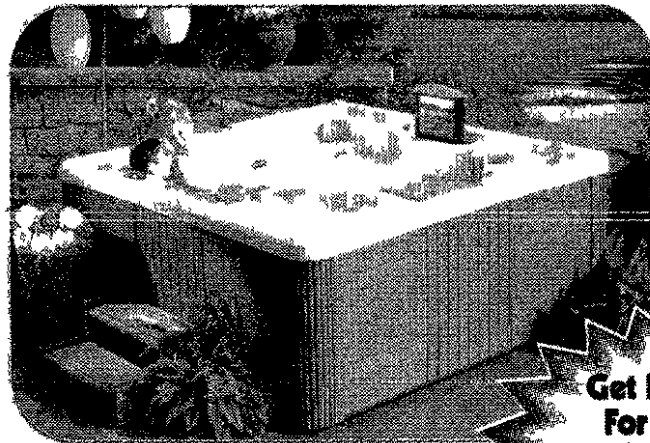


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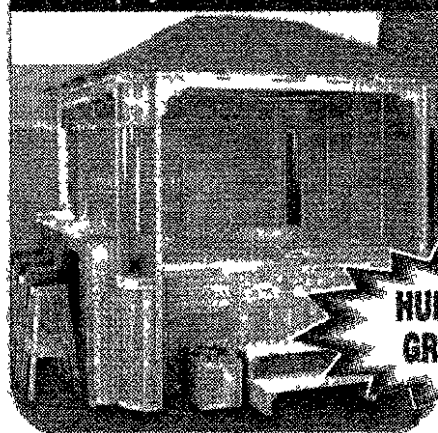
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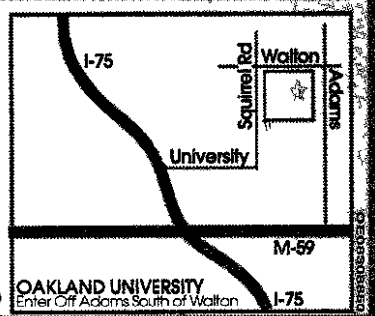
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Compacts with figurals are some of Trayce Fenton's favorite collections

Making it personal

Collector enjoys wide variety of antiques

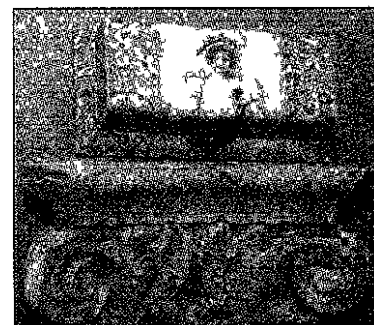
BY MARY KLEMIC
 STAFF WRITER

The delight is in the details – the tiny figures on compacts, the delicate beadwork on purses, the intricate patterns on boxes. Collections bring pleasure to Bloomfield resident Trayce Fenton. To her, collecting is a way of life as well as a business. “I’ve been a collector for years. It’s a sort of passion of mine,” Fenton said. “Basically it’s just what your eye goes to. There are so many things to collect, it’s really a personal thing, it’s what you have a passion for. Then when you go on the hunt, it’s exciting.” Her early interest in antiques led her to become an antiques dealer. Formerly an employee at Cowboy Trader in Birmingham, she is now a dealer at Crimson Rose Antiques in Birmingham. Fenton is also a committee member for The Community House Antiques and Garden Show, taking place next month at The Community House in Birmingham (see related item on page 3). “I’ve always had an appreciation for collecting,” she said.

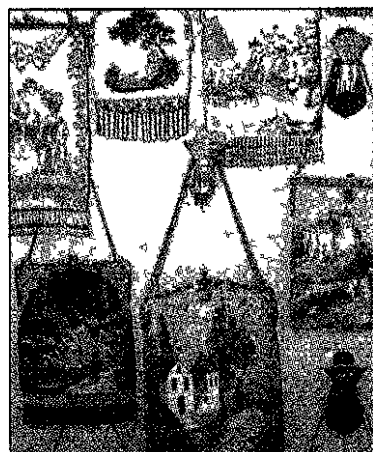
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Trayce Fenton here with family pet Cisco has always appreciated collecting. Below from left: purses with delicate beadwork are Fenton's favorites; other antiques feature fascinating details, and cowboy boots also are part of the collectibles.



Architectural elements in the Fenton home make distinctive shelves for such items as celluloid boxes.



Antiques offer lifelong adventure to expert

BY MARY KLEMIC
 STAFF WRITER

With elements that include detective work, history lessons and suspense, exploring the field of antiques is always an adventure. And it has been a lifelong adventure for *Antiques Roadshow* appraiser Leslie Keno, who hosts *Find!* on PBS with his twin brother, Leigh.



Leslie Keno

the antiques field is all of us are always learning,” he said in a phone

interview recently. “Certainly the more pieces you look at in flea markets, antique shows, auction houses – the better.”

“We can’t always pick up pieces in museums, it’s just really important to get out. It’s important to do research, in the library, on the Internet. Try to specialize and research that area as much as possible.”

At a brunch Friday, April 15, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Keno will speak on *Hidden Treasures: Masterpieces of American Furniture*.

His talk will feature discussions of discoveries from the 2000 book *Hidden Treasures: Searching for Masterpieces of American Furniture*, which the Keno brothers wrote with Joan Barzilay Freund.

PLEASE SEE EXPERT, B3

Download some of the best software money can't buy

Some of the most useful and inventive software on the planet can be yours for the price of a download.

Let's start with OpenOffice.org, which is the name of both the product and the Web site. This professional-grade office suite rivals Microsoft Office, which costs considerably more than nothing. Version 2.0, currently in beta, includes a word processor, spreadsheet, database, presentation manager and drawing program.

Don't want to deal with the hassles of incompatible files? No problem – OpenOffice.org can create, open, edit, and save Word, Excel, and PowerPoint documents. Plus, it's available for multiple platforms, including Windows, Macintosh, and Linux.



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Rick Broida

This is an outstanding solution for college students, home offices, and pretty much anyone who wants Microsoft Office-caliber functionality without the sticker shock.

REMOTE ACCESS

Speaking of insanely practical software, if you travel with a notebook and often find yourself wishing you had access to files on your home or office PC, you need MyWebEx PC (www.mywebexpc.com).

Also ideal for telecommuting,

this awesome freebie provides total access to a remote PC. It's not just for transferring files, although it can do that – it's for actually taking control of a remote system, enabling you to work as though you were actually sitting in front of it.

I had originally been using the popular GoToMyPC for the same purpose, but it costs a whopping \$240 per year. Sayonara!

Meanwhile, I've recently started experimenting with podcasting, which is kind of like an audio version of blogging (see last week's column).

If you want to see what all the fuss is about, start with iPodder (www.ipodder.org), a program that automatically downloads new podcasts as they become available. My favorite: the weekly 'cast from Ronald D. Moore, creator of the new *Battlestar*

Galactica TV series (phenomenal sci-fi, by the way).

Want to create your own podcasts? All you need is a microphone, your computer, and Audacity (audacity.sourceforge.net) – a freeware audio recorder and editor. This amazing tool also enables you to turn vinyl records, cassette tapes, and other analog sources into digital audio files.

CHAT SERVICES

Finally, we come to a program that solves the problem of multiple instant-messaging programs. Trillian (www.ceruleanstudios.com) lets you chat with AIM, ICQ, MSN, Yahoo Messenger, and IRC users, all from within a single program.

It's remarkably full-featured for a freebie, but it's also a hair

on the complicated side – especially when it comes to setting up your accounts.

Even so, it's a must-have for anyone who relies on multiple chat services.

Rick's Product Pick of the Week: I wrote about Napster To Go (www.napster.com) a few weeks ago, and the more I use it, the more I like it. Its Internet radio stations and pre-built playlists are alone worth downloading the 14-day free trial.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books including *How To Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Accents

Sense of humor

Southeast Oakland County Water Authority master composter volunteers will present free, one-hour workshops, *Secrets of the Soil – With a Sense of Humor*, Saturday, April 2, at four English Gardens stores.

The workshops are part of English Gardens' Garden Party event.

Topics to be covered include secrets of the soil, soil testing, making compost the easy way, using compost to protect water quality, and earth-friendly fertilizers.

Times are 10 a.m. at English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Royal Oak/Troy, and 1 p.m. at English Gardens in Dearborn Heights and Clinton Township.

Advance registration is requested. Call SOCWA weekdays at (248) 288-5150.

In addition, master composters will be on hand 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Bloomfield and Royal Oak/Troy stores to assist with soil testing. Soil test kits will be available for purchase and hands-on instruction provided.

For English Gardens locations, call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Clarification

Part of a tip about hanging pictures from Morris and James Carey was deleted from the March 17 *At Home* section.

The completion should have read:

Before you hang anything, turn it over and put stick-on rubber bumpers on each corner or a bead of silicone caulk. Be sure to let it dry first. You can even roll up masking tape, inside out, and put it on each corner. Then hang it and line it up. It'll help keep your frame straight and level, you won't have to adjust it every time someone slams a door.

Organic growing

As metropolitan areas continue to expand, urban sprawl has quickly overtaken the natural landscape. Gardeners in those areas need to learn to work in constrictive environments.

Organic farming innovator Jay North has written a book, *The Windowsill Organic Gardener*.

Organic Gardener: Organic Growing for the Urban Gardener, to help apartment dwellers cultivate their vegetables in the book. North shows city dwellers how to grow their own favorite vegetables, herbs and edible flowers in windowsill boxes and inside their own home. This organic process is done without gardening hydroponically and free of high intensity lights.

The Windowsill Organic Gardener: Organic Growing for the Urban Gardener is for anyone who appreciates fresh, healthy, organic vegetables.

Gardeners can order *The Windowsill Organic Gardener* by visiting North's web site www.GoingOrganic.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Metropolitan Rose Society

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday April 1 at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center 3500 Marais east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile Road. Tom Taylor noted rose judge and consulting rosarian will speak on Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning Your Roses. 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 April 4 at Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Composting experts Jane and Allan Geisler will speak on Organic Gardening showing slides and discussing gardens in which only organic products are used. Guests are welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 5 at the Livonia Senior Center Five Mile at Farmington Road. Carole Czechowski will demonstrate how to develop and maintain topiaries. Visitors are welcome.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet Tuesday April 5 at the Beverly Hills Village Office 18500 W 13 Mile. Ann Cline will present the 1 p.m. program Iris. Guests are welcome.

Perennials

Learn start up tips for the gardener who is new to perennial flowers in Perennial Tips a class scheduled Wednesday April 6 at The Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$22. To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. In the class you will receive information on plant selection, planting and care that will save you time and money and make your garden look more like a catalog picture sooner. Instructor Julia Dingle has been an advanced master gardener since 1995 and an instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since 1999. She is a principal of The Classic Garden a

custom design installation and maintenance service.

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 6 at the Brownstown Community Center 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown south of Sibley and north of West Road. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

George Hartley former district director of the American Rose Society will speak on Roses One on One A Guide for Beginners. In his talk Hartley will review all the basics of rose growing from selecting bed preparation care and how to handle problems and share colorful slides of his favorite rose varieties. Hartley has grown roses for decades and is a well known exhibitor speaker and writer.

Roses West

Roses West will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday April 7 at the Novi Community Center 45175 W 10 Mile. The program will be Growing Roses One on one by George Hartley.

Garden design

Learn how to select and arrange plants for individual beds or small areas within a landscape and see basic methods for putting the design on paper in Garden Design a class meeting five Saturdays beginning April 9 at The Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$168. The class has pre requisites. To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Instructor Pam Palechek owns and operates Petal Pushers and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years. She has been an instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception.

Great Gardens

Goldner Walsh Nursery continues its Cabin Fever Lecture Series with Great Gardens of America 7 p.m. Friday April 15 a benefit for the Belle Isle Conservatory.

Speaker Julia Janiak Goldner Walsh

garden center manager and buyer will take you on an exciting travelogue of her favorite gardens seen on her buying trips across America. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 332-6430 for more information or to make a reservation. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The evening will include a slide presentation of public and private gardens she has visited in Napa Valley Florida Colorado Washington DC Texas New York Oregon Georgia Ohio Pennsylvania and Wyoming. Learn how the gardens have inspired Janiak as a gardener and garden center buyer.

Refreshments will be served.

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.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Ins and Outs of Plants Mondays April 4-18 in Livonia (fee is \$102). Weeds Tuesday April 5 in Livonia or Thursday April 14 in Pontiac (\$42). Pruning Trees and Shrubs three sessions beginning Wednesday April 6 in Livonia (\$102). Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems four sessions beginning Wednesday April 6 in Pontiac (\$137). Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials five sessions beginning Thursday April 7 in Pontiac (\$168). Designing the Outdoor Living Room Saturday April 9 in Pontiac (\$42) and Garden Maintenance Workshop four sessions beginning Tuesday April 12 in Livonia (\$137).

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

Euthanasia is an emotional issue for cat owners

No other animal causes such diverse feelings as cats.

When someone dislikes dogs, they say, 'I don't like dogs.' When someone dislikes cats, they say, 'I hate cats.'

I think cats are pretty cool. They're individuals, much like people, and control their emotions better than dogs.

I would still say I'm a dog person, but I can understand why cats now outnumber dogs as pets in the United States.

Cats can have their problems. They can be destructive, or foul areas of the home with their urine.

People can get to the end of their rope with their cat in an awful hurry.

At the end of that rope is often euthanasia.

The most common cause of death of cats in this country annually is euthanasia for behavioral problems, especially bathroom behavior in inappropriate spots.

When I speak to a cat lover about the concerns of behavioral problems, it often seems almost like a joke. One of those 'it only happens to the other guy' things.

When I mention how often the inappropriate behavior leads to euthanasia, they will look appalled. What kind of monster would ever do that to an innocent creature?

That's where they're wrong.

Most people who reach that decision have tried and tried to correct things. Perhaps they made mistakes early, but usually they have made real attempts to make things right.

After you've spent a lot of time and money trying to stop the behavior, when the new couch becomes a litter box, frustration makes you realize something needs to be done.

Euthanasias for health issues can be difficult, with people weeping from the intense pain of their loss.

When a cat which has soiled the house gets put down, a combination of grief and guilt hurts owners so badly they often can't come in, sending a spouse or friend with the animal, often



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

calling later for reassurance they did the right thing.

The best way to deal with this problem would be to avoid it completely, to keep this behavior from ever becoming an issue.

When you first get a cat or kitten, make sure he or she has access to litter boxes. Yes, that was plural.

The rule of thumb would be that you should have one more litter box than you have cats (for example, three cats means four litter boxes).

Clean them every day to every other day. Think about the cool new self-cleaning boxes if your time disappears like mine does.

Cats usually housebreak easily, but keeping the kitten in the room with the litter when you leave certainly can help.

Where should the boxes be placed? I once heard of a college president looking over a new area of campus, with new buildings separated by a grassy field and the planners were asking him where to place the walkways.

He told them not to. Wait a year, and come back.

When they did, he looked over the grassy area and pointed at the wear patterns the students had created.

That is where you put the walkways, he said.

I recommend placing three or four litter boxes in places you wouldn't mind having them. There will be one or two the cat won't use, which can be removed. Litter boxes don't cost a whole lot, especially the uncovered litter boxes, which they seem to like more, anyway.

When you first see abnormalities, call the vet and have the cat's urine tested. Cats and urinary tract problems go together like Sharpeis and wrinkles. Eliminate health concerns before altering behavior.

Once you've established the behavior problems, use a

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black light to locate the urine, as it will often fluoresce (glow) under black light. Use a good, enzymatic cleaner to get the smell out (not vinegar or ammonia!).

Once you've rid yourself of the smells, try putting small amounts of the cat's food or treats on the affected area. Just as you would never rent an apartment where the toilet is in the kitchen, cats don't want to use the bathroom where they eat.

Doing these simple things usually makes a vast difference. For some cats this won't work. Remember, cat logic and human logic are not the same.

If these steps don't work, call your vet, and ask about behaviorists. A number of vets and trainers have special interests in cat behavior, and might be able to help out, either simply with more little tricks, or sometimes even using drug therapy.

Remember, though, cats do not have abnormal urinary behavior out of spite. While stress might initiate the problem, they don't urinate around the house looking for vengeance. They don't see the problem with wetting around the house.

And that is the problem.

Dr. Brad Davis is Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City 2085 Inkster Road Garden City MI 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He's also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the web site www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. E-mail questions or comments to Questions@animaltalkradio.com

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Good alarm system gives peace of mind

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Nathan asks "I am shopping for a burglar alarm system and am looking for a little insight. I would appreciate

any help that you could offer.

Don't be alarmed, but there is no such thing as an absolutely burglar-proof alarm system.

However, a good alarm system will help deter or at least detect most burglars, and will give you peace of mind.

According to the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, the best alarm system protects the entire perimeter of a home (that is, every door and window where entry may be made) and areas inside where valuables are kept.

Most reputable alarm companies will install and maintain a local alarm system that will ring a bell or sound a siren or buzzer on the premises.

Many firms also provide central reporting alarms that silently signal the alarm company's headquarters to dis-

patch police or perhaps alarm company agents.

Some companies will offer direct alarm connection to the local police or fire department, if permitted by local law.

The basic home-protection system is a simple closed-circuit loop system consisting of contacts on doors and windows.

There is also a choice of additional interior protection using pressure mats, photoelectric beams, ultrasonic, infrared and microwave systems and other motion or space-detection devices.

Most residential systems are designed to ring a bell or illuminate the area to scare off an intruder.

Remember. Never sign a contract that doesn't specifically detail the points of protection and doesn't itemize the equipment to be installed.

Legal notice for the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for the County of Pierce, Juvenile Department. Case of Brett William Plummer SR vs Taylor Casey.

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CALENDAR

Home show

EXPO Design Center will unveil its new products that best embody true Mediterranean style by transforming each store into a sleek Mediterranean hideaway for a Home Show.

The show will take place during regular EXPO store hours Friday-Sunday, April 1-3. The event is free and will feature a give-away and cooking demonstrations. EXPO Design Centers are at 686 E. Big Beaver Road in Troy (phone: (248) 689-3346), 7200 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield (phone: (248) 865-7590) and 45160 Utica Park Boulevard in Utica (phone: (586) 726-1500).

From exquisite mosaic tile to stunning stone fountains, the best of the Mediterranean is represented in the products. For an authentic Mediterranean experience, consumers will be able to attend cooking demonstrations sponsored by GE Appliances where they can sample and learn how to cook cuisine of the exotic region. Consumers will have the chance to win an eight-day trip for two to Rome so that they can have a Mediterranean experience of their own.

In addition, each store will give away one 18 by 18 inch mosaic tile. Le Grazie mural from the Canova Collection by Bisazza.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Beginner Pillow (three Tuesdays beginning April 5), beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows using bias cut fabric, covered cording and inserted trims. Fee is \$60.

The class will include learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting bias and using a zipper foot to cover cording. Many of the techniques will apply to future home decorating classes. In Traditional Slipcover (six Thursdays beginning April 7), learn to make a fitted slipcover for a side chair or simple armchair. Bring your chair to the first class; it will stay in the classroom until the last session. Fee is \$120.

Modernism preview

The gala preview of the Michigan Modernism Exhibition will benefit ArtServe Michigan and the Detroit Area Art Deco Society. The preview will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, between 10 and 11 Mile Road. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door, \$150 Patron. Tickets are available at www.artserve-michigan.org/moderne and at ArtSpace (phone: (248) 258-1540) and David Klein Gallery (phone: (248) 433-3700) in Birmingham. Decades in Plymouth (phone: (734) 354-0142).

Hersh's at the Boardwalk in West Bloomfield (phone: (248) 626-7776), Lemberg Gallery in Ferndale (phone: (248) 591-6623), Knightsbridge Antique Mall in Northville (phone: (248) 344-7200) and Antiques on Main (phone: (248) 705-9665) and Deco Doug (phone: (248) 547-3330) in Royal Oak. The preview will feature select wines, sophisticated light fare and DJ. Attendees will be able to shop an assortment of furnishings, art work and collectibles including art glass, jewelry, sculpture, lamps and vintage clothing. The Michigan Modernism Exposition, a display and sale of items of 20th-century design, will take place on Sunday, April 24, at the Southfield Municipal Complex on Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile Road). It will feature 80 exhibitors. ArtServe Michigan is a nonprofit statewide organization that builds support for the arts, artists and cultural activities in Michigan. The Detroit Area Art Deco Society, a private not-for-profit corporation, was founded in 1986 by a group of collectors and enthusiasts interested in the decorative objects, architecture and style of the Art Deco period. 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.

15th Annual Community House Antiques and Garden Show set for April

■ **What:** More than 40 booths will showcase English furniture and porcelain, heirloom linens, American silver and early glass collections, vintage clothing, designer tablescapes, antique garden accessories, outdoor garden displays and more.

■ **Where:** The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road.

■ **Admission:** \$10.

■ **Brunch:** Leslie Keno, America's favorite antiques expert, host of PBS' *Find!* and appraiser for *Antiques Roadshow*, will be the guest speaker at the Antiques and Garden Show Brunch, 9:30 a.m. April 15, at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham.

■ **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 15-16, noon to 5 p.m. April 17. The cafe will be open 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 15-16, noon to 3 p.m. April 17.

■ **Information:** Call (248) 594-6403, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

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"There's a great story about a lady who found a games table at a flea market for \$25," said Keno, who will also be special guest at a preview party Thursday, April 14, at The Community House in Birmingham.

Keno is senior vice president, senior specialist and director of business development, American furniture and decorative arts, Sotheby's in New York.

He has been involved in records set during his 25 years in the department.

Keno was responsible for the 1987 sale of the Gen John Cadwalader Chippendale carved mahogany armchair (\$2.75 million, a world record at the time for furniture) and the 1996 auction of the Meyer collection (\$113 million, a world auction record for any single-owner collection of American furniture).

He unearthed in Paris a silver-mounted mahogany secre-

tary from the early 18th century signed by Newport cabinet-maker Christopher Townsend. The secretary sold in 1999 for \$8.25 million, the highest price for a piece of furniture ever sold by Sotheby's.

STARTING EARLY

Leslie and Leigh have been engrossed in antiques since they were youngsters, declaring "We are antiques dealers" in their personal diary when they were 12.

"Growing up we had great parents who were very supportive," Leslie said. "We were going to flea markets in our parents' arms."

The boys grew up on property that contained pieces from the 19th century.

That was our playground (For a) treasure hunt, we would go to flea market and garage sales out looking for antiques.

"We always appreciated the early things that show craftsmanship: Pewter, stoneware, earthenware, ironware."

Both studied art history at college. Leigh has owned Leigh Keno American Antiques in Manhattan for the

last 18 years.

Leslie's apartment and Leigh's townhouse - both in Manhattan - are furnished with a mix of modern upholstered pieces and antiques.

Leslie collects 17th-century Dutch Old Masters paintings and wants to start collecting 20th-century modern design.

Find! involves visiting homes around the country ("from the attic to the basement," Keno said) to find treasures. It also features interior designer Alexa Hampton.

Specialists in restoration, reproductions and other fields explain more about objects, and viewers learn how to use certain items in their home and put them in the best location.

It's very exciting, it's a lot of fun," Keno said.

His advice includes "Buy what you love."

And encourage children to have respect for antiques but not to be afraid of them.

If you say too much, Don't touch this, it's an antique, the child will grow up almost phobic," Keno said.

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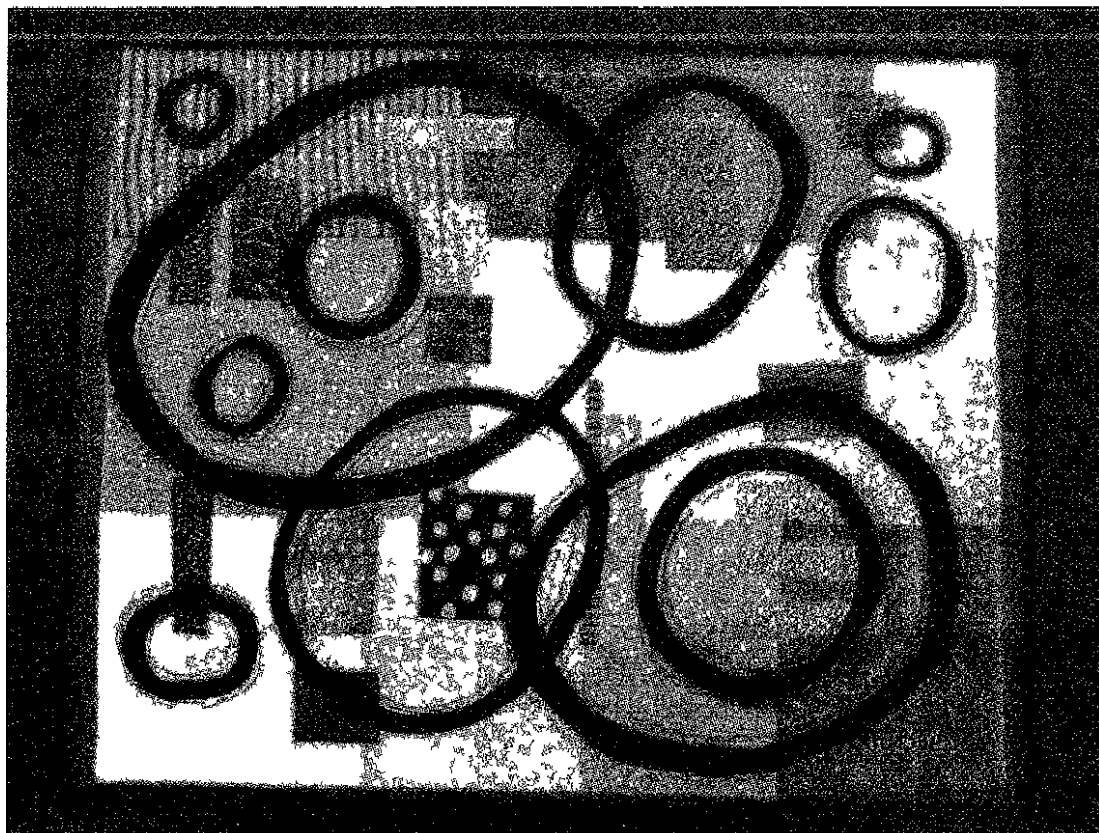
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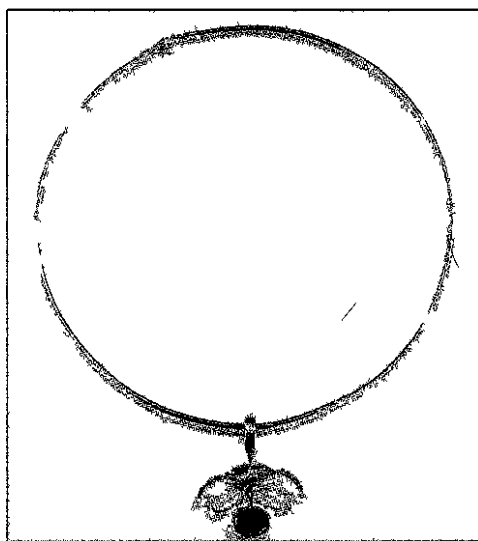
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Fresh finds

Just like spring, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's Gallery Shop has a fresh new look. A wide variety of unusual artistic gifts from which to choose is always in store, at 1516 S Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. Two examples are shown here: a framed, mixed media fiber art work 'Round & Round #2,' by Lora Dissler of Rochester, and a 12 karat gold necklace by Charlotte Quinn of Auburn Hills, which can be bought separately or with perhaps a 14-karat gold, blue topaz and an aqua flower pendant. Dissler's art work is \$85. Quinn's gold necklace is \$96. The 14-karat gold, blue topaz with aqua flower pendant is \$720. Drop by and discover such items as colorful block silk scarves by Carol Harris that are full of trendy spring colors and are reversible in black for a more formal look; a soft green and black geometric designed ceramic dish by Jo Ann Aquino, and new tile 'Bleeding Heart,' by Motawi Tileworks of Ann Arbor. BBAC members who are in the Friend and above categories receive a 10 percent discount. Gallery Shop hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Admission is free. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org.



Relaxed outdoor living area takes thought, planning

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

With decks changing from mere slabs to veritable multi-level outdoor living spaces, the idea of nailing a few boards together and declaring the job done just won't cut it anymore. How you plan a really great deck retreat isn't far removed from the protracted process interior designers might go through for kitchen or bath makeovers.

It's the norm nowadays to pull out all the stops in deck creation, according to one deck builder. That means accounting for entertaining, relaxation, privacy or simply enjoying the view.

"People expect their deck to be a lot of things and do a lot of things," said Tim Meisch, owner of Custom Cedar Decks in Mill Creek, Wash.

As homeowners tack on more and more uses and activities, deck sizes swell well beyond a 300- to 400-square-foot average, says Meisch.

Homeowners can follow these steps to plot the deck of their dreams.

■ **Subdivide the deck into zones with one activity per zone.** Decide how much space to assign each activity such as grilling, dining, conversation area or outdoor spa tub.

■ **Consider a multi-level approach.** If space allows, further subdivide the deck into levels. This defines the zones and offers visual variety.

■ **Vary the direction of boards from zone to zone.** A change in direction provides more visual stimulus and further differentiates the zones.

■ **Use decking material that gives the impression the deck is an extension of inside rooms.**

Western red cedar is still favored by homeowners who want an all-natural look and character not found in man-

made substitutes.

■ **Consider traffic flow and wind direction.**

Locate the grill close to the kitchen door to minimize foot-steps. If possible, keep the grill downwind from seating areas.

Create enough space for guests to move freely without squeezing through small spaces.

■ **Plan for sun and shade.** Cedar arbors or pergolas built over the deck offer a shield from harsh sun yet blend nicely with the surroundings. So do trees, shrubs and discreet fences.

One of the more frequent requests Meisch hears is to inlay octagonal cedar patterns beneath tables and dining areas.

"It's so unique that people mistake it for a decorative rug," said Meisch.

And although cedar weathers naturally, you can stain the inlay or surrounding boards for added effect.

Often underutilized is the potential for built-in bench seating along peripheral deck areas. You won't need as much deck furniture and you'll be able to accommodate a surprising number of guests.

Meisch has seen non-wood decking enter the market, but he makes a case for western red cedar as a decking preference for many homeowners who want the good looks of the real thing.

He sees cedar as a superior "transition material" between a deck and surrounding environment.

Cedar is naturally lower maintenance and dimensionally stable (which means it won't twist).

A selling point for Meisch's customers: Non-wood substitutes have yet to capture the warmth and beauty of cedar.

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Brigade student Jordan Hoffman works on that evening's dinner at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The Brigade program provides advanced culinary training for postgraduate students.

Side dish

Slice for Life

Buddy's Pizza and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen will host the 29th Annual Slice for Life on Monday, April 11, at metro Detroit Buddy's locations.

Money raised from the event will help the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Dine-in customers can obtain all-you-can-eat-cheese and two-topping pizza and salad, while carry-out customers can get four-square cheese and two-topping pizza or an individual size antipasto, Greek or garden salad. Buddy's own Lovely the Clown and friends from 2clowns.com will create balloon sculptures during evening hours at the various dine-in locations.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets for seniors are \$10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and \$15 from 4:10 p.m. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Call (313) 579-2100 Ext. 201.

Buddy's has nine Detroit area locations including 2612 N. Squirrel Road in Auburn Hills, (248) 276-9040; 31646 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, (248) 855-4600; 33605 Plymouth Road in Livonia, (734) 261-3550, and carry-out only at 3637 Maple, in Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-0300, and 32218 Woodward, in Royal Oak, (248) 549-8000.

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Maple syrup time

Maple sugaring is the term for the seasonal process of collecting maple sap and boiling it into Vermont's specialty food product, maple syrup. Maple syrup can then also be made into maple sugar, maple cream and maple candy, and is used in numerous recipes and other specialty products, according to the Associated Press.

Sugaring takes place when the weather brings cold, freezing temperatures at night and warm, sunny temperatures during the day. This is when the sap flows from the trees, the beginning of the process of making syrup.

More information is available on the Web at www.vermontmaple.org.

The French Brigade

Dinner to raise funds for students' trip

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Marcus Haight hopes to help give students in the Brigade program at Schoolcraft College something he always wanted as a young chef.

A trip to France. That's why Haight, certified executive chef and Brigade instructor in the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College, and the seven Brigade students will be creating a six-course dinner to accompany some of the finest wines of the Bordeaux region of France at La Balade Bordelaise at Schoolcraft College April 2. (See related item.)

Profits from the event will fund the students' trip to Paris. Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College, said the event grew out of need to get money to send the stu-

dents to Europe.

We were looking for a way to raise some funds, Konowalow said. One of our students worked for a wine vendor, Elie Boudt (of Elie Wine Company in Royal Oak), and he asked him if he was interested in helping in some way. Elie met with chef Marcus and between the two of them, that (fund-raising dinner) is what came out.

Haight wanted the students to Paris to get familiar with the city, so they can be comfortable with moving there and working there once they complete Schoolcraft's Brigade program. "I wanted them to go to France for a week and see the passion they have there for the food, wine and service and how it's part of every facet of their lives," Haight said. "I wanted them to go into that culture, the bistros and brasseries, the three-

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Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and Brigade instructor, talks with Brigade student Scott Carey in the kitchen of the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The restaurant features dinners created by the Brigade's postgraduate culinary arts students who are instructed by Haight and lunches by Schoolcraft's culinary arts students.

VisTa Gala returns to Schoolcraft

Guests at the Schoolcraft College Foundation's VisTa Gala fund-raiser will stroll through the Culinary Arts Department's state-of-the-art kitchens, while sampling gourmet cuisine and interacting with student chefs and their certified executive and master chef instructors.

The event, in the VisTaTech Center, includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., plated salad and welcome at 7:30 p.m. followed

by a strolling dinner through the American Harvest Restaurant and the production, charcuterie, bake shop, pastry and demonstration kitchens. A dessert buffet follows at 9:30 p.m. and a live auction for *Have Your Own Restaurant At Least for One Night*. The highest bidder wins a dinner for 50 in the American Harvest Restaurant, prepared by the instructor-chefs and their students.

Every ticket holder automatically is entered in the drawing for dinner and Jaguar gift packages. The Matt Michaels Trio will provide music for dancing.

The award-winning Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of their chef-instructors, will prepare a meal with an international flair. The dishes will include an

PLEASE SEE GALA, B6

Why we like chardonnay

Some chardonnay styles have aromas of tropical fruit, often dominated by fresh pineapple.

Others showcase both apple and pear aromas and flavors, with hints of vanilla from fine oak aging, or mineral notes from a particularly gravelly vineyard site.

From cooler climates such as California's Central Coast, a citrus component on the palate refreshes and brings forward tastes of peaches and apples, often accented by smoky or



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light buttery notes.

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MATCHING CHARDONNAY

Crisper styles of chardonnay are the easiest to match with food. After over 20 years of winemaking, Fetzter Vineyards Dennis Martin has hit many home runs with chardonnay. But the 2003 Fetzter Valley Oaks Chardonnay (\$10) may be among his best. One-third was barrel fermented

with the balance fermented in stainless steel tanks to preserve fruity aromas and true chardonnay characters.

When food and wine zealot chef John Ash, culinary director for Fetzter Vineyards and spokesperson for Brown-Forman Beverages Worldwide, likes a wine especially well (like he does the 2003 Fetzter Valley Oaks Chardonnay), his culinary creative genius goes wild and he creates a new recipe.

Such is the case with one of

chef John Ash's latest soups, perfect for spring, especially in the Midwest when fresh sweet corn becomes available from Florida and the area's best seafood purveyors have Dungeness crab or other fresh, sweet shellfish.

Ash said that his healthy recipe calls for crab but you could use whatever sweet shellfish is available, such as lobster or shrimp. "If you want to go whole hog," he

PLEASE SEE HEALDS, B7

Welcome spring with spinach and eggs

From the American Institute for Cancer Research

Eggs are ancient symbols for spring and for rebirth

Many people began avoiding eggs when their high cholesterol content became a health concern. For healthy adults, the American Heart Association recommends a limit of three or four egg yolks a week, provided your daily intake of cholesterol is below 300 milligrams. So you can enjoy eggs in moderation.

Eggs are classified for market according to USDA standards for size and quality. So an egg graded AA is deemed of higher quality than one that gets a B. Most recipes call for large eggs. The color of the egg's shell - white or brown - depends on the breed of hen that laid it. Color has no bearing on taste or nutritive value.

Egg whites are an excellent

source of protein and riboflavin. Egg yolks contain all of the egg's fat and are a good source of protein, iron, vitamins A and D, choline and phosphorus.

Eggs must always be refrigerated. When stored at room temperature, they lose more quality in one day than in a week in the refrigerator. Eggs should be kept in the carton in which they came, putting them in the refrigerator's egg container exposes them to odors and damage. Eggs used within a week will have the best flavor and cooking quality. But they can be refrigerated for up to a month, if the shells are intact.

Tomato egg nests with spinach bruschetta are a nice way to celebrate the arrival of spring.

TOMATO EGG NESTS WITH SPINACH BRUSCHETTA

4 medium vine tomatoes at room temperature

- 4 large eggs at room temperature
- 2 1/2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves finely minced
- 1 bunch flat leaf spinach stemmed washed and dried
- 4 thick slices whole wheat bread grilled or toasted
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Set baking rack in center of oven. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Slice tops off tomatoes. Scoop out soft flesh and seeds, turning each tomato into a cup-like shell. Break 1 egg into small cup. Slide it into one tomato shell. Set shell in a casserole dish (that has a cover) large enough to hold 4 tomato shells. Repeat with remaining eggs. Sprinkle eggs with salt and pepper. Cover casserole.

Bake until egg whites are softly set all the way through, (not

runny), about 20 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté garlic 1 minute, taking care not to let it color. Add spinach all at once. Stir with wooden spoon until leaves are coated with oil and wilted. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 4 minutes. Turn spinach onto cutting board and chop coarsely.

To serve, spread a quarter of spinach over each slice of bread. Place one slice on each of 4 plates. Using tongs or large spoons, set a baked tomato on each spinach-topped bread slice. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 254 calories, 10 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 30 g carbohydrate, 13 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 300 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

Enjoy angel food or sponge cake

Angel food cakes or sponge cakes taste heavenly and they are well worth the baking effort.

These cakes are loved for the sponge-like delicate texture and versatility. Use a simple garnish with these delicate cakes, such as fresh or frozen fruits, a "light" flavorful sauce, a dollop of whipped cream or a light dusting of powdered sugar. They are a perfect ending to a meal.

This time of year you may be lucky enough to find eggs on sale so angel food and sponge cakes can be inexpensive and an elegant dessert. These cakes are not difficult to make but measure ingredients carefully and follow a recipe to get the perfect cake.

SEPARATE EGGS

Eggs should be at least three days old.

Have egg whites at room temperature. Since eggs vary in size, most of the angel food cake recipes call for "cups" of egg white.

Separate the yolk and white very carefully, having just a little yolk will hinder the balance of the whites.

Use cream of tartar. It helps stabilize the foam and adds to the whiteness of the cake.

Beat the sugar in well. Use a finely granulated sugar.

Cake flour will make a high rising angel food cake, which mixes in easier and makes a fine texture, while unbleached all-purpose doesn't allow the cake to rise quite as high.

If you fold the remaining sugar and flour into the batter, do it carefully so you don't break down the trapped air.

Don't grease the pan unless making a roll. (Grease the bottom of the jellyroll pan so that the cake is easy to remove to cool and roll.) Grease in a tube pan eliminates the egg batter "climbing" the sides of the pan. The cake will not be light, airy or as high.

Get all the air pockets out of the batter before baking. Use a silver knife to cut through the batter to remove the air bubbles.

Always invert the tube pan to cool. This helps keep the airness so the cake doesn't settle.

Try not to cut an angel food cake with a cake knife, it makes



Home Economist

Lois Thieleke

a mess. Use a cake divider or forks to pry the cake apart.

There is no fat in an angel food cake, but there are calories so watch how much you eat. Flavored angel food cakes can be made by adding cocoa, cinnamon, nutmeg, or cloves to the frosting to create something new and interesting.

SPONGE CAKE TIPS

A sponge cake uses all the egg but in a different order.

Use room temperature separated egg yolks and beat until light and foamy.

Gradually add the finely granulated sugar to the egg yolks and beat until they become a pale lemony color and thick in texture. Five to seven minutes is a good length of time to get the thickness you want.

Use an electric beater for both cakes to get better results.

The egg whites are beaten separately until stiff but not dry and then folded carefully into the batter. Work quickly, but carefully so that the air that has been incorporated will not be lost.

Don't grease the pan. Sponge cake is also generally made in a tube pan.

Add citrus flavors or a coffee flavoring to the batter for an interesting cake.

There is also a Hot Water Sponge Cake, and a Sunshine Cake. Find good recipes and follow them exactly.

Another piece of advice is, as my grandmother always said, "make these types of cakes on a sunny day with low humidity and the cake will be lighter and fluffier." If all this sounds too difficult, buy a box mix.

Actually, these are not difficult cakes to make. Once you make an angel food or sponge cake from "scratch," you will never go back to that boxed mix!

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CALENDAR

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

April classes include: Mexican Quesadillas 6-9 p.m. Wednesday April 6, fee is \$82. Vegetarian Cuisine 101 learn how to transition from a meat centered diet to a plant based diet. 6-9 p.m. two Thursdays April 7 and April 14, fee is \$127. Cooking with Protein Variety 6-9 p.m. Thursday April 21. For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts con-

tinuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts.

"The event's 'profits' are dedicated to culinary arts to fund different events and help the culinary teams," said Bruce Konowalow, director of Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department.

"It's a great event," Konowalow said. "It introduces our guests to the Schoolcraft Foundation."

The Vista Gala menu includes escargot in a fennel cream sauce with spring vegetables with glazed white asparagus and puff pastry crisps, baked oyster soufflé, potato pancakes with smoked salmon caviar, baby watercress and creme fraiche, salmon en croûte with a shrimp and tarragon lobster foam, roasted lamb chops with mustard and herbs crust, yellow miso glazed duck breast on spring vegetables with spicy ponzu vinaigrette, lamb epigram with a ragout of fiddle head ferns, morel mushrooms, and fava beans, pan-seared Moroccan chicken on warm curried couscous, an assortment of breads and pastries. Also Brian Polcyn, certified

'It's a great event. It introduces our guests to the Schoolcraft Foundation'

Bruce Konowalow, director Schoolcraft Culinary Arts Department

executive chef, Schoolcraft instructor and owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, will create a smoked beef tenderloin.

Last year's event raised \$3,500 for the culinary department and monies for the foundation from the 180 tickets sold. Konowalow hopes 250-275 tickets can be sold.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation was founded in 1966 to remove the financial barriers that prevent individuals from pursuing higher education. The funding priorities of the foundation are grounded in the core values of Schoolcraft College, specifically the belief that higher education should be accessible to the greatest number of people.

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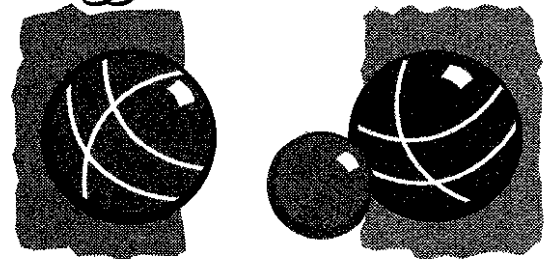
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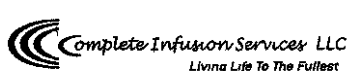
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BRIGADE

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star and two star restaurants and see the difference in the level of intensity

For the upcoming wine dinner fund-raiser, Haight wanted to create French dishes similar to the Parisian restaurants the Brigade students will visit. I had to look at dishes that could stand up to full-bodied wines. Haight said "The menu should stand up to it and not detract from it."

The menu will feature celery root ravioli with oyster and portabella mushroom filling, roasted grouper, roasted breast of squab, grilled veal medallions and classic apple tart tatin. Diners at each table will sample six distinct Bordeaux wines.

BUILDING BRIGADE

The Brigade program is a postgraduate program, directed by Haight, and provides advanced training in all aspects of restaurant operations. It is named after the chef's training program developed by Auguste Escoffier in the late 1800s.

Each student works five weeks at a station for a total of nine stations over the 45 weeks of the class. Brigade gives them a little more time in each station," Haight said. "Over a five-week period you'll get five different menus."

For example, a chef working the soup station creates 35 different sauces and 20 different soups. By the end of the fourth day on the soup station, they'll have mastered the menu in terms of timing of ingredients and preparation, Haight said. "The Brigade student will build on the core of the program with soup and sauces," Haight said. "When all that's clear, they develop into really strong cooks. You can see - and it's blatantly obvious by the fourth or fifth rotation - the confidence, knife skills, organization, and the cooking abilities that they are gaining," Haight said. "You can see everyone jump up on the skill level."

Haight is trying to arrange for two of the seven Brigade students - Jordan Hoffman and Scott Carey - to work one day at Taillevent, a three-star restaurant in Paris.

The students will visit France during the 30th week

La Balade Bordelaise

What: La Balade Bordelaise, a fund raising dinner featuring some of the finest wines from the Bordeaux region of France. A six course dinner will be prepared by certified executive chef Marcus Haight and postgraduate students in the college's Brigade program.

Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

When: Saturday April 2

Tickets: Prices per person will vary between \$150 and \$350 depending on wines at each table. (The \$350 table is sold out.) Diners may purchase a specific number of tickets or an entire table. There will be no refunds for the dinner and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

To order tickets call Kathryn at (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5507. Ticket requests will be filled in the order in which they are received. The dinner held in the American Harvest Restaurant will accommodate 100 guests.

Other details: The wines have been collected through the efforts of S. Elie Boudt of Elie Wine Company in Royal Oak. Vineyards represented include Château Graud Larose, Château Beycheville, Château Léoville Barton, Château Palmer and Château Figeac. (All wines were produced between 1980 and 1990 and are at the peak of their complexity and richness. Many are unavailable except from private collections.) Diners at each table will sample six distinct Bordeaux wines.

VisTa Gala

What: Second annual VisTa Gala. Chefs at Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department will prepare foods as guests stroll through the instructional kitchens inside the VisTaTech Center. Proceeds benefit Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts program.

Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday April 23

Tickets: \$150 per person, a portion of that is a charitable contribution to benefit students in the culinary arts program.

Details: The black tie optional evening is sponsored by Jaguar of Novi and concludes with a live auction of a dinner for 50 in the college's American Harvest Restaurant.

of Brigades 45-week course, the week of April 30-May 9. Freeman, a cook II at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, said Brigade "gives you the proper tools and helps build a foundation in the industry."

"It gives you a familiarity of what you will run into," Freeman said. Freeman started the program in pastries, and by the fifth week, he said he had a "high comfort level" in preparing meringues, sponges and classical French pastries. Freeman credits Haight's experience as a certified executive chef and certified executive pastry chef. The program is also more intense in areas of plate presentation, sauces and the finer details of the proper techniques, such as "crisping" a fish. In fact, the reputation of the techniques helps the chefs so much so that "I don't even realize I'm doing it differently," Hoffman said.

SOUP'S ON

Hoffman, originally from Adrian but now living in Livonia, worked on soups the week of this interview. Soups are a very integral part of every restaurant. It's the one thing

that's sometimes overlooked," Hoffman said. "It comes early in the meal and it should pop on the palate. It should not be neglected."

"France is the mother of all cuisine. Paris is a melting pot of all regional styles, and they've created an amalgamation of a national cuisine from the bistro to the brasserie, and from the Michelin three-star

"It's a lot of restaurants doing the right thing every time. They are committed to the earth and food with so much passion. To experience food the way Parisians would is an experience in and of itself."

Scott Carey of Lakeland is a sous chef at Barton Hills Country Club where Mike Trombley, who today is certified executive chef at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township, told him of the Brigade program.

"I'm seeing what to do with the soups and what gives them more flavor, and how to utilize everything," Carey said.

Things turn out a lot better. The week of the interview for this story Carey had worked on asparagus soup, potato and sorrel, ginger and carrot and

New England clam chowder

Haight gives them pointers on wine reduction and how to incorporate that into the soup, timing and techniques on soup varieties, Carey said.

Carey expects France will "enlighten" him. "I like to travel, and I like to see different cultures. It's just awesome, to be able to see everything there," Carey said.

Konowalow hopes the dinner will help raise \$15,000.

"Students will have to put up their plane fare which is about \$700 per student, and what we're trying to do is raise the balance of money for their food and other transportation, or about \$2,500 per student."

"This trip is written into the program, so every group will be participating in it."

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PUREE OF CARROT SOUP WITH GINGER AND APPLE CIDER

Soup
2 tablespoons butter
2 onions diced
1 leek whites
4 celery stalks sliced
1/4 cup ginger grated

1 quart white wine
1/4 cup apple cider reduction (see below)
2 1/2 quarts carrots, peeled and sliced
2 1/2 quarts chicken stock
2 potatoes diced
1 quart cream
1/3 cup rice wine vinegar

Apple Cider Reduction
6 cups apple cider

Apple cider reduction: Reduce to 3/4 cup or sauce consistency. Use some in stage three and the rest to garnish the top of the soup. Set aside.

Melt butter and sweat together slowly the onion, leek whites, celery and ginger. Reduce au sec (or until nearly dry) the white wine. Reduce apple cider. Cook till tender the carrots, chicken stock, potatoes, one quart cream, rice wine vinegar and apple cider reduction. Puree and fine strain.

Recipe courtesy of Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and Brigade instructor at Schoolcraft College.

HEALDS

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said, "you could, of course, garnish with a squiggle of creme fraiche or caviar."

JOHN ASH'S CORN SOUP WITH CRAB

2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 cups chopped onion (1 medium)
1 cup chopped carrots
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 teaspoons chopped garlic
3 1/2 cups corn kernels (cut from 6 medium ears)
1 whole star anise or bay leaf
Big pinch of saffron threads
5 cups defatted chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1/2 pound fresh Dungeness or lump crabmeat, picked over
2 tablespoons finely chopped chives

In a deep saucepan or soup pot, heat the butter over moderate heat. Add the onion, carrots, celery and garlic and cook till soft but not brown, about 5 minutes stirring occasionally. Add the corn, star anise and saffron and continue to cook and stir for

another 5 minutes.

Add the stock and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes. Discard the star anise or bay leaf and puree in a blender being careful to do so at lower speed and with blender jar only half filled (hot liquids expand dramatically so be careful). You'll need to do this in batches.

Strain the soup through a medium mesh strainer, pushing down on the solids and return to the pan. Season with salt and pepper and reheat. Ladle into warm soup bowls, top with the crab and chives and serve. Serves 4 to 6.

Choose the 2003 Fetzter Valley Oaks Chardonnay to pair with the soup or any crisper style from those suggested in Wine Picks (see related item). When lobster is substituted for crab, chardonnays with a buttery finish or those with a little more bottle age, such as a 2001 vintage, paired well with the corn soup.


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WINE PICKS

Here are food friendly Chardonnays

2001 Oakville Ranch (\$30)
2002 Clos du Bois Calcaire (\$20)
2002 Ferrari-Carano, Alexander Valley (\$26)
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2002 Gallo of Sonoma Laguna Ranch (\$22)
2002 Napa Cellars (\$20) (big buttery finish)
2003 Benziger Carneros (\$16)
2003 Beringer Founders' Estate (\$12)
2003 Bonterra (\$15) (from organically-farmed grapes)
2003 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch \$30 (yummy)
2003 Fetzer Five Rivers Ranch (\$13)
2002 Franciscan Cuvee Sauvage (\$33 or \$19.50 at Costco) (intriguing)

2003 Frank Family Napa Valley (\$29)
2003 Jekel Gravelstone (\$11)
2003 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve (\$20)
2003 Kunde Sonoma Valley (\$16)
2003 Marcelina Carneros (\$24) (crisp clean finish)
2003 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars (\$29)
Wallet pleaser chardonnays
2002 Glass Mountain \$8, 2004 Lindemans Bin 65 \$8, 2003 Veramonte, Chile \$9, 2003 Hess Select \$10 and 2003 Meridian Santa Barbara County, \$10 (good buy but an aperitif style rather than food friendly)
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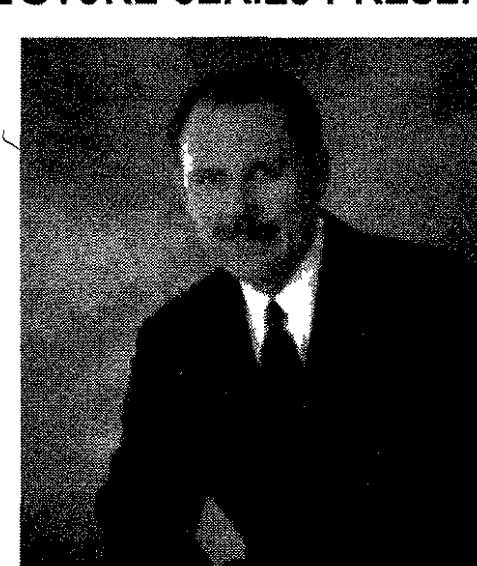
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Soup revises classic pot roast

Slow Cooker Pot Roast Soup chock full of tender beef and vegetables in a savory broth, is a delicious twist on the classic pot roast. It's made with beef chuck shoulder pot roast - which is cut into 12 large chunks to create two "mini" pot roasts per serving. Easy too, just put everything in the slow cooker and let the beef cook, unattended, to fork-tenderness. Depending upon your preference, this recipe can also be prepared conventionally on the stovetop or in just minutes with fully-cooked beef pot roast.

Another delicious soup that is short on prep time but long on flavor is Quick Asian Beef, Vegetable & Noodle Soup.

Pairing pantry staples such as ramen noodles, beef broth, soy sauce and frozen stir-fried vegetables with lean beef round tip steak strips, quick Asian beef, vegetable and noodle soup goes from chopping block to soup bowl in less than half an hour.

Conventional Range Top Variation: Increase ready-to-serve beef broth to one can (13 3/4 to 14-1/2 ounces). Cut beef pot roast into 12 equal pieces. Place in stockpot. Add onions, tomatoes, broth, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover tightly and simmer 2 1/2 to 3 hours or until pot roast is fork tender. Stir in broccoli slaw and potatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, continue simmering, uncovered, five minutes or until potatoes are tender and broccoli slaw is crisp tender. Remove from heat. Stir in peas. Let stand five minutes.

SLOW COOKER POT ROAST SOUP

- 1 boneless beef chuck shoulder pot roast (2 1/2 pounds)
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with green peppers and onions, undrained
- 1 cup frozen hash brown potatoes (cubes)
- 1 cup ready to serve beef broth
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups broccoli slaw
- 1/2 cup frozen peas

Cut beef pot roast into 12 equal pieces. Place in a 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 quart slow cooker. Add onions, tomatoes, potatoes, broth, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on High five to six hours or on Low eight to nine hours or until beef is fork tender. (No stirring is necessary during cooking.) Stir in broccoli slaw, continue cooking,



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Pairing pantry staples such as ramen noodles, beef broth, and soy sauce with lean beef round tip steak strips, quick Asian beef, vegetable and noodle soup goes from chopping block to soup bowl in less than half an hour.

covered, 30 minutes or until broccoli slaw is crisp tender. Turn off slow cooker. Stir in peas. Let stand covered five minutes. Makes six servings.

Variations

Conventional Range Top Variation: Increase ready-to-serve beef broth to one can (13 3/4 to 14-1/2 ounces). Cut beef pot roast into 12 equal pieces. Place in stockpot. Add onions, tomatoes, broth, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover tightly and simmer 2 1/2 to 3 hours or until pot roast is fork tender. Stir in broccoli slaw and potatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, continue simmering, uncovered, five minutes or until potatoes are tender and broccoli slaw is crisp tender. Remove from heat. Stir in peas. Let stand five minutes.

Fully Cooked Pot Roast (Range-Top) Variation: Substitute two packages (17 ounces each) refrigerated fully-cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy or au jus for beef chuck shoulder pot roast. Remove beef pot roast from containers, reserve 1/2 cup gravy or au jus. Place reserved gravy or au jus, onions, potatoes, broth, garlic, 1/2 to 1 teaspoon thyme, salt and pepper in stockpot, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until potatoes are just tender.

Meanwhile, trim fat from beef pot roast, cut into 12 equal pieces. Stir in beef pieces, tomatoes and broccoli slaw. Bring to a

boil. Reduce heat, continue simmering covered 13 to 15 minutes or until broccoli slaw is crisp tender and beef is heated through. (Stir in small amount of water to achieve desired soup consistency if necessary.) Remove from heat. Stir in peas. Let stand five minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 298 calories, 8 g fat (2 g saturated fat, 4 g monounsaturated fat), 100 mg cholesterol, 686 mg sodium, 20 g carbohydrate, 3.6 g fiber, 35 g protein, 4.3 mg niacin, 0.5 mg vitamin B6, 3.2 mcg vitamin B12, 5.3 mg iron, 33.3 mcg selenium, 8.7 mg zinc.

Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

QUICK ASIAN BEEF, VEGETABLE & NOODLE SOUP

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless beef round tip steaks, cut 1/4 to 1/8 inch thick
- 2 packages (3 ounces each) Oriental flavored instant ramen noodles, broken up
- 3 cans (13 3/4 to 14 1/2 ounces each) ready to serve beef broth
- 3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen stir fry vegetable mixture

Stack beef steaks, cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1 inch wide strips. Set aside. Remove seasoning packets from ramen noodles, set aside. Combine broth, water, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and vegetables in stockpot. Bring to a boil. Stir in noodles. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir three minutes. Stir in steak slices and contents of seasoning packets. Immediately remove from heat. Let stand, covered five minutes. Makes six servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 350 calories, 11 g fat (4 g saturated fat, 4 g monounsaturated fat), 69 mg cholesterol, 1468 mg sodium, 31 g carbohydrate, 3.4 g fiber, 31 g protein, 4.8 mg niacin, 0.4 mg vitamin B6, 2.5 mcg vitamin B12, 4.8 mg iron, 31.7 mcg selenium, 6.2 mg zinc.

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Change your soup routine with veal

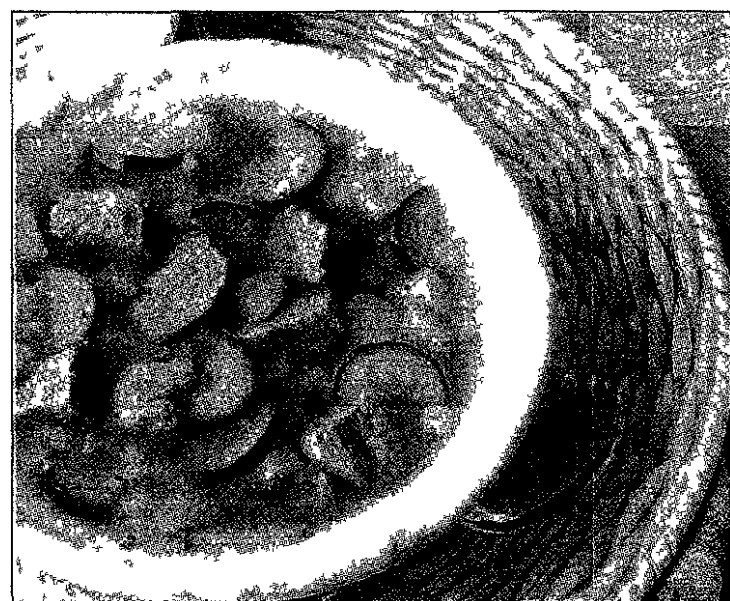
Soups are favored fare, and homemade soups are simply the best.

For a change of pace, summer a soup starring veal. The delicate flavor of the veal seasoned with garlic and marjoram, paired with potatoes, corn and zucchini, is delicious.

To make this simple soup, first brown the pieces of veal on all sides. Browning adds extra rich flavor. Next comes the broth and seasonings. Then let the soup simmer gently, covered, without peeking. (Your work is done until it's time for the vegetables.)

When the veal has simmered about 45 minutes, add the vegetables beginning with the potatoes and corn. This way, the vegetables don't overcook, yet the veal will be fork-tender.

Eat smart and eat well with colorful Veal and Vegetable Soup. For additional veal recipes and cooking tips, visit www.veal.org. And, to make serving veal at home even easier, have the veal delivered to your door when you shop online at www.vealstore.com.



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Veal teams up with zucchini, corn and potatoes in this Veal and Vegetable Soup.

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cups water
- 1 can (13 3/4 to 14 1/2 ounces) ready to serve beef broth
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried marjoram leaves, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper
- 1/2 pound red potatoes, cut into 1/2 inch cubes (about 1 3/4 cups)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh corn kernels or frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 small zucchini, cut lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into 1/4 inch slices

In Dutch oven, heat two teaspoons oil over medium heat until hot. Add veal and garlic, stir at a time and brown evenly, turning occasionally, add remaining oil as needed. Return all veal to

pan, season with salt.

Add water, broth, marjoram and pepper to pan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover tightly and simmer 45 minutes.

Add potatoes and corn, continue simmering, covered, 15 minutes or until veal and vegetables are tender. Add zucchini, simmer covered five minutes or until zucchini is crisp-tender. Makes six servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 264 calories, 9 g fat (2 g saturated fat, 4 g monounsaturated fat), 104 mg cholesterol, 583 mg sodium, 14 g carbohydrate, 2.0 g fiber, 31 g protein, 8.7 mg niacin, 0.4 mg vitamin B6, 1.5 mcg vitamin B12, 1.8 mg iron, 12.1 mcg selenium, 4.9 mg zinc.

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Floor hockey was one of the many different activities offered to participants in the High Velocity Sports all-sports camp this week. The camp averaged 30 attendees per day.

Sidelines

Cruisers cruise

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swimming team recently wrapped up a successful short-course season with an award-winning effort at the 12-and-under and 13-and-over state meets.

The 12-and-under team finished 10th overall thanks to first-place showings from Lauren Seroka (50-yard freestyle, 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 individual medley), Kali Aloisi (50 breaststroke) and the 200 freestyle relay team of Seroka, Aloisi, Abby Aumiller and Abby Madison.

The Cruisers 10-and-under girls team tied for first in the state.

The club's 13-and-over team finished sixth overall. The boys finished third while the girls placed fourth. The seventh-place finish was the highest-ever for a Cruisers team.

Jill Peterson (100 breaststroke) and Matt Jurcak (100 freestyle) both turned in gold-medal efforts for the 13-and-over squad.

Close to 60 teams competed in each of the meets. The 12-and-over event was held in Rockford while the 13-and-over took place at Eastern Michigan University.

The Cruisers' roster consists of 37 swimmers — 16 on the younger team and 21 on the older team.

Netball, anyone?

A group of Northville women are looking for individuals from western Wayne County who may be interested in playing "netball," a game that is popular in Great Britain, Australia and South Africa.

The rules of netball are similar to basketball.

If you are over the age of 15 and interested in participating in a netball club, call (248) 344-2828.

SC soccer recruits

Ten high school seniors recently signed National Letters of Intent to play for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team in 2005. The signees are Chelsey Wagner (Ann Arbor



Pioneer), Shari Trandell (Sterling Heights), Tammie Edmunds (Utica Eisenhower), Lauren DeRo (Waterford Kettering), Jenna Cataldi (Algonac), Stacey Potrykus (Farmington Harrison), Maeve Wilkie (Dearborn) and Mary Jo Yokum (home-schooled).

Additionally, Lisa Rowley (Vincent Massey, Canada) has verbally committed to play for the Ocelots and Andrea Cella will return next season after being redshirted in 2004.

Coach Bill Toistedt's Ocelots finished second in the nation last season.



Eight-year-old Michael Hoover fights for possession of the ball with 9-year-old Derek Ebeling Monday afternoon during a drill at a spring-break soccer camp held at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Sports camps keeps kids busy during break

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Spring Break '05 is no day at the beach for several area youngsters who are participating in two camps at Canton's High Velocity Sports this week.

It's even better. While thousands of metropolitan Detroit residents flocked to southern states for surf, sun and warmer temperatures, many who stayed have found that the all-sports camp and soccer camp offered by HVS provide as much fun and activity for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 as a trip to the sunshine states.

"The kids are having a blast," said HVS spokesperson Elaine Mavridis. "We change the activities every 40 minutes, so there's no time for them to get bored. The kids play a variety of sports, including soccer, flag football and kick ball. We also offer several backyard games like dodge ball and relay races. We even had a potato-sack race. We try to mix it up and offer a wide variety of activities."

"What we've found this year and last year when we started this camp is that a lot of kids will sign up for only the first day, but they like it so much they end up coming back for the entire week."

An average of 30 kids per day have attended the all-sports camp this week, Mavridis said, while the two-hour soccer camp has attracted around 20 youngsters daily.

"This is the first year we've offered the soccer camp," she said. "Kids that play on teams that are involved in the Canton Soccer Club get to work with trainers on a regular basis, but that isn't the case with recreation teams. One nice thing about this camp is that it allows all the kids an opportunity to use the Canton Soccer Club trainers, so they can learn a lot about the sport in a week's time."

The soccer camp, which is also offered during the summer, was designed to help recreational players hone their dribbling, shooting, passing and defensive skills before the upcoming outdoor season starts.

The all-sports camp, which is also an HVS summer offering, was set up in half-day segments for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 and in full-day segments for youths between the ages of 8 and 12.

"Our instructor-to-kid ratio is 1-to-10, so all of the kids get a lot of attention," Mavridis said.

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Unhittable!

15-year-old P-CEP transfer student is armed with 120-mph fastball

Tomorrow, April 1, will be a ground-breaking — no make that ground shaking — day for high school baseball in this area. That is the day the most amazing feat by a high school-aged athlete I've ever witnessed will be showcased for all to see.

Let me explain. One afternoon last week, I received a phone call from a man with a distinctive southern accent. He explained how he and his family had just moved to the Plymouth-Canton area from rural Kentucky due to a job change.

He picked up a copy of the *Observer* at a convenience store, flipped to the sports section, saw my name and phone number and decided to give me a call.

"I wanted to give one of the local sports guys the scoop of a lifetime, before the national media got a hold of it," the man said.

He then went on to explain how his 15-year-old son had a special athletic

PLEASE SEE WRIGHT, C2

Agape is led by lefty mound staff this season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

First-year Canton Agape Christian baseball coach Scott Lewald is hoping some of the school's success in basketball this past winter rubs off on his youthful squad.

"We're young, but we have a lot of good athletes," Lewald said. "Our basketball team won the conference championship, and we have quite a few basketball players on the baseball team, so I'm looking forward to having a great season. Our goal is to win the conference (Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) and do well in the district tournament."

The Wolverines' pitching staff has

BASEBALL PREVIEW

something few schools can boast of — a pair of talented southpaws. Juniors Kyle Miller and Ryan Barber, both lefties, will eat up a lot of innings on the mound along with two freshmen — Jared Miller (the younger brother of Kyle) and Brandon Pierson.

The catching duties will be handled by senior Gabe Molnar, one of the baseball players Lewald was referring to. The rest of the infield will consist of a combination of the Miller brothers, Barber (when he's not pitching), sophomore Jack Anleitner, Junior Matt Molnar and freshman Daniel Walker.

Junior Matt Holmes will patrol center field for Agape and senior Nick Seely has an early hold on the starting left-field spot. Also battling for a first-string position are freshman Tyler Conlin and eighth-graders Josh Kraus and Reid Barber, Ryan's younger sibling.

"Overall, I think defense will be one of our strengths," Lewald predicted. "We have some quick, sure handed infielders and outfielders, so we should be solid defensively."

The Wolverines open the season April 5 against Calvary.

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Whalers reeling after 5-0 setback

The Plymouth Whalers' 2005 Ontario Hockey League post-season prognosis deteriorated from bad to worse Tuesday night following a 5-0 setback at Owen Sound.

The Attack, who have won the first three games of the series, can sweep into the second round with a victory in tonight's game four at Compuware Sports Arena. The opening face-off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Owen Sound goalie Mike Brown notched his second shutout of the series and Brad Richardson tallied three goals and an assist to lead the Attack.

The Attack secured a 2-0 advantage after the first period and never looked back as Brown turned away all 18 Whaler shots.

Patrick Jarrett lit the lamp first for the winners when he took a pass from Richardson and rifled it past Plymouth goalie Ryan Nye at the 10:28 mark. Richardson's first goal of the contest at 15:12 of the opening period doubled the Attack's cushion.

Igor Gongalsky scored with just over three minutes remaining in the second period to make it 3-0. Two minutes later, Richardson added an insurance goal to increase the hosts' lead to 4-0. He was assisted by Trevor Koverko and Bobby Ryan.

Richardson capped his hat trick when he beat Justin Garay with just over five minutes left in the game.

Nye stopped 24 shots during the first two periods. Gary, who played the entire third period in net for the Whalers, turned away four Attack shots.

Owen Sound converted 2-of-6 power-play chances while the Whalers were unsuccessful on their only two man-advantage situations.

The Attack outshot the Whalers, 33-18. The game was played before a crowd of 2,759 at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound.



Plymouth Whaler Steve Ward (26) and his teammates dropped a 5-0 decision to Owen Sound Tuesday night in game three of the Ontario Hockey League quarterfinal series. The victory gave the Attack a commanding 3-0 series lead heading into tonight's fourth game at the Compuware Sports Arena.

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gift that would blow me away
 'My boy,' the man said, 'can throw a baseball 120 miles per hour Not only that, but his control is so good, he can knock a Pepsi can off a tree stump from 60 feet away — blind-folded
 Yeah, right, and I'm going to win the 2005 Pulitzer Prize I thought to myself
 The hardest-throwing major league pitcher can barely break the 100-miles-per-hour barrier How was a 15-year-old kid going to bring it 20 miles per hour faster than that?

MEDICAL MARVEL

The man went on to explain how a series of X-rays and MRI's revealed that the boy had an extra tendon in his shoulder that — doctors presumed — was the primary reason why he was able to hurl baseballs at such incredible speeds
 'You want to know something else that's kind of cool?' the man asked "The muscles

in my son's arm are extremely loose, very elastic, which means he can throw all day He never gets sore Never gets tired
 As I thought about the implications of the man's statements, he invited me to watch his son throw a few pitches at a local elementary school
 "If you don't want to check it out, I have four or five other sports writers around here I can call," he said
 "I'll meet you there in a half-hour," I told him, as I grabbed my pen and notepad

WHAT IF?

As I drove to the school, my doubts about the man's story grew faster than the boy's supposed unhittable fastball The man had probably just purchased a malfunctioning radar gun, I reasoned
 But what if a 15-year-old could really throw that hard with pinpoint control without tiring? His high school team could make room in its trophy case for a state championship trophy tomorrow
 Toward the end of the phone

call, the man explained that he had held his son out of organized baseball up until now because he didn't want him to be exposed to the media crush that would surely follow
 I finally decided to let him give it a shot after all these years, the man added "I think he can handle it now He's pretty mature for his age He'll start at one of the local high schools on Monday, and we'll both go in and talk to the baseball coach that afternoon"
 "What school will your son be attending?" I asked, with great anticipation
 "We'll reveal that at the press conference we've put together for April 1," he said "We'll also let everyone see him pitch that day"

SEEING IS BELIEVING

When I pulled into the school parking lot, I saw them right away The man was holding a catcher's mitt with a small pillow strapped to it in his left hand In his right hand he clenched a JUGS radar gun
 The boy looked like a typical high school sophomore

I'll never forget the sound the ball made as it spun towards the catcher's mitt. It was similar to the whistling, sizzling sound fireworks make as they head towards the sky on the Fourth of July.

He wasn't excessively tall or muscular, which I found somewhat surprising, considering he could throw a baseball through a wall or so his dad said

"I've already broken my hand three times catching for him," the man said, explaining the need for the pillow

He then handed me the radar gun, assumed a catcher's stance behind home plate on the muddy elementary school field, then nodded to the boy, who stood at least 60 feet

away
 What I saw next made me swallow my gum
 The boy wound up slowly then unleashed a pitch that can only be described as, well, a blur I'll never forget the sound the ball made as it spun towards the catcher's mitt It was similar to the whistling, sizzling sound fireworks make as they head towards the sky on the Fourth of July
 "What's the gun say?" the man asked
 One twenty two, I replied 'Unbelievable'

PURE HEAT

As the boy threw four or five more pitches — all strikes, all unhittably hard — it struck me High school baseball players had about as much chance of hitting this kid's pitches as the coyote has of catching the roadrunner — zero

Barring injury, this kid was about to take the high school baseball world by storm for the next three years After that, who knew?

In order to ensure a competitive balance, they'd have to move the pitcher's mound back to 90 feet when he pitched in the majors

As he threw the catcher's mitt into the trunk of his car, the man thanked me for coming and invited me to the April 1 press conference

'Oh, there's one more thing I almost forgot to men-

tion,' the man shouted across the parking lot 'My son has a twin brother He can't throw worth a lick, but you should see him kick a soccer ball!' It's another one of those extra tendon things, only it's in his leg Is high school soccer big around these parts?

IMPORTANT FOOTNOTE

Twenty years ago this week, I read a story written by George Plimpton that appeared in *Sports Illustrated* The article featured a pitcher the New York Mets had signed who was going to revolutionize the game of baseball with his unhittable 150-mph fastball At the end of the article — which appeared in the April 1, 1985 issue — Plimpton admitted that the pitcher was fictional, not real

That article was not only one of the best April Fool's Day jokes I've ever heard of, but it was also the inspiration for this column

In case you haven't figured it out already, there is not a 15-year-old pitcher out there with a 122-mph fastball about to wreak havoc on the local high school baseball scene The above story is a piece of April Fool's Day fiction, just like the *SV* article I read 20 years earlier

Happy April Fool's Day — one day early
 Ed Wright is the Plymouth Canton sports editor

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2 00 p m April 21 2005 The bid opening will be at 2 00 p m April 21 2005 for the following

Garage Door and Door Operator Replacement

Plymouth City Hall
 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

Specifications and bid documents are available at the City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth during normal business hours You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

For additional information call the City of Plymouth Building Department at (734) 453 1234 ext 232

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities

LINDA J LANGMESSER CMC
 City Clerk City of Plymouth

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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 Temporary Moving & Storage of Furniture for Allen, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools** Bidding documents are available by contacting Doug Underwood of the District's Construction Management Team of McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427 8400 A mandatory pre bid meeting will be held on Tuesday April 5th 2005 at 4 00 p m at Smith Elementary School 1298 McKinley Street Plymouth MI 48170 Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE Moving Bids' 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 1 30 p m Thursday April 14 2005 where they will be read publicly The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that April 4, 2005, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday May 3 2005 Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office 1150 South Canton Center Road between the hours of 8 30 a m and 5 00 p m Monday through Friday Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks Office at 734 394 5120 Mail in registration will be accepted postmarked by April 4, 2005

Terry G. Bennett
 Clerk

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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 First Phase of the New Elementary School at Cherry Hill** Bid documents are available by contacting Doug Underwood of the District's Construction Management Team of McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427 8400 A pre bid meeting will be held on Tuesday April 5th 2005 at 11 00 a m at the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 A full list of bid divisions being covered can be obtained by phoning Dan Phillips PCCS Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746 Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center utilizing envelopes received by McCarthy & Smith Inc on or before 1 30 p m Thursday April 14 2005 where they will be read publicly The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted For additional information phone Dan Phillips The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

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 Plymouth Canton Community Schools

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday April 5 2005 at 10 00 a m Auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road The vehicles will be sold as is Starting bid is for towing and storage

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	V.I.N
1995	Pontiac	Grand AM	4 DR	1G2NE55D3SC810292
1987	Toyota	Pickup	PU	JT4RN63R5H5031541
1991	Toyota	Camry	4 Dr	4T1S1V21E5MU344630
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1992	Chevy	Blazer	SW	1GNCS18W7N0143080
1992	Suburu	Legacy	4 Dr	4S3BC6328N9604253
1993	Mercury	Sable	4 Dr	1MELM5342PG620501
1996	Audi	A 4	4 Dr	WAUEA88D5TA064961
1992	Lexus	A 4	4 Dr	JT8UF11E9N0139114
1991	Ford	Escort	2 Dr	1FAPP1287M182260
1995	Ford	Thunderbird	2 Dr	1FALP6248SH181015
1997	Ford	Aspire	2 Dr	KNJLT05HXV6234084
1993	Ford	Explorer	SW	1FMCU24X7PUD43620
1999	Ford	Explorer	SW	1FMYU22X9XUA57146
2002	Ford	Escape	SW	1FMYU03152KB37639

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTORS

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

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Tuesday May 3 2005

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 3 2005 IS MONDAY APRIL 4 2005 PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY APRIL 4 2005 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

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

This Notice is given by order of the State of Michigan

Linda J Langmesser CMC Clerk
 City of Plymouth

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial election of Schoolcraft Community College Michigan will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election

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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 April 4 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

RIVIERA REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 063 99 0006 701 063 99 0007 000 AND 063 99 0008 000 FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads

SECTION 16

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1 150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 3 1 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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BEYDOWN REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 131 99 0011 000 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Canton Center Road

SECTION 33

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 31 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA APRIL 6, 2005

"SPECIAL ZBA MEETING REGARDING IKEA"

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY April 6, 2005 AT 7 30 P M 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 Bryan Amann of Brashear Tangora Gallagher Creighton & Amann 355 N Canton Center Canton MI 48187 representing IKEA Property Ifc 496 W Germantown Pike Plymouth Meeting PA 19462 for property located at 41660 Ford Road appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102 Article I Section 102 9 9 flag requirements Article II Section 102 35 1 a wall sign square footage requirements Article II Section 102 35 4 a e ground sign requirements Article II Section 102 31 12 height requirements Article II Section 102 31 18 ground sign footage requirements to another ground sign Zone C 3

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PCS lacrosse team opens season today

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It would have been nice if the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys' lacrosse team could have eased into its first official Michigan High School Athletic Association varsity season.

Unfortunately, there will be nothing easy about the Warriors' 2005 schedule, which features games against many of the most accomplished teams in the state.

"We were put into the same division as (Redford) Catholic Central, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Novi, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Northville, all of which have strong programs," said PCS coach Mike Costello, whose team compiled an impressive 16-5 record in 2004. "One goal we have is to improve over the course of the season. The coaches have circled certain games on our schedule that we think we should win, or at least be competitive in. Then there are some other games in which we'll have a hard time competing."

"Talent wins out. Against the best teams, we're going to have to make every possession count."

The Warriors excelled as a club team the past two seasons, advancing to the Class C state title game.

"We have a dozen or so players returning from last year's varsity team and we have a lot of good junior-varsity players coming up, too," Costello said.

PCS, which will wear the colors of all three P-CEP high schools, will be captained by senior Cam Schambre and juniors Mitch French and Chris Sorenson. Schambre and senior Tim Schroeter are two of the Warriors' most talented defensive players. Sorenson is the starting goalie and French will provide some offensive surge from his mid-field position.

The Warriors' offensive attack will be spearheaded by attackmen Nick Cate, Jared Ruark and Mike Bahrou. Other key contributors include junior mid-fielder John Groat, sophomores Jeff Phillips (defenseman) and Austin Gubert, and freshman Ryan Gubert.

"We scrimmaged Country Day last week and that showed us that we still have a lot of work to do," Costello said. "I think our defense and goal-tending will be our strength, at least early in the season. I know the boys are extremely fired up for the first official varsity season. Everyone has been working hard during the off-season to get ready."

The Warriors open the season this afternoon at 3 p.m. against Ypsilanti. Their normal home field will be the P-CEP junior varsity football field, which is located just south of Plymouth High School, however, due to problems with the field, today's opener has been moved to Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd., just west of Sheldon.

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Attack power play dooms Whalers in game 2

BY RYAN DOHERTY
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth Whalers surrendered five power-play goals to the Owen Sound Attack Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena, en route to a 6-1 loss in game two of their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarterfinal series. The Whalers were whistled for 14 penalties in game two, and now find themselves down two-games-to-none to Owen Sound, a team that dominated the regular season series (3-0-1-0).

The Attack were called for their fair share of penalties also — 10 to be exact — but the Whalers failed to convert on any of their four power-play chances, while the Attack went five-for-10 with the man advantage. Many of the Attack power-play goals came after the midway point of the third period when the Whalers received six penalties in a seven-minute span. The Attack

scored three power-play goals during that time frame, much to the displeasure of coach Mike Vellucci.

In my opinion, the referee quit the game at that point, said Vellucci. Tonight's loss wasn't from a lack of effort, because we were prepared and played well. They had a hot goaltender and converted on the power play."

The Whalers found themselves down a goal just 50 seconds into the game. Plymouth defenseman Mike Knight was in the box for cross-checking, when Owen Sound's Patrick Jarrett (two goals, one assist) scored on a one-timer, beating the Whalers Ryan Nie to the glove side.

Trailing 1-0, the Whalers continued to try and find some way to get a shot past the Attack's Mike Brown. Plymouth had several good scoring chances in the first, but Brown was there time after time, making one great save after another to keep the Whalers off the board in the

opening period. The Whalers outshot Owen Sound, 14-11, in the first, but Brown stood his ground. He shut out the Whalers in game one, and held them scoreless in game two until the last minute of the second period.

As the middle period got underway, the intensity and physical play started to pick up. The Whalers began to finish their checks, which seemed to fuel their offensive play and give them some momentum.

Plymouth defenseman Mike Letizia's shot from the left point was tipped past Brown by center John Mitchell at the 9:42 mark, but the puck rang off of the far goal post and slid into the corner. Two minutes later, the Attack's Paul Bissonnette scored on the power play with a wrist shot from just inside the right blue line. The shot appeared to catch Nie off guard as it sailed over his glove hand into the top right corner.

The Attack added another power-play goal at the 15:53 mark, as Jarrett made a nice

move around the Plymouth defense, and slid the puck between Nies pads, giving Owen Sound a 3-0 lead.

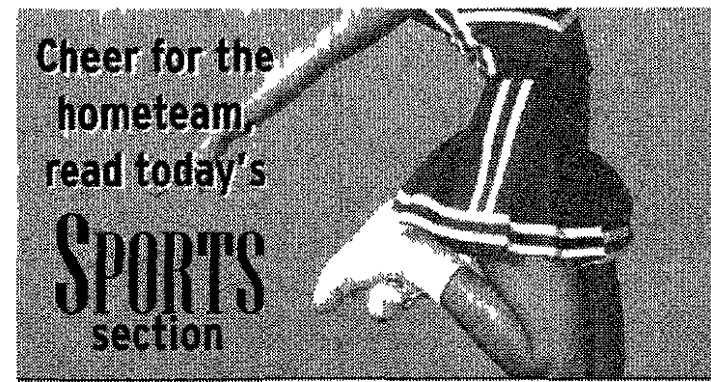
"We had the momentum and then they scored those two quick goals and that was a turning point in the game," Vellucci said.

Mitchell scored the Whalers' first goal of the playoffs with 55 seconds left in the period on a nice individual effort in front of the Owen Sound net. He deked Brown out of position, and snapped a wrist shot into the roof of the net, making it 3-1.

"We needed that goal bad," said Mitchell. "That goal sparked our team heading into the third (period), but we got into some penalty trouble and couldn't recover."

Vellucci finished by saying, "We played good clean physical hockey tonight, but we didn't play dirty."

So far in the series the Whalers have had 10 power plays, compared to Owen Sound's 16.



Cheer for the hometeam, read today's SPORTS section

Plymouth Housing Commission is seeking bids for the following vehicle

1995 GMC SAFARI

Bids will be opened Wednesday April 13 2005 at 10:00am at the Plymouth Housing Commission office located at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth MI 48170

Interested persons can view the vehicle Monday - Friday April 4 - 8 2005 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the same address. For any questions please call (734) 455-3670 x 224

Sale will be by cash only

Plymouth Housing Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids

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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 Replacement Doors for East Middle School**. Bidding documents are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE - East Door Bid 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m. Wednesday April 13 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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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 Portable Classrooms for Dodson, Tonda, Bentley, Field, and Smith Elementary Schools**. Bidding documents are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE "Portable Bid" 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 10:00 a.m. Wednesday April 13 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton MI 48188
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PCA softball team will rely on youth

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth Christian Academy softball team is going to come close to matching last year's impressive 13-8 record, several young players will have to make a solid first impression.

We lost five key players from last year's team — including our top pitcher, catcher and the entire right side of the infield — so this will definitely be a rebuilding year for us," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "We have 10 girls who haven't played a lot of organized softball which will allow me to do a lot of teaching this year. I'm looking forward to this season."

Junior Justine Caine will be counted on to provide most of the mound work for the Eagles.

Justine pitched in one or two games last year, but overall she doesn't have a lot of pitching experience, Hammar said.

Hammar's second pitching option is senior Liza Terkoski, who will open the season as the starting

shortstop. Terkoski will also serve as a co-captain along with Caine.

Freshman Kristy Carnavale will handle the catching duties for Hammar. The rest of the starting infield will be filled out by junior first baseman Rachel Ward, sophomore second baseman Brooke Harris and senior third baseman Amy Anderson.

Brooke started in the outfield for us last year," Hammar said. "She's probably the quickest girl on the team and should be one of our leading hitters. She'll bat somewhere near the top of the order. Amy is a third-year player who is very good defensively."

Patrolling the outfield for the Eagles will be a combination of senior Carissa Elenbaas, juniors Melissa Wroblewski and Liz Roberts, sophomore Stephanie White and freshman Bethany Constance.

The Eagles open their season April 4 at Lutheran Westland.

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Agape softball team filled with talented freshmen

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian softball team may be young, but it's not necessarily inexperienced.

We have quite a few freshmen who will be starting, but most of them started last year as eighth-graders, so they do have experience," said first-year coach Bobby Stockman. "One of our returners is our top

pitcher, so I'm definitely optimistic. I think we'll have as good a shot as any of the other three teams to win the district."

The Wolverines will be led this season by senior pitcher Julie Schultz, who was one of the top producers on last year's 2-12 squad. Schultz will team up with starting catcher Katie Lambert to give the Wolverines one of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division's top batteries.

Rounding out Agape's infield will be freshman first baseman Valeta Martin, senior second baseman Jordan Owens, freshman shortstop Caroline Jungquist and senior third baseman Brittany Pierson, a co-captain and returning starter.

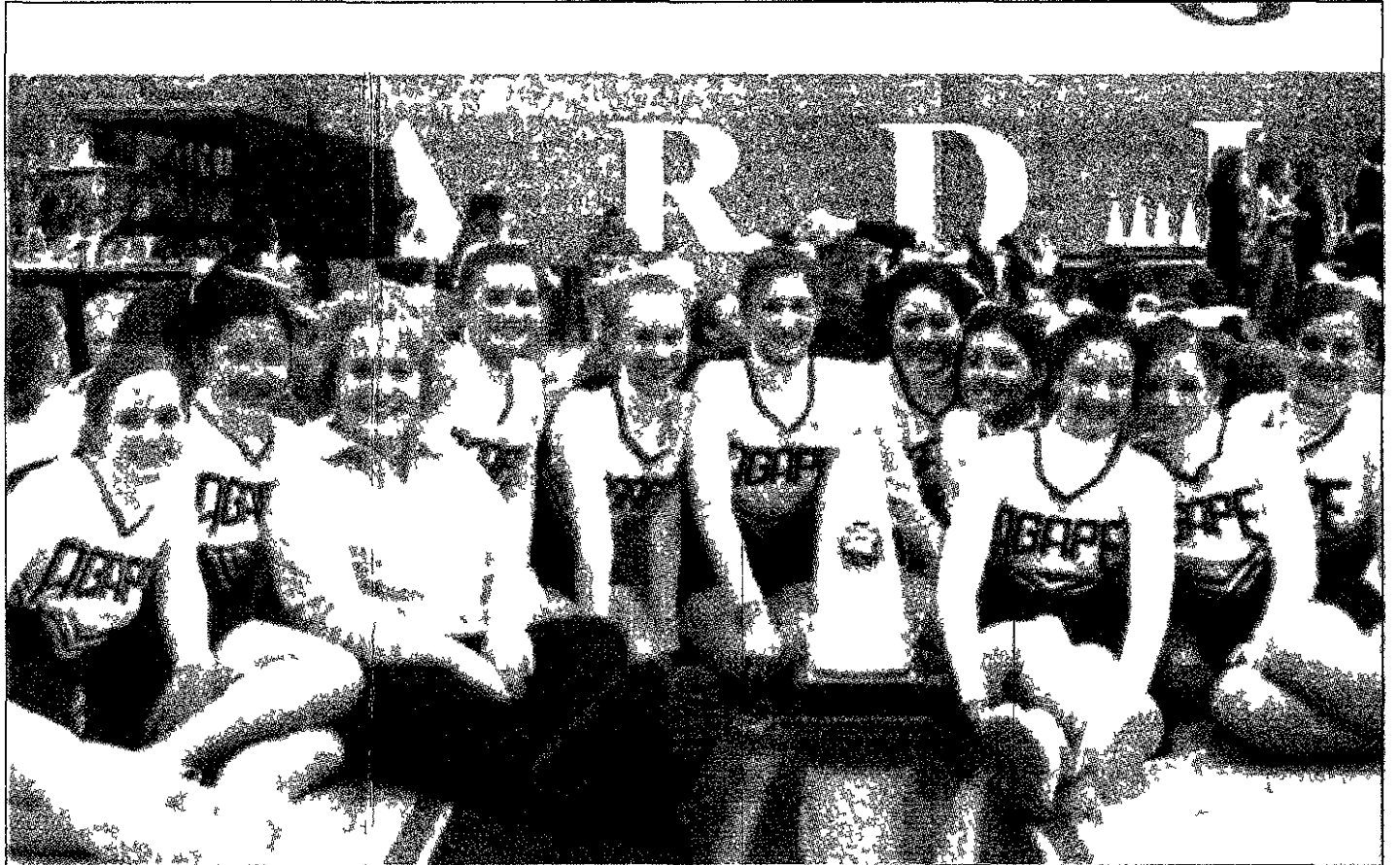
"Caroline is an excellent defensive shortstop," Stockman said. "She's only a freshman, but she started there last year. She has great range and a strong arm." Junior Lindsay Gant will

cover a lot of ground as the Wolverines' starting center fielder, and she will serve as the other co-captain. She'll be flanked by starting freshman left fielder Kayleigh Lemon, who also started in 2004.

"Right field is still up in the air," Stockman said.

The Wolverines will open the season April 8 at home against Plymouth Christian Academy.

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Agape cheerleaders shine

The Canton Agape Christian varsity cheerleading squad finished fourth in Class D at the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championship competition held March 12-13 at Saginaw Valley State University in University Center. Teams from across Michigan competed in the two-day meet.

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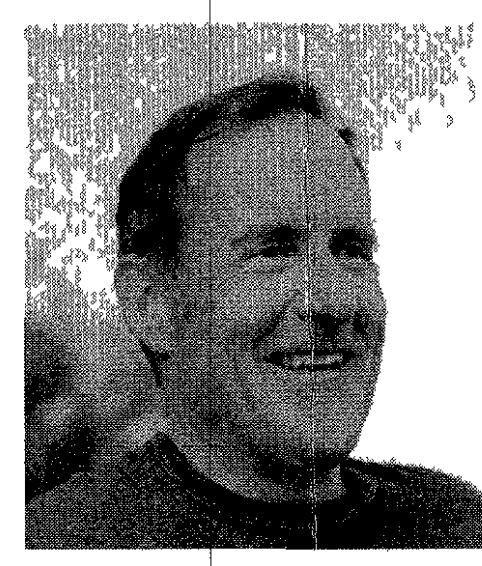
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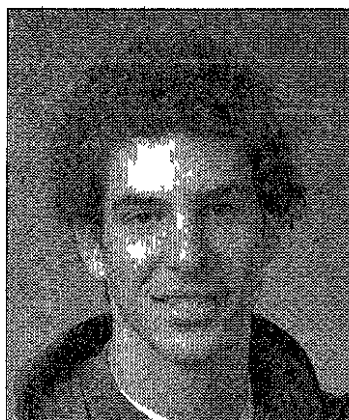
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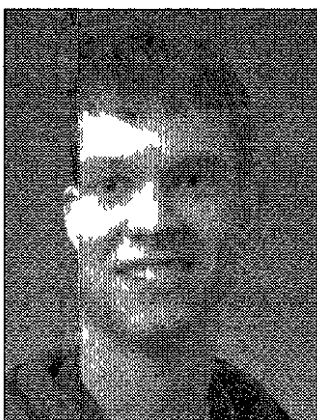
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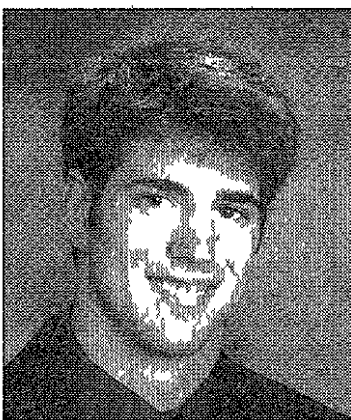
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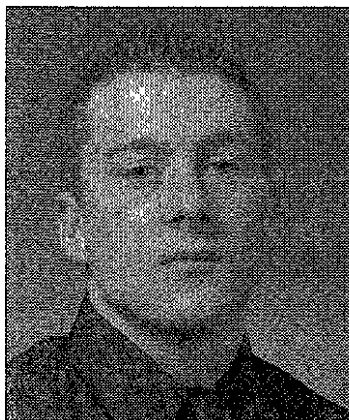
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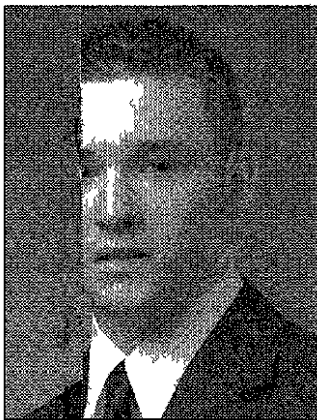
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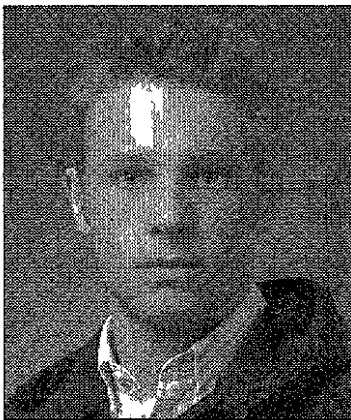
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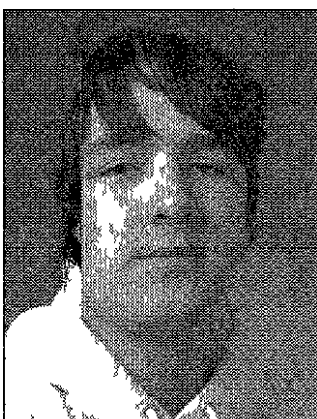
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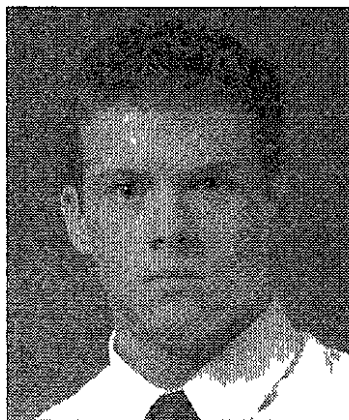
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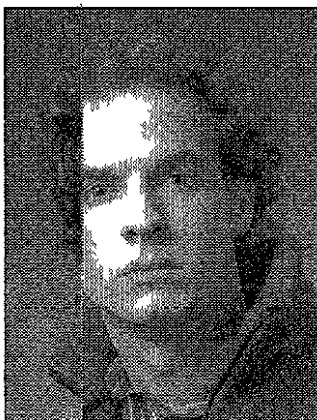
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Todd Johnson
coach, Redford Catholic Central

ALL-AREA TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Ross Tashjian Jr G Redford CC Another Shamrock named to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association All State and Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League first teams he sparkled in tandem with sophomore Bryan Hogan

Tashjian (12 12 150 920) finished off his season in fine fashion with a 4 0 shutout of East Kentwood in the Division I state championship game at Compuware For the season he registered three shutouts and shared a fourth with Hogan

Coach Johnson said there was a 10 game stretch where Tashjian posted a save percentage of 940 which is unheard of in any high level of hockey

Quickness poise and strong desire to win were some of the reasons for that kind of streak and for his overall outstanding season He is very athletic extremely competitive said Johnson about Tashjian who was named CC's Rookie of the Year

Tim Buttery Jr Def Redford CC Whatever situation the Shamrocks were faced with during their championship season they could count on the 5 11 175 pound Buttery He set the power play and penalty kill with his steady play which coach Todd Johnson likened to that of Detroit Red Wings star Nicklas Lidstrom

Buttery scored three goals and 26 assists and was selected First Team All State by the MSHCA and MIHL along with being named CC's Best Defenseman by his teammates

Our opponents sure understand and respect Timmy Buttery Johnson said Because you can't beat him one on one

An example of that came in the Division I state final against East Kentwood when Buttery took the puck through the neutral zone and over the blue line before setting up a clutch goal

Kevin Horal Sr Def Redford CC The captain of the Division I state champions scored a huge game winning goal in January against Orchard Lake St Mary's that coach Johnson said gave the Shamrocks a ton of confidence

That seemed to jump start an incredible run for CC which finished 24 3 3 Horal (three goals 21 assists) delivered intense physical presence and tape to tape passes on the breakout in addition to solid leadership Those aspects of his overall game were reasons he earned selection to the MSHCA All State and MIHL first teams as well as selection to CC's best defensive player

But Horal also contributed mightily on offense

His ability to move the puck up the ice on breakouts was key to getting our skilled forwards in motion said Johnson adding that Horal hopes to earn a walk on spot with Michigan State next year

Harrison Niemann Sr F Redford CC An offensive machine who will play in the talent rich United States Hockey League (Major Jr) league next season Niemann led the Shamrocks with 16 goals and 36 assists He was one of four CC players to make the MSHCA All State and MIHL first teams

He is a perfect guy for a coach said coach Johnson because he is big strong physical skilled unselfish in passing the puck and he is a great shot

Niemann displayed that over and over during the regular season and playoffs where he set a postseason school record for points with 15 including nine goals His one timer in the first minute of the third period

against Farmington Unified in the Division I regional final helped the Shamrocks squeak out a victory

Johnson said Niemann has the potential to become a top two line player for any CCHA school

Justin Stadler Sr F Livonia Churchill The senior earned first team All State honors in Division I and also was named to the All Western Lakes Activities Association squad

In 24 games Stadler had 19 goals and 25 assists for 44 points with a plus 17 rating He also scored five game winning goals and was Churchill's MVP

Justin was a threat to score every shift Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said To put up those kind of numbers with the amount of attention he got from our opponents is a great testament to his ability

Shawn Anderson Jr F Livonia Stevenson The junior center earned All Western Lakes scoring honors tying with a league high 33 points

In 24 games Anderson had a total of 24 goals and 22 assists for 46 points

Shawn was probably the best all around player I saw all year Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said And he is probably the best we had at Stevenson because he can handle the one on one situation is a great athlete and comes to play every night

Whenever he plays well we win

SECOND TEAM

Mike Kondratek Sr Def Canton Kondratek's first season of high school hockey was a successful one as the multi talented senior defenseman compiled 19 goals and 27 assists in 22 games Canton was a much stronger team when he was on the ice which is proven by his incredible plus 53 plus/minus rating

Mike was probably one of the best players in the entire state this past season said Canton coach Mike Behen He was one of the top 87's last year when he played for Honeybaked team but he wanted to concentrate more on academics this year so he decided to play high school hockey Our team definitely benefited from that decision

Mychaelns Sr F Redford CC It's the perfect analogy to call Evans the Kr's Draper of CC said coach Johnson Evans (14 goals 19 assists) made things happen with speed and relentless forechecking creating offense while also excelling in penalty killing and power play duties

He was rewarded by being selected to the MSHCA All State and MIHL first teams

The season reflected the growth Evans has made during his three year career with the Shamrocks

He is one of those kids that started as a sophomore and dressed for only three games Johnson said He dreamed about making a contribution and worked himself into an All Stater

Evans is planning on playing next season in the Eastern Jr A League based in Vermont

Robert Lippe Sr F Redford Unified The four year varsity player scored 15 goals and tallied 23 assists to lead his team to its first Mega Red championship in four years

He has exceptional all around skills said Redford Unified first year coach Larry Singer

He sees the ice well He is just very receptive to coaching

For his efforts Lippe earned a spot on the All Mega conference team and was named the team MVP a testament to his leadership work ethic and play on the ice

According to Singer it says a lot when the guys you lead tell you you're their MVP

2004 05 ALL OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS (selected by the sports staff)

FIRST TEAM

- G Ross Tashjian Jr Redford CC
- D Tim Buttery Jr Redford CC
- D Kevin Horal Sr Redford CC
- F Harrison Niemann Sr Redford CC
- F Justin Stadler Sr Livonia Churchill
- F Shawn Anderson Jr Livonia Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

- D Mike Kondratek Sr Canton
- F Mychaelns Sr Redford CC
- F Robert Lippe Sr Redford Unified
- F Jason Lewarne Sr Redford CC
- F Justin Tonti Sr Livonia Churchill
- F Dan Kozlowski Jr Livonia Franklin

THIRD TEAM

- G Scott Lewan Soph Livonia Churchill
- D Craigen Baudry Sr Salem
- D Phil Wendeker Jr Livonia Churchill
- F Dan Barczuk Jr Redford CC
- F Marcus Voran Soph Livonia Stevenson
- F Reece McCabe Sr Canton

FOURTH TEAM

- G Bryan Hogan Soph Redford CC
- G Justin Desjardis Soph Plymouth
- G Kit Pruchnik Sr Livonia Stevenson
- D Adam Gill Knr Sr Salem
- F Eddy Brown Sr Redford Unified
- F Mike Oakleaf Sr Redford CC

COACH OF THE YEAR

- Todd Johnson Redford CC

HONORABLE MENTION

- Catholic Central Chris New Colin Ronayne Wade Lafever Adam McGee Redford Unified Brandon Batty Tom Anderson Nick Fischback Chris Donahue Nick Kinney Churchill Brandon Mishowski Mike Fierk Joe Gessler Franklin Bert Smith Alex Chosholm Garrett Radford D J Tracy Stevenson Erik Anderson Dan Lamonica Jason Mfsud Canton Garrett Hyman Tony Hylko Pat Dawson Kevin Tolison Salem Brandon DeMars Tommy Cooper David Carey Plymouth Ryan Stamm Brandon Winowiecki

Jason Lewarne Sr F Redford CC He thrived for the Shamrocks after being moved early in the season from center to left wing and tallied 19 goals and 19 assists

His contributions impressed enough for him to be selected to the MSHCA All State first team and MIHL second team

Lewarne who will play next year in the USHL is a tremendous left wing with great offensive skills awesome hands and a pro caliber wrist shot said coach Johnson

Another plus is his ability to abuse guys one on one with his stick handling said Johnson noting a play he made against a Clarkston defenseman in the Division I state semifinal that led to an important goal

Justin Tonti Sr F Livonia Churchill The third year senior who scored nine goals and added 21 assists in 24 games earned first team Division I All State and All Lakes Division honors

Tonti also had a plus 18 rating

Justin had a great senior year Mazzoni said He is a solid two way player He took every key face off He is also a great leader

Dan Kozlowski Jr F Livonia Franklin In 23 games the junior center scored 23 goals and added 15 assists with a plus 13 rating

The All WIAA pick and Division II honorable mention All Stater also sported a 26.8 percent scoring average

Dan was a true asset to the team a real leader Frank in coach Terry Jobbitt said As good as he played this year we look for even greater things from him next year

CC's Johnsonorable to pick up where mentor St. John left off

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When Todd Johnson started as an assistant coach with the Redford Catholic Central varsity hockey team, he was given the opportunity to make some mistakes by then-head coach Gordon St John

That approach helped Johnson grow into an excellent coach and motivator in his own right

Gord he gave me autonomy when I was an assistant to make mistakes, said Johnson, 35 I'm eternally grateful for that

Johnson learned well enough from his mentor to coach the Shamrocks to a 24-3-3 record and their seventh Division I state championship in eight years He also was named 2004-05 Observerland Coach of the Year

I'm probably more of a tactician (and) I don't think I yell anywhere near as much as I used to, he said with a laugh

It didn't hurt the second-year CC head coach to have a stable of talented players, of which six made the Observerland first or second team

We talked all year about how there was a very good chance we'd have a good won-lost record with so many experienced players back, said Johnson, who played hockey and golf at CC in his senior year, 1986-87

But in order to bring the championship back to CC after

'We tell kids we truly believe championships and team successes are just a part of our program. (They're) as big a part of our program as moving these guys on junior hockey and collegockey.'

Todd Johnson

a one-year absence, Johnson emphasized the importance of paying close attention to detail and doing things the right way — and not get hung up so much on the record or individual stats

'We had them to do little things practice, little things off the ice to remind them it isn't going to be easy come playoff time, he said 'For the most part they bought into that

Knog when and how to adjust their opponent and the situation of a particular game, CC took care matters in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League then really clicked during postseason The Shamrocks went 6-0, sweeping past opponents in the Division I state finals and finishing up with wins over Brighton, Clarkston and East Kentwood

Guys accepting roles is a huge part of any championship team, Johnson said And these guys did that great

Johnson, meanwhile, made sure to note that the 2004-05 team's success owed a lot to the contributions of assistant coaches St. John Mike Porter and Jim McGroom and managers Mike Giordano and Evan Ambrose

He added that although the team strives to excel and win championships, it's only one aspect of the CC hockey program

'We tell our kids we truly believe championships and team successes are just a part of our program, Johnson said (They're) as big a part of our program as moving these guys on to junior hockey and college hockey You can't do that just throwing pucks on the ice and saying, let's go

High school hockey is just a part of Johnson's busy life He resides in Grosse Ile with his wife Amy and two children (son Evan, 3, daughter Emma, 1) After earning a marketing degree from Eastern Michigan University, he went on to become a salesman with APAC Paper & Packaging Corp in Allen Park

Also after college, Johnson returned to his high school alma mater in 1995 to join St John's coaching staff Following five years as an assistant and three as coach, he took over head coaching duties before the 2003-04 season

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PCA sluggers set '05 goals high for season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy baseball coach Kurt Johnston would like to see his team make a little history this season. "No Plymouth Christian team has ever won a regional in any sport, so that's something I'd like to try to accomplish this season," Johnston said. Johnston's goal is not far-fetched considering the Eagles are returning several key play-

ers from last year's Class D district-championship squad. The top returnee could be senior pitcher/shortstop Andrew Shoemaker, who led the Eagles in mound victories in 2004. "Andrew is a workhorse on the mound, Johnston said. "Hes not just a pitcher though. Hes an all-around great baseball player. I call him 'Mr Baseball'." Sharing the majority of the hurling duties with Shoemaker will be seniors Eric Immerfall and Stephen Sumner. Sumner

will rotate with Shoemaker at shortstop and Immerfall is slotted to play first base. "Last year was Stephen's first year of baseball since the eighth grade and he really played well," Johnston said. "He throws in the high 70's right now, but I think we'll see him hitting the 80's before too long." Providing the target for the talented pitching staff will be senior catcher Aaron Ciborowski, who is equipped with a potent bat and arm.

"Aaron is one of our best hitters, and he's a threat to throw just about anybody out who tries to steal against him," Johnston said. "He hit two grand slams last year, one when we came back to beat Plymouth, 13-11." First-year senior Bob Unis will open the season as the Eagles' starting second baseman. The starting third-base job was still up for grabs, according to Johnston. The starting outfield is set. Senior Jordan Johnston —

Kurt's son — will start in, fleet-footed senior Natha Bixler will patrol center a sophomore Matt Saagmaas earned the right to start right. Other key contributors include seniors Jesse Predhomm, Jordan Stothers, Jared Stiers, Alex Haney and Adam Clo, juniors T J Miller and K Baruta, sophomores Trent Nill and Devyn Govan, and freshmen Trevor Zinn and Mi Geracz. "Southfield Christian I be

the team to beat in the conference," Johnston said, referring to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title chase. "They won the league and the regional last year. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist will also be strong." Ron Sumner and Keith Saagman fill out the coaching staff for the Eagles, who open their season Monday at Lutheran Westland.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-MARCH 22, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 22, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Director Faas. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 1, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 8, 2005. Kirchgatter made a motion supported by LaJoy to amend the March 8, 2005 Board Minutes due to causing confusion removing all text after February 22, 2005 and dollars. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Caccamo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for March 22, 2005. General Fund 101 \$361,158.89, Fire Fund 206 75,057.05, Police Fund 207 140,236.17, Summit Operating 208 50,471.41, Street Lighting 219 18,511.39, Cable TV Fund 230 1,905.35, Public Improvement 245 195.00, E 911 Utility 261 321.02, Auto Forfeiture (wwa) 267 1,074.00, Federal Grants Fund 274 1,132.00, Auto Theft Grant 289 1,220.95, Downtown Dev Auth 294 8,131.93, Cap Proj Summit Const 402 31,464.13, Golf Fund 584 26,320.77, Water & Sewer Fund 592 658,683.94, Trust & Agency Fund 701 6,024.00, Post Employ Benefits 736 36,332.39. Total - All Funds 1,418,290.39.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION POLICY (TREASURER) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Automated Clearing House Policy and the Resolution to Authorize Electronic Transactions as required by Michigan Statute. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. APPROVING INVESTMENT AGENCIES (TREASURER) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Township Treasurer or her designee be authorized to utilize the investment services of Bank One/Chase/J.P. Morgan Securities, Comerica Bank, Standard Federal, TCF Bank, Huntington Bank, Smith Barney, UBS, Key Victory Community Bank of Dearborn, MBIA Class National City Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Fifth Third Securities, Flagstar Bank, Republic Bank, Multibanks Securities, Ambassador Capital Management, Cambridge Investment Group, Best Bank/Guaranty Bank, The Private Bank/Bank of Bloomfield Hills, Merrill Lynch and Citizen's Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR OAKWOOD HEALTHCARE'S AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs on April 1, 2005 and removal on April 5, 2005 for Oakwood Healthcare's American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR H.E.A.R.T.'S (HEART-TRANSPLANT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RELIEF TEAM) CLASSIC CAR SHOW (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs with removal at the end of the day for H.E.A.R.T.'s Classic Car Show on June 26, 2005 in the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club parking lot. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CHRISTMAS IN ACTION (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs on April 23, 2005 for the Christmas in Action Work Day Saturday April 30, 2005, with the removal of signs on Saturday May 7, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR AAA MICHIGAN'S RACE DAY (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status for AAA Michigan's Race Day June 22, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 2017 Canton Center. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CHERRY HILL VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for site plan approval for the Cherry Hill Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan Approval for the Cherry Hill Elementary School. WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, have requested site plan approval for a new elementary school to be located on the northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Denton Road (Tax EDP # 067 99 0011 702), and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL of the site plan, and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for the proposed elementary school on parcel no. 067 99 0011 702 subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township.

Item 2. CONSIDER SINGH REZONING (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning of Singh Development. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Singh Development. WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 6,577 acres of land located east of Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads be rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-6, Single Family Attached Residential District and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and, WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 107 99 0003 002 and the westerly 870 feet of tax EDP # 107 99 0003 001 from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-6 Single Family Attached Residential District.

Item 3. CONSIDER PULTE HOMES REZONING (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for Pulte Homes Rezoning. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Pulte Homes Rezoning. WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 139 acres of land located south of Denton Road between Denton and Barr Roads be rezoned from RA Rural Agriculture, RR Rural Residential, R-1, Single Family Residential, R-2, Single Family Residential Districts, to R-2 and R-3, Single Family Residential Districts and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and, WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by I move to recommend approval of the request to rezone tax EDP #s 121 99 0012

000 and 121 99 0013 000 from RR Rural Residential tax EDP # 121 99 0024 002 from RA Rural Agriculture, and tax EDP #s 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 R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Single Family Residential District and approval of the request to rezone tax EDP #s 121 99 0014 000, 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, and 124 99 0002 000 from RR Rural Residential, and tax EDP #s 121 99 0038 000 and 124 99 0001 000 from RA Rural Agriculture to R-3, Single Family Residential District.

Item 4. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR CAR WASH AND DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT (MELODY'S GOURMET MARKET) (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use for a Car Wash and Drive-Through Restaurant (Melody's Gourmet Market). Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use for a Car Wash and Drive-Through Restaurant (Melody's Gourmet Market). WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use approval for a car wash and drive through restaurant located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Haggerty Road (Tax EDP #s 137 99 0001 000 and 137 99 0002 001) and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special land uses to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use approval for a car wash and drive through restaurant located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Haggerty Road on tax EDP #s 137 99 0001 000 and 137 99 0002 001 and subject to all other regulations of the Township.

Item 5. CONSIDER REQUEST TO PAY INVOICE FOR PRIVATE ROAD INSPECTION SERVICES AT THE RIVER'S EDGE OF CHERRY HILL VILLAGE FROM EXISTING ESCROW ACCOUNT (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize payment of the Inspection Services Company Inc invoice in the amount of \$18,888.75 from account number 592 000 288 0000 for the services performed in inspecting the road construction in the Cherry Hill Village River's Edge development. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WATERCAD 7.0 RELATED SERVICE AND TRAINING (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of Haested Methods for the purchase of WaterCAD Version 7.0 WaterCAD service subscription, SewerCAD service subscription and training for two individuals on WaterCAD for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (Water and Sewer Fund account number 592 441 977 2580). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of One (1) 2005 GMC 2500 Savanna Cargo Van at \$14,944.00 (water and sewer capital outlay account #592 000 142 0000), One (1) 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer at \$21,401.85 (water and sewer capital outlay account #592 000 142 0000), and Two (2) 2005 GMC 4X2 2500 pick ups at \$16,585.00 (water and sewer capital outlay account #592 000 142 0000) each from Red Holman GMC under the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement all to be funded from the water and sewer fund and further, move to approve the purchase of One (1) 2005 Ford Explorer at \$21,576.50 (general fund capital outlay account #101 371 977 0000) from Signature Ford, under the Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing Program to be funded from the general fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. REQUEST TO EXTEND THE WEED CUTTING CONTRACT FOR M.S.T. & L. INC FOR THE 2005 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to award the 2005 Weed Cutting Program to M.S.T. & L., Inc in the amount of \$47,94 per acre/lot (Contractual Services - Weed Cutting 101 521 823 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID FOR THE SPRING 2005 SHELDON AND LILLEY ROADS TREE PLANTING PROGRAM (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the award of bid for tree planting and watering for the Spring 2005 Lilley and Sheldon Road Tree Planting to Arbor Green Landscaping for a total of \$98,310.00 plus a contingency for tree and stump removal of \$10,000 for a total purchase order of \$108,310.00 (account no. 101 285 970 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. CONSIDER AWARDS ENGINEERING SERVICES TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE 2005 SIDEWALK GAP PROGRAM (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the engineering design consulting services for the 2005 Sidewalk Gap Program to Northwest Consultants Inc in the amount of \$17,786 plus a 10% design contingency for a not to exceed amount of \$19,565 (ROW Engineering Maintenance account # 101 441 803 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. REQUEST TO AMEND INTERIOR ENVIRONMENTS' FURNITURE PURCHASE ORDER (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve increasing the Purchase Order previously issued to Interior Environments LLC 26911 Northwestern Hwy Southfield Michigan 48034 at \$26,000 (Administration and Public Safety construction/renovation project # 402 302 975 0000) for the purchase of additional furnishings, parts to rebuild two cubicles and finish installation of the track filing. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried.

Item 12. CREATE AND FILL NETWORK TECHNICIAN POSITION (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the creation and filling of Network Technician position in Information Technology Services Division. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. APPROVE ZERO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TEAM VEHICLE (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for zero lease agreement for team vehicle. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Canton is hereby authorized to lease from Blackwell Ford a 2005 Ford Explorer VIN 1FMZU73K25ZA49393 for a two year period commencing on March 31, 2005. RESOLVED FURTHER that Thomas J. Yack, the Supervisor and Terry G. Bennett, the Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, whose authorized signatures are set forth below be and are hereby authorized directed and empowered to execute and deliver to Blackwell Ford such contracts, leases and other documents as may be requested by Blackwell Ford in connection with such lease of said vehicle. RESOLVED FURTHER that Blackwell Ford is authorized to act upon this resolution until written notice of its revocation is delivered to Blackwell Ford at its principal place of business in Plymouth, Michigan. I, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of resolutions of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of said Board of Trustees duly and regularly held on the twenty second day of March 2005. I further certify that said resolutions are still in full force and effect and have not been amended or revoked, and that the specimen signature appearing above is the signature of the officer of this corporation authorized to sign purchase contracts or leases for and on behalf of this corporation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton and affixed the corporate seal this 23rd day of March 2005.

Item 14. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR EQUIPMENT FOR ESCAPE SYSTEM - FIRE (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the following Budget amendment to create a new

Police Capital Line item for emergency purchase of a Yates Kevlar Belts for Fire Escape System & R Products Company 158 Wallace Ave. Downingtown PA 15 for an amount of \$4688.46. Motion carried unanimously. rease Revenues Fund Balance Appropriation #206 000 0000 \$4689. Increase Appropriations, Capital Outlay Equipment # 336 977 0000 \$4689.

Item 15. PURCHASE OF 95 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE FOR DETECTIVE BUREAU (ID) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase as 2005 Pontiac Bonneville SE through the Oakland County Program for an amount of \$20,114.00 (2005 Police Capital Out Account 207 301 977 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A HIGH VOLUME, HIGH QUALITY COPIER FOR RECORDS BUREAU (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following Budget amendment to create new Police Capital Line item for the emergency purchase of a Mita DiAlta Di650 copier from National Business Machines 35744 I Rd Westland MI 48185 for \$9,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Increase Revenues, Fund Balance Appropriation #207 000 6900 \$9500.00, Increase Appropriations, Capital Outlay Equipment 7 301 977 0000 \$9500.00.

Item 17. PURCHASE OF INTEROPERABILITY SYSTEM (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of the Interoperability Communications Unit for installation to our current dispatch system through that of Michigan Contract with Motorola in the amount of \$51,400 (Account #101 860 977 0000 Homeland Security Grant Fund). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 18. POLICE MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING FOR OFC MARINELLI (SD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve travel and training expenses for Officer J. Marinelli to attend Police Motorcycle Instructor Training in Memphis, Tennessee through Northern University Traffic Institute total cost \$4,210.20 (act no. 201 952 0000 Police Training Account). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 19. CANTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY-LAWS, 5.1 (REVISION) AND 5.1.1 (ADDITION) (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by Caccamo to table the Canton Board of Trustees revise Rule 5.1 by replacing Thursday to Wednesday and add Rule 5.1.1, All materials to be distributed (paper copies) and shown electronically by Canton Board members to other board members shall be submitted to the Supervisor's office for inclusion into the Board packet by noon on Thursday preceding the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 20. SUPPORT OF CANTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL CHOICE (CACCAMO) Motion by Bennett supported by Caccamo to approve the resolution for educational choice. Motion denied. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WHEREAS, the portions of Canton Township located in the Van Buren and Wayne Westland School Districts are not currently being provided with schools that adhere to the stated goal of Michigan Department of Education of integrating schools with communities in which they serve and, WHEREAS, the residents of these portions of Canton Township have sought to have their property transferred to the Plymouth Canton Community School District and, WHEREAS, the residents have petitioned to move out of Van Buren Township Schools and into Plymouth Canton Community School and the Canton Township Board of Trustees believes that having Canton children attend schools that are located in and integrated with the community in which they live and play will foster a more cohesive community and make Canton a better place to live. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canton Board of Trustees on the Van Buren School District to develop and implement these plans to construct an elementary school in the Canton portion of the district. Furthermore the Canton Board of Trustees calls on Van Buren and Wayne Westland School Districts to both develop these plans to improve the integration of their district with the Canton community consistent with the Michigan Department of Education stated goal of fostering a partnership between the schools and communities that they serve. Included in these plans should be consideration of the Canton community in any new high school or old school buildings. To the extent the respective school districts do not consent to these plans to serve the residents of Canton the Canton Township Board of Trustees will support the districts in same manner and with the same vigor that it has supported the Plymouth Canton Community School District in similar endeavors in that if either the Van Buren School District or Wayne Westland District fails to take these actions within two years the Canton Board of Trustees embraces and supports the efforts of Canton residents to seek entry into the Plymouth Canton Community School District. Motion by LaJoy, seconded by Caccamo to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WHEREAS, the portions of Canton Township located in the Buren and Wayne Westland School Districts are not currently being provided with schools that adhere to the stated goal of the Michigan Department of Education of integrating schools with communities in which they serve, and, WHEREAS, the Canton Township Board of Trustees believes that having Canton children attend schools that are located in and integrated with the community in which they live and play will foster a more cohesive community and make Canton a better place to live, NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Canton Board of Trustees will work with Van Buren and Wayne Westland School Districts to better serve the residents of Canton by improving communications with Canton residents by Canton Board of Trustees working in partnership with Van Buren schools to locate a school either in or closer to Canton portion of the district, and develop plans to improve the integration of their district with the Canton Community consistent with Michigan Department of Education stated goal of fostering a partnership between the schools and the community they serve. To the extent this partnership is successful the Canton Board of Trustees will support the district in same manner and with the same vigor that it has supported the Plymouth Canton Community School District in the past.

Item 21. AWARD BID FOR PRINTING SPRING/SUMMER DISCOVER BROCHURES (SD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the bid for printing of the Summer/Spring 2005 Discover program guide to EN Graphic Solutions, P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$12,865 to be paid from account #s 208 757 900 0000, 101 691 0000, 101 672 900 0000, 211 756 900 0000, 101 755 900 0000, 101 750 900 0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 22. ADDENDUM TO OFFER TO PURCHASE MICHIGAN AVE - CANTON CENT PROPERTY 6.72 ACRES - TAX IDENTIFICATION #71-119-0014-0000. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the addendum to the Offer to Purchase Real Estate consisting of approximately 6.72 acres located at Michigan Avenue on Canton Center Road Tax Identification # 71 134 99 0014 000. Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to table this item for further question. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 23. CHANGE ORDER FOR BUILDING SECURITY SYSTEM (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve change orders for Building Security System contract with Advanced Satellite Communications for \$9,095.85 (Account #402 302 975 0000 Building Construction Fund). Motion carried unanimously. ADJOURN Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 11:45 p.m.

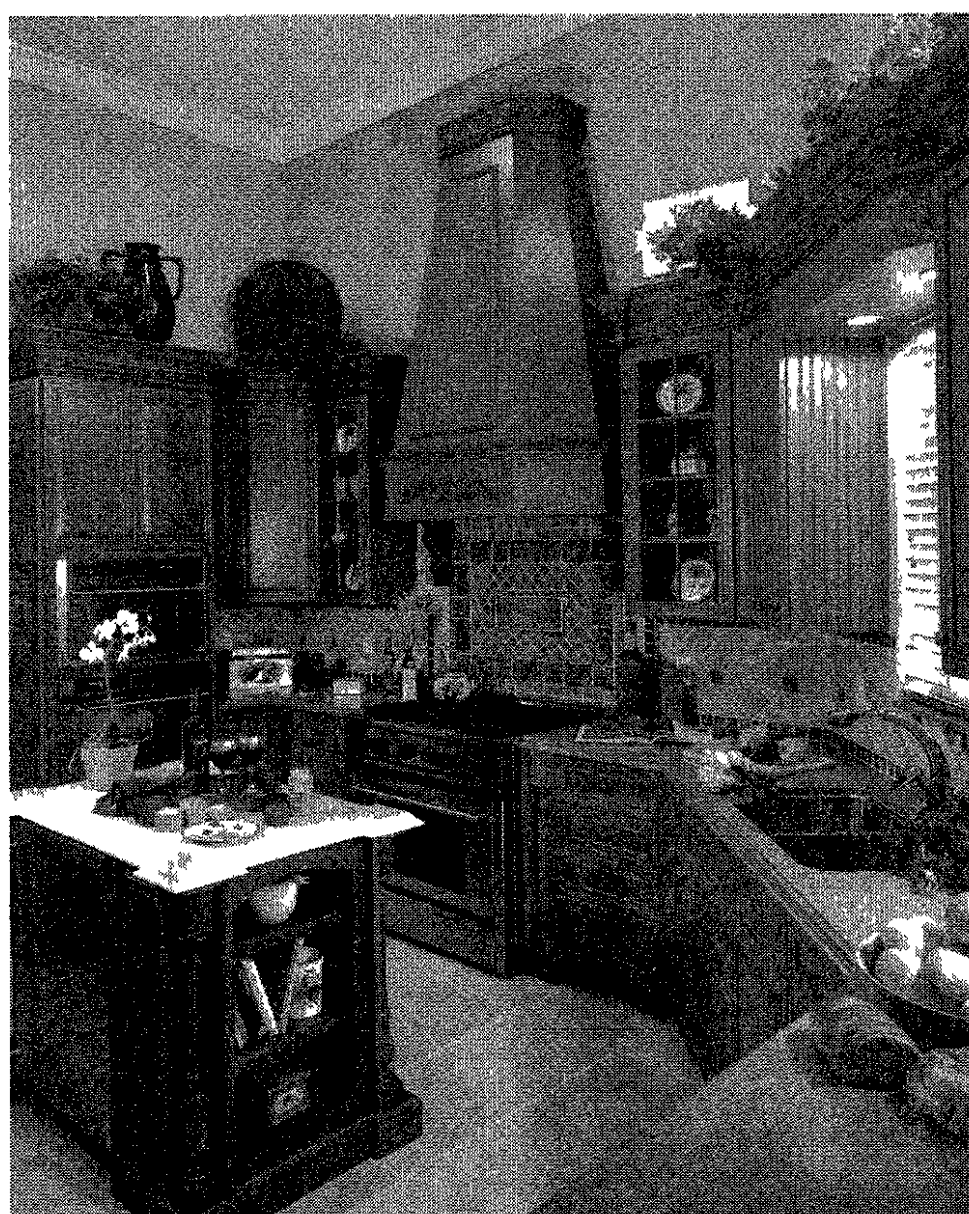
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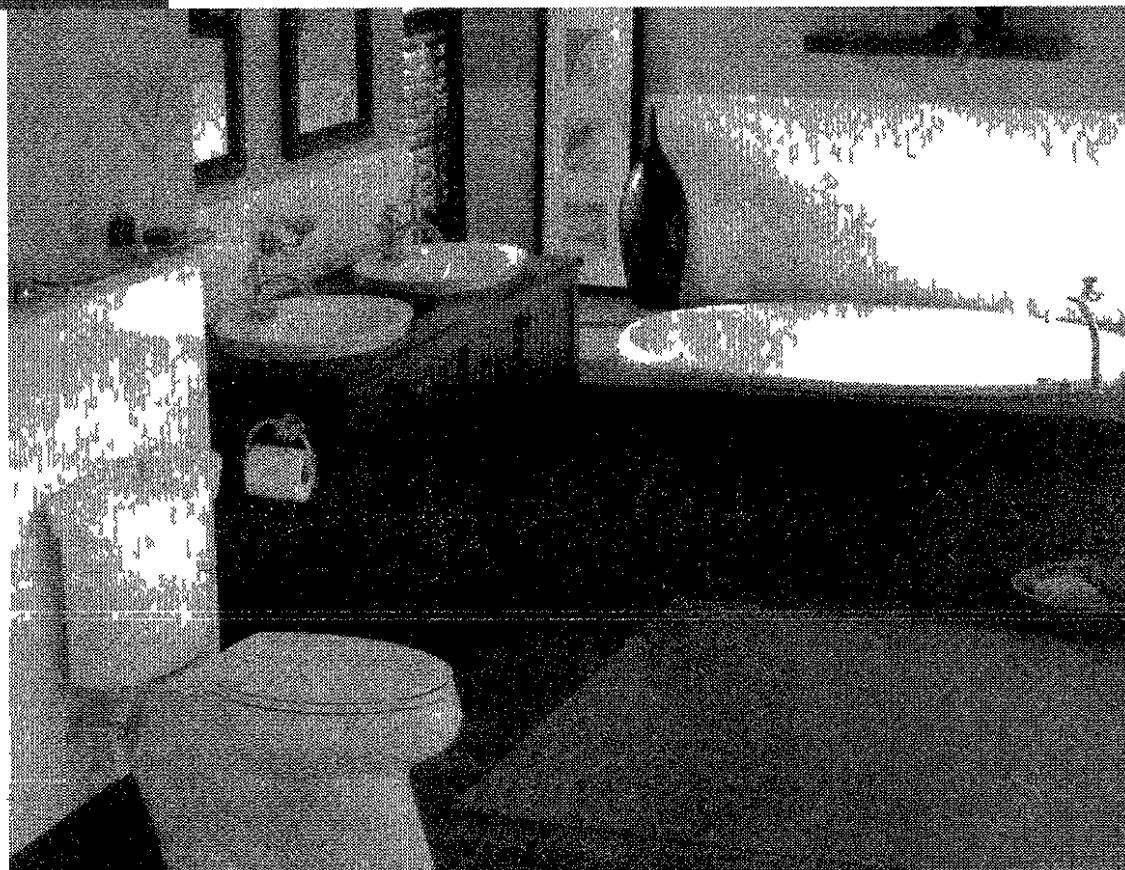
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Controversial priests chronicle 'Tumultuous Times' in the Catholic church

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Francisco Radecki had always wanted to be a priest since he was a young boy growing up in Toledo. Many of his relatives had chosen the religious life, and he and his twin brother, Dominic, were ready to do the same.

Everything started changing when I was in the fifth or sixth grade," he said. "It's so radically different because you're taught one thing and then told everything you were taught is wrong. It made a real impression on me when I was small."

What changed in the Roman Catholic church followed Vatican II, the church council called in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. The council ushered in a number of changes including an ecumenical approach to other religions, changes in the Mass, including using the vernacular language instead of Latin, allowing Saturday Mass to meet the Sunday obligation, the renaming of some Sacraments, and other changes.

Rather than stay in the established Catholic Church, Radecki and his brother instead became followers of the traditional Catholic movement. They attended a seminary together in Idaho and were ordained in 1988 as members of the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen Radecki, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wayne, answers to a bishop in Omaha, Neb., not Cardinal Adam Maida in Detroit. The nearest affiliated churches are in Grand Rapids and Akron, Ohio, though Radecki said there are other "traditional-style" churches in the Detroit area where Mass is still said in Latin.

Recently Radecki and his brother released a book that outlines the traditional Catholic criticisms of Vatican II and the popes since Pius XII, whom they consider anti-popes. The new book, *Tumultuous Times: Twenty General Councils of the Catholic Church & Vatican II and Its Aftermath* follows an

earlier book critical of the council, *What Has Happened to the Catholic Church*.

Radecki admits that his positions are controversial, but he said he and his brother have done extensive research to support their point of view. The book draws from scholarly works as well as the popular press, but Radecki concedes to having a definite point of view.

Basically councils would defend the Catholic faith and define Catholic doctrine, and Vatican II just started a whole new theology," he said.

Ecumenism, the idea that there's truth in all religion, that the Catholic church isn't the true church any longer. The radical departure from the Mass, changing the offertory and consecration and communion. Those were things that were never touched from the time of Christ.

QUESTIONS PAPAL LEGITIMACY

Tumultuous Times begins with a history of the previous church councils from the Council of Nicaea in 325 to the first Vatican Council in 1869. The book gives the history of the councils, the particular concerns that brought the church leaders together and the heresies that the councils acted against. The second half of the book deals with the political and religious arguments of Vatican II from the conservative perspective of traditional Catholics.

Radecki said he and other traditional Catholics accept the authority of a legitimate pope, but he does not accept the popes from John XXIII on as legitimate.

"You can't be a Communist and a pope or a Mason and

the pope at the same time. We believe they are anti-popes," he said.

He said he accepts the principle of papal infallibility but only if the pope is legitimate. He said the changes created by Vatican II are contrary to earlier church teachings and any pope who supports those changes isn't a legitimate pope.

His book also asserts that John XXIII and John Paul II had socialist leanings that were contrary to the teachings of the church.

In the book, the Radeckis write, John XXIII's *Mater et Magistra* (a papal encyclical) represents a striking departure from Catholic social principles. In this encyclical, they sought to further the general welfare through socialism rather than by the kingship of Christ.

Radecki acknowledged that

the Soviet Union collapsed during John Paul II's reign, but he said the pope hasn't done enough to condemn Communism, even on a visit to Cuba.

Radecki is also skeptical about the drive toward ecumenical relations with other religions.

The church is really ecumenical in that it accepts people from all places and all races for all time," he said. "But the idea of ecumenism today is equating the Hindu gods with 35 million manifestations of their god and Islam's Allah. It's not the same as the trinity we worship. That's a major difference."

He was especially critical of John Paul II for worshipping with Hindus, Buddhists and others.

Radecki's church in Wayne was started in 1989. Radecki,

who has been pastor for 11 years, said the church has about 130 families. They attend a traditional Tridentine Latin Mass and observe the church sacraments in a way identical to the form in practice in the 1950s.

The Detroit archdiocese office declined to comment on the Radeckis' book. The Sacred Heart Seminary also did not respond to an inquiry about the book.

For more information on *Tumultuous Times* or to order a copy, go online to www.stjosephsmedia.com. For information on the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen, go online to www.cmri.org. The book is also available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

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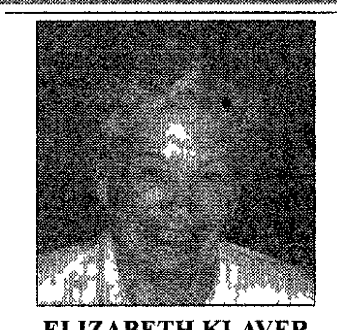
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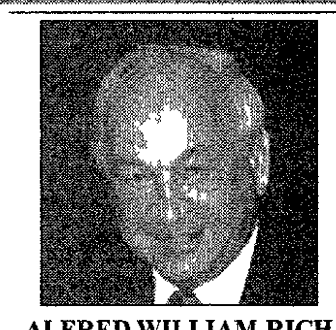
EDITH ELLEN ATON

Age 83 of Plymouth passed away March 22, 2005 at Angela Hospice after a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis. She was married to the late John W. Aton for 57 years. She is survived by her children Larry Aton of Rock Hill, SC, Johnny Aton of Detroit, Sherry Aton and Rhonda Aton, both of Plymouth, one brother William (Bonnie) Owen of Gore, OK, six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Dirty Face. She is preceded in death by her parents Emmitt Owen and Rosie Shaw, her brother Thomas Owen, her sisters Mildred Collier and Beaton Hargrove, two infant daughters Shirley Sue and Martha Roseann, two grandsons Randy and Scotty Aton and her daughter in law Shirley Aton. Edith was born in Dorina, MO and grew up in Hickman, KY. She resided in Plymouth most of her adult life. She was a homemaker, mother and honorary grandmother to many of the children she babysat over the years. She was a member of the Plymouth Church of God, enjoyed working with the Ladies Auxiliary and especially enjoyed working the fundraising chicken dinners with her friends. She was a devoted Detroit Tiger baseball fan and she loved to crochet and embroider. Most of all, she loved her family and friends. She will be greatly missed. Services were held at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Friday, March 25, 2005, with the Rev. George Aton officiating. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia.



ELIZABETH KLAVER JENKINS

Age 78 passed away at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City at 7:25 p.m. on March 27, 2005 after a long struggle following spinal and cancer surgery. She was the wife of Dr. Ronald Jenkins, retired pediatric dentist and mother of three children: Betsy, Daniel and Stephen. Mrs. Jenkins was born in Michigan and grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and her father was a general dentist in Detroit. She attended Grosse Pointe High School and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949 where she became a member of Chi Omega. She also was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston. Beth was an ardent Go Blue fan all her life and knew and could sing all the songs and verses in the Michigan Songbook from memory. When Dr. Jenkins opened his pediatric dental practice in Birmingham, Beth was his first receptionist and bookkeeper. In later years she became Secretary for the Oakland County Dental Society. The couple lived in the Birmingham/Beverly Hills area for 51 years. While there they were active members of The First Presbyterian Church until they moved to Traverse City two years ago. A memorial service is being planned for this summer in Traverse City. Memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Hospice House, 1105 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684 or to a charity of one's own choosing. The family is being served by The Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684.



ALFRED WILLIAM RICH

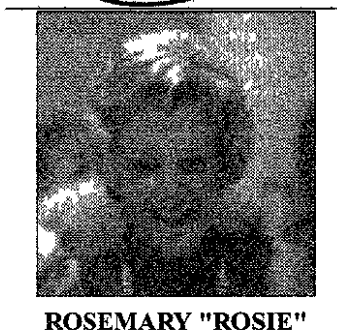
Age 75 of Bloomfield Hills died March 28, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy. Mr. Rich was born November 29, 1929 in Depue, Illinois, son of Agnes and John Resetch. Mr. Rich served in the United States Military during the Korean War. Mr. Rich attended Bradley University and graduated from the University of Marquette with a masters degree in chemical engineering. Mr. Rich moved to the Birmingham area where he met his wife Mary Kay Whiting. Mr. Rich started his own business, Precision Coatings Commerce, Twp. in 1969. Mr. Rich was a member of Holy Name Church of Birmingham, Orchard Lake Country Club, Delray Dunes Country Club in Florida, Rich Harvest Farms in Illinois and he was also a member of Legatus. Mr. Rich loved to travel, play golf and work in his yard playing with his tools. The thing that meant the most to Mr. Rich was his family. He was very proud of his Slavic background and quietly helped the less fortunate to achieve their dream or get back on their feet. Mr. Rich is survived by his wife Mary Kay Whiting, Rich children Mary Beth (Keith) MacGudwin, Andrew Whiting (Anne) Rich, Richard John (Kim) Rich, Amy Claire (Kevin) McCarthy, Patrick Michael (Delores) Rich, Christopher Ryan (Fiance Christine McGowan) Rich, grandchildren Meaghan and Sarah MacGudwin, Jennifer Drew and Parker Rich, Morgan Jonathan Grace and Georgia Rich, Shea Reilly, Mary Claire Casey, Grace and Brady McCarthy and Rachael Rich, sister Mary Wiermick and brothers Anthony Rich, Richard (Nancy) Resetch and John (Ellen) Resetch. Funeral from Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Friday, 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Thursday, 2-8pm. Prayers 7pm. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Contributions appreciated to Oakland Family Services, 23532 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite A, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

FLORENCE C. "BEE" GALINET

Mrs. Florence C. Bee Galinet, age 83, passed away Saturday evening, March 26, 2005 at a local hospital. She was born on January 24, 1922 in Pontiac, MI to Russell and Mildred (Martin) Brace. She was a resident of Farmington Hills, MI and later of Canadian Lakes, ON. On October 27, 1943, Florence married William Galinet, whom she met at Alma College and was married for over 61 years. Mrs. Galinet and her husband loved playing golf together. She is survived by her husband, William, 4 children: Cheri Muenchhausen of the Woodlands, TX; Laurie (Robert) White of Muskegon; Greg (Gerr) Galinet of Novi, MI; and Brett (Theresa) Galinet of Milford, MI. 6 grandchildren: Leighann, Charles, Grant, Jacqueline, Robert and Julie, and 2 great grandchildren: Kylie and Dawson. A private memorial service will be held by the family. Memorial contributions to United Way of Michigan Project Literacy would be appreciated. Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel System Funeral Homes, Inc., 231 759 8565.

MARY ELIZABETH "MOLLY" MUNDT

Age 63 of Plymouth born into eternal life March 26, 2005. She was born September 28, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois. She came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Livonia. She was a retired occupational therapist for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth where she also served as the Wedding Coordinator and participated in the Resurrection Choir. She was also active with the RCIA program at St. Edith Church in Livonia. She was involved with the Friends of the Library in Plymouth and Manna Meals in Detroit. She enjoyed watching the sunsets on Lake Michigan at her family home in Frankfort. She made friends wherever she went and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Robert, her children Robert (Mary Beth) Mundt of Dearborn, Kathleen (fiance John Whitney) Mundt of Plymouth, Peggy (Timothy) Morelli of Plymouth, and Pete (Jade) Mundt of Plymouth, her grandchildren Meghan, Riley, Ryan and Rowan, her brother John Cunniff and her sister Kathleen Cunniff. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday, 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to The Capuchins or Marywood Nursing Center. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home, (734)453-3333.



ROSEMARY "ROSIE" (FISHER) MILLER

Age 82 formerly of Birmingham, MI passed away March 24, 2005 at Grand Traverse Pavilions after an extended illness. She was born March 30, 1922 in Anderson, Indiana and was the daughter of Walter Earl and Alberta (Lili) Fisher. She married William B. Miller on December 24, 1943. They moved to Michigan in 1959. She retired as an Administrative Secretary of the Royal Oak MI School System. She was also a Registered Nurse. She was a 50+ year Life Member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the White Shrine. She enjoyed ceramics and was a pianist/organist. She is survived by her daughter Carol Ann and husband Jeff Turner of Traverse City, the love of her life, her grandson Logan Turner of Traverse City and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 50 years in November of 1992, her parents Earl and Alberta Fisher and her brother Eugene Fisher. Services will be Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 11:30 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home in Anderson, Indiana with nephew Rev. Stephen K. Fisher officiating. Visitation will be immediately preceding the service. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park.

ANN BLEAKLEY SPICER

Age 77 of Dalton, GA and formerly of Birmingham, MI and St. Petersburg, FL died Tuesday, March 28, 2005 at her residence. She is survived by her husband Neil H. Spicer of Dalton, daughter Lou Henry of Douglasville, GA, two granddaughters and one great-grandchild. Memorial services will be held later in Michigan. Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton, is in charge of arrangements.

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MARCH

Rummage and bake sale
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, March 31 to April 1. Saturday Bag Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 2 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt. Light lunches available.
Tiny Tots Preschool
Taking registrations for fall of 2005 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211 for more information. There are still openings for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon 4-year-old class and Tuesday/Thursday morning and afternoon 3-year-old classes.

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UPCOMING

The Tico Family
Singing Filipino missionaries in concert 7 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette south of Ford Road east of Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Call (734) 728-4549.
Revival meetings
With Charles Kempf, April 3-6. Services begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 3 and 7 p.m. Monday/Wednesday at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information visit www.gbcoflivonia.org or (734) 425-6215.
Vesper services
The Council of Orthodox Christian

Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its annual series of Vesper services at area Orthodox churches beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 3. Veneration of the Cross at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, (248) 569-4833. April 10, Sunday of St. John Climacus at SS. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-9651 and April 17, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 476-3432. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians are invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Timothy Barna, COCC president at (313) 937-2120 or ftim@wmi.com or the Very Rev. Michael Arbanas, secretary at (313) 271-3110 or fathermichael@stclementchurch.net. For information about COCC, call (313) 937-2120.

Bible seminar
Creation versus Evolution conducted by Pastor Mike Doucoumes and Joe Knapp, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays to April 6 at Cherry Hills Seventh Day Adventists Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, between Wayne and Venoy roads, Garden City, Call (734) 524-0880.

Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 8 and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9 in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday.

Musical revue
The Edge, the teen performing arts groups of Hope Lutheran Church present On the Edge: The Life of a Teenage Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 13. The revue contains original drama and song at the church, 39200 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. For more information call (248) 553-7170.

Rummage/bake sale
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Proceeds will help fund missionary work within the community. Sale items include children's clothing (infant to 6X), toys, household and kitchen items, knickknacks, books, sporting goods, electronics, televisions, tools, furniture and baked goods. For more information call (734) 422-1470.

Women's Retreat
Women of Livonia and other communities are invited to this annual event co-sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, begins with registration and a continental breakfast 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. For reservations call (734) 422-0494.

Spring Fling
Card party, games, salad dinner and dessert, door prizes 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at St. Sabina Church, Ann Arbor. Trail between Telegraph and Inkster roads, Dearborn Heights. Donation is \$7. For tickets call (313) 561-1977.

Benefit concert
A benefit handbell concert by Classical Bells for the rehabilitation and physical therapy of Laura Jackson, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile at Inkster, Livonia. Jackson hit her hand while trying out for cheerleading in May 2003, causing a crushing injury to her spine. As a result, she is a quadriplegic and needs assistance to breathe. Tickets are a \$10 suggested donation. \$8 for groups of 15 or more. For more information call (734) 422-1470.

Open house
For all those interested in an outstanding Christian school for grades K-4 through 12, Agape Christian Academy is having an open house 7 p.m. Monday, April 11 at 45081 Geddes Road in Canton. Please contact the school office at (734) 394-0357 if you have any questions. Agape features a well-rounded academic program which is based on the Abeka curriculum and supplemented with art, music and sports to give students a balanced program of study. Established in 1982 as a ministry of Agape Family Worship Center, it is fully accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association. You and your prospective students are invited to the open house to receive enrollment information, tour the facility and meet with teachers, staff and some students as well.

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Brocket sharp, but MU splits pair

Madonna softball pitcher Erin Brockert displayed mid-season form Saturday afternoon in the Crusaders' 2-1 victory over Tri-State University in the first game of a double-header played at Livonia Ladywood High School.

After yielding an unearned run in the first inning, Brockert (5-1) silenced the Thunder the rest of the way. Brockert also ignited MU's game-winning, two-run, sixth-inning rally when she singled and eventually scored on Stephanie Day's dramatic two-run double.

Tri-State rebounded in the nightcap, winning 7-5. The split left the Thunder with a 7-5 mark and Madonna with a 7-6 record.

Tri-State pitcher Amy Walker suffered the opening-game loss, despite allowing just five hits in six innings of work. Brockert gave up just three hits and struck out three

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

in her complete-game gem. Day shined at the plate for MU, going 2-for-2 with a walk. Other than Day and Brockert, first baseman Krystal Shina (Farmington Hills Mercy) was the only other Crusader to record a hit.

Sheila Dura was the hitting star in game two for the visitors as she ripped a pair of hits and collected three RBI.

Shina (2-for-4, two RBI) and Day (3-for-4, one RBI) paced the Crusaders in the game-two loss.

MU trailed 5-1 when it erupted for four fifth-inning runs. Brockert, Shina and Day all contributed RBI hits to the game-tying rally.

Shannon Noder suffered the pitching loss for the Crusaders, yielding four earned runs and 11 hits in four-and-two-thirds innings of work.

Diamond honors

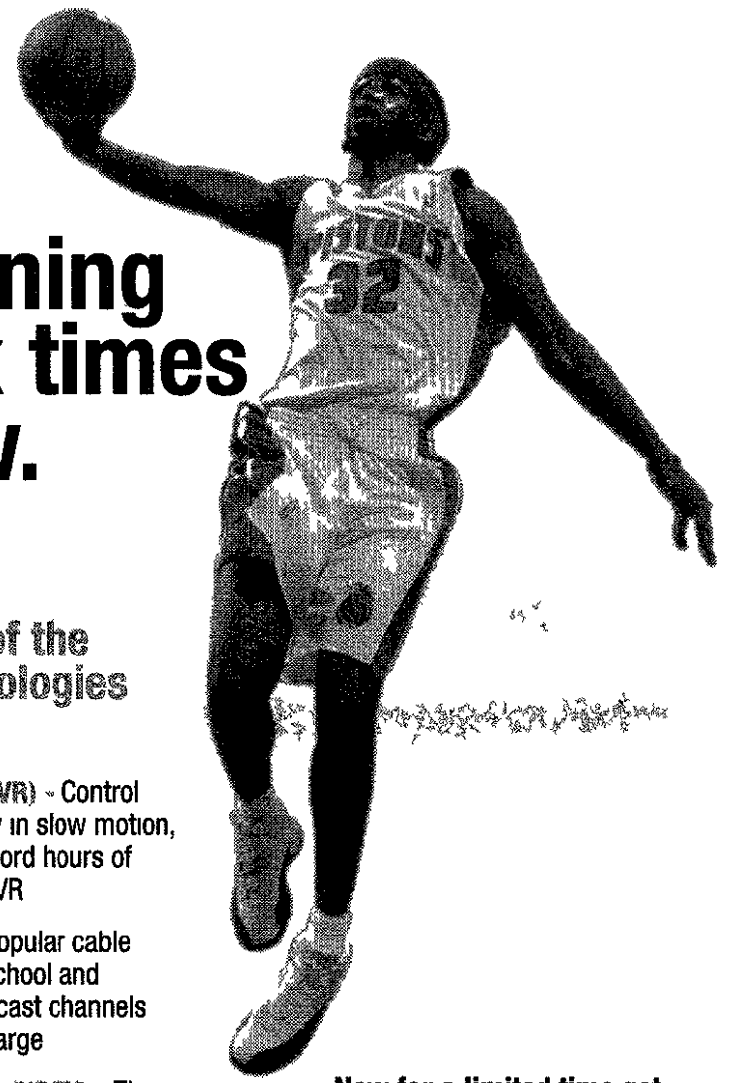
Madonna softball players Stephanie Day and Erin Brockert earned Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week and Pitcher-of-the-Week accolades, respectively, last week.

Day, a freshman from Livonia Ladywood, went 10-for-14 with three doubles and five RBI in four games. Among her hits was a game-winning, two-run double in the Crusaders' 2-1 victory over Tri-State on Saturday. Day finished with a .714 batting average and .929 slugging percentage.

Brockert, a junior from Dayton, Ohio, notched a pair of mound victories last week, including a complete-game, seven-strikeout effort at Spring Arbor.

For the week, Brockert struck out 12 batters in just over 15 innings of work. She allowed just one run, leaving her earned-run average at a stingy 0.46.

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Livonia Churchill will stage a summer hockey camp for grades 8-12 from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5, at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The cost for the two-week camp is \$175. Enrollment is limited.

For more information, e-mail Pete Mazzoni at pmazzoni@livonia.k12.mi.us.

MU CROSS COUNTRY CAMPS

Madonna University will be stage a series of summer cross country base camps.

The youth camp will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 25-29 (cost is \$55), base camp, 8-10:30 a.m., Aug. 1-5 (cost \$75), and long runs, 7-9 a.m. Saturday, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6 (cost \$7 each Saturday).

For registration information,

call MU head cross country coach and camp director Pat Daugherty at (734) 432-5634 (office) or evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell). You can also e-mail him at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS

Livonia Stevenson High School will be offering a series of summer sports camps through the Community Education Enrichment Program. The deadline to enroll is Monday, May 23.

Among the camps offered: Boys basketball (incoming grades 5-9) — 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the new fieldhouse. Directed by coach Bill Dyer and staff. Cost is \$79 (course No. 9214).

Girls track and field (incoming grades 7-12) — 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, June 20-24,

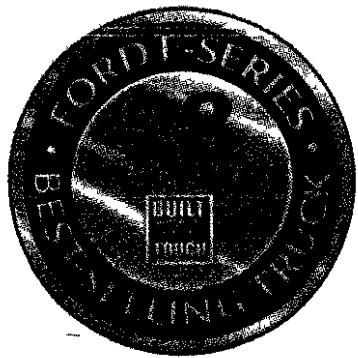
at the outdoor track. Directed by coach Kelly Graham and staff. Cost is \$79 (course No. 9221).

Girls volleyball (incoming grades 7-10) — 12:45-2:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 20-24 and Monday through Thursday, June 27-30, at the competition. Directed by coach Kelly Graham and staff. Fee is \$99 (course No. 9229).

Girls softball (incoming grades 4-9) — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, June 21-23, at the softball field. Directed by coach Rob Witherspoon and staff. Cost is \$50 (course No. 9223).

Girls basketball (incoming grades 7-9) — 8-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, June 27-July 1, at the new fieldhouse. Directed by coach Tim Newman and staff. Cost is \$55 (course No. 9227).

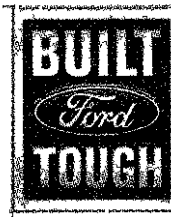
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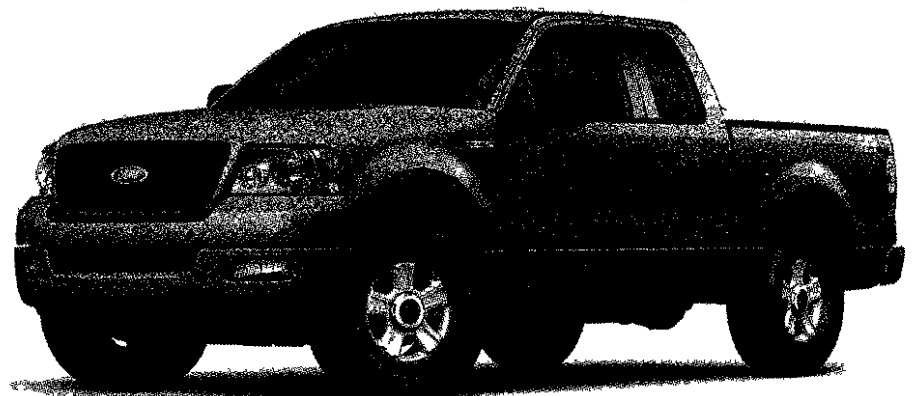
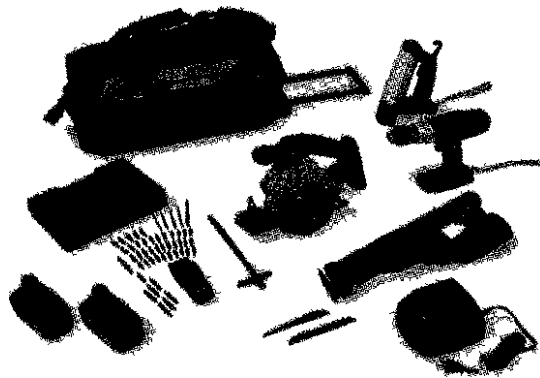
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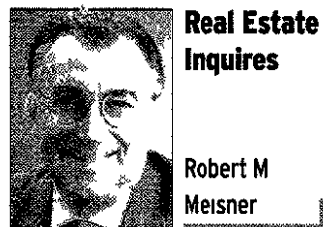
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Satellite dish likely can stay

One of our co-owners has placed an 18 inch satellite dish on the patio outside their unit. We believe that he has violated the Association bylaws because he did not get approval. A member claims that a law pre-empts the Association's rules. What do you think?

In a similar case out of Ohio, the Court held that federal law prohibits community associations from banning the placing of satellite dishes that are less than one meter in diameter on any area under the member's exclusive control if the effect of banning such placement would be to impair the installation, maintenance or use of a dish because the dish in that case could not function properly unless placed outside on the patio and because the association did not offer any viable placement alternatives. The Court held that the member could keep the dish there despite the association's rules. That is likely to be the case in your situation, although you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium association attorney.

We have restrictive use covenants that limit the number of residential structures on the parcels of land in our subdivision to one parcel. One of our owners wants to split the parcel and build an additional residence. Is that allowed?

Presuming that the restriction in question is clear and unambiguous, the covenant apparently applies to the entire parcel originally acquired by the person who wants to split the property limiting that parcel to one permanent single family residential structure. This intent is presumably consistent with the reading of the restrictions as a whole. If the declaration expressly provides that its purpose is to maintain the present natural beauty and open space character of the lands, allowing the owners to split their parcel to add a single family residence on smaller parcels would sound contrary to that purpose. You must read that covenants as a whole and seek a legal opinion.

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Living in Seclusion

away from urban sprawl

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

'I want to be alone, said Grusinskaya. Who?' That was Greta Garbo's character in the 1932 film *Grand Hotel*. The statement was forever after associated with the actress, especially following her retirement from movies in the 1940s and her life as a so-called recluse from then until her last days in 1990.

If you're giving any thought to being a recluse, real estate agents will tell you it's important that you first decide the physical and financial degrees of the reclusiveness you can manage.

Garbo for example as Merle Solway said, lived in a seven-room apartment in the middle of New York City and regularly went walking with companions in Central Park.

Solway sells homes for Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse in Birmingham. She thinks that a person who wants to be alone needs "a buffer of at least an acre," but it depends, she said, on money.

We've got a 20-acre property Lakes, a house of about 4,000 square feet. It's big-time money. Four million.

But some people would be thrilled with half an acre if they've never had that kind of space.

If, like Henry David Thoreau, you'd like to leave the path steadily beaten by traditionalists, Solway can give you some ideas.

'I get requests sometimes, not many,' for houses away from subdivisions, malls and freeways. I'll suggest certain areas where there's land and not much congestion. Maybe Milford or Highland or White Lake or Oakland Township No. Commerce. That's already built up.

All kinds of people," she said, think about secluded homes. Could be a middle-aged couple, children grown and they want a little privacy.

At Wilhelm & Associates in Clarkston, sales agent Carlene Slone said she gets house-hunters who say, "I want to be away somewhere" and she uses her listing services to help them.

Although she can't specify "hidden" in her computer searches, "I can put in all the other specifications and say, 'no subdivisions'.

You might find, Slone said, a house on a dirt road or a house across the street from a subdivision or an old farmhouse.

"Some people have kids and want neighbor kids for them to play with and some don't. Some don't want traffic.

In her 15 years of selling homes, Slone said, she's seen it become ever more difficult to find isolated properties as the concrete waves of urban sprawl continually pave open land. But there still are some there, she said.

"There are old houses," she said, "and new construction in the middle of nowhere. Maybe someone has taken a 10-acre parcel and split it into two parcels or four. You're out in the country. Woods and streams."

But you can't go as far from a city as you used to, she said, before running into the next city.

Sales agent Bruce Webb said "there still are working farms west of I-275 and it could be possible to buy an old farmhouse."

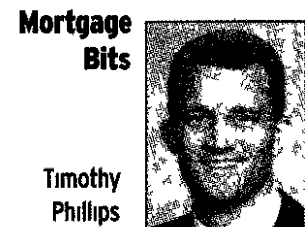
But that old farmhouse has increased in value over the years, Webb said, and the land even more. Webb is with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Canton.

Environmentalist John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club, wanted as much open space as he could find. "The appeal of wilderness," he wrote, "is the absence of man's tinkering."

OK, but apparently it doesn't work for everyone. Slone can tell you about owners of hidden-away homes who changed their minds for some rational reason or possibly succumbed to the negative force of autophobia, the fear of being alone.

They came in to see her and said, "I want to sell this place. I can't stand being out there by myself."

"Oh, yes," Slone said, "I've heard that story. Or maybe it's just that they don't want to drive five miles to go to the store."



Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips

Never say never when buying a home

I have bad credit. We had a bankruptcy three years ago. I don't make enough money. It is amazing how many potential homebuyers disqualify themselves from mortgages because they simply don't try.

Any of the above reasons may seem like show stoppers for an uninformed borrower, but there is usually a way to get funding for those who are truly motivated to do so. Such mortgage success almost always takes work, creativity and patience, but diligent borrowers are usually delighted with the results.

Recent bankruptcies or collections do not automatically disqualify borrowers from getting a mortgage, as long as they can prove that they are no longer a credit risk. That proof usually comes in the form of some sort of minimum credit score, one or more satisfactory scored credit references, and by showing an ability to put a meaningful down payment on their new purchase.

Less lender risk means a better interest rate. A borrower with a 30-day late mortgage payment in the past year will normally get a better interest rate and terms than would a borrower with four such late payments. Similarly a borrower who provides a higher down payment is less of a risk to a lender, and will be rewarded with a better interest rate.

Discouraged borrowers who have been shot down time and again by mortgage lenders may feel their only resort is to rent forever. That is simply not the case. No matter how bad a borrower's situation may be today, that person can be eligible for a home loan within a year with good self-discipline and proper coaching.

Finally, there's absolutely nothing wrong with getting a second opinion from another mortgage lender. Some lenders have more experience, a wider variety of products, and different levels of creativity than others. Also, using a mortgage broker may speed up your search because they generally have access to the broadest spectrum of loan products.

Today's TIMBIT: Do not let shame or embarrassment stop you from buying or refinancing a home. Remember, you will miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

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More people are buying a second home

The number of Americans who own more than one home has reached record levels.

According to a just-released report by the National Association of Realtors, 23 percent of all homes purchased in 2004 were purchased as investments. Another 13 percent were vacation homes. There

was a record of 2.82 million second home sales in 2004, up 16.3 percent from 2.42 million in 2003. Investment property and vacation homes now account for more than one-third of residential transactions.

The study also counters a long-held myth that only the very wealthy could

afford a second home. The NAR study revealed that the typical vacation-home buyer earned \$71,000 in 2003, while investment property buyers had an income of \$85,700. In other words, people buying second homes fall pretty squarely in the middle class.

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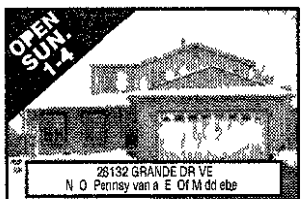
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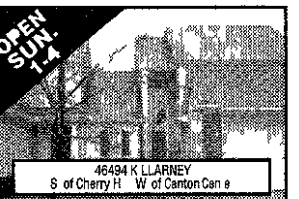
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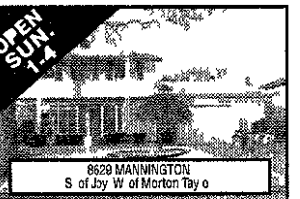
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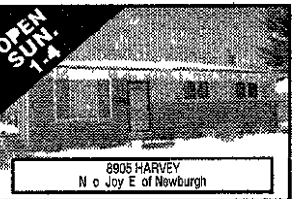
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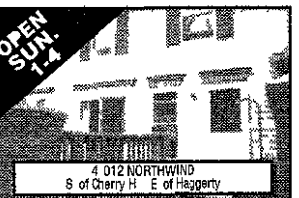
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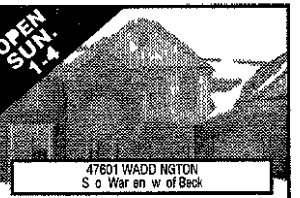
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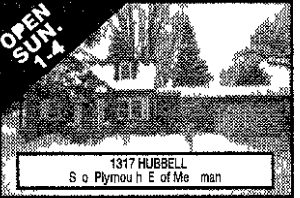
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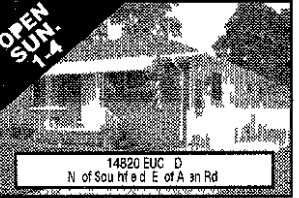
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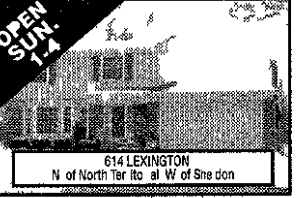
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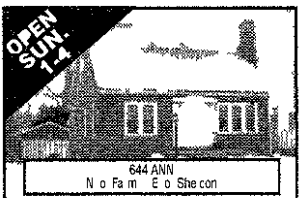
HARD TO FIND - Such a meticulously cared for and tastefully done home 4 beds 2.5 baths finished basement garage and practically everything is new or updated This is an absolute must see \$319 900 (P 614LE)



IMMACULATE INSIDE AND OUT! - Walk to the elementary school Nice open floor plan Cathedral ceiling in great room new windows & doors awesome fin basement w/bar fenced yard w/new deck Nice \$179 500 (P 654FA)



A BUYER'S DREAM - Huge floor plan with 4 bedrooms 2 full baths and a 2.5 car garage in Dearborn Roof and furnace only 1yr old Partially fin basement and nice kitchen \$179 900 (C 344W1)



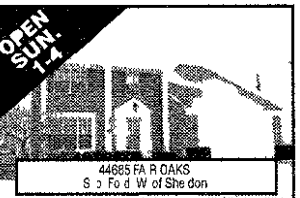
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow w/ many updates Hardwood floors fireplace finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season rm overlooking the pool! \$269 900 (P 644AN)



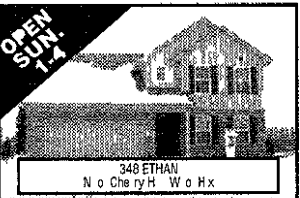
QUAINT PLYMOUTH CHARM 1924 charmer with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths situated on a treed lined street Newer roof and windows original Cherry wood and main level bedroom Walk to downtown \$279 000 (P 861W1)



THE SEARCH IS OVER - This 4 bedroom 2 bath beauty is just what you are looking for Private master w/bath & walk in newer Berber carpet full basement 2 car garage and in move in condition Nice price too \$158 000 (P 742E1)



WIDE OPEN SPACES - 4 bedroom colonial backs to a city park with basketball tennis and more Family room with fireplace formal living area nice master and more Immediate occupancy Better hurry! \$253 000 (P 685FA)



BROOKFIELD VILLAGE - New 4 bedroom colonial with many upgrades cathedral ceilings in master w/window in master bath central vac air cleaner additional electric outlets marble fireplace sprinkler system and over 2000 sq ft \$274 500 (P 348ET)



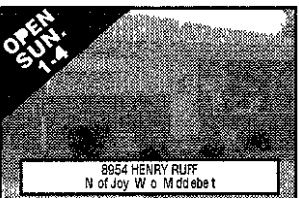
PURE PERFECTION - Stunning Plymouth colonial with 4BR/1.5BA Open floor plan neutral decor and gorgeous updates including the kitchen and baths Walking distance to the elementary school Better hurry! \$224 900 (C 833TA)



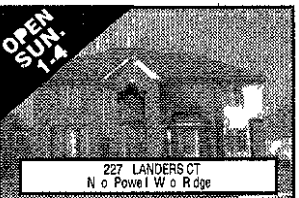
ONE OF A KIND - Custom sprawling ranch on a private wooded lot Hardwood floors custom kitchen w/ built ins superbly finished walkout w/in law quarters Nice view & dual sided fireplace \$469 900 (P 360CC)



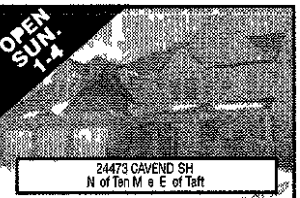
NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE - Custom updates include a sub zero fridge h/dwd floors birch cabinetry crown moldings newer windows (3 bay) fireplace vinyl trim private yard with a cedar deck and much more! \$309 900 (P 712GL)



LIKE NEW! - You won't find a nicer home in this price range 3 beds 1.5 baths over 1200 sq ft and so loaded with updates you would think it's new Finished basement garage and appliances \$184 900 (P 954HE)



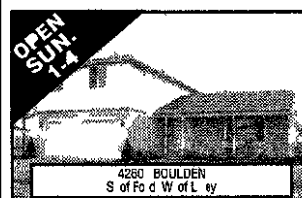
ITS NO LONGER A DREAM - Make your dream for the perfect home a reality in this stunning 4 bedroom colonial Formal living areas plus a library dramatic 2 story foyer hardwood floors luxury master a process suite & 3 car garage \$484 900 (C 271LA)



NOVI COLONIAL - Built in 02 with 4BR/3.5BA and 3375 sq ft Nestled deep in the sub with ceramic & hardwood floors huge island kit 3 car garage spacious formal areas plus a huge family rm w/fireplace \$485 000 (P 473CA)



PREMIUM LOT - Overlooking a pond & beautiful landscaping is this wonderful 3 bedroom 3.5 bath home Master w/balcony newer flooring throughout island kitchen covered cedar deck and a finished basement \$319 900 (C 111TR)



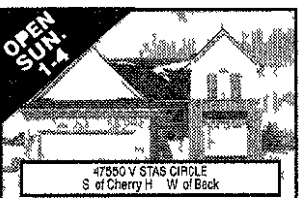
BACKS TO A PARK! - Nothing to do but move into this sharp 4 bedroom colonial with many nice features Newer oak kitchen updated baths newer roof siding carpet and paint Fenced yard backs to a commons \$254 000 (P 601B0)



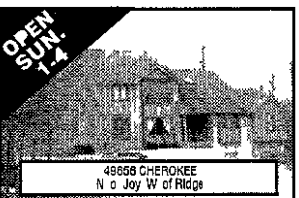
UNIQUE CUSTOM DESIGN - Cedar log home located on 3.5 acres surrounded by a wooded setting Custom woodwork throughout top of the line everything 20 ft high stone fireplace 3 sided porch custom baths 1st floor master and French doors \$449 900 (C 654SH)



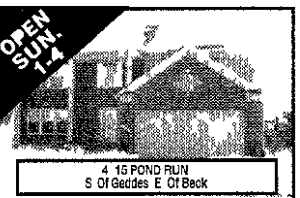
ROYAL OAK BUNGALOW - Gorgeous new kitchen and a spacious master suite both with granite and marble Add a new furnace air roof and siding and you have the perfect house! Nicely landscaped yard 3 bedrooms & 2 baths \$244 900 (P 906AM)



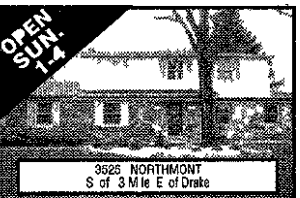
LUXURIOUS DETACHED CONDO - Professionally decorated and beautifully appointed with 3BR/3.5BA and totally maintenance free living Spectacular great room gourmet kitchen 1st floor master and an outstanding fin basement \$399 900 (P 550V1)



WOODED PARADISE - Stunning 4 bedroom cape cod on almost 4 acres in Canton Beautifully finished walkout gourmet kitchen luxury master and a huge floor plan Come see for yourself or call for an appointment \$629 900 (P 656CH)



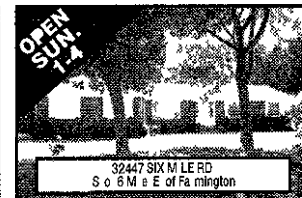
PULSE PRINCETON - Move right into this beautiful Canton Colonial with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths and many nice features Hardwood floors large master with soaking tub brick paver patio and a quiet cul de sac locale \$299 500 (P 115PO)



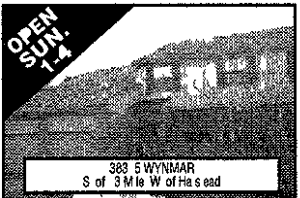
PARK LIKE SETTING - Backing to a huge commons lies this 4 bedroom colonial just loaded with updates New kitchen baths sun room siding windows carpeting wood floors finished basement and gorgeous landscaping \$359 900 (C 251NO)



INDULGE YOURSELF - 4 bedroom 3 bath Canton condo Skylights in cathedral ceiling fireplace maple kitchen hardwood floor in foyer tons of storage neutral décor daylight basement deck w/awning & a lovely view of the woods! \$264 900 (P 352CH)



CUSTOM HOME - Large lot set back far from street Circle drive plus 2nd drive to garage provide generous parking newer roof windows & deck overlooking the garden Extra deep side entry garage & extensive wood floors \$260 000 (C 447S1)



YOU'LL LOVE THIS! - Cute newer condo with a huge great room & fireplace Finished basement gourmet kitchen large master w/full bath garage and an excellent location \$194 900 (P 315WY)



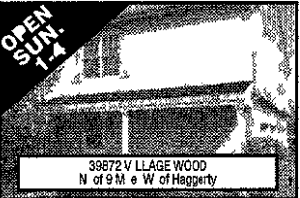
WEST DEARBORN - Full brick colonial a short walk from elementary school Furnace central air and kitchen cabinets have been updated 2 car garage Appliances hardwood floors under carpet \$179 900 (C 426EL)



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP - Gorgeous colonial close to downtown with many updates neutral decor newer windows hardwood floors x large master finished basement huge 4 car garage and backs to a large open space \$334 900 (P 218AP)



CONTEMPORARY COMFORT - In the heart of Canton lies this breathtaking home Great room w/soaring ceilings spacious flowing floor plan formal dining & den Prof fin basement w/wet bar \$359 900 (C 269SA)



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Canton	Plymouth	Westland
8328 Alton \$178,000	1219 Appletree \$310,000	35522 Avondale \$157,000
163 Brockview \$182,000	11559 Aspen \$205,000	30622 Birchwood \$150,000
6810 Bunker II \$226,000	325 Auburn \$250,000	39190 Brookfield \$165,000
664 Cherry Orchard \$258,000	44570 Charmwood \$308,000	425 Carson \$195,000
39871 Cheviot \$221,000	10465 Chestnut \$243,000	34008 Caseville \$73,000
1598 Commodore \$222,000	11502 Fellows H \$526,000	36112 Centra City \$137,000
8407 Congess \$27,000	12215 High Meadow \$265,800	30605 Cooney \$154,000
45018 Fair Oaks \$246,000	43264 Joy \$212,000	613 Dartmouth \$229,000
45889 Graystone \$175,000	917 Marc \$163,000	39301 Dingham \$168,000
7535 Green Meadow \$220,000	498 Mara \$1735,000	27604 Eton \$89,000
5794 Hathaway \$335,000	527 Mara \$160,000	7648 Gary \$150,000
2535 Hogan \$298,000	1687 Morgan \$198,000	1941 Golfview \$219,000
45209 Horseshoe \$179,000	11520 N Haggerty \$550,000	39118 Holyward \$264,000
656 Huntsville \$448,000	50194 N Ridge \$217,000	8306 H Ilcrest \$135,000
7585 Kingsbridge \$233,000	11718 Parkview \$290,000	32543 Healey \$174,000
8357 Mannington \$242,000	12301 Pinecrest \$313,000	8636 Hugh \$139,000
41001 Maplewood \$177,000	48835 Pnehill \$130,000	34440 Kennedy \$164,000
41322 Maplewood \$185,000	171 Pinewood \$181,000	30319 Lacy \$193,000
1644 Northbrook \$328,000	49826 Plymouth \$231,000	204 Mar go d \$145,000
46726 Po o \$273,000	11768 Pr sc la \$300,000	29795 Marsha \$227,000
4186 Pond Run \$250,000	46550 Rock edge \$370,000	695 N Newburgh \$214,000
44201 Postm II \$742,000	9801 Tennyson \$213,000	37636 N Rhead \$198,000
8251 Rolling Meadows \$240,000	11042 Terry \$151,000	8123 Pickering \$302,000
6456 Runnymede \$245,000	14416 Beech Daly \$120,000	842 Summerfield \$165,000
4068 Sarah Ann \$191,000	15883 Centralia \$128,000	874 Summerfield d \$154,000
42358 Saratoga \$129,000	15963 Centralia \$155,000	886 Summerfield \$141,000
41154 Southwind \$320,000	15006 De aware \$128,000	890 Summerfield \$169,000
45108 Thornh II \$588,000	17437 Denby \$152,000	6296 Twin Oaks \$175,000
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31313 Bock \$134,000	26630 Glendale \$118,000	
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14630 Auburndale \$205,000		
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FARMINGTON HILLS Custom ranch on a treed acre site! Marble foyer, oversized family room w/warm fireplace, library w/built-ins, family sized kitchen, finished daylight lower level w/ fireplace & ceramic flooring, 3-season sun room \$359,900 (25035986DOH) 248-324-3800



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REDFORD This updated home is a great starter. Updated kitchen, bath, roof, windows, furnace, c/a & more. Lots of storage on main floor, plus attic space. Fenced backyard w/ shed. Warranty \$88,000 (25011047WIN) 248-324-3800



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NOVI FOR LEASE 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial. Great Novi Schools. Full finished basement. 1st floor laundry. Min 2 years, long term preferred. Sorry, no pets. Employment letter w/ credit report, 1.5 mo deposit \$2100/mo (24151395BUC) 248-851-4400



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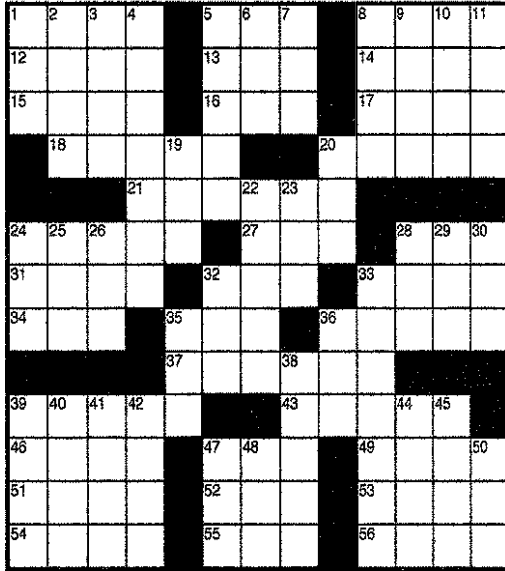
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 <p>DETROIT Don't Miss this One! Brick 3 bedroom 1.5 bath bungalow offers partially finished basement enclosed patio fpic n living room breakfast nook + so much more you won't want to miss this one (E99HUB) 734 455 5600 \$75,000</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH This Home is Wonderful Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath with 3 car garage basement family room w/gas fpic library cherry kitchen w/island & granite counters doorway to deck 1st flr laundry & so much more (E60WIL) 734 455 5600 \$417,000</p>	 <p>NOVI Picturesque Colonial Landscaping from Better Homes & Gardens w/brick paver patio w/built in grills hot tub & gazebo perennial gardens 4 BR's 2.5 baths, finished basement 2 car attached garage & maple kitchen & more (E65BRO) 734 455 5600 \$274,900</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH Plymouth Twp Home Newer gorgeous large custom 4 BR cape cod is perfect for your family Privacy at the end of a cul de sac Great Plymouth canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer In sub sw mmmg pond (E83PLE) 248-349 5600 \$454,900</p>	 <p>REDFORD All Brick Ranch Lovely 3BR 1.5BA home w/updates in kitchen and bath Newer windows & newer shingles on 2 car gar Nice FR on back of house Large finished basement w/ wet bar Great location (E38FAR) 248 349 5600 \$161,000</p>
 <p>LIVONIA Wonderful Rural Appeal Contemporary 3 BR 2 bath cape cod offers 1st flr mstr w/walk thru bath great room w/ceiling & gas fpic upper level w/2 bedrooms & a full bath Hot tub overlook ng deep wooded lot (E38WAY) 734 455-5600 \$229,900</p>	 <p>SOUTH LYON Great Family House Charming 4 bedroom 1.5 bath b level w/ open 100 plan updated oak kitchen w/ceramic tile floor Family room walkout basement & 2.5 car garage (E54LYO) 734 455-5600 \$179,900</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH Live Downtown Historical 4 BR 1.5 BA colonial w/all tre mode n updates Hwdw floors tile large family room w/brick fpic partially finished basement open kt w/appls la ga fenced yard w/newer deck (E16HOL) 734 455 5600 \$189,000</p>	 <p>SALEM TWP Hey Gearheads 2 story home features a spacious 1st floor MBR ste w/huge WIC & BA w/attic tub & sep shower Excellent floor plan offers vaulted ceilings a huge GR w/frpic & incred ble v ews of the approx 2.7 acre wooded lot (E17OAK) 248-349 5600 \$529,900</p>	 <p>REDFORD Stop Dreaming! Start living the reality in the fastest ranch Spacious fr plan w/3BR 2BA & FR Large LR w/hwdw floors Fin bsmt w/fric extra BR possible & full bath 2 car ga large fenced yard lot appls & more (E70DIX) 248-349-5600 \$159,900</p>
 <p>GARDEN CITY Better Than The Rest 3 BR 2 full bath ranch built in 1998 offer 2 car att gar fr bsmt w/rec rm & dry ba hwdw frs in kt DR & entry GR w/fric mstr ste w/WIC & jacuzz tub 1st flr laundry deck & patio & mo e (E71BRO) 734 455 5600 \$229,900</p>	 <p>LINCOLN PARK Great Location 4 BR 2.5 bath w/eat n kt hwdw frs under newer opt ceramic baths new roof & furn Bed rooms upstairs equipped with sink & stove hookups Finished basement & 2 car garage (E69GRE) 734-455 5600 \$129,000</p>	 <p>DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch 2 bedroom 1 bath ranch w/very roomy kitchen separate dining room w/pe go fr updated bath newer kitchen floor 2.5 car garage w/newer roof v ny w/dows (E62DAR) 734 455 5600 \$107,900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA The White Glove Treatment It's pass w/ly nq colo s This turn key colonial boasts pride of ownership inside & out 3BR 1.5BA w/large LR FR w/frpic & doo wall to deck great kit w/oak cabinets fresh paint decor roof shingles & appliances (E16MER) 248 349 5600 \$194,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Wow What A House Loaded w/extras 4BR 3.2BA master suite w/WIC jetted tub s tting room Kitchen w/built ins Dual Staircase 2 story foyer 9ft ceilings fpic n FR P of landscaped w/brick pavers Neighborhood pool (E75DEL) 248 349-5600 \$474,900</p>
 <p>PLYMOUTH Pride in Ownership Updates & quality show in the ownership of this builders home 3 BR 1.5 BA ranch offers hwdw frs plaster walls & open fr plan Updated roof furn AC slung w/dows & entry doors & doorwall (E75GOV) 734-455-5600 \$239,900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Livonia's Best Buy! Updated 4 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial w/newer windows roof furnace & CA Fresh & neutral family room w/wood stove & 2 car attached garage (E25RIC) 734 455 5600 \$214,900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Pride of Ownership This home has many updates t/o FR has cozy fpic w/doorwall that leads to deck kitchen has new counters floor & dishwasher Popular sub w/ easy access to everything Not a drive by (E17SWA) 734-455 5600 \$269,750</p>	 <p>COMMERCE Immaculate Throughout Come experience this hidden paradise yourself from avallate ou der's model 3BR 3.5BA with W/O basement on canal front Five sites also available for your custom built home (E89MAG) 248 349 5600 \$724,900</p>	 <p>W BLOOMFIELD Simply Spectacular Prof decorated Hills of Chelsea Park home shows like a model Upgrades galore Hwdw t/o Mahogany 5 a y and mantle Open floor plan w/ 2 story FR Formal DR finished bsmt au par suite pool and spa (E05CAR) 248-349-5600 \$999,900</p>
 <p>WESTLAND Great Opportunity Own a cute 2 BR home for under \$100,000 Remodeled kitchen w/cabs counter s & 1 floor most newer w/dows Updated bath 2nd BR w/built in shelves & drawers Deep lot w/pool & deck Some appls stay (E29PAL) 734-455 5600 \$99,500</p>	 <p>DETROIT Warrendale Bungalow Cute freshly painted brick home with 3 bedrooms 1 bath hardwood floors covered ceiling newer windows roof + finished basement & fenced yard (E10BRA) 734-455 5600 \$89,900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Carefree Condo Living Just move in & enjoy this 2BR 2.5BA condo w/04 updates including coat ce amc tile paint & roof Spacious room sizes fm LL 2+ car gar & walking distance to downtown the best move you can make (E88WAS) 248 349 5600 \$177,900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Huge Master Bedroom 3 full baths Walk to town Award winning Northville schools LR DR FR 2.5 car att gar w/direct access Newer floor HWH furn ext doors gar door & opener slate foyer & hearth n FR Hwdw in LR DR & MBR (E89LAN) 248 349 5600 \$239,900</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY Loaded with Character Charming colonial on double lot Updated kitchen & bath 1st floor laundry-Spiral staircase leads to 3BR Neutral & clean Door wall to great deck pe feet for summer BBQs Too cute to last (E08CAM) 248-349-5600 \$155,000</p>
 <p>BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Home Charming 3 bedroom 2 full bath brick/vinyl ranch offering full basement all appliances all sitting on a great lot ready for you to build a 2 car garage (E45COO) 734-455-5600 \$179,900</p>	 <p>REDFORD Clean Ranch 3 BR home freshly painted neutral decor newer windows steel entry doors & flooring Some appliances ceiling fans Nce floor plan Screened porch & a 1 year home warranty (E48CEN) 734 455 5600 \$106,900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND You'd Better Hurry Spacious brick ranch home won't last long Move n cond t on & loaded w/updates Great floor plan w/formal DR Nice fenced yard w/large deck & an oversized mechanics dream garage Kitchen appls n used (E05WIL) 248 349 5600 \$139,900</p>	 <p>VAN BUREN Model Now For Sale Fabulous o d world craftsman o Hardwoods granite bridge des gn w/tower ng GR overlooking woods Wh nppoo tub Professionally landscaped & sprinklers All n beautiful Robinson River Park (E00JER) 248 349-5600 \$349,900</p>	 <p>NOVI Backs to 6 Acre Park Rare offering in desirable Birchwoods sub Updates include roof tear of 04 hardwood in FR 99 feidstone facade on frpic 97 Large kit with breakfast area 2 car side entry garage Finished basement (E15BIR) 248-349-5600 \$324,900</p>
 <p>REDFORD Exceptional Updated Bungalow with open floor plan living room w/refinished hwdw frs & fpic K t w/updated cabinets & ceramic tile fr Rep aced w/new & CA All new bath (05) All th s updates in this 3 BR 2 BA bungalow (E83LEN) 734 455 5600 \$149,500</p>	 <p>INKSTER Wonderful Find Brick home n peaceful location updates incl roof furnace HWH vinyl windows CA plumbing dr w/veay & porch All updates are energy efficient Nice fenced yard w/great landscaping (E83ARL) 734-455 5600 \$99,900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Transferee Ready Custom Estate Premium cul de sac lot overlooking pond Upgrades T/O Beautiful hwdw fl s gorgeous tile backsp ash maple cabs hearth room w/2 way fpic Fin LL w/fin BR bath & ba (E00WHI) 248 349 5600 \$629,000</p>	 <p>NOVI Won't Last Honest Superior 3BR 2.5BA colonial n excellent location New t's year kitchen patio door walls some carpet Newer roof windows & more Great fr n bsmt carpet driveway & full bath Lot w/updates Move n condifion (E05JAM) 248 349 5600 \$269,900</p>	 <p>NOVI Elegant Southern Living 4BR colonial to move in Wonderful lot G eat kitchen w/large cabinet French doors lead to gorgeous FR Master suite w/WIC Wonderful master bath This s a must see home Looks like a model (E83ASH) 248-349-5600 \$423,000</p>
 <p>DETROIT Lovely Home This 3 bedroom bungalow offers newer windows steel entry doors oak cabinets in kitchen basement & a home warranty is included This home s ready for you (E35LON) 734-455 5600 \$69,500</p>	 <p>TAYLOR Don't Miss This One! Newer construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer Beautiful full gas fpic mstr borm w/WIC & vaulted ceiling Features CA 2 car attached garage & carpeted basement (E78COA) 734 455 5600 \$172,000</p>	 <p>SOUTH LYON Stunning Walkout Colonial Premium elevat on w/stunning v ews of wooded nature preserve from 3 stories 4 BR 2.5BA colonial features a 2 story entrance w/hwdw floors massive kitchen bay n LR frpic in FR Enjoy the luxurious mstr ste (E33WES) 248 349-5600 \$349,900</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HTS Beauty is Born Beautiful 2004 built full brick ranch w/3BR 2BA Open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail Generous room sizes and large country kitchen Central air custom front porch (E81HAR) 248 349 5600 \$149,900</p>	 <p>SOUTHFIELD Lovely Ranch End Unit Condo located deep in complex Two spacious BR & 2 baths Updated kit w/nat oak cabs & a DR w/frpic Drivts from kit & MBR lead to brick paver patio Great fr plan Full bsmt Newer furn & w/dows All appls included (E43MAP) 248-349 5600 \$139,900</p>
 <p>DEARBORN Sharp Townhouse This 2 bedroom 2 full bath condo is ready to move into Beautiful updates Master suite w/WIC skyl grills n bath w th jetted tub Fireplace in dining room & spacious LR w/vaulted ceiling A must have (E35GEQ) 734 455 5600 \$149,900</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH So Sweet! Clean & beautifully maintained House with beautiful yard 3 bedroom finished basement garage many updates & amenities Bright & cheerful kitchen Hardwood floors & all appls (E80SUN) 734 455 5600 \$234,900</p>	 <p>NOVI Spectacular Custom Home Beautifully detailed offers 4 spacious BRs 4.5 baths Master suite features fpic 2 WIC & granite bath Gourmet kitchen w/w king stove Sub Zero frg WOLL w/heated floors Sauna & full granite kt Awesome lot (E55VAS) 248 349 5600 \$899,900</p>	 <p>NEW HUDSON Zoned Commercial What an investment business opportunity of home Much sought after Grand River Avenue in the exploding new shopping area Basement 4 car garage and approximately 36 acres (E55GRA) 248 349-5600 \$199,900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Immaculate Condo 2 BR 1.5 BA w/newer opt updated kit custom m d ng & spacious open floor plan Lge utility m newer app s Cstrm lighting Carpet & screened in patio Custom w/dow treatments Clubhouse w/pool & gym (E83JUN) 248-349-5600 \$145,000</p>

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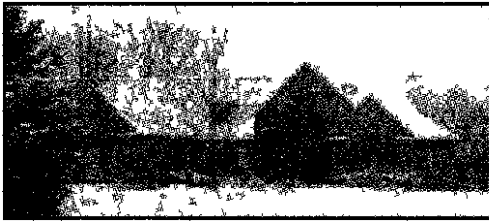
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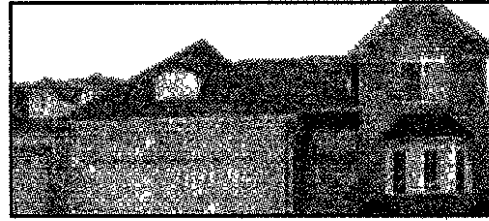
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BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE SETTING 4 BRs 4 1/2
baths w/chef's delight kitchen hwdw flrs mstr
w/doorwall to deck fin bsmt w/rec rm BR
full bath & cedar closet Wonderful location
349-6200 (25030054) \$589 900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
CHARMING CAPE COD! Short walk to
downtown! 3 BR 2 full baths Updtd kit & baths
GR w/vaulted ceiling/frplc Hwdw flrs Updated
plumbing & electric Andersen windows! Must
see! 349-6200 (25003568) \$359 900



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APPROACHABLE LUXURY Amazing views
from this many windowed condo home in
Central Park of Canton Highly upgraded in
every way Tennis courts pool & clubhouse
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SOUTH LYON 734-591-9200
3 BR 2 1/2 BA, over 2600 sq ft Backs to
nature area Gorgeous hm great features
excellent location Pics at www.doortodreams
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\$254 900



CANTON 248-348-6430
WELL MAINTAINED HOME 4 BR 3 full
bath home Beautiful kitchen redone in 99
Family rm w/fireplace Freshly painted neutral
Lots of landscaping updates Roof replaced in
01 349-6200 (24151331) \$244,900



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR
1 1/2 bath Colonial w/a newer open kit Natural
FP in fam rm Some new windows & doorwall
Beautifully fin d bsmt 349-6200 (24134371)
\$187 500



SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
3 BR COLONIAL IN BEAUTIFUL SFLD SUB
over 1700 sq ft home with family room
Newer appls doors hwdw flrs under carpeting
Beautifully landscaped lot Neutral
thru-out 349-6200 (24052762) \$186 000



DEARBORN 734-591-9200
Charming 3 bedroom brick Cape Cod on a
double lot! 1226 sq ft, basement & garage
Updated kitchen bath roof & windows
Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25032488)
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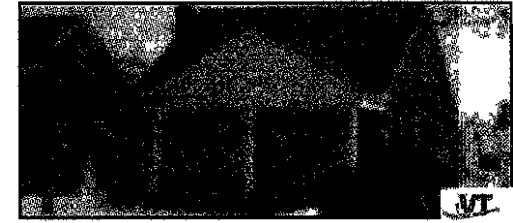
GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
EXPANSE NOT EXPENSE is this remodeled 3
bedroom Cape Cod w/2 400 Sq Ft remodeled
kitchen w/all appliances & bath w/vanity deck
3 car garage & huge MBR (P330) \$174 000



NOVI 734-591-9200
GREAT LOCATION 2 bedroom beautiful
cherry cabs appls stay Bright living rm &
dining area w/pergo flrs Updated 1 1/2 BAs Fin
rm in bsmt Brck paver patio Dir access to gar
(25031766) \$158 900



SOUTHFIELD 734-455-7000
BRICK HOME ON TREE LINED BLOCK 3 BR
in prestigious Southfield Huge bkyrd Updated
electrical, new wndws security system oak
cabs FP hwdw flrs Skylight in fam rm new
front door det gar (23C25670) \$155 000



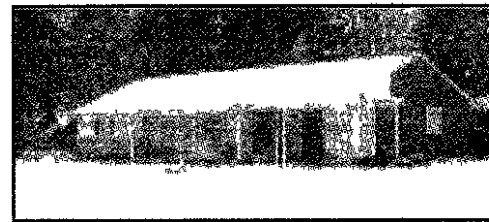
ALLEN PARK 734-591-9200
YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED Once you walk into
this updated hm Gorgeous gourmet kit! Open
flr plan Newer vinyl wndws furn, elec C/A
shingles MBR w/built in jetted tub & more!
(25024131) \$153 899



REDFORD 248-348-6430
SHARP 3 BR RANCH! Desirable Ridgemont
sub Beautifully maintained home Newer
wndws roof home/garage HWH furnace
deck siding & totally remodeled bath Fin d bsmt
& more 349 6200 (25030803) \$150 000



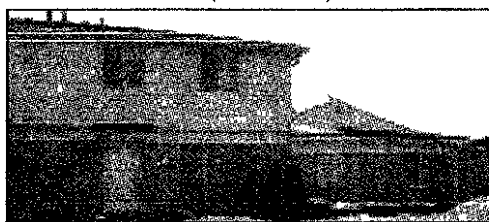
REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow comes with 1588
sq ft 3 car (30x24) attached garage finished
basement wood deck and updates Visit www
samsellshouses.com (25032293) \$142 900



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FIRST TIME BUYERS BARGAIN! Cute/cozy
ranch on private ct near schools Priced to
sell Good sized rms Great location for first
time buyers (23E26585) \$140 000



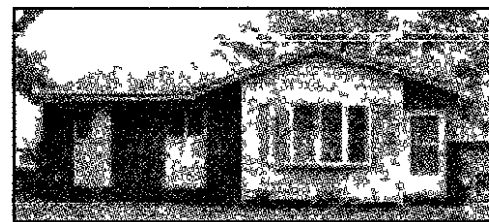
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BR/2 BA RANCH offers large eat-in kitchen
2 garages finished basement all appliances
are included (pool table negotiable), deck
overlooks an extra deep lot (P330) PC220972
\$136 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
GREAT BEGINNINGS START HERE Clean
and roomy 2 bdrm condo w/finished basement
2 car attached w/opener workshop storage
Appliances stay Clubhouse pool plus Livonia
schools (C374) \$134 900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
A very neat & charming brick bungalow
Updated kitchen bath elect plmbng rf newer
carpet hot water tank entry doors Beautiful
hardwood floors & a home warranty South
Redford schools (25029494) \$131 500



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BEDROOM RANCH Brick and vinyl home
with newer windows including bay Newer
furnace and central air Partially fin d bsmt
fenced yard garage (W114) \$129 900



INKSTER 734-591-9200
BRICK BUNGALOW 4 bedrooms bright
kitchen leading to deck 2 car oversize garage
Basement newer roof & A/C A very nice home
Some appliances stay (25028595) \$128 500



CANTON 734-455-7000
RENT A TRUCK and start moving This
well maintained condo is waiting for new
owners Back of sub location Spacious
master w/private bath Appliances stay Call
soon! (23L42744) \$127,497



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
DESIRABLE RANCH WAYNE/WESTLAND
SCHOOL 3 BRs 1 BA home w/updtd kit bath
crtplumbing breakers steel doors HWH
interior doors Nice Florida rm & appls stay
349-6200 (25031014) \$125 000



LINCOLN PARK 248-348-6430
UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF
UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit freshly
painted fin bsmt w/Berber carpet Nice size
lot most appls stay near schools 349-6200
(25026363) \$109 500



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Beautiful open-concept 3 BR ranch 1300 sq ft
Cathedral ceilings & pergo flrs Updated kit &
BA w/neutral décor Awesome deck & att 8x8
storage unit Must see! (25029084) \$109 500

ANN ARBOR 734-326-2000
6 acre Executive Estate 4 BR 3 1/2 BAs 3+
car gar, lg kit w/bkfst rm overlooking golf course
LR w/large FP Mstr Ste w/Whirlpool tub (T354)
PC220342 24106089 \$454 900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR 1 1/2 BA
home w/natural frplc Newer roof gutters BA oak
kit cab Refin d hwdw flrs Fin bsmt w/lav 2 1/2 car gar
& fenced yard 349-6200 (24155688) \$124 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Large country lot 45 acre holds this 2 BR updated
ranch Kit BA windows roof furn & air within last
6 years (25023369) \$125 000

REDFORD 248-348-6430
Updtd kit cab & counter tops newer wndws furn
& c/a newer roof copper plumbing gar door &
deck 349-6200 (25003712) \$135 900

CANTON 248-684-1065
4 BR 2 story on cul-de-sac Granite kit Stainless
appls Hwdw flrs Mstr ste w/tub & shower Wooded
22 acre lot Prof landscaped Pool & clubhouse
Lg deck (25023279) \$339 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
END UNIT RANCH CONDO! OPEN FLOOR PLAN
Vaulted ceilings w/skylite in kit New wndws rf-03
some new appls Gas Frplc neutral 1 car gar
349-6200 (25011747) \$172 000

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
Charming home w/updates galore 3 BR 2 BA
Hwdw flrs newer wndws granite cntns Mstr BA
w/spa tub separate shower Heavily treed prvty
yard 349-6200 (25003322) \$310 000

REDFORD 734-326-2000
3 BR brick ranch w/clean & bright open floor plan
Newer windows furnace C/A carpet interior paint
& more! (O244) 25001387 \$104 500

CANTON 734-455-7000
3 BR CONDO! Neutral decor throughout 3 BR &
3 full BA in this Canton condo Ready for you to
move in! (23S47594) 25031904 \$307 999

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
CLEAN AND COZY 3 BR brick front ranch
Updated w/newer windows kit cabinets and vinyl
siding 349-6200 (25006667) \$154 900

NOVI 248-348-6430
ONE-OF-A-KIND CONDO! Immaculate Beautiful
LR DR kit 2 main level BRs & 2 BRs upstairs
4 BAs fin d bsmt & close to new Catholic Central
HS 349-6200 (24093346) \$329 900

ROSEVILLE 734-455-7000
Beautiful condo for lease End unit 1 yr lease
avail Owner will pay association dues Security
deposit-\$1650 00 required No dogs (23C27799)
25031574 \$825

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BR 2 1/2 BA dramatic staircase in GR Cath ceiling
w/fan & FP MBR has 2 WICs Bright kit has new
flr & drwall to patio appls stay 1st flr indry 2 car
gar & bsmt (25009266) \$184 900

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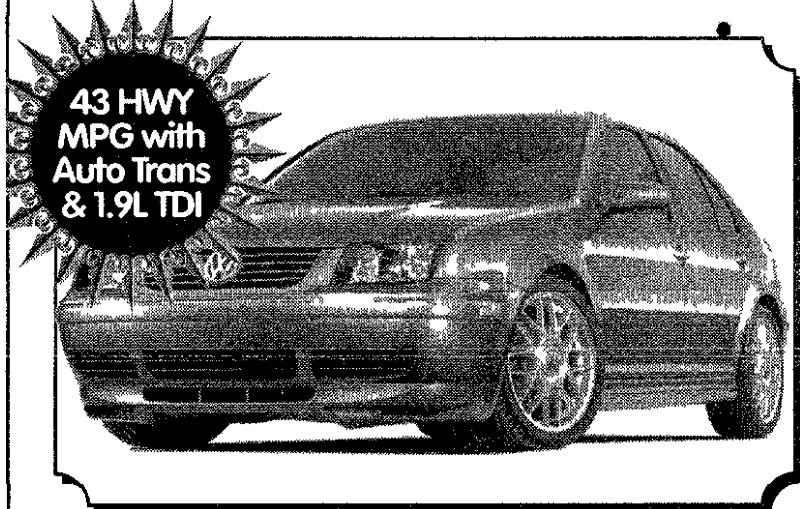
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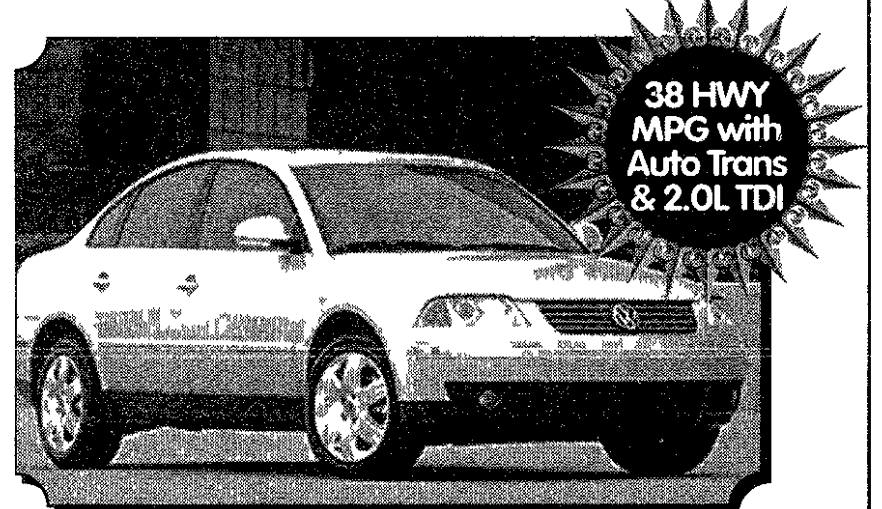


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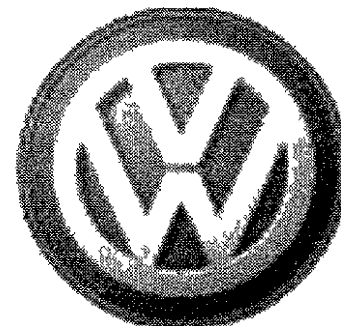
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BY DALE BUSS

Perception may be important in all segments of the automotive market, but it's especially crucial in the luxury segment. We all know that sheet metal is sheet metal, basically, so what potential buyers think about the brand is an especially vital consideration when it comes to vehicles that are supposed to be worthy of price tags of \$50,000 or more. Just think about Volkswagen's gee-whiz new Phaeton, a \$90,000 luxury boat with the biggest back seat in history and enough doo-dads to remind one of James Bond's Austin-Healeys or Bentleys or whatever they were. Phaeton isn't selling well at all, despite all of the above, for one reason and one reason only. It still bears a VW badge instead of something more exotic and befitting the pricetag - even Audi!

Well, Honda arguably has had an even bigger problem with its luxury division, Acura. The company has invested nearly two decades' worth of effort in developing, introducing, nurturing and refining its answer to Toyota's Lexus division and to all those European marques that created the luxury category in the American market.

But the problem for the thrifty engineers at Honda has always been that, for most of their Acura models, they simply massaged existing Honda vehicles such as the Civic and the Accord and tried to squeeze out new vehicles that somehow would justify twice the price. That flaw has always been a huge drag on Acura both in the marketplace and in the perceptions of luxury-car buyers.

Well, with the all-new 2005 RL, Acura has just taken a huge step away from the brand's over-identification with Honda vehicles. The new RL is a true heavyweight of a luxury vehicle, substantial-looking and -feeling both inside and outside and with just enough of the right touches and amenities that

it produces a great amount of unexpected delight that perhaps no other Acura ever has.

RL is completely redesigned inside and out for 2005. The elegant exterior gives Acura its most substantial-looking sedan ever. And the sharply designed interior displays both the spaciousness and sumptuousness to make you think for a moment that maybe you're in a European sedan. With output of 300 horsepower, RL's V6 is much punchier than in previous versions and rivals even the V8 that propels many Lexus models. Handling is superb behind a new all-wheel-drive system that Acura calls "Super Handling."

Beyond the basics, I also want to share my joy with two tiny but telling features that really impressed me about the 2005 RL. The first was that part of the "night light" system of the vehicle are soft bluish-purple lights that shine down, beneath the dash board, on the leg compartments of the driver's and front passenger's seats. I'd never seen that in another car, and it impressed me as both showy and practical. Sort of like the soft map lights that you get shining down over the center console on some vehicles that are stationary, this luminescence gives you just enough to sneak a peak at those Mapquest directions, or a business card, or to make sure you've got enough cash in your wallet before you take off.

The other feature that thrilled me also made me chuckle at myself. The RL is one of those luxury vehicles that doesn't have an actual key to ignite it but has a representation of a handle of a key that is a permanent part of the ignition switch, you turn it



The handling of the Acura RL is superb behind a new all-wheel-drive system Acura calls, "Super Handling".

clockwise and toward the instrument panel to start the car, and reverse it to shut off the car. But it only works if it's within a foot or two of the key fob that you carry around to unlock the car and give electronic permission to the key-like feature to work. This can be a bit unnerving to people who aren't used to it, and even annoying to people who are. I consider myself somewhere between those extremes in my regard for this device.

But here's where it gets interesting. No doubt to prevent this innovation from alienating a lot of customers and downright ticking off a good many of them, Acura designed a way for absentminded drivers to protect themselves from applying their absentmindedness in at least one way. If you leave your key fob in a jacket pocket, say, and for some reason - like I did - decide to put your jacket in the trunk, RL absolutely won't let you close the trunk door without first taking the key fob out of the trunk.

Forgetfully, I "tried" to do that on one occasion and ended up looking like the fool in some sort of slapstick comedy. The more I tried to slam shut that trunk and figure out why it wouldn't latch closed, the more frustrated I was that it - thankfully - wouldn't cooperate.

So in addition to all its other attributes, Acura's new RL is idiot-proof.

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Drinkology

The Macallan reveals a lighter side

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
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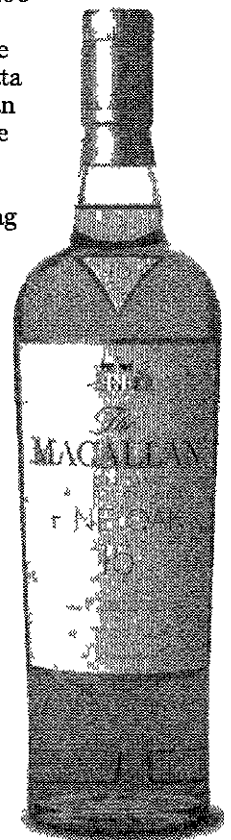
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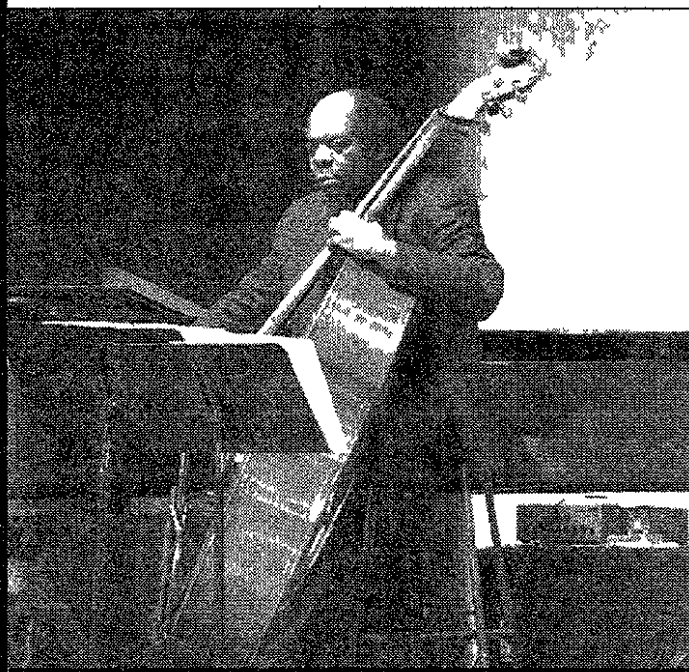
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Jazz it up



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Above Don Mayberry plays bass at a recent concert in tribute to the late saxophonist Larry Nozero at Clarenceville High School. At left, Ron Kischuk will play trombone at a concert recreating the Jazz at the Philharmonic series begun in 1944 in Los Angeles by Norman Granz

Event recreates 1940s jam sessions at the Philharmonic

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Back by last year's popularity of a near sell-out event, the Michigan Jazz Festival hosts Jazz at the Phil Revisited II on Sunday, April 3, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center. The event raises money for the Michigan Jazz Festival, a free event.

Jazz fans will understand the name of the event, said Michigan Jazz Festival spokeswoman Midge Ellis. "It's honoring the first on-stage improv event."

Ellis is referring to the

tradition established by Norman Granz in 1944. He presented an improv jazz session on the concert stage – for the first time ever. Some of the musicians never played together before.

As in this event, many of the musicians have never performed together but will for the first time that evening. At the end of the event, they will all gather on stage for a grand finale jam.

There's no parameters in improv, Michigan Jazz Festival President and trumpet player John Trudell said. "It comes from the soul."

Bringing in newer jazz musicians as well as the older ones is the best way to keep the music alive, Trudell said. He will also perform that afternoon.

"We want to give new musicians the opportunity to play," Trudell said.

"When we were trying to choose fund-raiser ideas we thought the idea for Jazz at the Phil Revisited would excite jazz fans. We held it last year, and it was really successful, some great music was made that day."

Bass, drums, vibes, guitar, saxophone, trombone, multiple pianos, numerous bass guitarists and horn players will all perform including Terry Lower, Cliff Monear, Tadd Weed, Dan Kolton, Don Mayberry, Dan Pliskow, Tom Brown, Bob Harsens, Bert Myrick, Rob Pipho, Al Ayoub, Gayle Benson, Robert Lowe, Gene Parker, Steve Wood, Paul Vornhage, Jimmie Cook, Don Swindell, John Trudell, Dave Jensen, Ron Kischuk and Chuck Moss on trombone.

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Music

Jazz accordion player swings into 85th birthday

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

He's played with Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Pass and others. He's performed his jazz and swing and recorded in Europe 39 times and is celebrating his 85th birthday playing his accordion on Sunday, April 10.

Everyone is invited to hear his jazz band perform.

"At my 75th birthday party accordion players from all over the country came to play and I said I was retiring," Van Damme, who lives in Roseville, California, said. "And I did for a few years. But then I got the bug again. I perform about six concerts a year. That, with golf keeps me going."

Art Van Damme and his Quintet will perform at the Clawson-Troy Elk's Club No. 2169 on Big Beaver Road in Troy. Local jazz musicians Julien Labro and David Bennett of the Detroit Swingtet will also perform.

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Later this year the energetic Van Damme plays a jazz festival in Italy. A few months later he'll

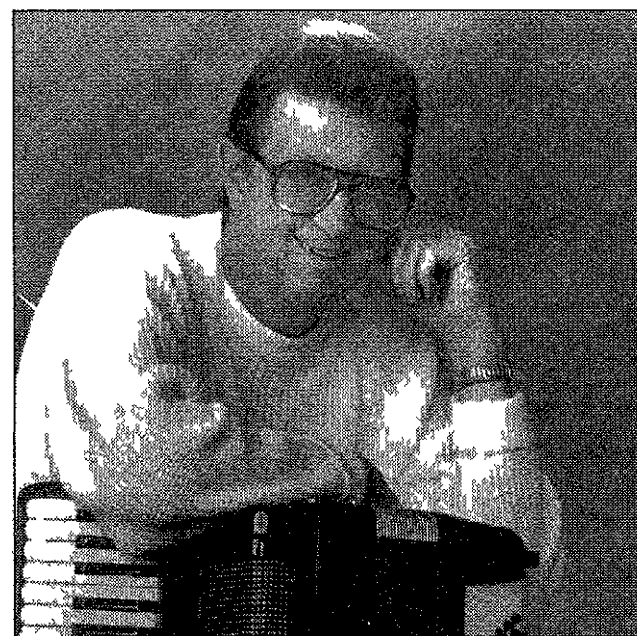
hit Switzerland for a music clinic and on another trip will perform at a festival in Russia.

Van Damme, originally of Michigan, said he's lucky that he's consistently found great musicians to play with worldwide throughout his lifetime. He's known well for his swing music. He's had the same Quintet now for 15 years and when he records or performs in Europe he has musicians on hand there too.

His career spans back to the 1940s including a strong run with NBC Radio Chicago.

"That's how I had the opportunity to play with Dizzy," Van Damme said. "We became friends over the years and played at some of the same places."

He's had contracts with Capital Records, Columbia Records and MPS Records of Germany. He's recorded 42 albums and was named top jazz accordionist in *Billboard*, *Playboy* and *Downbeat* magazines. Van



Art Van Damme will perform Sunday at the Windsor Jazz Festival.

Damme has performed on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *The Today Show*, *The Mike Douglas Show*, and in Disneyworld, Las Vegas, Australia and more.

Will he announce his retirement again at his 85th birthday? He doesn't plan to, but if he does, don't believe it. "This is what I do and I love it," Van Damme said.



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Theater

Anne Frank drama has power

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's difficult to describe a performance of *And then they came for me Remembering the world of Anne Frank*, actor Dennis North said

"Of course entertaining is not the appropriate word," North said "Powerful, important and necessary are words to describe it

The dramatic performance that tells the stories of Anne Frank and Eva Schloss and their friend Ed is being held at the Meadow Brook Theatre through April 9

North, who plays the roles of Pappy and also a youth follower of Hitler, said his part in *Remembering* is a constant reminder that every survivor has a story to tell

"We were so fortunate to be able to talk to Eva Schloss her mission as with many survivors is to make sure the stories are told," North said "We hope our performance helps honor her mission"

The role of one of Hitler's Youth had the biggest impact for North Hitler's

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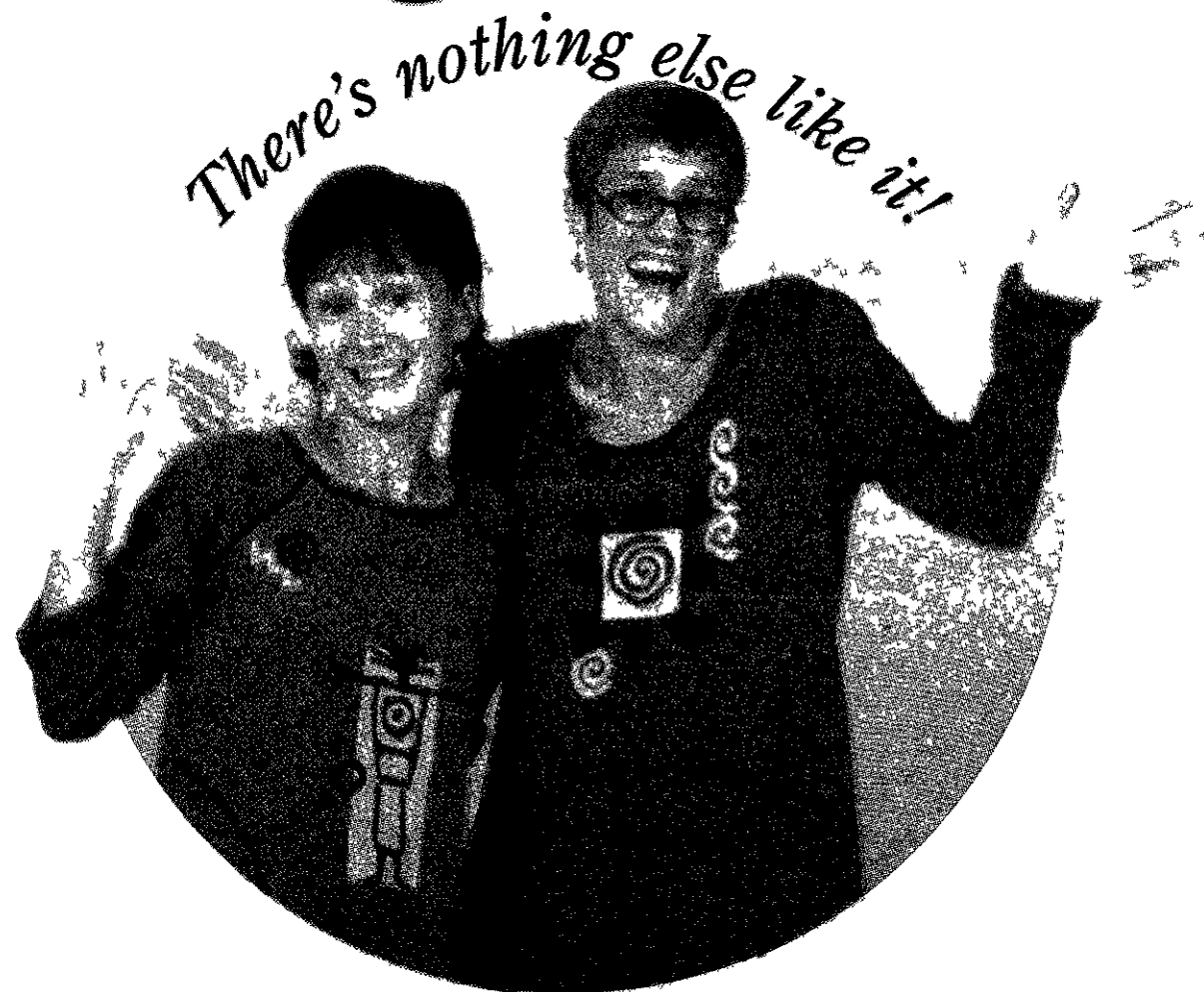
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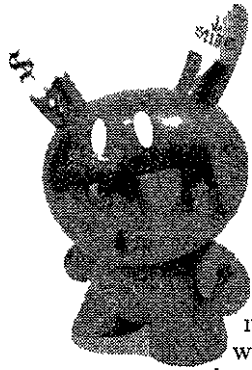
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Dunny what?



CPOP pivots where art and toys become one

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

It's called a dunny but what is it? An unbreakable plastic toy? A work of fine art? Or just collectible chatchkis?

Even its creator New York artist Tristan Eaton won't say one way or another, opting to let his dunnies be what they are to those who buy and collect them.

It changes from person to person. Some people see them as toys and are toy collectors. Some people love art and have these as sculptures, said Eaton, who lived in Plymouth and Detroit before heading to Manhattan to pursue life as a young working artist.

UNDERGROUND ART

What Vinyl Klash II, an exhibition of toy-inspired work by more than 50 underground artists curated by former Detroit artist Tristan Eaton.

When Opening reception 6-10 p.m. Saturday April 2; show continues through May 21; regular gallery hours are noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Where CPOP Gallery, 4160 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

Admission: Free for information; call (313) 833-9901 or visit www.cpop.com.

This weekend, Eaton, 26, returns home to introduce the world of designer toys — which is what a dunny is — to metro Detroit.

Vinyl Klash II, an exhibit of dunnies and other work inspired by toy culture, opens Saturday at the downtown Detroit gallery CPOP and continues through May 21. Eaton curated the show, which is slated to travel to San Francisco and then Asia after premiering in Detroit.

A dunny, like other designer toy brands, is like a three-dimensional canvas except it's made of plastic. The form is presented to a selected artist for painting. Then the design is produced in limited edition and sold. There's even a dunny by renowned fashion

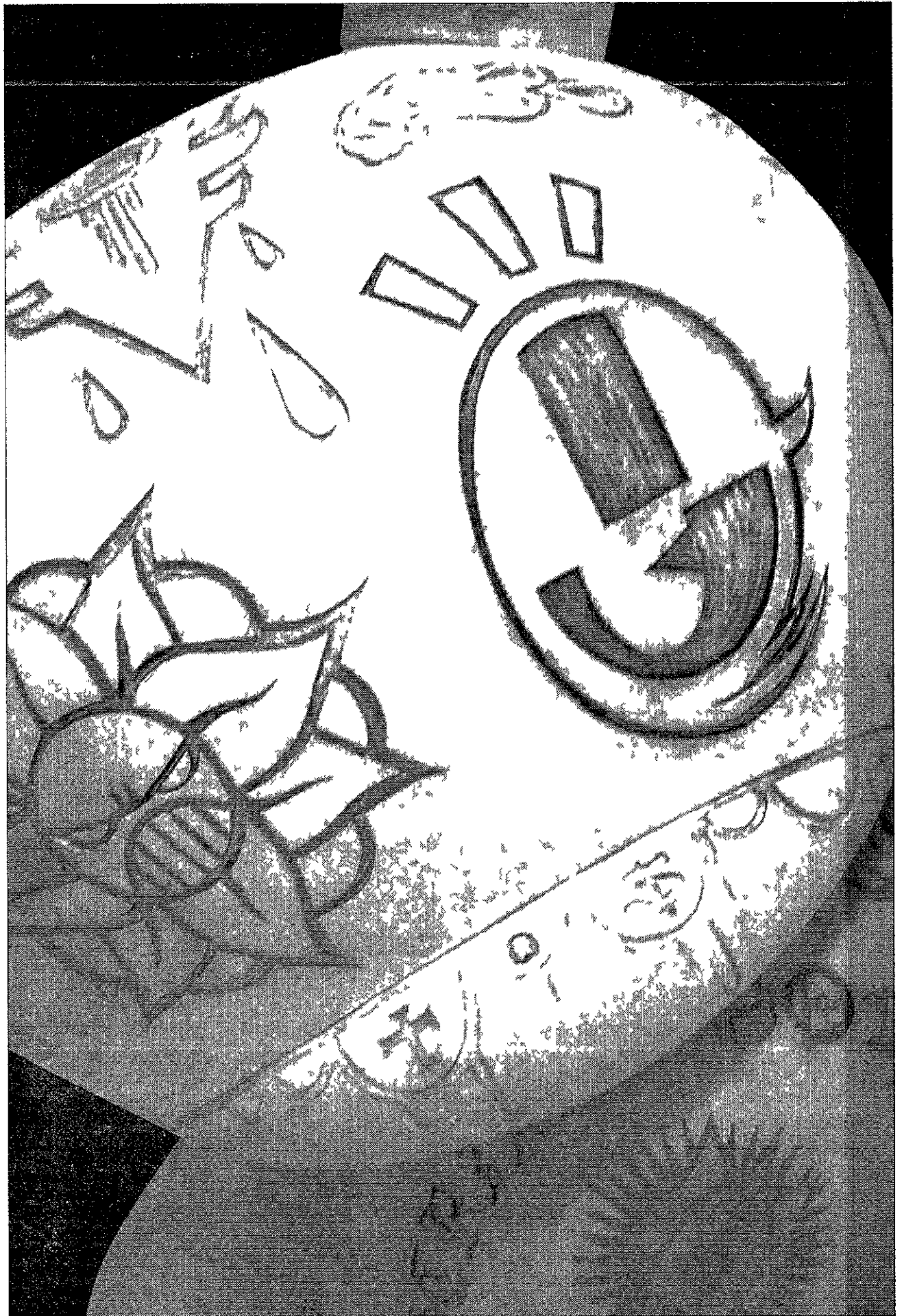


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Sufi summit

Musicians from several nations unite in the Islamic tradition

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Sufism is a refined mysticism, but one need not ascribe to the Islamic philosophy to appreciate its music

"It's like a treatment for the soul. It's not about understanding the words," said Hassan Hakmoun, one of three featured musicians performing in Songs of the Sufi Brotherhood at Rackham Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. The show, slated Sunday, April 10, closes the University Musical Society's

2004-2005 Arab World Music Festival

Sometimes with listening to music but not understanding it, your mind and body open up, and the experience is more powerful," added Hakmoun, who grew up in Morocco and performs in his native country's traditional style

Hakmoun is joined by two other Sufi artists, Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali of Pakistan and Hamza Al Din of Egypt

Each artist will perform separately, showcasing the music characteristic of Sufi in the particular region represented. The three artists have never before appeared in the same show

"I think it's going to be amazingly incredible, and I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be so powerful," said Hakmoun

Sufi music's force is its healing quality. In Morocco, for example, it's performed along with ritualistic practices to treat ill patients

The ceremonies are exhaustive, beginning in the late evening and running well into the next afternoon

The musicians perform with shamanistic zeal, as well

"When I perform I don't know where I am until I finish the song," said Hakmoun, whose performances include soaring leaps and twirls. "I surrender myself to the music, let it guide me, and it's an incredible journey"

Hakmoun, who has performed with Peter Gabriel and appeared on Jay Leno's The Tonight Show, plays a three-stringed African bass lute called a sintir, castanets, percussion and acoustic guitar

In contrast, the Qawwali performance features two lead singers, five secondary singers, vigorous hand-clapping and a tabla player. An ancient, single-skinned frame drum is used by Hamza Al Din

The differences are not big. The music style is different, and



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Hassan Hakmoun plays in the tradition of Sufi music in Morocco

the analogies are different," Hakmoun said, adding that region more than anything distinguishes each musician from the others

Although the musical tradition has its roots in religion, it has emerged as a spiritual form of art that transcends religious beliefs. It also enhances Westerners'

CULTURAL TRADITION

What: Songs of the Sufi Brotherhood featuring three artists each playing in the tradition of a different nation to close the University Musical Society's 2004-2005 Arab World Music Festival
When: 4 p.m. Sunday April 10
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understanding of Islam and unites cultures through the universal appeal of music

"You definitely can see another side of Islam, and another side of Islamic people," Hakmoun said. "But to me, it's one music, it's one love and it's all united"

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designer Diane Von Furstenberg

"It's a phenomenon that's catching on," said Eaton. "It's comparable to baseball cards, I guess"

It all started in Hong Kong in the '90s. Although there are designer toy collectors in Michigan, the trend has yet to boom in the Midwest

There's never been a show like this in the Midwest ever. It's pretty cool to bring something like this to a totally brand new audience or to people who are into the genre, but don't get to see the shows in New York and Los Angeles"

Vinyl Klash II features work, including original dunnies, by 58 artists that Eaton describes as from "the underground worlds of art"

"These are some of the best toy designers, video game industry and graffiti artists out there," he said. "It's pretty interesting when you get them all together and give them the same starting point"

Each artist was invited to take on one or all of several projects for the exhibit, including a designer toy, standard canvas,

vinyl sticker, or entry for an installation sketch book that explores the paint and toy design process

The opening reception features 10 artists creating original dunnies via paintball guns. Each piece will be signed and sold as an original

Last but not least, Eaton plans to unveil his latest designer toy figure, Skumbo

While the dunny is faceless, featureless and unisex, Skumbo not only has a face, but he's also recognizable as a member of the male tribe

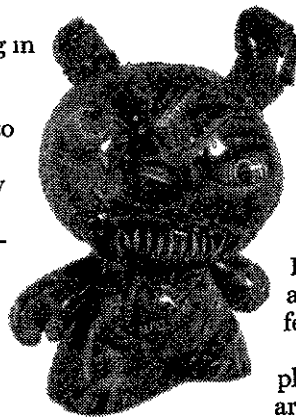
"He's coming out this fall. He's a more specific figure. He's an actual character with more features"

Eaton is himself an accomplished multi-tasking modern artist, who's as comfortable doing graffiti art as he is painting on canvas. He's also an illustrator and toy designer with high-profile clients like Fisher Price and Hasbro. Vinyl Klash II features

some of his works, as well

Do you think Eaton might be an artist with an identity crisis?

"I don't consider myself more one than the other. I like to be really versatile," he said. "To me, if you're really being honest with yourself, one style comes through all mediums"



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New chef imprints his style at Tribute

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

In January this year, when talented Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi left Tribute in Farmington Hills to become head toque at Okada, a Japanese restaurant in the new Las Vegas Wynn Resort, the Wisnes family, owners of Tribute in the

Epoch Restaurant Group, were not left in a lurch. Chef Takashi suggested his successor and the Wisnes took his advice. Don Yamauchi, new executive chef at Tribute, brings a reputation for excellence, cooking passion and dedication. Combining his background in classically trained French cuisine with flavors of his Japanese/Filipino heritage, he described his culinary style as "modern French with global influences."

In late 1987, Illinois native Chef Don graduated from Kendall Culinary College in Evanston, Ill. Beginning in 1988 at the legendary Carlos' Restaurant in Chicago, featuring high-level cuisine with a decided French twist, Chef Don honed his skills for seven years and attained national recognition in 1992 as one of *Food & Wine* magazine's "Top 10 New Chefs in America." He was also nominated as one of "Top Five Rising Chefs in America" by the esteemed James Beard Foundation.

For three and half years, Chef Don

served as executive chef at Gordon in Chicago, where he earned respect as a pioneer in the contemporary American culinary revolution. He brought enthusiasm and vision to Patrick & James' in Glencoe, Ill., and following that, became chef and partner at the legendary Le Francais, in Wheeling, Ill., outside Chicago.

Chef Don, now 38 years old, believes that he brings high energy, bold flavors, extraordinary combinations and signature presentations to the nationally acclaimed Tribute restaurant.

"Tribute's contemporary decor fits my cooking style," said Chef Don, now a West Bloomfield resident. "My signature food blends with Tribute's modern style rather than sticking out. There's a defined theme from decor to food."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vanilla butter poached lobster with chinese black bean sauce, peas, bacon, and pea foam

NEW MENU

On Tuesday, March 22, Chef Don introduced his new "A Play on Food" menu. The degustation

Seven Courses (or Acts as they are called) at \$100 per person are principally new. Chef Don's signature marks each offering.

Any course in all three degustation menus, including one vegetarian, are available a la carte.

The Play on Food menu is not meant to be as structured dish to dish as the Perceptions 12-course degustation menu at \$150 per person. Perceptions is a progression not only of flavors and textures

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Chef Don Yamauchi describes the new menu as French with Asian influence as opposed to the former menu's Asian with French influence

but of memories
 Choosing courses from the new Play on Food should be fun where the diner can assume the role of producer. For example, as an appetizer, one might choose Sashimi of Scallop and Fluke with Micro Mache and Yuzu Vinaigrette and topped with salmon roe from Act II. Then as a second appetizer (portions are small), choose either Seared Foie Gras atop French Toasted Raisin-Walnut Bread with Bananas and Maple Syrup, garnished with a raspberry in its natural juice that ties together sweet and acidic aspects of the dish.

Another choice as an appetizer or first course is Lobster Ravioli, Veal Sweetbread, Wild Mushroom and Garlic-Shallot Confit set off by three sauces: lobster cream, a balsamic vinegar reduction and red wine veal reduction - a choice from Act I.

Peeking at the Perceptions side of the

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menu, you spy Coffee Scented Venison Loin. Choose it as a main course. Plate garnishes include creamy potato mash, pan-sauteed farm-raised mushrooms, an herb Napoleon and a Dirty Mimosa!

EXTRAS

If a diner chooses, sommelier Ric Jewell will pair

each course of a degustation menu with a glass of wine.

He'll do the same if you order only a few courses. His skills and knowledge are excellent and Tribute diners have learned to trust his palate.

New pastry chef Kyle Sandtvet wishes that more people would come to Tribute for dessert tasting, much as they do for a degustation menu.

As Chef Don has brought his signature to Tribute, Chef Kyle is making his mark. For dessert, choose his Yogurt Panna Cotta, Caramelized Banana, Lemon and Root Beer Gelee, topped with Grape Nuts. Unique? Like Chef Don's signature dishes, it's bursting with flavors that tantalize the palate.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com



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The Story by Tracey Scott Wilson March 31 April 24 at the Charles Wright Museum of African American History on John R Detroit Call (313) 872 0279 or online www plowshares org for the more information

YOUTH

Marquise Theatre

Peter Cottontail a musical version of the Beatrix Potter classic 2 p m Saturdays April 2 9 16 23 30 2 30 p m Sundays April 3 10 17 24 and May 1 and weekdays 2 30 p m March 28 29 30 and April 1 at the Marquise Theatre 135 E Main Northville Tickets \$7 50 For school reservations birthday parties and group rates call (248) 349 8110

Flint Youth Theatre

Charlotte's Web Joseph Robinette stage adaptation of E B White's famous story 7 30 p m April 7 8 9 15 16 22 23 and 4 30 p m Sunday April 23 at the Bowers Theater 1220 East Kearsley St Flint Tickets \$8 for children \$10 for adults Call (810) 237 1530

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Henry Ford Community College

Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* April 8 through May 1 in the Adray Auditorium of MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus 5101 Evergreen Dearborn 8 p m Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p m Sundays Tickets \$8 adults and \$5 for

high school students For ticket reservations call HFCC's Fine Arts and Fitness Division (313) 845 6475

University of Detroit Mercy-Marygrove

Godspell Stephen Schwartz musical based on the Gospel of Matthew 8 p m Thursdays Saturdays 2 p m Sundays March 31 April 10 at Marygrove College Theatre in Detroit Tickets \$15 \$13 for seniors Tickets at the UD Mercy box office (313) 993 3270 or (313) 993 1130

Eastern Michigan University

Anyone Can Whistle musical by Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents 8 p m April 1 2 7 9 and 2 p m April 3 at the Quirk Theatre on the campus of EMU Tickets \$14 Friday and Saturday \$12 matinees For information call (734) 487 1221

Stagecrafters

The British farce *Run for Your Wife* by Ray Cooney April 1 17 on the Main Stage at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak Tickets \$14 and \$16 Visa/MasterCard accepted All seats reserved Call (248) 541 6430

University of Michigan Theatre

Lanford Wilson's *The Hot L Baltimore* 7 30 p m March 31 and April 7 8 p m April 1 2 8 and 9 and 2 p m April 3 and 10 at the Trueblood Theatre in the Frieze Building on the campus of the University of Michigan Tickets \$15 Call (734) 764 2538

Oakland Community College

The Nerd Popular comedy by Larry Shue 8 p m Thursday April 7 through Saturday April 9 at the Smith Theatre Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills Tickets \$8 \$5 students and seniors older than 60 Dinner and theatre package available April 7 for \$50 beginning at 6 p m For dinner theater tickets must be purchased by April 4 For ticket information call (248) 522 3700

Oakland Theatre Guild

Wuthering Heights A stage version of Emily Bronte's novel 7 30 p m Fridays Sundays April 1 3 8 10 and 15 17 and 2 p m Sundays April 3 10 and 17 at the Starlight Theatre at the Summit Place Mall 315 N Telegraph Road Tickets \$14 \$12 seniors \$10 students Call (248) 335 1788 or online www starlighttheater net

DINNER THEATER

Starbrite Dinner Theater

Smell of the Kill Black comedy by Michele Lowe Fridays and Saturdays through April 2 at the 14th Street Bar and Grille 350 E 14 Mile Madison Heights Dinner at 6 30 p m curtain at 7 30 p m Tickets \$39 50 For information call (248) 589 9900 or www starbriteprod com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dance Championship

Motown Dance Championships April 1 3 at the Holiday Inn Fairlane in Dearborn Registration 5 p m Friday Weekend pass is \$99 Workshops are \$15 per hour For more information call (248) 616 0558 or online at www motowndance com

Champions on Ice Tour

Champion ice skaters Michelle Kwan Sasha Cohen Timothy Goebel Irina Slutskaya and Evgeni Plushenko are among the performers 3 p m Saturday April 9 at Joe Louis Arena in downtown Detroit Tickets \$30 \$65 Call (313) 471 6616 or go online at www OlympiaEntertainment com

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony

Jerzy Semkow reunites with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for the 33rd consecutive year to lead two favorite works by Johannes Brahms the lyrical Symphony No 2 and the majestic Piano Concerto No 2 French pianist Hélène Grimaud 8 p m Thursday Friday March 31 April 1 8 30 p m Saturday April 2 and 3 p m Sunday April 3 at Orchestra Hall at the Max M Fisher Music Center Tickets \$16 \$69 may be purchased at the Max M Fisher Music Center box office (3711 Woodward Ave Detroit) or by calling the DSO at (313) 576 5111 All regular priced tickets can be purchased on line 24 hours a day via the DSO's Web site at www detroitsymphony com Young People's Concert series features John Morris Russell conducting Storm Stories with music by Grofe Strauss Vivaldi Debussy and others 10 a m and 11 30 a m Saturday April 9 at the Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward Detroit



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Spousal sprinting

From left, Sandi Glover (Ferndale, as Barbara Smith), Dave Mountz (Birmingham, as John Smith) Beth Tetrault (Troy, as Mary Smith), and Aaron Adamkiewicz (Sterling Heights as Stanley Gardner) in Stagecrafters' Main Stage production of the British farce *Run for Your Wife*, running April 1-17 at the beautiful Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak Call 248-541-6430 for tickets

Call (313) 576 5111 or online at www detroitsymphony com

Birmingham Musicale

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club performing classical sacred and contemporary tunes in a fund raiser for the Musicale's Scholarship Award and Philanthropic Programs 8 p m Friday April 1 at St Regis Catholic Church 3695 Lincoln at Lasher Bloomfield Hills Tickets \$25 general \$35 patron and \$50 benefactor (reserved) Call (248) 606 0166

Tuesday Musicale

The Brahms Trio performs works by Akaybiev Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky 4 p m Sunday April 3 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills Tickets \$15 students \$10 For information (313) 504 0458 or (248) 848 9930

University Musical Society

Dancer Emilio Greco performs Rimasō Orfano 8 p m Friday Saturday April 1 2 at the Power Center 121 Fletcher St Ann Arbor Tickets \$16 \$36 Call (734) 764 2538 or online www ums org UMS Choral Union and the Ann Arbor Symphony perform Haydn's Creation 8 p m Saturday April 1 at Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ann Arbor on the campus of the University of Michigan Tickets \$10 \$28 Call (734) 764 2538 or online www ums org Trio Medieval Norwegian vocal ensemble 8 p m Friday April 8 at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2250 E Stadium Blvd Ann Arbor Tickets \$25 general admission \$35 reserved seats Call (734) 764 2538 or online at www ums org Malouma Mauritanian singer with her nine member Sahel Hawi Blues band 8 p m Saturday April 9 at the Michigan Theatre 603 E Liberty Ann Arbor Tickets \$16 \$32 Call (734) 764 2538 or online at www ums org Songs of the Sufi Brotherhood from the mystic traditions of Islam featuring singers Rizwan Muazzam Qawwali

Hassan Hakmoun and Hamza El Din 4 p m Sunday April 10 at the Rackham Auditorium 915 E Washington Ann Arbor on the campus of the University of Michigan Call (734) 764 2538

Vivace Music Series

Flutist Ginka Gerova Ortega and her ensemble Musica Espanada 8 p m Saturday April 2 Birmingham Temple 28611 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills Tickets \$21 \$18 seniors and students Call (248) 788 9338 or (248) 661 1348

JAZZ

Music at the Phil II

Fund raiser for the free Michigan Jazz Festival which will be held July 17 Numerous area jazz musicians 3 5 p m Sunday April 3 at VisTaTech 18600 Haggerty Road Livonia For information call (248) 474 2720 or (734) 459 2454

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Jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis performs with his trio 8 p m Friday April 8 at Pease Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan For tickets call (734) 487 2282 or online at www emich edu/convocation

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Who's At First

Folksingers Tom Chapin and John McCutchen perform at the part of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church's music series 7 30 p m Saturday April 9 at the church 320 W Seventh St Royal Oak Tickets \$20 \$18 seniors and students Call (248) 541 4100

Exhibit of civil rights photographs to close soon

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

No matter how old the viewer, images of the struggle for civil rights in this country have a profound impact

"For many, it brings back many memories. It's very immediate for them," said Thomas Loeffler, collections manager, works of art on paper at the Toledo Museum of Art where a group of photographs documenting the era are on display. "For the kids, it's a little less immediate, but it's something that they can relate to based on their own experiences."

Picturing Freedom
Photographs from the American Civil Rights Movement continues through April 3. The exhibit showcases 10 black-and-white images taken by Ernest C Withers, who was working as a freelance photographer in the 1950s and 1960s. At the time, Withers sold the photographs to African-American newspapers for \$6-10 each.

Withers lived in his hometown of Memphis and had served as one of the first African-American



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Ernest C Withers (American, b. 1922), 'Dr. Martin Luther King is Confronted' (from the 'I Am A Man' portfolio). Gelatin silver print, 1963

men on the city's police force prior to becoming a photographer.

"He was well known in the city, so as a photographer, he was able to get to places that other pho-

tographers could not," explained Loeffler.

Withers also established relationships with civil rights advocates Medgar Evers, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy and the Rev.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Consequently, Withers was able to capture these leaders up close and personal, Loeffler said, adding, "There are some really striking portraits of Martin Luther King, Jr."

However, the exhibit covers several events that occurred during the civil rights movement, spanning a period between 1956 and 1968. Among the represented events that Withers photographed are the sanitation strike in Memphis, King and Abernathy on the first desegregated bus ride in Montgomery, Ala. and police officers escorting the "Little Rock Nine" to their first day in a desegregated public school.

A soundtrack of spirituals and speeches serves as a backdrop for the photographs, and recorded testimonials from individuals who lived through civil rights movement are also provided.

The photographs make up a Withers portfolio entitled *I Am A Man*, which the museum acquired in 2003.

Withers trained as a photographer in the military.

A THOUSAND WORDS

What: 'Picturing Freedom' Photographs from the American Civil Rights Movement

When: Through April 3, museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Where: Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, Ohio (just west of downtown Toledo business district, one block off I-75)

Tickets: Free or donation, call (800) 644-6862 or visit www.toledomuseum.org

"He would not consider himself an artist or an historian," said Loeffler. "He considers himself a social documentarian, but they are profound works of art."

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More Get Out

The Ark

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COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club

Tim Gaither a mild mannered southern redneck 8:15 and 10:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the club 5070 Schaefer

Road Dearborn Tickets \$12 for the show \$24.95 for dinner and show Friday and Saturday \$8 for show \$20.95 for dinner and show Sunday Call (313) 584-8885 or online www.joeyclub.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Club

Peter Berman 8 p.m. Thursday 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday at the club 314 E. Liberty Ann Arbor Tickets \$7 in advance \$9 at the door Thursday \$10 in advance \$12 at the door Friday Saturday Call (734) 996-9080

ART

Michigan Fine Arts Competition

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center will host the annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition exhibition through April 15. This prestigious exhibition will show 93 pieces from the selected 86 artists. The Competition is juried by a prominent artist or curator each year. This year's juror is Susan Wilczak, Director of Exhibitions and Collections at The Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, Michigan. For further information call 248-644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org. The BBAC is

at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road Birmingham

Lawrence Street Gallery

Hurry Spring a gallery wide exhibition celebrating the warmth and colors of spring highlighting artists Kathy Rowenchuk and Gabriel Ban. Exhibition runs through April 1. Gallery at 22620 Woodward Avenue Ferndale. For information call (248) 544-0394.

Robert Kidd Gallery

An exhibition of paintings by Timothy McDowell and sculpture by Christine Hagedorn continues through April 30, 2005. Gallery hours Tuesday Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information call (248) 642-3909.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

A Celebration of Glass a group exhibit of glass works. Exhibit runs through April 23 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Gallery at 407 Pine St. Rochester

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Images of Time and Place
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37 artists featured Tuesdays Fridays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays through May 13 at the gallery 480 W. Hancock Detroit on the campus of Wayne State University

Lemberg Gallery

Recent paintings of Wade Hoefer 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays Saturdays through April 12 at the gallery 23241 Woodward Ave. Ferndale

Meadowbrook Gallery

Communicable Consumption featuring the works of Phaedra Robinson at Art Gallery at 208 Wilson Hall next to the Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University. Gallery hours noon to 5 p.m. closed Mondays

Alfred Berkowitz Gallery

Celebrating Women Artists with selected works by the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors and women member of Pewabic Pottery. Through April 15 at the gallery Mardigan Library on the campus of the University of Michigan Dearborn Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Friday

Cary Gallery

Rochester Area Artists Invitational. Features the works of nine area artists April 2-30. Artist's Reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday April 2 at the Gallery 226 Walnut Blvd. Rochester Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday

FRANK

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Youth were millions of children who received Nazi propaganda and were taught to hate

"Hitler targeted children, controlled them and gave them roles to control each other. He made them feel like they had a purpose. It was very calculated, frightening, not an easy role emotionally," North said.

The performance is under 90 minutes long. It's pretty much all an audience can take," North said.

"The stories of these three kids—Eva, Anne and Ed—the audience is very affected. You can hear the cries."

North said a big portion of the audience is students.

"Kids can relate to this story because they understand it's about someone their age and it's told through a child's words."

North, of Grosse Pointe, has worked professionally in Michigan for about 15 years. He's the playwright of three pieces performed at the Purple Rose Theatre including *Orphan Train*. His topics are mostly dramas, some with comedy.

"I'm proud to be in this performance," North said. "The generation of survivors is growing older—we need to carry on their stories."

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Family fun

There's action at historic Fort Wayne

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Fort Wayne officially opens Memorial Day, but the Detroit Historical Museum is making it possible to visit the historic site early.

The Detroit Historical Society's annual Guild Flea Market is slated Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, at the complex and allows visitors to take guided tours. The museum also is presenting "1950s Weekend," April 15-17. The themed program includes a history hunt at Fort Wayne on Saturday and "Woodward Lounge" party for adults on Friday at the Detroit Historical Museum.

"The flea market has been going on for many years, and is very popular. There's one in the fall and in the spring," said Robert Sadler, marketing director at the museum. "And the money benefits the work of the museum."

Tours of Fort Wayne, an 83-

SNEAK PEAK

What: Detroit Historical Museum presents a series of special events at historic Fort Wayne including its annual flea market with guided tours of complex available.

When: Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday April 9 and Sunday April 10. 1950s Weekend runs April 15-17 and includes a history hunt at Fort Wayne on Saturday and 'Woodward Lounge' party from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Where: Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit. Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

Tickets: Market admission free. Guided tours of Fort Wayne \$2 per person, parking \$5. 'Woodward Lounge' tickets \$10 in advance. \$20 at door. Free for members. For information or full 1950s Weekend schedule call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

acre complex built in the 1840s, last about 90 minutes and allow visitors to go inside the star fort, as well as the commanding officer's house. There's also a great

view of the Detroit River.

Fort Wayne opened as a public attraction in the 1970s, but closed due to state budget cuts between 1991 and 2002.

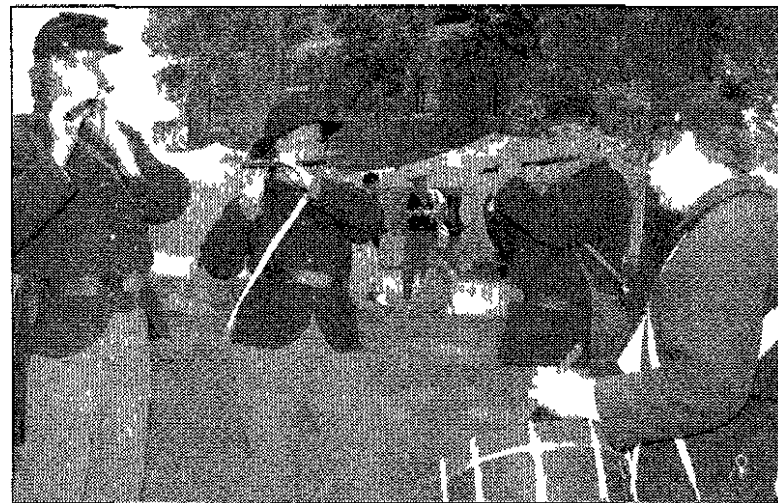


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A number of Civil War re-enactors are expected to be on hand for the annual Flea Market at Fort Wayne.

"We're trying to get it back into the metro Detroit consciousness. We want to let people know that the fort is still out there, there are tours and many special events," Sadler said.

The 1950s weekend grew out of last year's 1920s event held in celebration of the museum's 75th anniversary.

It was successful enough that we decided to do the concept

again and just switch the decade. It's becoming a signature event for us," Sadler said.

The 'Woodward Lounge' will recreate a 1950s-era Detroit show club, and patrons are encouraged to don Rat Pack attire. The event includes live music, dancing, a cash bar, games and a raffle. On Sunday, a family sock hop will be held at the museum.

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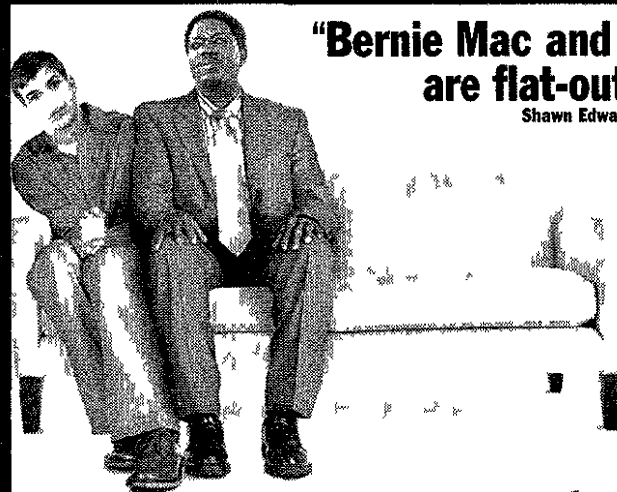
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Contest!

Two years into this column I often wonder: Are you out there? Are you reading me? Can we be friends?

I know there are some of you who read me regularly. There is Allen, who has written me or about me to my editor a few times. There was this one lady who got really upset when I put down Bette Midler. But how many

of you are actually out there?

In the interest of seeing how many people actually read this column, I'm like ever I am giving away free stuff. Plus, my desk is way messy and I need an excuse to clean it. Anyway, let's talk about the stuff you can win.

The free stuff has been buried under piles of papers on my desk, some of it for quite some time. Much of the free stuff is stuff I did not pick - some is stuff I wasn't interested in, some

is stuff that was too obscure, some is stuff I just plain hated. I can't recommend things I hate. It's not part of what I signed up for. The smallest portion of the stuff is stuff that I did pick and like and got extra copies of to give to you. But not intentionally.

I am greedy and not paid extra to write this column, so these free gifts serve as my paycheck. In lieu of listing it all, because it's a lot of loot, I have 25 CDs - everything from garage rock to

indie pop to electronic to rap, some of it local and some of it in glamorous cardboard reviewer packaging - and five books to give away. I'm dividing the stuff (mostly by genre) and giving away five free stuff packages.

And now onto the contest. See that little form to the right?

Fill that out and send it to Pure Picks Free Stuff Contest c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. The best five answers will win the prize packages.

You can also e-mail me your answers at stardy@oe.homecomm.net, but entries that do not include all of the required information will be disqualified. One entry per person, please. Winners will be announced in two weeks. Pure Picks is not responsible for lost or damaged free stuff. Good luck!

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who is really quite cute. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.

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What kind of music do you like (to help me figure out which prize package you should receive)? _____

Now onto the good part. At Pure Picks we often like to make clever, critic equations. Ones that read like: Gordon Lightfoot - boat disasters + religion = Sufjan Stevens. Or like (and I totally stole this one): AC/DC divided by Frank Sinatra x Willy Wonka = Boblo Island. You get the idea. Now it's your turn. Write your cleverest equation based on anything entertainment related in the blank space below (or on another sheet of paper) and get this form in the mail!

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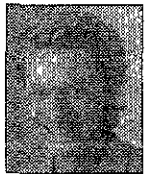
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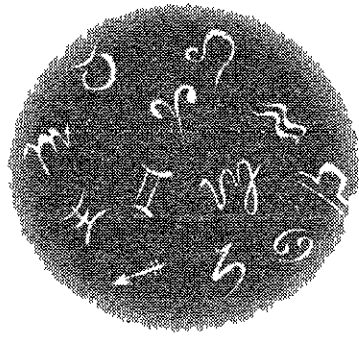
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(March 31-April 2)
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

 Ram you want to break out of a rut but you're too scared to do so because of insecurity because you fear insecurity (and retro planets) You can't go on like this forever kid This week you must decide whether or not to stay with what you trust or risk everything on something new Think carefully


TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

 Yeah yeah yeah You like things to remain the same (under your baton) Well no matter how much you rant and rave against injustices you won't change them this week and the sooner you accept that fact the better off you'll be If you really want to make the world a better place change your own life first


GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

 You must clear the air Twin because the last thing you want or need are lingering resentments getting in the way of your efforts to move up the world! Leave your ego at home for a couple weeks If there's a parting of the ways it'll be an effort worth making Your birthday month brings peace of mind and pieces of gold


CANCER (June 22-July 23)

 There's no point in being too cautious now because the rewards will go to those who aren't afraid to take risks MoonKid Forget about the losses or being your own boss and treat those you live with (or want to) or work with as equals as teamwork is your key to success as April unfolds


LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

 Make the most of planetary activity throughout April to rebuild bridges and reassure partners Above all flatly refuse to get involved in any further power struggles on the home or work front no matter who says what or how much appears to be at stake next weekend


VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

 If you let your fears get the best of you this week you'll find yourself paralyzed Virgo Whatever your suspicions and worries there's no great conspiracy with you as the target On the contrary you've never been more loved and respected - no matter how you feel currently Lighten up you'll survive!


LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

 Your peace loving ruling planet Venus changing signs soon is making you anxious to please and it could be that the best way to do so is to overlook an indiscretion which has scant significance in your life as a whole A new responsibility may be inconvenient but could bring long term benefits


SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

 Whatever you feel to be your due is about to be handed to you Scorp However you still appear to be kinda physically under par and changing to such a degree that no one really knows how to treat you Therefore ensure that you do not sell yourself short as Mercury goes direct over the next week plus


SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

 The next few weeks should be one of the best since this time last year so even if you're one of those Archers who don't like all that mushy romantic stuff you must still make an effort to utter those three little magic words I love you


CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

 Once again your budget and financial priorities appears to be a problem Cap but Venus soon entering your element in April should put the matter in its correct perspective and make it easier to handle Don't exaggerate the importance of a difference of opinion It matters less than you think

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

 The cosmically correct interpretation of planetary activity over the next few weeks is that any changes taking place at home are for the best Emotions are too close to the surface at the moment but you are about to find your way ahead clearly signposted and experience a sigh of relief WaterBearer

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

 Due to circumstances beyond your control your life now seems to be undergoing a series of enforced changes But they are all for the good For far too long you have been hampered by a need for reassurance emotional security Now it's time to prove that you are prepared to go way out on a limb Fish!

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