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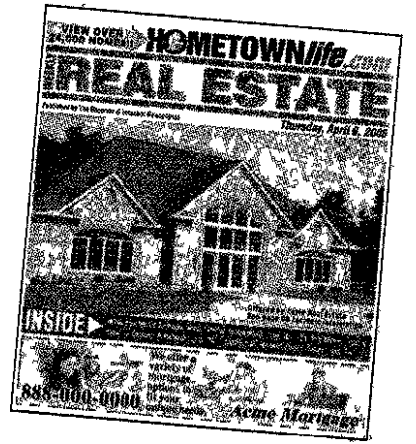
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New structure adds 3rd police lieutenant

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees took advantage of the timing of the retirement of the head of the township police department's communications division to reorganize the department's command structure...

directs patrol operations Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill voted against the measure, which was added to the board's agenda at its March 14 meeting...

eliminated, and there are no plans to fill the sergeant's position vacated by the promotion The new command structure was proposed by trustee Steve Mann...

and the board voted to approve it Though he declined to go into specifics, Mann said the move cleans up 'some problems' in the communications department...

offered the employees in the communications center nor our officers or firefighters out on the street the quality of service they deserve...

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Earth moves on vets' project

14 years later, park takes step toward reality

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The first day of spring generally signals a new beginning and that's what Monday represented for organizers of the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park...

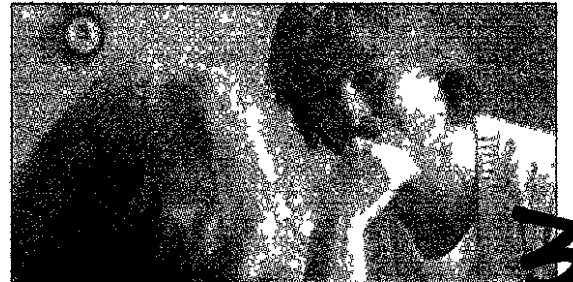
said Stanwood, 86 This will keep their memories alive We should have done this a long time ago Part of the problem had been getting all the veterans organizations to agree to move the seven memorials currently scattered around the city...



Harry Torossian of Canton watches the groundbreaking ceremony for Plymouth's new veterans memorial park

moves toward a July 4 dedication Central Middle School Principal Joyce Johnson said the Veterans Memorial Park will become an obvious lesson for eighth-graders who study U.S. history...

or tree, so they can be part of this historical place in the city," Jonsson said Donations for the project and purchase of pavers are being collected by the Canton Community Foundation...



Plymouth Community Council on Aging coordinator Marsha Koet works with senior Marilyn Aiff Koet is leaving CCA for a similar job in Dearborn

Seniors losing Council on Aging connection

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Community Council on Aging coordinator Marsha Koet says what she'll miss the most leaving Plymouth for a new position in Dearborn is the connection with the seniors 'I'll especially miss the board, they are good people, and our walking group, a lot of good conversations,' said Koet...

Transplant recipient gets hugs at her school

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Students at Our Lady of Good Counsel school gave a collective hug to 9-year-old Alexandria 'Andri' Hill Tuesday It was the first day back for Andri, who underwent a 16-hour transplant operation Dec. 17 for a new...

heart at Children's Hospital in Detroit Andri - in near-record time - has been home since Dec. 30, and waiting anxiously to get back to completing fourth grade 'I get to see all my friends again,' said Andri as the best reason for being back 'Everybody said hi' and gave me cards and...

asked me how I feel' Yellow, pink and lavender balloons helped decorate the commons area, along with a number of student-made posters - including one that read 'Welcome Back, Andri, You Rock' - as parents organized a welcome party for Andri to give her time to socialize with classmates...

she hasn't seen for more than three months Andri said despite her absence from school, she didn't have trouble getting back into the swing of things 'I had to clean my desk and put everything back in,' she said 'And, I did a...



Balloons, hugs and cheers greeted Alexandria 'Andri' Hill with mother Angela Hill

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Coming Sunday in PINK. Guiding Light. Livonia gal has soap opera life. Project Dangle. Soap & more. Soap & more. Soap & more.

Scholarship fund

The first bowling event to benefit the Brian Geick Scholarship Fund takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Oakland Bowling Alley in Westland. Cost for the event is \$25 for adults, \$15 for students 18 and younger. Ticket price includes three games of bowling with shoes, a lunch buffet, raffle and door prizes. Bowling is limited to the first 120 bowlers. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can also be sent to the Educational Excellence Fund - Brian Geick, 66123 Kennesaw Road, Canton, MI 48187. Oakland Bowling Alley is located at 8450 Middlebelt. For more information, e-mail PAG4077@aol.com or call Paul or Trish Geick, (734) 451-0079.

Casino night

Cross Bridge Academy, the Plymouth school for autistic children, presents a Casino Night 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Compass Café in downtown Plymouth. The event is a Texas Hold'em tournament with a first-prize of \$500. It includes blackjack and roulette along with raffles, along with food and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy. Reservations can be made at the Compass Café, 306 S. Main (corner of Penniman), or by calling (734) 455-5100.

New Morning auction

New Morning School in Plymouth Township holds its 30th-annual auction, "Big Game Safari," 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Last year's auction brought some 600 guests and some \$140,000 to benefit the school's general fund and school enrichment funds. The

money was used to build a play structure in the school's pre-school/primary playground and provide technology upgrades. Tickets cost \$70, which includes a traveling dinner, silent and live auctions and a gaming room. Advance reservations are required. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

Swap Meet

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association of Plymouth hosts a swap meet noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the WWCCA clubhouse at 6700 Napier. The swap meet allows participants the opportunity to bring out items they've been wanting to sell or trade, including guns, knives, reloading equipment and supplies, fishing tackle and other items. Tables at the meet cost \$15 apiece or two for \$25. Someone will be available to handle any transactions required for firearms sales at a nominal cost. All local, state and federal firearms laws will be followed, with no exceptions. The kitchen will also be open. For more information or to reserve tables, call Don McLellan, (734) 591-0247. A limited number of tables will be available and must be paid for in advance.

Artful Affair

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 16th-annual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair," at the new Inn at St. John's Grand Ballroom April 1. Participants will enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing along with silent and live auctions. The proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs the PCAC offers to the community year after year.

Impacting some 8,000 people of all ages every month, the PCAC offers ongoing activities such as the Art Volunteer Program, which provides enriching supplemental art presentations to students in the Plymouth Canton educational district. This program recognized statewide, involves over 250 volunteers using 175 art portfolios, sculpture and culture boxes. The Artist Mentorship program is another activity which pairs young, enthusiastic students with professional artists. The ArtReach Program helps to send all fifth-graders in the Plymouth-Canton schools to the Detroit Institute of Art each year. Finally, Music in the Park, a summer concert series geared toward families, is held in Kellogg Park every Wednesday at noon.

Artists and merchants are encouraged to participate in the event by donating to the auction. One-of-a-kind items or services are the hallmark of the event and provide a great opportunity for promotion to approximately 400 people who will be in attendance. Volunteers who would like to help with the event are more than welcome to participate on committees such as item solicitation, decorations and publicity. This event will be the Arts Council's only major fund-raiser of the year. Tickets are \$85 and are available at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278.

YMCA camp

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its Spring Break Camp April 17-21 at First Baptist Church in Plymouth. While the camp runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., campers can be dropped off any time between 7:30-9 a.m. and picked up any time between 4-6 p.m. Activities will include swimming, field trips, character development and fun. Camp cost \$35 per day or \$150 for the week. For more information go to www.ymcadetrot.org or the Web or contact the YMCA office (734) 453-2904.

Wizard of Oz

Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company, comprised of dancers ages 9-18, presents a ballet to the much-loved music of *The Wizard of Oz* 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in the Northville High School Auditorium. The performance will include dancing to songs such as *Over the Rainbow*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead* and *Ease on Down the Road*. Tickets are available at the studio, by mail, e-mail and fax. Tickets are \$8 each and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more.

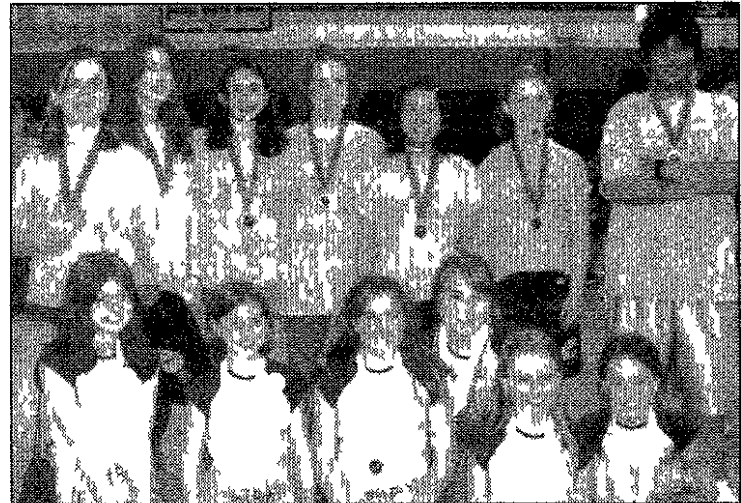
Center Stage Dance Company is located at 43334 W. Seven Mile, Suite 250 in Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-1666, e-mail csdc5678@sbcglobal.net or fax (248) 380-1597.

Alzheimer trends

The Gerontology Program at Eastern Michigan University and Pfizer Global Research and Development present "Trends in Alzheimer's Testing and Ethical Implications," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at EMU's Halle Library Auditorium in Ypsilanti. The lecture is free and open to the public. Guest speakers are psychologist Renee Lajness-O'Neill and Jill Dieterle, an expert in medical ethics. For more information, call (734) 487-1361.

First Step benefit

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area hosts its 12th annual fashion event, "Stepping Out In Style," at Parisian in Laurel Park Place Mall Sunday, April 2. All proceeds from this event will benefit First Step Project Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, serving 35 communities in western and downriver Wayne County with a shelter for victims of abuse, counseling victims, court advocacy, rape crisis response teams and many other ancillary services. Visitors can take advantage of a selection of Parisian merchandise at a 20-percent discount, (excluding certain designer items), as well as enjoying the culinary offerings from several local restaurants with food stations throughout the store. For more information, call (734) 487-1361.



Imagination excellence

Three Plymouth-Canton teams have earned the right to compete at the Destination Imagination State Finals after regional competition March 11. The West Middle School team took second place in its division, while the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team was third and the squad from Smith Elementary was fourth. All three teams wrote original scripts, created costumes, props and theatrical sets for their creative solutions. It was the ninth straight year teams from Plymouth-Canton qualified for the state finals. (Above) The West Middle School team (top row, from left) Rachel Palgut, Alyssa Garbarino, Cara Delaney, Adam Harrison, Stephanie Poe, Kelly Filios and Jayesh Srivastava. The team from Smith (bottom row) was Alex Flack, Jessie Longe, Sarah Martin, Shiloe Seward, Libby Gamble and Mianna Krause. (Below) The P-CEP team of Kyle Burdette, Andrea Burdette, Nick Scarantino, Kari Lewis, Danielle Stephens and Alex Magee. Hannah Bartlett is not pictured.



The event features live entertainment, a caricaturist and raffles of several prizes, including \$500 cash and a \$500 Parisian shopping spree. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$25, tickets at the door will be \$30. To order tickets, call (734) 414-0553, or fax (248) 355-1084. Community groups interested in operating a food booth must have a member in attendance at this meeting and the three additional meetings held before the festival. Booth applications will be available at this meeting or on-line at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Applications are due May 31. For more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its craft show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten by ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend. Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Fall Festival meeting

The first meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. April 25.

Jewelry evaluation

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a Jewelry Evaluation Clinic 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 31, with certified gemologist Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewelry of Grosse Pointe. DuMouchelle will evaluate jewelry as well as silver and small art objects for history, condition and fair market value. Cost is \$8 per item. More information can be found at the Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call the museum, (734) 455-8940, to make an appointment.

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Inn grand opening to help hospice

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When University of Michigan student Megan Ring of Plymouth was looking for volunteer opportunities last summer, she decided to work for Hospice of Michigan.

Since joining Hospice, Ring, a 19-year-old pre-med sophomore, has been working with the organization's developmental coordinator while waiting to be trained in working with actual patients.

Ring will be helping in another fashion next week, when the Inn at St. John's hosts a grand-opening art exhibit/fund-raiser March 31 to benefit Hospice of Michigan. The black-tie event, emceed by WDIV TV-4 weather personality Chuck Gaudica, will include a strolling dinner, cocktails, desserts, three rooms of live entertainment and a silent auction featuring artwork donated by local artists.

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate comfort care to people with acute, chronic illness and offers support to their loved ones.

According to Hospice officials, the organization served more than 7,000 people in 2005, making it the largest hospice program in Michigan, and one of the largest nonprofit hospices in the country. Headquartered in Detroit's Brush Park neighborhood, it has offices in Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland and Macomb counties, with additional locations throughout the state.

Ring hopes her artwork — a computer-manipulated photograph of her grandmother's hand and another piece made out of different kinds of foil — will help

I dabble in it myself, so I thought could contribute some of my own art, said Ring, daughter of Howard

and Jodi Ring of Plymouth. "Hospice patients are at a very powerful point in their lives, where they're accepting death as a part of life, and I wanted to become more familiar with that."

Among other things, proceeds from the fund-raiser will help Hospice of Michigan offset the cost of unreimbursed patient care. According to Hospice development associate Michelle Rau, Hospice of Michigan incurs a high level of unreimbursed costs because of its open access program.

According to Rau, HOM spends some \$4.5 million annually that goes unreimbursed through insurance companies, Medicare or Medicaid. She said Hospice relies on third-party events such as the fund-raiser at the Inn at St. John's to help recover those funds.

"It's immensely important," Rau said of the fund-raiser. "Many people don't realize the cost of hospice care is increasing immensely."

Canton attorney David McCreedy, an assistant prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor's appeals division, is putting up for auction a digitally enhanced photograph of a water lily and a fountain in a pond in his back yard.

Since his wife, Melissa, works for Hospice, taking part in the fund-raiser seemed like a natural, although he admitted having something of his up for auction is a little nerve-racking.

"If it only goes for \$5, I'll be a little disappointed," he said, laughing. "I think it's a good organization, and I'm happy to help them."

The fund-raiser starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person. The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth Township. For more information call (734) 357-5344.

Seeing life through a new lens

Couple turns to photography for new career

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When the airline industry took a major economic tumble in the aftermath of 9/11, John and Naoko Vena saw the writing on the wall.

The Venas, who reside in Plymouth and both made their living flying — John as a pilot for Northwest Airlines, Naoko as a flight attendant for Royal Dutch Airlines — decided they wanted something they could not only fall back on if the wings fell off the airline industry, but something that could translate into new careers.

Following a tip from John's sister in New York, and following hearts that love the art of photography, the Venas hit upon their next passion: Opening a CLIX portrait studio in Plymouth.

"We wanted to do something we both liked," John Vena said. "We both love photography, we're both creative. As we investigated (the CLIX opportunity), they had all the right answers to all the questions we asked."

Everything else we investigated, you had something that was stopping you," he added. "With this, nothing stopped us. We know it's going to be a lot of work, but we're confident."

CLIX is a portrait-photography business, based in Atlanta, with three distinct revenue streams: a portrait studio, an outside-event component that allows owners to take the studio on location, and a scrapbooking component that relies on digitizing images.

When the Venas, 10-year Canton residents who moved to Plymouth about a year ago, open their studio this month, it will represent the ninth CLIX studio and third franchise operation for the company and the chain's first store opening in 2006. The first CLIX opened in New York State in August 2005.

We're expanding on a

nationwide basis," said David Asarnow, president/CEO of CLIX. "John and Naoko fit every component of what we're looking for: Sparkle and personality, history and a track record of success in previous lives, strong desire to help people. They have all of those things."

John Vena is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. After serving in the Navy, he was hired by Northwest Airlines in 1990. In 1993, he left Northwest for Royal Dutch Airlines until 1995, when he rejoined Northwest.

Naoko Vena attended Ibaraki National University in Tokyo, earning a bachelor's degree in teaching. She worked for a judicial administration office in Japan before becoming a flight attendant and interpreter for Royal Dutch Airlines.

But neither has ever been far from their photography hobby. John said he's "done a fair amount of aerial photography," while Naoko — "I don't want to miss the good moments" — said she never goes anywhere without a camera.

The couple, married for 11 years, gets a lot of photography in with their four children: Katie, 10, Valentine, 8, Mia, who turns 3 next month, and 7-month-old Michael.

But this is bound to be different, particularly the part where they have to take the studio on the road. CLIX takes equipment to events such as youth sports and awards ceremonies, where photos can be taken and processed on-the-spot.

"I used to go to a studio, then have to come back in two weeks for the pictures," Naoko said. "Here you can look and you can leave with the pictures. As a mother of



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Naoko and John Vena with 7-month-old Michael and Mia, who turns 3 next month, are turning their love of photography into a new career.

young kids, I really like that."

They've taken part in CLIX's three-week training program in Rochester, N.Y., where trainees combined classroom learning with customer interaction.

John Vena said it isn't the photography part of establishing the studio that scares them, it's the business part.

"We'd be more nervous about the business part of it," he said. "We're starting at a slow time of the year so we can get our feet wet."

Once their feet are wet, the Venas hope to forge relationships with clients that will help them create lasting memories.

"Far beyond financial reward, we dream that CLIX will play a meaningful role in the community's life," Naoko said.

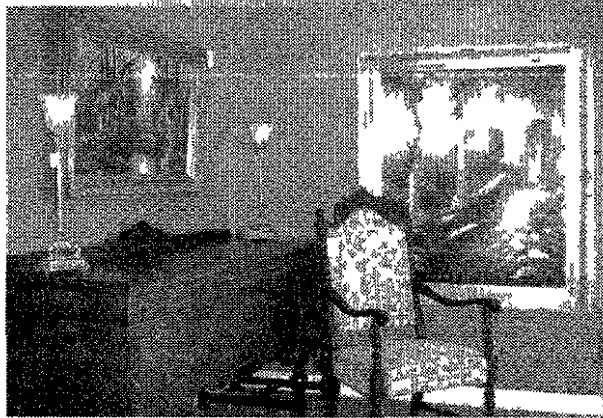
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handwriting worksheet. It kind of seems like I went to school every single day, like I usually do. So, coming back today wasn't really different."
Andri's teacher, Ann White said she tried to make it as much a normal day as possible, considering Andri had just returned from heart transplant surgery.
They were excited to have her back, so I gave them a few minutes to say something to her, and we gave her a round of applause," said White. Then

we got right into our spelling book.
White said Andri has kept up fairly well with her school work.
"Every Monday, after school, I would visit her and we would catch up on anything she missed," said White. "I would give her new work, and she would give me things she completed. Andri's a pretty smart girl."
After eating doughnuts and drinking juice and talking with the friends she hadn't seen for so long, Andri became very shy when asked to say a few words.
Thank you for all your prayers," said Andri. Then, after an extended pause, "Thank you." Students applauded and cheered before heading back to class.
"It's good to have her back because we get to play with her a lot more now," said Katie Wardel, 9, of Canton.
Nine-year-old sisters Erin and Emily Sartorius of Canton, two of Andri's best friends, kept in close touch during the recuperation period.
"We played American Girls, and then she came over to our house to play American Girls again," said Erin. "It feels good



Eighth-graders Valerie Stacey and Paula Green greet Andri Hill on her first day back at Our Lady of Good Counsel Tuesday.

to have her back."
Andri, who stands 46 inches tall and weighs 42 pounds, has experienced health issues since birth. She suffered congestive heart failure at nine months old, and at 2 years old doctors discovered restrictive cardiomyopathy, which led to her transplant.
Andri has also had several

surgeries related to scoliosis, a curvature of the spine. She's due back at Children's Hospital for surgery in May.

She's doing so great," said her mother, Angela Hill. "She hasn't had any setbacks, so we are doing this gradually. A couple of half-days this week, half-days all next week and then full time."

Angela, who was wearing a Donate Life button, recently attended a Gift of Life training session with her husband Brian, where there were others who received life-saving transplants as well as those who donated organs of loved ones who died.
It was a very emotional experience to have people telling their stories," said Hill. "Our family will be forever



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Alexandria Andri Hill was back at Our Lady of Good Counsel Tuesday for her first day of school since receiving her new heart.

grateful to the courageous family who made the decision to donate their child's organs. April is National Donate Life Month, and we ask that you consider giving so others can live, she said.
Hill said she wrote a letter to the donor family, and is hopeful of someday hearing from

them, and possibly meeting in person, when the time is right.
Information concerning Gift of Life can be obtained by calling (800) 482-4881, or on the Web at www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

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Giving ways: Fund-raiser will aid Habitat for Humanity projects

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Everyone needs a place to call home. And everyone's got to eat. So it was only natural that Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County approach local restaurants to help them raise money for building projects. The next fund-raiser will be in Canton on March 27 at Max & Erma's at Ford and Canton Center.

It costs about \$72,000 to

build a Habitat home in this area, according to Canton resident Barb Fichtenberg, co-chairwoman of the Habitat For Humanity Western Wayne County Church Relations Committee. Raising that kind of money takes a community effort, she said, so she's been in contact with at least 300 local churches, and sends out quarterly newsletters to keep them abreast of developments.

"The church is the backbone of our support, as far as volun-

teers and financial support, she said.

When the first Canton Habitat home was being planned last year, a group of 12 local churches got together and formed Canton Circle of Faith, Fichtenberg said. In just eight weeks, volunteers and donors built the little house just off Ford Road.

This year there are three under construction in Inkster and two more in Romulus," Fichtenberg said. There is another house under construc-

tion in Van Buren Township on Savage Road, sponsored by Belleville Area Circle of Churches, a group similar to the Canton group.

Next week, Max & Erma's will host a fund-raiser, and Fichtenberg hopes it will be successful. The last restaurant to host such a fund-raiser was Cicis in Canton, and some 400 people showed up to chip in for the cause. But because the menu is so reasonably priced, the 10 percent the restaurant donated

amounted to about \$156. Max & Erma's is donating 20 percent of sales generated by those bringing in a coupon during lunch and dinner on March 27.

"What touches me most about Habitat is the families. Our last homeowner family had been burned out of their home. They had been in a shelter and now the kids have their own bedrooms and they love the house, she said. The churches just showered them with bedding and gifts. The mother has

noticed a real positive change in the kids.

Coupons (which are necessary in order for the restaurant to donate to Habitat) can be downloaded at Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County's Web site at habitatwvc.org. Click on the events icon to find the coupon. For more information, call (734) 459-7744.

LIEUTENANT

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tion to the agenda.

I voted against it because there were too many people in charge," she said. "It doesn't make sense, the department's not growing any more, at least right now, so why do we need more lieutenants? I didn't like it being added to the agenda that afternoon. There's no reason for it not to have been a part of the regular agenda."

Police Chief Tom Tiderington will fill the position from the township's current promotion list, which expires in May. Tiderington can make his choice from among the top three on the list. He'll make a recommendation to township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who then has the authority to approve the choice.

SUPERVISORY LEVELS

Tiderington said he hopes to have the choice made before Tuesday's board meeting.

"We have three highly qualified candidates," said Tiderington, who declined to name them. "It's always been my view that when openings come up, we fill them from the current promotions list, if we have one."

Tiderington said he's been trying to match the level of supervision in the department to the need. For instance, in 2001, he said there were 163 shifts during which, due to illness, training, etc., there was no supervision. By 2004, that number had been reduced to seven.

The chief acknowledged there have been supervisory problems particularly within the dispatch center, but said the creation of the third lieutenant's position should help solve them.

"It gives us a chance to put someone in there with many years of police experience and an understanding of what we need out of our communications/dispatch people," Tiderington said. "They do a great job as it is, but this will provide a different dynamic. It'll be a better fit between our dispatch people and our patrol officers."

COST SAVINGS

Mann and Tiderington both said the moves will save the department money, because Rockwell's position is being eliminated. According to figures provided by Mann, Rockwell's position paid some \$64,000 in salary, but with benefits cost closer to \$80,000.

Whichever sergeant gets promoted will see his pay rise just more than \$4,000, which Mann said still saves the department some \$75,000 per year.

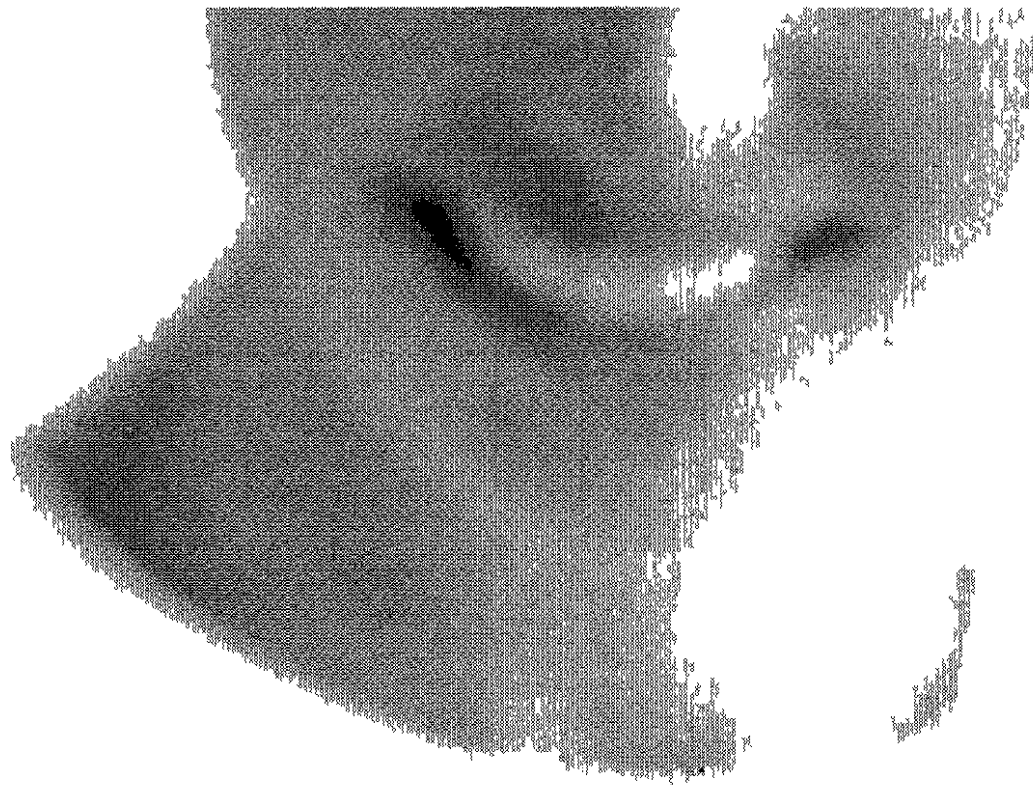
So the big cost of this promotion is actually a cost savings," Mann said.

Tiderington said the prudent thing to do would be to fill the position while the current promotion list is still active. Waiting until after it expires, the chief said, would cost the township somewhere between \$6,000-\$10,000 for re-testing.

This gives us money, it eliminates a supervisory position and it gives us a chance to put a highly qualified person in there," Tiderington said. "It also gives our officers another career path they can pursue."

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IN BUSINESS

New technology officer

Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK has named Dr. Luis Lorenzo as chief technology officer. The announcement was made by Freudenberg-NOK's Dr.



Lorenzo

Theodore G. Duclos, Freudenberg-NOK vice president of operations and technology. Lorenzo will be responsible for research and development activities for Freudenberg-NOK, as well as the oversight of the technical organization in the operating divisions. In addition, he will be responsible for developing an advanced manufacturing organization. He will be located at the Plymouth facility.

"Luis brings a seasoned background of over 20 years of experience to the technology team and we're excited to welcome him aboard," Duclos said. His deep technical knowledge and expertise in products, materials and manufacturing processes make him an ideal

candidate to assist Freudenberg-NOK in achieving our strategic goals. From 1986 to 2006, Lorenzo held positions of increasing responsibility at Dow Automotive in Midland, Mich. Most recently, he served as vice president of application development and engineering, where he led a staff of 60 employees and contract workers supporting global and local OEM and supplier customers at five global locations. He was also responsible for new technology development, technical market need identification, technology market fit assessment and technology and product trajectory definition, among other activities for the company.

Previously, Lorenzo served as group leader for engineering service provider EASi Engineering, Inc. in Madison Heights. There, he was responsible for leading a team of project engineers in the execution of engineering programs involving automotive components and systems.

Lorenzo earned a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina. He also earned a doctorate of science degree in mechanical engi-

neering from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Society for the Advancement of Materials and Process Engineering. Lorenzo holds eight patents and has three patents pending.

SME gets contract

Clark Construction Company, construction manager for the expansion of Twelve Oaks Mall, has awarded Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth a contract to provide Construction Materials Services for the project located in Novi.

Under this contract, SME's primary responsibility is to provide Construction Materials Services related to foundations, concrete, engineered fills, structural steel, roofing, and pavements. The mall will grow from approximately 1.2 to 1.5 million square feet and is scheduled to be completed by fall 2007. Twelve Oaks Mall is owned and managed by Taubman Centers, Inc., headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

Previously, SME worked closely with Taubman,

Neumann/Smith and Associates, and Giffels Webster Engineers, Inc. during the design phase of this project. SME services included geotechnical and pavement engineering, and environmental consulting. SME is also working with Taubman on several other retail projects, including The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township, Michigan, and additions to the Stamford Town Center in Stamford, Connecticut.

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DEATHS

- A**
- L. Jeffery Allen**
Allen 50 of Auburn Hills died March 1
- Kathleen Andrushko**
Andrushko 87 of Rochester Hills died March 7
- Evelyn P. Axford**
Axford 93 of Rochester died Feb. 18
- B**
- Brian Robert Barbee**
Barbee 35 of Dunnellon Fla. formerly of Canton died March 8
- Bobby D. Beale**
Beale 73 of Lake Orion died Feb. 22
- Melissa R. Berels**
Berels 27 of New Baltimore died Feb. 16
- Scott R. Berels**
Berels 27 of New Baltimore died Feb. 16
- Edward A. Bevan**
Bevan 76 of Rochester Hills died March 11
- Joan Bonomo**
Bonomo 91 of Rochester Hills died Feb. 20
- E**
- Richard A. Eckley**
Eckley 47 of Roseville died Feb. 21
- Franklin D. Ellis**
Ellis 71 of Westland died March 8
- F**
- Anne Fracassa**
Fracassa 47 of Warren died March 13
- Sharon K. Fulks**
Fulks 66 of Bruce Township formerly of Shelby Township died March 1
- H**
- Douglas T. Haesler**
Haesler 74 of Bloomfield Hills died March 12
- Betty Haugh**
Haugh 93 of Birmingham died March 14
- Edward E. Hoskins**
Hoskins 93 of Milford Township died March 5
- K**

- Sam Kreis**
Kreis died March 9
- L**
- Robert C. Longpre**
Longpre 91 of Pontiac died Feb. 21
- M**
- Dr. Raymond F. Madigan**
Dr. Madigan 82 of Livonia died
- Erma M. Manley**
Manley 93 of Northville died March 15
- Charles Robert Morris**
Morris 55 of Whitmore Lake died Feb. 24
- Richard Steve Morris**
Morris 50 of Ann Arbor died March 8
- P**
- Eugene R. Provenzano Sr.**
Provenzano 82 of Redford Twp. died March 15
- S**
- Marilyn L. Sasina**
Sasina 76 of Oxford died March 7
- Bruce E. Schlink**
Schlink 76 of Auburn Hills died March 4
- Patrick A. Smith**
Smith 70 of Harbor Springs Birmingham and Aspen Colo. died March 9
- Patricia Morell Smith**
Smith 78 died March 13
- Keith E. Spear**
Spear 68 of Rochester Hills died March 6
- Bernice J. Swiderski**
Swiderski 90 of Rochester Hills died March 2
- W**
- Charles Willcock**
Willcock 92 of Rochester Hills died March 7
- Grace E. Whiting**
Whiting 80 of Auburn Hills died Feb. 17

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C8

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Bill would regulate protests at military funerals

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

After members of an extreme fundamentalist church in Kansas protested the funeral of a Michigan man killed in Iraq, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives has crafted legislation to control what can and cannot go on outside memorial services.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, was in attendance at the March 11 funeral for Michigan National Guard Sgt. Joshua Youmans in Flushing when he ran into members of the Westboro Baptist Church who were there to protest. What he saw turned his stomach.

It was a difficult time for the family, they were mourning a son, husband and father," Rogers said. The protesters were hateful, harassing and taunting.

The Westboro Baptist Church, on the Web at god-hatesfags.com, has made news around the country by holding protests at the funerals of service men and women killed in Iraq. The group is neither anti-nor pro-war, rather they hold that America's tolerance of homosexuals has raised God's ire and caused the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the Virginia coal mine disaster and the deaths of American soldiers by explosive devices in Iraq.

The group regularly appears at the funerals of American servicemen and women with signs and chants to remind the grieving of why they think their loved one died.

Their speech is hateful and harassing, Rogers said. "They attack the families verbally, it's vile."

Frank Campanaro, a retired

Army Ranger from Auburn Hills, was preparing a charity event for wounded soldiers when one of his contacts told him about what was going to happen in Flushing. He called his friends in several Genesee County biker clubs, many of whom are Vietnam veterans, and tried to give the family some cover on the fly.

"We had 250 vets on cycles show up and another 250 people on foot," Campanaro said. "The Governor showed up (Rep.) Rogers showed up. We drowned them out."

The counter-protest was calm, if noisy, even though Campanaro himself didn't know if he was going to end up in handcuffs with an assault charge at the end of the day.

"I was wondering if today was the day I'd be going to jail," he said. "You have a right to free speech, definitely. You

have a right to protest. But if you're for or against the war, for or against the president, protesting a funeral is not right."

But even vile speech is still protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as is the right to peacefully assemble. Rogers says his legislation takes that into account.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that the government can regulate the time, place and manner that protects the right to protest and protects the families," Rogers said.

Specifically, the legislation allows protests to go on an hour before or an hour after a funeral and at least 500 feet away from the service venue. He says the bill has wide support in Congress.

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Schoolcraft celebrates diversity with fair

Cultures from around the globe will share their food, language and customs at the fifth annual Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair Wednesday, March 29.

The fair is a celebration of the many ethnicities represented among the student population on the Schoolcraft campus with displays prepared by students, instructors and staff as well as their families and friends.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the VistaTech Center's DiPonio Room. It is free and open to the public, with continuous performances and demonstrations. Visitors can expe-

rience the food, language and artistic expression of about 20 countries from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America.

There will be language demonstrations, henna painting, Native American drumming, Indian folk dancing and Irish step dancing.

Beside promoting cultural sensitivity and increasing an awareness and appreciation of other cultures, the fair extends education beyond classroom walls by exposing students, faculty, staff and the community to a cross-cultural experience. It also creates an opportunity for students to teach others.

Ernie and Tram host Library Day at Comerica

May 2 has been designated as the second annual Michigan Public Libraries Day at Comerica Park by the Michigan Library. The Ernie and Tram Go to Bat for Michigan Public Libraries program encourages public library supporters to attend the May 21 game and see the Detroit Tigers play the Cincinnati Reds.

Nine dollars from every \$20 ticket sold by libraries will be used to create endowments at public libraries in Michigan.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell and former Detroit Tigers manager Alan Trammell are well aware that libraries have, for a number of years, faced critical funding shortages and this program is designed to help libraries build strong financial bases.

"We had a great first year supporting libraries and baseball and I am looking forward to an even bigger second year," said Harwell. "I encourage all library supporters to join me on Sunday, May 21, at 1:05 at Comerica Park."

"I enjoy working with library supporters who are also great Tiger fans," said Trammell.

Last year more than \$15,000 was raised, enabling public libraries in Clare, Gaylord, Hesperia, Homer, Houghton Lake, Menominee, Oxford, Saginaw and Three Rivers to start endowments. In addition to the money generated by ticket sales, each library that applies for endowment funding is required to raise matching funds.

As a special treat before the game on May 21, the Detroit Public Library (located at 5201 Woodward Ave.) will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., allowing library ticket purchasers to visit the Lulu and Ernie Harwell Collection. Harwell will be at the library from 10:30 a.m. to noon to talk with fans about the collection, as well as the importance of supporting Michigan's public libraries.

To order tickets for the May 21 Detroit Tigers vs. Cincinnati Reds game, contact your local public libraries. Those who don't live near a participating library may download an order form at <http://woodlands.lib.mi.us/tickets.pdf> or call (800) 962-4472.

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OUR VIEWS

District wise to pitch bond plan

Nancy Eggenberger, co-chair of the committee steering the latest bond proposal for Plymouth-Canton schools, said she isn't about to get cocky or be lulled into thinking, based on past success, that local voters will automatically say "yes" in the May 2 election.

Considering the failure of similar proposals in Northville — generally a friendly voting community — and Van Buren, that's certainly the right attitude to take.

That's why you'll see Plymouth-Canton Supt. Dr. James Ryan all over town the next few weeks, pitching the district's plan for the \$118 million, two-part bond question. At last count, he had upward of some 70 presentations to make trying to explain the ins and outs of the proposal.

The first question asks voters to approve \$95.7 million for a career and technical education center, a new middle school in Canton, which includes the cost for the nearly 22 acres of land, growth and equity improvements at elementary and middle school buildings, and renovation and repurposing of Central Middle School, among other items.

The second ballot question is for \$23.1 million for a new theater and a pool at Plymouth High School, for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School, and \$1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

That's a lot of money, on top of the \$109 million that was just passed last year. That's why Ryan and his staff will be out there pitching to anyone who will listen. Getting the word out themselves, in person, rather than letting publicity pieces or word-of-mouth carry the battle, is the only way the district is going to get people to go along with the plan.

It's a lesson Plymouth Township board members learned last year in finally passing their two-part police and fire millage request. The first time around, township officials were complacent, figuring the proposal would pass simply because it always had.

But voters, even in usually friendly places like Plymouth-Canton schools, are starting to take notice of how much money they're giving away. Van Buren officials couldn't convince voters a new high school was necessary, in Northville, the idea of locating an elementary school near a landfill pretty much killed that proposal.

Nothing like that stands in the way for Plymouth-Canton officials, but a tepid economy and tax-weary voters could present a problem, even with a good plan. Trustee Rich Ham-Kucharski, who voted against the ballot language but is, publicly at least, supporting the bond, said he's talked to voters who like the ideas, but are tired of paying more.

Ryan has always been a great spokesman for the district but even he has a tough sell here. The district definitely has the right guy doing the selling. Only time will tell if he was good enough to make the sale.

Trip right on over to better roads

There's been good news and bad coming out of the tri-county area in the last week. The good news is that many of our roads are going to be repaired or reconstructed this year.

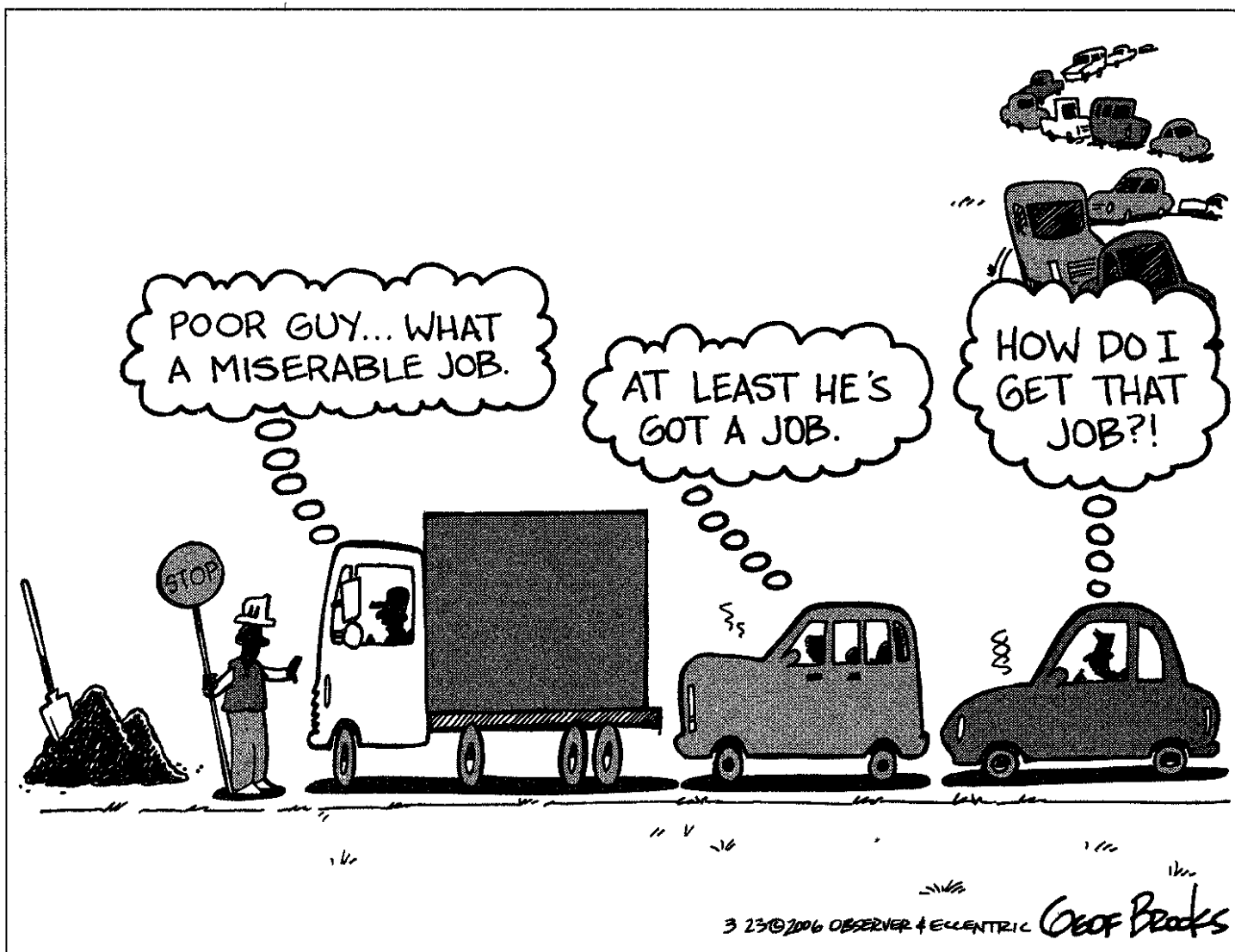
And the bad news? Of course, it's that many of our roads will be repaired or reconstructed this year.

This is one time, however, when the good news outweighs the bad. It costs big bucks to do road construction, and coming up with the funding has been tough in years past. For instance, the Road Commission for Oakland County plans to spend \$54 million on road projects this year alone. One construction project — the Northwestern corridor — doesn't even have a price tag yet.

In Wayne County, there are plans for a \$37.8 million reconstruction of M-14 from Haggerty Road to the Washtenaw/Wayne county line. Another major project is the underpass on Sheldon Road and CSX track. Cost is \$12 million, but local officials are waiting for federal funding to the tune of \$4.7 million that is earmarked for the project.

The good news comes from a plan outlined by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that would use bond sales to fund the local city and county portions — roughly \$80 million — of road repairs. It is expected that will produce \$320 million for the road projects.

But, hey, spring arrived Monday. So roll down your windows and smell the countryside. Better make that the fumes from the car ahead.



LETTERS

Sudden interest

Why is Mike Murray, a political operative with headquarters in a Lansing suburb, suddenly so interested in securing 129 video tapes of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board meetings, in addition to the votes, correspondence, expenses, etc., of just ONE school board member from 1999 to the present?

According to his recent letter to the editor, what this man knows and cares about our school district would fit into a small thimble.

Is it more than just a coincidence that this out-of-town political campaign operative filed an all-encompassing Freedom of Information Act request against a lone school board member just as a local state senator plans his strategy for re-election?

Who is Mike Murray really working for? All signs seem to point in one direction since the current state senator hired Murray to work for him in the past. Has the senator hired this political operative once again to protect his incumbency? Who holds the smoking gun?

Rest assured the information obtained from the FOIA will only be used in a self-serving way to create derogatory and negative campaign flyers against potential political challengers for this senate seat.

So much for the lofty and noble oft-stated reason for requesting a FOIA — that it's in the public's interest and right to know.

Bill Nowacki
Plymouth

Cheap shots

As a resident of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district for nearly 30 years, I was disgusted with the "cheap shots" non-resident Mike Murray leveled against our local public schools and board President Mark Slavens in a March 9 letter to the editor.

Murray, who runs political campaigns out of an office near Lansing, chose to attack the integrity and stellar reputation of our well-managed school district after learning that his Freedom of Information Act request was made public and that it would cost him well over \$11,000.

Mr. Murray is merely a "front man" for some politician seeking re-election who prefers to hide behind the curtain of anonymity. If the unnamed politician intends to use the FOIAed information for self-serving political gains, then that is a misuse of the 30-year-old Michigan FOIA law.

The outsider Murray should have done his homework before he "carpetbagged" into our school community, making unsubstantiated accusations and insinuations against President Slavens and the school district in the local *O&E* newspaper.

Perhaps the greatest insult of all appeared in the last paragraph of the FOIA, where Murray asked the district to produce every recorded piece of information, every scrap of a memo since 1999 — including 129 video tapes — and to do it for FREE.

Had Murray done some preliminary fact-finding, he would have learned that PCCS has always received high marks from the yearly Standard & Poor's Report on Michigan school districts, and from yearly financial audits conducted by a reputable private firm. He would have found that PCCS is one of the top districts statewide that spends significantly less on administrative costs as measured as a percentage of the district's total budget.

Had he merely "scratched the surface," Murray would have found MEAP scores which are significantly above state average, the most Merit Scholarship winners out of 110 Michigan House Districts, high numbers of National Merit Scholars every year and that most graduates of PCCS go on to higher education. I doubt that Murray knew that Plymouth-Canton provides such a quality education to its children, and does it with nearly \$1,000 less per student than neighboring communities.

Since you said in your letter, Mr. Murray, that you had never met board President Mark Slavens — yet you felt you could cast him in an unfavorable light in this newspaper — let me fill in some of the gaps in your knowledge. I met Mark nine years ago when we both were members of the PCCS Legislative Action Committee. Mark has always been very involved with our schools, serving on the Long Range Planning Committee, Bond Committees for Plymouth High School and Discovery Middle School, etc. For the nine years I have known Mark, I have witnessed his dedication and hard work on behalf of all the school children of our communities, including his own three.

It was Mark Slavens who pulled members of the greater school community together to form a nonprofit, Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, a group which would advocate for more adequate and equitable funding of our public schools, especially PCCS. As chair of the group, Slavens hosted three statewide summits on school funding, the last of which drew over 1,000 concerned citizens from across the state.

In his capacity as a school board member and now as its president, I have never had a reason to question Mark Slavens' integrity or the motives behind his decisions in regard to the education of children in our community. He also returns to the district the small stipend provided to members serving on the school board.

You don't need to get a FOIA, Mr. Murray, if you truly want to learn about our Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and those who work diligently to keep them in tiptop shape. The district is open, accessible and a beacon of excellence to those who will take the time to look.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

Commends Patterson

I would personally like to thank the residents of the Brownstown area for their warm hospitality and input during the recent public hearings, held by the Senate Committee on Education at Brownstown Middle School. As the legislative ball begins to roll, your opinions and ideas regarding the State Board of Education's proposed graduation requirements will prove an invaluable asset to the members of the Education Committee.

My thanks must also be extended to Sen. Bruce Patterson, as this event could not have taken place without his leadership and coordination. Truly, Sen. Patterson is to be commended for his service on behalf of the good people of the seventh district. He has worked diligently to ensure that your concerns are taken into account as we consider the future of education in Michigan.

Thank you once again to all the parents, school administrators, elected officials and everyone else in attendance for making this hearing such a success. I look forward to the continued opportunity to work with Sen. Patterson as together we seek to provide our young people with the tools needed for the brightest of futures.

Wayne Kulpers
state Senator 30th District

Article biased against site

I am so tired about hearing these arguments about MySpace.com.

I have been on there for almost three years, and I use it to network for my standup comedy Web site.

Originally, the MySpace agreement said that one has to be 18 to be on the site, so why were parents letting 12- to 17-year-olds on it, thus running it for everyone on there? You see, the problem isn't MySpace, it isn't child predators, or people who post blogs or pics about killing people. This is NOT what's bothering parents out there. IGNORANCE scares parents.

On top of all this, MySpace is a form of free speech and we should be proud of this right. I tried to make this sound as pleasant as possible, but this infuriates me to no end.

Laura Lou
Livonia

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"We're not sitting back and thinking this is a walk in the park, we're working very hard ... I think people understand the kids are coming and we need to deal with the growth. The reality is the need isn't going away, and the cost of it will only get higher."

— Nancy Eggenberger, Plymouth-Canton Bond Committee co-chair, on the committee's attitude as the May 2 bond election approaches.

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Initial conference hopefully first step to a real solution

We are in a pickle. The state of Michigan is in the midst of serious structural economic trouble, probably its worst crisis in our lifetime. Since 2001, the state has lost one quarter of its automotive work force and is in its sixth consecutive year of job loss, a period of decline unequalled in the 50 years for which we have data.

— George Fulton, University of Michigan economics professor

That dash of cold water from a nationally recognized authority was just one of many bracing moments at "Where Do We Go From Here?" last week's economic policy agenda-setting conference in Ann Arbor.

Two hundred fifty policy experts and civic leaders gave up their entire day to take turns listening to detailed policy papers and then huddling in small groups to discuss Michigan's situation — which vitally concerns all of us.

The objective of the conference, co-sponsored by The Center for Michigan and U-M's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, was to see if a cross-section of Michigan's leaders could reach broad agreement on an economic policy agenda that could work — and make a major impact.

And, remarkably, though it was a highly diverse group, broad agreement was reached on a number of topics. They included:

- The vast majority of the public woefully lacks understanding about the true nature of our state's present financial circumstances.

For example, Michigan has a reputation as a high tax state, but we actually rank below average. We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income for 2002, the last year for which data are available. That's down considerably from 1972, when only a dozen states ranked above us. The experts' best guess is that we may be even lower today.

- Michigan's government is also, believe it or not, malnourished. The state has experienced a \$1 billion-plus state operating budget deficit for the past six years. The politicians have covered the deficit by cannibalizing rainy day funds and selling off assets. But without serious structural tax and spending reform, this deficit can only get worse, according to Tom Clay, the highly respected budget expert of the non-partisan Citizens Research Council.

And our leaders' actual spending patterns seem bizarrely out of whack. For example, conferees were astonished to discover that Michigan spends \$1.8 billion on our prison system in 2006 — with substantially higher incarceration rate and operating costs than our neighboring states.

This expenditure just about equals the total amount we spend on all our colleges and universities. We spend more to keep a prisoner behind bars each year than it would cost to send them to Harvard Law School.

Participants wondered if very expensively warehousing felons was more important to us than educating our young people.

The conference agreed far-reaching tax reform is



Phil Power

necessary, beginning with the Single Business Tax. Most felt the SBT has become politically so unpopular that, as a practical matter, any serious discussion of tax reform must take on the SBT, either by substantial revision or outright repeal.

However, an equally strong consensus was that any revenue loss from SBT reform or repeal must be replaced. Not doing so would be, financially irresponsible to an extreme degree, according to Michigan State University Professor Charles Ballard. A review of state-by-state economic data revealed that no evidence could be found that further tax cuts, in and of themselves, could contribute in any serious way to economic growth.

The leading candidate to plug the \$1.9 billion hole left if the SBT was repealed is extending the sales tax, now levied on goods, to services while reducing the rate from the current 6 percent. Another possibility, politically less popular, would be to make the state income tax more progressive.

The conference also examined issues of competitive advantage for Michigan's economy and actual spending patterns in labor force skills and education. Participants agreed that it is vital for Michiganders to come to terms with the fact that the state is deep into a fundamental transition from a relatively low-skilled manufacturing base to a higher skill and knowledge-based economy.

To that end, conferees agreed that Michigan needed to make substantial investments in education and knowledge infrastructure.

Education, ranging from very early childhood through high school and on through community college and four-year and graduate universities, was regarded as suffering from years of underinvestment by the state.

Lately, the lack of investment has turned into something even worse — actual budget cuts, which threaten to cripple our future.

Many participants expressed frustration that many basic issues lying at the heart of Michigan's economic crisis have not been addressed by our state's leaders. They believed many Michigan citizens were yearning for a way to express their concerns and get something practical done without political posturing or ideological diatribe.

As a co-sponsor of the conference, I ended the day by saying that "a successful conference is just the first step in a journey of structural reform that could last many miles," while pledging that our new think-and-do tank, The Center for Michigan, was committed to investing in the process for the long haul.

Whether the conference turns out to be a one-day, flash in the pan, or the start of something really big will depend on the willingness of people to step forward. As the famous comment goes, all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing.

Phil Power is a long time observer of Michigan politics, public policy and economics. He is the founder of The Center for Michigan, which co-sponsored the conference in Ann Arbor. For more information, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net

FOIA request springs from the politics of personal destruction

Don't be fooled by the recent Freedom of Information request filed by Republican activist Mike Murray, who wants Plymouth-Canton Schools officials to compile and hand over every communication made by school board President Mark Slavens over a seven-year period.

Murray, who runs the Okemos-based Murray Communications, filed the FOIA request Feb. 13, asking for letters, correspondence, tape recordings, notes, data, memoranda, reports, e-mail or any other materials relating to school budget deliberations and/or budget woes — including personal expense reports and any financial reimbursements from 1999 to 2006.



Kurt Kuban

We're talking about literally thousands of documents, which will take district officials hundreds of hours to compile. Murray says his request is in the public's best interest, because we all need to know how Slavens has used, or misused, his position on the board.

This is not about the public's best interest, it is about political gamesmanship. At its worst, I might add. Although Slavens has not made it official, it is widely speculated that he will seek the Democratic nomination to run for the state Senate seat currently held by Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Murray's FOIA request is both a scare tactic and a low blow to Slavens' political aspirations. It is a political maneuver straight out of the Karl Rove playbook of dirty politics.

Rove, as many know, is one of President George W. Bush's closest advisers, and one of the main reasons Bush was twice elected to the highest office in the land. While he didn't invent the politics of personal destruction, Rove has certainly mastered its most ruthless techniques. Rove subscribes to the take-no-prisoners approach to politics. It is not enough to defeat an opponent at the polls, you must also assassinate their character and completely discredit everything they have done, even if it takes outright lies to do it.

Rove, you may remember, is the man who helped discredit Sen. John McCain during the 2000 Republican primary, as well as Sen. John Kerry during the last presidential election. Both McCain and Kerry are war heroes, who risked everything to serve their country. McCain, a fellow Republican, even withstood torture in the infamous Hanoi Hilton during the Vietnam War. Of course, that didn't stop Rove — who never served in the military,

much less in war — from raising red flags about McCain's character.

Which brings me back to Murray, who I doubt ever really expected the district to produce all the documents he requested. District officials recently sent Murray a registered letter letting him know that it will cost about \$11,000 to compile all the documents, because of all the man-hours needed to locate and copy them. As of Tuesday, the district still hadn't heard back from him, though he told an *Observer* reporter the district should be able to produce all the documents for free.

Murray's request is really about casting doubt about Slavens in the minds of voters. If someone is investigating him, he must have done something wrong, right? In fact, in a letter to the editor, Murray said the fact that Slavens and others have questioned his FOIA request raises a "red flag" that Slavens has been "using public tax dollars for private gain."

Murray, who admitted he has done some work for Patterson in the past, said Patterson had nothing to do with this FOIA request, which he called "routine." It is anything but routine, and he knows it. I hope that Patterson, who I personally like a great deal, had nothing to do with it. But he is certainly the person who would benefit most from this if, in fact, Slavens decides to run for the Senate. As of Tuesday, Patterson still hadn't returned our calls about the issue.

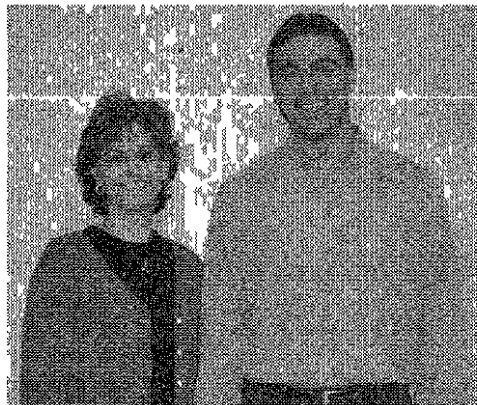
There really is a larger issue here. Perhaps politics have always been this nasty, but it sure seems that today's political climate is as poisonous as I can remember it. Running for public office is supposed to be a noble cause. It is what separates America from countries where dictators and totalitarian governments suppress the populace. Suppress ideas. Suppress freedom. But what person in their right mind would want to subject themselves to the Roves, Murrays and other political operatives of the world?

Whatever happened to the notion of a fair fight, where two candidates exchange competing ideas and platforms, and leave it up to voters to decide which makes more sense? Today, it seems political opponents try to destroy each other's character, not their ideas. It's more about pointing the finger than the thumb. Is it any wonder that we live in a country that is so politically divided? In that sense, I feel our political leaders have failed us miserably.

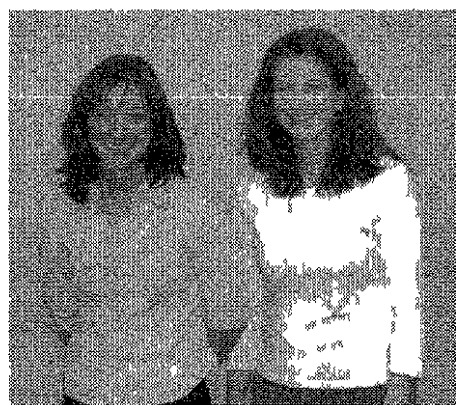
As for Slavens, welcome to the big leagues.

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Performax Physical Therapy Celebrates One Year in Livonia



Michelle Krings, MS, PT, ATC and Vincent Baylerian, PT, DPT

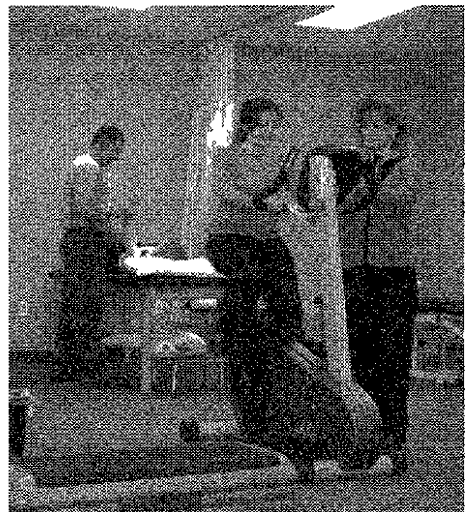


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Michelle and Vincent working with patients

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Gretchen Lang, MOT, OTR a nine year veteran with a Masters in Occupational

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Hiller's CEO will speak at MU lecture series

Jim Hiller, president and CEO of Hiller's grocery store chain, is the guest speaker at Madonna University's McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series on 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Kresge Hall on the Livonia campus. "Integrating Your Ethics with Your Business" will be the subject of the Spring lecture. This event is free and open to the public.

Hiller is a Detroit native and graduated from the University of Detroit Law School in 1973. He has received numerous awards including the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund and the Outstanding Young CEO Award from the National Retail Association.

In addition to his business efforts, Hiller endowed the Program for Understanding Neurological Diseases at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, which does research for neurological diseases like Lou Gehrig's disease.

The McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series at Madonna University was established by Michael F. McManus Jr., founder and CEO of Header Products, Inc. in Romulus, in memory of his father and to acknowledge his father's entrepreneurial success. Michael F. McManus Sr. was an effective manufacturing agent for more than 50 years in the Detroit area.

His sales efforts helped establish the Chicago Rivet and Machine Company.

Madonna University is a liberal arts university for men and women. Located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, the University offers 70 undergraduate and 22 master's degree programs. Classes are also offered at the Orchard Lake Center and at the Downriver Center in Southgate.

For more information, call the School of Business at (734) 432-5356.

Regional cooperation focus of Tri-County Summit

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With the understanding there are things everyone agrees on and things they don't, representatives of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties and the City of Detroit got together Monday to talk about those topics where their interests overlapped.

The Tri-County Summit, formerly an annual get-together of community leaders from all over southeast Michigan, met at Glen Oaks Country Club early this week to share plans for regional cooperation and cost savings and, possibly, lay the groundwork for further cooperation in the future.

One of the topics up for discussion was jail diversion, clearing nonviolent cases out of the regular correction system that could be better served in a substance abuse or mental health setting. Mark Metalski from the Oakland County Sheriff's office said it's not a way of excusing behavior,

rather a way of taking people out of a place that can't address the problem.

Jail is not set up for the needs of mental health, Metalski said. "This has a positive impact on jail overcrowding and lets corrections officers focus on the most dangerous inmates."

While it's almost an axiom that a get tough on crime posture is gold for a politician, Oakland County Commissioner Helaine Zack, D-Huntington Woods, said times are different now.

"(Jail diversion) isn't such a tough sell as it was five years ago," she said. "Jail overcrowding is everyone's issue. You don't want a low-level mental health offender taking up a bed in a jail."

SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait laid out a laundry list of problems the region has with its infrastructure. He said there are four realities community leaders have to face up to:

Infrastructure is essential to

business and quality of life, we need to get more out of our investment, he said. "We have to look at infrastructure holistically and there's not enough money to get everything done."

He said there are 22,800 miles of road in the state and 950 miles of those are in poor condition. 800 miles are congested. There are 3,560 bridges in southeast Michigan and more than 1,300 are deficient. All of those numbers are expected to grow within the next 20 years.

"There are 3,500 miles of distribution mains in the Detroit Water and Sewerage system and another 9,000 miles in customer communities," Tait said. "If population growth follows forecasts, we'll need 5,000 more miles of mains."

As if the laundry list weren't enough, he added that none of the items were adequately funded for the future. Multiple revenue streams, inconsistent maintenance and the addressing of infrastructure issues

independently and in isolation of each other has caused a dramatic gap between what the region needs and what it's budgeted to get.

The physical plants were built 30 to 50 years ago and had a 30 to 50 year life," Tait said. By the year 2000 the region was 32 percent developed. By 2030, it will be 50 percent developed. There has been no adequate investment and there will be a \$100 billion shortfall over the next 25 years.

The net effect, he said, will be diminished quality of life and business environment.

Oakland County Commissioner Chuck Moss, R-Birmingham, said the Tri-County Summit was about common ground.

"It's a process to get the three counties and the city to talk about their common interests," he said. "It's about finding consensus, not about being a battle ground. It's like a regional UN, not a social event."

Wayne County will collect hazardous waste

The Wayne County Department of Environment & Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the parking lot of Huron High School,

32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston.

This free event open to all Wayne County residents and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is consid-

ered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on April 1 include, household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, medicine, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, propane tanks, computer monitors,

printers, scanners, keyboards, mouse, cell phones, fax machines, VCR/Cable boxes, televisions and passenger vehicle tires (limit four per vehicle).

Two additional countywide collections have been scheduled for Aug. 19 and Nov. 4, locations and times to be announced.

For more information on the April 1, 2006 collection please call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

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Troy resident Rebecca L'Ecuyer is producing a vintage fashion show for the 16th annual Community House Antiques Show in Birmingham next month. L'Ecuyer wears outfits and accessories from her extensive vintage fashion collection. Here she is wearing a dress from the 1960s.

When and wear Vintage fashions to dress up antiques show

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

'Who are you wearing?' has become an anticipated question for celebrities on a red carpet runway, and the response is the name of a designer.

But 'When are you wearing?' could be asked of many people, and the response would be a decade.

Vintage fashions are always in style, say collectors such as Rebecca L'Ecuyer of Troy.

'I wear all my things,' said L'Ecuyer, whose business, Nonsense & Necessities Creative Styling, participates

in special events and provides vintage fashions and props.

'The '50s are so very ladylike. The '30s and '40s are so glamorous. The '60s are so fun.'

L'Ecuyer is producing a vintage fashion show for the 16th annual Community House Antiques Show, taking place next month in Birmingham.

The fashion show will feature outfits and accessories from the 1920s through the 1980s.

'We are excited about infusing vintage fashions into this year's show,' said Judy Anderson, who is co-chairing the antiques show with Marjorie Hulgrave. 'It's the perfect opportunity for young collectors to become inspired and begin collecting.'

Vintage fashions are popular. Actress Reese Witherspoon wore a vintage Valentino gown from the 1950s to the Academy Awards earlier this month.

It's a one-of-a-kind type thing, Dr. Joe Ales of Optik Birmingham, one of the dealers in the show, said of the appeal vintage fashions have.

His downtown Birmingham business carries a couple thousand pairs of unused vintage eyewear, he said.

The glasses, in Optik Birmingham's Hindsight Collection, date from the 1890s to the 1980s, with designers including Ray Ban, Emilio Pucci, Playboy and Pierre Cardin. Bette Midler bought eight pairs of vintage glasses at the store.

No one else has the same thing and it's a lot less expensive than you might think, said another featured dealer, Lucy Ortiz of In the 20th Century, part of



L'Ecuyer enjoys wearing vintage hats.

PLEASE SEE WEAR, B2

ACCENTS

Master gardeners

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer service organization dedicated to distributing current research-based gardening information, increasing environmental awareness, promoting gardening activities, and supporting volunteers in Wayne County and surrounding communities in Southeast Michigan with quality activities for all ages.

It is celebrating 22 years of community service.

MGAWC invites current, future and former master gardeners and master gardener students to attend membership meetings the second Thursday of the month, September through June.

Most meetings are in the Environmental Interpretive Center (EIC) at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen between Ford and Michigan Avenue.

Refreshments are at 7 p.m., activity announcements at 7:30 p.m. and a speaker at 8 p.m.

Visit mgawc.org and reference the MGAWC Calendar for meeting dates, speakers, topics and other MGAWC events. Visit the Map to EIC page for driving directions. Comprehensive information on meetings is in the Meetings page.

Recorded information is available at (734) 786-6860.

Saارين guides sought

Become a guide at the spectacular Art Deco style Saارين House on Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills.

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For more information, contact Curator of Education Elena Ivanova at (248) 645-3314, e-mail eivanova@cranbrook.edu.

Tree tip

The 2006 National Register of Big Trees calendar, a program of American Forests sponsored the Davey Tree Expert Company, features tips for each month. This month's item:

'Now's a good time to send soil samples to a lab to determine if fertilizer or lime is needed.'

Founded in 1875, American Forests works to restore forests by planting trees and advancing the fields of urban forestry, environmental education, and community based forestry.

Call (800) 677-0727 for its Historic Trees catalog. For information, call (800) 545-TREE, visit www.americanforests.org or write American Forests, P.O. Box 2000, Washington, D.C. 20013.

16th annual Community House Antiques Show

■ When 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday April 7-8

■ Where The Community House, 380 S. Bates south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

■ Entry fee \$8

■ Features More than 40 booths will showcase a wide variety of items including fine jewelry, English furniture and porcelain, heirloom linens, vintage fashions and American silver.

The Antiques Show Cafe will be open noon to 3 p.m. both days, offering sandwiches, salads, soups, coffee and desserts.

■ Preview Party 6-9 p.m. Thursday April 6 at The Community House.

Attending patrons will have the first opportunity to preview and buy antiques. Benefactor reservations are \$125 with admission at 6 p.m. Friend reservations are \$65 with admission at 7 p.m.

■ Fashion show and brunch 9-10 a.m. April 7 at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham. Vintage apparel from the 1920s to 1980s will be presented.

Reservations are \$50 and

include admission to the show.

■ Champagne and Chocolates 5-8 p.m. April 7 at The Community House.

The event will give younger collectors a chance to browse for antiques while enjoying champagne and chocolates. Reservations are \$25.

■ A Passion for Everyday Vintage The event is a seminar and book signing by sisters Alison and Melissa Houtte, 9-11 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. April 8 at The Community House.

The seminar will be a show-and-tell discussion about vintage clothing and accessories that should be worn and not just stored away in a closet.

Alison is owner of the popular vintage store Hoot Couture in Brooklyn. Melissa is a journalist.

Together, the two women wrote a book *Alligators, Old Munk & New Money* that offers an interesting and intimate perspective of the New York vintage scene.

The fee is \$15 and includes admission to the show.

■ Information Call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Tune into TV classics with AOL's amazing new service

It's bad enough we're a nation of couch potatoes. Now America Online is going to turn us into PC potatoes.

The company's new In2TV service (television.aol.com/in2tv), which launched last Wednesday, broadcasts classic TV shows to your computer, on-demand, using the Internet in place of airwaves.

OK, maybe 'classic' is the wrong word - call them 'vintage' instead.

In2TV's catalog runs the full gamut of network programming, from cartoons and comedy to drama and sci-fi.

Thus you'll find episodes of *Pinky and the Brain*, *Welcome Back, Kotter*, *Sisters* and *Babylon 5*, to name but a few of the available series.

Think Nick at Nite for your PC. Nope, there's no *M*A*S*H*, no *Tam*, no *Mary Tyler Moore*, but give AOL



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

credit for lining up some decent shows. And the company says we'll see a lot more in the months to come.

So, what will it cost you to watch grainy streamed video in a tiny window on your computer screen?

Trick question. In2TV costs nothing, which I find incredible. The service is supported by ads - commercials, natch - that run before each show. Small price to pay, you ask me.

Even more impressive is the video itself. All it takes is the click of a button to switch from window view to full-screen.

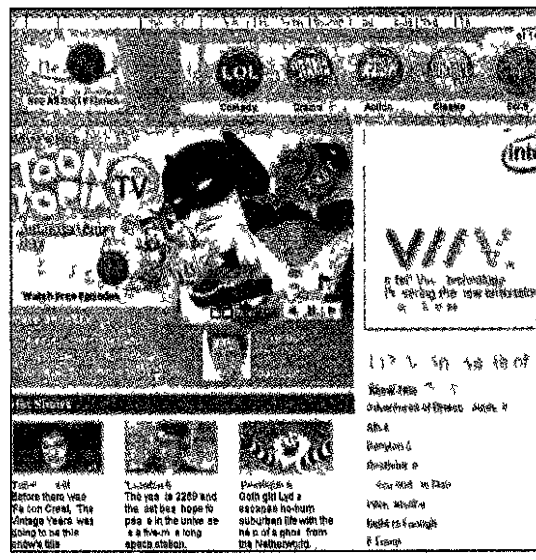
Admittedly, full-screen video looks a

little blotchy, though if you sit back a few feet, it's more than acceptable.

But that's not all. Install AOL's HiQ player and you can download 'DVD-quality' versions of the shows. I tried this with an episode of *Welcome Back, Kotter*, and while the quality wasn't exactly DVD-caliber, it looked darn good.

The HiQ player also free. This is big stuff. In2TV not only heralds the age of Internet-driven on-demand programming, but also challenges the likes of iTunes, Google Video Store and other services that have the nerve to charge for shows.

Of course, In2TV doesn't let you copy shows to your iPod, and AOL will eventually start charging for some or all portions of the service. A subscrip-



AOL's incredible In2TV service, currently available free of charge, streams hundreds of vintage TV shows to your PC.

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WEAR

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Peacock Antiques & Auction House in Fenton

You don't get the quality today that you can get with vintage

Judi Grech of Paris Antiques Ltd in Royal Oak said a designer dress could cost \$6,800, while a unique vintage dress costs \$45 and up Paris Antiques is another dealer in the show

Combining new pieces with vintage clothing can dress an outfit up (or down)

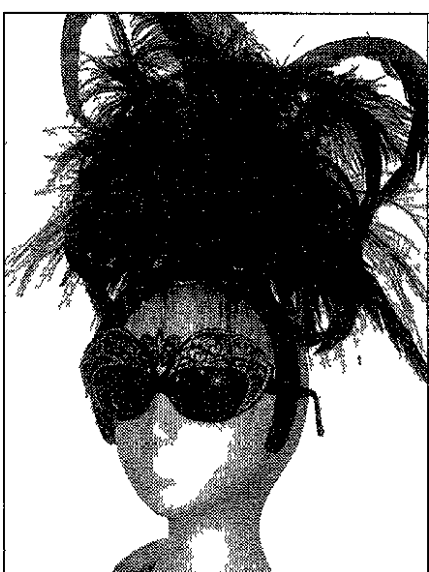
Vintage fashions come in limitless styles, such as the ivory lace dress from the 1930s and the almost iridescent green and purple dress from 1960s, both at Paris Antiques

Among such vintage glasses as aviator and round frames at Optik Birmingham are a pair with tall wings meant to hold hair back, mask-like frames from the 1960s, and a pair with a red, white and blue frame and matching discs that hang from a chain down to the shoulders

Vintage fashions don't have to be worn Examples of the distinctive accents they can make are an outfit or purse as a wall hanging, a hat on a bureau or buffet, a shawl as a throw on a chair or a bed

WEARING IT WELL

'Everything is in right now,'



Vintage hats can be dramatic, such as this piece from the 1930s that is in L'Ecuyer's collection Hats and other vintage clothing can be worn or used as accents in a room

L'Ecuyer said

'Black and white is always a popular combination You can't go wrong with that'

'The little black dress is very, very popular, Ortiz said

Jennifer Love Hewitt wears this garment from the 1950s and similar fashions on her TV show, *Ghost Whisperer*, Ortiz said

L'Ecuyer's home is filled with vintage clothes and accessories

Shoes, hats, purses and gloves are accent pieces in rooms These include an arrangement of purses and hats on an upstairs wall, and assorted shoes posed on small shelves

The dramatic and the demure, the exciting and the elegant can be found

There are broad leather belts, shoes with tiny rhinestones, wide, floppy and tightly rolled brims, explosions of metallic brocade, pastel silks

When she greeted visitors on a recent day, L'Ecuyer wore pointed shoes and a colorful, lively patterned dress from the 1960s, and a belt from the 1970s

'I love the '60s I love the bright colors of the '60s, the new fabrics that they experimented with,' L'Ecuyer said

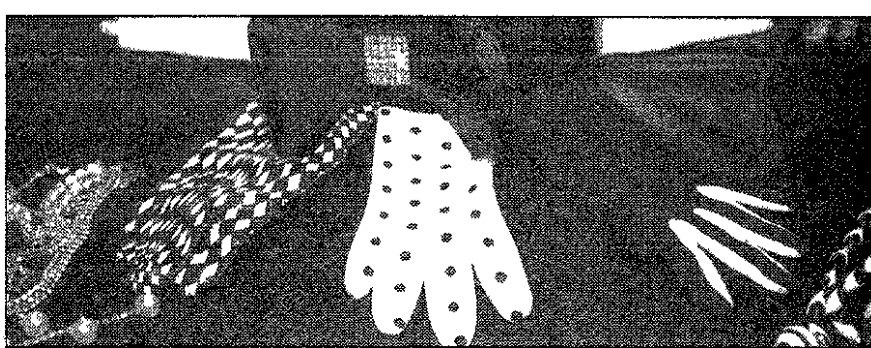
ADVICE

When buying vintage clothing, check the condition, especially under the armpit, Grech said Don't get something that is stained

And try an outfit on instead of going by the label, Grech said, sizes are different over time

Clothing should be in good, wearable condition, said Ortiz, who also recommends smelling the armpits All seams should be intact (unless, of course, like her customers who are New York designers, you take vintage clothing apart and use it for patterns), she said

Don't go with a spectacular hat or dazzling outfit if you don't want the attention



Vintage gloves, such as these in L'Ecuyer's collection are one way of dressing up an outfit

L'Ecuyer, who has worn an opera coat as a dress, says to wear what makes you comfortable

Go with what you like and are comfortable with, she said 'Decide what it is that you like Start with jewelry Jewelry and purses are very easy (to use as accessories)'

'You don't want to look as if you came from another era, but (work) it into your wardrobe,' said collector Cheryl Sepienza of Birmingham, owner of Prima Authentic Vintage Accessories and Custom Designs, which provides vintage accessories for Optik Birmingham

Whatever you choose, you should be wearing it, it shouldn't be wearing you

Do more than one thing with a vintage item, Sepienza said For

example, a brooch can be more than a pin Put it on a ribbon belt, or convert it into a necklace

Sweaters should be kept in drawers so they won't be stretched out of shape, and bags with delicate straps should be placed on shelves so the straps won't be pulled, L'Ecuyer said Furs should be kept cool and dry, she said

It's a good idea to see a vintage fashion show, because a lot of the clothes look differently when they are worn, Ortiz said

Rebecca L'Ecuyer of Nonsense & Necessities e-mail rlnandn@comcast.net

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TECH SAVVY

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tion plan is in the works, though details aren't yet forthcoming

I don't know if I'd be willing to pay for In2TV But for now, I'm having a blast revisiting beloved - OK, belked - shows like *The Adventures of Brisco County Jr.*, *Lois & Clark*, *Alice* and *Wonder Woman*

(Laugh all you want - Lynda Carter looks as stunning as I remember And Linda Lavin isn't half bad, either)

One thing is certain The Internet is on the brink of becoming TV Central Google's aforementioned video-down-

load service is already up and running, and MSN and Yahoo have similar projects in development

Maybe, before too long, services like In2TV will drive down the exorbitant price of cable TV - and perhaps even eliminate the need for it altogether

In the meantime, pass the popcorn - *Kung Fu* is on

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HOME CALENDAR

Scrapbook classes

Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures stores in Troy and Sterling Heights will present a spring class preview this month

The preview will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday March 26 at 4944 John R in Troy (phone (248) 524 0051) and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday March 25 at 44645 Mound in Sterling Heights (phone (586) 323 6300)

Pool, spa show

The Novi Backyard Pool & Spa Show will take place Friday Sunday March 24-26 at the Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck roads

Exhibits will be filled with pool spa hot tub and backyard living products and services Tips and advice will be available from experts on buying plan

ning maintenance safety exercise health financing and landscaping Hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$8 \$4 for ages 6-14 free for ages 5 and under On site parking is available for a fee Internet Express tickets which include a free parking pass are offered online Discount adult admission coupons are at Wendy's For more information visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328 6550

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In the class students will make a simple rod pocket window treatment lined or unlined to use alone or over blinds or shades They will leave with a custom curtain that fits their decor

Crossing Flatland

Crossing Flatland New Designs by Scott Klinker an exhibit of new products for the home by the Cranbrook Academy of Art designer in residence continues to Sunday April 2 at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills

The museum is at 39221 Woodward between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads

Admission is \$6 for adults \$4 for ages 13 and over full time students with ID and ages 65 plus free for ages 12 and under

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Crafters wanted

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For more information call (734) 721 4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic At Home Editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E Maple Birmingham 48009 e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com fax (734) 591 7279 or (248) 644 4334

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GARDEN CALENDAR

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday March 24 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. Guest speaker Dale White of Uncle Luke's Feed Store will talk about the use and application of organic soil amendments and fertilizers in the garden. Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations are not required. For more information call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

Garden classes

Schoolcraft College offers gardening classes. The schedule includes Design Your Outdoor World beginning Saturday March 25 (tuition is \$85) and Perennial Gardening beginning Wednesday March 29 (\$75). Award-winning landscape architect Merritt Wolson will be the instructor. Registration is required. For more information call (734) 462-4448.

Container gardening

English Gardens will host The Thrills and Spills of Container Gardening, a free seminar 1 p.m. Saturday March 25 at all six English Gardens locations. The locations include stores in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, Royal Oak Troy (248) 280-9500, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433 and Ann Arbor (734) 332-7900. The seminar will show you how to create gardens wherever you need a spot of color. Tips on selecting plants and containers and maintaining them throughout the year will be provided.

Healthy lawn care

Area residents are invited to learn about environmentally friendly lawn care at a free workshop 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday March 30 at Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. Registration and table displays will open at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is requested. Call the Oak Park Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. Topics covered will include mowing, fertilizing, watering and weed management with minimum pesticides. The featured speaker will be Gary Eichen, Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. plant health care specialist. Eichen has 20 years of experience with professional lawn care and directs his

lawn care services to meet environmental recommendations. Lillian Dean of the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority Healthy Lawns Program will highlight soil health and soil nutrient testing. Rick Johnson, owner of Billings Lawn Equipment, will update the audience on lawn mowers and equipment for spring 2005. The workshop is co-sponsored by the City of Oak Park and SOCRRA and will be hosted by the Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission.

Plants and pots

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House lecture series will teach gardeners of all talents this season's new and improved techniques. To celebrate National Gardening Month in April, Ford House is offering its Grounds for Gardening lecture series with gardening expert and columnist Nancy Szerlag. The cost for each lecture is \$9. To buy tickets, call Ford House at (313) 884-4222. The series will begin with Cool Plants and Hot Pots at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday March 29. This lecture will offer tips on how to refresh and update the look of your potted plants with container gardening, the season's hottest trend. Learn how to create stunning combinations in fabulous new containers to brighten any area. Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information about Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Spring symposium

A spring gardening symposium will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday April 1 in the conservatory and greenhouses on Belle Isle. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Members of the Belle Isle Botanical Society, Association of Professional Gardeners and Friends of Belle Isle can pre-register for \$25. Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday March 28. Schedule details and registration forms are available online under links at www.bisociety.org. Registration can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Attendance can be used for master gardener credits. All proceeds from the event will support educational programming at the conservatory.

The symposium will feature lectures on nine different topics from creating whimsical outdoor spaces to caring for your treasured trees.

Nature program

The Junior League of Detroit in conjunction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo conducts a free educational nature program for children 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center. The program includes a guest speaker, fun craft project, snack and book giveaway. It is open to the public and groups are welcome. For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040. The last event this spring will take place June 17. The programs will resume in the fall.

Easier gardening

A presentation and book signing with author and master gardener Janet Macunovich will take place 7 p.m. Monday March 27 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville. Macunovich will speak on Making Gardening Easier and sign her book *Months of Color*. Advance registration is suggested. Call the library at (248) 349-3020.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday April 3 at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. In Full Bloom: Flowers and Plants in Art will be the topic. Linda Wells of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present slides that go through history to discover the special meaning behind flowers and plants and how they are used in art. Guests are welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 4 at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington and Five Mile roads. Jane Suhail of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses will present a program on the care and nurturing of tropical plants. Visitors are welcome.

Downriver Rose Society

The topic will be Antique Roses when the Downriver Rose Society meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 5 at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph between Sibley and West Road in Brownstown. The public may attend. Admission is free. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Global ReLeaf tree, shrub sale on now

Global ReLeaf of Michigan Inc. is conducting its 16th annual tree sale.

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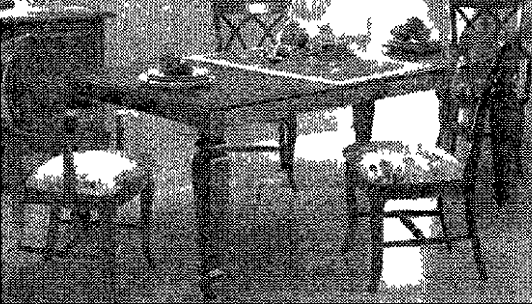
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English Gardens will celebrate April's National Gardening Month with its Annual Garden Party Weekend, scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2. The weekend kicks off the annual gardening season and features free seminars, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2006. The event is free, open to the public and taking place at all six English Gardens stores - in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280

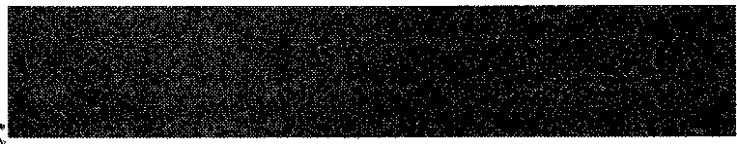
9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278 4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200). Among the featured speakers will be Roger Swann, former host of PBS's *The Victory Garden*, Janet Macunovich, professional gardener and writer and experts from English Gardens. Swann's presentation, *The Foundations of a Good Container Garden*, will take

place Saturday, April 1. Times are 10 a.m. in Royal Oak, 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield and 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor. Seminars presented by Macunovich will be *Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring* (10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in Clinton Township and noon Sunday, April 2, in Dearborn Heights), *Flower Garden Success* (1 p.m. April 1 in Royal Oak), *Designing and Renovating Your Garden* (4 p.m. April 1 in West Bloomfield), and *Designing a*

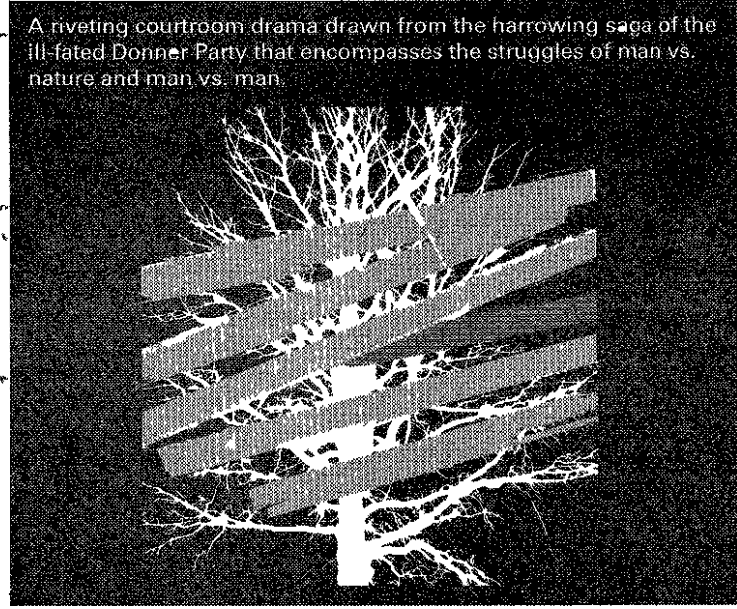
Perennial Garden (3 p.m. April 2 in Ann Arbor). Other topics include **A Garden Makeover Step-by-step Success**, by professional designers from the English Gardens Landscape Department, Saturday, April 1 (10 a.m. in Dearborn Heights, 1 p.m. in Clinton Township and 4 p.m. in Royal Oak) and Sunday, April 2 (noon in Ann Arbor and 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield). **Earth-Friendly Lawn Care**, by Lillian Dean of the Southeastern Oakland

County Water Authority 10 a.m. April 1 in West Bloomfield and noon April 2 in Royal Oak, and by a representative of the Clinton River Watershed Council noon April 2 in Clinton Township. **Perennial Gardening**, by English Gardens experts, April 1 (1 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and Ann Arbor, 4 p.m. in Clinton Township) and noon April 2 in West Bloomfield and Eastpointe. **Arranging Fresh Flowers**, by English Gardens experts, April 1 (10 a.m. in Ann Arbor,

4 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and Eastpointe). **Growing Beautiful Roses**, 3 p.m. April 2 in Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights and Eastpointe. **Organic Gardening**, 3 p.m. April 2 in Royal Oak. **Attracting Birds to Your Yard**, 10 a.m. April 1 in Eastpointe. **What to Plant Now**, 1 p.m. April 1 in Eastpointe. For more information, log onto www.englishgardens.com or call an English Gardens store.



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Jim from Farmington writes "I had a service man from Sears come to my house to fix my washing machine. The washer wouldn't pump out the water at the end of the cycle and I had already bought a new timer which didn't solve the problem. The repairman pulled out a little baby sock which belongs to our 10-month-old daughter. I know I'm writing you too late and I've spent over 200 dollars on this old washer my mother gave us. Can you tell me how a sock could get into the pump? You aren't alone on this one, Jim, so don't feel bad. Thousands of service calls are rendered on washers every year, and the big reason: **TOO MUCH SOAP!** Just picture what happens under the lid after you start a wash load with too much detergent. The suds keep growing on top of the water, and little articles of clothing such as socks, silk underpants and basically anything that is real lightweight will float on top of the suds. These items are then gently tossed over the inside splashplate and end up between the outer and inner drum. During the pump out cycle, they are going to find their way to the hole in the bottom of the outer drum where the water is sucked into the pump. BINGO - the pump impeller is no longer going to turn and pump out the water. The real caution factor here is that consumers know exactly how much detergent to use in their washing machine. Look at the instruction book



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

and use a little less than what it recommends. **DRYER VENT** Ed from Bloomfield writes "I hear you talking on radio that the vent for my dryer on the outside of the house shouldn't have a nylon sock over it. I've been doing this for years to prevent the rose bushes from picking up lint which comes out of the dryer. Could you tell why I shouldn't do this? There is nothing more important about a clothes dryer than the air movement. Air comes into the dryer and must go out of it as fast as it comes in. The blower wheel sucks in the air from inside the laundry room and also blows it out. If you restrict or slow down that movement of air, you are causing a dangerous fire hazard in your home. The lint build-up or accumulation inside the vent line will multiply rapidly, which will also cause a great amount of lint to contain itself within the bottom of the dryer cabinet. This lint is now only inches away from the heat source, and you can be assured that it will catch fire. It's just a matter of when! Will you be standing by the dryer when it catches fire so you can extinguish it, or will you be asleep or even at home? Fires caused by clothes dryers occur more than 15,000 times a year in this country. These amounts are only those

that are reported by fire departments, so I would guess the figure could even be 30,000. This is a very serious matter, especially to those who have already been through the experience of a house fire caused by a nylon sock. I've seen all the other things that are sold which I don't approve of. Vents with flappers on them, vents with built-in screens you slide out to clean, vents that extend and turn 90 degrees - and I don't think any of them is worth a pinch of prunes. Let me stress the importance of safety and long life span with your clothes dryer. Solid metal vent line no longer than 16 feet with the use of no more than two elbows. A 4-inch, old-fashioned, flapper type vent on the outside of the house. Don't use plastic or tin foil vent line, it is against the state construction codes. I'll also wager that the rose bushes suffer from the air which comes out all over them. That air contains the by-products of your wash load, such as chlorine, and it isn't healthy to breathe any of that stuff. Try moving the rose bushes, get rid of the nylon sock and let me know how big the roses are this year. Stay tuned. Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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Pack nutrition in your next lunch

Lunch can be a good time to pack in a lot of the day's nutritional needs, particularly if it's packed at home.

In addition to providing better control over portion size, fat content and calories, a home-made lunch can deliver the nutrients needed to lower the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Sandwiches, wraps and salads are fast, easy ways to make sure lunch includes the key essentials of a health-protective meal: a large proportion of vegetables and a smaller proportion of protein (reduced-fat cheese, lean meat, or fish).

For salads, which often don't contain much grain or protein, try including a small portion of protein and a generous proportion of a whole grain, like brown rice or whole-grain pasta.

Surveys indicate most workers eat lunch at their desks or while doing errands. According to one study, less than half of office workers surveyed say they bring a packed lunch from home at least once a week and only 20 percent do it every day.

Although take-out sandwiches and other popular lunch items made with healthful ingredients, proportions and portions do exist, they are often hard to find or in locations that are not conveniently close to the office. Many take-out or delivered lunches are oversized portions of foods high in fat and calories.

We tend to give the mid-day meal short shrift when it comes to eating more healthfully. March is National Nutrition Month, a helpful reminder that we should be more attentive to the nutrition choices we make, especially for lunch.

The following meal-in-a-salad contains a healthful combination of a whole grain, vegetables, beans and fish. It offers an interesting range of textures, colors and seasonings. The recipe provides enough salad for one entree-sized lunch or two side salads to include at lunchtime.

LAST-MINUTE SALAD

- 1/2 cup canned tuna fish (packed in water) drained or any leftover meat
- 1 cup chopped mixed raw vegetables (onion, celery, carrots, bell pepper, broccoli florets, etc.)
- 2/3 cup leftover cooked brown rice or other cooked whole grain product
- 1 cup canned beans (any type) rinsed and drained
- 1 1/2 tablespoons reduced fat vinaigrette
- 1 tablespoon plain non-fat yogurt
- 1/2 tablespoon reduced fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon dried parsley (or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh)
- 1/4 teaspoon dried chervil or cilantro (or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a medium bowl place meat, vegetables, rice and beans. Lightly mix together with a fork until well combined.

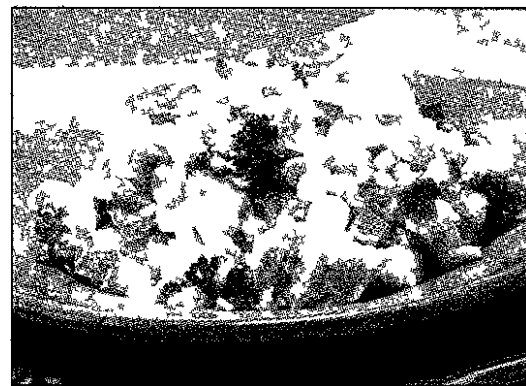
In a small bowl whisk together with a fork the vinaigrette dressing, yogurt, mayonnaise, parsley and chervil or cilantro. Add the dressing to the bowl of salad ingredients while lightly tossing with a fork until the dressing is evenly distributed. Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or overnight to allow flavors to blend.

Makes 1 serving

Per serving: 386 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 55 g carbohydrate, 28 g protein, 8 g dietary fiber, 688 mg sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research



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This meal-in-a-salad contains a healthful combination of a whole grain, vegetables, beans and fish.



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Dried fruits and spices pack a flavorful punch to this lamb and couscous pilaf

Lamb remains a traditional

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Cooking with lamb offers imaginative, creative dishes. It is a chance to cook with a food with extraordinary flavor, yet quite often these dishes are relatively easy to prepare.

Lamb can be enhanced by enticing marinades, simple herbs or robust spices in a persillade (coating) making it a perfect fit for today's trend toward more flavorful and healthful food. Lamb can be used in many popular cuisines, such as Caribbean, South American and traditional European dishes.

For another recipe, please see B6. Ground lamb can be used in place of ground beef in most recipes - from tacos to stuffed peppers to spaghetti primavera.

To cook ground lamb simply brown in a skillet until no longer pink. Drain well.

Cut leftover lamb roast into small cubes (about 1 inch) and package in freezer bags for future use in casseroles or soups and stews. For quick sandwiches, heat lamb cubes in your favorite barbecue sauce for your next family gathering.

These herbs and spices enhance lamb: allspice, basil, bay leaf, caraway, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, curry, fennel, garlic, lemon pepper, marjoram, mint, mustard, oregano, paprika, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, tarragon and thyme, according to the American Lamb Council.

For safety, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends cooking lamb patties and ground lamb mixtures, such as meat loaf, to 160° F on a meat thermometer.

However, whole muscle meats, such as steaks and roasts may be cooked to 145° F (medium rare), 160° F (medium), or 170° F (well done).

Lamb may be the most universal, traditional food of spring in many cuisines, even though it is now available year-round. Lamb is a great way to welcome the season and remains a popular meal at Easter.

Rice pilafs with lamb are common in many countries. These grain-based dishes which often contain a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and nuts as well as meat can serve as a model for healthy meals, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research.

An American adaptation of a traditional pilaf, with its one-third to two-thirds proportion of meats to whole grains and other plant-based foods, can be incorporated into a diet for reducing the risk of chronic health problems and cancer. The pilaf is high in fiber. Calories from fat are modest.

The dried fruits and nuts in Middle Eastern pilafs are rich in substances that have been studied for their anticancer properties.

Apricots are rich in beta carotene. Foods high in this phytochemical seem to help decrease the risk of lung and oral cancers, and may also play a role in slowing the progression of cancer. Raisins are rich in flavonoids, which defend against carcinogens and also help prevent heart disease and stroke.

With proper trimming, cooking and portion size, lamb can be a part of a healthful diet. When at your local market, purchase lamb with a pinkish red color and finely grained texture.

FRAGRANT LAMB AND COUSCOUS PILAF

- 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon ground anise seed (or fennel seed)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces lamb (loin chop or tenderloin) in thin bite-sized pieces
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1 box (10 ounces) couscous (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 cup dried apricots cut into slivers
- 1/2 cup Sultanas (golden raisins)
- 3 cups boiling water, divided
- 1/4 cup shelled pistachios, unsalted or slivered almonds
- 2 cups frozen green peas
- Salt and white pepper
- 1/4 cup minced fresh mint leaves (optional)

Mix together orange zest, anise (or fennel) seed, cardamom, half the coriander and salt. Rub into the lamb. Let stand 30 to 60 minutes.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add couscous and stir, cooking 1 to 2 minutes, until grains turn

translucent and shiny. Remove from heat. Mix in remaining coriander, apricots and raisins. Pour in 2 cups of boiling water, stirring briskly. Cover and let stand 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, toast nuts in a heavy skillet over medium heat, stirring, until lightly toasted, about 4 minutes. Transfer nuts to a small bowl.

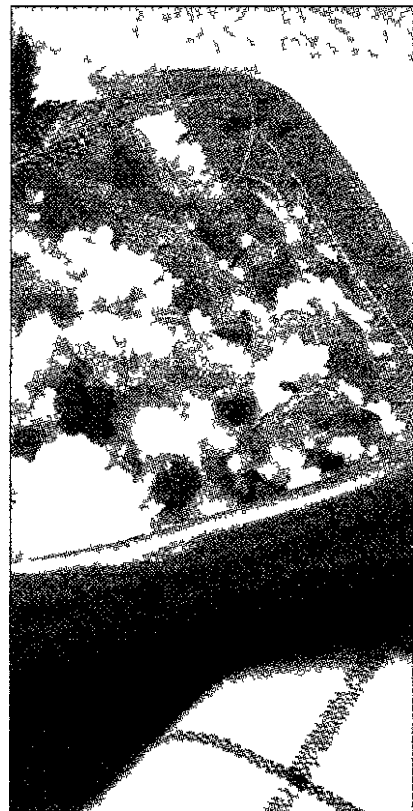
Stir couscous with fork to fluff grains. Add remaining boiling water. Place peas on top of couscous. Cover and let stand 5 minutes more.

Heat remaining oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add lamb and sauté until lightly browned. Transfer meat to the bowl with nuts. Fluff couscous with a fork. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix in lamb and nuts. Top with mint, if desired, and serve.

Makes 8 servings

Per serving: 332 calories, 9 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 50 g carbohydrate, 13 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 311 mg sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research



Badia a Coltibuono is a Tuscan jewel

Chianti, the central Tuscan wine region, is divided into seven sub-regions. The oldest and best known is Chianti Classico, in the heart of the Chianti area between Florence and Siena.

Understanding Chianti requires some knowledge of allowed grape varieties. All Chiantis and most Tuscan red wines use sangiovese as the principal variety. The law for Chianti requires 75 percent sangiovese and for Chianti Classico, 80 percent. Up to 20



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

percent of the blend may include canaiolo, colorino, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and other heritage varieties.

Beginning this year, once allowed white varieties, such as trebbiano and malvasia, are no

longer used in Chianti Classico. In addition, the yield per acre has been reduced and longer aging is required before release.

BADIA A COLTIBUONO

The winery known as Badia a Coltibuono is located 22 miles north of Siena and 41 miles south of Florence. The 2,000-acre estate is surrounded by vineyards and woodlands. The abbey at Badia a Coltibuono Cultus Boni, was established in the 11th century by Benedictine monks who planted vines and

made wine for daily enjoyment and celebration of the liturgy.

The property was purchased by the ancestors of the present owners in 1846. Lorenza de' Medici started a cooking school at the winery, in 1983, to educate students in the art of Italian cuisine.

Today Lorenza's children, Emanuela, Paolo, Roberto and Guido Stucchi-Prinetti, guide the progress of the Badia. Under the direction of Roberto, armed with an enology degree from the University of California Davis, estate wine

and olive oil production have been entirely converted to certified organic growing methods.

GOING HIGH TECH

A new high-tech winery for Badia a Coltibuono wines is centered within 220 acres of organic vineyards and uses gravity flow and indigenous yeasts to create wine in a simple and totally natural way. Wine aging takes place in casks and barriques in geometrically

PLEASE SEE BADIA, B7

Side dish

Cookbooks sought

Cookbooks published for fund-raising purposes by nonprofit organizations in 2005 and 2006 are eligible to enter the 17th annual Tabasco Community Cookbooks Awards.

McIlhenny Co. says it created these cookbook awards in 1989 "to recognize the best of the thousands of cookbooks published annually to generate funds for charitable causes while preserving America's rich culinary history."

Deadline for submissions to the latest contest is Sept. 29. Information is on the Web at <http://www.tabasco.com>.

New flavor added

Caribou Coffee has added another new drink to its Wild Drinks line.

Zebra Mocha is the latest offering at Caribou Coffee's 400 U.S. stores and is already the third most popular drink in the Wild Drinks line. Zebra Mocha features dark and white chocolate and Caribou's own espresso. As the name suggests, the drink is topped with whipped cream, chocolate and vanilla drizzle, creating a look resembling a zebra.

Minneapolis-based Caribou Coffee Co. is the second largest non-franchised coffee house chain in the United States with 400 stores in 15 states and the District of Columbia. Caribou Coffee opened its first store in December 1992 in Minneapolis.

For more information and a location near you, visit the Caribou Coffee Web site at www.cariboucoffee.com.

Better prep needed

The fact that parents make fruits, vegetables and low-fat items available in their homes does not necessarily lead their adolescent children to eat them, say researchers at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

In a study of nearly 230 African-American and Caucasian children ages 10-19 and their parents, drawn from an urban adolescent health clinic, the researchers looked for connections between "common settings of food consumption" and adolescents' intake of healthy foods, according to an article in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

The researchers found "home availability" had a relatively small impact on healthy eating by adolescents, especially compared with eating in restaurants. They recommend finding ways to improve "adolescents' food preparation skills and parents' awareness of ways to make healthful foods more accessible."

The researchers added "Interventions might focus on improving the accessibility of fruits and vegetables and low-fat foods in the settings where adolescents frequently eat, such as fast-food restaurants" and encouraging "modification not only of food choice, but also of choice of meal settings."

DINNER CALENDAR

Here is a list of special dinners at area restaurants. Please forward information at least two weeks before event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

Mondavi visits

Vintner Peter Mondavi, Jr. joins Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield on April 4 in exploring fine vintages from the Charles Krug Winery of Napa Valley. Steakhouse dining and wines are paired with a silent auction that includes one 27-liter bottle (equivalent

to three cases) of Charles Krug Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2002. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation of America. Tickets are \$150 per guest and inclusive of tax and gratuity. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the 7:15 p.m. dinner. Morton's of Southfield is located at One Towne Square in Southfield. Reservations or questions about the event may be directed to Gaye Lynn Murdoch, sales and marketing manager at Morton's of Southfield. Phone (248) 354-6006, e-mail cm_mso@mortons.com or online at www.mortons.com.

Stir fry asparagus with lamb for a quick fix

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This simple stir-fry dish brings together an interesting pair of main ingredients, and the winning trick is that it's a balanced, clean combination that lets you savor each flavor.

The recipe guides the cook smartly through preparation taking only 20 minutes or so, allowing you to get family supper on the table fast — or even dinner with friends.

The dish's components are lightly cooked fresh asparagus contrasting in texture and taste with thinly sliced lamb. Make sure you cut the lamb across the grain to ensure tender mouthfuls.

If you wish, you can give the stir-fry a spicier kick with a dash of extra chili-garlic sauce. Serve with steamed rice or rice noodles, cooked and kept warm while you prepare the stir-fry.

ASPARAGUS AND LAMB STIR-FRY

- 1 pound boneless lamb (from leg or loin)
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup low sodium chicken stock or dry sherry
- 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce (Chinese)
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil or vegetable oil
- 4 green onions, cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon freshly minced ginger
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 pound fresh asparagus ends, trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

Cut lamb into long, 2-inch wide strips along the grain of the meat, then cut crosswise (across the grain), into thin slices. In a medium bowl, combine the lamb, 1 tablespoon of soy sauce, and 2 teaspoons of

If you wish, you can give the stir-fry a spicier kick with a dash of extra chili-garlic sauce. Serve with steamed rice or rice noodles, cooked and kept warm while you prepare the stir-fry.

cornstarch

To make the sauce: In a small bowl, stir together the stock, the remaining 1 tablespoon soy sauce and 1 teaspoon cornstarch, the chili-garlic sauce and sugar, set aside.

Heat a wok or large frying pan over high heat. Pour 1 tablespoon oil into the hot wok, swirling to coat. Add the lamb and cook, stirring and tossing, until lightly golden, about 2 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove to a plate.

Reduce heat to medium-high. Pour the remaining 1 tablespoon oil into the hot wok, swirling to coat. Add the green onions, ginger and garlic. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the asparagus and cook, stirring and tossing, until bright green, 30 seconds to 1 minute.

Stir the sauce to blend and add to the pan. Cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens, about 1 minute, cover and cook until asparagus is tender-crisp, about 1 minute. Return lamb to the pan and just heat through. Garnish with sesame seeds and serve immediately with steamed rice or rice noodles. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 434 cal., 22 g total fat, 116 g saturated, 116 mg chol., 657 mg sodium, 15 g carbo., 4 g dietary fiber, 42 g pro.

Recipe developed for AP by Tina Salter, courtesy California Asparagus Commission.

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Put a little parsley in that pesto

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parsley is the ingredient that gives this pesto sauce its vibrant green color – the color that will catch the eye.

This pasta dish will please cooks for another good reason: It can be on the table, start to finish, in under half an hour.

The fresh-tasting and aromatic pesto complements the rice pasta that's called for in this recipe. Rice pasta, of course, has an advantage for diners who avoid wheat and look for gluten-free recipes.

The pasta can be served as a main course or side dish, recipe developer Pam Simmons points out.

Simmons explains why she tells cooks to transfer the pine nuts to a plate to cool (this will take only about five minutes).

One reason is to avoid letting the nuts accidentally burn from transferred heat, another reason is that adding cooled nuts will help keep the parsley fresh and green. "It probably doesn't matter, it's just the way I've always done it," she says.

Parsley's flavor is not as assertive as basil but this pesto has a rich taste that can go with any entree, Simmons says. Another consideration: Flatleaf (not curly) parsley is much more available and cost-effective in the winter than fresh basil – and it went down very well with Simmons' taste testers, she says.

PINE NUT PARSLEY PESTO PASTA

16 ounce box rice pasta any size (see note)
1 cup pine nuts (about 5 ounces)
2 cups firmly packed flatleaf

parsley washed and dried well (see note)
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon minced garlic (4 cloves)
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind (1 large lemon)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon coarse salt
½ teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
½ cup oil
Optional: 1 cup cherry tomatoes

Put a large pot of salted water on to boil for pasta.

Heat a large skillet on high. Add pine nuts and toast until slightly golden, about 3 minutes, shaking pan frequently. Remove to a dish to cool.

Coarsely chop parsley leaves and stems and add to a food processor with metal blade. Add pine nuts (reserving a tablespoon for garnish), Parmesan

cheese, garlic and lemon rind. Pulse until finely chopped.

Add lemon juice, salt and pepper. Process, while adding oil in a thin stream, until smooth.

Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain pasta (reserve ½ cup of pasta water for sauce), rinsing briefly.

Toss pasta with sauce (using reserved pasta water if a thinner sauce is desired) and serve. Garnish with remaining pine nuts and tomatoes.

Makes 4 to 6 main course servings.

Note: Rice pasta is available in supermarkets' general or international pasta sections. A lettuce spinner is a good, fast tool for washing and drying parsley.

Recipe from Andre Probst/Notta Pasta gluten free rice pasta. Recipes on the Web: <http://www.nottapasta.com>

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This pasta carbonara is a vegetarian fix

BY J. M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – This one violates my "naturally vegetarian" rule.

Generally, I avoid foods that pretend to be other foods.

They usually disappoint, bear little resemblance to the original and rightfully make vegetarians fodder for *Saturday Night Live* skits.

Thus, I pass on tofu turkeys and soy baloney. I won't make "meat" loaf out of morsels of textured soy protein and think chocolate mousse rendered from carob and pureed tofu should be treated like a controlled substance.

Mind you, I love tofu and happily eat it, but only for its own sake. So I won't hesitate to add cubes of seasoned tofu to a salad or stir fry because the soy is good in its own right and isn't imitating anything.

Of course there are exceptions. I love veggie burgers and don't consider them a violation of my rule. In (thankfully long gone) days of patties formed from mashed beans and lentils, veggie burgers were a sad masquerade.

Today they have a life of their own. In even the most conventional of grocers, consumers can select from dozens of varieties, none tasting like (or trying to taste like) a beef burger. They are good in their own right.

I can't say the same for tofu "hot-dogs." I've yet to taste one

that wasn't insipid, limp and rubbery. In that sense, I guess they do remind me of the real thing. I'll pass either way.

So it was with some trepidation that I considered a recipe for spaghetti carbonara, which loosely translated from Italian means pasta with gobs of animal products.

Ready? Boil pasta, then toss it and a bit of its cooking water with raw eggs, a bunch of cooked bacon, a mess of grated Parmesan cheese and – in case that wasn't enough saturated fat – a hefty slosh of half-and-half.

I have fond memories of this dish from my university days, when a Norwegian housemate made a killer (literally?) version. The culture clash didn't much bother me at the time.

So that got me hankering for a bit of carbonara. And it got me wondering if a veggie-friendly version was possible. I wouldn't even try to make a vegan version, though I'm confident I could find (horrible) recipes for it.

Working from the assumption that simpler is better, I borrowed a recipe from the March issue of *Martha Stewart's Everyday Food* magazine. With just seven ingredients, so long as I only subbed the meat, it couldn't go too badly.

And it didn't. I used linguini instead of spaghetti, but that's mostly irrelevant. I did, however, use whole wheat with the

thought that a more assertive pasta might make up for the loss in taste when I jettisoned the bacon.

Not a great decision. It still was quite delicious, but I'd stick with old-fashioned white pasta next time. Nothing else in this meal is healthy, why pretend the pasta will make a difference?

For the bacon I used a soy bacon made from tempeh, a meat-like product formed from fermented soybeans. It's one of those foods I enjoy for its own sake.

There are any number of bacon substitutes on the market. I suggest finding one you enjoy the taste of and forget trying to find one that tastes like bacon. Some taste quite good, but they don't taste like bacon.

I kept the Parmesan the same, but used fat-free half-and-half instead of the full belly-busting version. This was just a matter of personal preference. If your arteries are up for the real thing, have at it.

As for the three eggs, Martha calls for I reduced those to two. Somehow it just made me feel better.

In the end? Not the most attractive dish, but it came together incredibly quickly, was intensely rich, and even had the deep savory, salty notes associated with "real" versions of this dish.

PASTA CARBONARA

1 pound pasta (such as spaghetti)

8 slices soy bacon
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 large eggs
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese plus more for serving
½ cup half and half

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.

While the water heats, cook the soy bacon according to package directions. (Many soy bacons require no cooking and can be used in this recipe directly from the package.)

Once the water has boiled, add the pasta and cook until al dente, according to package directions, about 6 to 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together the eggs, cheese and half-and-half. Set aside.

Drain the pasta, but do not rinse and leave some of the water clinging to it. Quickly add the pasta to the egg mixture and using wooden spoons or tongs, gently toss it with the sauce for a minute or two. The heat from the pasta cooks the eggs to ensure eggs are thoroughly heated and cooked. You may wish to toss hot pasta with egg sauce for several minutes.

Add the bacon and toss, then season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately sprinkled with additional cheese.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe inspired by the March issue of *Martha Stewart's Everyday Food* magazine.

Grill swordfish, top with cucumber sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a swordfish special that has a lot going for it, tasty fish and accompaniments included. This combination dish, with protein, vegetable garnish and starch, also has a sensible nutrition profile, including only moderate fat levels.

The swordfish steaks can be cooked on the grill, in a stovetop grill pan or under the broiler. Tabbouleh, which you may see also spelled taboule or tabbouli, is a Middle Eastern salad made from bulgur wheat, tomato and cucumber. And it often seems to be sprouting as much fresh, green chopped parsley as grain – or more.

The recipe is from *The New Woman's Day Cookbook* (Fitzpatrick, 2005, \$35), characterized on its cover as a collection of simple recipes for every occasion.

SWORDFISH WITH CUCUMBER SAUCE AND TABBOULEH

For the tabbouleh
5 25 ounce box tabbouleh mix
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup diced tomato
1 large cucumber
For the cucumber sauce
1 cup plain low fat yogurt
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
2 teaspoons minced garlic
¼ teaspoon salt
Four ¾ inch thick swordfish steaks (6 to 8 ounces each)
Olive oil cooking spray
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

To prepare the tabbouleh
Cook mix as package directs

Meanwhile, peel half the cucumber, then cut the cucumber in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Dice or chop the peeled half for the cucumber sauce, the unpeeled half for the tabbouleh.

When the tabbouleh mix is cool, add the lemon peel, lemon juice, tomato and the diced unpeeled cucumber. Stir to mix.

Let stand at least 30 minutes to blend flavors.

To make the cucumber sauce

Put yogurt, dill, garlic, salt and peeled diced cucumber in a bowl. Stir to mix.

Heat outdoor grill, stovetop grill pan or broiler.

Coat fish with cooking spray season with salt and pepper.

Grill fish, turning over once, about 8 minutes until barely opaque when pierced in thickest part. Serve fish with cucumber sauce and tabbouleh alongside. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 379 cal, 43 g pro, 35 g carbo, 7 g fiber, 9 g total fat (3 g saturated), 72 mg chol, 978 mg sodium.

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Fusion cooking expands the culinary palate

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

There was once a time when fusion simply meant the combining of two or more things into one. Today, fusion cooking, the marrying of ingredients and techniques from different culinary cultures, is featured in many restaurants as if it were a new phenomenon. But, historically speaking, fusion cooking has been going on since Western traders first traveled the Silk Route to China and colonialism met local culture across the East, Africa and in the Americas.

In America's colonial era, British settlers used Indian corn when traditional ingredients were scarce to make the English dishes they were accustomed to, a strategy Pilgrims no doubt thought of as "making do," not an innovative culinary technique. Louisiana's Creole cuisine, a blend of French and Spanish cooking and local ingredients often those brought from Africa via the Caribbean, might arguably be considered the first fusion cooking in America to establish an independent and sophisticated culinary invention.

Immigrants from around the globe have contributed

new prepared foods leading to cross-fertilization of ideas on how to combine ingredients and adapt new techniques in cooking, baking and roasting. And an upsurge in international travel after World War II introduced American tourists to new cuisines. Although fusion cooking as a marketing concept made a big media splash in the 1970s when French chefs began using Asian ingredients, the globalization of food products has allowed American cooks to use new foods in preparing familiar dishes. Today, fusion cooking is so common we do it at home.

Americans who have never traveled to Japan might use imported panko, Japanese breadcrumbs, to achieve a crispier texture for breaded meats in Western dishes. A European-style sauce may include chipotle chile to add a smoky nuance. Some ingredients, such as soy sauce, have become so popularized they are now as common and accepted as ketchup, which we think of as pure American, but in fact started out as a Malay fish sauce.

This shrimp sauté, using chipotle chile, Asian pear, and annatto (which is a frequent flavoring in Hispanic dishes), is a fusion dish you



This shrimp sauté with chipotle chile, Asian pear and annatto is a fusion dish you can make easily in the kitchen.

can easily make in the kitchen. (Paprika can replace the annatto, if desired.)

SHRIMP WITH ASIAN PEAR, RED PEPPERS AND PEAS

2 tablespoons canola oil

2 teaspoons annatto seeds or 1 teaspoon ground*
1 medium onion chopped
1 red bell pepper cored and diced
1 medium Asian pear cored and diced
1/2 pound medium or small

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shrimp shelled
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1/4 teaspoon ground chipotle chile
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup orange juice
1 cup pigeon or cow peas canned or frozen

Americans who have never traveled to Japan might use imported panko, Japanese breadcrumbs, to achieve a crispier texture for breaded meats in Western dishes.

In a small saucepan heat the oil and annatto over medium heat until the oil is deep orange, 4-5 minutes. Finely strain the oil into a small bowl. Discard the annatto seeds.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the annatto-flavored canola oil, in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until translucent, 4 minutes. Add the pepper and Asian pear. Sauté 3 minutes. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring, until they are red, about 3 minutes. Mix in the tomato paste, chipotle, the paprika, if using, salt, orange juice and peas. Cook until shrimp are opaque in the center, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve, accompanied by brown rice.

*If you cannot find an annatto, substitute 1 teaspoon ground paprika.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 248 calories, 9 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 21 g carbohydrate, 22 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 311 mg sodium.

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

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Whalers win crown on OT goal

Evan Brophy's tap-in of a rebound at 3:29 of overtime gave the Plymouth Whalers a heart-stopping 3-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit and the Ontario Hockey League West Division crown in the last game of the regular season played Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 3,829.

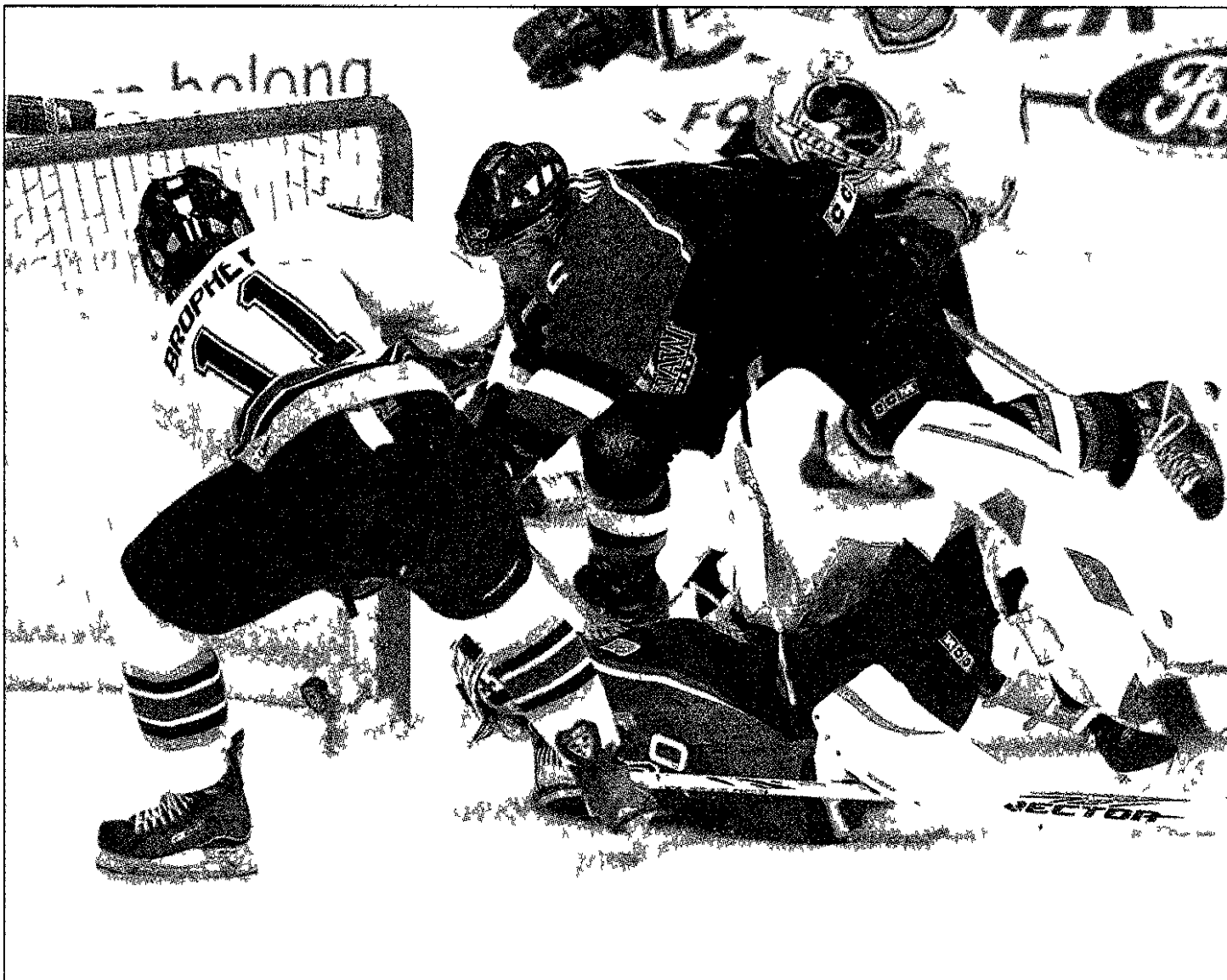
The Whalers and Spirit battled through 67 Ontario Hockey League regular season games tied with 73 points each. Through Saturday night's regular-season finale, the teams were tied at 2-2 through 60 minutes until Brophy's game-winner.

After a scoreless first period, John Armstrong scored his 14th goal of the season at 1:57 of the second period and Andrew Fournier his 23rd at 15:19 of the period to stake Plymouth to a 2-0 lead after 40 minutes. But Saginaw came back in dramatic fashion in the third period, cutting the Plymouth lead to 2-1 on Tim Priamo's fourth goal of the season on a power play at 6:37 and then tying the game with 0:01 left in regulation on Michal Birner's 31st of the year.

That set the stage for Brophy's game-winner, set up by Plymouth captain John Vigilante, who skated hard into the Saginaw zone and got a shot on the right wing door step of the Saginaw goal. Spirit netminder Francois Thout made the save, but allowed a rebound and Brophy tapped in his 19th goal of the season for the Plymouth victory.

Plymouth (35-28-1-4) won its first division title since 2002-03 and eighth overall since 1995. In finishing first in the division, the Whalers earn the second seed in the OHL Western Conference seeding and will play Windsor in the first round of the playoffs (see related story).

Playoff tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 453-8400 or by purchasing tickets at the box office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Plymouth's Evan Brophy flips the puck into the back of the net in overtime Saturday night to give the Whalers a crucial 3-2 victory over Saginaw. The Whalers begin the Ontario Hockey League playoffs Saturday night when they host Windsor at the Compuware Sports Arena. The opening face-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

WALT DMOCH

Tunnel vision

Whalers, Spitfires set to continue border rivalry in OHL playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You can toss the seeds for the upcoming first round Ontario Hockey League playoff series between Plymouth and Windsor into the Detroit River.

That's the opinion of Whalers President General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, who predicts the significance of his team's Western Conference No. 2 seed and the Spitfires No. 7 seed will melt faster than a late-March snowbank once the puck is dropped in Saturday night's

postseason opener, which is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Considering the rivalry between the two teams and the fact that we split our eight games this year, this series is more like a four-seed against a five. Vellucci said Windsor struggled early in the season, but since Christmas they've been playing extremely well.

It should be a great series. They've been getting solid production out of their top line and their goalie (Anthony).

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C3

GAME ON!

What: Ontario Hockey League first round playoff series between Plymouth (No. 2 seed in Western Conference) and Windsor (No. 7 seed).

When: Game 1 is set for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Game 2 will be Sunday at 7 p.m. in Windsor. Game 3 is Tuesday at Compuware (7:30 p.m.) and Game 4 will be Thursday in Windsor (7:30 p.m.).

Who to watch: Both teams' goaltenders Plymouth's Justin Peters (314 GAA) and Windsor's Anthony Guadagnolo (five shutouts) — have been outstanding.

Tickets: Can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by visiting the Compuware box office Friday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Leddy: Salem's Mr. Relia'Bill'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As the royal blue-and-white curtain steadily descended on his high school basketball career March 8 during Salem's season-ending Class A District semifinal loss to Novi Catholic Central, senior Bill Leddy did something every athlete yearns to do in his final game.

Leddy went out in style. The 6-foot-3 senior drained mid-range jumpers. He burned three-pointers. He gobbled up rebounds. He hit the floor hard to vacuum up loose balls. He defended the Shamrocks like there was no tomorrow.

In the end, Leddy scored 23 points, grabbed nine rebounds and recorded four steals.

The Rocks fell to CC, 86-63, but it could have been much worse if Leddy hadn't registered one of his patented effort-filled performances in the Novi High School gymnasium.

"As a coach, I always like to see my players go out with a big game in their last game, and that's what Bill did that night," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Bill went through some lean times with us the past couple of seasons (Salem went 7-36 in Leddy's two varsity seasons), but like Joe Halewicz (the Rocks' other co-captain), he always gave it everything he had."

"He is a quiet leader who leads by example. He was one of those kids who would get on the floor for the ball and take a charge. He led our team in charges taken, which tells you something about him."

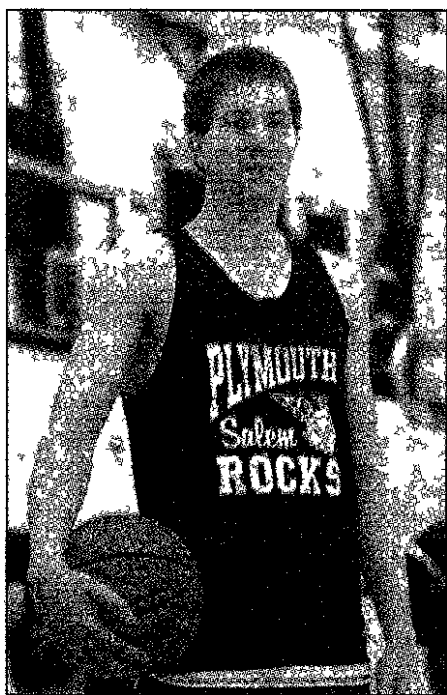
CHARGED UP

Leddy's first charge of the season proved to be his most painful.

In the first quarter of our first game against Redford Union, Bill took a



Prep Profile



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Leddy was a stabilizing force on the basketball court for Salem over the past two seasons. The co-captain averaged 11 points and six rebounds during his senior campaign.

charge underneath the basket and went down hard," Brodie remembered. "When I went out there to check on him, he said he was OK and he told me he still wanted to play."

"Well, a little later on, he looked at me and said, 'Coach, something's not right.' His dad took him to the hospital and it turned out to be nothing serious and he was back at practice on Sunday."

STUDENT OF THE GAME

Leddy's passion for hoop was ignited in the Plymouth Canton Junior

PLEASE SEE LEDDY, C2

Tough schedule strengthens PCS boys lacrosse program

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

LACROSSE PREVIEW

In educational terms, think of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team's schedule the past couple of years as an advanced-placement high school class — challenging and relentless.

And while the Warriors' record may not yet be honor-roll-caliber, the on-the-field tests they've faced in their first four years of existence have definitely prepared them for future success.

"We've played very strong schedules, but it's been a great learning experience for our team," said coach Mike Costello, whose team finished 9-10 last season. "Any time you can play teams like Catholic Central, Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit, it's going to make you better, and that's what we're after. If we're going to take the next step up like we want to do,

we have to play against the best. 'We didn't have a great record last season, but it was a great year for growth.'"

A glimpse of lacrosse's fast-spreading appeal can be found at the Warriors' practices on the playing fields of Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. After drawing just 24 players from the three P-CEP high schools the first year, Costello and his staff of assistants have 63 varsity and junior varsity players to work with this season.

What, in Costello's opinion, is the appeal of one of the country's fastest-growing sports?

"The kids love it because it's such a fast-moving game," he said. "You rarely

PLEASE SEE LACROSSE, C3



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Members of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team practice for the upcoming season Monday afternoon at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. The Warriors are aiming to improve on last season's 9-10 record.

Sidegins

Learn-to-skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena will begin offering eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions Saturday, March 25, and Monday, April 3. Each session will include 30 minutes of instruction and 15 minutes of free time. Classes are grouped by age and ability.

"Tot Time" starts Tuesday or Thursday. The sessions, for kids between the ages of 3 1/2-6, will run eight weeks.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit on the Park or at the Arctic Edge, 46615 Michigan Ave.

For more information, including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities, call (734) 487-7777.

Velocity training

The Velocity Sports Performance Training Center located inside the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will be holding a Spring Break Speed Camp for athletes of all sports, ages and skill levels April 17-21. Athletes will train one hour daily and are separated by age groups 7-11, 12-14 and 15-18.

The cost is \$65 and includes a T-shirt. The camp will focus on the fundamentals of speed and agility in a fast-paced and fun program. Athletes will develop explosive starting and acceleration techniques, increased maximum speed through proper running mechanics and correct body positioning for lateral speed and change of direction.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561 or download an application at www.velocitysp.com.

Lions camp

The Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is returning to Plymouth this summer following a successful stop in the area last year.

The camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The camp, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14, will run daily from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Participants' skill levels can range from beginning to advanced.

The camp is limited to the first 100 applicants. The \$159 registration fee includes:

- Four days of non-contact, fundamental football instruction,
- A Lions camp T-shirt,
- Guest appearances from current and former Lion players,
- Chalk talk and video sessions,
- Skills contests and scrimmages, and
- The opportunity to earn week-long awards, including the Detroit Lions Leadership Award, Attitude Award, Extra Effort Award, Future Star Award and Consistency Award.

To register or for more information, visit www.DetroitLions.com.

**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
March 14, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday March 14 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag **Roll Call** Members Present Caccamo Kirchgatter, LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent Bennett Staff Present Director Minghine, Director Durack Director Santomaro Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried by all members present **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 14 2006 Motion carried by all members present Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of February 21 2006 Motion carried by all members present Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of February 22 2006 Motion carried by all members present **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments** Donna Sabourn 40528 Blythefield Lane Dan Devey 43640 Antetam Drive Leon Carter 2187 Preserve Circle E Stephanie Copher 40488 Gleneagle Lane Jim Hoffman, 1906 Preserve Circle W Bob Johnson, 1939 Preserve Circle E Joseph Sabourn, 40528 Blythefield Lane J Prasad 40002 Rolling Green Court Tom Hartnett 1461 Hampshire Bryan McLaughlin 2209 Pinecroft Drive and Pat Hays, 1599 S Lotz Road, members of the Canton Citizens Advisory Board spoke in opposition for the proposal to sell Fellows Creek Golf Course Supervisor Yack stated that it is clear there is no support by the Board for this proposal and he will convey that to the developer **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried by all members present **Expenditure Recap for March 14, 2006**

General Fund	101	\$ 221 742 25
Fire Fund	206	33,589 56
Police Fund	207	74 632 84
Summit Operating	208	72 459 57
Cable TV Fund	230	342 36
E 911 Utility	261	648 60
Auto Forfeiture(w/wa)	267	2 668 46
Federal Grants Fund	274	20,989 98
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,276 01
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	421 079 24
Golf Fund	584	9 630 53
Water & Sewer Fund	592	522 217 63
Construction Escrows	702	896 90

Total - All Funds 1,382,173.88

RECOGNITION, RECOGNITION OF RETIRING PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE OFFICERS. Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolutions for Officer Sharp Officer Winkler Officer Pytell, and Officer Schemanske in recognition of their years of service to the Canton Community and the Canton Department of Public Safety Motion carried by all members present **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1 REVISED EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the revised easement agreement with High Velocity Sports Motion carried by all members present

Item 2. APPROVE PARTICIPANTION PERMIT HOLDER STATUS ON LIQUOR LICENSE. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the addition of Continental Café Inc 44800 N 194 Service Dr Belleville MI 48111, as a Participation Permit Holder on the liquor license for Summit on the Park I also move to allow Clerk Terry Bennett to sign the application on behalf of Canton Township Motion carried by all members present **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) MOM TO MOM SALE (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (at major intersections on March 26 2006 and removed by April 2 2006) for Tri City Christian 3855 Sheldon Road MOPS Mom to Mom Sale on April 1 2006 Motion carried by all members present **Item 4. PROCLAMATION SEVERE WEATHER WEEK FOR 2006 (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the Proclamation Severe Weather Week for March 26 April 1 2006 resolution **GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CRESCENT ACADEMY ADDITION (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Crescent Academy Addition Motion carried by all members present **Item 2 CONSIDER J C LLC REZONING (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for J C LLC Motion carried by all members present

Item 3 CONSIDER SCHAFFER DEVELOPMENT REZONING (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request from Schaffer Development Motion carried by all members present **Item 4. CONSIDER SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK REZONING (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Singh Development Corporation Motion carried by all members present **Item 5 CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR TAKAO NORTH AMERICA. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Takao North America Motion carried by all members present **Item 6. CONSIDER TORREY HILL SITE CONDOMINIUM PRELIMINARY PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the preliminary site plan for Torrey Hill Site Condominiums Motion carried by all members present **Item 7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1, TENTATIVELY SETTING UP A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD) AND DIRECT THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO HAVE PRELIMINARY PLANS AND COST ESTIMATE PREPARED FOR ROAD REPAIRS FOR COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS SAD 2006-1 (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt Resolution No 1 for the Copper Creek Condominiums SAD 2006 1 Motion carried by all members present **Item 8. AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID FOR THE SPRING 2006 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM FOR GEDDES/BECK/MORTON TAYLOR/PILGRIM HILLS. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the award of bid for tree planting and watering for the Spring 2006 Tree Planting Program to Nature's Garden Center for a total of \$76 910 00 plus a 10% contingency for maintenance of \$7,690 00 for a total purchase order of \$84 600 00 (account 101 285 970 0000 Tree Fund Planting) Motion carried by all members present **Item 9. CONSIDER AWARD TO APPRAISAL SERVICES OF MICHIGAN, INC FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to accept the proposal submitted by Appraisal Services of Michigan Inc to provide real estate appraisals in the amount \$5,000 (Account No 403 506 803 0000) and authorize the Clerk to sign the letter of agreement Motion carried by all members present **Item 10. CONSIDER SIGNING THE EASEMENT DOCUMENT PREPARED BY DTE ALLOWING THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF PROCTOR ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED THROUGH THE DTE SUBSTATION PROPERTY. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to execute the easement document to allow the proposed sanitary sewer across the DTE property Motion carried by all members present **Item 11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$25,487 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC). (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of the invoice for \$25 487 to continue our membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities Motion carried by all members present **Item 12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO FIRE ENGINE PUMPERS. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for Two Pierce Dash Pumper to Halt Fire Inc (Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.), 50168 West Pontiac Trail Unit 5 Wixom MI 48393 in the amount of \$771 240 The vendor will supply Canton with a performance bond Fire Capital Account 206 336 977 0000 line item #10 Motion carried by all members present **Item 13 ADDITION OF ABS BRAKING SYSTEM TO SIX (6) LEASED PATROL MOTORCYCLES. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the addition of ABS braking system to six (6) leased patrol motorcycles for 2006 through Town & Country Sports for an amount of \$4800 (Police Contracted Services 207 301 818 0000) Motion carried by all members present **Item 14. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN INTERFACE MODULE FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION FOR THE MOBILE COMMAND POST. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in 911 Service 911 Service Increase Revenues Fund Balance Appropriation #261 000 699 0000 \$2,735. Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment #261 348 977 2070

\$2,735 This budget amendment increases the FY2006 911 Services Budget from \$326 000 to \$328 735 Further I move to approve the purchase and installation of a Motorola interface module and accessories for radio communication for the Mobile Command Post from ComSource Inc 2130 Austan Dr Rochester Hills MI in the amount of \$2 735 Motion carried by all members present **Item 15 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA PATROL LAPTOP REPLACEMENTS (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the reprogramming of capital from Police Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 0000 Item 1 Vehicle Replacement (6) to Police Computer Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 2580 Item 18 Laptop Replacements (5) in the amount of \$7 645 00 Further I move approve the purchase of five (5) Motorola Patrol Laptop MW800 replacements from Motorola 20060 Fort #202 Riverview MI 48193 via a State of Michigan Bid in the amount of \$40 644 25—Police Computer Capital Outlay 207 301 977 2580 Item 18 Motion carried by all members present **Item 16 AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE AV CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - BUDGET AMENDMENT (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments to Fire and Police for the purchase of equipment and installation of Audio Visual Control Center for the Emergency Operations Center **FIRE FUND** Increase Revenue Fund Balance Appropriation #206 000 699 0000 \$13 051 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment #206 336 977 0000 \$13 051 This budget amendment increases the FY2006 Fire Fund Budget from \$9 889 100 to \$9 902 151 **POLICE FUND** Increase (Decrease)Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment #207 301 977 0000 \$13 050 Contribution to Fund Balance #207 301 999 0000 (13 050) This budget amendment does not change the FY2006 Police Fund total of \$13 954 150 Further I move to approve the purchase of equipment and installation of Audio Visual Control Center for the Emergency Operations Center from ProVideo Systems Inc 26471 Southpoint Rd Perrysburg OH 43551 in the amount of \$26 101 Motion carried by all members present **Item 17 APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRUCKS - PARKS DIVISION. (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to award the purchase of 3 full size work trucks including four wheel drive heavy duty towing package rust proofing and bedliner with snow plow and attachments for the snow plow to Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program through Red Holman Pontiac/GMC 35300 Ford Road Westland MI 48185 in the amount of \$71 319 (Parks Division Capital Account 101 270 977 000) Motion carried by all members present **Item 18 AWARD BID FOR THE 2006 CANTON LEISURE SERVICES INFLATABLE ATTRACTIONS (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for inflatable attractions to Eccentric Entertainment 5870 Safety Dr Belmont MI 49306 in an amount not to exceed \$17 950 to be paid from the Recreation Budget Contracted Services account #101 691 818 4000 Special Events \$13 961 account #101 691 818 3000, Youth Development \$2 992 and Canton Sports Center Program and Activities account #101 755 742 0000 \$997 Motion carried by all members present **Item 19 PURCHASE GAS AND DIESEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS. (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to Oakland Fuels 3943 Airport Rd Waterford MI 48329 in the amount of \$65 000 Funds are available in the 2006 Parks budget account # 101 270 860 0000/Transportation # 101 270 930 0000/Maintenance and Repair and the 2006 Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584 756 860 000/Transportation Motion carried by all members present **Item 20 APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT PHEASANT RUN (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve an incentive based pay contract with Greg Bores as Golf Professional with a base salary not to exceed \$34 440 and an additional incentive as outlined on the attached not to exceed \$50 000 (Golf Course Fund - Part Time/Seasonal Salaries Account # 584 756 706 0000) Motion carried by all members present **Item 21 BUDGET AMENDMENTS GENERAL FUND PART TIME CLERICAL POSITION FUNDED BY DDA - CONTRIBUTION TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to provide funding for additional post employment benefits contributions and clerical/ intern costs to be reimbursed by the Canton Downtown Development Authority Increase Revenues Contribution from DDA #101 000 676 2940 \$ 25 700 Appropriation from fund balance 101 000 699 0000 148,450 Total \$174 150

Increase Appropriations Salaries Economic Development #101 728 705 0000 \$ 23 700 Fringe Benefits Economic Develop 101 728 720 0000 2 000 Transfer to Post Employment Benefits 101 959 965 7360 148,450 Total \$174 150

This budget amendment increases the Economic Development Department budget from \$101 887 to \$127 587 the Transfers Division budget from \$3 406 902 to \$3 555 352 and the General Fund budget from \$27 601 131 to \$27 775 281 Motion carried by all members present **Item 22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CARRYOVER OF FY2005 OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS TO FY2006 (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendments in the 2006 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2005

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General	\$ 27 601 131	\$ 306 368	27 907 499
Fire	9 889 100	295 226	10 184 326
Police	13 954 150	76 221	14,030 371
Community Center	3 272 147	1 100	3,273 247
Cable TV	1 128 541	870	1 129 411
911 Service	326 000	2 344	328 344
Capital Proj Roads	1 527 000	1 205 401	2 732 401
Golf Course	2 359 602	9 972	2,369 574
Water & Sewer	30 124 926	560 899	30 685 825
Saltz Rd SAD	0	3 164	3 164

Motion carried by all members present **Item 23 PURCHASE 17 DELL BRAND DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS, 4 HEWLETT PACKARD/COMPAQ BRAND FILE SERVERS & 1 MICROSOFT SQL SERVER LICENSE (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to remove from the table from the February 14 2006 Board meeting Motion carried by all members present Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of 17 Dell brand Computers 4 Hewlett Packard Compaq brand file servers and 1 Microsoft SQL Server License for a total price not to exceed \$52 200 Motion carried by all members present **Item 24 LEASE RENEWAL FOR SHELDON SCHOOL (ACSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve renewal of the Lease with Starfish Family Services for use of Sheldon School as a Head Start site for a five year term beginning April 1 2006, and ending March 31 2011 Motion carried by all members present **Item 25 APPROVE AMENDED PART-TIME/ SEASONAL/ TEMPORARY WAGE SCALE (ACSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the revised the Part time/Seasonal/ Temporary wage scale to be effective April 1 2006 Motion carried by all members present **Item 26 APPROVAL OF CANTON POLICE COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS) POLICE OFFICERS COUNCIL CONTRACT (ACSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Canton Township and the Canton Police Command Officers Association (Lieutenants and Sergeants) Police Officers Council to run from January 1 2006 through December 31 2009 Motion carried by all members present **OTHER.** Supervisor Yack stated the next Board Study Session will be March 21 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building first floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 **ADJOURN** Motion by Zarbo supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 10:54 p.m. Motion carried by all members present - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton.mi.gov after Board Approval

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All for 'won'

The High Velocity Sports Alliance men's indoor soccer team placed first in its division at the National Indoor Soccer Championships held March 4-5 at High Velocity Sports in Canton Alliance, which is headed by HVS leading owner and former Detroit Rockers goalkeeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, won the title in the open men's division for the fifth time in six years Finnerty's former Rockers' teammates Rodrigo Gonzalez, Jaman Tripoli, Jason Willian and Alex Leon, along with former University of Michigan player Ryan Alexander and various ex-pros and amateur players from Columbus, OH and Milwaukee, WI, make up the team

LEDDY

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Basketball Association, which he participated in from elementary school until his freshman year at Salem During his middle school days, he was a regular at Salem games since his sister was a Rock cheer-leader

"I remember going to the games and going out on the court at halftime to shoot," Leddy said "I had a blast I couldn't wait until I got the opportunity to actually play for Salem"

During his eighth-grade year at Central Middle School, he became the first student to participate in five sports — softball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and track — in one school year

POSITIVE INFLUENCE

Once in high school, it didn't take long for Leddy to make a positive impact on the Salem basketball program His hustle and positive outlook were contagious, even in the face of several gut-wrenching losses during his two varsity seasons

"Sure, I wish we would have been more successful during the time I played," Leddy said "But the team never the losses get us down We worked so hard in practice from the beginning of the season until the end Coach Brodie taught us to always try

hard and never give up" Leddy, who carries a stellar 3.41 grade-point average, didn't hesitate when asked to single out his most memorable high school basketball highlight.

"My very last home game we beat Plymouth," he said "It was the first time we had beaten them, so it was a nice way to go out We had a hard time putting four good quarters together, but that night we did it"

ON TO THE DIAMOND

Once basketball season ended, Leddy turned his energies to Salem's baseball team An outfielder and pitcher, he played a key role in the Rocks' run to the Class A regional championship game last season They lost, 2-1, in extra innings, but not before giving No 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer a serious run for its money

"We didn't do real well during the regular season, but once the state tournament started, we put it all together," Leddy reflected "I was a little nervous before the game against Pioneer because I knew they had some possible future major league players on their team, but once the game started I was pumped

"We'll have a young team this year, but coach (Dale) Rumberger is an awesome coach and he'll get the best out of the team"

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND
REPROGRAMMING**

On April 11 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room first floor Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activities The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program The funding requests are First Step \$36,000 Growth Works \$8,800, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$20 500 Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$3 000 Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator \$6 500 Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$128 910 First Step Building Acquisition, \$20 000 CDBG program administration \$69 741 Affordable Housing Contingency, \$100 000 The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is \$373 707 There will be a second public hearing to reprogram FY 2003 Housing I of Purchase funds to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency The reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188 (734) 394 5194

Terry Bennett, Clerk

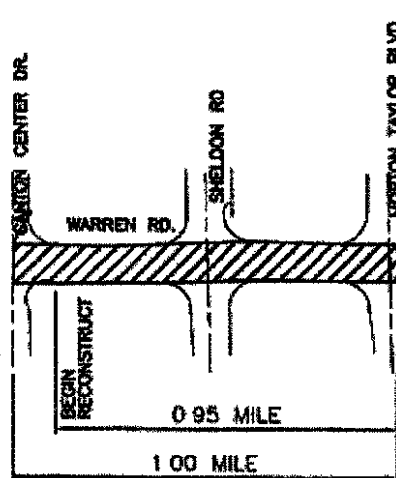
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**WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SERVICES IN COOPERATION
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ANNOUNCES A
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE
WARREN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
(CANTON CENTER TO MORTON TAYLOR)
CANTON TOWNSHIP**

March 29 2006
6:30 p.m.
at the
Summit on the Park
PDC Room Banquet Center
46000 Summit Parkway Canton Township

• Project Overview



- Construction schedule April 2006 to September 2006
- Road grading drainage and sidewalk improvement overview
- Three stage construction explanation
- Your opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns

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Get on the ball.
Read today's **SPORTS** coverage!

WHALERS

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Guadagnolo) has been outstanding. We've been playing without two of our leading scorers (Dan Collins and John Vigilante), but we have Vigilante back now and we're 6-3-1 over the last 10 games, so we'll be ready.

The Whalers enjoyed a taste of the playoff intensity that awaits them in Saturday's regular-season finale when they edged Saginaw, 3-2, in an overtime thriller that helped them clinch first place in the OHL's West Division. Evan Brophrey scored the game-winner just over three minutes into the overtime.

"There were some NHL guys at that game and they told me it was one of the best junior games they've seen all season," Vellucci said. "It had the intensity of a playoff game."

"I think it helped us playing in a lot of meaningful games down the stretch because we didn't rest anybody. Everybody will be ready to go."

The Whalers (35-28-1-4) flourished over the latter part of their schedule even without Collins, who was sidelined the final third of the season after suffering a knee injury. Collins' absence created an opportunity for several of his younger teammates to step up and fill the offensive void.

"Our scoring was really spread out, especially in the second half of the season," Vellucci said. "Guys like Andrew Fournier, Evan Brophrey and James Neal really stepped up. One of the best

things about our team is our depth."

Vigilante finished the regular season with a team high 77 points (24 goals and 53 assists), which was good enough for 31st in the OHL's top scorers category. Brophrey notched 61 points, Neal contributed 58 and blue liner Steve Ward netted 47 points. Collins, who may return to the ice if the Whalers go deep into the playoffs, recorded 26 goals and 23 assists in just 44 games.

The Spitfires are paced by Cal O'Reilly, who racked up 18 goals and an OHL-high 81 helpers. O'Reilly's 99 points placed him ninth on the league's scoring list. O'Reilly was complemented on the offensive side of the red line by teammates Bryan Bickell (83 points), Patrick Davis (68), Ryan Garlock (52) and Peter Aston (52).

Based on the stellar goal-tending both teams were stocked with this season, three goals a game could be the magic number. Justin Peters sparked for the Whalers after being acquired in a Dec. 9 trade with Toronto for Ryan Nie. The playoff veteran has compiled a 3-1-4 goals-against average, 910 save percentage and 29-21 2-2 record.

Justin has been great since we got him, Vellucci said. "He's played in the OHL conference finals three times already. He's been an outstanding leader both on and off the ice for us."

Guadagnolo has been spectacular for the Spits, notching five shutouts, a 2-75 goals-against average and 916 save percentage.

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Ahern shocked and honored by award

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At first, Kara Ahern was 'floor'ed.

Moments later, she was "beam"ing.

Those were Ahern's initial reactions after the Canton gymnastics standout found out she was the recipient of the "2006 Kim Rennolds Senior Gymnast of the Year" award, which is presented annually to the high school gymnast who is judged by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association to be the sport's best ambassador.

The award, which is accompanied by a \$500 college scholarship, was presented moments after the conclusion of the Michigan High School State Gymnastics Meet March 11 at Troy Athens High School. "I was shocked when I heard my name," remembered Ahern. "I had no idea. My coach did a good job of keeping it a secret. Then, after it set in, I was excited and extremely honored."

Rennolds, a former Canton gymnast and the first winner of the "Michigan Gymnast of the Year Award" in 1993, died in May of 1996 when the Value Jet plane she was a passenger on crashed into the Florida Everglades.

"Kara is one of those gymnasts that every coach would want to have on their team, that

every parent would want to adopt," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "She's worked hard and had a great attitude since joining the program four years ago. She's what this award is all about — a great ambassador for the sport."

She's also an extremely talented gymnast, having earned All-State status after placing eighth on the balance beam at the Division 1 state meet.

Ahern encountered her first balance beam at the age of 3 when she attended a class at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics.

It turned out to be love at first vault.

"I liked the sport right away," she said. "I quit for a couple of years before high school, but I got right back into it my freshman year at Canton. It took me a little while to get back into the routine, but I improved every year after my freshman season."

Ahern said one of the highlights of her senior season was the opportunity to serve as a captain.

Being a captain, I got to know all the girls better than I would have if I wasn't a captain," said Ahern, who will take a 3.5 grade point average to Eastern Michigan University in the fall. "I enjoyed working with the younger gymnasts, no matter what their age or ability was."

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Canton gymnast Kara Ahern was presented with the "Kim Rennolds Michigan Senior Gymnast of the Year Award" at the state gymnastics meet March 11 at Troy Athens. A senior captain, Ahern earned All-State honors on the balance beam.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MAY 2, 2006 ELECTION FOR PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that April 3, 2006 is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday May 2, 2006. 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 Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail in registration will be accepted postmarked by

April 3, 2006

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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see a player other than the goalie standing still. When people come to one of our games for the first time, they're hooked. And once the kids play it for the first time, they love it. They can't put the sticks down."

Costello is optimistic heading into the 2006 campaign, thanks largely to a solid effort the Warriors turned in at this past weekend's Motor City Shootout scrimmage at Detroit Country Day High School.

So far, so good, he said. I was pleased with how far we are at this point compared to last year. We had a lot more work to do last season to get to where we are now. Now it's my job to make sure we consistently improve every day. We have to keep working hard to stay up with the level of competition we'll be playing this season.

"One of the main reasons I'm optimistic is because the boys started a strength-and-conditioning program back in January. It's been great for camaraderie and communication. They're willing to support one another. They know their teammates have their back."

Senior goalie Chris Sorensen (Salem) will anchor this year's squad. Entering his third year of lacrosse, the tri-captain earned third team all-state recognition as a junior.

"We ask our goalies to do three things: stop the ball, clear the ball and communicate, and Chris does all three things very well," Costello said. "Working with our goalie coach Kevin Riley for the past three seasons, Chris has transformed himself into an all-state player."

The defensemen Sorensen will be communicating with the most this season are juniors Brian Walsh (Salem), Rob Zaumseil and Ken Herzfeld, and senior John Sidor, one of the team's three four-year players.

"All of these guys are very good positional players," Costello said. "They're always where they're supposed to be."

Among the players manning the Warriors' midfield will be senior captain Johnny Groat (Salem), John Savino (Salem), Josh Shifferd (Canton), Nick Saia (Canton) and Mike Cooley (Canton).

"John Groat brings speed and an outstanding knowledge of the game to our defense," Costello said. "He's our leader on the field. He's a good, all-around player."

"Mike Cooley will be our long-stuck middle. He played really well this past weekend."

Leading the PCS offense will be attackers Mitch French (Canton), Jared Ruark (Plymouth) and Nick Cote (Plymouth). French, a four-year player, netted six goals in a key playoff victory over

Northville last season.

"Mitch is a solid player and a good scorer," Costello said. "Jared is a tireless worker who has gotten a lot better by playing in a challenging summer league. He has a great shot and he knows a lot about the game, so we look to him to help out the younger guys."

The Warriors open their 2006 campaign April 6 at Ypsilanti. Their home opener is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, against Northville on the P-CEP junior varsity football field located just south of Plymouth High School.

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Puck champs

The CAHA Squirt hockey team won the Big Bear Cross Roads tournament held in Chicago recently. Pictured (front row from left) are Evan Joseph, Sam Flesher, Jonathan Clark, Camrin Wolford, Ryan Desjardin, David Strong, Trevor Mac, Dylan Letizio (second row from left) Cooper Bates, Adam Gosztyla, Matt Clemons, Brian Eastman, Joey Johnson (back row from left) coaches Doug

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE BY AUCTION
LIVE OR ON THE INTERNET OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

ORDINANCE NO. C 06 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION LIVE OR ON THE INTERNET OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY PROVIDING FOR A RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AUCTION SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROCESS BY THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND/OR THE SUPERVISOR PROVIDING FOR REPORTS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD UPON THE CONSUMMATION OF THE SALE PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

SECTION 1. SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY BY AUCTION, RECOMMENDATION, SUPERVISION, REPORT, POLICIES.

When it is determined by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth that the sale of unneeded property by means of auction including electronic auction is necessary and reasonable in the exercise of the Township Board's fiduciary duty to obtain the best price for property to be sold the Board may authorize such sale. If a minimum bid is advisable the Board shall set a minimum bid that will be accepted for the property. Such auction of Township property shall only occur upon the recommendation and under the supervision of the appropriate department head and/or the Township Supervisor and the results of the auction shall be reported to the Township Board at the next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting. All Township policies inconsistent herewith are hereby amended to comply with this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SUPERVISION ACCOUNT.

Any account on eBay should be set up in the Township's name and the department head supervising the process shall be responsible for handling all questions about the item being sold its condition inspection by potential purchasers pictures of the item and delivery/pick up. The Board shall also designate the account to be credited with the sale proceeds.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Unless otherwise provided any person corporation partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance except as herein provided are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section subsection clause phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance as amended.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of March 2006 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL Clerk

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MU hitters hope to shake cold start

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Cold start or not, head coach Greg Haeger still believes in his Madonna University baseball team. Haeger, whose team took on Rochester in a Wednesday doubleheader to open MU's Hlitch Ballpark, is willing to give his players some time to shake off the ill effects of a 3-11-1 stretch - compiled on spring trips to California and Tennessee. "The teams we played, they have played 20 more games than us," said Haeger before Tuesday's practice. "We're just starting our season. We're playing teams in California that have been on the field since January. It shows."

It remains to be seen whether the Crusaders (40-16 in 2005) can be strong enough to win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, which was predicted in a pre-season poll. The Crusaders also were ranked 17th nationally in pre-season polls by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coaches Association and Collegiate Baseball Magazine.

But Haeger is optimistic that the Crusaders will cruise, thanks to pitchers such as senior All-American Derek Dufrane (Belleville), Westland John Glenn alum Will Kennedy and lefthanded transfer student Eric Wendling. His lineup also features punch, with seniors Jason Barbeau, Todd Kalmbach and newcomer Ben Ramsey, among others.

STILL BETTER

"We're pretty talented," Haeger continued. "We have a lot of guys who can do a lot of good things and I really still like our chances to win the conference." "This is a better team than last year, that won the conference." Dufrane should be able to minimize any slumps with his pitching ability. Last year, he walked 10 and fanned 90 in 80 innings while winning 10 of 12 decisions. "Derek's one of the best pitchers we've ever had here," said Haeger, starting his 10th season at the MU helm (210-202). "He has good stuff and he keeps it over the plate."



Madonna sophomore David Herrick, a Westland native who graduated from Livonia Churchill, dives back to the base during a spring game in California.

Next in the rotation is Kennedy, who is off to a sensational start with a 1-0 record and ERA of 0.52 in three starts.

"He's throwing the ball extremely well," Haeger noted. "And he's a sophomore, so it's good to see an underclassman come along like that."

Wendling, a junior transferee from Mott Community College is flame-thrower off to a 1-1 start. He defeated No. 6-ranked Point Loma Nazarene for one of Madonna's California-trip highlights.

Other key pitchers will include senior righties Clint LaFontaine and Greg Spanel.

"We have fantastic depth at pitcher," Haeger said. "It should be the best part of the team."

Those pitchers will be throwing mostly to senior Justin Fabian (All-WHAC, 294 in '05) although others vying for time behind the dish in a backup role include senior Nick Hippler (Farmington Hills), sophomore Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) and fresh-

man Zack Flavin. Back at first is senior Kalmbach, who led the team in hitting last season with a .370 average and is off to a .319 start this year.

Herrick and freshman Matt Rodeghier (Redford Catholic Central) will back up Kalmbach.

Four players will primarily be rotating between second base, shortstop and third base.

LINEUP OPTIONS

All-conference returnee Barbeau, who hit .299 out of the top of the lineup, is rounding back into shape after missing practice time with a broken thumb. But the second baseman didn't lose his batting stroke, hitting .321 entering Wednesday's games.

"He's a quick kid with leadership on the field," Haeger said. "He's solid defensively." Junior Kyle Fedorka will back Barbeau up at second - when he's not starting games at shortstop. So far this spring, he's leading the Crusaders with a .333 average.

Another infielder to be reckoned with is Ramsey, a 2003 draft pick of the major-league Colorado Rockies. Ramsey hit 11 homers in 2005 at Indiana Tech and is expected to see plenty of playing time either at short or third.

"He has a lot of power potential," Haeger said.

Last year's third baseman, junior Gary Van Allen, also is in the mix. He hit .280 last year and provided steady defense.

Infield reserves of note include junior Matt Humenay (Westland/Churchill) and sophomore Dan Valente.

Haeger also has choices in the outfield, with four players being rotated.

Senior Kevin Entsminger, a transfer student from Coastal Carolina University who went to high school at Redford Catholic Central (.430 his senior season) is encountering some struggles at bat this spring. But Entsminger is "great defensively, the kid goes and gets a lot of stuff" in center, Haeger said.

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Madonna softball team handles loss of key players with class

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Some college softball teams would be in a state of flux due to having three top players graduate.

But not Madonna University, which is off to a 10-0 start despite the loss of 2005 grads Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood), Krystle Shina (Farmington Hills Mercy) and Mary Warchuck. The Crusaders will look to stay unbeaten in the home opener, scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday against Spring Arbor.

"Last year we were already talking about this team and what we'd have coming," said Crusaders head coach Al White, whose 2005 squad finished 29-13. "I don't think we're going to miss a beat."

Joining a stellar cast of returnees led by senior pitcher Erin Brockert (WHAC Pitcher of the Year in 2005) are three top recruits - who White said are already alleviating the sting of the aforementioned graduations.

One is sophomore first baseman Christina Finch. The transferee from Concordia University is expected to bat cleanup and she's already doing that job very well. After the recent undefeated spring trip to Florida, Finch had a .345 average along with three home runs and nine RBI.

Four other newcomers, all freshmen, are also being counted on for some big contributions as MU strives towards goals of winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title and ultimately qualifying for the national tournament.

Catcher Alson Grant (Carlton Airport), third baseman Danielle Richardson (Lapeer West) and outfielders Mary Kate Setta (Chelsea) and Hannah Godfrey (Waterford Mott) are seeing consistent playing time. White, meanwhile, is satisfied with the early results from the young quartet.

She (Grant) has a good bat," White said. "We've got to get her in there somewhere, somehow."

As of now, Grant is backing up sophomore catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood). Day was an all-WHAC first-team selection in 2005 after posting a .325 average along with five homers and 29 RBI.

"It's a good problem to have," White said.

Richardson begins the year starting at third, and she brings a .286 average into Thursday's home opener. Her two-run single helped MU win the 10th game of the spring trek, March 9 against Urbane.

White will divide left field between power-hitting Setta and strong-armed defender Godfrey. As of Thursday, Setta sported a .417 average, but Godfrey wasn't far behind (.400).

TOP RETURNEES

The first-year Crusaders join an impressive cast of returnees.

Brockert went 17-5 with a 1.69 ERA on the mound last season, but she also carried a heavy bat - registering a .399 batting average along with 35 RBI. Her efforts were rewarded with selection to the all-conference first team.

So far this spring, she's 7-0 with a microscopic ERA of 0.32 and has struck out 42 in 38 innings of work. At the plate, Brockert already has 11 RBI, hitting at a .367 clip.

But more than her on-field talent, White said Brockert's off-field leadership is a big reason for the cohesiveness of the team.

"She has really helped turn our program the right way, with her work ethic and determination," the coach noted. "And with her leadership."

Other pitchers for MU include lefthanded junior Shannon Noder, sophomore Laz Ballinger and freshman Alyssa Wagner.

Madonna's middle infield is unchanged from last season with senior Stacey Sexsmith and sophomore shortstop and Garden City alum Lynzee Smith. Both struggled at the plate in 2005, but White is already witnessing improvement.

Sexsmith, a .231 hitter last year, hit .481 on the spring trip. Smith, who hit about .200 in 2005, registered a .259 average in Florida and contributed two homers and eight RBI.

"We know she has pop in her bat," White noted. "I think she's on the right track."

The rest of the outfield will feature senior Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) and sophomore Heather Richardson (Plymouth Canton) in center and right, respectively.

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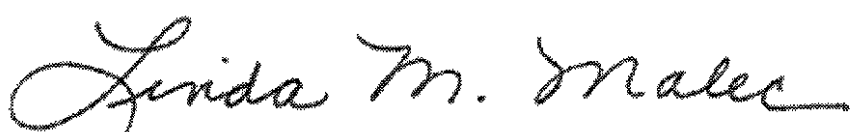
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Applicants must complete an application form. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 7, 2006. You may print an application from the OCC website or to receive an application form by mail contact the OCC Job Hotline at (248)341 2023. Refer to Position 06C07 10431

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Needed for small Livonia company seeking candidate to fill office assistant position. Individual must possess general knowledge of accounting & ins de sales/customer service. Must have working knowledge of MS Office products. Email resume to hrdeptmgr@tds.net or fax to 734 427 2954

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City of Farmington Hills DPW Part time day entry position (30 hrs per wk) Input vehicle/parts into Reg Office & data entry experience. High School grad or equivalent type 35 wpm exp computer skills. Hourly rate \$10.80 (hrs 8am-2:30pm). Application & posting www.ci.farmingtonhills.mi.us Human Resources Department 31555 W 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills MI 48336 EOE

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GCYBSA registration

Local youths can still register for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association by picking up registration forms at the Canton Sports Center or the Summit On the Park

For more information or if you have questions, call (734) 394-5489

Baseball tryouts

The U9 Canton Cardinals travel baseball team has openings for the 2006 season. GCYBSA fees already paid can be applied to team costs.

Tryouts will be held March 29. For more information, call Jim at (734) 658-2446

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School. The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or at pcmymers@hotmail.com

Adult softball

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session I adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational mens and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring.

Registration started March 1 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin

in early- or mid-April and conclude in early-July, depending on the day the league is held.

All leagues will have a doubleheader schedule format. Friday leagues will have a 12-game schedule, Monday through Thursday leagues will play 18 games, and Sunday night leagues will play 16 games.

Registration for Session II will begin June 1.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600, or visit csc.canton-mi.org

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering an adult women's softball league beginning May 9 and an adult coed softball league beginning May 7. The per-team entry fee for the 11-game leagues is \$460. For more information, call (248) 449-9947

Youth hockey

Youth hockey players can skate on the same ice as the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and have fun at the same time.

The Compuware Sports Arena is gearing up for its 2006 Youth Spring League, a house league that runs from April 1 to May 31. Sign-up costs run from \$210 (midgets and mites) to \$220 (squirrel) and \$235 (pee wee).

The registration deadline is March 13. Parents must provide a copy of their children's birth certificate and proof of USA Hockey membership — usually a USA Hockey membership card, an IMR form or a copy of your 2005-06 roster. Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team

registration fees. Registration forms can be picked up at the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at www.compuwarehockey.com. For more information, call (734) 453-6400

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2006 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in the school's gymnasium. OLGC is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006). Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St.

Marys of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed.

For more information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net, or (734) 737-9935

Also, information about the program can be found at www.olgcfotball.net

Ann Arbor run

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4. The featured race is the

RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship. Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborryun.com

Youth golf

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held Thursday, July 20, at 4 p.m. at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION CITY OF PLYMOUTH ELECTORS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Please take notice that an Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006, IS MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006

PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 4:30 IN THE EVENING ON APRIL 3, 2006, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

To register visit any Secretary of State branch office or your County or City Clerk's Office. Persons planning to register with the respective County or City Clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the Clerk's Office is open for registration.

This notice is given by order of the State of Michigan

Linda J. Langmesser CMC, Clerk City of Plymouth

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2022	Windham	Sports/hshd
4016	Byars	Learn/dev
4025	Osborne	Household
4064	Barbara	Household
5018	Newsome	Household
6002	Douglass	Safe
Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313 277 2000		
1012	X Rally Inc	Business equipment
Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522 7811		
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2095	Thompson Searcy	Household Items
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2003	Smith	Household Items
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3010	Reno	Household Items
3036	Ryan	Household Items
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5045	Harris	Household Items
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6105	Phillips	Household Items
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5152	Butler	Household & Suzuki
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3196	Tolbert	Household Items
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Fish fry dinners

4 30 7 30 p.m. Friday March 24 31 and April 7 14 (dinner starts at 3 30 p.m. Good Friday April 14) in addition to dinners of hand battered fried and baked fish choices include salmon patty and pierogi and \$5 macaroni and cheese and pizza dinners at St Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Cost is \$8 \$6 children Carry out dinners available at same prices For questions call (734) 462 1222

Catholic men's conference

8 a.m. to 3 30 p.m. Saturday March 25 at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall 4001 W McNichols Tickets \$40 in advance \$50 at the door To register go online to www.mensfellowship.com call (734) 459 9558 for registration or brochure or Jeff Allen at (248) 761 5993 for more information Presented by Archdiocese of Detroit and Knights of Columbus

Lenten dinner

Spud tacular potato dinner 5 30 p.m. Sunday March 26 at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia Cost is \$6 adults \$4 children \$22 family All proceeds go to support the Society of St Andrew's which helps feed the hungry Menu includes potatoes with all the top pins salad rolls and dessert At 6 30 p.m. Bob Stead performs a variety of tunes on his collection of flutes Call (734) 422 6038

Faith Promise event

Tony Twist CEO and president of TCM International Institute (prepares men and women for Christian leadership and provides benevolent assistance in Eastern Europe) speaks 9 30 a.m.

10 45 a.m. 11 a.m. and 6 30 p.m. Sunday March 26 at Memorial Church 35475 Five Mile between Farmington and Levan Livonia All events free and open to public

Lenten Vespers

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts services March 26 Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross at St Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church 29150 10 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 471 1059 April 2 Sunday of St John Climacus at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 20500 Anglin Detroit (313) 366 0677 and April 9 Sunday of St Mary of Egypt at St Paul Macedonian Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral 700 N Beech Daly Dearborn Heights (313) 565 9863 For information contact the Very Rev Michael Matsko Holy Transfiguration Church Livonia at (248) 476 3432 or mmatsko@twmrr.com

Blood drive

2 8 p.m. Monday March 27 at Bova VFW Post 9885 Hall at 6440 N Hix Westland Walk ins welcome appointments encouraged Call (734) 728 3231 (734) 377 8329

Luncheon series

Ecumenical Lenten series hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for churches of Plymouth noon to 12 30 p.m. service 12 30 1 p.m. soup and bread lunch Wednesday March 29 and April 5 at 701 Church Street Donation to benefit Salvation Army

Lent program

Wednesday March 29 and April 5 6 p.m. Taize prayer and song 6 30 p.m. program with meal service project

and prayer at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Lenten schedule

Services 7 30 p.m. Wednesday March 29 and April 5 (nursery available) at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414 or visit http://holycrosslivonia.org Holy Week services Palm Sunday April 9 at 9 30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7 30 p.m. Good Friday April 14 Reflections on the Passion 12 30 2 p.m. and Tenebrae Worship Service at 8 p.m. Easter Vigil April 15 at 8 p.m. and Easter Sunday April 16 at 7 a.m. 9 30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Forum

Standing up for peace in a world of conflict 7 9 p.m. Thursday March 30 at Hope United Methodist Church 26275 Northwestern near Lahser Southfield Call (248) 356 1020 ext. 137

Karaoke night

6 30 p.m. Friday March 31 at Knox Hall in Ward Presbyterian Church Northville Solo or group singers welcome but registration required by March 27 to perform Tickets \$5 Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

Two-part seminar

The Art of Pro Life Persuasion presented by Right to Life LIFESPAN 6 30 9 p.m. Friday March 31 and 8 30 a.m. to noon Saturday April 1 at Dearborn Evangelical Covenant Church 18575 W Outer Drive Cost is \$15 Registration required Call (248) 478 8878

School registration

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK 8 for the 2006 2007 school year at 9600 Leverage Redford After school care 3 6 p.m. Call (734) 937 2233 for information

Lenten Bible study

Pastor Herschel Ele leads a Lenten Bible Study 6 20 7 10 p.m. Wednesdays at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt one block south of Ford The church continues Sunday services with an adult Bible study at 8 30 a.m. traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday adult Bible Study at 11 a.m. Call (734) 421 7620

Lenten programs

Runs Wednesdays to April 5 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 All welcome to 6 p.m. Evening Prayer 6 30 p.m. Lenten Supper 7 p.m. Story of Anglicanism and the Episcopal church

Lenten services

10 a.m. Sundays through Lent and Easter Sunday and 7 30 p.m. Holy Thursday April 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860

UPCOMING

Remarriage workshop

Rethinking marriage when thinking remarriage 9 a.m. to noon Saturday April 1 Room C317/C319 at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville A fee of \$5 at the door includes workshop materials and continental breakfast This workshop is a must do for singles and those who are planning/praying to remarry someday Call (248) 374 5920

Classic senior singles

7 p.m. Saturday April 1 in room C317 Do you feel overwhelmed by crises or circumstances beyond your control? Join us as Paul Clough discusses steps to change our lives and become triumphant survivors through the Lord rather than be victims of our life situations No ticket/reservation required Call (248) 374 5920

Potluck dinner

5 30 p.m. Sunday April 2 at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 422 6038 The dinner is followed by a musical program by Rev Joon Yoo pastor of the Amen Korean Methodist Church of Novi

Sacred cantata

St Robert Bellarmine adult choir presents The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore DuBols 7 p.m. Sunday April 2 at the church 27101 West Chicago at Inkster Redford No charge (313) 937 1500

Rummage sale

The sale presented by the Congregational Church of Birmingham UCC opens Wednesday April 5 with early admission at 4 p.m. for \$3 followed by free admission from 5 8 p.m. at the church 1000 Cranbrook on the southwest corner of Woodward Bloomfield Hills The sale continues 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday April 6 with a 1/2 price sale (on most items) from 1 4 p.m. and bag sale on most remaining items 5 7 p.m. No strollers due to limited space All net proceeds benefit out reach/charitable programs of the church

Musical program

Men of Grace release party for their new CD The Hymns Project Volume 1 7 p.m. Friday April 7 at Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy No charge Call (248) 335 1222

Rummage sale

9 30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday April 7 and 9 30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday April 8 in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty Livonia \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday

One quarter of proceeds will be donated to Lutheran Social Services (for victims of Hurricane Katrina living in Michigan) Starfish Family Services and Ecumenical Theological Seminary Library In addition part of the profits will assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to Indiana on a mission project

Potluck dinner

6 30 p.m. Sunday April 9 with the Cass Ambassadors a group of previously homeless men who travel the area spreading their musical message of hope and salvation at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 422 6038 A free will offering will be taken Dessert and coffee to follow program in Fellowship Hall

Holy week services

7 30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 13 7 30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Shadows April 14 and 8 30 a.m. 9 50 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday April 16 at St John Lutheran Church ELCA 23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills Call (248) 474 0584

Last Supper re-enactment

7 30 p.m. Thursday April 13 presented by Wayne Westland First United Methodist Church and First Congregational Church of Wayne at Three Town Square Wayne Open to public No charge but a love offering will be taken Call (734) 721 9300 or (734) 721 4801

Maundy Thursday service

7 30 p.m. April 13 in the sanctuary at St James Presbyterian Church 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Lecture

Life and Death Joy and Reality by Sister Ann Stamm doctorate of ministry 7 8 30 p.m. Wednesday April 26 at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia Sister Stamm is a religion professor at Madonna University She served as a police chaplain for more than 25 years The presentation focus on life and death as gifts to be cherished

Concert

BUILDING429 and TAIT perform music while showing segments of the reality TV series Travel the Road about two young missionaries 7 30 p.m. Thursday April 27 at Faith Baptist Church 3411 Airport Road Waterford Tickets \$24 reserved \$18 general admission Call (888) 627 5808

Crafters wanted

For the St Thomas a Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 2 at 555 S Lilley Road Canton The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only Call (734) 981 1333

ONGOING

Lutheran course

For all Lutherans old new and any one in between began 7 8 30 p.m. Tuesday Feb 7 and continues weekly through March 28 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Purpose Driven Life

Members friends and neighbors of St Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia Plymouth Canton Northville Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent All faiths are welcome Call (248) 349 3140 for more information

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11 30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia Any questions call (734) 464 0990 Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month The Thursday group 7 9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church Plymouth and Hubbard Livonia The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible The Thursday group The Letters of St Paul from Prison Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series For information call (734) 261 1455

Church activities

St James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10 15 a.m. at 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Exercise series

A weekly class on exercise and fitness began 6 45 p.m. Monday Jan 30 and runs to March 20 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Call Linda Hollman at (734) 522 6830

Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required began 9 30 11 a.m. Tuesday Jan 31 at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Livonia The units include

the Old Testament (March 14 21 28) the New Testament (April 11 18 25 and May 2 and Gospels (May 16 23 30 and June 6) Each session includes video presentation small and large group discussions Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5 After that the cost is \$10 To register call (734) 425 5950

Bible studies

Began 6 30 p.m. Sunday Jan 8 7 p.m. Wednesday Jan 11 (with family dinner at 6 15 p.m.) and 9 15 a.m. Thursday Jan 19 (for women the Bible study is based on the book of Luke) at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 6722

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center the classes began 10 30 a.m. Sunday Jan 8 and 8 p.m. Wednesday Jan 11 at 5595 W Maple West Bloomfield The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students Call (248) 855 6170 ext 1 or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St Michael's Church of Livonia corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service For information call (734) 261 5331

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422 1470

Fall Sunday services

8 30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9 30 a.m. Bible study and 10 30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia

Unity of Livonia

Services 9 30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Call (734) 421 1760

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan Call (248) 477 8974

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Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6 15 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four miles south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays includes dinner and child care Call (734) 699 3361

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and back grounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Tutors will work on a one to one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language No charge To register call (734) 525 0191 or (734) 522 6830

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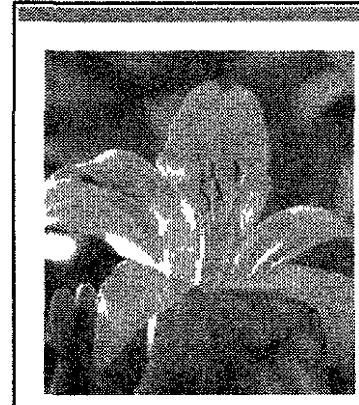
If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one here's square one 7 8 30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia Call (734) 425 5950 to register

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia) is registering children age 4 and up for Sunday school Financial assistance available Special discounts for new members For more information call (248) 477 8974

Services

St John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5 30 p.m. Saturdays Also Sunday traditional worship services are 8 30 a.m. and 11 a.m. contemporary service is at 9 50 a.m. and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9 45 a.m. Call (248) 474 0584 for more information



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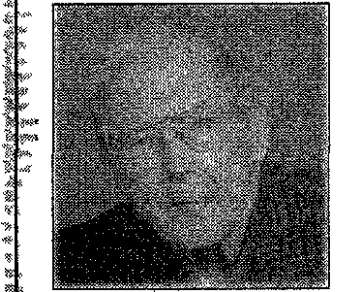
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ANDREW PAUL HOLMLUND

Age 9 March 20 2006 Loving son of Robin and Brian Dear brother of Morgan Dearest grandson of Connie and Lee Wells of Cedar Rapids Iowa and Robert and Sandy Holmlund of Hudson Iowa Andrew will be missed by his Aunts Uncles Cousins and many friends Visitation Friday 2 5 & 6 9pm from McCabe Funeral Home 851 N Canton Ctr Rd Funeral Saturday instate 9 30am mass 10 30am from St Thomas a Becket Catholic Church 11110 of flowers memorials may be made Special Days Camps Make A Wish or Kaleidoscope Hospice Please visit www.mccabefuneralhome.com to read Andrew's story and submit memories

BERNICE FOUNTAIN

Age 94 of Plymouth died March 19 2006 She was born December 5 1911 in Garfield Michigan She came to the Plymouth community in 1935 from St Charles Michigan She was a retired registered nurse and the Head of the Medical Division at the Detroit House of Correction She was a member of the Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star She was very active in the Plymouth community Her family was of utmost importance to her and she was a loving mother grandmother and sister She is survived by her son Harry (Claudette) Fountain Jr her grandchildren Nathan and Ian (Melissa) Fountain and her sister Emma (Clayton) Peters She is preceded in death by her husband Harry Fountain Sr Private services held Memorials may be made to the Adventist Development and Relief Organization at the Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church 4295 Napier Rd Plymouth MI 48170 Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home

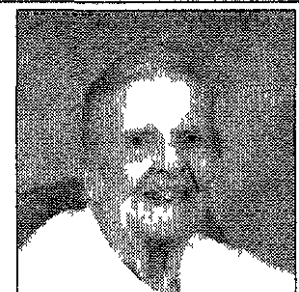


BRUCE "H.B." RICHARD

Age 86 lifelong resident of Plymouth died March 18 2006 Beloved husband of Doris Loving father of Nancy (Daniel) Earle David (Barbara) Richard and Michael J (Laura MacKimmie) Richard Dearest grandfather of six and great grandfather of seven Brother of Dorothy Midge Jewell Also survived by several nieces and nephews Services were held Tuesday, March 21 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Lions Foundation the Plymouth Historical Society or Angela Hospice

HELEN B KELLY

Age 82 of Plymouth March 21 2006 Beloved wife of the late Thomas Dear mother of Thomas Maureen (Ken) Hawthorne Dr Brian (Esperanza) and Kathleen Also leaves three grandsons Visitation Sunday 3 9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth In state Monday 10am until 10 30am Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery To leave a message of condolence log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



MARILYN L. MOSSER

March 18, 2006 Loving mother of Cynthia (Mark) Cox Kathy (Mark) Adams and Chris Beloved grandmother of Melissa Matthew Tiffany and Kristy Sister of Richard Kraatz Funeral Services Friday at 10 00 A.M. at the R.G. & G.R. Harns Funeral Home 31551 Ford Road Garden City Visitation Wednesday from 4 9 P.M. and Thursday from 3 9 p.m.

MILTON DEAN WEST

Passed away peacefully in his home in Livonia on March 20 2006 He is survived by his loving wife Irene his son Paul his step daughter Sandy and his six grandchildren Chris Julie Philip Jack Jimmy and Nicki of whom he was very proud He also leaves behind his two sisters Nonita and Donna, and many other relatives from a large, loving family from Illinois Milt was a man of courage quiet strength eternal optimism and enthusiasm He had a very quick wit and was an encyclopedia of knowledge able to complete challenging crossword puzzles in a New York minute and deliver an infinite number of jokes always with perfect timing He loved classical music bowling and most of all golf having played with a group of buddies for decades Prior to his retirement Milt worked in advertising and public relations for Ford Motor Company for over 35 years We will all dearly miss his endless smile and constant twinkle Memorial Services will be held on Saturday March 25th at 11 00am at the church in Greenfield Historical Park (on Newburgh Rd just south of 8 Mile) in Livonia A memorial luncheon will follow in lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that any donations be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice in Livonia

GENEVIEVE M KNIERIM

Age 87 of Canton wife of Dr. John A. Knierim for 63 years stepped into eternity Monday March 20 2006 Surviving are 2 daughters Julie (Mark) King of Holt MI & Jennifer (the late Samir) Nakhleh of Canton grand daughter Natasha M King and related nephews and nieces Visitation Thursday 1 PM until service 2 15 PM at Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Rd Canton Committal service 11 am Friday March 24 at Evergreen Cemetery Lansing Donations may be made in honor of Genevieve's beloved doggie friends to the Michigan Humane Society 26711 Northwestern Hwy Ste 175, Southfield MI 48034 To view Genevieve's full obituary and leave message for the family log onto www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com John 14 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto Myself

KATHERINE J. "SIS" CAMPBELL

Formerly of Detroit died March 19 2006 at Masonic Pathways in Alma, Michigan She was a retired teacher who majored in French minored in Education, and received her MA Degree from the University of Michigan She was predeceased by her brother Ward Bud Campbell, her mother Lena Ward Campbell and her father Royal R Campbell She was recipient of the Hebert Award for outstanding service to Alma College in 1995 Her unselfish volunteerism and cheerful spirit will always be remembered by her many friends She designated her estate to establish the Ward Bud and Katherine Sis Campbell Endowed Scholarship at Alma College to assist worthy students Memorial gifts area also designated for the scholarship fund A memorial service in the Alma College Chapel is planned for later this year Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lux Moody Wolfel Funeral Home, Alma



SEAN MACKENZIE CLARK

Age 8 March 21 2006 Loving son of Ann and Keith Dearest brother of Elizabeth Regan Dear grandson of Elaine Moores, and nephew of Jack (Kathy) Moores, Richard (Clare) Moores Cheryl (Jim) Patrick, Tom (Karen) Moores Mary (Mike) Spritzley Pam (Richard) Bradfield, Liz (Cindy) Clark Marcy Morgan John (Diane) Clark Paula (Doug) Hobbs and Susan (Bob) Zimmerman Sean will also be missed by many cousins and friends Visitation Thursday 2 4pm and 6 9pm Funeral Service Friday, 11am from McCabe Funeral Home 851 N Canton Center Rd www.mccabefuneralhome.com


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OLSM basketball team advances to semifinals

BY MARTY BUDNER
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The Orchard Lake St. Mary's basketball team is headed to the Final Four with a chance to make history.

Already the only school in Michigan to own state championships in three different classes (B, C and D), the Eaglets can add to that remarkable record by winning the Class A title this weekend in East Lansing.

St. Mary's qualified for the Class A semifinal game by defeating Detroit Southeastern Tuesday evening, 67-63, in a quarterfinal game played at University of Detroit Mercy's Calhan Hall. The Eaglets (20-6) now play Okemos (24-1) 1 p.m. Friday at MSU's Breslin Center with the winner advancing to Saturday's Class A state championship game.

"It's great for us to be playing in the Final Four," said St. Mary's head coach George Porritt, head coach on that 2000 squad that defeated Flint Beecher in the title game.

"We're just thrilled to be going. We've beaten some very good teams to get here and now we have to keep it going."

St. Mary's, which was 4-5 early on but has since won 16 of its past 17 games, was paced in Tuesday's victory by junior guard Kalin Lucas who tossed in a game-high 25 points.

In a closely-contested game all the way, St. Mary's enjoyed a four-point halftime advantage and led 41-33 with 3:53 remaining in the third quarter. However, Lucas picked up his fourth personal foul at that point and Porritt was forced to take his Michigan State-bound star out of the game.

Southeastern then went on a 12-3 run to take a 45-44 lead with a minute left in the quarter. Porritt took a gamble and sent Lucas back in to settle things down. The teams went into the fourth quarter deadlocked at 48 all.

With Lucas running the show, St. Mary's gradually began to pull ahead of the Jungaleers. St. Mary's went up 60-54 on a pair of Justin Siller

free throws with 3:26 left in the game. Southeastern countered with a 7-2 run to pull within a point at 62-61 with 1:54 remaining. But Lucas coolly canned five of six free throws down the stretch to clinch the four-point victory.

Porritt explained that Lucas is not only a vital scoring threat, but is an important floor leader. That's why he decided, despite the four fouls, to put Lucas back into the lineup late in the third quarter when the Jungaleers threatened to take control.

He's our floor leader. He's our captain and we needed him on the floor," said Porritt. "This team is capable of playing without him, but tonight was a tight situation and I think with the nerves and everything, we needed him out there."

"They were making a run at us and I had to get him back into the game," he said.

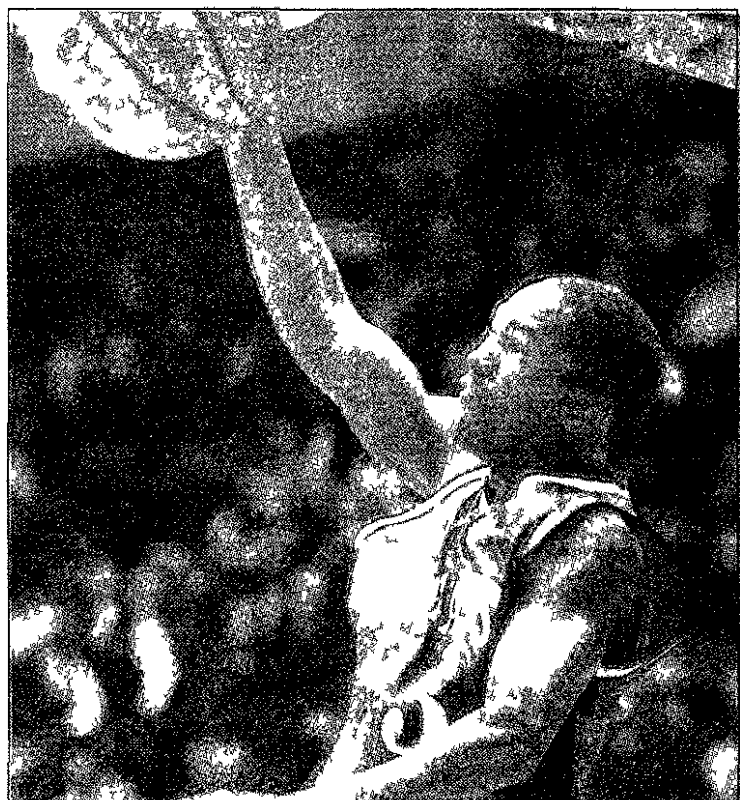
He played an outstanding quarter and a minute there with four fouls. And we're lucky he lasted.

Lucas, who hit 8-10 free throws in the game, was not the only double-digit scorer for St. Mary's. Junior forward Jon Tassin, who hit a key three-pointer in the third quarter, finished with 15 points. Dionte Allen netted 10 points all in the first half. Siller, a junior, finished with nine points.

"I'm excited to get to the Final Four," said Tassin. "We've been working hard in practice and we wanted to win. It's been our goal all year to get to the state championship game and win."

Southeastern, which lost in the semifinals of the PSL tournament to Detroit Redford, was led by senior Willie Mustin's 23 points. Senior Demarco Lovette and Eulis Stephens also hit double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Each team had 20 two-point baskets, but St. Mary's enjoyed a 7-4 edge from three-point range. St. Mary's was 16-21 from the free-throw line and Southeastern was 18-29 from the charity stripe.



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Orchard Lake St. Mary's junior guard Kalin Lucas slams home two of his 25 points against Detroit Southeastern during the Eaglets Class A quarterfinal victory Tuesday night.



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Detroit Country Day players react to the final seconds being counted down Tuesday night in Class B quarterfinal action against Detroit Renaissance. The Yellow Jackets saw their title run come to an end with a 73-57 defeat at the hands of the Phoenix.

Country Day cagers' season ends on a sad, familiar note

BY MARTY BUDNER
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Detroit Country Day's boys basketball season ended the same way it did last year, with a Class B state quarterfinal loss to Detroit Renaissance at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calhan Hall.

While last year's clash with the Phoenix resulted in a two-point heartbreaker, Tuesday's game was nowhere near as dramatic. The Phoenix turned a close game after three quarters into a decisive 73-57 triumph.

Number seven-ranked Renaissance, the 2004 Class B state champion, now advances to the state semifinal game for the second straight year. Renaissance (20-4) will play Flint Southwestern (24-2) 7:50 p.m. Friday at MSU's Breslin Center.

Detroit Country Day ranked No. 4, finished the year with a 20-5 overall record.

"It's very disappointing," said veteran DCD head coach Kurt Keener, whose state tournament hopes have been dashed by Renaissance three times in the past four years. "In our program, everything is geared towards the state tournament and when we don't get (to the Final Four) we're disappointed."

"Whereas last year it may have been a little harder because it was a one-posses sion game, here it was convincing. They were the better team tonight. They took the play to us, drew the fouls and made their free throws."

"We had their number for awhile in the 90s, and now they kind of have our number. Now we have to work to get it back."

The Yellow Jackets started with a strong first half as they controlled the boards, especially on the offensive end, and had a number of high percentage shots inside the paint.

DCD led 14-12 lead after one quarter and went on an 8-2 spurt to begin the second quarter for a 22-14 advantage. Each team hit a trey and DCD still enjoyed an eight-point lead - its largest of the game - with 4:58 remaining before half.

However, the Phoenix then hit four more treys to close out the half while DCD could only counter with three points.

The barrage of five straight three-point shots - three by

sophomore Paul Williams - lifted Renaissance to a one-point halftime lead, 29-28.

The third quarter was back and forth with four lead changes and three ties. Renaissance outscored DCD by a basket and held a 45-42 lead heading into the final quarter.

Renaissance then stepped up its defense and caused a number of turnovers to take control. The Phoenix scored the quarter's first seven points for a 52-42 lead. Country Day got no closer than nine points the rest of the way as Renaissance made 15 of its 18 free throw attempts to close out the game.

"I think a real turning point in the game was at the end of the second quarter when they really shot the ball well," said Keener. "It was similar to last year when they got on a run in the second half when they hit three or four consecutive treys."

"We knew (Renaissance senior Tajuan) Porter was a good shooter, but we were hoping to contain some of their other players. But Williams picked a good night to knock down some three pointers and he came up big."

So as hard as we played and I thought we played very well, especially defensively in the first half, we were still down by a point. In the second half, getting into the early foul trouble and they were in the double bonus at the start of the fourth quarter, it was kind of Katie-Bar-the-Door."

Porter, who averages close to 20 points per game as Renaissance's leading scorer, finished with a game-high 30 points. The flashy guard, bound for the University of Oregon, hit three treys and was 9-of-13 from the line.

Junior center Toreaun Brown had 17 points, freshman Delano Collins posted 12 points and Williams finished with 11. Renaissance was 24-33 from the free-throw line.

Country Day's leading scorer was junior Alex Legion who tossed in 22, including eight baskets, one trey and a 5-of-5 effort from the line.

Sophomore guard Darnell Brown had 12 points and senior power forward E.J. Whitlow finished with 11.

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Be smart, plan how to escape in case of fire

BY JULIE BROWN
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Chief Michael Reddy of the Westland Fire Department and his colleagues know how important an escape plan is in fire safety.

"You have to have a meeting place," he said. "They need to practice it." There should be a smoke detector on each level of a home, Reddy added, and detectors need working batteries.

Batteries should be changed twice a year, when the time changes in the spring and fall or by designating them to coincide with children's birthdays. Reddy said children are good about reminding parents to replace batteries when needed.

"They remind the grown-ups, hey, it's the smoke detector's birthday too."

Candles are a source of potential fires. Reddy finds most candle fires occur when something is accidentally thrown over the candle, the candle's knocked over or placed too close to a combustible such as a tapestry on a mantel.

He recommends carbon monoxide detectors as well which also need working batteries. Smoking in bed is best avoided as it can lead to a home fire, and smoldering ashes should never be placed in a trash can.

Another tip is to turn pan handles inward on a stovetop to avoid catching your sleeve while cooking. Reddy recommends a fire extinguisher, costing only \$8-\$9, for the kitchen.

Local fire departments are there to help if you have questions about fire safety. A call to the nonemergency number of your local department will yield answers.

That advice was echoed by Inspector Denny Hughes of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Hughes agreed that planning is key for fire safety.

"All those plans have got to come into place," he said. Deciding where all family members will meet in case of fire is essential. Sometimes, firefighters end up having to go into a burning home for no reason when it's believed there may still be people inside.

"It doesn't really cost anything for an escape plan," said Hughes, who's found people know of

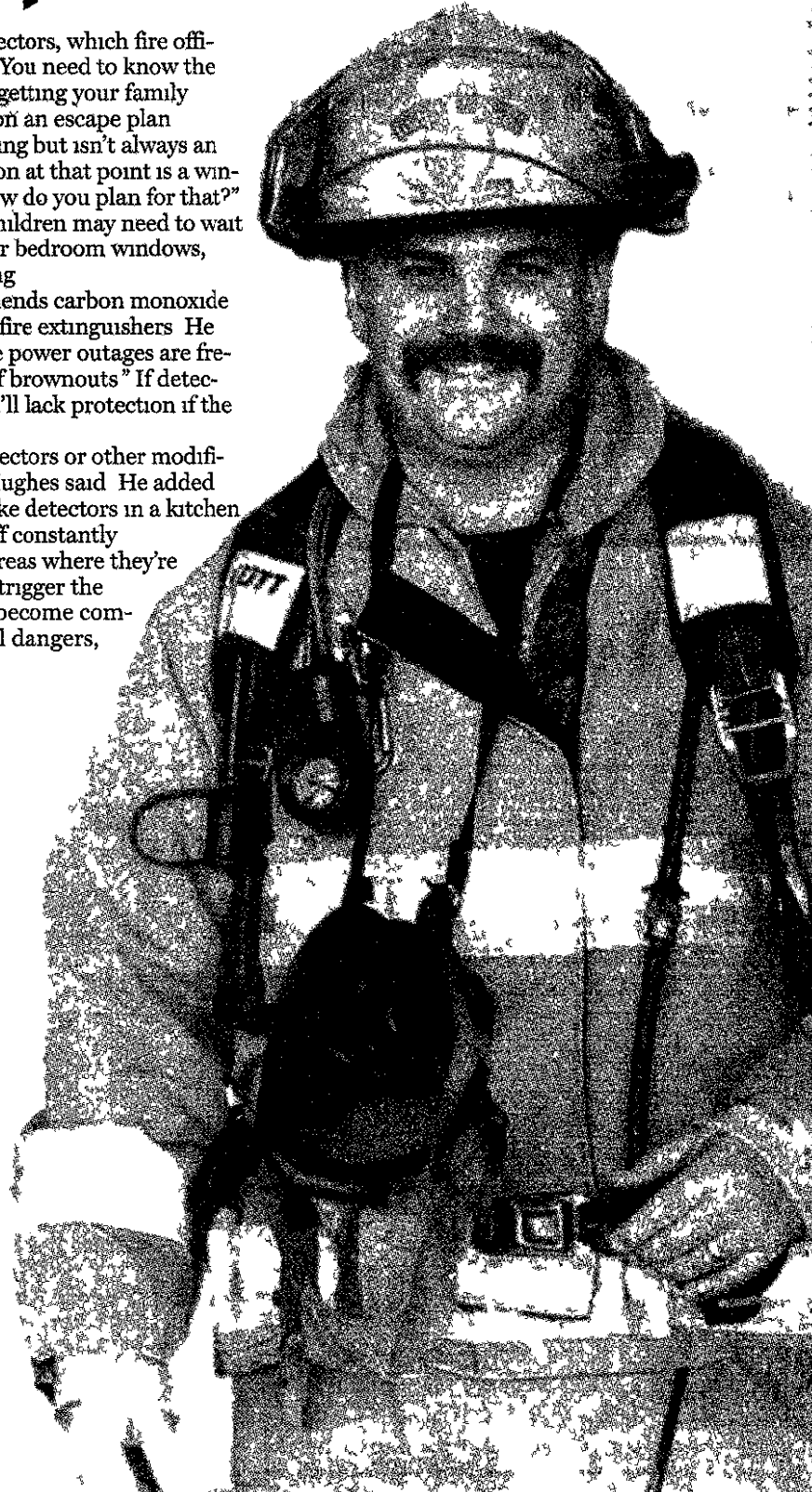
the need for smoke detectors, which fire officials have emphasized. You need to know the best avenues of egress, getting your family together and deciding on an escape plan.

A door's best for leaving but isn't always an option. "Your next option at that point is a window," Hughes said. How do you plan for that? In some cases, young children may need to wait for the fire crew by their bedroom windows, rather than risk jumping.

Hughes also recommends carbon monoxide detectors and portable fire extinguishers. He lives in Hartland where power outages are frequent. "We have a lot of brownouts." If detectors are hardwired, you'll lack protection if the power fails.

Battery-operated detectors or other modifications are available, Hughes said. He added it's vital not to put smoke detectors in a kitchen area where they'll go off constantly.

"Don't put those in areas where they're automatically going to trigger the device. Residents can become complacent and ignore real dangers," Hughes said.



Fire safety begins with planning

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross offers these simple fire safety tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

Make Your Home Safe

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.
- If people sleep with doors closed, install additional smoke alarms inside sleeping areas.
- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.
- Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department on how to use them.



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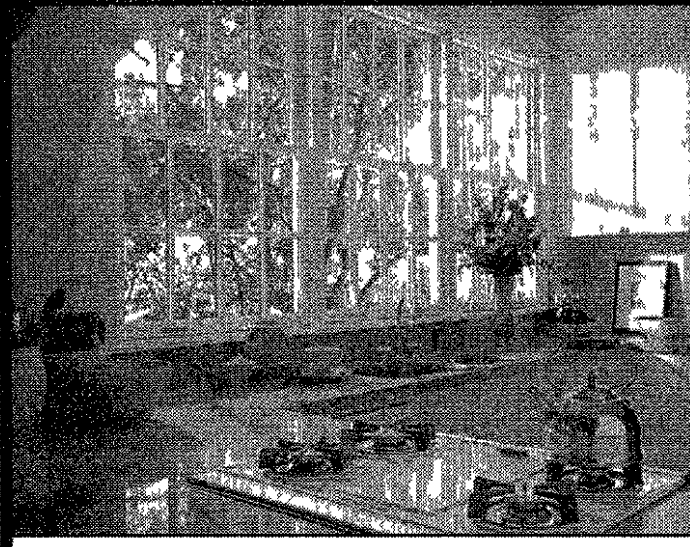
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.
- Plan Your Escape Routes.
- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn

how to use them and store them near the window.

- Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.
- Escape Safely.
- Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.
- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.
- If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.
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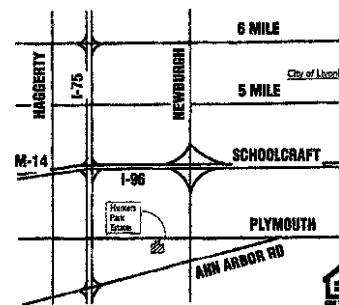
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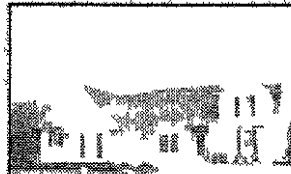


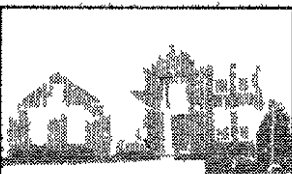







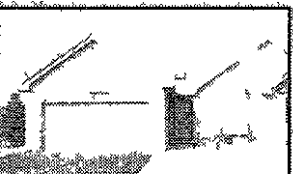



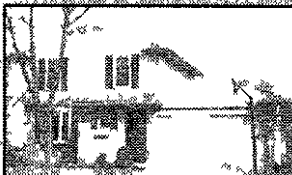

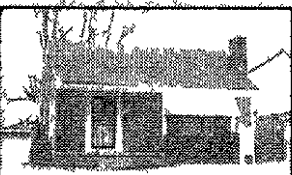












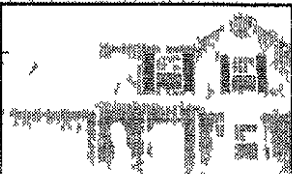
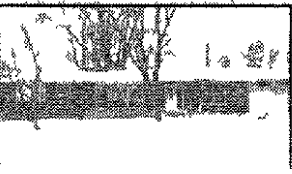


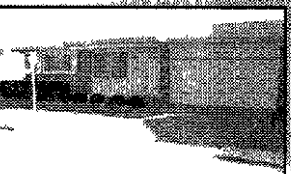
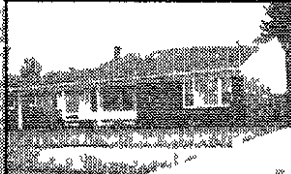










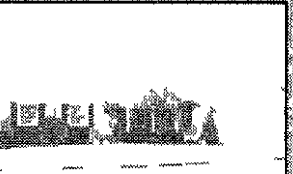







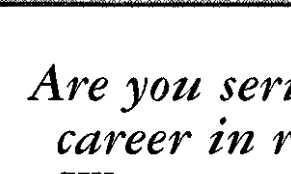
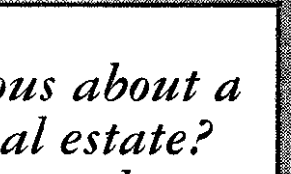





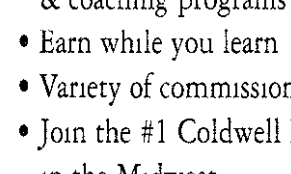
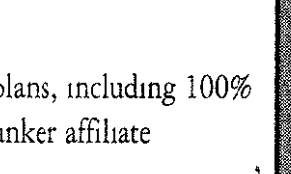
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 <p>CANTON \$299,900 Over 2600 sq ft lowest price home available n Centra Park South w a upgrades 3 ca garage hwd floors f replace o f n LL w rec rm & cfo w/dresses 1 y home warranty Buy on lrg prem um cul de sac lot MLS# 26001310 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>CANTON \$279,900 Sharp & clean 4 BR 2.1 BA brick colonial n Sunflows Spacious kt nook Open & airy FR w natural FP & custom drs 1st flr study FO mal DR Master w/updated bath F n shed basement Neutra Lots of updates MLS# 26039627 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$264,900 Move right n! Beautiful condo n golf course community! Impeccably clean & neat a Upgrades 2 s de d FP HDWD flrs vaulted GR & arge master w e agant bath soaker tub & separate shower 1st flr lndry & 2 ca ga MLS# 26037238 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$259,900 3 Bed room 2.5 Bath Home w Vaulted Ceiling To 2nd F New Hwdw F s T O Ceramic In Baths Attached Sun Room 1st Floor Laundry New Roof Two Ca attached Garage All Appliances MLS# 26018440 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>CANTON \$239,900 Ranch Condo w/Ceramic Foyer & Baths Great Rm W/Calm Ceilings & Gas Fp W/Mantle Kt W/Upgraded 42 Cab Range M c o wave D/w Doorway In D ng Rm Leads To Deck Full Bsmt - 1st F Laundry 2 Car Att Ga MLS# 26034187 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>CANTON \$236,900 Delightful cape cod condo n golf course community End unit facing wooded area 1st flr master w/ e place 2nd master upstairs plus upper loft area & bonus ocrm Large eat in kitchen Deck & 2 car s de entry gar MLS# 26036347 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$229,900 Hard to find 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch on an estate size 1 acre setting w Plymouth Canton Schools Completely updated kitchen Updated windows Bright & sunny LR & DR Neutral Bsmt w detached 1 car garage MLS# 26032659 734 453 6800</p>
 <p>CANTON \$204,900 End Unit Condo W/many Upgrades Lrg Mstr Ste W/WC Kt w/Granite Counter Tops eat n Counte Hdwd Flrs & AI New Appl Stay L vng Rm W/cathedral Ce ling & Remote Gas Fp Sep D ng Rm Pa ta y Fin Bsmt MLS# 26033213 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>CANTON \$196,750 3 BR 1.5 BA updated colonial no udes Pe go frs in kt & half bath new kit cnts & newer oak cbnts Tear off roof (05) v nyl wndws & doorwall plus Anderson bay wndw n front LR Huge deck Party finished bsmt MLS# 26036120 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>DEARBORN \$92,250 F st Floor Condo W/Natu a Oak Floors Updated Kitchen W White Cabinets & Appliances Inc Storage n Basement Assoc Fee Includes Heat And Water Very Clean In Frst Floor nace AC Walls de wndws updated k t & baths F eshly painted MLS# 26038978 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>DETROIT \$96,900 B ck ranch w 3 BR s 1 1/2 baths f n bsmt & ga Updates nc new win newer fu nace newer CA new kt w oak cabs new counters 7 s nk new flng new e ect ca Alarm sys & newer roof f eshly painted FP n LR MLS # 26036755 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>DETROIT \$74,900 New Roof New Vinyl W ndows Hard wood Floors Large 2.5 Ca Garage And Deep Yard W/ Ca ed For Home Needs Some Updatng Estate Sale Home To Be Sold As S Sellie W Escrow Money Fp New Furnace MLS# 26028322 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$340,000 Open flr pan eat n kitchen w/dwall eadng to oversized deck Family rm w/hat frplc & add doorwa L b a y w/bay window & built ins l vng rm w/bay window d n ng rm Newer drve way walk porch roof A/C furnace MLS# 26024733 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$250,000 Raised Ranch (3 Steps Up To Bdrms) wooded Private Lot c/a Covered Patio a arm 1st Flr Lndry 2.5 Car Garage newer Hwh 2 way Fpl Btwn Living f m y Rooms (price Reflects Need For Updates) MLS# 26038588 248 347 3050</p>
 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$149,900 Impeccably decorated condo off s geat f o o pan w xtra a ge rooms Spa k ng white kitchen cbnts ne ver cnt r & ceramic floor eads to formal DR w dramatic m ored wall Spac LR white dstone gas FP All app s MLS# 26024349 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$129,900 Ranch w hardwood fls v ng room w/bay w ndow k tchen w newer cbs counte s s nk & ceramic fo d ng Updated bath double ot w fenced yard huge deck ga age Updates roof furnace HWH some elec & more MLS#26035497 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY \$164,900 F st time buye s d eam You w l not find a better value Th s 3 BR 2 BA home w/n basement & heated ga age s truly move n ready Newer oof fur nace AC Walls de wndws updated k t & baths F eshly painted MLS# 25163426 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY \$159,000 Tu n key propety w neutal deco Spa c kt w eating nook Pergo f s stove frg washer & dryer New carpet n LR HDWD f s n BR Newe roof w wndws fin bsmt w xta a room 12 bath & d y bar 2.5 car det gar MLS# 26032379 734 453 6800 11984139</p>	 <p>GREEN OAK \$1,300,000 On 2.3 ac e w frntge on lake river In flr heat hot water rec sys ma ba t o fyer half bath kt & ha ways 2 stry fye LR w/vaulted cel 2 sty FR w brdge g mt kt w cherry cabs w/grite cnts & unf n w o bsmt MLS# 26039080 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>HIGHLAND \$485,000 Radiant Heat n Sunrm F mstr Bath & Ent e LI Lam nate FI In Foye d study Kt & G hot Water Rec sys To go met Kt W/g ante sand Maple Cabs & Coran Counte s Sun m W 2 St y Feldstone Fp Part F n LI MLS# 26024448 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>HURON \$475,000 Maple cabs & flrs lmstne flrs volume ce ngs Anderson w n 1st flr mstr ste bonus m cft or 4th bdrm Kohler f xures t o fin bsmt w/ e cr m office game rm & home theatre 2.5 acres 3.5 car ga age h eff furn & hwh MLS# 26030466 248 347 3050</p>
 <p>LIVONIA \$240,000 B ck Ranch W Fu Sa s b Brand New Eect ca pump g Fu nace Roof & W ndows New Kt W Island 2 Pant es LR W/cove Ca W Ba nscotng Mstr Bdrm W new Mst Bath New Guest Bath F n Bsmt MLS# 26041222 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$254,900 Kitchen v custom cab stia n ess s eel appl ances & g ante counte tops new fu nace a eliect ca pump ng & gass back w ndows Prof painted n neutra tones efn shed hwd flrs new ce am c n kt & baths MLS # 26036090 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$250,000 New cons uct on 4 BR 2.5 BA co o pa w o f n l vng n e ghbo nood Deluxe master w 2 co sets & own bath 2nd floor laundry & loft Ce am c He n kitchen bath co ms & entry Spacious LR w gas FP & bay w ndow MLS# 26035264 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$250,000 Located deep n the sub on a 8 ac pa k ke sett ng Open f plan 2 fu baths on main flr Stone wa f plc n v ng m fam y rm w 2nd f p c H dwd flrs covered ce ngs Anderson w n dows Fu bsmt ngs MLS#26022408 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$225,000 Top of he ne featu es k w chery n cabs u de over cab gng co an cont s new apps h w fls t o snd sys cont s m dgs n bsmt w/fp fam rm wet bar & bath deck updates oof drve way paver walk win furnace a/c MLS#26031329 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$220,000 2 Sto y W att ua age Kt W hwd F Cabnets Ga ore & AI Appliances 2 Sto y Geat Rm Gas Fp Mstr Ste W/WIC & Full Bath 3rd Bdrm O Office W/brv 1.2 Bath 1st Flr Laundry W washer & Drye Neutra Thru out MLS# 26019121 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$215,000 Move R ght n to Th s 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch Newer Kt W ndows Sliding Guttes Ent y & Garage Door G/B W ngs Gas Fp In FR W/Built In Speakers AI Appliances Stay In Bsmt W Ba Mstr Bed W Bath MLS# 26031892 Theresa Barr 734 591 0333</p>
 <p>LIVONIA \$214,900 Updated Huge Lr W/20 Vaulted Ce lings Open To Rem K tchen W lrg Eating Area FR W/Drwall To Pat o F n Bsmt W/ldr Bar Gas Fp 1/2 Bath & Cedar Closet Newe Windows Hdwd Firs T O Ac Fenced Yard W/spr nkle s MLS# 26042170 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$165,000 Living Rm W/coved Ce ng & Picture Window D nng Rm w/coved Ce ng Kit W/pantry & Appliances Inc Fin bsmt W/dry Bar Gas Fp 1/2 Bath & Cedar Closet Newe Windows Hdwd Firs T O Ac Fenced Yard W/spr nkle s MLS# 26042170 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LYONS \$600,000 On 4+ Acres W/lg Sw m m ng Pond W/dock pole Barn W heated W/ksop new roof e ect custom W ndows w a pme ood Pc ch central Vac newe Coran Counters In Kt 10 Ft Ce lings On 1st F new Hwh & Newer CA MLS# 26039240 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$725,000 2 story foyer w ce am tile 1st flr mstr w tray ce ng 2 sto y GR w/2 way FP to nook gou met kt w maple cabs g ante counte s & SS appliances upsta rmed a mo FR pa o & paver lnd dr veway andscapng MLS# 26038277 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$465,000 Frw/ p open to kt w adj on ng sun rm heated 3.5 car garage new ca pet n l d & mstr bdrm neut a pa nt to new bl nds t o newer faucets & ghts n ma n bath cr cr u drive new double oven new maple flr n study MLS# 26028227 248 347 3050 11963167</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$299,900 Geat golf course coast on! 2 BR end unit condo w/library & 2.5 baths Prof n bsmt w daylight w ndows & Barber carpet Lux master ste w jetted tub W C newer ce am c floo & cath c# Newe Bruce hardwood n kt MLS# 26040212 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$2,950 FR w/lr rep ace open to kitchen w adj on ng sun rm heated 3.5 car garage new carpet n lr dr & mstr bdrm neut a part to new blinds t o crouter drve new double oven new maple floo n study) MLS# 26028227 248 347 3050</p>
 <p>NOVI \$375,000 On Prime Cu de sac ocat on Foye W/dua Co sets Hrdwd Fir Vaulted FR W/fplc Mstr Ste W/glamour Bath W/jetted Tub WIC 3.5 Ca Insu ated Gar Deck & Soreened In Gazabo Newer W ndows Roof Ac & Water Ht MLS# 26034605 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NOVI \$359,900 Fabulous 2005 bu lt co on a w 2389 sq ft 3 BR 2.5 BA GR w/FP kitchen w HDWD flrs buters pantry maple cabnets & Coran counte s Master suite w ux bath & huge WIC 2 car att gar basement w/egress w ndow MLS# 26040687 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$649,900 Exceptional home & value C esthavan mode cape cod of a most 1 acre of p of andscaped grounds Bright & cheery kitchen w built in appliances granite & HDWD floor s 2 story GR 1st floor master MLS# 26036084 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$624,900 1996 custom built in & out 4 BR 3.5 BA dealy coated n town B ght & cheery kitchen w granite b app ances & vaulted ce ling 2 story GR w/2 way FP to sun rm fam y room 3rd story theatre room & much more MLS# 26037975 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$329,900 Trailwood ranch! Beautifully and scaped interior sett ng Spacious kitchen & nook Formal DR FR w/full br ck FP 1st flr andury Master w/bath Updates Anderson wndws furnace downspouts & guttes Ova szd gar MLS# 26037877 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$244,900 Charm ng & beautiful w/updates n past 5yrs furn CA crmc bath kt flr cnts dw & appls G eam ng HWF arched doorways & paster wals 2nd fr completey new w/h gh ce lings 20x13 mst ceramic BA & off ce MLS# 26000151 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$260,000 3 BR 2.5 BA end unit condo w/formal LR w/gas FP DR w/2 DW s onto rear patio brkfst nook w/DW leading to s de patio Spac master ste w/bal to woods LL is frn w/2nd FP daylite wndw newer fur & HWH 2.5 car gar MLS# 26037607 734 453 6800</p>
 <p>PLYMOUTH \$259,000 Absolutey n c ed ba b ck cape cod Eve yth ng s updated wndws (99 02) oof (02) gass b ck wndws (99) ext tr m gutters & uo nt storm doc (02) & completey updated bath F n shed basement w FR & 3rd BR MLS# 26025903 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PONTIAC \$199,900 Br ck tudor 3 BR 1.5 ba 2 car gar & f n bsmt w wet bar Ent e home updat ed New kt w maple cabs cor an cnt & ceramic fls Newe roof new HWH fresh y painted new asphat d w newe w n new elect gazebo w e ect MLS #26033948 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>REDFORD \$145,000 Prced To Sell 3 B 1.5 Ba Brick Ranch n South Redford Newer V n y W ndows 95 Newer Roof (tear off) Newe Furnace C/a Updated Bath & Kitchen Pa ta y F n shed Bsmt W poss b e 4th Br 2 Ca Ga MLS# 26033928 Jeff G over 734 591 0333</p>	 <p>REDFORD \$99,900 Kitchen & eating area are open to the vng room New roof s ding electric & wndows Part ally finished basement Newe kitchen & baths 1 yr home war anty MLS# 26033565 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>ROSEVILLE \$100,000 3 BR ranch w/3 BR s 2 car garage & a ge fenced yard Freshly painted and e carpeted t o th s home comes wth e f gerato and washer and dryer newe v nyl w ndows Conven anty located near exressway access MLS#26040950 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>ROSEVILLE \$215,000 Great Bus Opportunity Dell baked Goods & Some Groce y Items L st p ce Inc Goodwill Equip Fxtures & nvento y B ng AI Offers! Motvated Space Is Being Leased Selle Related To Agent MLS# 26005940 Cathy E as 734 591 0333 ext 126</p>	 <p>ROSEVILLE \$215,000 Great Bus Opportunity Dell baked Goods & Some Groce y Items L st p ce Inc Goodwill Equip Fxtures & nvento y B ng AI Offers! Motvated Space Is Being Leased Selle Related To Agent MLS# 26005940 Cathy E as 734 591 0333 ext 126</p>
 <p>SOUTH LYON \$372,900 Located on prem um cul de sac Your fussy est buyer w l enjoy the p ofes siona y landscaped yard w patio to enjoy the tranquil vews of the pond & common area Upg aded carpet & lght fxtu es AI app ances nc MLS# 26025903 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD \$145,000 Ranch w vaulted ce lings Great ne gn borhood w Un on Lk p v eges Wood burnng stove n G Screened n po ch Pergo n kt New carpet n GR Newer w ndows T O oof approx 8 y s o d Pave walkway MLS #26025573 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$159,900 Open floor p an vaulted ce lings sep arate bd m sts w/WICs p of nated t/o upgraded Be be carpet c ng & w/gran te surround & oak mant e upgraded cabnets ght fxtures g ass showe doors all new appliances MLS# 26027766 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$140,000 Totally updated 3BR Bungalow on dbl ot! New tea off oof wndws newe kt wapp s Hdwd flrs LR w/coved c ng & c own mlgd New bath w ceramic t lge Fresh y painted pa t f n bsmt w/tons of sto age 2+ ca ga MLS# 26032560 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$21,500 Great Bus Opportunity Dell baked Goods & Some Groce y Items L st p ce Inc Goodwill Equip Fxtures & nvento y B ng AI Offers! Motvated Space Is Being Leased Selle Related To Agent MLS# 26005940 Cathy E as 734 591 0333 ext 126</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$21,500 Great Bus Opportunity Dell baked Goods & Some Groce y Items L st p ce Inc Goodwill Equip Fxtures & nvento y B ng AI Offers! Motvated Space Is Being Leased Selle Related To Agent MLS# 26005940 Cathy E as 734 591 0333 ext 126</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$21,500 Great Bus Opportunity Dell baked Goods & Some Groce y Items L st p ce Inc Goodwill Equip Fxtures & nvento y B ng AI Offers! Motvated Space Is Being Leased Selle Related To Agent MLS# 26005940 Cathy E as 734 591 0333 ext 126</p>

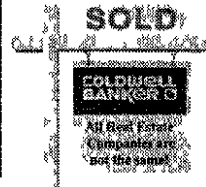
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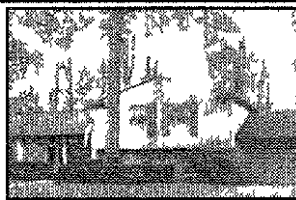
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WALK TO DOWNTOWN Outstanding Plymouth neighborhood! Custom built w/many updates including furnace air hwh kitchen appliances & roof Hardwood floors 3 full baths large Family Room w/frp & an impressive master bedroom \$519 000 (P-411L)



COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Hard to find detached ranch condo in sought after sub Walkout basement prem um lot exten sive use of crown moldings and classy touches throughout Built in 2000 N ce \$359 000 (P 077NO)



HERE IT IS! So much to list! Start w/covered 2 story entry & ceramic foyer large pillared formal dining room extensive use of crown molding t/o tear off roof 1st floor mater suite with cathedral ceiling & bath w/garden tub Come take a look! \$299 000 (C105LA)



GREAT LOCATION For the immaculate end unit ranch in Canton Amenities include skylights cathedral ceilings updated roof furnace & central air Bright kitchen w/appliances full basement pool clubhouse and more \$128 400 (C 374SO)



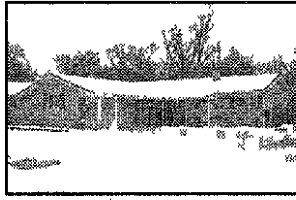
COMPLETELY RENOVATED Absolutely gorgeous 4 bedroom home featuring new roof windows doors siding copper plumbing updated electrical Berber hardwoods & ceramic new kitchen & baths vaulted ceilings even a courtyard w/waterfall! \$265 000 (C 463SU)



ENCHANTING RANCH 3 BR solid brick ranch has a fantastic Canton location Open floor plan featuring 1633 sq ft a great room w/gas flpc roomy kit & dining area Soaring ceilings Lge mstr ste w/private bath Attractively priced & quick occu \$249 900 (C 977TI)



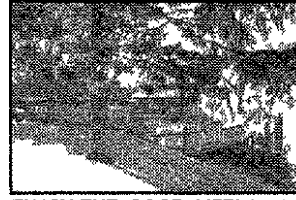
GREAT OPPORTUNITY Spacious 3 BR 2 bath brick home w/many updates inc new windows C/A updated baths & kit tear off roof in 97 bsmt is plumbed for bath new cement patio FR w/nat fp new front door & entire interior freshly painted \$229 900 (C 494YA)



GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH Beautiful updated brick ranch backs to woods Superb finished basement newer carpet w/dows doors roof & furnace Open floor plan neutral decor in ground Quiet location A must see! \$215 000 (P 032BR)



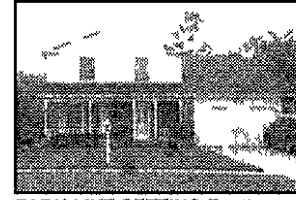
BRAND SPANKING NEW Bright and spacious new construction condos with 2 BR 1.5 BA huge kitchen large dining area oversized master basement and garage You wont find a better deal anywhere at this price \$134 900 (C 734BR)



ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! In this gated community with beautiful views of Ford Lake Upper ranch condo featuring 3 beds 2 full baths fireplace a large deck overlooking the lake clubhouse and a pool Dues include heat and water \$149 900 (P 859CL)



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED 2 BR 2.5 ba condo w/large spacious rooms Wonderful Galley Kitchen w/all appl Newer vinyl windows furnace & hwh Neutral decor full Basement & a garage Call today! \$127 900 (C 534CO)



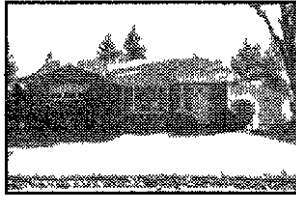
PARK LIKE SETTING For this mint condition 4 bedroom colonial with custom touches and a spacious 2200 square foot floor plan Upgrades galore front and back porches overlooking a manicured lawn \$234 900 (C 420DO)



PLYMOUTH'S OLDE VILLAGE Don't miss the chance to own this beautiful historic Victorian home with a totally updated interior and old world charm throughout Spacious interior with 3 bedrooms and a large backyard for the kids to play in \$219 900 (P 784HO)



CANTON'S BEST CHOICE All your dreams at a great price! Experience the best of condo living w/vaulted ceilings huge master suite 3 full baths gas fireplace extended deck & a finished basement Neutral t/o Call today for this great house \$285 000 (C 491KI)



WESTERN GOLF COURSE AREA! Clean brick ranch with a finished basement new roof furnace and central air! Updated windows covered porch 2 car garage an extra large lot and a one year home warranty Perfect for 1st time buyers \$151 000 (C 715LY)



WEST DEARBORN CHARMER Must see the 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick bungalow with a finished basement and 2 car garage Updates include the roof furnace and refinished hardwood floors Lots more to see call for details \$164 900 (P 945MA)



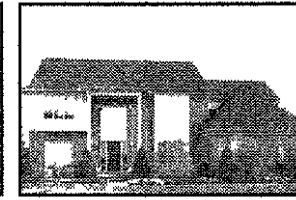
SUPERIOR QUALITY Tremendous quality & impeccably maintained 2 BR 2 bath end unit condo in a quiet setting Vaulted great room w/frp large private Deck & 2.5 car Garage Home warranty included \$174 900 (C-032RI)



BRING YOUR SUNGLASSES! You'll be dazzled by this sparkling 4BR/2.5BA home in a great neighborhood! New windows flooring fresh paint fireplace nice landscaping & large floor plan Call for more info today! \$220 000 (C 600LA)



HOME SWEET HOME Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen w/lots of cabinets Hardwood floors oversized garage vinyl windows and more! 3 block from the elementary school \$165 900 (C 835MO)



GORGEOUS EXECUTIVE HOME Everything you would expect & more 4 bd home in golf course community Open floor plan w/many decorator updates Extensive granite in gourmet kit spacious fin bsmt paver patio hot tub & more Too much more to list Call today! \$412 000 (C 626SA)



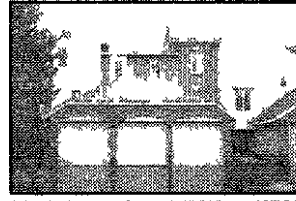
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen top of the line carpeting marble surrounding the fireplace cherry wood floors Call to see it today! \$274 900 (C 550SC)



GREAT HOME Outstanding colonial w/marble flooring in foyer & Kitchen Huge master suite w/vaulted ceiling fireplace WIC bath w/double sinks & soaking tub Great neighborhood \$251 900 (C 881TA)



FORMER MODEL HOME Pristine clean 3 bedroom ranch with 2 baths and a large great room floor plan Dining room with doorwall to deck and a private fenced yard Great locat on Better hurry ths one wont last \$199 900 (C 047WE)



PLYMOUTH'S BEST KEPT SECRET Walk to town & take in all Plymouth has to offer from this delightful private complex 2 BR 2.5 baths & GR w/gorgeous view Marble surround gas fp 2nd floor laundry 2 balconies & plenty of storage space Immediate Occupancy! \$177 900 (C 806YO)



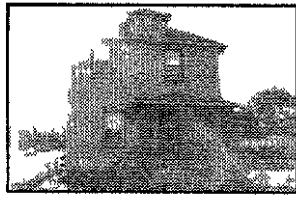
FABULOUS LOCATION 3 BR home on 1/4 acre corner lot Updated Maple kit w/breakfast bar & custom ceramic floor & new ceramic bath Extensive landscaping brick paver walkway 2 car garage covered Patio area pool w/oversized Deck w/privacy fence A must see! \$164 900 (P 116AL)



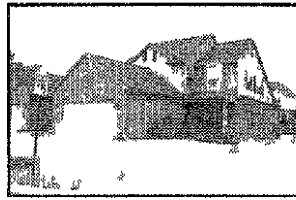
ABSOLUTE GEM Totally done! Beautiful Livonia ranch offering 2 newer baths gorgeous oak kitchen vinyl windows updated plumbing & elec hwd floors awesome finished bsmt fenced yard & insulated 2.5 car garage w/220 Call today! \$149 900 (P 685AN)



AWESOME BUY Affordably priced & built in 1981 This great tri level home offers Livonia schools vaulted ceilings spacious floor plan & many updates All appliances included Excellent value! \$154 900 (P 721BE)



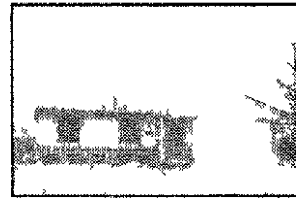
CUTE HOUSE Move right in to this 3 bedroom colonial with an extra lot Too many updates to list A must see inside Home Warranty provided for Buyer \$99 000 (P 026CA)



A REAL GEM One of a kind Canton Condo features expanded floor plan custom kit w/oak cabs hwd floors & breakfast nook 1st flr mstr bath WIC & double vanities 2nd flr boasts 2 BR's & loft overlooking GR w/frpl Formal dining overlooks cedar deck \$279 900 or lease \$1 800/mo (P 461CH)



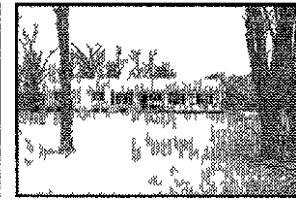
GORGEOUS VIEWS Newer 4 bd home on quiet inter of lot 2 story Foyer and Kitchen Great Room w/vaulted ceiling walkout basement & backs to wooded pond Don't miss out on this fabulous home! \$484 900 (P 809CO)



UPDATED RANCH 3 bd 1.5 bath home offers formal Living Rm Family Rm w/frpl & eat in Kitchen Updates include roof furnace & A/C Powder Rm garage door & opener landscaping fenced yard & patio Plymouth Cantor Schools \$196 900 (P 901CO)



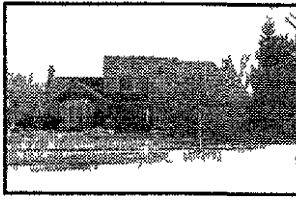
NEWLY BUILT 4 year old Livonia colonial w/an abundance of features 3 BR 2.5 baths 1st floor laundry 2.5 car Garage Livonia schools & so much more Call today! \$229 900 (P 887DE)



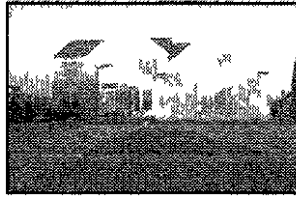
UNIQUE West Bloomfield property offering 2 acres Custom built 1 owner 4 BR upgraded ranch home Current updates inc filtration system generator SS & corian kit extensive ceramic flooring 2 full baths circular drive & beautifully wooded in prime location Many more features \$550 000 (P 460DO)



TURN KEY HOME Beautiful colonial in Old Orchard Sub Totally remodeled t/o 3 bd 1.5 baths 2 car Garage updated windows furnace C/A garage door steel doors fresh paint & new Patio Hurry this one will not last long! \$216 900 (P 127EC)



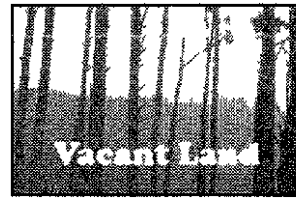
SPECTACULAR COLONIAL Outstanding in every way 2500+ sq ft colonial w/corrian counters huge Great Room extensive Crown molding fashion bath fabulous gardens & much more \$399 900 (P 152EL)



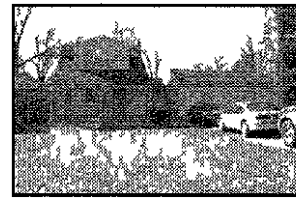
PRIVACY ABOUND Fairways West executive style home features an open 2 story foyer w/hwd flrs Chef's kit w/neutral clops desk area hwd floors nook & custom deck Large FR w/2 sided frpl & lb w/frpl Mstr ste w/bath & WIC F N L L prof landscaping prem um lot \$423 900 (P 351EL)



NICELY UPDATED Great location w/private access to Whitmore Lake Many updates completed in 2005 including furnace & AC bathroom plumbing Kitchen counters water softener well & freshly painted w/new carpet \$130 000 (C 142FO)



BUILD HERE! Almost an acre of prime property on paved road Close to everything Van Buren schools ok to put modular or manufactured home on lot Call today for more info \$38 000 (P 000GR)



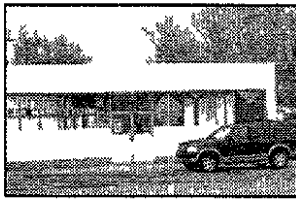
LIVONIA Charming 3 bedroom Cape Cod with many new updates Huge lot all appliances stay along w/jacuzzi in back yard Too much to list a must see \$144 900 (P 263HA)



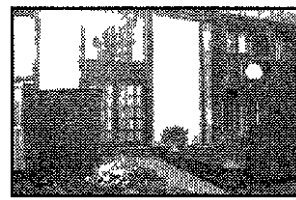
COMPLETELY UPDATED Nothing left to do but move in! Updated siding roof oak Kitchen ceramic tile floors bath carpet furnace & C/A Tasteful decor 2.5 car Garage large Deck & more Perfect house just waiting for new owner! \$137 500 (P 118HE)



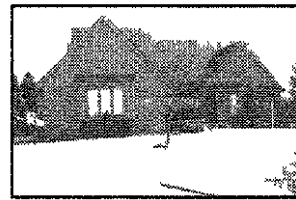
REFRESHING This ready to move in condo is in great shape & has plenty to offer Large Living Room w/frpl large maser w/bath & jetted tub formal Dining Room garage deck & bsmt plumbed for full bath All appliances stay \$167 900 (C 572HU)



GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY Carpet store & beauty salon All equipment & paint table included in sale 2 wash bowls 3 dryers & 4 styling stations Newly remodeled w/state of the art security system \$199 000 (P 15111)



GREAT COMPLEX Maintenance free living! Open floor plan private patio master bedroom has private balcony Newer carpet kitchen flooring & fresh paint Relax in the whirlpool tub or kitchen w/hwd floors & all at the complex pool Gas and water included! Great Buy! \$88 900 (C 124JA)



5 BEDROOM COLONIAL Spotless w/best desc bes ths 5 bd 2.5 bath home n popular Rolling Oaks 3 car side entry garage 1st floor kitchen w/frpl large island orkitchen w/hwd floors & all at the complex pool Gas and water included! Great Buy! \$469 900 (P 962KN)



BEAUTIFUL START Dearborn colonial in desirable sub Beautiful hwd floors t/o Living room w/frpl & cove ceiling formal Dining remodeled Kitchen large bdms partially finished bsmt & fresh landscaping \$169 900 (C 828LO)



REDFORD RANCH 3 bd brick ranch in prime location Neutral Kitchen formal Living Room finished bsmt w/family room area & bar Updated cement driveway 2.5 car Garage & much more \$139 900 (P 410LU)



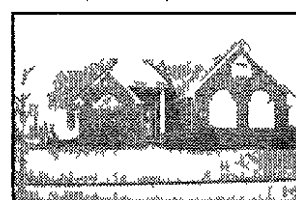
GREAT STARTER Beautiful starter home located at the end of the street for added privacy Ceramic floors in Foyer new windows t/o & more Call today \$169 900 (C 040MA)



MOVE RIGHT IN 4 BR colonial w/attached 2 car garage & finished basement w/office This home offers a great room formal dining room & FR w/frpl Eat in Kitchen which has been completely remodeled Home has lots of new updates Home Warranty provided \$329 900 (P 713MA)



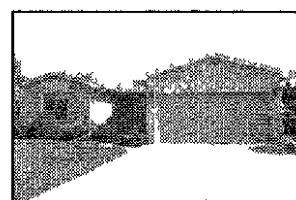
CANTON COLONIAL Gorgeous brick 4 bd colonial w/premium elevation on low traffic court location Backing to woods in popular Sunflower sub this home also offers a fin bsmt fresh paint new carpet on 1st floor large open kitchen & side entry garage Must see! \$362 600 (P 711MO)



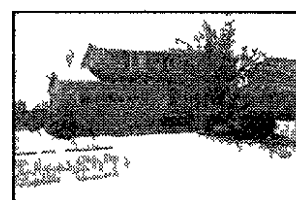
GORGEOUS CAPE COD Updated 5 bd 3.5 bath cape cod w/superb location backing to golf course Fantastic finished bsmt 2 story Great Room gourmet Kitchen 3 car Garage & so much more \$389 999 (P 475MU)



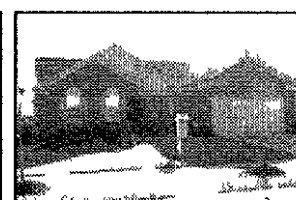
SHOP & COMPARE This covered entry colonial offers many amenities Family Room w/frpl Dining Room w/bay window Master Suite w/cathedral ceiling & vanity area side entry Garage brick paver patio central air & Livonia Schools! Call today \$329 900 (C 381OV)



GREAT CANTON HOUSE Updated 3 bd 2.5 bath ranch w/open floor plan ceramic Foyer remodeled oak Kitchen that opens up to Family Room w/frpl Formal Living Room updated windows finished lower level w/possible 4th BR & 2 car Garage \$212 900 (P 830PA)



GREAT PRICE Nicely nestled in well established neighborhood Updated windows carpet furnace C/A HWH & extended gar w/newer door Spacious bdms FFL all apps stay deck fast occu & home warranty provided An absolute must see! \$264 900 (C 757PA)



BEAUTIFUL POND VIEW Great Canton location with tranquil view of 6 acre pond Offering a large master suite w/private bath open floor plan fireplace in Great Room & doorwall to new deck Call this one your home \$253 000 (P 058PO)



MOVE RIGHT IN Beautifully updated colonial featuring Kitchen w/corrian Anderson windows & professionally finished bsmt w/egress window & guest bedroom & bath Everything has been done for you call today \$399 900 (P 273RE)



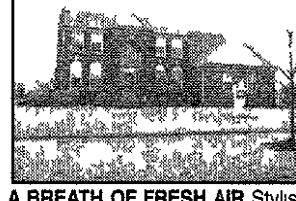
IMMACULATE This 2 bd 1.5 bath condo is just waiting for it's new owner! Newer carpet & paint eat in kitchen w/custom built kitchen table & bench seat new roof in 05 common pool finished bsmt doorwall leading to deck & close to everything \$112 000 (P 703RO)



ONE OF A KIND Full brick home featuring 3 car Garage 3100 sq ft huge Great Room open Kitchen w/upgraded cabinets hwd floors all appliances stay deluxe Master Suite extra deep bsmt & backs to open land & sides to stream Excellent location! Excellent value! Don't Wait! \$399 900 (P 083SH)



LIVONIA CHARMER Gorgeous 4 2 bath home w/over 2000 sq ft Formal Living & Dining rooms Family Room w/natural frpl oversized lot w/fresh landscaping & cement Patio Move in condition \$290 000 (P 900SO)



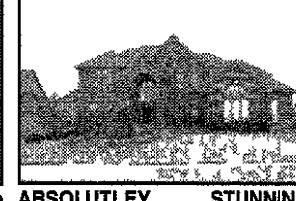
A BREATH OF FRESH AIR Stylish Pulte 4 bd home features a 2 story foyer & large kitchen w/hwd floors Spacious FR w/frpl Flex room could be used as LR or library Large master features private bath WIC & sitting area Professionally landscaped yard backing to commons area A real value dont miss t \$389,900 (P 395SP)



PICTURE PERFECT Great ranch offering 3 bd open floor plan updated furnace C/A HWH & steel doors Add to this updated 6 panel doors professionally finished bsmt new siding great Patio, & covered porch Priced to sell! \$124 900 (P 369ST)



GREAT VALUE Immediate occupancy on this move in condition condo in Canton 1200 sq ft 3bd 1.5 baths oak Kitchen neutral carpeting full bsmt & more Super clean Motivated Seller \$117 500 (P 511UM)



ABSOLUTLEY STUNNING! Colonial offering Family Room w/soaring ceiling & frpl Kitchen w/ island & Jennair appl Formal LR & DR private Study hwd flooring huge Master Bedroom w/sitting area & bath w/jetted tub Jack & Jill Baths 1st floor laundry/mudroom & 3 Car Garage \$559 900 (P 479WH)

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Consider mortgage's rate of return Policy should be specific

One method of measuring success is by comparing the sum of an endeavor's results with the sum of our efforts. That is, compare the output with the input over time. For investments, this is called a rate of return.



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While a mortgage is not a traditional investment, per se, it is a critical part of perhaps your largest investment - the purchase of your home. It follows that we should be able to evaluate it like other investments.

A rate of return is a measurement of financial output relative to financial input for a given period of time. If my \$1,000 certificate of deposit earns me \$60 per year, I am realizing 6.0 percent

annual rate of return on my investment. If I could find a \$500 investment that would yield the same \$60 annually, I would double my rate of return. The extreme situation of having a \$60 annual yield with zero money out of my pocket would give me a mathematical infinite rate of return.

Let's say Melissa purchases a \$100,000 home with a 5 percent down payment on the same day John, her new next-door neighbor, buys the identi-

cal home with 20 percent down. Five years later, they each sell their homes on the same day for the same price of \$140,000. In this scenario, Melissa would realize an average 160 percent annual return on her investment versus John's 40 percent growth.

Melissa's higher monthly payments will offset her actual gains a bit, but she also retains the opportunity to put \$15,000 - the extra amount that John has tied up in his home's larger down payment - into some other more aggressive investments for those five years. She may also choose to keep the money liquid in the event of a layoff or career change.

Today's TIMBIT! The smaller down payment you can make without paying a disproportionately high interest rate, the better your mortgage rate of return will be. Some mortgage lenders even offer over 100 percent financing for credit-worthy borrowers. Eligible VA and FHA borrowers may be able to purchase homes with as little as zero and 3 percent down, respectively.

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Q. Our condo association, which has never experienced any serious delinquency problem, is now beginning to see a number of co-owners being late on their payments. We don't have a written collection policy but have the right to put a lien on. What do you recommend?



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attorney who is familiar with your condominium documents as well as permissible collection policies.

Q. Our condominium attorney is suggesting alternative dispute resolution as a matter of resolving our dispute with the developer. Do you have any recommendations?

A. As a trained Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediator, I wholeheartedly recommend ADR in nearly every case concerning litigation to the extent possible. Most courts mandate that cases go into all ADR at some time during the course of litigation as it frequently results in an expeditious resolution of

the case. It all depends, of course, on the mediator chosen by the parties in terms of how successful the process will be as well as the willingness of both parties to make compromises. Your attorney has made a good suggestion and you should follow through with a capable and experienced mediator who is knowledgeable about the areas of the law in which you have a dispute.

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Canton									
42269 Ashbury	\$200,000	42649 Barchester	\$160,000	45655 Bartlett	\$304,000	41682 Bedford	\$150,000	41706 Bedford	\$126,000
4055 Berkeley	\$143,000	2249 Berwick	\$193,000	40492 Blythefield	\$170,000	6812 Bridgemont	\$347,000	526 Buchanan	\$351,000
44210 Candlewood	\$263,000	7777 Charrington	\$238,000	375 Charterhouse	\$180,000	8504 Chatham	\$820,000	309 Cherry Hill Pointe	\$248,000
43679 Christopher	\$152,000	2353 Cleveland	\$290,000	4010 Cornerstone	\$46,000	49566 Courtyard	\$142,000	49594 Courtyard	\$142,000
2283 Cranbrook	\$233,000	540 Delaford	\$380,000	5515 Denton	\$139,000	8050 E. mhurst	\$234,000	44888 Fair Oaks	\$235,000
7100 Festival	\$445,000	426 Fjlmore	\$201,000	4044 Forest Bridge	\$58,000	4153 Forest Bridge	\$58,000	681 Georgetown	\$186,000
41544 Glade	\$240,000	45443 Glengarry	\$395,000	50147 Harding	\$185,000	45365 Horseshoe	\$180,000	39860 John	\$187,000
4033 Kimberly	\$249,000	1068 Kings	\$203,000	43663 Lotus	\$221,000	44621 Meadowcreek	\$231,000	45692 Morningside	\$327,000
45732 Morningside	\$335,000	1924 Morrison	\$242,000	1732 N Morton Taylor	\$253,000	44288 N Umberland	\$210,000	44316 N Umberland	\$243,000
1227 Paddington	\$254,000	2066 Pinecroft	\$187,000	2138 Pinecroft	\$173,000	4733 Pond Run	\$278,000	3943 Ravensfield	\$204,000
46211 Registry	\$265,000	47756 Royal Pointe	\$385,000	47521 Scenic Circle	\$260,000	314 Selkirk	\$180,000	4723 Shoreview	\$291,000
43825 Simsbury	\$280,000	51153 Sleepy Hollow	\$257,000	51167 Sleepy Hollow	\$261,000	46012 Spinning Wheel	\$236,000	43557 Stuart	\$194,000
41949 Sunderland	\$225,000	720 Suttan	\$213,000	45055 Turnberry	\$345,000	1533 Valentine	\$330,000	43568 W Arbor Way	\$131,000
47601 Waddington	\$425,000	6591 Weatherfield	\$315,000	907 Wildwood	\$258,000	6833 Willow Creek	\$219,000	6844 Woodmere	\$325,000
186 Woodward	\$445,000	30616 Beechwood	\$90,000	401 Brandt	\$87,000	30616 Brown	\$173,000	32651 Brown	\$66,000
6560 Cadillac	\$110,000	32142 Cambridge	\$158,000	29520 Dawson	\$105,000	30940 Dawson	\$156,000	1629 Gilman	\$135,000
6193 Gilman	\$151,000	1736 Harrison	\$148,000	29516 Hennepin	\$140,000	33042 Hennepin	\$152,000	33560 John Hawk	\$152,000
28443 Krauter	\$120,000	881 Radcliff	\$150,000	211 Ross	\$130,000	29809 Windsor	\$140,000	33657 Eight Mile	\$86,000
32483 Allen	\$255,000	36056 Ann Arbor	\$86,000	20155 Antago	\$135,000	14171 Arcola	\$190,000	14245 Arcola	\$166,000
9257 Bassett	\$187,000	15068 Blue Skies	\$196,000	15352 Brookfield	\$194,000	32913 Brookside	\$293,000	32919 Brookside	\$309,000
32920 Brookside	\$318,000	32924 Brookside	\$304,000	32984 Brookside	\$419,000	33000 Brookside	\$420,000	27755 Clarita	\$165,000
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19374 Rensellor	\$120,000	38439 Richland	\$204,000	31131 Robert	\$178,000	33444 Roycroft	\$199,000	14906 Sunbury	\$136,000
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17339 Beech Daley	\$102,000	9550 Berwyn	\$150,000	10035 Brady	\$156,000	19953 Centralia	\$130,000	18850 Dalby	\$86,000
19286 Dalby	\$118,000	19166 Delaware	\$35,000	24417 Elmira	\$138,000	24445 Elmira	\$149,000	17677 Fox	\$135,000
25350 Graham	\$113,000	16251 Kinloch	\$173,000	11370 Leverne	\$129,000	19713 Lexington	\$110,000	19969 Macarthur	\$110,000
15630 Meadowbrook	\$182,000	15630 Meadowbrook	\$182,000	9079 Mercedes	\$154,000	13211 Nathaline	\$157,000	18303 Norborne	\$117,000
19926 Norborne	\$98,000	23225 Plymouth	\$35,000	27222 Plymouth	\$410,000	9326 Riverview	\$150,000	24848 Ross	\$172,000
26811 Ross	\$203,000	15046 Sumner	\$124,000	26916 W Six Mile	\$130,000	9136 Winston	\$140,000	15546 Winston	\$115,000
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7747 Princeton	\$145,000	214 S Christine	\$146,000	1320 S Hambleton	\$154,000	535 S Hawthorne	\$135,000	35436 Schley	\$167,000
413 Surrey	\$160,000	6319 Twin Oaks	\$202,000	33878 Whitewood	\$249,000	5998 Wilmer	\$122,000	39370 Worcester	\$182,000

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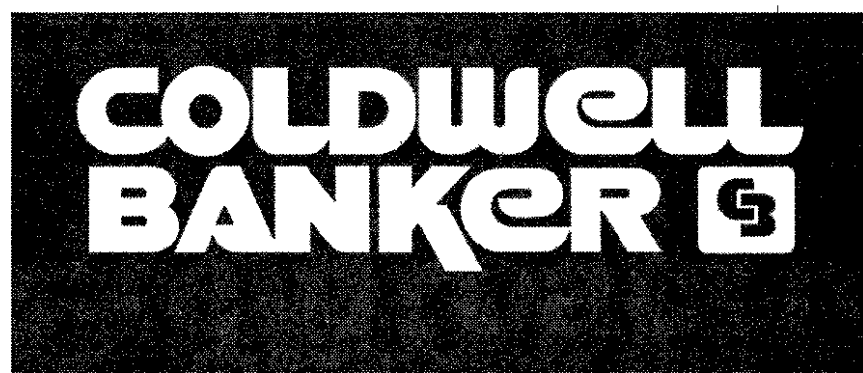
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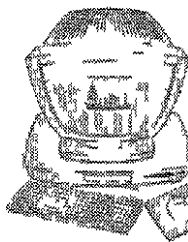
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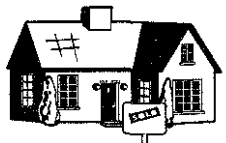
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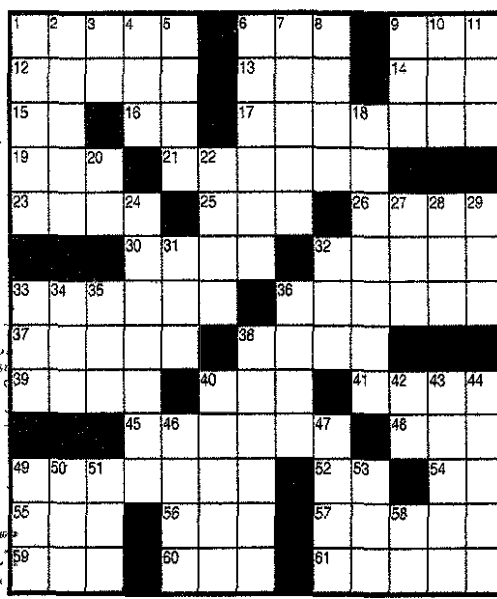
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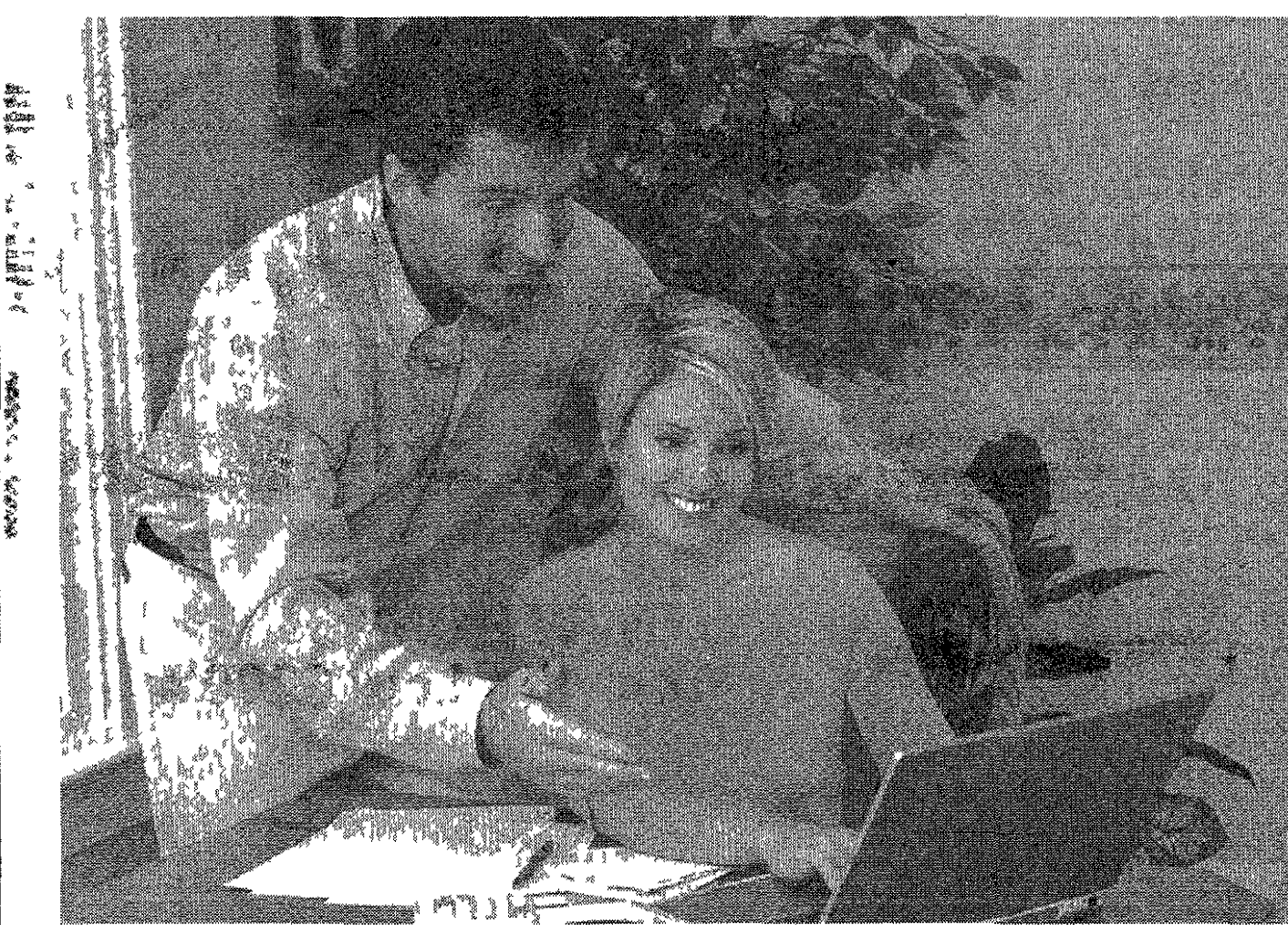
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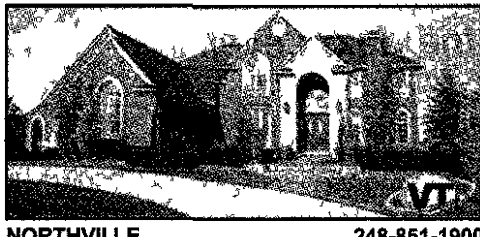


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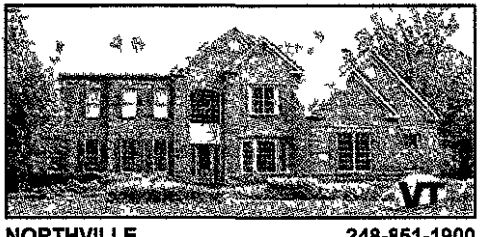
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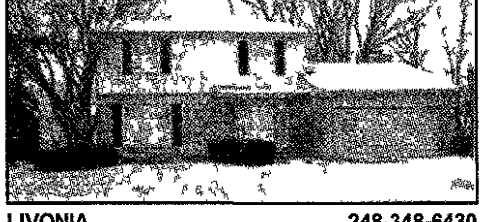
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Extremely open floor plan 4 BR 2 BA ranch on 1/2 acre lot Updts incl windows roof furn/A/C hardwood floors ceramic in kit & BA New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters & all new appliances New carpet fin bsmt & more (26027663) \$239 900



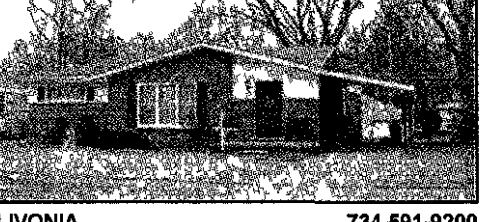
CANTON 734-591-9200
Stylish Newer Canton Colonial! Sizable Living Room with Gas Fireplace and Recessed Lighting Open flowing kitchen Large dining room with doorwalk to deck and wooded view Wide open basement (26005791) \$234 900



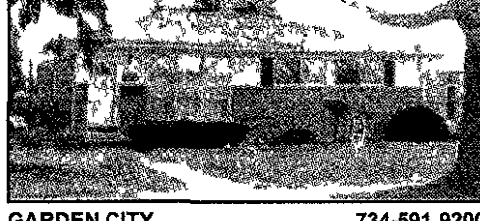
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Livonia ranch 3 BR 1 5 BA lots of updates Hardwood Floors granite floor & countertop in BA Marble tiled FP Newer roof windows carpet Large deck off family room with gazebo 2 car attached garage (26024457) \$204 900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME! 3 BR 1 5 BA cove ceilings & hardwood floors under carpet Partial finished bsmt Updates include roof furnace A/C & windows Newer washer & dryer remain 349 6200 (25167969) \$169 000



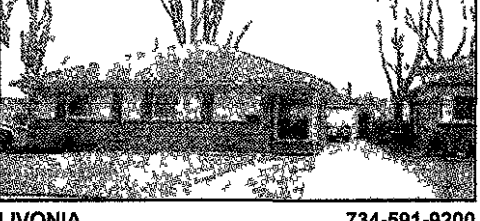
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Spotless Livonia Ranch in the State Streets subdivision 1219 sqft Newer roof furnace windows and A/C Large backyard & 1/2 block from elementary school & park (26038226) \$167 500



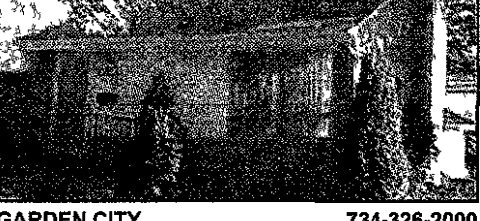
GARDEN CITY 734-591-9200
3 BR 1 5 bath well maintained home Great eat in kitchen large finished bsmt w/FP bar & half bath oak hardwood floors under carpet New oak cabinets in kitchen with Wallside Doorwall Brick patio in large backyard (26033578) \$159 900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
BROWNSTONE CONDO Hardwood entry & kitchen 9 ft ceilings 2 BR 2 1 BA 1 car attached garage Basement w/daylight windows Last Avalon style Immed Occupancy All appliances stay 349 6200 (26018191) \$157 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 bedroom brick ranch with Livonia Schools! Spacious bedrooms large updated kitchen updated clean & neutral too Super cute! (26033966) \$149 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
ROOMY YET COMPACT! Is this Unique 3 BR Tr Level in Garden City with 1 5 Baths Refinished hardwood floors FR LL Walkout C/A and 2 car garage Can also be leased for \$1095 per month (25142287) \$149 900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Charming 3 BR 2 bath brick ranch located in S Redford Updates galore newer kitchen BA windows doors int paint copper plumb circuit breaker box glass block windows in part fin bsmt w/bar & full BA 2+ car garage (26035841) \$139 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
PERFECTLY PERFECT! No stone unturned Beautiful Hardwood Floors Brand New Kitchen Updated Bath Finished Basement New Roof New Windows Squeaky Clean! (25149851) \$137 500



WAYNE 734-326-2000
GOT IT ALL! 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths finished basement C/A fireplace hardwood floors solar panels garage & much much more (25175475) \$137 500



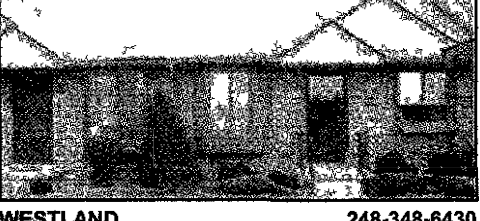
WYANDOTTE 734-326-2000
3BEDROOM BUNGALOW! New Kitchen newer siding and dimensional 30 year Roof Large garage on a double lot (26022324) \$129 900



CANTON 734-326-2000
Make Yourself at Home in this 2 BR unit across the street from Lifetime Fitness Center! New windows 2004 Updated kitchen & bath Corner unit with attached garage Fresh Paint Pets allowed Pool (26034158) \$125 000



WAYNE 734-326-2000
ALL DRESSED UP! This 3 bedroom Beauty with loft 2 car garage and oversized lot is completely updated from head to toe! Call for a list of updates and a private viewing (26008310) \$117 500



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
IMMACULATE MOVE-IN CONDITION! Ranch condo features vaulted ceiling creating an open airy feeling Bay window in LR Bright kitchen with doorwall leading to deck Master BR with master BA 349-6200 (26021486) \$114 999



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
MUST GET INSIDE TO BELIEVE! Remodeled in 2003 New windows furnace entrance doors Hardwood floors all neutral colors Ready to move in Perfect for first time buyer 349-6200 (25180586) \$111 800

CANTON 734-455 7000
SUPERIOR VALUE FOR CENTRAL PARK ESTATE Prem un qual by 4BR Colonial Gourmet kitchen with island hardwood floors Master Suite w/ double sink & vanity 3 car garage Pool & Tennis court! Plymouth/Canton schools (26038929) \$344 900

LIVONIA 734 591-9200
Country in the city Cape Cod on a cul de sac! 88 acres 4 BR 2 baths fin bsmt w/wet bar newer high efficiency furnace windows siding Ko Pond large deck outside ghtng (26028658) \$380 000

NEW HUDSON 248-437-3800
What a great home! Custom Colonial on cul-de sac w/ large wooded lot & a pond Hardwood floors cathedral ceilings 2 story foyer Library w/ built in bookshelves Much more (26006558) \$304 900

PLYMOUTH 734-455 7000
A LOT OF HOME FOR THE MONEY Prime downtown Plymouth location 3BR 1 5BA new FR carpet hrdwd flrs under BR carpet Freshly painted New furnace in 99 Lg beautiful back yard fenced to sell (26020749) \$164 900

CANTON 734-455 7000
DESIRABLE HUNTINGTON PLACE! Gorgeous Colon nestled in desirable sub 4BR 3 5BA luxurious Master w/separate shower & tub Fin basement with rec room wet bar & full bath Beautifully maintained (26028420) \$339 900

LIVONIA 248 348-6430
Desireable Woodcreek sub Many updates Furnace A/C H2O heater updated kitchen oak cabinets lg Florida room fin bsmt lg tree lot & home warranty 348 6430 (25166993) \$289 900

NORTHVILLE 248 348-6430
Elegant & delightful townhouse Warm & inviting condo w/open LR & DR Features 2 way fireplace Light kitchen w/nook & balcony 1st floor master BR Guest room & bath upstairs Ample storage 349-6200 (25154097) \$227 000

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Charm & Character throughout this ranch w/ large front porch 100x135 double lot & walkng n/c to Downtown Plymouth Well maintained 3 BR 2 BA basement 2 car garage & more (26019683) \$189 900

CANTON 734-455 7000
CHERRY HILL VILLAGE BEAUTY! Priced way below cost 2BR/2BA ranch condo w/20x40 bsmt 2 car attached garage 1st floor laundry Kitchen with hardwood maple cabinets stainless appliances & granite Fabulous master suite (25186871) \$239 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Spacious 3BR brick ranch 2 000 bonus credit at closing Fully updated w/ new kitchen w/ granite All new flooring & carpet 1/2 New furn & A/C paver patio on back w/built in grill (26019088) \$210 000

PINKNEY 248 348-6430
4 BR 2 1 BATH HOME! Golf course just behind the pines off the deck of this nearly new Colonial Island kitchen highlighted by Brazil an hardwood floors master BR & BA w/Jacuzzi 349 6200 (26025123) \$317 900

PLYMOUTH 248-437-3800
Great Colonial in Plymouth Township Great location with 3 BR 1st flr MBR 1st flr indry updt kit & wood burning fireplace (25138224) \$174 900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Sharp 4 bedroom 1 5 bath Colonial in Canton Country Acres Sub Large FR w/Nat FP updated kitchen w/ separate dining area spacious LR newer thermal vinyl windows part fin bsmt ceramic foyer and more (26016838) \$209 900

LIVONIA 248 348-6430
ALL THE UPDATES!!! New kitchen bath w/jacuzzi Pe go fr drywall bsmt w/pool table new furn A/C steel doors 5 ceiling fans & all 7 new appliances stay Hurry 349 6200 (26030013) \$154 000

PLYMOUTH 734 591-9200
Loaded w/ updates! 4 BR 2 5 bath Colonial Features incl Eat in kitchen w/marble cabinets & unique granite tops FR w/FP & sep wet bar room Master BR w/BA & WIC fin bsmt arge deck w/ gazebo (26023273) \$474 900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
A neat & clean brick ranch w/ hardwood floors Newer kitchen (oak cabinets) countertop & new firing Roof 6 yrs Furn & Air 6 yrs window 5 yrs glass block fin bsmt w/wet bar deck double lot copper plumbing (26030102) \$134 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455 7000
7 5 ACRE OF COUNTRY LIVING! Well maintained 3BR/3BA home loaded w/updates on 3/4 acre country setting Formerly used for senior care can be business or personal residence (26019600) \$192 815

LIVONIA 248 348-6430
Lovely well maintained Livonia brick bungalow 3 BR (3rd BR being fin) 1228 sq ft all major upgrades done Furnace C/A glass block copper plumbing e/eo windows vinyl trim newer carpet & much more (25152775) \$145 000

PLYMOUTH 248 348-6430
Nature lovers delight 2 2 acres w/Plymouth Canton schools Tons of features incl new oak kit new roof vinyl windows hardwood floors Spacious room sizes w/4 BR & 2 full baths 349 6200 (25141161) \$348 500

SOUTH LYON 248-437-3800
Immaculate Home in Trotters Pointe! GR with nat gas hookup FP Lg off ce/den on main floor 1st flr mstr with garden tub n BA Fin basement w/ workshop (26014378) \$324 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455 7000
COUNTRY DREAM RANCH! Picture perfect brick home on large lot (close to 1/2 acre) with a park like setting 3BR FP A/C 2 car garage Rebuilt in 1999 (26011623) \$189 900

LIVONIA 248 348-6430
CHARMING 2 BR RANCH! Updates include kitchen vinyl siding & trim roof furnace HW/H vinyl windows driveway parquet flooring in LR Livonia schools Must see 349 6200 (25175714) \$124 500

PLYMOUTH 734-455 7000
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER! 3BR/1 5BA Tr level LR FR New kitchen all appl stay incl washer/dryer Sat ny hardwood floors around 2car+gar Newer furnace & vinyl windows Deep lot Court setting (26021424) \$222 900

TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING! Cozy 3 BR 1 5 BA Colonial w/ newer open kitchen Natural fireplace in FR Some new windows & doorwall Beautifully fin bsmt 349 6200 (25179416) \$187 500

HAZEL PARK 248-348-6430
HAZEL PARK GEM! 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot Everything updated Move in ready and under \$90 000 349 6200 (25162338) \$89 900

MILFORD 248 851 1000
GREAT CONTEMP CONDO Great floor on 1st flr mstr site jacuzzi Huge kitchen Wrap around deck 1st flr indry Walk to Milford (26028490) \$232 000

WESTLAND 734 591-9200
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Emerging Field of Legal Nurse Consulting



WORKWISE Law firms began using legal nurse consultants (LNCs) in the early 1970s, according to Patricia Iyer's "Legal Nurse Consulting Principles and Practice," 2nd ed., but the occupation, with nurses and former nurses functioning as employees or subcontractors, isn't yet fully-established. A spokesperson for the Chicago-based American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC) states, "There are no standards for becoming a legal nurse consultant or for practicing."

CONTOVERSY LNCs assist attorneys in cases requiring nursing expertise, from reviewing medical charts to serving as expert witnesses. Frances Britt, case coordinator at Legal Nurse Consulting Solutions Inc., in Tampa, says that working with attorneys isn't a matter of "just getting a box of records, reviewing a chart and that's that. You're constantly learning." She and the president, Rose Marie Harvey, who owns the company, are pictured here with co-owner, James McHugh of The McHugh Fuller Law Group in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Sam Lanham, president-elect of the 460-member Maine Trial Lawyers Association and partner at Cuddy & Lanham in Bangor, Maine, has worked with several "They are very, very helpful," he says, "as long as it is for the right

kind of case and a particular, focused circumstance (for which the LNCs) have the particular expertise." Other Bangor attorneys are skeptical because of the size of cases they handle, lack of standards, the issue of confidentiality, the availability of attorneys on staff who are former nurses.

TRAINING/PREPARATION There are several ways to become an LNC. The first is on the job. Rose Marie Harvey left nursing, then worked in a Tampa Bay area law firm for seven years before opening her company, LNCS, in September. "I worked with a number of attorneys who orchestrated different cases," she says. "I evaluated the quality of care." She and her employees don't serve as expert witnesses. Instead, the company provides law firms nurses, physicians and dieticians who do. She says that many LNCs continue nursing.

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James McHugh, Rose Marie Harvey and Fran Britt work together on cases involving legal nurse consulting.

hours of working in the field, takes five hours and costs \$275. A spokesperson says that it's "the only legal nurse consulting certification program accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties." The online program offered by Kaplan University, headquartered in Davenport, Iowa, and the Vicki Milazzo Institute in Houston, which offers two alternatives, are two other sources of training. Kaplan's unaccredited, self-paced program, leading to an LNC Certificate, takes 12 months and costs \$3,195.00 for tuition. Milazzo, a former nurse

with a JD, teaches a six-day or home-study program, which requires an examination for certification. Her program, accredited by the Texas Nurses Association, costs from \$3,697 to \$7,397, the latter with extensive mentoring for those who maintain certification. Milazzo states that a \$23 hourly nursing salary may be exchanged for \$100 per hour to \$150 per hour. Harvey agrees, explaining that expert witnesses are paid the most. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2006 Passage Media.)

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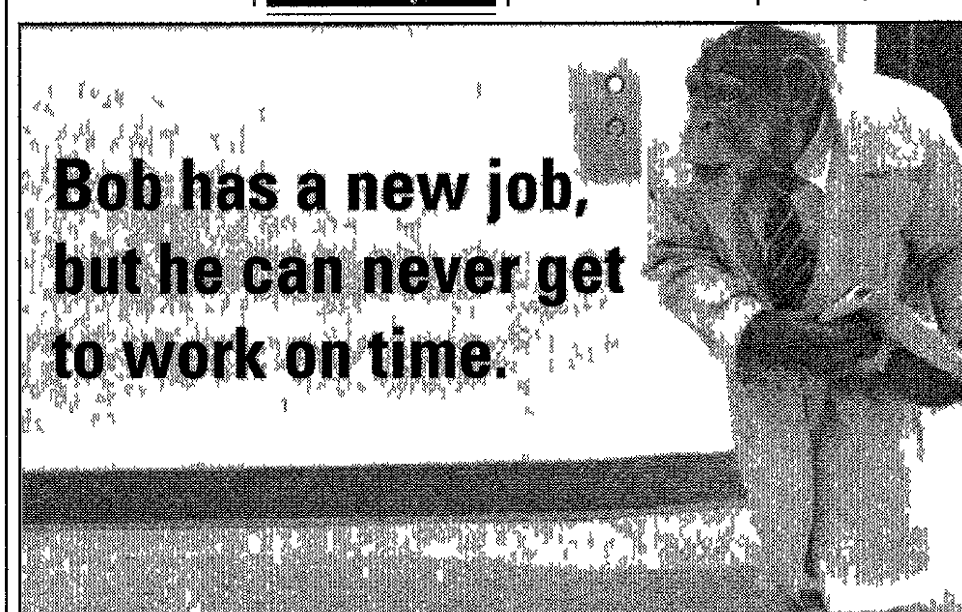
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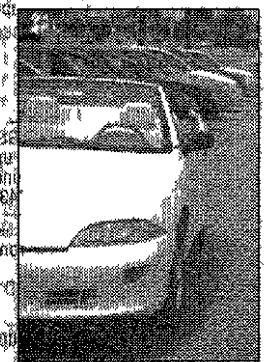
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Be honest - how long have you wanted to own a convertible? I know they're not for everybody, but for some, there is just no substitute for driving with the top down and feeling the wind rush through your hair. Provided, of course, it's not the middle of winter in a northern climate. When that convertible weather hits, though, you're likely to see some Chrysler Sebring Convertibles on the road. Three times in the last nine years the Sebring has been America's best-selling convertible, and for 2006, Chrysler serves up four versions of the Sebring convertible, including the Limited. While I have a few issues with the Sebring Limited, it's easy to see why it's fared so well.

First and foremost, it's a sharp-looking car, in fact, I think it looks better as a top-down convertible than its four-door sedan counterpart. The aggressive-looking wide front grille, the sweeping lines and the 16" aluminum chrome clad wheels fit together nicely. The convertible top is powered and comes with a top cover boot. Fog lamps are standard, too, and with the top down, this car looks nice.

The Limited is powered by a standard 2.7-liter, DOHC, 24-valve, V-6 engine with available AutoStick transmission. The engine is rated at 200 hp and 190 lb-ft of torque @ 4850 rpm. I would have liked just a little bit more from it, while acceleration is adequate, and the engine runs smoothly, with a fun-looking convertible like this, you'd like a little bit more push off the line. On the positive side, you can use regular fuel.

The AutoStick transmission performs well most of the time. There were a few rough downshifts when braking quickly, but overall it works well.

The Sebring Convertible Limited handles well, but I'm not crazy about how it rides. The car comes with a double-wishbone touring suspension, and you really do feel the road - more than I care for, but maybe that's just me. Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard and it handles the car very well, allowing easy maneuvering. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard and they do a good job.

Inside, the Sebring Limited carries a simple, yet



2006 Chrysler Sebring Convertible Limited. Type: compact. Where built: Sterling Heights, MI. EPA: 21/28. Base price: \$31,475. Price as tested: \$33,955

refined look. A walnut door trim panel and instrument panel bezel (optional) are nice touches and the car comes with a well-laid out instrument cluster. The six-way power seats are leather-trimmed with suede inserts and they can be heated. The seats are comfortable and provide good support.

There's plenty of room up front, but, as you would expect with a two-door convertible, not a lot in the rear. The trunk is a good size, but a lot of the space is taken up with the convertible cover, so keep that in mind if you're going to use it to go grocery shopping.

There are a lot of nice standard features in the Sebring Limited. Air conditioning, power windows, mirrors and locks, two auxiliary power outlets, a trip computer/compass which will calculate your fuel reserves, electric rear window defroster

cruise control, remote keyless entry, Sentry Key engine immobilizer, security alarm and leather-wrapped steering wheel are all included.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/single CD system with six speakers rated at 150 watts of power and it sounds very good. You can upgrade to a system that will give you a cassette player and a six-disc in-dash changer, and you can add a satellite radio system, as well. Also available as an option is a GPS navigation system.

The 2006 Chrysler Sebring Convertible Limited starts at around \$31,500. Add the option packages that give you the heated seats, AutoStick transmission, six-disc CD system, and the walnut interior touches and you're looking at about \$34,000. Not a bad price to pay for feeling that wind through your hair, is it?

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Anne Fracassa, Journalist, and Activist Loved Her Family



Anne Fracassa

Anne Fracassa, the syndicated Sunday auto columnist for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers and Macomb County animal activist, died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was 47. Mrs. Fracassa has been the Sunday automotive columnist at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers for years. Her columns, syndicated by Avanti NewsFeatures, have run in more than 400 newspapers nationwide, including Newsday, the Tampa Tribune and other major publications.

She worked 23 years as a journalist for Detroit-area newspapers. Her first auto column ran in The Daily Tribune in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Fracassa co-founded the Warren Dog Park and was

chairwoman of the Warren Animal Welfare Commission. She spurred Warren to create the commission when she saw a woman drown rabbits in front of children. Her dream, not yet achieved, was to create a no-kill animal shelter in Macomb.

Anne stood up to protect animals when others wouldn't, said Dr. Paul-Michael Turkal, a family friend and Clinton Township veterinarian. She was driven by a passion to do the right thing.

Before becoming a journalist and animal welfare activist, Mrs. Fracassa worked in law enforcement. She was an employee of the FBI for six years and for two years was a police and fire dispatcher in Southfield.

For the past 14 years, Mrs. Fracassa has worked from home, allowing her to be a devoted mother. She was Market Day coordinator at Warren Woods Christian and Macomb Christian schools and spent hours watching her two daughters skate for the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club.

Anne is the best mom ever, said Hawke Fracassa, her husband.

Mrs. Fracassa graduated from St. Mary's of Redford High School and earned bachelor's degrees in history and journalism from Wayne State University.

Survivors include her husband, Hawke, her two daughters, Francesca and Rebecca Fracassa, and two dogs, Stevie Y and Shanny.

Mrs. Fracassa was preceded in death by her son, Nicholas, and her parents, Lydia and Guerno Fracassa.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Malachy Catholic Church, Sterling Heights, with entombment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township.

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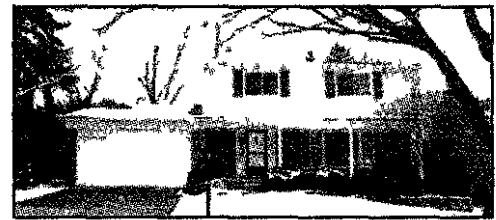
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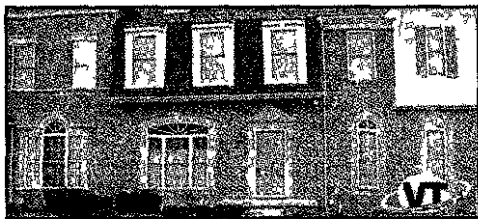
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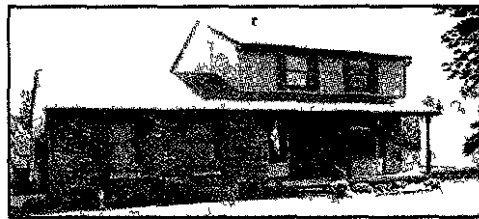
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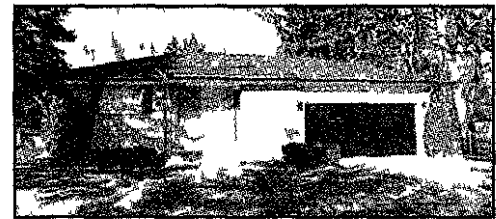
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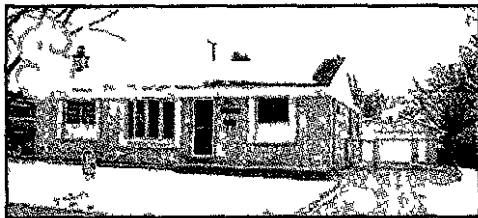
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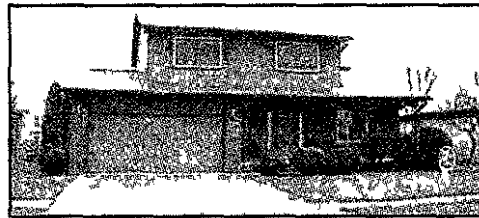
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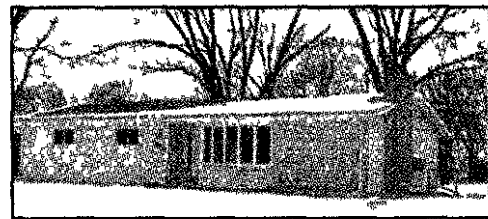
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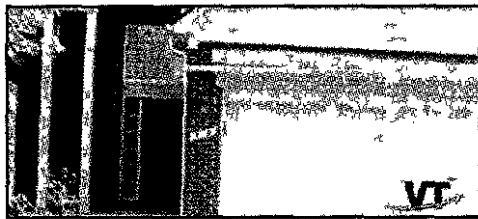
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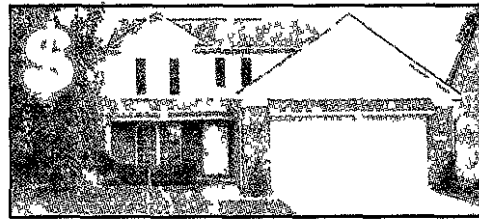
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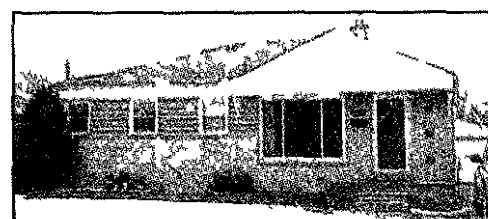
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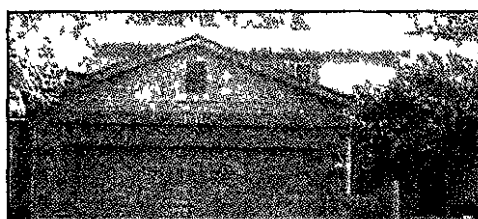
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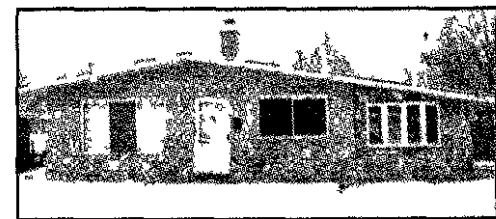
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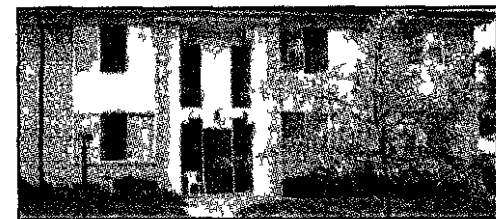
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Ewa Podleś in Rossini's *Tancredi* Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Alberto Zedda conductor

Ewa Podleś, contralto (*Tancredi*)

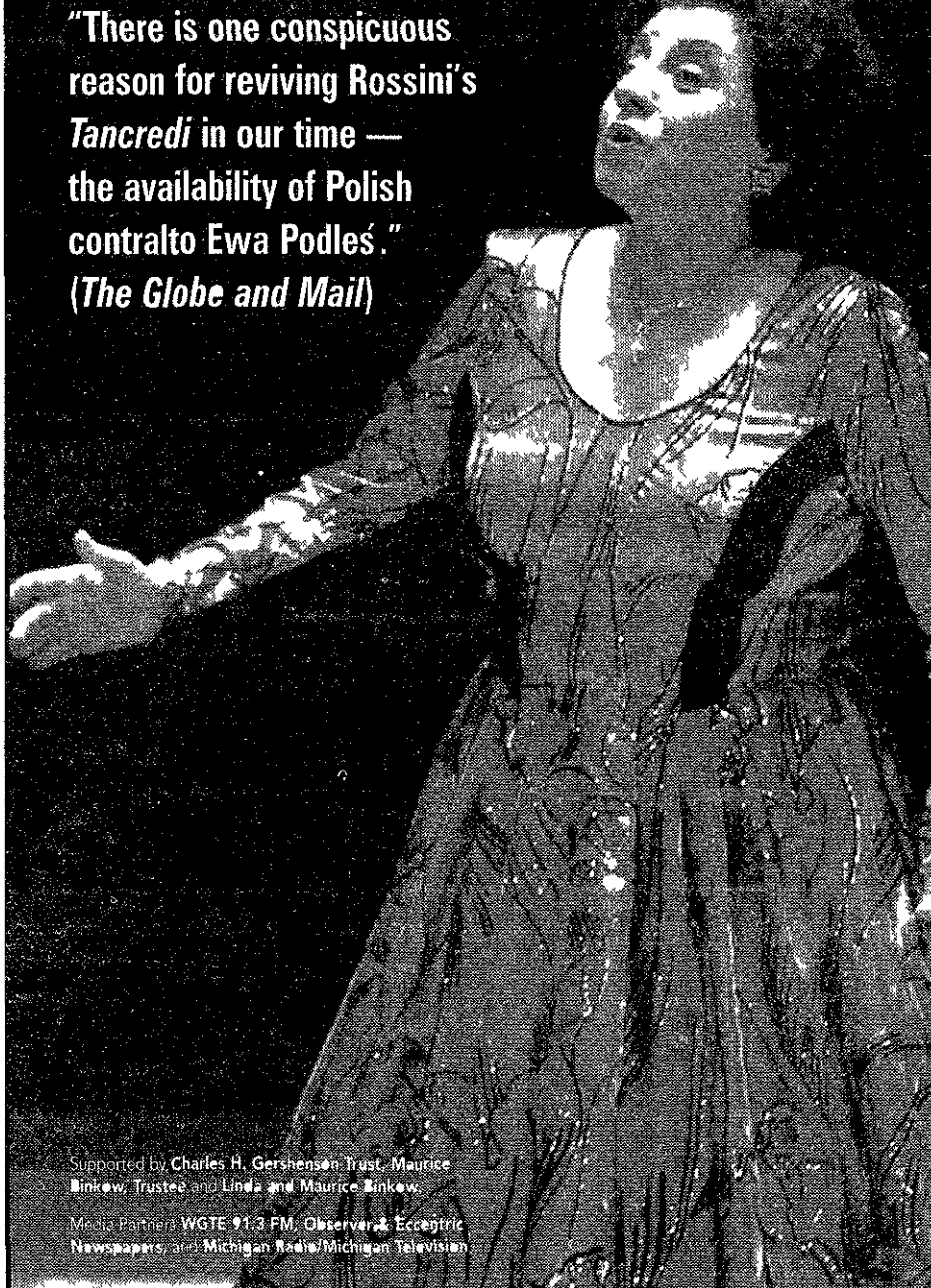
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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 8 PM

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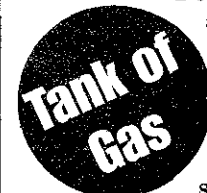
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Lollapalooza announces its lineup

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year, Lollapalooza isn't making its way to Detroit. Still, the festival that started all festivals has made its home just five hours away - in Chicago's Grant Park.



Lollapalooza is Aug. 4-6 there and pre-ticket sales were listed at \$130.

Last week, a limited number of tickets were announced online for \$45 and they sold out in less than an hour. As the show date nears, ticket prices increase.

The 2006 artists list has exploded to 130 bands on eight stages. Some of the big headlining bands who've performed at Lollapalooza in the past will return: The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sonic Youth, Queens of the Stone Age and The Flaming Lips.

Also performing are Ryan Adams, Kanye West, Wilco, Manu Chao, Death Cab for Cutie, The Raconteurs, Ween, Thievery Corporation, Sleater-Kinney, Nickel Creek, Blues Traveler, Broken Social Scene, The New Pornographers, Panic! At the Disco, Reverend Horton Heat, Aqualung, Wolfmother, The Benevento Russo Duo, Matt Costa, Manishevitz, Ohmega Watts and a lot more.

No word yet on whether or not founder Perry Farrell (Jane's Addiction, Porno for Pyros and Satellite Party frontman) will perform.

The festival is all about discovering new sounds, plus hearing our favorites. "We want the fans to discover and explore," said Farrell.

This year again there's a space for 'the next generation of Lollapalooza fans' with family-oriented musicians, treasure hunts, kiddie yoga, drum circles and other activities.

And if the music isn't enough, Mindfield, which Farrell launched at Lolla 2003, continues this year. The festival grounds will be a giant game board that involves text messaging hints and a scavenger hunt.

Prizes are VIP passes, backstage tours and more. To sign up, visit the Lolla Web site.

Tickets for the three-day pass are now \$130, or as the promoters say, \$1 per band. \$1,250 buys two people the LollaLounge package that includes food, beverages, special seating, mini massages and facials plus special shopping areas.

For details, visit www.lollapalooza.com

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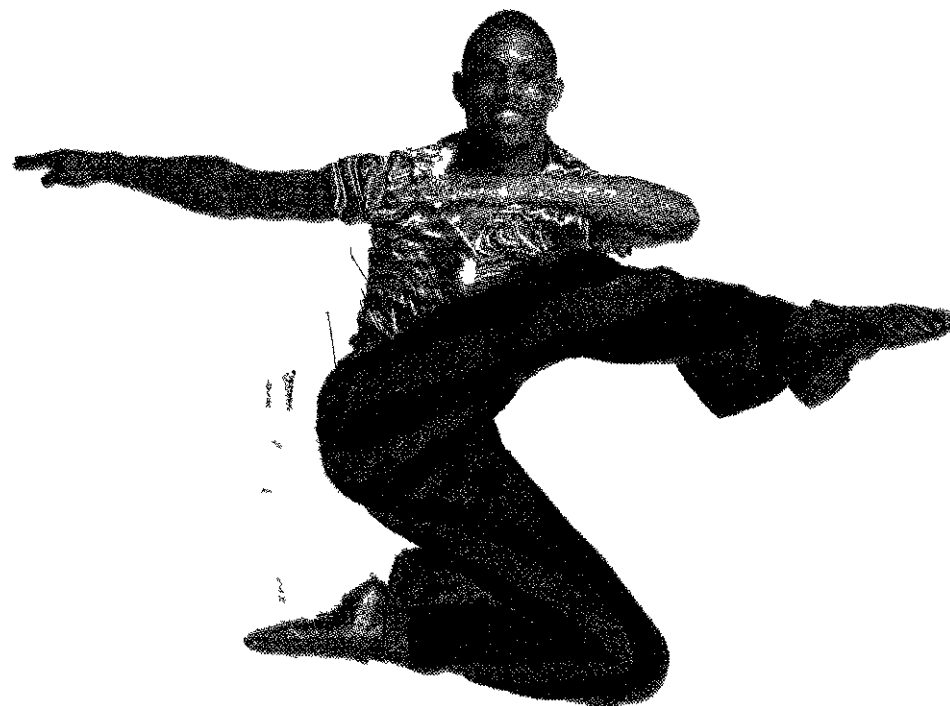
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EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's upcoming show, "Motown in Motion," pairs contemporary dance with a performance by The Contours

Do you love me?

The Contours lay down sound for contemporary dance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The sounds of Motown are about to give way to motion. The contemporary dance type of motion courtesy of Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, a professional repertory company based in Rochester Hills.

The group's artistic director and founder Laurie Eisenhower decided it was high time for a local performance that combines the talents of area dancers with the Motown groove.

But *Motown in Motion*, slated Saturday at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township, does more than that. The production has The Contours performing Motown hits live on stage.

It started out with trying to come up with something to celebrate Michigan, said Eisenhower, who choreographed four of the 16 pieces presented in the show. And, Motown seemed like a logical idea. Eisenhower assembled seven choreographers including three nationally

known artists from outside Michigan, to create new works set to Motown music. So, in addition to a full evening of dance, the audience will be treated to a Motown revue-style concert.

There's *My Girl* by The Temptations, *Nowhere to Run* by Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, *Heard it through the Grapevine* by Gladys Knight and the Pips,

How Sweet it Is by Marvin Gaye, *Signed, Sealed, Delivered* by Stevie Wonder, and, of course, *Do You Love Me* sung live by the Contours.

The Motown music group will perform simultaneously with the dancers at several points in the show with occasional interaction.

They were game for anything, Eisenhower said of working with The Contours. "I didn't quite know what to expect, but as soon as they came into the studio we said 'This is fabulous.'"

And, don't be surprised to see a little motion on the part of The Contours, too. Even Eisenhower can't help but check out their moves, she said, adding "I like watching them dance."

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Dance

MOTOR CITY MOTION

What: *Motown in Motion* contemporary dance by local and interna-

tionally known choreographers set to Motown tunes with The Contours performing live.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday March 25

Where: Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township

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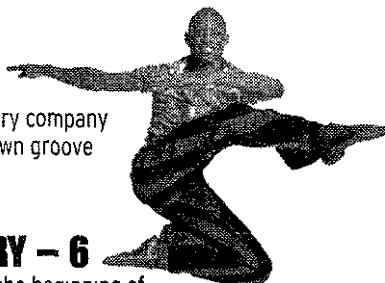
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Trent Reznor and Nine Inch Nails will be one of DTE's summer acts

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Suzuki's Ricky Carmichael (No. 4) is racing for the Amp'd Mobile Supercross championship

A fleet field

Amp'd Mobile World Supercross GP Series debuts

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Motorcyclists fire up their bikes and haul through the stadium with a little high-flying, fast action

And you don't have to be a regular fan to get in on it

Amp'd Mobile World Supercross GP is a 17 round global off-road motorcycle stadium racing circuit coming to Ford Field in Detroit, Saturday, March 25

Riders must compete in international rounds to be eligible to win the world championship. At Ford Field, Amp'd Mobile World Supercross GP/Amp'd Mobile

GET SUPERCROSS TICKETS

Where: Ford Field, 2000 Brush St, Detroit (313) 262-2000

When: Saturday, March 25

Main Event starts: 7 p.m. Doors open, view practice and qualifying races starting at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10-\$50 at all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

AMA last year's Pontiac winner Chad Reed of Dade City, Fla., will race against some other racing favorites like Suzuki's Ricky Carmichael and Kawasaki's James Stewart

Reed won his fourth series race at the Silverdome last year in front of 51,142 fans. Stewart of Haines City, Fla., won his sixth series last week in Florida last week.

"I had a scary crash last week in Daytona but put it back together," Stewart said. "I am going to keep my head down and see what happens the rest of the season."

Some facts about Amp'd

■ The Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme is the body that globally governs motorcycle sport at the world level. The FIM groups

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- 9 Kevin Windham, Centerville, Miss., Honda
- 10 Jeff Dement, Kingwood, Texas, Suzuki

Of Montreal loves Dustin Hoffman with reissue package

REVIEW

Sometime about two weeks ago, I had an itching for all things Of Montreal. Someone up in that corporate music office in the sky must have heard my wish

and, just like magic, produced a collection of Of Montreal reissues for me to pour over. They might not be my music office in the sky, but Polyvinyl

Records is the responsible party for giving some recycled life to three of the Athens, Ga., groups' forgotten albums and making me one happy camper.

Included in the *Reissue Package Deal* (available on Polyvinyl's Web site) are *The Bedside Drama*, *A Petite Tragedy* (1998), *The Bird Who Continues to Eat the Rabbit's Flower* (1997) and *The Early Four Track Recordings* (2001).

After just one listen, the package is an easy gift for any diehard Of Montreal fan, representing a thorough look back at where the bands been and a better understanding of what it's doing today.

Bedside Drama contains 16 tracks that have a unique Vaudeville feel to them, which are sure to produce many a soft-shoe routine from loyal listeners. There's no shortage of bells and whistles, zips and zings on this full release.

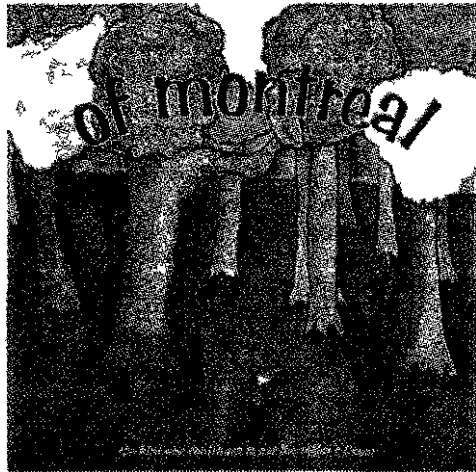
The Bird sounds the most like modern Of Montreal, with opening track *You Are An Airplane* being my top pick from this eight-song "mini" album, as the kids call it.

And just when the package can't get any better, in pops *Early Four Track*, with its song titles featuring one similar theme: Dustin Hoffman.

Yes, I'm serious. I'd write all of the song titles here, but that would take away some of the fun of discovering them for yourself.

However, fans can rest easy knowing that the first track of *Dirty Dustin Hoffman Needs a Bath* leads into track two, *Dustin Hoffman Gets a Bath*. Thank goodness.

Many reissues or "greatest hits" tend to be a waste of money for most fans, who tend to have numerous "hard-to-find" songs already in their collections. This Of



Montreal package is just the opposite. It's a coherent compilation of some of the band's best early works.

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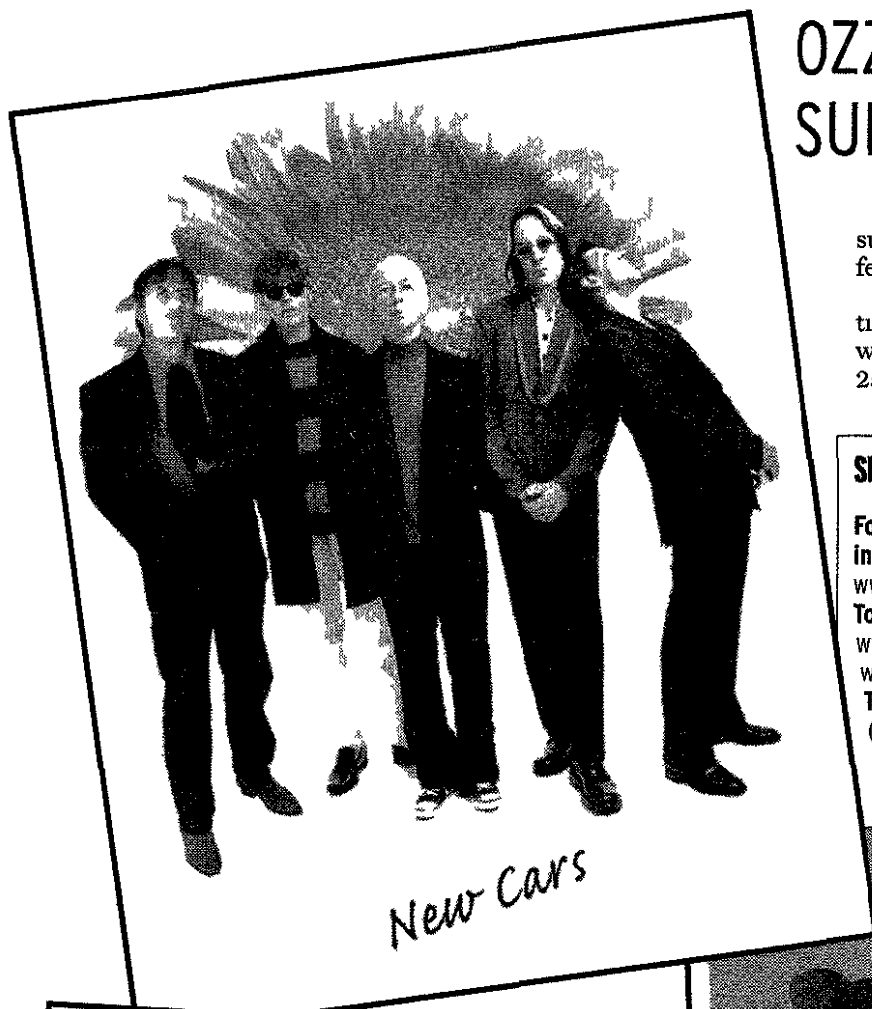
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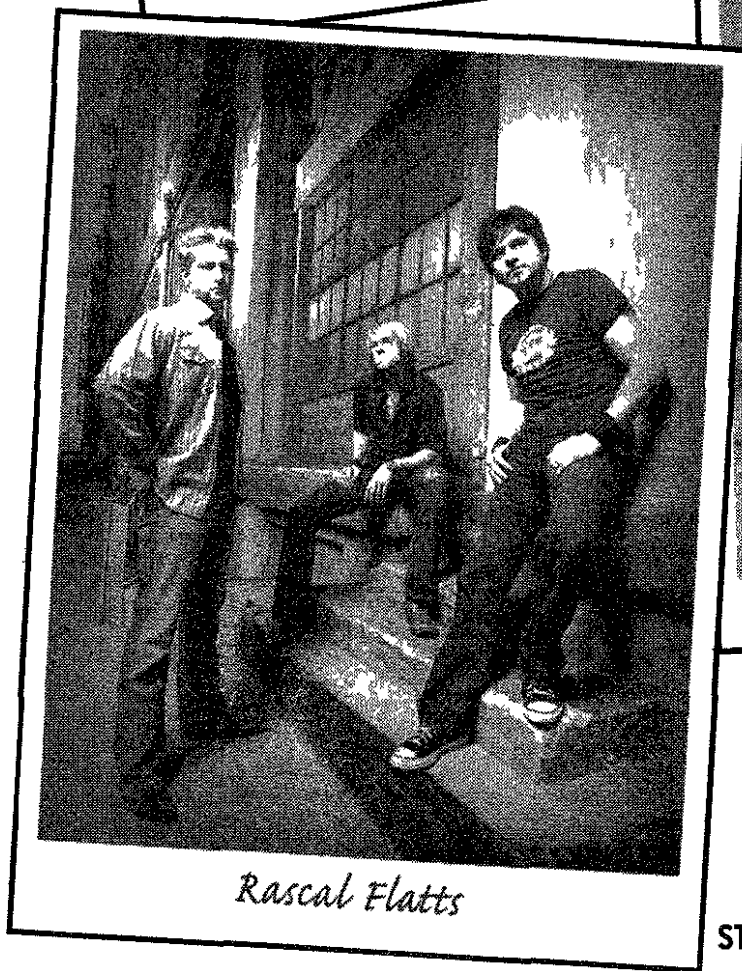
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SUMMER PREVIEW

OZZFEST, NINE INCH NAILS, COUNTRY SUPERSTARS & MORE AT DTE



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**Cover
story**

While concerts for the DTE Energy Music Theatre summer season won't be announced until May, news of a few shows have leaked through the Internet

We discovered through MySpace.com an interesting ticket. Alternative rock bands Nine Inch Nails will perform with one of Goth's original founders, Bauhaus, on Sunday, June 25

Ticket prices for that show weren't announced yet and won't go on sale until Saturday, April 1

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But there's other rock acts that crowds of all ages will enjoy

Dave Matthews Band with G Love and Special Sauce will perform Tuesday, June 6. Blondie and The New Cars perform Wednesday, July 19, with original members

guitarist Elliot Easton and keyboardist Greg Hawkes, singer Todd Rundgren will lead

OZZfest, one of the best-selling festivals in the nation, comes to town on Wednesday, July 19. Since 1996 the festival has sold more than 4.5 million tickets

Headlining OZZfest is System of a Down. Ozzy will perform at 10 shows, but not at DTE, according to reports at press time

"Because after 10 years I feel it's time to let someone else share the headlining spotlight," Osbourne said. "We want to shake it up a bit this year. I've closed virtually every OZZfest performance for a decade now and I feel I can finally let other artists headline our festival and that's my intention for the future."

Also on the OZZfest mainstage is Disturbed, Lacuna Coil, Hate Breed and another act to be

announced

Playing the second stage is Black Label Society, Unearth, Atreyu, Bleeding Through and Norma Jean. Rotating slots on the tour are The Red Chord, Walls of Jericho, A Life Once Lost, Strapping Young Lad, Full Blown Chaos, All That Remains and Between the Buried and Me

OZZfest is a critical venue for rising metal bands to get publicity

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STORY BY LANA MINI | STAFF WRITER

Donner party tragedy unfolds on Meadow Brook stage

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Tragedy always plays well on stage

On stage

But what about the story of the 1840s Donner party expedition, in which close to 100 pioneers on their way to the West found themselves trapped in the wintry Sierra Nevada mountains and were forced to resort to cannibalism to survive?

Isn't that a bit grotesque?

Although *Devour the Snow* depicts the tragic and unbelievable incident, the play takes a historical perspective and unfolds the events in hindsight

In the aftermath, some of the survivors found themselves in court fighting a legal battle

Devour the Snow, which continues through April 9 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills, recounts the courtroom drama

COURTROOM DRAMA

What: *Devour the Snow* historically accurate play depicting the courtroom aftermath of the Donner party expedition

When: Continues through April 9. Most performances are 8 p.m. Wednesday Saturday and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills

Tickets: \$20-\$36 call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

"Right down to the nitty gritty, it's historically accurate," said David Regal, artistic director, Meadow Brook Theatre. "It's a chronological telling."

The two-act play is based on the diary entries of Capt. Sutter, a Swiss Army captain who settled in and owned much of what is now California. He also founded Fort Sutter.

One of the Donner party survivors, German immigrant Lewis Keseberg, sought damages

against two other survivors for slander. The court case was held in Fort Sutter with the captain serving as a one-man jury.

"They blamed him as a catalyst and claimed that he was into cannibalism," Regal said of survivors' slanderous claims. "It's a survivor's guilt thing."

So, although the play certainly touches on the subject of cannibalism and offers up several horrific accounts, it, No. 1, looks at how we try to shift our guilt and, No. 2, how we pick a foreign person on to which to shift the guilt," explained Regal.

The play also reveals lesser known facts about the Donner party expedition, including the story of the relief effort.

"We're trying to put a little seriousness into the mix. It's been a pretty light season, so we wanted to add something a little dramatic," said Regal. "It's not like going to a horror movie. If it's titillating at all, it can be justified by the fact that it really happened. It's American history."

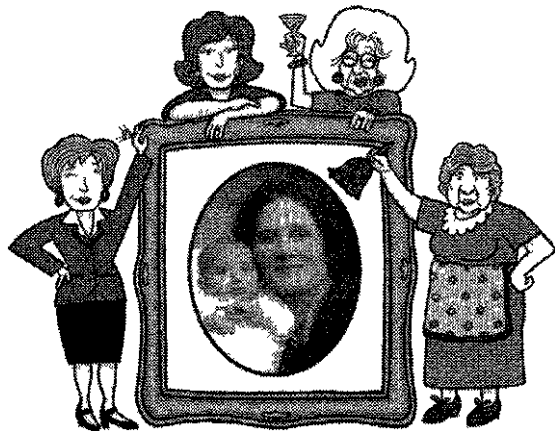
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Tom Mahard (left) and Dennis North star in 'Devour the Snow' at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills

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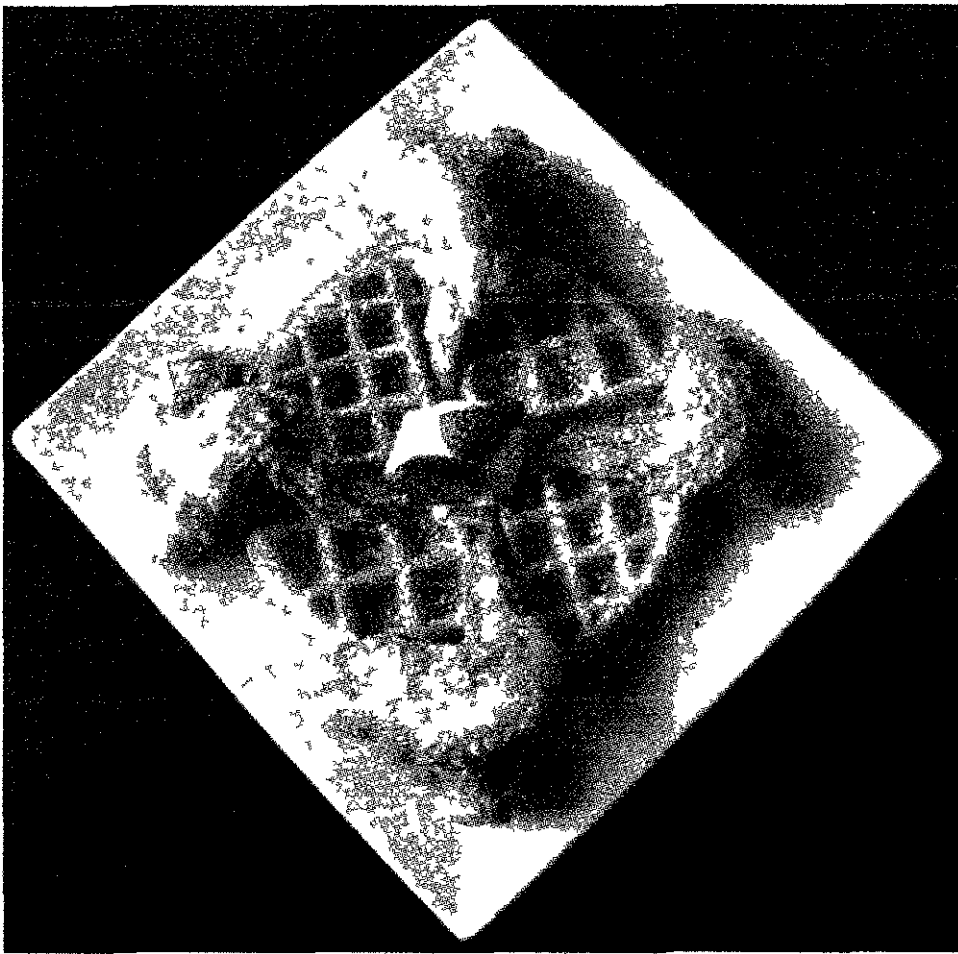
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Uptown Eatery

Southfield eatery serves 'down home' good eats

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

You want it? Uptown Eatery's got it!

For this reason, it's hard to define its food style, so let's say it's just about everything soulful Americans like to eat from breakfast through dinner.

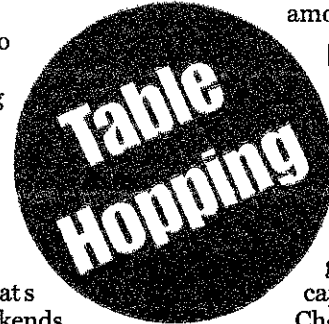
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Exciting New Menu Items

UPTOWN

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tomatoes – more than a meal at \$9

DAY'S END

After sunset, this rather dark interior of a converted former Mr B's morphs to a jazz lounge with a relaxed dining room, serving southern soul food and other comfort dishes

On Friday and Saturday evenings, a mature crowd seems to call Uptown Eatery their spot to relax and listen, cocktail in hand, to many styles of live music. Others hooked on whatever's on the plasma TVs do their thing.

A short stroll gets them a table in the main or garden room where they can order anything from jambalaya, catfish, Jamaican jerk dusted baby back ribs, shrimp, chicken, pasta, steak or Surf & Turf. Or they eat in the bar.

Two main dish selections pay attention to vegetarian preferences – Veggie Quesadillas and Tofu Stir Fry. Non-vegetarians can order the quesadillas with chicken

UPTOWN EATERY

Where 19701 W 12 Mile Southfield (248) 423 1452

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Food style What Americans like to eat

Cost Breakfast \$5 \$10 Lunch \$7 \$10 Dinner main courses all under \$20 and served with soup or salad Kid's menu \$5

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JUNIOR'S

If you were from Brooklyn, N.Y., you'd know the name Junior's, the source of Uptown Eatery's cheesecake selection. Junior's at the corner of Flatbush and DeKalb Avenues, founded by the legendary Harry Rosen in 1950, is the home of New York City's most famous certified kosher cheesecakes.

Six are on the dessert menu to eat in or take out.

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

Sweet Georgia Brown changes hands

Former professional basketball player Derrick Coleman, restaurateur Frank Taylor and Detroit investment banker Kevin Ransom have purchased Sweet Georgia Brown in Greektown.

The three men recently formed Sweet Georgia Brown Acquisition Group. The restaurant purchase is contingent upon the approval of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Coleman, Taylor and Ransom said they will refurbish the 4-year-old restaurant and retain jobs of existing employees, and market the restaurant under its new ownership.

Southern Hospitality Restaurant Group will continue to handle all aspects of Sweet Georgia Brown's day-to-day operations.

Acquiring Sweet Georgia Brown presents a great opportunity to be part of Detroit's renaissance, Coleman said. 'I couldn't think of a better way to be part of downtown Detroit's exciting rebirth than by investing in this Detroit landmark.'

Coleman is the founder and owner of Derrick Coleman Investment LLC, a Detroit-based privately held corporation that operates a diverse

portfolio of companies.

Taylor has managed Sweet Georgia Brown since 2002.

'Sweet Georgia Brown has been a labor of love for me,' Taylor said. 'I was involved with conceptualizing and opening the restaurant in 2002.'

The new look planned for the restaurant will be designed by Regina Donald of Trans-Style Interiors in West

Bloomfield and Tonya Nelson of Custom for You Interiors & Imaging in Southfield.

'The restaurant will have a refined look, in keeping with where restaurant design is today,' stated Donald.

'We wanted to play off the 'brown' in the restaurant's name and create even more of a warm, yet chic setting,' said Nelson. 'The updated interior will incorporate shades of chocolate brown and pale, romantic blues, with stainless steel accents throughout the restaurant.'

Sweet Georgia Brown opened in June 2002 at the corner of Monroe and Brush.



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ART EXHIBITS

Dutch Prints

Recent additions to University of Michigan Museum of Art collection through March 26, 525 S. State University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. Suggested donation is \$5. Call (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Landscapes of Longing: Journeys through Memory and Place through April 2, 525 S. State University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. Suggested donation is \$5. Call (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Cranbrook Art Museum

Shoot the Family, an exhibit of photography and video, and *Crossing Flatland: New Designs by Scott Klinker*, furniture by Cranbrook Academy of Art, head of 3D design, both through April 2, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$4-\$6. Call (877) GO CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$3-\$6. (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org

ART GALLERIES

C-POP Gallery

Science Shows You How, a solo exhibition of lenticular images by artist Chris Dean, through April 21, 4160 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-9901 or visit www.cpop.com

Actors Acting

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits, through April 29, Museum of New Art, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm

Washington Street Gallery

Recess by Jennifer Thompson, watercolor mixed media paintings, through April 16, 120 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 761-2287 or visit www.wsg.art.com

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Kristin Beaver's solo exhibit of lens-based painting, through April 16. Artist's lecture, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills. Free call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

Flianders Art Galleries

Three solo exhibitions of sculpture, painting and photographs: David Kelly's *Classic Silver*, David Eichenberg's *Touch of Tradition* and Sandy Zenisek's *Sticks and Stones*, through April 30. Reception with artists, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 26. (517) 486-4591

Lemberg Gallery

New Work with Sharon Que and Sandra Osip, through March 28, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 591-6623. www.lemberggallery.com

Sherry Washington Gallery

New collages and drawings by Benny Andrews, entitled *Delivering Justice*, and depicting the mailman who led the civil rights movement in Georgia, through March 31, The L.B. King Building, 1274 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 961-4500 or www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

Margo's Gallery

Kimberly Kelly Santini's distinctive pet portraits and four-legged paintings, through April 13, Margo's Gallery & Frame, 5 S.



Washington St., Oxford. (248) 628-5398

Downriver Council for the Arts

6th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibit, through April 4, 20904 Northline, Taylor. (734) 287-6103. www.downriverarts.org

Creative Arts Center

Art and the Motorcycle, through April 8, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. Call (248) 333-7849

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

By Design, works by graphic designers, Main Gallery. *Earth and Sky*, acrylic paintings by Carol Reid, First Floor Gallery, both exhibits run through April 15, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org

Tangent Gallery

Parallel Lies, featuring Mark Heggie, show runs through April 7, 15 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. (313) 873-2955

Cass Cafe

Detroit All Stars of Art, show runs through May 13, 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mersheimer, Murphy and others, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709

The Print Gallery

Vintage Poster Exhibit, through April 29, with posters used to advertise food, liquor, entertainment, travel, products and events, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454. www.EverythingArt.com or www.MonaLisaMania.com

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show, paintings, ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus. At the campus at Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

ART ETC.

Community House

Rita Brown's work of acrylic on canvas as Artist of the Month, upstairs hallway of The Community House of Birmingham, on display through March 31 in upstairs hallway of The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

(248) 644-5832

Farmington Hills Artists Club

Spring 2006 Exhibit, juror Laura Whitesides, Host of Birmingham, April 26-30, free admission, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (734) 455-9885

CLASSICAL

Oakland University

Pianist Flavio Varani's annual benefit for the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance features selections from Beethoven, Villa Lobos, Ravel and Liszt, 8 p.m. Friday, March 24. \$50 VIP, \$25 general admission and \$10 students, Varner Recital Hall. (248) 370-3013 or e-mail mtd@oakland.edu

BBSO

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's concert *Symphonic Classics Old and New* includes premiere of violin concerto composed and performed by Oakland County musicians, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Temple Beth El, northwest corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Township. (248) 645-BBSO. www.bbs.org

Orchestra Canton

Toon Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, featuring selections like *The Barber of Seville*, *Blue Danube Waltz* and others, tickets \$11-\$20 at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway. (734) 394-5460 or (734) 451-2112

Scarab Club

Feminine Approach III, enjoy music of four women composers performed by six musicians, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9. \$18 at door, \$16 for advance, \$14 for Scarab Club members, students \$10, at 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American, nouvelle cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

313 Jac's

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Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays, \$10 for martini and manicure, therapeutic massage, \$1 minute, punk nights, Tuesdays, live rock, Wednesdays, DJs and local bands on week ends, 10215 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck. (313) 871-1966

Blind Pig

Long time hip music spot, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

Blue Martin

Live music, 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple. (248) 258-3005

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. www.thebosco.com. (248) 541-8818

Buddha Lounge

Thursday DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament, Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese, best house music in the city, Sundays Karaoke, Tuesdays Deep House, Wednesdays JamtracK jazz band. www.gobuddha.net. (313) 535-4664

Club Bart

21 and over only, 22726 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 548-8746

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man, 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. (313) 235-2233

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food, dancing, music, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 322-5550

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid back, small, friendly, 22824 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 546-8331

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends, football specials on Sundays, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward Avenue, just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. (248) 591-DINO

Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour, 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysiumlounge.com

Emerald Theatre

Concert house, dancing, 32 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens. (586) 913-1920

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills, no cover. (248) 851-8222

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

Food, drinks and friendly pub atmosphere, 33338 Grand River Ave., Farmington. (248) 474-5941

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley Street, Detroit. www.lelandcityclub.com

Rainbow Room

Laid back atmosphere, dancing, 6640 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit. (313) 891-1020

X/S

High energy dance club, 1500 Woodward

northeast corner at John R., Detroit. (313) 963-9797

Sky Club

Tango, salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday, beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 543-1964

COMEDY

Second City

Performances are Wednesday-Sunday, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up, 269 East Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900. www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555 and 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885. www.joeyscomey.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

314 E. Liberty. www.aacomedy.com. (734) 996-9080

DANCE

MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company

Dances of Elegance, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors, tickets available at door. (248) 689-4084

Detroit Dance Collective

26th Annual Spring Concert, 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$15-18. Call (248) 767-1898 or (810) 444-4553 or visit www.detroitdancecollective.org

FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future*, is now open, to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R., Detroit. \$6-\$7. Call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

JAZZ

Wayne State University Jazz Lab 1 Big Band

Tribute to Stan Kenton with special guest jazz drummer Jerry McKenzie, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. \$8 adults, \$5 students. (313) 577-1795 or visit www.music.wayne.edu

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County, Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield. \$8 cover. (248) 478-0172

Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help talented local musicians to play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park, for dinner reservations or information, call (313) 962-0483

Bellydance

7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Xhedo's Cafe, Ferndale. Visit www.xhedoscafe.com or www.detroitbellydance.com for details. Admission free. Dancers throughout metro Detroit perform and to seek donations for Sashafarm, Michigan's only farm animal sanctuary.

Swingin' '70s Dance Party

Learning next tute of Family Education hosts fund raiser Saturday, May 20, at the Un que

Dance Studio 18846 W 7 Mile Road, Detroit
Free Ballroom dance lessons everyone
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best dress (313) 342 0006

MORE MUSIC

KerryTown

415 N Fourth Ave Ann Arbor reservations
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townconcerthouse.com

Station 885

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Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87 seat con-
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275) Livonia shows 8 p.m. No alcohol no
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www.trinityhouse.org

Oakland Community College

Blackthorn performs Irish music in post St
Patrick's Day celebration 7 30 p.m. Friday
March 24 in Room 123 of F Building at Oakland
Community College's Auburn Hills campus
2900 Featherstone approximately one mile
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2270

The FCB Concert Band presents "Homecoming 2006"

A Celebration of 40 years of The FCB 7 30
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Free admission

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MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

Current exhibits include Behind the Scenes
50 Years of Disneyland 9 30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
daily \$10 \$14 20900 Oakwood Blvd west of
the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan
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varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village
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Cranbrook Science Museum

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Permanent exhibits include planetarium
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39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general
admission is \$5 \$7 planetarium \$1 \$3 (248)
645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy
Collection an exhibit of Supremes costumes
through April 2 5401 Woodward Detroit
admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or
www.detroithistorical.org

Charles H. Wright Museum of African- American History

Gridiron to Greatness African Americans in
Professional Football through h 26 315
East Warren Avenue Detroit \$5 \$8 members
and children under 3 free (313) 494 5800
www.maah.detroit.org

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of Magnificent Desolation Walking
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to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R. Detroit \$6 \$7
(313) 577 8400 www.detroitsciencecenter.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Isha Foundation auction

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11 p.m. Saturday April 1 Hellenic Cultural
Center 36375 Joy Road Westland
www.ishayoga.org/auction

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Detroit Historical Society tour of the Detroit
Club 10 30 a.m. Saturday March 25 \$35 \$40
includes light lunch reservations required
call (313) 833 7935 or visit www.detroithistori-
cal.org

Automotive and ad art

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Redford Theatre

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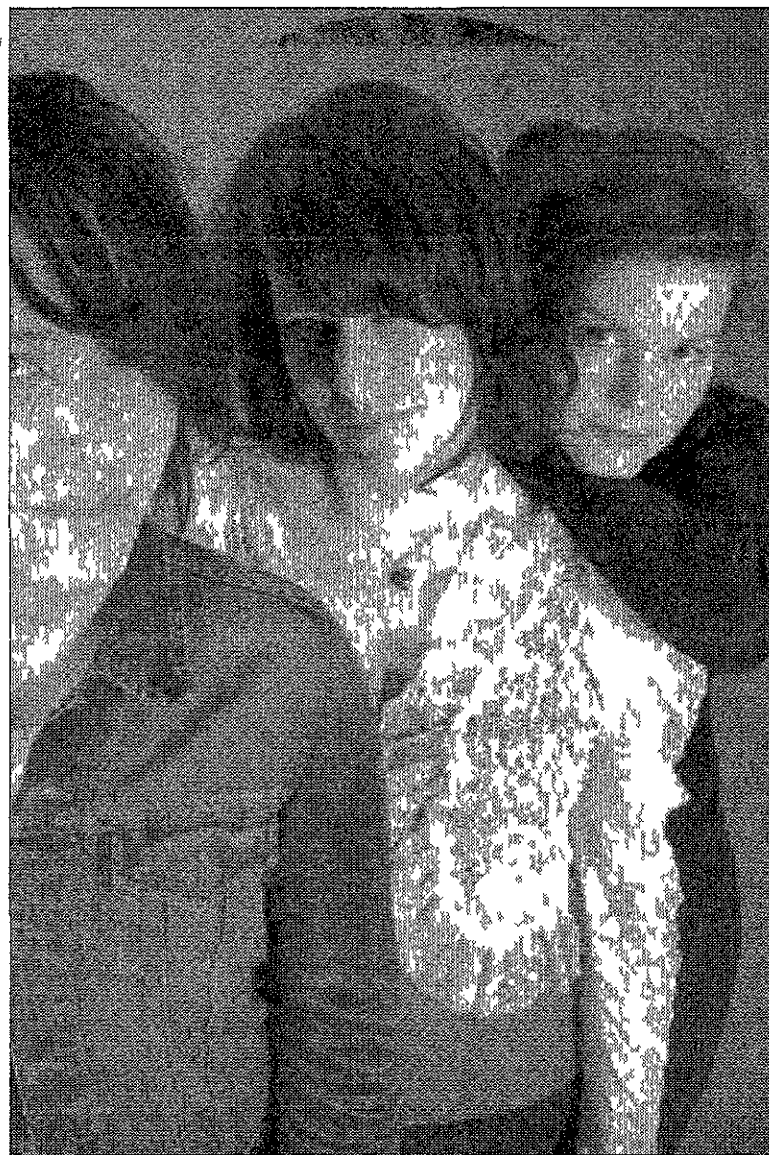
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Irish pub history

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6687

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Performances at 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m.
Saturday Sunday and 7 30 p.m. Sunday 3011 W
Grand Boulevard Detroit \$28 \$69 call (248) 645
6666 or visit www.NiederlanderDetroit.com or
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Seligman Performing Arts Center

Mamaleh April 6 9 at Detroit Country Day
School 22305 W 13 Mile Road Beverly Hills
tickets \$39 through April 2 \$45 after April 2
for tickets call (313) 963-9800 or visit
www.mamaleh.com or www.gemtheatre.com
also can call Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666
visit www.ticketmaster.com

Meadow Brook Theatre

Devour the Snow through April 9 Meadow
Brook Theatre Oakland University campus
Rochester Hills \$20 \$36 call (248) 377 3300
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137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 (734) 433 7673
www.purplerosetheatre.org

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TICKETS ON SALE

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8 p.m. Friday May 5 at The Palace \$87 50
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Meadow Brook Theatre

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formances on campus of Oakland University
(248) 377 3300 or www.mbttheatre.com

Michigan Opera Theatre

35th anniversary opera season *Desperate
Drivas* and DaimlerChrysler Dance Series \$23
\$113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or
(313) 237 7464 or www.MichiganOpera.org

Sex and The Second City

Wild spoof of dating and relationships in 21st
Century coming May 16 to Meadow Brook
Theatre \$26 \$36 (248) 377 3300 or visit
www.mbttheatre.com

Three Mo' Tenors

At the Fisher Theatre 3011 W Grand Blvd
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master.com

THEATER - COMMUNITY

April, Mae and June

World premiere comedy by Edward J. Thomas
8 p.m. performances Fridays and Saturdays
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Theatre 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile
Road) in Eastpointe tickets \$16 (586) 771
6333

Cats

Oakland Theatre Guild March 23 26 7 30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday shows 2 p.m. Sunday
shows Starlight Theater inside Summit Place
Mall between Kohl's and Claire's stores 315 N
Telegraph Waterford \$16 adults \$14 seniors
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Baseball here and there

Exhibit puts the game in cultural context

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Baseball history and game trivia – there's plenty of that to go around

But how the sport shaped American culture is another matter

So the National Baseball Hall of

Fame and Museum in Cooperstown created *Baseball As America*

The nationally touring exhibit of baseball artifacts, which continues through Sept. 5 at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, tracks the sport's influence and intersection with American culture

As the title implies, it's baseball as America, so it's less a story of the chronological history of baseball than it is a story about the relationships between baseball, the game, and society," said Bob Casey, a curator at The

PLAY BALL

What: *Baseball As America* an touring exhibit of baseball artifacts organized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown

When: Through Sept. 5. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday

Where: The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn

Tickets: Adults \$14, seniors \$13, kids age 5-12 \$10, children under age 5 free. Call (313) 982-6100 or visit www.hfm.org

Henry Ford

So, for instance, the exhibit explores the theme of equal opportunity and injustice in America, contrasting photographs of players in the Negro leagues with those of immigrant youth who learned to play baseball as a way to assimilate

Another section of the exhibit demonstrates baseball's direct impact on culture in such areas as music, literature and film

The sport's influence on the English language is apparent, for example, from a wall display of commonly used baseball metaphors like "getting to first base" and "getting thrown a curve ball."

Other themes include the business of baseball, technological advances in the sport and baseball as a national pastime. There's also a survey of the sport's traditions, from hot dogs to the seventh-inning stretch.

Audio and video augment many of the visual displays, and the interactive portions of the exhibit allow visitors to pick up bats of different weights and grip various baseballs.

The exhibit's 500 artifacts include many priceless and well-known objects, including Babe Ruth's bat with 28 carved notches to represent home runs and baseball's most sacred relic, the

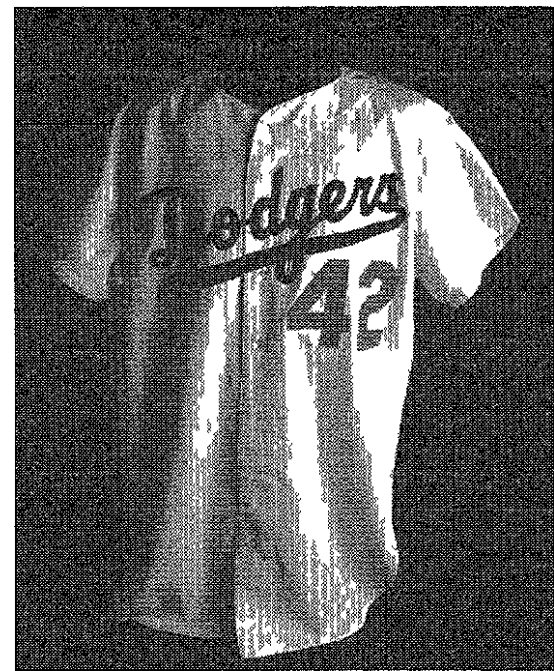


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Jackie Robinson's jersey is among the artifacts on display

Doubleday ball from the mythic first game in 1839.

The myths and larger-than-life stories of baseball is another focus of *Baseball as America*.

"What makes baseball unique among sports is that it treasures

its own history," said Casey. "The love of the game and the lore of the game is passed down from parent to child probably more than any other sport."

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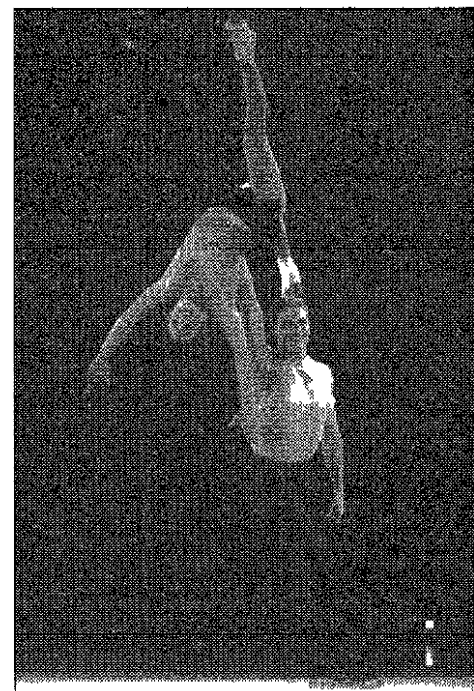
For the past 19 years, Olympic champion and skating icon Scott Hamilton has thrilled audiences with his annual *Stars on Ice* tour.

Hamilton, the co-founder and longtime co-producer, joins forces with his multiple Emmy Award-winning creative team for the 20th Anniversary U.S. tour of Smucker's *Stars on Ice*.

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Though Hamilton will not appear in the show, he will serve as host and narrator. The show takes on the audience on a journey giving a humorous backstage look as to how *Stars on Ice* became America's most prestigious figure skating tour.

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The festival has been instrumental in pushing careers like System of a Down, Disturbed, Linkin Park, Incubus, Slipknot, Queens of the Stoneage, Drowning Pool, Godsmack, Chevelle and PO D.

(OZZfest) is where we were born, it's been the breeding ground for many hard rock/heavy metal bands and it helped make us who we are, said David Draiman of Disturbed.

Sharon and Ozzy have both always been strong supporters of the band and we are honored to be doing this tour for a fourth time and to be sharing the stage with some significant OZZfest alumni.

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Announced recently is the 99.5 WYCD Country Megaticket "five big shows, one great price." Tickets are on sale now. The five-show, one-price ticket includes:

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- Saturday, July 15, Brad Paisley with Eric Church at DTE
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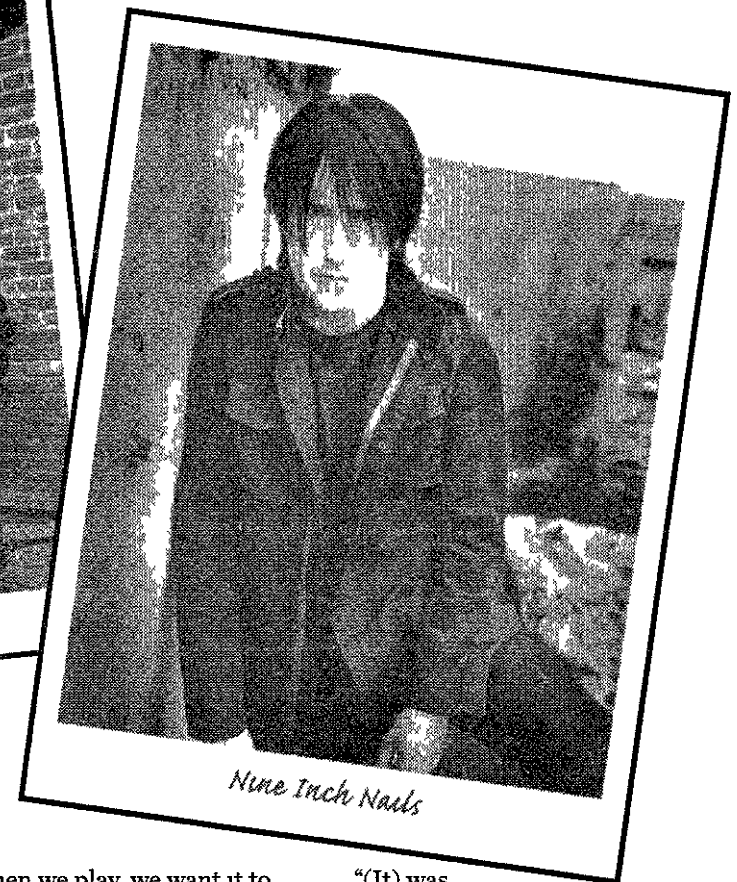
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Tickets available at The Palace Box Office and by phone at (248) 377-0100. The Silver Ticket (\$250) provides the same seat for all four DTE shows and one lower level ticket for the Palace show, while the Green Ticket (\$125) allows a lawn admission at DTE and an upper level admission at the Palace. Tickets include parking at DTE. Nine Inch Nails is touring to promote its *With Teeth* LP. A new CD for Bauhaus is in the works, said guitarist/singer/saxophone player Daniel Ash. Bauhaus band doesn't tour



Blonde

The band broke up in the early 1980s and reunited in 1998, performing sold-out shows worldwide. Then Bauhaus stopped again until last year when the band was asked to reunite at the popular 2005 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. Afterward, the band returned to Detroit last fall and (thankfully for us) are returning to DTE.



Nine Inch Nails

"When we play, we want it to be a special moment for us and for whoever is attending," said guitarist/vocalist/saxophone player Daniel Ash. "It's not just a show." Ash said public interest in the last tour was surprising.

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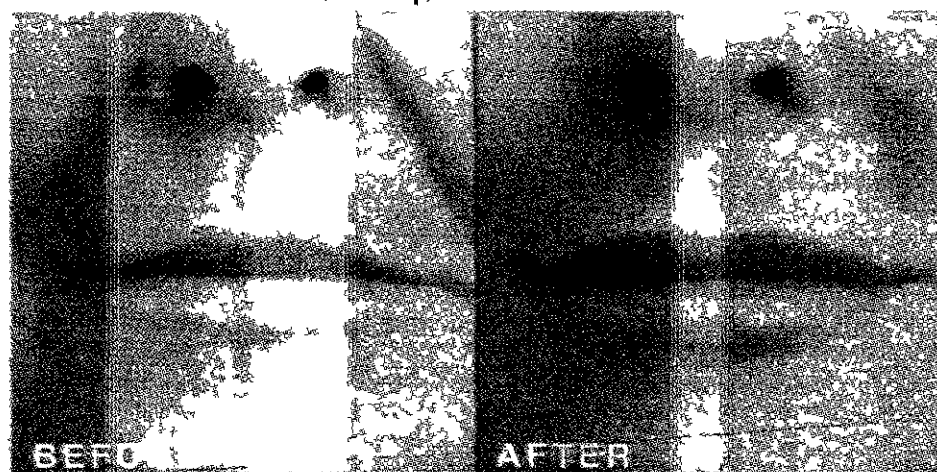
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