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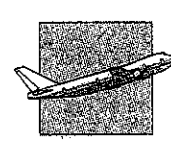
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Airport runway shift shot down



Township officials have told the state to take its Mettetal runway shift and shove it in the wake of news that state officials knew the airport was out of compliance with federal guidelines when it was purchased in 1994.

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The Canton Township Board of Trustees grounded plans to shift the Mettetal Airport runway when it unanimously voted down the action Tuesday.

At the heart of the denial to shift the runway 240 feet to the south was the

balance between pilot and Joy Road motorist safety – and the concerns expressed by Coves of Canton condominium residents.

Also weighing heavily in the vote was the board's hostility about falsehoods reported to them when the state bought the airport in 1994.

The big lie

"The FAA and MDOT, people who

are supposed to look after our safety and welfare ... intentionally lied to the people who are involved," said Trustee Melissa McLaughlin. "They lied about FAA standards they are now trying to enforce."

The Michigan Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics and the Airport Advisory Board brought the proposal to the board earlier this year, stating new FAA standards would require a shift.

Representatives from MDOT told the board pilots had grown concerned over pilot and motorist safety, and the runway's proximity to Joy Road.

The runway is 50 feet south of Joy,

east of Lilley.

Supervising Engineer Mark Noel said the shift to the south would decrease the likelihood of an aircraft sliding off the end of the runway and onto Joy.

Noel said the proposal is a shift, not an expansion, and the pavement at the north of the runway could be torn up or left in place to provide a paved buffer between the runway and the road.

By contract, the 2,500-foot runway cannot be modified without a resolution from Canton and the state.

However, the board recently learned

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Carol's wreath



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Proud crafter: Carol Bollman of Canton shows off her wreath after customizing the dried-vine decoration with faux flowers and a bow during a Canton Senior Center crafts session at the Summit on the Park. Several area women joined two staff members from the Westland JoAnn Etc. store to create the springtime door hangers.

Toast to Canton wine tasting event set

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Canton wine aficionados and amateurs alike will gather for a Toast to Canton next week.

Leadership Canton Alumni, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Market will co-sponsor the event, which will be held at Yazaki North America.

Leadership Canton Alumni President Paul Schrauben said the event not only raises money for local community groups, but offers Canton's wine connoisseurs and wine-curious the opportunity to do something new.

The Toast to Canton will feature a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres and about 150 wines, and for the first time will also offer beers to sample. As usual, non-drinkers as well as drivers will not have to miss out on the fun, and there will be a table of sparkling and non-alcoholic beverages for tasting as well.

Another change will be the location. In the past,

the wine tasting was held at the Summit, but Schrauben said Yazaki North America offered to host in its new building on Haggerty Road, and Leadership Canton couldn't pass on the offer.

"A lot of people are curious about Yazaki, and we thought this would be a unique opportunity for people to go inside and check it out," he said.

Last year's Toast was Schrauben's wine tasting debut. He said that, although he's not an experienced wine drinker, he wasn't intimidated by the event.

"You see a lot of people that obviously know wine," Schrauben said. "And the distributors are there. But then there are a lot of people like me that say 'Huh. Besides color, what's the difference between red and white?'"

Nancy Williams, Leadership Canton alumni, said the wine tasting has been a good time and a great education.

For two years, Williams and her husband, Pat – also Leadership Canton alumni – have paid extra for

the privilege of being volunteer wine pourers.

"It's a blast," Williams said, adding she plans on being a pourer again this year. "Of course drinking the wine's not so bad, either."

Williams said the education about wine she receives while pouring is the reason she loves volunteering at the event.

"You don't have to know a thing about wine," she said. "But you come away with a little more knowledge and have more of an appreciation for it."

The event has raised \$12,000 during its two years, and Schrauben said he hopes it will bring in more than last year's \$7,000.

Schrauben said proceeds from the third annual wine tasting gala will benefit the Canton Historical Society, Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship and the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation.

Schrauben said Leadership Canton chooses different community groups annually and they're chosen

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Coffee talk

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers will discuss issues and drink coffee with constituents 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, May 7, at LaMocha, 7760 N. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 485-3741 for additional data.

Good grades

The Canton Observer salutes Superstar Carriers for earning straight-A marks on their recent report cards. They include:

■ Lina Nowland, 13, a student at Discovery Middle School who delivers the paper in Palmer Place.

■ Joshua Osinski, 8, a student at Hulsing Elementary School who delivers papers in Mayfair Village. His favorite class is math.

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■ Ryan Skonieczny, 10, a student at Hulsing Elementary School who delivers papers in Mayfair Village. "I like delivering the paper because it's something to do in my spare time," he wrote.

New equipment

A new piece of equipment will allow more complete crime scene forensic examinations to be conducted by the Canton Police Division. The Omniprint 1000 will help officers detect physiological fluids such as urine, semen and saliva as well as

certain drugs like cocaine. The Omniprint provides a tunable wavelength source of light and costs \$7,822.

All-day kindergarten

The Van Buren Public Schools is looking to determine parent interest in a full-day kindergarten enrichment program for the next school year at its newly opened Early Childhood Development Center. The program would be open to all parents of kindergarten students, but just 40-44 spaces would be available. Children would be selected by a lottery system. To be included in the survey, call (734) 697-9123, Ext. 225.

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Community Chorus spring concert set

Plymouth Community Chorus will present its 2001 Spring Concert, "Smooth & Sassy", this Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m.

The chorus takes center stage in an exciting exploration of rhythm, jazz and swing.

The concert features a variety of music from Carlos Santana and Mark Anthony to the ballads of Stephen Sondheim and Frank Sinatra.

William Grimmer founded the Plymouth Community Chorus in 1973. Since that time, their membership has grown to over 125 singers drawn from southeastern lower Michigan.

The concert will be performed at Plymouth Salem High School (Joy and Canton Center Roads). Tickets are available by telephoning the chorus at (734) 455-4080.

Wine from

based on their presence and involvement in the community.

"We want to keep the money in Canton, since the event is based in Canton," he said.

A Toast to Canton will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Yazaki North America, 6700 N. Hagerly Road.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. They can be purchased now at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Holiday Market, the Canton Township supervisor's office, Canton Fire Station No. 1, or by calling Paul Schrauben at (734) 981-3475.

Family escapes mobile home fire

A family of four escaped a fire without injury early Sunday morning.

Canton police reports stated the fire erupted in their Mott Road trailer at about 5:30 a.m. while the family slept inside.

The man in the home awoke, coughing, to the smell of smoke. The man woke the others in the home — a woman and two boys, age 3 and 7, and all got out safely.

Window peeper

Canton police report they have requested a warrant for the arrest of a man who has allegedly been window peeping in Canton.

The 19-year-old Westland man is suspected of at least nine confirmed window peeping and indecent exposure incidents since last October. Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said he suspects there were many more

COP CALLS

incidents than the nine confirmed.

Police were able to track the man down after a Canton woman spotted the man in the act.

She called police and told them she had reported him several times before.

She gave police a physical description and identified his car.

Jacket ID's thief

A Garden City man on probation for retail fraud made a narrow escape from Meijer. Unfortunately for him, his jacket didn't. Neither did a letter from his probation officer. According to police reports, the man was shoplifting from the store at 45001 Ford last Wednesday.

A store security officer said he

saw the man stuff a bottle of vodka into his jacket, then attempt to leave the store. Two security officers approached the man, and he started to run out into the parking lot.

One of the officers grabbed the man's black leather jacket. The suspect wriggled out of it and ran away, leaving his jacket behind.

When Canton police searched his jacket, they found a bottle of vodka, a package of cheese and two cans of cat food. They also found his cell phone and the letter from the 18th District Court in Westland, which not only identified him, but also indicated he had a meeting with probation the following day.


According to police reports, the man was on intensive weekly reporting probation for retail fraud.

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by Steve Mansfield

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1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25, 9:25
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Airport

when the state bought the airport in 1994, the FAA standards requiring longer safety zones at the end of the runway were already in place and had been since 1989. The board alleged the bureau lied in order to push through the state purchase of the airport.

McLaughlin quoted a 1990 memo from Wendell Proudfoot, manager with the Bureau of Aeronautics, to Peter Serini, manager with the FAA.

Proudfoot stated, "The drawing (of the runway) does not depict any future development, land acquisition or obstruction removal. ... We have intentionally omitted Runway Safety Areas, Object Free Areas, and similar FAA standards, because we believe depiction of those areas would diminish and obscure the objective of converting this private airport to one owned and operated by a public agency. Once we have a public sponsor serving the 120 or so aircraft at this facility, we will then evaluate steps required to make the airport meet standards."

Safety standards

Plymouth resident Carl Schultz approached the board, asking it to reconsider the denial.

"I would like to suggest that your goal of killing the airport needn't be (accomplished) by jeopardizing public safety," he said. "I don't know how any

politician can come down against safety."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the resolution to deny the request suggested the state seek a more appropriate and safer location for an airport.

Schultz, who serves on the advisory board and whose son is a student pilot said, "Vote your conscience because it may come back to haunt you."

Canton pilot Henry Moore asked the board whether it had considered what to do in the event of a Joy Road accident between a pilot and a motorist.

"Are you clear legally for a lawsuit?" Moore asked.

"We would defend ourselves, naturally. The entity that really has to worry about this is MDOT," Yack said. "They only have deceived us and lied."

Trustee Philip LaJoy said if the board denies the request, the township should send a letter to the FAA and MDOT addressing the safety concerns the bureau brought forward in requesting the shift.

"They really need to remedy that situation," he said.

Former U.S. Navy aviator Greg Pappas of Plymouth suggested if MDOT and FAA are "really interested in making the airport safer. ... They should either restrict the airport to only those aircraft that can easily take off and land with 2,200 feet of runway or close the airport."

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Who borrowed Mr. Bear?



Dyeing to find out: All Saints second-graders (from left) Leah Grosztyla and Melissa Gray perform a dye check in their effort to determine who borrowed Mr. Bear. The girls participated in a three-day project to test their forensic skills. Students witnessed the "crime scene," then analyzed fingerprints, fibers, odors, etc. to determine who borrowed Mr. Bear.

Canton man writes book on making organizations work

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Scared out of his wits, Ron Koller looked out at the 250 people in the audience. They came to the Catholic Relief Services World Summit in October, clad in nearly every ethnic and cultural dress in the world, and outfitted with headphones to hear their interpreters.

"I was sort of freaked out," Koller said. "It reminded me of the United Nations. And there I was, little old me from Metro Detroit."

Koller was called away from his Canton home to address the summit in Tampa because its attendees were planning a major change in how they respond to disastrous events around the globe. And Koller, a consultant, had earned a reputation for facilitating change.

Just one

Koller said that experience was just one of the many that preceded the release of the book entitled *Whole-Scale Change: Unleashing the Magic in Organizations* he co-authored.

For eight years he's worked with senior leaders from Catholic Relief Services, Sun Microsystems, United Airlines, BASF, City of Boston, NASA and other large organizations.

The book was a collaborative effort, with 15 people working on it in the beginning, back in 1996.

"By the end, there weren't so many of us," Koller said. The book came off the presses early this year.

Koller said *Whole-Scale Change* was written by him and his former colleagues at Dannemiller Tyson Associates. He said he and some of his colleagues had been teaching and consulting for some large firms, including Ford Motor Co. and even for other large consulting firms.

"A lot of people told us we should take the information in the class and put it in a book, so here we are," Koller said.

Helps organize

Koller said the book helps organizations uncover and combine the knowledge and wisdom of their employees to dramatically increase business performance. The process, he said, empowers employees and leaders to change their workplaces and communities.

Koller said he believes the untapped wisdom within organizations is the key to success. Very often, he explained, a company will call in consultants and trainers to tell its managers how to address problems or run a better business, when the best solutions would likely come from the organization's own employees.

By the time the consultant plops a fat report on the desks of a handful of top managers, any good ideas that may be contained in the plan will be met with resistance.

Where his philosophy differs from that of other consultants is his belief in inclusion.

"Trainers come in and begin by telling. We come in and begin by asking," Koller said. And he asks questions of everyone in an organization from



■ **'The Whole-Scale Change approach is just plain common sense. When everyone's voices are heard and valued, it's like magic. People support what they help create.'**

Ron Koller
—author

upper management down to the entry-level employees.

"The *Whole-Scale Change* approach is just plain common sense. When everyone's voices are heard and valued, it's like magic," Koller said. "People support what they help create."

Consulting

During the five years since he began working on the book, Koller and two of his associates from Dannemiller Tyson broke away to join Performance Development Associates in order to consult for more high-tech companies.

Koller knocked on his kitchen table twice when he reported PDA will sign a deal to consult for Microsoft this week.

Whole-Scale Change: Unleashing the Magic in Organizations and its toolkit is available in local bookstores. For more information about the book or toolkit, call Barrett-Koehler Publishers at (800) 929-2929, or visit the Web site at www.wholescale.net.

Plymouth man injured in accident

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A Plymouth Township man was injured when the car he was driving collided with a pickup truck at the intersection of Joy and Sheldon roads Monday afternoon.

Peter Warne, 64, reportedly had the green light when he entered the intersection, but was hit by a Livonia man who failed to stop for the red light.

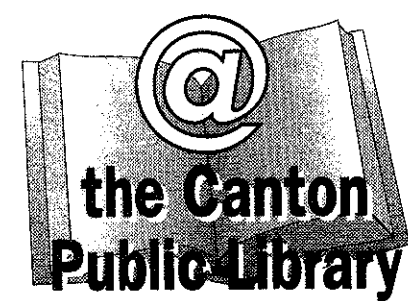
"The driver of the car (Warne) was traveling westbound on Joy Road and had the green light when the pickup, which was going north on Sheldon, came through the red light ... and boom," said Scott Dugan, 17, of Canton, who witnessed the accident from his car. "The truck spun around and the car stopped on the corner. I called 9-1-1 with my cell phone."

Joe Koontz, 32, of Livonia was driving the F-150 Ford pickup that hit the front quarter panel of the Dodge Stratus.

"I was looking down, playing with the radio, and looked up and saw the red light," he said. "By then, it was too late. Luckily the man wasn't seriously injured."

Warne was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, complaining of chest and rib injuries. Koontz refused treatment for head lacerations.

"We gave the pickup driver (Koontz) a ticket for disobeying a traffic signal," said Eric Anderson, Plymouth Township police officer. "It would have been much worse had he hit the car in the door."



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Hot Topic of the Week

■ National Arbor Day is Friday, April 27. The Committee for National Arbor Day has as its goal the observance of Arbor Day in all states on the same day, the last Friday in April. This unified date would provide our citizenry with the opportunity to better learn the importance of trees to our way of life. This date is also a good planting date for many states throughout the country. The first observance of Arbor Day was April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, where it is still a state holiday. More than half the states now observe Arbor Day on the proposed April Friday.

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Q and A

Q: How did Gatorade originate?

A: Gatorade originated in 1965 when researchers at the University of Florida in Tampa decided that their football team needed to replace the minerals and fluids lost through strenuous exercise. The drink was developed to provide water (to prevent dehydration), sugar (energy), salt (fluid balance) and potassium (nerve transmission). In 1983 Quaker Oats purchased the brand name and sells the drink in different flavors. More than 423 million gallons of Gatorade are sold every day.

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- May is National Allergy/Asthma Awareness Month.
- Larger animals have slower heart rates than smaller ones.
- April 28 is a national day of mourning for workers killed or injured on the job in Canada.
- Wednesday, May 2, is Sibling Appreciation Day.

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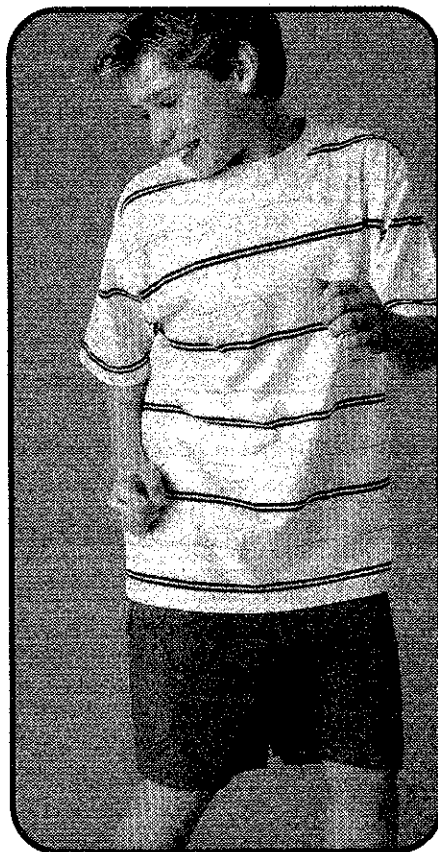
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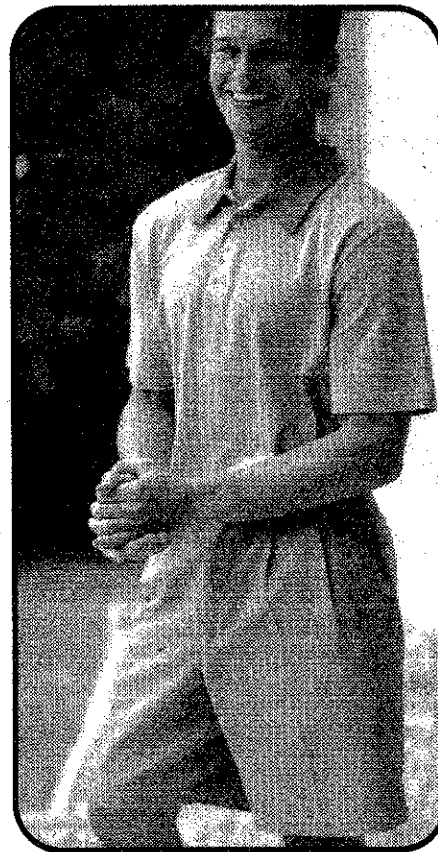
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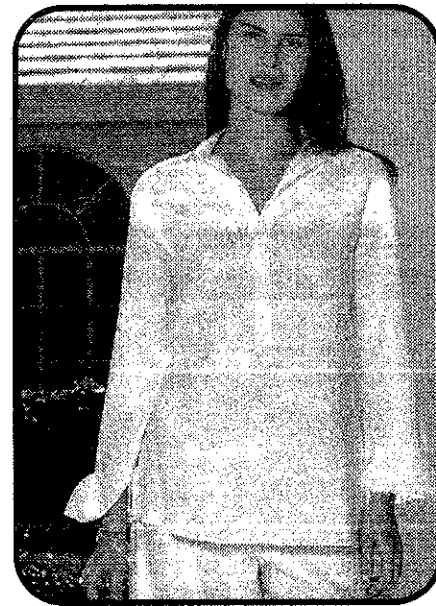
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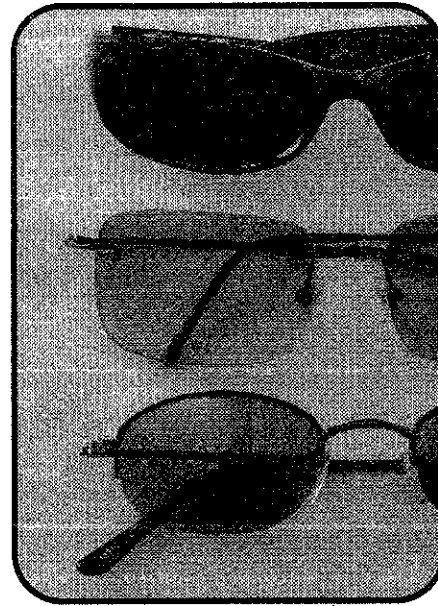
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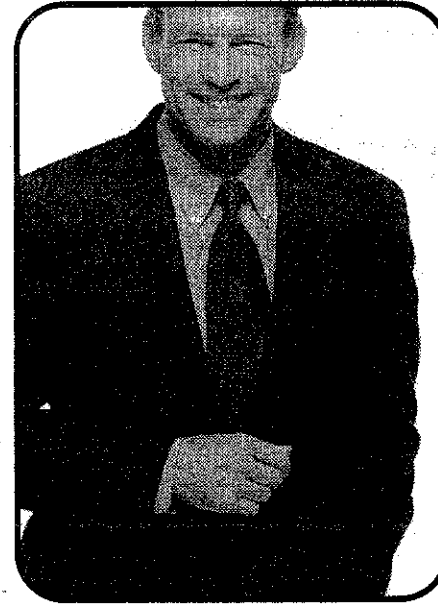
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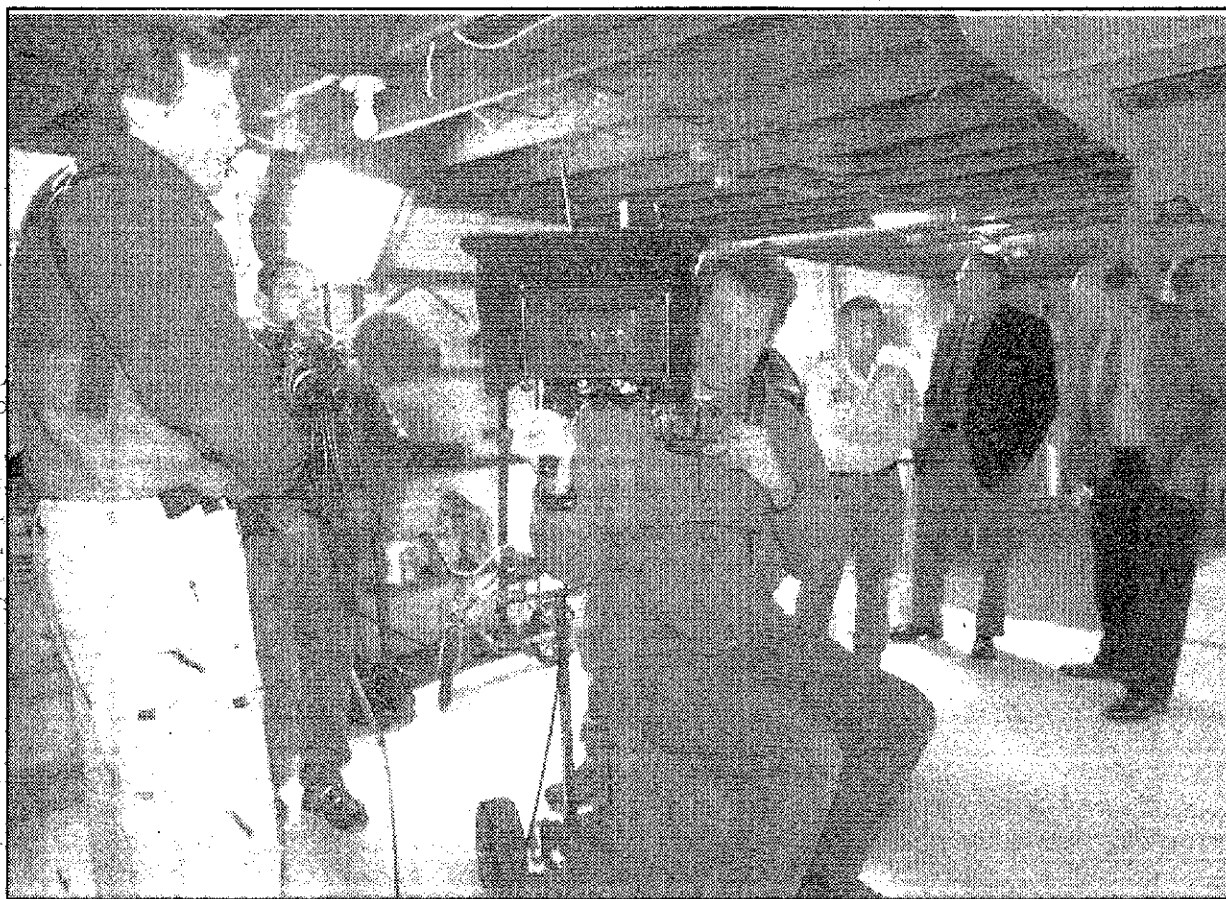
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Getting ready: The crew of *Unsolved Mysteries* gets ready to shoot as Plymouth Chief Wayne Carroll and Dearborn Det. Paul Keiper, background, observe.

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Unsolved Mysteries TV show features Plymouth murder

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Acting Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll put in hundreds of hours to solve a murder case involving the dismembered body of former Plymouth resident Tracy Islam.

Last Oct. 3, a Wayne County Circuit Court jury convicted her estranged husband, Azizul Islam, of killing his estranged wife, mutilating her body, and dumping the body parts in Dearborn and Ohio.

In the end, the jury's verdict came down to fresh paint and blood stains found in the basement of Azizul Islam's Roe Street home.

The case was widely publicized. So much so, that when the network program *Unsolved Mysteries* heard about it, producers knew it would be a hit.

Carroll and Dearborn police Det. Paul Keiper met this past week with crew members of the show, who flew in from Los Angeles to film the segment in Plymouth. They taped interviews and re-created scenes at a

vacant house on South Main Street with the star.

No, not actor Robert Stack, who is the host of the program. And, it wasn't Carroll. Top billing went to Eagle, a German shorthair-Doberman cross who helped solidify Carroll's murder case when he sniffed out blood and human remains inside the Islam home.

"I was skeptical in the beginning," admitted Carroll. "I didn't think Eagle would be so valuable. But, he did a damn good job."

It's Eagle who is being documented on *Unsolved Mysteries*, for his work in finding evidence in a Lapeer missing person's case, and his work during the Islam investigation in Plymouth.

"Even though this case is solved, there's still a mystery," said Dan Gomez, director for *Unsolved Mysteries*. "How does this dog do what he does? He can spot bones under 150 feet of water. I think that's a mystery."

That's what Eagle did in Lapeer. While film crews were recreating a murder scene, Eagle motioned in the water. Divers

found more human remains.

"I've seen drug dogs, and bomb dogs, but Eagle is really something special," Carroll confessed.

As for his part, Carroll said stardom hasn't gone to his head.

"I didn't mind doing the interview, but I wasn't in my element with the re-creations, so I was a bit uncomfortable," said Carroll. "I'm geared to be a cop."

Plymouth police officer Al Cox was used as a stand-in, as was Paul Schulz of Motor City Ent., who owns the production company based in Plymouth.

"When a production company comes from out of town, they're unaware what's available to them," he said. "They had a crime scene and they needed a house with a basement to re-enact the crime, and the exterior of a home like the Islam's. That's where I come in, finding the locations."

Schulz said an effort was made to film inside the Islam house; however, he was told it wasn't available.

The *Unsolved Mysteries* segment is expected to be broadcast sometime in September.

Club stages cultural heritage show

Members of the Asian Pacific American Club at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park will host their third annual cultural heritage show Friday and Saturday in Canton High School's Dubois Little Theater at 8415 Canton Center Road.

The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

This year's theme for the show is "Back from the Mountain." According to club officials, some of the first generations of Asian Pacific Americans immigrated across the Pacific seeking a "Gold Mountain," referring to America, the symbol of freedom and opportunity.

These Asian Pacific Americans faced a new identity struggle: How do we preserve the traditional and embrace the new? Newer generations of Asian Pacific Americans have defined themselves as not simply "Asian" or "American" but have created a whole new experience — the experience of an Asian Pacific American. This show allows the members of the Asian Pacific American Club to go "from the mountain" back to some of the cultural aspects of the life that earlier generations experienced in Asia, the club said.

The APAC members dedicate the show to their parents, for "their love and support. They have made us who we are, and we thank them for allowing us to explore our identity as Asian Pacific Americans and for giving us the opportunity to revisit our heritage," a club member said.

Back from the Mountain will feature traditional dances and songs representing Filipino, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese cultures. A fashion show will display traditional as well as modern forms of dress. Guest speakers include Roland Hwang, an attorney for the state of Michigan on Friday night and Marcella Lee-Kuo, Channel 4 reporter, on Saturday night.

The latest census figures reported that Asian Pacific Americans now comprise 9 percent of Canton's population and 4 percent of Plymouth Township's population. This growth is reflected both in Michigan, where Asian Pacific American population grew by 71 percent, and across the nation, where the Asian Pacific American population has increased by 43 percent. These figures do not include households that checked more than one racial category.

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OBITUARIES

JEWEL SNOWDEN

Services for Jewel Snowden, 87, of Canton were held April 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jason Crawford officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Mrs. Snowden was born Jan. 14, 1914 in Calhoun, Ky., and died April 21 in Wayne. She was a painter with the Samsonite Chair Company in Ecorse for 15 years. She later worked for the Lear Corporation in Detroit. She came to the Canton community in 1991 from Wayne. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Canton, where she was a member of the seniors group. She loved to sew, do ceramics and oil painting. She loved being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Snowden, in 1991.

Survivors include her son, Donald (Alice) Snowden of Canton; grandchildren, Laura (Phillip) North of Canton and Allen (Michele) Snowden of Ann Arbor; great-grandchildren, Caroline and Nicholas North of Canton and A.J. and Alexander Snowden of Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 South Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, the American Heart Association of Michigan or First Baptist Church of Canton.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MAX L. POWERS

Services for Max L. Powers, 87, of Plymouth were held April 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Deborah Leach officiating.

Mr. Powers was born April 24, 1913 in Colon Twp., MI and died April 21 in Farmington Hills. He

was the owner/operator of Peerless Gage, Inc. in Livonia. He started the business in 1950 in Redford and moved the business to Livonia in 1967. He also owned Suncoast Tool and Gage in Clearwater, Fla. He started that company in 1982. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Bloomfield Hills. He was married for 68 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, The Michigan Tooling Association, and he was a Mason. He loved gardening and family gatherings.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn Powers of Plymouth; sons, Lloyd Powers of Northville, Doyle (Diane) Powers of Plymouth, and Michael (Joanne) Powers of Safety Harbor, Fla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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ALZIRE DESAILS BURCHI

Private services were held for Alzire Desails Burchi, 89, of Orchard Lake, formerly of Livonia, with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Burchi was born April 23, 1911 in Frontenac, Kan., and died April 21 in Commerce Township. She was a homemaker, married for 65 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland D. Burchi; and daughter, Dewann A. Dudley of Canton.

Survivors include daughter, Donna L. Harris of Brighton; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

LAWRENCE W. KEENAN, SR.

Services were held for

Lawrence W. Keenan, Sr., 61, of Westland April 20 at Leahy Funeral Home and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Troy, N.Y.

Mr. Keenan was born May 4, 1939 in Troy, N.Y., and died April 17 while visiting family in upstate New York. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. He worked for Ford Motor Company for over 30 years. He retired from the Sheldon Road Plant in 1998. He was a member of the United Auto Workers, Emerald Athletic Club, the YMCA in Livonia and St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland. Mr. Keenan was an avid sports fan, biker, walker, and basketball player. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Ann Keenan of Westland; sons Lawrence (Jamie) Keenan, Jr. of Kinderhook, N.Y., David (JoAnne) Keenan of Ballston Lake, N.Y., and Gregg (Linda) Keenan of Troy, N.Y.; daughter, Karen (Patrick) McAuliffe of Canton; grandchildren, Dylan, Meghan, Zachary, Sarah, Heather, Kyle, and Katie; sister, Patricia (Bob) Smith of Troy, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

GERALDINE M. FLECHTNER

Services for Geraldine M. Flechtner, 92, of Livonia, were held April 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jennifer M. Saad officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Flechtner was born September 8, 1908 in Tiffin, OH, and died April 22 in Plymouth. She retired from Livonia Public Schools in 1973 after 25 years of teaching. She came to the Plymouth community in 1985 from Westland. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She was a life member

of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and she was a member of The Michigan Education Association and The National Education Association, as well as the Plymouth Elks. She received a teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's Degree from Wayne State University. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Flechtner was preceded in death by her husband, Byron and sister, Elizabeth Phillips.

Survivors include son, David B. (Margaret) Flechtner of Livonia; grandchildren, Karin (Michael) Pucciarelli of Westland, Craig (Lisa) Flechtner of Redford, and Kevin Flechtner of Livonia; and great-grandchildren, Gavin Pucciarelli, and Sarah Flechtner; and brother-in-law, Gus Phillips.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

GRACE E. OUIMET

Services for Grace E. Ouimet, 87, of Livonia, were held April 26 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Ouimet was born Feb. 16, 1914 in Detroit and died April 22 in Livonia. She retired from Ara Catering at the Ford Motor Company Transmission Plant in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community in 1951 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth. She loved music and dancing, especially ballet. She also enjoyed watching movies and being with her family. She loved watching the

Detroit Tigers play. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy Christiansen.

Survivors include children, William R. (Donna) Ouimet of Ga., Thomas C. (Karlene) Ouimet of Plymouth, Marjorie (Dallas) King of Ohio, Nancy L. (David) Charboneau of Canton and Larry M. Ouimet of Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Disease Association or to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

PATRICK (BUZZ) RAY

A memorial service for Patrick (Buzz) Ray, 42, formerly of Canton, will be held April 28 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

Mr. Ray died April 17. Pat resided many years in Dearborn and Canton before recently moving to Mooresville, N.C.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn; stepdaughters Amy Norgren of Charleston, S.C., and Laura Norgren of Kalamazoo; father, William Ray of Belleville; sisters Terri Biegas of Dearborn and Karen Hancock of North Hills, Calif.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bud and Pat Gignac of Redford; and many

other family members and special friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the donor's choice.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

JAMES BRYAN

Services for James Bryan were held at the Voran Funeral Home (Allen Park Chapel).

Mr. Bryan was born July 22, 1920 in Ford City, Pa., and died April 13. Mr. Bryan was employed by Cadillac Motor Car Company from 1950 to 1976. He was a member of the Moslem Temple Shrine (Oriental Band), Scottish Rite, and Clearwater F&AM.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Gail Allahouse; son, Jim (Sue) of Brownstown; daughters, Janice Jennings of Garden City and Dee (Rich) Pyle; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sister Rose (Andrew) Krall of West Mifflin, Pa.; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Zero tolerance in schools is trying on the patience

A 6-year-old student was suspended from school for passing out some lemon cough drops to other students. In another school district, a seventh grader was suspended for three days for giving a cough drop to a classmate. And in another school, a 14-year-old was suspended for 10 days for handing out some Certs.

These are but a few of the incidents that have brought under fire the so-called "zero tolerance" school policy in place at many, if not all, school districts across the country.

Zero tolerance is a policy that at best does little good and at worst subjects students, parents and staff to some of the most wretched and ridiculous examples of discipline in the country.

Fortunately, none of the local districts has shown bad judgment in their handling of zero tolerance — yet. But so long as they have such policies, they are risking embarrassing themselves while tragically jeopardizing their students' academic careers.

Zero tolerance is a deceptively straight-forward program. In essence, it says that no infraction of school policy forbidding such things as guns, drugs, disruptive behavior, dress code or conduct, however minor, will be tolerated. Students charged with such infractions are routinely suspended and expelled.

In light of the recent school shootings, few would argue against a zero-tolerance view toward guns in school. Guns should not be allowed except in those extremely troubled districts that have to resort to having police patrol the halls.

But declaring the sharing of cough drops as a violation of a school's prohibition against "chemical substances," as happened in Colorado Springs in 1997, is absurd.

Increasingly, school districts are re-evaluating the wisdom of zero tolerance. In fact, all school districts should re-evaluate this principle and discard it in favor of a more sensible approach to discipline.

Zero tolerance in schools is an outgrowth of the federal drug policy that was created in the early 1980s. At that time, the federal government began confiscating boats, cars and even bicycles owned by persons caught possessing even tiny amounts of illegal drugs. This raised a growing tide of protest from people who lost substantial pieces of property over traces of illegal drugs.

By 1990, the U.S. Customs Service dropped its zero tolerance policy. But by then two schools districts, Orange County, Calif., and Louisville, Ky., adopted their own form of zero tolerance, tailored for the schools.

The districts basically told the kids: Break any of the rules, and you risk being thrown out on the street. Period.

Soon, school boards across the country were adopting zero tolerance policies, which became educationally fashionable. But, as with many simple solutions to complicated problems, zero tolerance has

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proven to be wrong.

There are numerous stories — even entire Web sites on the Internet — devoted to zero tolerance horror stories in which school administrations have seemingly gone mad, crushing students and staff alike for the slightest infraction of school rules.

Proponents of zero tolerance can point to the recent school shootings as support that the policies are needed. But in fact, the numbers don't support the emotional argument. The National Center for Education Statistics in Washington, D.C., for example, rated student tardiness as the most serious discipline issue reported by school principals in 1996-97. Absenteeism followed, along with fighting and use of tobacco. According to the NES, violent crimes occurred at a rate of 53 incidents per 100,000 students.

Only 2 percent of principals reported gun possession and sale of drugs on school grounds as a serious issue. These are not to be minimized, nor is a single shooting less of a tragedy because it is a rare incident, considering the thousands of school buildings across the nation where no one has ever been shot. But in reality, as horrific as school shootings are, they occur rarely.

Other factors come into play as well. The Department of Education Office for Civil Rights surveyed 3,000 school districts and found that African-American students consistently are suspended at a rate higher than other students. And then there is the question of what happens to students who are expelled. Most end up on the streets, where they can become a larger problem.

The numbers — and simple logic — should bring into focus the fact that every case of student discipline needs to be treated on an individual basis with its own specific circumstances to consider.

Some school boards — justifiably — have brought heaps of scorn upon themselves for such wrong-headed rulings as the suspension of a 6-year-old who was charged with "sexual harassment" for kissing a classmate.

Let common sense — not zero tolerance — prevail.

GUEST OPINION

Intelligent design

Talk about folly! On Thursday, March 29, Phil Power wrote an editorial discrediting state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, and his efforts to amend the science standards in the state model school code.

As someone who is supposedly interested in disseminating truth in the public media and education, Mr. Power is woefully off course in publicly condemning a legitimate scientific theory and encouraging others to join in.

Intelligent design has always been a credible scientific theory. This theory is finally receiving the respect it deserves in the scientific community.

The theory of evolution, however, is currently being challenged by many scientists. Two powerful arguments against it are probability and irreducible complexity. The scope of this letter can allow only the briefest of explanations, but for those who seriously desire to pursue the truth about the origins of the universe, there are many good books including Darwin's Black Box by Michael Behe.

Probability argues against the theory of evolution. Since astronomers have determined that the universe has a finite age, there simply has not been enough time for all the necessary mutations to have occurred. Scientists calculated the length of time required for the

average random genetic mutation to take place. Then, they multiplied it by the number of mutations necessary to acquire some high level life form.

Even with the most conservative numbers, the mathematical probability that humans could have evolved by random mutation is a statistical impossibility. The argument of irreducible complexity from microbiology argues convincingly that cells, organs and biological systems cannot have been created by the process of evolution. They cannot have been formed one mutation, or genetic change, at a time. If even one part of the whole is missing or different, the entire thing cannot function in any capacity and no evolutionary path could, therefore, have led to it.

There are many other serious problems with the theory of evolution, such as the apparent extreme proliferation of complex species in fossil form in the Cambrian era, and the question of how life can evolve from nonliving substances at all.

This is why evolution remains a theory, which by definition, is unproven. It should be presented along with other competing scientific theories of our origins, such as the plausible and elegant one of intelligent design.

Holly Giannola
Farmington



LETTERS

Thank you

On behalf of the Friends of the Library, we would like to thank the Observer newspapers for sponsoring our successful Book and Author Luncheon with Brian Lewis of Sleeping Bear Press, Chelsea, Mich.

This cooperative effort with Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth Friends celebrated National Library Week. We appreciate the Observers supporting our event and placing importance on reading, literacy, libraries and the community.

In the age of big business and computers, it's important to remember how vital our libraries are to our communities.

Judy Morgan
Friends of Plymouth Library

Ruling troubling

I am disappointed in the recent ruling by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman against the University of Michigan's Law School admissions policy. What Judge Friedman seems to be saying is that a well-intended effort to remedy past societal and educational discrimination is insufficient unless particular acts of discrimination against specific individuals are being remedied by the law school's policy.

Unfortunately an unintended consequence of the ruling, if upheld, likely will be another future court scenario that drags the law school back into court when a specific minority student is not admitted, sues, wins, and the court rules that a well-balanced admissions policy (similar to the current one) should be implemented.

When major Fortune 500 corporations submitted amicus briefs in support of the law school's position, they were arguing from a similar position, i.e., past discrimination is wrong; cultural diversity is a business asset and important for employees and customers; therefore, including cultural diversity as one criteria with regard to either a pool of qualified employees or vendors is a rational road upon which to proceed.

This common sense reasoning is why the business community is making much more progress than the criminal justice system in developing an inclusive society. For example, if one examines the criminal justice system, profiling and warehousing of prisoners (a disproportionate number of whom are cultural minorities) are major problems. Clearly, with regard to those issues, the state does have a compelling state interest — and would benefit from a more diverse pool of candidates for judgeships and other legal positions. Currently, most criminal justice institutions reflect primarily the white community and show little representation from communities of color.

Judge Friedman, despite the ruling, did have one excellent suggestion: reducing the reliance on LSAT scores, which research has shown are not a reliable predictor of either law student or law graduate success. The primary message, however, in this federal court decision is that diversity among student populations is not important and can be ignored as a major educational objective.

I hope that a better-reasoned and more thoughtful ruling will occur during the appeal process. Unless diversity initiatives such as the law school's admissions procedure are accepted, institutions will never become inclu-

sive. Our institutions and communities need to mirror more closely, not just some of us, but all of America's people.

Rev. Dan H. Krichbaum
executive director
National Conference for
Community and Justice

Give peace a chance

In writing, my hope is that we will all unite in taking action to bring peace to our communities. I, like you, have seen the effects of a world at unrest. We have seen wars, hatred and much death. This death is not only upon foreign lands, but also right in our schools and homes. On April 20, 1999, the tragedy of Columbine High School occurred. On March 6, 2001, almost two years later, we had another horror in a school in Santee, Calif. This shows that we have done nothing to change the hearts and minds of the students to make sure this does not occur again. Unless we get to the cause of these tragedies, unless we stop trying to put a Band-Aid on the symptoms of a sick society, we will continue to mourn without hope of change. My hope is that you will see there is a "Peaceful Solution" and a positive way to change the way our society is heading.

On Feb. 23-25 the Third Global Conference on Peace was hosted by The House of Yahweh in Abilene, Texas. It was co-convened by Dr. Yisrayl Hawkins, from Abilene and Dr. Oryema Johnson from Canada. There were 16 countries represented there, including men and women from China, Russia, Israel and Nigeria. Representatives from various peace organizations across the United States were also in attendance.

Though the people came from many nations, the problems all stemmed from the same cause: a lack of education in the laws of moral principles. It was agreed upon by all, that with proper education, starting at a very young age, all forms of the negative effects that we see in modern day society would be eliminated. "The only way to stop hate and killing is through education, taught through the laws in the Peaceful Solution," said the representative from Israel. The representative from Armenia totally agreed with this statement. These two men have seen the devastating effects of their countries at war, because only war is taught there. Now they will be taking back with them hope, through the teaching of the Peaceful Solution.

What is the Peaceful Solution? The Peaceful Solution is a set of moral principles that can be taught to all people. Everyone who is taught and practices The Peaceful Solution will greatly benefit from these principles.

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You have the opportunity and the responsibility to do something to make a change.

Adrienne Roden
Canton

Tragic mistake?

The fact that Russia presently has an inventory of 6,000 nuclear warheads on 2,300 missiles, thanks to our aid, still poses a definitive threat but worse than that is the armament and personnel being maintained and increased by China.

It presently maintains the world's largest standing army with 2.5 million troops under arms. It has a Navy with 260,000 sailors, 60 conventional subs, six nuclear submarines and a surface fleet of 40 frigates, and 20 destroyers, all of which carry anti-ship cruise missiles.

Keep in mind that those missiles were useless a few years ago. They could shoot them into the air at any time and they never knew where the missiles would land. Today, they have the technology to pinpoint their targets accurately thanks to having undeniably purchased the technology from Bill Clinton and the National Democratic Party.

In addition, China has 50 amphibious landing ships and a massive ship-building program. Its air force has 5,300 combat aircraft, 650 transport aircraft and more than 400,000 personnel. With the additional aid of U.S. technology this despotic nation has built 18 silos for CSS-4 ICBMs capable presently of hitting the United States. Is it any wonder that its sabers are rattling with increasing frequency? In the last 20 years China has steadfastly maintained that the United States is its enemy.

Throughout history it has been adequately depicted that a nation could ensure peace through strength. The last president to prove this was Ronald Reagan. Now with all that is going on and with Russia arming the rogue nations, our congressmen are spending precious time in the hallowed chambers of the House and Senate and arguing over McCain-Feingold and how best to spend our money for their individual re-elections.

You figure. Only those who have lived through the era of Pearl Harbor can fully appreciate the enormity of this tragic lapse in the defense of our country.

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Patterson proposes sewer upgrade bonds

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"I picked a number for this bond that is staggeringly large, but if you look at the numbers of what it will take to fix this problem, it may not be staggeringly large enough," said state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

He has introduced legislation, House Bill 4625, to issue general obligation bonds worth \$1 billion for upgrading municipal sewer systems across the state in the hopes of eliminating overflows.

But estimates for what is needed go much higher, he pointed out. In the southeast Michigan

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Rep. Bruce Patterson
R-Canton

region, repairs necessary to sewer lines and plants have been estimated at a cost of \$13 billion to \$15 billion. Statewide, the numbers may get closer to \$50 billion.

If approved by the Legislature, the \$1 billion bond issue would go on the ballot in 2002 for

approval by voters. If they too give a go-ahead, the state would issue bonds, essentially taking a loan, to make funds available to municipalities. The money could be handed out as grants, aid or loans to be paid back to the state at low interest rates.

For the bond, Patterson said

the state can get interest rates as low as 4.5 percent. "That's not bad," he said. Over the 40 year life of the bond, the state would have to pay some \$667 million in interest.

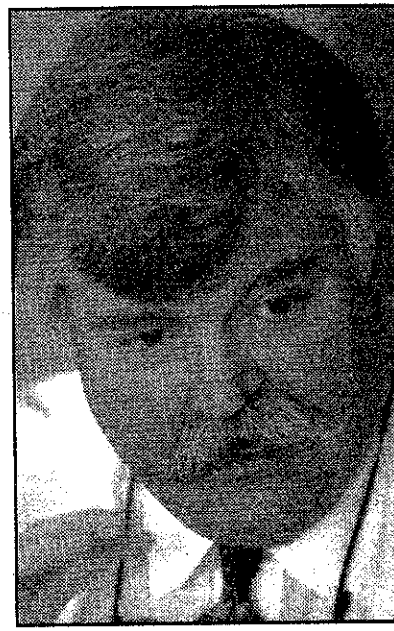
"This is a legacy item. This is something that we could do for our grandchildren, something that would still be here long after I'm gone," Patterson said.

He said he is proposing the bond in conjunction with a proposal already under consideration in the Senate to make \$25 million available each year, for 5 years, from the state's rainy day fund for sewer upgrades. Proposed by Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, the bill would make

money available to match federal grants for sewer work.

After state regulators found extensive problems with sewer overflows in Macomb County last year, they surveyed communities to find out how many had experienced sewer overflows in the past five years. An overflow occurs in a sanitary sewer system was wastewater overwhelms sewer lines or treatment plants and result in a release of untreated sewage into rivers or streams.

In the survey, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality learned more than 200 communities had experienced previously unknown sewer overflows during that time.



Rep. Bruce Patterson: R-Canton

House proposes to simplify Michigan tax filing process

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Tax cutting may be seen as a rich man's game, but those at lower income levels are more likely to be the ones who overpay because of missed deductions and credits, according to Michigan House Tax Policy Chair Nancy Cassis, R-Nov.

"The complexity of filling out state and federal tax forms has a tendency to produce inequity," she explained. "Those with the means can get more understanding of their deductions by seeking outside help. Residents with less means might not take advantage of their due deductions and end up overpaying."

Cassis recently assigned a five-member subcommittee to the task of studying the state's tax filing process and coming up with recommendations this Octo-

ber for simplification.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Steve Vear, R-Hillsdale, will hold hearings in Lansing throughout the summer to take input from citizens, professional tax-preparers and accountants, as well as the state's own Department of Treasury, all aimed at making it easier to fill out tax forms. Also on the committee are Reps. Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Leon Drolet, D-Macomb, and Paul Wojno, D-Warren.

The subcommittee is also assigned to the job of eliminating duplication, combining forms and making increasing use of e-filing, tele-filing and fax filing.

"As an accountant who helps prepare tax returns, I am well aware of the complexity of figuring out income taxes. It's just wrong," Vear said. "As the old

saying goes, 'There's nothing certain but death and taxes.' We can't do anything about death but we can and must make sure our tax system is fair and easy to understand."

Michigan tax forms might already seem simple compared to those used by the federal government, but that is not true of all state taxes, Cassis said.

"The Single Business Tax almost always requires the businessperson to have to hire someone else to fill out those forms," she said.

And even state income tax forms are not as simple as they could or should be, she said. "We had a goal of putting everything on a post card that you could mail back, but we didn't quite make that," she said of an earlier effort at tax simplification.

Cassis said a recent paper studying federal tax filings sup-

ports her position that it is those at the lower income levels that most often miss their deductions and credits and wind up overpaying on their taxes.

Of course, that would suggest the tax simplification task force could end up cutting tax rev-

enues to the state to some degree, but how much is not yet known. Still, Cassis said the potential for a revenue cut won't slow down her push for simplification, even if the economy does moderate or go into a recession.

"Absolutely not," she said. "It's

a matter of fairness. People should only pay as much as they owe. Besides, when an individual can keep some money in his wallet and not have to send it off to Lansing, they can use it and spend it in ways that boost the economy."

Work begins on Haggerty construction

Haggerty Road was closed Tuesday between Hines Drive and Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township for road and bridge reconstruction. The start date on this one has kind of bounced around because of a problem with availability of material for the new bridge.

This Wayne County project should last until early or mid August, depending on weather, etc. The posted detour will be via Lilley to the west, accessible via Plymouth Road from the north or Ann Arbor Road to the south.

The construction crew will be raising the elevation of the road at the bottom of the hill to reduce the currently steep incline. This should make travel there much safer, especially in the winter.

The new road will be a two-lane steel reinforced concrete pavement built to last 30-35 years. The bridge over the Rouge River will be a four-lane structure (to anticipate possible future widening of Haggerty Road) and should last at least 50 years.

Finally, for anyone who may be participating with the March of Dimes walk this Saturday, arrangements are being made with the organizers of the event to allow them access to shuttle participants down the hill from a parking area to the walk site so no changes in those plans will be necessary.

Sen. Smith will speak at UM-D May 6

State Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith will be the main speaker at the University of Michigan-Dearborn commencement ceremony on May 6.

Approximately 800 students will receive bachelor's and master's degrees at the ceremony, which will be held in Crisler Arena on the Ann Arbor campus. The ceremony was moved to Ann Arbor for this year because the Fieldhouse on the Dearborn campus will be undergoing renovations.

Smith is serving her second term in the Michigan Senate, where she represents most of Washtenaw county, including the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

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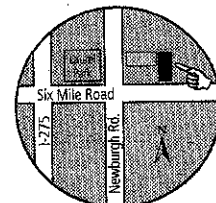
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Brooke Andres of Livonia (left) and Denise Kowaleski-Albright of Westland star in the Players Guild of Dearborn production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 8 p.m. at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets \$14, call (313) 561-TKTS.

SATURDAY



Farmington Hills and Farmington celebrate music, dance and visual arts with a free festival that continues through Sunday, May 6 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Gala opening 6:30 p.m. today. Tickets \$25, \$45 a couple. Call (248) 473-1857 for reservations, festival information.

SUNDAY



Paper Bag Productions announces the return of "Snoopy" to the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman. Lunch served 1 p.m., followed by show at 2 p.m. Tickets \$8.50 per person, call (248) 476-8635 or (810) 344-7774 for reservations and information.

TICKET



The worlds of science, juggling, music and comedy collide in "L'Universe," featuring The Flying Karamazov Brothers through Sunday, April 29 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave. in Detroit. Tickets \$20-\$35, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.



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Specialty act: Toby Booker tries to corral Kitty (played by Mandy Pascas of Plymouth) into opening the vaudeville show dressed as a dog.



Flashy footwork: Cynthia Lewandowski (left) shows Mandy Pascas a few simple steps for entertaining an audience.

Vaudeville GOES LEGIT

PLYMOUTH THEATER GUILD PRODUCTION NO DOG

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Cynthia Lewandowski struts across the stage in her Little Bo Peep costume certain that young Kitty Turner won't be able to resist the call of the stage once she hears the applause.

Lewandowski and the rest of the vaudevillians desperately need someone to open the show. Maxie, the dog in the Mack and Maxie act, has died and the vaudevillians are trying every trick they know to lure Kitty into singing and dancing a number even though she's never been on stage before. Mademoiselle Yvette, played by Lewandowski of Canton, will stop at nothing. When the song and dance routine doesn't work, she pulls a dog suit out of her trunk and convinces Kitty to try it on. What next?

Keep 'em guessing

Only the audience at the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "Vaudeville: A Play with Music" will learn if Kitty will or won't go on when the show opens Friday, May 4 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

Set in Philadelphia in 1919, the play was written by Laurence Carr. It premiered at The Attic Theater in Detroit in 1986.

"It's a slice of life of vaudevilian people boarding at this time in Kit Turner's house," said director Barbara Bloom who grew up in Farmington Hills. "There's a British singer, an Irish tenor, a Jewish straight man in a comedy team, an African American song and dance man, each have their story. It's just before the roaring 20s and women still wore the Gibsons and corsets. Vaudeville was one of the few arenas where women were equals.

"If I could have picked an era to be born in this was it. You played a week here, a week there. There were different circuits you might travel on. To play the Orpheum in New York was saying to the world I made it."

Interesting music

Music director C.J. Nodus remembers many of the songs from the years he worked as a piano player in a New York Burlesque house. He was 13 and recently arrived from the Soviet Union.

"What's interesting about the music is that it is not all recognizable," said Nodus of Livonia. "By the Beautiful Sea," "Shine on Harvest Moon" and "Hello, My Baby," many generations will remember these but at different times totally obscure songs are thrown in that fit the period. What's interesting with each character he tried to



Hoofin' it: Brian Johnson of Redford plays a song and dance man in "Vaudeville: A Play with Music."

create a signature piece like 'Yiddish Cowboy.' Many of the roots were Yiddish theater from the turn of the century. You have to remember the past to understand what you're doing now. Vaudeville is the roots of musical theater. There are definite lines of continuation. Jack Benny, Bob Hope, George Burns and Gracie Allen were all vaudeville comedians.

"But it's a play as opposed to a musical, or a vaudeville show with the routines and patter. This is the back stage. This is a vaudeville house where they lived."

Like Bloom, Barbara Mathers loves the era. The Walled Lake resident plays Kit Turner, owner of the boarding house and mother of 16-year-old Kitty.

"I love it because it's a period piece," said Mathers who's worked with the Rosedale Community Players for 23 years. "It can teach us about where theater came from. The whole show from beginning to end is fun."

There won't be a dry eye in the place, though, when Jim Christianson takes the stage as Mack Maxwell. This is only the third production for the Livonia resident who's been offstage for 35 years.

"Mack is in his 60s and of Eastern European background," said Christianson. "His dog has been his partner for 15 years and he dies in the second act. It's the first time I've ever had an emotional

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MUSICAL

'Phantom' characters take off masks to talk about show

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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When Rebecca Pitcher first heard the music from "The Phantom of the Opera" she fell in love with the Phantom not Raoul.

"Why is Christine in love with Raoul. I thought he was a weenie," said Pitcher, who portrays Christine in the touring production of "The Phantom of the Opera" now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit.

To her the Phantom seemed more masculine, more romantic. But after she saw the show, Pitcher saw his dark side and understood why Christine falls in love with Raoul.

She's happy with her leading man. "John Cudia who plays Raoul is very attractive, and has a beautiful voice," said Pitcher. "He brings a lot of energy to the role."

First impressions

Talking about first impressions is fun. Can you imagine making your living as Christine or the Phantom?

"He's just a nice man to work with," said Pitcher recalling the moment the Phantom, portrayed by Ted Keegan, grabbed her from behind for a hug. "Here he was just wearing shorts and full

What: "The Phantom of the Opera"

When: Continues through Saturday, May 26. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 8 p.m. Monday, May 21, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 23.

Where: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit

Tickets: \$16-\$68, available at the Fisher Theatre Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666

make-up." The man whom the audience perceives as a mysterious, dark, romantic character has a real face behind that mask.

"Ted's great," said Pitcher. "All the Phantoms I've worked with have been cool. They're not snotty, Broadway people."

Keegan has portrayed the Phantom both on Broadway and with the touring company of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

"It's a great role to do," he said. "He's not just a mean person, or just mad. He goes from A to Z. You have to play so many emotions. I have a great time doing it, I'm having a blast with the role."

"The Phantom of the Opera," based on Gaston Leroux's novel "Le Fantome de l'Opera," tells the

Please see PHANTOM, B2



JOAN MARCUS

Starring role: Ted Keegan as the Phantom in a scene from the national touring company of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

Vaudeville from page B1

scene. My character is completely broken down. The dog was his only companion in life."

The audience won't be in tears for long if David Thompson is anything like his character, Tim O'Reilly. The 30-something Irish tenor will have them in stitches.

"I like the role because it's not a stereotype," said Thompson of Fairhaven. "It's a brand new character. And it's a simpler but harder time but they didn't know it because they didn't have cell phones back then."

Keeping the nonsense rolling

Brian Johnson keeps the nonsense rolling as Jackson Washington, the African American song and dance man. Johnson's character is certain he'll make it, he'll be able to go legit if he only gets a break. Johnson knows how he feels. The Redford resident just finished playing with

'Zingers go back and forth. It's what I call a groaner show.'

Barbara Bloom
Director

Wild Swan Theatre in "Along the Tracks." He has also acted with Detroit Repertory Theatre.

"He's one of the better acts," said Johnson. "I like that he's the underdog. It's a pivotal part. He doesn't go on until the final act so he's one of the better acts. He says things like what went wrong with your wedding? The marriage."

Bloom expects a lot of the lines to bring out groans in the audience.

"Zingers go back and forth. It's what I call a groaner show. You don't really laugh you just sort of groan."

Phantom from page B1

cetacombs of the Paris Opera House. He falls in love with Christine, an innocent soprano, and nurtures her talent as an "Angel of Music." Christine falls in love with Raoul, and the Phantom is outraged.

"The Phantom is a misunderstood character," said Keegan. "He has his own concept of right and wrong, and is never accepted by society."

So many things to love

Romance, pyrotechnics, dancing, humanity, magic, spectacle, beauty, gorgeous costumes,

music, there are so many things to love about "The Phantom of the Opera."

"There is humanity in the show that touches people," said Keegan. "It's very clearly written and easy to understand."

Winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, "The Phantom of the Opera" has mesmerized U.S. audiences since it opened in New York on Jan. 26, 1988.

"I think it's the mystery of the story," said Pitcher. "It's full of love, growth, it's just magical, it's a spectacle, people see it, and

want to be a part of it."

That's certainly the case for Keegan and Pitcher, who both saw the play while they were in college and decided then that the Phantom and Christine were roles they wanted to play.

"It was a dream," said Pitcher. "I remember saying, 'Man this is a show I would love to do and six years later I was doing it,'" recalled Keegan.

"The story itself is amazing; you'll fall in love with the characters," said Pitcher. "The Phantom is trying to capture and hold Christine. It's kind of like when

your parents don't want to let go of you. Christine is really confused."

In addition to his work as the Phantom, Keegan recently recorded a CD "Ted Keegan Sings" featuring some of his favorite songs, including "Music of the Night." To find out more about it, visit www.tedkeegan.com

"Phantom of the Opera" is directed by Harold Prince, and presented by The Cameron Mackintosh/Really Useful Theatre Company.

Enjoy a night out to help Gilda's Club

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Gilda's Club, the cancer support group named after the late comedian, Gilda Radner, will trade stand-up for Motown sounds at its annual fund-raiser on May 3.

The club, based in Royal Oak, will keep the mood upbeat with food, dancing, and music by KGB with Karen Harris, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Andiamo Banquet Center, in Warren.

"We looked at what we had done for the last two years and felt we wanted to take a different approach. The organization is young and doesn't want to feel locked into any one format," said Lisa Barrie, development director.

"We talked about wanting to hold a big party where people could come to enjoy good food and music.

Gilda's Big Night Out evolved from a comedy fund-raiser started in 1994 by the late Alyce Faye, a comedian and Farmington resident.

"It began with Alyce and a bunch of volunteers, built around comedy. It morphed into the first Gilda's night out in 1999," Barrie said.

"When Gilda's Big Night Out was created, it was clear it would be a special party. It was unclear what the format would be. It was comedy the first two years but we left our selves open to discover other kinds of par-ties."

Tickets

Tickets to the event are \$150 and will include food with a Motown flavor — Coney Island hot dogs, sliders, Greektown favorites — as well as canapes and Andiamo specialties.

"It's an eclectic mix - fun junk food and Italian restaurant foods. There's an open bar."

General Motors Corporation is sponsoring the event and its chief Environmental Officer Denny Minano and his wife, Marty, will serve as honorary chairs.

The club will raffle a 2002 Buick Rendezvous, donated by General Motors, during the party. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. Six hundred will be sold.

Gilda's Big Night Out is one of two major fund-raisers that generate revenue for the club's program.

"This is responsible for almost a quarter of our budget. Our program is free, so all fund-raising is geared toward paying the bills."

Cancer patients, their friends and family members, may attend weekly wellness group sessions, monthly networking groups, lectures and workshops, as well as

social events, such as monthly potluck parties, for free at Gilda's Club.

"Today we've got pencil drawing, a guided imagery workshop and journal workshops," Barrie described a programming at the club. "It's also our monthly potluck party today. We did a Sound of Music party once and we all dressed up as nuns."

"It's all rather kooky and funny and that is the essence of Gilda's House. The idea is to laugh through it all. Cancer is unfunny."

Members also come together for lectures and classes in more serious topics, such as developments in breast cancer treatment.

Admission tickets to Gilda's Big Night Out and car raffle tickets are available by calling Gilda's Club Metro Detroit at (248) 577-0800.

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Trinity House arms itself for battle of the sexes

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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William Shakespeare's way of speaking isn't something you'd hear on a street corner, but his stories are just as relevant today as they were when he wrote them.

Men and women still fall in and out of love, play hard to get, and parents interfere creating madcap chaos.

Trinity House Theatre is giving "The Taming of the Shrew" Shakespeare's classic tale about a battle between the sexes, a 1960s makeover in a production opening this Friday.

"It's kind of over the top comedy," said Scot Martin of Redford who portrays Vincentio. "You could see Charlie Chaplin doing it - it's very physical - it's got charm, and it's funny."

Vincentio is the father who goes to visit his son Lucentio and finds that his son and servant have been up to some trouble. Kind of the equivalent of discovering your child had maxed out your Visa card.

"Shakespeare is for everyone," said Martin who teaches English and history to high schoolers at Pearson Education Center in Redford. "This is one of those plays that ages 12 and up can get something out of. It's about the way men and women act and relate to each other."

Guy Snyder has been wanting to do Shakespeare at Trinity House Theatre ever since he

What: Trinity House Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew"

When: Friday, April 27 to Sunday, May 20. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday.

Where: At the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (between Haggerty and I-275) Livonia

Tickets: \$10 general admission, discount for groups of eight people or more, call (734) 464-6302

Setting

Laura Gumina of Farmington Hills is directing, and decided to set the play in the 1960s.

Here's a brief plot summary, compliments of the theater.

Katharina the Shrew matches wits with a "mad brained bridegroom" to create "such a marriage that never was before."

The feminist, Kate, has to make peace with a real "macho guy," Petruchio. "It's a battle royale that triumphs in a "Groovy Kind of Love" as modern today as it was in Shakespeare's time.

"It's so much fun," said Gumina about the play. "I did research on the Elizabethan era. There was an expectation for women to be demure, soft-spoken, unseen. Katharina is rejected by her dad because she was so self-confident. Her sister Bianca is every man's dream. She giggles a lot, plays up to men.

"If Kate had lived in the 1960s she would have been one of many young women asking for equality, to be taken seriously, and be allowed to make her own choices. There was a social revolution going on in England when Shakespeare wrote this play much like the 1960s."

Gumina likes the battle of words that goes on between characters in the play. "It's really funny, clever," she said. "I have good actors, I just got lucky. They're all young. There's a number under 25. They're full of mischief and energy."

made a couple of trips to England and saw the Royal Shakespeare Company in action.

Can we get actors, overcome a natural reluctance to the antiquated language? - these were some of the questions Snyder, a member of the theater's board of directors, pondered before suggesting they do "The Taming of the Shrew."

"It's a good first play," he said. "It's Shakespeare at his finest in terms of entertainment. Come for a very good laugh. It's a very good farce, a comedic look at the marital relationship. We're talking about the stirrings of feminism. What is the role of marriage - it's a partnership. Love within a marriage was a radical concept in Elizabethan times."

Snyder, a Livonia resident, assistant directs and portrays Gremio, an elderly suitor to one of the women in the play.



Rehearsing: Scot Martin (left to right), Joe Wisniewski, and Mark Flanders are featured in the Trinity House Theatre production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Don't be turned off by the idea of an evening of Shakespeare. The characters are fun, familiar to us, we know people like them, that's why they're enduring," said Gumina. "There's music between every scene that fits well."

Intimate space

Trinity is an intimate theater space where you'll feel part of the action, just the way Shakespeare intended.

"When you walk on stage you're almost on top of the audi-

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"Trinity should be rocking with laughter."

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Rainer Maria serves up 'A Better Version of Me'



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Some might say Kyle Fischer got more than an education while going to college. He got a rock band too. Kyle Fischer (guitar/ vocals), along with Caithlin De Marrais (bass, vocals) and William Kuehn (drums) are Rainer Maria, a rock trio that took its name from 19th Century Austrian Poet, Rainer Maria Rilke. "The three of us met at the University of Wisconsin," said Fischer, during a recent phone conversation. "Bill, our drummer and I actually met going to punk rock shows in Madison, Wisconsin."

quite fit the punk rock mold. "I'd started writing stuff, that we weren't using," recalled Fischer. "I decided, this is more interesting to me." Enter the missing link, the lovely Caithlin De Marrais. "I met Caithlin at a University of Wisconsin Poetry Workshop," said Fischer. "We were sort of becoming friends." He organized extra sessions for his classmates to meet and discuss poetry - but had an ulterior motive in mind. "I really hoped Caithlin would show up, which of course she did. I was like 'Score!' She moved into my place July or August of that year." That year was 1995 and by September, Rainer Maria had come into form. "She hadn't even sung before," he remembered. "She picked it up for the band."

Poetic past

The lyrical and rhythmic influence of its poetic past has flowed through Rainer Maria's sound

from the start. The trio began by transforming poetry into song. "We had this like great sort of well. Every week a poem was due in class. You get in the habit of writing that stuff." Far from the poetry classroom these days, the New York City transplants released their seventh effort, appropriately titled *A Better Version of Me*, on Polyvinyl Records in February. Rainer Maria proved once again to be the kids at the head of the indie rock class, weaving visions of love, heartache and beauty through some familiar quest to search out meaning in life. De Marrais' fragile voice resonates above the slush of Kuehn's drums and clatter of Fischer's guitar, sharing a depth not easily or often achieved. Songs like *Ceremony*, *Artificial Light* and *The Contents of Lincoln's Pockets* leave you feeling rattled and above all, like a good poem, make you think. "It's a very different experi-

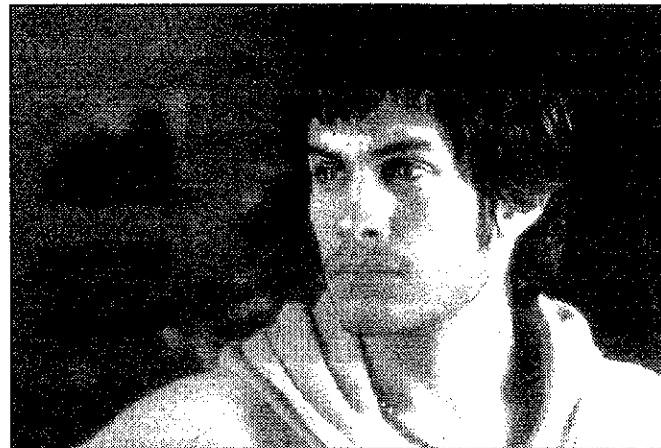
ence, listening to a song or reading a poem," admits Fischer. "For a really effective song, I think it helps if the song communicates most of what it has to offer (the first time), even in a live setting. You get everything in the first listen. On one hand the song asks for a certain level of more simplicity. The music helps you along. In some ways you don't have to be as dense with the subject matter." For this album, the band again worked with producer/engineer Mark Haines and Elliot Dicks at Smart Studios in Wisconsin. Like a return home to where they first created this distinct mix of emotion and instrumentation, Fischer said he wasn't looking for a new sound or another producer. "People started really paying attention after *Look Now Look Again*." After the last record made *Spin's* Top 20 Albums of 1999, Rainer Maria didn't want "to risk it" with someone new.

As with any project, there were a few surprises. For Fischer it was the sheer evolution of the album's opening track. "I never ever thought that *Artificial Light* would be the first song on the album. It's the second song we wrote for the album. When we were playing it in New York it was like it was going over people's heads...We weren't ever going to record it." But Mark Haines did get the tune. He knew just how to mix it and where to put it. "Low and behold, *Artificial Light* is my favorite song," said Fischer. "I would put it up against any other song."

three parts of a triangle." The system works well. Fischer is perfectly content with the finished product. "It's so exactly the way we sound as a band. It is a better version of us." So what does Kyle Fischer do when he's not writing? Write of course. He is working on songs for a solo project. Call it a non-stop cycle for the utterly dedicated. "It's mostly acoustic guitar. It's what I do on my days off." *Hear Rainer Maria 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 996-8555.* Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric News-papers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 27
AMORES PERROS
Set in Mexico, the story centers on a fatal auto accident and the three lives that crash into one another, revealing the dark side of human nature. Stars Emilio Echevarria, Gael Garcia Bernal and Goya Toledo.
DRIVEN
A high-tech action drama set in the dangerous, exhilarating world of open-wheel racing, *Driven* centers on the lives and careers of four drivers chasing the ultimate adrenaline rush. Stars Sylvester Stallone, Burt Reynolds, Gina Gershon and Cristian de la Fuente.



Love hurts: Emilio Echevarria stars in "Amores Perros," opening this weekend.

Lucy Owen is a torch singer in a hip Dublin cafe whose had countless love affairs, none of which have ever come close to grand passion. Enter Adam, her seemingly perfect man. Lucy's world begins to change. But is there more about Adam than the Owens family knows? Stars Kate Hudson, Stuart Townsend and Francis O'Connor.

A KNIGHT'S TALE
Inspired by The Canterbury Tales, this action-adventure tells the story of William, a young squire with a gift for jousting, who hits the road with cohorts. Along the way, they stumble across an unknown writer, who agrees to forge documents that will pass William off as a knight so he can test his talent in the ring. Featured are Heath Ledger, Mark Adoy and Rufus Sewell.

BROTHER
The story centers on a Yakuza gangster who travels to LA to find his younger half-brother, who has dropped out of school to become a small-time drug dealer. They form an alliance with a third man and incorporate Yakuza style leadership into the drug business in order to take over the L.A. underworld. Starring Takeshi Kitano, Omar Epps, Claude Maki and Masaya Kato.

TRUMPET OF THE SWAN
Based on E.B. White's classic 1970 children's book, this animated feature tells of a mute swan who becomes a famous jazz trumpet player to compensate for his lack of natural voice. Voices by: Jeffrey Schoeny, Carol Burnett, Jason Alexander, Reese Witherspoon, Mary Steenburgen, Seth Green and Joe Mantegna.

ONE NIGHT AT MCCOOL'S
The action revolves around three men who separately recount the story of a woman who ruined their lives during the course of one night. Meanwhile, a dead body at McCool's bar irrevocably ties them together. Starring Matt Dillon, Liv Tyler, Michael Douglas, Paul Reiser, John Goodman and Andrew Silverstein.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 4
EUREKA
A crazed killer, apparently without motive, hijacks a city bus in southwest Japan. In the ensuing carnage only three people survive the driver, a schoolgirl and her older brother. After a long period away, the three are reunited again only to be accused of murder by the police. Stars Koji Yakusho, Aoi Miyazaki, Masaru Miyazaki, Yohichiro Saitoh, Sayuri Kokusho, Ken Mitsuishi and Go Riju.

SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK
Billed as a romantic comedy, the story centers on interwoven love stories set in New York. Featured among the ensemble are Edward Burns, Heather Graham, Stanley Tucci, Brittany Murphy, Rosario Dawson and David Krumholtz.

CENTER OF THE WORLD
Shot on digital video, the story tells of a young computer wizard whose immersion in the digital world has left him unaccustomed to normal social interaction. When he persuades a beautiful stripper to spend three days with him in Las Vegas, their arrangement becomes a journey into the dark secrets of their sexuality. Featured players include Peter Sarsgaard, Molly Parker and Carla Gugino.

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DINING

New eatery adds to Franklin Village charm

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Around noon about six years ago, while on duty as a Franklin village volunteer firefighter, Lori Grundy wished there was some place close she could go for lunch.

She made her wish come true. When the business owner of The Village Barn gift shop in Franklin wanted to retire, Grundy, a 10-year Franklin resident, bought it.

"Exactly one year, 18 days and 16 hours after taking occupancy of the building, I opened for business as the Franklin Grill in late February," she said.

Grundy had never been in the restaurant business.

"I had a vision," she explained. "I knew what I wanted and I launched it with gut instincts."

At the outset, there were many challenging hurdles. The village of Franklin had not had a restaurant in a quarter century. To preserve uniqueness, historic downtowns have building restrictions and sign ordinances.

"It was all new to me," Grundy continued. "I learned as I went along, but that was the business side. What I learned personally was that if you don't have guts,

you'll never make it. You can't let anything stop you from fulfilling a vision."

People element

A Franklin Grill patron can't miss that this eatery is all about people.

Its roots created it as such. While the restaurant vision was just that, Grundy had the good fortune of hiring Chef Keith Dysarczyk of It's Ready catering in Troy for a party in her home. She shared her vision with Chef Keith, who literally waited two years for its fulfillment.

"I knew in an instant that Lori was a different kind of person," Chef Keith maintained. "When you know it's right — it's right."

Amid the frustration of finding a contractor, Mike Hyde, owner of MJT Contracting in Plymouth, re-entered Grundy's life. Twenty years earlier they were high school classmates. With his experience in contracting work for other small eateries, Hyde guided Grundy through all the permits and licensing paperwork in addition to remodeling the gift shop into a classic old-fashioned diner gone modern.

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Cost: Breakfast \$6 average; lunch \$7

table. Look around at the tasteful renovation of an old building, now a charming historic fit with bared timbers and barnwood walls. What's the OPEN sign doing behind the bar? By village ordinance, it can't be placed in a front window, but it's reflection to passersby is OK.

Menu offerings at breakfast and lunch are the joint inspiration of Grundy and Chef Keith who learned to cook from his grandmother and mother.

After apprenticing in a number of area restaurants and at a country club, Chef Keith began his private catering business.

Now his catering and Franklin Grill are a single enterprise. Because the restaurant is closed in the evening and on Sunday, it is available for private parties. Catered events outside the restaurant can also be arranged.

Every menu item is also available for carry-out.

No. 1 at breakfast is Chef's Ultimate Omelette. Portobello mushrooms, onions, spinach, roasted red peppers and Canadian bacon are stuffed into a three-egg omelet filled with goat cheese and served with hash browns and toast. At \$6.95, this is a tummy filler for the day.

Be creative

If you want to be creative you can also build your own omelet with six or more fillings from a list of suggested meats, vegetables and cheeses. All omelets can also be made with your choice of egg whites or egg beaters.

Make an entire lunch from the appetizer section. Most favored to date is the Grilled Portobello Mushroom, marinated and served over spinach leaves and topped with roasted red peppers and goat cheese.

Soup of the day may include Canadian cheese or Creamy Portobello Mushroom. A Crock of



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY
Serving lunch: Chef Keith Dysarczyk (right) hands "Troop" Trupiano chicken salad. She's holding a dish of Sesame Chicken.

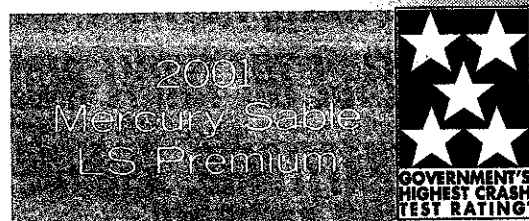
Homestyle French Onion Soup and a salad will be more than satisfying at lunch. Actually, lunch salads are so large, they can be shared.

In addition to a variety of deli-style sandwiches, two lunch entrees have risen to most-popular status. Sesame Chicken is a boneless breast half dipped in a sesame batter, served with veg-

etables and choice of potato. Chicken Piccata is a sauteed boneless breast with mushrooms, capers, artichoke hearts, lemon and white wine, served with rice and vegetables.

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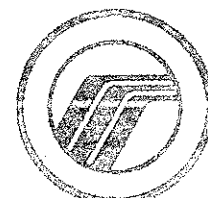
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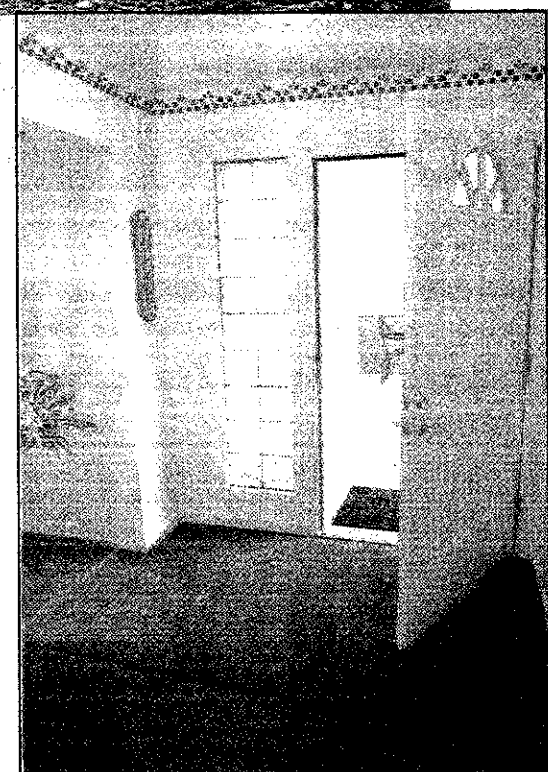
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A grand opening: Kathy and Kevin Renas have completed a specialized renovation that included a bedroom addition (at left of door, above) and also widened the hallways so it would be easier to care for their children, Lydia and Nathan, who use wheelchairs. Kevin created a new walkway with stone pavers that allows accessibility to the front door, eliminating the need for a wooden ramp.



Couple tackles specialized renovation for their children

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Nine years ago Kathy and Kevin Renas moved to Farmington Hills because they wanted better schools for their children and they liked the sense of community.

But the 1,600 square-foot ranch home didn't suit their family's needs.

"The old homes don't really accommodate for wheelchairs," Kevin said.

Their two children, Lydia, 12, and Nathan, 14, sit in wheelchairs. Lydia, a student at Warner Middle School, has cerebral palsy, Nathan, 14, who is considered severely multiply impaired, attends Cloverdale Development Center in Farmington Hills.

Kevin and Kathy expanded their home to make it easier to care for Lydia and Nathan. "You just don't want obstacles in the way," said Kevin.

They did their research, and found that with a little persistence, and elbow grease, you can tackle a specialized renovation, and stay within a budget.

Getting started

First they received three estimates from contractors, ranging from \$85,000 to \$96,000.

"We just didn't have that much to spend on it," Kevin said.

So in December 1998, Kevin and Kathy rolled up their sleeves. They drew up plans, then visited Farmington Hills architect Carl Gaiser. "He was very helpful," Kevin said. "He laid out the bathroom a little differently with a second door."

Kevin contracted the work to subcontractors and completed some of the work himself with assistance from co-workers and Kathy's father, Huston Prall, a retired Ford engineer. After notifying neighbors of his intentions, and obtaining variances from the city to expand the home toward the street, Kevin went to work.

Renas removed a brick wall from the south side of the house, and two trees, poured a concrete foundation in front of the house, opened up the hallways, enlarged the bathrooms and added two new bedrooms.

Meanwhile, the family of four "relocated" within the house. Lydia's room was to become an accessible bathroom, so Lydia slept in the living room. Nathan remained in his old bedroom (today that's a computer/office room) and Kevin and Karen slept in the family room. The renovations presented some inconveniences. Nathan was sometimes bothered by project noise, Kathy said.

They expanded an adjacent hallway by moving the south wall. They widened several doorways from the standard 36 inches to 42 inches. Renas also installed four solid core doors, including three interior ones.

Easy and accessible

The bathroom can be characterized as a textbook example of how a bathroom can be created for wheelchair-bound individuals while keeping the additional open space aesthetically pleasing.

The sink has no cabinet under it and is lower in height than usual so Lydia can sit close to wash or use a mirror. Drawers line the left side of the sink for convenience. (Lydia is left-handed).

Ceiling tracks in the bathroom allow the parents to lift

their children out of their wheelchairs. Prefabricated shower doors fold open on two different levels.

"We can open the top and leave the bottom closed so we don't get wet (during showers for the children)," said Kevin.

Of course, plumbing was required on the converted bedroom, a job that also was contracted out. Kevin installed "blocking" or 2-by-8 or 2-by-10 pieces cut to fit in between the studs.

"Walls always have 16 inches between studs, but when you want to put in grab bars, they don't come in a 16-inch length (for installation purposes)," Kevin said. That blocking was installed around the bathroom to allow them to place the grab bars in any location they wanted.

Kevin tiled the bathroom himself using information from The Tile Shop in Farmington Hills.

Lydia and Nathan's new bedrooms on the south side of the street are designed for easy wheelchair access. Kevin and Kathy's bedroom sits just beyond the expanded bathroom. Nathan's new room is about 18 1/2 feet by 14 feet. That additional room helps the Renases and a nurse they hired to care for Nathan.

Added support

Light switches were lowered, and wall outlets raised during installation for Lydia's convenience.

Lydia's wheelchair weighs between 325 to 350 pounds. "I was concerned about the support of the floor," Kevin said. But he worked with the rough carpenter in doubling every other floor joist for added support.

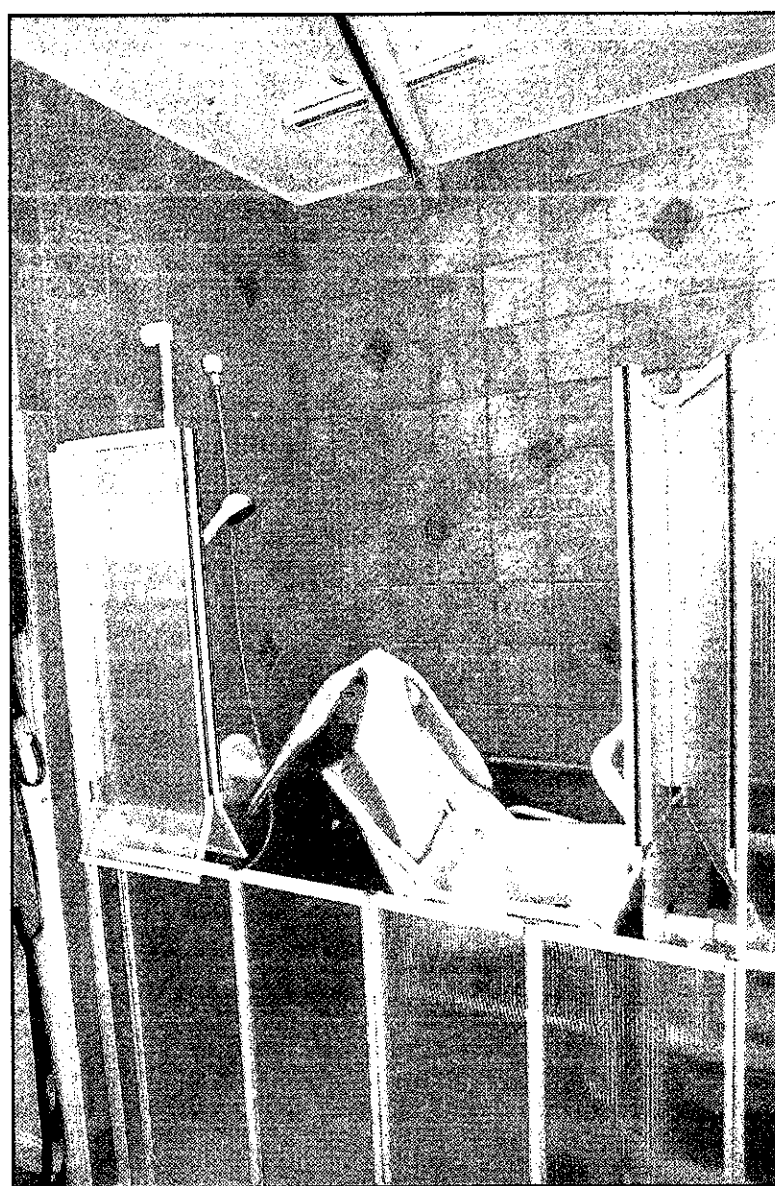
The Renases purchased commercial grade nylon carpeting with no pad for Lydia's room, similar to what they had installed in the family room. "With a pad, my daughter's wheelchair would have torn it up bad," Kevin said.

They hired subcontractors to complete rough carpentry, electrical, plumbing, heating and roofing, concrete and drywall jobs. Kevin did some finish carpentry himself, such as moldings and baseboards, along with the bathroom tile work and landscaping and pavers outside.

The finishing touches included tumbled stone brick pavers laid by Kevin for a natural flowing wheelchair access — eliminating the need for a wooden ramp — to enter the front door.

The Renases experienced little frustration, Kevin said, which was "amazing." He kept a list of projects, subcontractors and costs, checking them off as they were completed. "I was hoping to have a builder, so I wouldn't have the headaches," said Kevin. "But I didn't have a significant number of problems. I was astounded."

Kevin appreciates the help he received from Kathy's father and Tom Martin, a friend of Kevin's, who helped install the solid core doors.



Accessible: The bathroom's enlarged shower area folding shower doors so Kathy and Kevin Renas can remain outside and dry when assisting their children during showers.



Down the hall: Kathy Renas stands in the widened doorway of daughter Lydia's room adjacent to a hallway built wider than the standard 36 inches.

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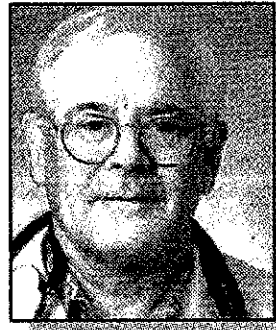


MARTY FIGLEY

Propagating tips

Want to increase your stock of plants? Here's a book and many others to help you garden.

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JOE GAGNON

Costly efficiency

New government guidelines aim at efficiency, but new washers will probably cost a lot more money, says the Appliance Doctor.

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HOMETOWN LIFE:

What to do:

There's no shortage of things for children to do this summer as area organizations and businesses offer day and summer camp programs.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

DESIGN CALENDAR

Got a collectible? Get it appraised

The Plymouth Historical Museum will sponsor an Antique Appraisal Clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

Ernest DuMouchelle, an appraiser who often appears on PBS' "Antiques Roadshow," will be appraising at the museum for the 14th annual

clinic.

Anyone wanting to find out what collectibles are worth can call the museum at (734) 455-8940 for an appointment. Costs are \$10 for oral appraisals, and \$15 for written ones.

Call the museum for more information.

■ The Michigan Modernism Exposition will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). It will feature 78 of the nation's most prominent modernism merchants. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 with any ads or listings of the event, \$8 regular, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for both days. Previews are at www.antiquet.com/M&M

■ The Detroit Area Art Deco Society's eighth annual Michigan Modernism Preview Party will be 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile.

The event will feature musical entertainment, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds will benefit the DAADS, a private, not-for-profit corporation that provides education, documentation, monetary sponsorship, scholarships and design assistance to the community. Preview party tickets are \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door. For advance tickets, call (248) 582-DECO.

■ Loëtitia Herbretau, from the Quimper workshop in France, will demonstrate the art of handpainting Quimper's traditional patterns 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, at La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham (phone (248) 540-3876). Peter Janssens, one of the Quimper owners, will be on hand to discuss the two limited edition pieces specifically designed for the tour. These pieces, a 10-inch wall plate for \$69.50 and a 5-inch flat heart for \$35, are now on sale, and may be signed by the artist Monday.

■ Red Cross classes at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, include "Adult CPR and First Aid with Automated External Defibrillators," Mondays, April 30 to May 7. Call (248) 651-0622 for information.

■ Tickets are available for the 2001 Designer Showhouse Gala,

taking place 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the historic Vaughan-Vernor estate, 4778 Lahser in Bloomfield Hills. Benefactor tickets are \$150 per person and include entry in a drawing for a \$1,000 gift certificate from Greenstone's Jewelers. Patron tickets are \$100 per person. Tickets can be charged on Visa or MasterCard by calling (313) 833-1980. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and will be the first to set foot in the newly redecorated house. Valet parking will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Detroit Historical Society. Some of the area's finest designers from the American Society of Interior Designers have decorated the house. It will be open to the public May 5 to June 3. Admission is \$15 for advance tickets bought by May 4, \$17 for individual tickets bought after May 4, \$13 for groups of 20 or more (available only with advance reservation); phone (313) 833-7935 and \$13 for Detroit Historical Society and ASID members. Tickets can be bought by phone through Tickets PLUS at (800) 585-3737 (\$2 per ticket service fee).

■ An antique show and sale featuring between 25 and 30 area dealers will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29, at

the Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main in Clawson. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3. Every paid admission will receive an entry for the door prize, a vintage quilt. Breakfast pastries and a luncheon menu will also be featured. The diverse selection of quality antiques and collectibles will include primitive furniture and accessories, English china and antiques, vintage kitchenware, Mission furniture, pressed and cut glass, fine porcelain and pottery, estate jewelry, buttons, dolls and 1950s furniture.

■ The Detroit Artists Market Sales Gallery, 4719 Woodward at Forest in Detroit, features tiles, vases and bowls by ceramic artist JoAnn Aquinto this month. Aquinto earned her bachelor of fine arts degree in 1990 from the Center for Creative Studies. She oversaw a large scale tile installation at the People Mover's Millender Center Station project for Pewabic Pottery. The prices of her tiles and vessels range between \$12 and \$100. Sales Gallery proceeds provide revenue for participating local artists and general operating support of DAM's exhibition and educational programs. Call (313) 832-8540, Ext. 13.

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If the finish on your bathtub is chipped, peeling, faded or permanently stained no amount of cleanser and scrubbing will do the job. The bathtub needs to be fixed.

Reglazing is an option, but only a temporary one. There's no guarantee the finish won't go bad again, and the reglazing process is difficult and involves many dangerous chemicals.

The bathtub could be replaced, but there is even more mess involved, not to mention the cost.

There is another solution, though, and Budget Bathtub Liners Co., with showrooms in Lincoln Park and Madison Heights, has the answer: a new bathtub liner or total complete system consisting of Bathtub Liner and Wall Surround system.

One of the hottest trends in bathroom remodeling, bathtub liners and wall systems fit over not only existing bathtubs, but also ceramic walls in your bathroom. That means less mess and less time between what your bathroom looks like now and a completely new appearance.

For a limited time only, bathtub liners are on sale from \$389 installed. Complete systems, which include bathtub liner and wall surround, are on sale from \$1295. That's about 1/2 the cost of replacing an old tub and ceramic tiles.

Budget Bathtub Liner is able to offer the low prices, according to Dean Hartley, because of the large volume of business it does.

"We're the largest distributor of Acrylic Bathtub Liners and Wall Surround Systems in the country," Hartley said. "I'm proud of that."

When a homeowner places an order for a new liner, employees take 15 different measurements and several photographs of the existing bathtub. The measurements and photos are then sent to the company's factory, where a custom liner is made using one of 750 molds in stock.

In addition, seven colors and faux marbles finishes are available along with a complete line of matching accessories which includes a full line of Delta and Kohler fixtures. These are options Hartley said many customers opt for even if their current fixtures are working fine.

"If you buy a new car, you wouldn't ask them to put used tires on it," he said.

All Bathtub Liners and Wall Surround Systems are made of DR/ABS Owens Corning High Impact Acrylic and carry a Lifetime Warranty. This is the same material football helmets are made from and the liners are about

Many people would like to change the way their bathrooms look, but cost and time concerns prevent many from being able to tear out and replace a worn bathtub. Budget Bathtub Liners has the solution. Located in Lincoln Park, the store has hundreds of liners to choose from, most of which can be installed in a day or less.

three times the thickness of those found at home improvement stores and are guaranteed not to chip or peel and to retain their finish. In addition, installation, which can usually be done in one day, is guaranteed.

Budget Bathtub Liners Co. is at 25170 John R. Madison Heights and 3387 Fort St., Lincoln Park between Emmons and Champaign adjacent to Mickey Shorr. The showroom is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call Budget Bathtub Liner at 1-800-BATHTUB.

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GARDENING

Books help with everything from tea to plant propagation

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Have you ever wanted to increase your stock of plants by propagation? The book, *Making More Plants: The Science, Art and Joy of Propagation*, Ken Druse (Clarkston Potter, \$45), contains invaluable

information about the subject.

With his wealth of knowledge and personal experience, Druse leads us into this world of gardening and makes each step look easy, whether it is by stem cutting, seed, layering, or obtaining more flower bulbs with sections of their leaves!

We learn that many plants can be increased with only a kitchen knife. The steps of each procedure are clearly given with accompanying photographs that illustrate beautifully.

This book is extremely user-friendly and I recommend it to all gardeners, novice or more experienced.

Lavender: The Grower's Guide, Virginia McNaughton (Timber Press, \$29.95), includes more than 200 lavender species and cultivars.

McNaughton explains how to recognize the many plants in the genus as she describes each cultivar. Growing instructions and garden placement as well as the botanical history are featured. Photos and line drawings help with identification.

Tea-riffic
Two small books from Storey will delight tea lovers.

Herbal Tea Gardens: 22 Plans for Your Enjoyment and Well-being, Marietta Marshall Marcin (\$16.95), shares the beverage's history and directions for making a perfect cuppa.

Line drawings accompany each of 93 herbs described; included are recipes for specific ailments. Among the garden titles are "Arthritis Care" and "Aphrodisiac." A quick reference chart and list of resources are nice additions.

Tea With Friends, Elizabeth Knight (\$14.95), is filled with delightful ideas for every month. Some are related to events with which we are familiar, such as St. Patrick's Day; others such as Hogmanay High Tea will need a little explaining.

Each tea has been carefully planned with clever invitations, centerpieces, music and special activity. The history of tea and descriptions of the various types, brewing time and serving suggestions are helpful.

Malcolm Hillier has done it again with *Flowers: The Book of Floral Design* (DK, \$40), which features more than 150 display ideas for all seasons that will keep many flower arrangers inspired for years.

A key to average days the arrangement will last, best time of season to make it and degree of difficulty is a thoughtful addition. The plant directory includes a photo, season to use, care and vase life.

Scientific
Two books from Timber Press are scientifically based and will

astound readers with the unusualness of the plants.

The first, *Aroids: Plants of the Arum Family*, Deni Brown (\$34.95), is the updated version of her earlier book. She has brought the classification of the plants up to date, due to the discovery of many new species.

Did you know that skunk cabbage, some orchids, calla lily and philodendron, voodoo lily and taro are all related? You'll learn about them as well as about the many other plants in the family, and how well they reproduce (some by luring pollinators by their structure and scent). Most interesting.

The second, *Mosses and Other Bryophytes*, Bill and Nancy Malcolm (published by Micro-Optics Press and distributed by Timber, \$39.95), has fascinating magnified photos. They reveal amazing details and surprising beauty of the nearly 400 mosses, liverworts and hornworts.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS
In anticipation of the gardening season, you might want to try new Bendable Supports and Connecting Stakes by Luster Leaf Products Inc. They are an extension of its Link-Ups Support System; available in several sizes, with easy-to-use connections. Prices are from \$1.99 to \$6.99. Write the company at 2220 Techcourt, Woodstock, IL 60098.

If you are growing vinca vines and want them to be more full, cut the vines back, leaving two sets of leaves on each stem. Usually two new shoots will form.

Don't despair if your garden is rather shady. Try lettuce, spinach, endive, chard, kale, mustard greens and other leafy vegetables.

If trees haven't begun to break bud and show green, horticultural oil spray can be applied to eliminate many species of scale and insect eggs that have overwintered on the plant.

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

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GARDENING CALENDAR

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NURSERY SCHOOL

PONDS
Learn about putting in a pond at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, in Westland. Call (734) 421-5959 for information.

ARRANGEMENTS

Several workshops, including a patio pot workshop on Saturday, May 2, are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person and is non-refundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call (734) 397-0800.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience: Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials, four Wednesdays, starting May 2; Difficult Sites Part I on wet and dry sites, two Thursdays, starting June 7; Difficult Sites Part II, starting Thursday, June 21. Also, the school plans to host Allan Armitage, internationally

acclaimed gardener, author, instructor and professor of horticulture on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23 will appear at garden tours in Beverly Hills and Bloomfield Hills. Armitage will appear at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy on Sunday, June 24. Tickets are \$45 per person, \$55 after May 25. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for a brochure and registration on the Armitage visit. For information on spring classes, times and costs or click on www.michigangardening.com for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township.

FLOWER SALE

PLANT SWAP

Join area gardeners for a plant swap from some of Northville's most historical gardens 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 28, at the Mill Race Village, on Griswold just north of Main Street, at the Northville Historical Society 9th Annual Plant Swap. Bring whatever excess plants you may have. If you don't have any to bring, visit anyway, as donations to the Garden Fund will be accepted and there will be many plants to share. Perennials, annuals, wildflowers, shrubs and trees will be available. The Northville Department of Public Works will be supplying composted leaf mulch. Please bring your own containers. For information, call (248) 348-1845.

POTTED PLANTS

Approximately 500 potted plants will be available at the Friends of the Wilson Barn annual spring flower sale May 10-13, including lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils, azaleas and small orchid corsages. Full flats of petunias, impatiens, begonias and pansies will be available. Pony rides will be available for children, weather permitting. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10; 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago (at Middlebelt). Anyone who has any questions regarding the sale can call the Barn at (734) 427-4311 and leave a message.

PLANT SALE

Bedding plants and potted plants will be available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Northville Farmers Market in the Northville Downs parking lot at Seven Mile and Sheldon. Arts and crafts and garden art will be available. The sale will be a great opportunity to purchase Mother's Day plants and gifts. The Farmers Market, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled every Thursday, May through October. Call (248) 349-7640.

CLUB STUFF

LIVONIA

Judy Cornellier, a member of the Troy Garden Club and an adult education teacher, will discuss "Birds, Butterflies and Honeybees" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Livonia Senior Center at Five Mile and Farmington road. The public is invited.

FARMINGTON

Charlotte Dashner, a Farmington Garden Club member and landscapes school chairman for the club, will present a floral design program at noon, Monday, May 7, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads. Call (248) 476-3017 or (248) 615-3616. Visitors are welcome.

HOSTAS

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society has scheduled its annual plant sale 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Birmingham Congregational Church at Cranbrook Road and Woodward. Hostas, companion plants, perennials and rock garden plants will be for sale. Admissions is free.

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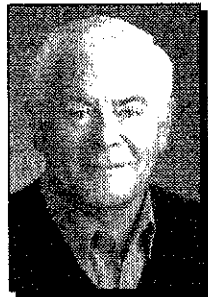


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HOME WORK

Energy efficiencies may work against consumers

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

A few months ago, a new U.S. Department of Energy minimum energy-efficiency standard for clothes washers was finalized, setting new targets for washers manufactured after January 2004, and increased efficiency again for units made after Jan. 1, 2007.

A coalition of environmental organizations, state and regional energy officials, washer manufacturers and many consumer groups, supported the rule.

Washers manufactured to meet the 2004 standard will be 22 percent more efficient than today's baseline clothes washer. Units that meet the 2007 requirements will be 35 percent more efficient.

What it means

What does this mean to you and me?

First of all, this means that everything I wrote and talked

Never before have we had such an escalation in the price of a simple toilet.

about 6 months ago has come true. Yes, the government has finally taken their hands out of the toilet and put them into the washing machine. They have spent their efforts these past several years making sure that toilets use less water. You can ask millions of Americans what they think of their new toilet today. Never before in the history of mankind has the potty been the focus of so many dinner conversations. That won't stop until the new mandate on water consumption is reversed.

Never before have we had such an escalation in the price of a simple toilet. They just keep going up and up. I wonder what is next on the agenda that might boost the price of a normal product. We could end up seeing a new law that requires every home owner to build a new out-house.

Now the government is checking out the washers and their energy efficiency. Under these

new requirements it is hoped consumers will save energy and water but one day washers will probably cost you so much more than what you pay for one today. The young couple getting started in life today can spend as little as \$269 for a washer. That washer will be removed from the market altogether. Tomorrow's unit might be priced at a "low" price of \$600, but use less energy. I just can't figure all this out unless the manufacturers are jumping with joy over these upcoming increased prices.

You could say that appliance manufacturers are going to make a real killing on all of this energy efficiency. Weren't they a part of the coalition group that pushed the U.S. Energy Department to mandate this new standard?

Price gouging?

I just recently read an article in Business Week magazine that Maytag priced their Neptune front load washer at \$800 when it was first introduced and then within a few days changed to \$1,000 the purchase price. The reason stated by the then chief operating officer was that consumers would pay extra to save energy. That may very well be

true, but what about the subject of gouging? I believe that was the case and will be again when these new washers are created with all their little tricks.

I am going to live to be an old man before you can make me believe that a washer using less water does a better job than the one I have in my basement. They have washing machines out there today without agitators and they tell me they out-clean what I have.

First of all, let me give you some old-fashioned facts. Except for those people who work in certain fields, the majority of my clothes and yours are not dirty to begin with. What, sweat that is in our clothes is not considered dirt, it's moisture. I can wash that out by swishing a shirt near the shore of a lake. But if a manufacturer can make you believe that their product out-washes another, you will buy it.

Look at Frigidaire's up-and-down agitator of 30 years ago. They boasted of its cleaning action that was so much better than anyone else's and yes, they sold millions. If it was so good, why didn't anyone else copy it when it went out of production?

Joe Gagnon can be heard on

Newstalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Got a question for the Appliance Doctor? Write to Joe Gagnon c/o Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. The Appliance Doctor will answer your question in a future column.

Plants on sale Sunday in Wayne

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County has scheduled its 10th Annual Spring Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy Road, in Wayne.

Quantities are limited - so get there early for the best selection of annuals, perennials, annual vines, herbs and vegetables. Parking is free.

The extension office is located on Venoy Road (west of Merriman Road and east of Wayne Road), south of Michigan Avenue and north of Van Born Road (or north of I-94, exit at Merriman Road).

Homeowners learn ABCs of remodeling

The Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "ABCs of Remodeling" Wednesday, May 2.

The free program will cover what a homeowner needs to know about major and minor remodeling for kitchens, baths and home additions, architectural design and financing a remodeling project.

It will take place 6-9 p.m. at Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine, on the southeast corner of Lone Pine and Telegraph.

For registration information, call (248) 737-4477 anytime.

The panel of experts includes Eric Brakke, chairperson of the Remodelers Council and manager of Four Seasons Sunrooms in Southfield; Fred Capaldi of Capaldi Building Co. in Birmingham; Michael Gordon of Moiseev/Gordon Associates-Architects in Royal Oak; Mike Harris of The Harris Group in Dearborn Heights; Charleen Hill of Cornish, Zack, Hill & Associates in Southfield; Tom Kellett of Kellett Construction Co. in

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Bloomfield Hills; Sam Kreis of Kreis Financial Services in Farmington Hills; John Maloney of BOA Construction in Beverly Hills; and John Newmyer of Newmyer Inc. in Walled Lake.

The program is sponsored by 21st Century Building Co., Apel Building Products, Architectural Products Inc., Bloomfield Township Library, Fairway Construction, Four Seasons Sunrooms, H.J. Oldenkamp, Kitchens by Richards, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Qualified Construction Corp., Standard Federal Bank and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

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CREATIVE LIVING



Take on a new attitude when you decide to take photographs

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

We all know that a champion athlete has to mentally prepare himself for the challenge of what will, it is hoped, be a peak performance. In photography, this same theory applies. We have to emotionally prepare ourselves, too. And a large part of this is getting into the state of mind that you are no longer going to be taking snapshots; rather, from now on you will be making photographs. Here's how you can go about making this shift and developing a new attitude about your photography.

First, slow down. Don't rush into snapping your shutter. Leave your camera in its case as you begin to study your subject.

Ask yourself how best you can portray the subject. Should you move in tight or keep your distance? Is one camera angle better than another? Is early morning or late afternoon light better to enhance your image? Perhaps a greater focal length lens will add greater impact.

Are you beginning to see what is happening? You are starting to go through a conscious, planned-out thought process to produce a photograph that says it all about the subject. You see, you're starting to make photographs, not take snapshots.

Let's go further. Use all the depth-of-field available to you.

Did you know that your normal 50mm lens will give you a depth-of-field of 7 feet to infinity? So next time you're shooting scenery, take advantage of this.

Rather than snap just the mountain in the distance, carefully study the scene for foreground objects, such as that pile of boulders that will give a "foundation" to your composition or those tree branches that act

as a perfect "frame." How about the stream or fence that "leads" you into the scene? These techniques will shift you into the "making photographs" mode.

You'll often want to place the subject off-center to add a dynamic dimension to your photograph. Consider the use of filters to enhance a blue sky, add some color to a dramatic sunset or add a "starburst" of excitement.

Once again, the planned out, well-executed thought process is at work — you are making photographs, not taking snapshots. See how it works?

Remember, also, that you are an artist creating a beautiful image. "See" with your feelings and emotions and keep in mind that it is you making the photographs, not the camera.

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


Dramatic composition: Monte Nagler had "making a photograph" in mind in this image from Telford, England. Careful composition and the right time of day produced a photograph full of impact and drama.



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ENGAGEMENTS

Cisney-Sosnowski

Tom and Mary Cisney of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn M., to Joseph D. Sosnowski of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Aquinas High School in Southgate and works for Cingular Wireless as manager of client services.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Madeline Sosnowski of Detroit, is a graduate of Bishop Borgess High School in Redford and Walsh College in Troy. He owns and operates his own CPA firm.



A September wedding is being planned.

Stuart-Whitman

Alan and Lois Stuart of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Celia Marie, to Jeffrey LaForest Whitman of Pine Mountain, Georgia.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth Salem High School, received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in entomology from Montana State University. She is currently the manager of the Day Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens.

Her fiancé, the son of LaForest and Sandra Whitman of North Brookfield, Mass., graduated from North Brookfield High School and is a woodworker for Hilderbrandta Cabinets in Hamilton, Georgia.



The couple will wed in April at the Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia.

Castel-Lehnis

Ken and Signe Castel of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Theresa, to Michael David Lehnis of Canton.

The bride-to-be plans to graduate from University of Michigan-Dearborn in April 2002 and teach elementary school.

Her fiancé, son of Tom and Mary Ann Lehnis of Canton, plans to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in April 2002 with a bachelor's degree in finance.

A July 2002 wedding is planned for St. John's Center in Plymouth.

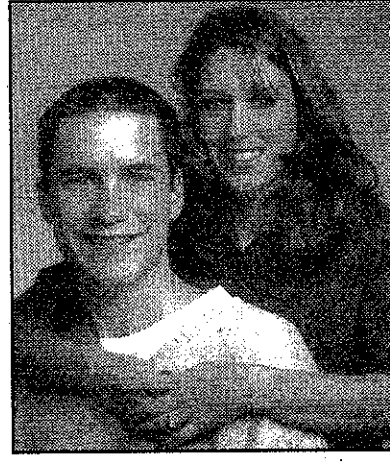


Cox-Clements

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pilch of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Anne Cox, to Chad Francis Clements of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and works for Mack & Megerian, a CPA firm in Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rajkovich and Patrick Clements, all of South Lyon, is a 1994 graduate of South Lyon High School and attends Eastern Michigan University. He is working toward his bachelor's degree in computer information systems.



A September wedding is planned and the couple will honeymoon in Maui.

Dobek-Rudis

Ted and Mary Jo Dobek of Warren announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, to Mark Joseph Rudis of Redford.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration from Baker College and works for True Industries, Inc.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Barb Rudis of Redford, works for Kasper Machine Co.

An August wedding is planned at St. John Bosco in Redford.



Krajewski-Andrews

Peter and Mary Krajewski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Jeremy Andrews of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 1994 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned her bachelor's degree in economics. She received her master's degree in public health from University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in 1997. She is a health and lifestyles program coordinator at Care Choices HMO in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of John and Chris Andrews of Grosse Pointe Farms, is a 1991 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 1995 graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is



an accounting manager for Southeastern Michigan Health Association in Detroit.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia and the couple will receive guests at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Patterson-Paige

David and Linda Patterson, formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Jason Michael Paige of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 Livonia Franklin High School graduate and works as an administrative sales assistant for the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper.

Her fiancé, son of Harold Paige of Waltz Township and Sharon Paige of Westland, is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and works for Northwest Airlines.

A July wedding is planned at



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Watt-Surowiec

Wesley and Sharon Watt along with Roman and Dianna Surowiec of Redford Township announce the engagement of their children Daedra Helena Watt and Brian Daniel Surowiec.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Redford Union High School and graduated from The University of Detroit Mercy in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in architecture. She works for Kraemer Design Group as an architectural designer in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he earned his degree in computer and information science. He works for Caretech Solutions as a Senior Network Computing Analyst in Dearborn.

The couple were friends throughout high school and began dating during their sophomore year of college.



They were engaged on May 27, 2000 and plan to share their joy with friends and family in a garden ceremony in October. They will make their home in Dearborn.

Five generations

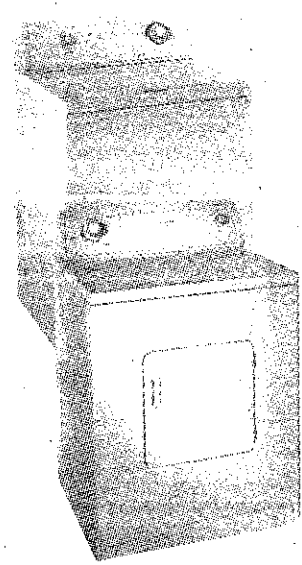


Family album: Ninety-year-old Pearl Churchill of Westland recently posed for a picture with her great-great-granddaughter, Emily, and the rest of the family that makes up the five-generation photograph. They include Debra Louis of Garden City (left), 46; Churchill; Emily Chute of Westland, 1 month old; Suzanne Chute of Westland, 22; and Mildred Collins of Santa Rancho Margarita, Calif., 66.

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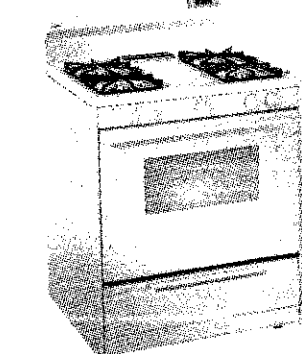


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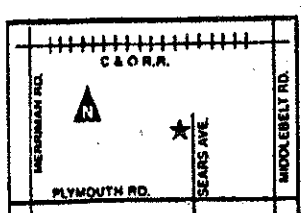
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FUND RAISING & BENEFITS

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Newburg United Methodist Church will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28. NUMC is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Garage Sale
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia) will have its 13th Annual All-Parish Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday,

April 28. A bag sale will be held on April 28 from 1-2 p.m. Plant and bake sale. Proceeds go to the Christian out-reach programs at the church.

MOM'S SALE
The St. Edith/St. Kenneth MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale is just around the corner. Rent a table and turn your child's gently used items into cash. Come to the sale to find just the right items for your nursery or child's needs. The sale will be held in St. Edith's Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 28. To reserve a table call LeeAnn (734) 542-1112.

ZONTA GOLF OUTING
The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area is planning another fund raising activity, "Swing into Spring Golf Outing" on April 28 at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The tee time starts at 11:00 a.m. \$90 per golfer, (\$20 tax deductible) will include golf fees, golf cart, box lunch, followed by a barbecue dinner with beer, wine, and pop. Many prizes allocated for golf

winner using the Modified Cal-loway scoring, for women only, men only, and mixed gender teams. We are accepting donations of door prizes, or donations that anyone would care to offer. If you would like information regarding Zonta, visit www.zonta.org. Talk to your friends, gather a foursome and get your reservation secured with a deposit by April 10. Send \$360 for your group, makes checks payable to: Zonta Club of NW Wayne County, mail to: 11812 Talltree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information call 734-459-8364.

RUMMAGE SALE
Aldersgate United Methodist Women will have their Annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the church (10000 Beech Daly) between Plymouth Road and West Chicago in Redford. White elephants, kitchen equipment, small appliances, toys and books will be sold from Wesley Hall. Clothing of all sizes will be in fellowship hall, with special women's garments in the boutique section. Proceeds will be used for church and district mis-

sion projects.

PEDAL FOR A PURPOSE
The Lupus Foundation is holding their first "Pedaling for a Purpose Bike Ride" at 7:30 a.m. April 29 at Stony Creek Metropark (26 Mile and Mound) in Shelby Township. To participate call (800) 705-6677 or visit www.milupus.org

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What if the cure for cancer were in your jewelry box? Please bring your donation of costume and fine jewelry to the American Cancer Discovery Shop as soon as possible. The Jewelry Extravaganza begins from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5. The ACS Discovery Shop is located in Newburgh Plaza (37337 Six Mile Road, Livonia). Call (734) 542-SHOP. All donations are tax deductible. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's research, educational programs and patient services.

CHARITY DAY SALE
Parisian will hold its Spring 2001 Charity Day Sale event from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Satur-

day, May 5 in Livonia. This special sale is private (open only to those who purchased a \$5 ticket). Charities sell the tickets and keep the entire \$5 ticket price. Ticket holders receive a special morning of shopping with the best prices of the season, a light breakfast, and register to win exciting door prizes in addition to contributing to a charity.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Our Lady of Loretto (Six Mile and Beech Daly roads) will host a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5; and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Many household items will be available along with homemade baked goods. Call (313) 534-9000.

CARD PARTY
St. Hilary Rosary Altar (23749 Elmira, Redford) Society will host a Spring Card Party at 7 p.m. May 11 in the social hall. Buffet dessert table, coffee and tea. Many door and table prizes. To reserve tickets call (313) 533-5698 (Dorothy) or (313) 533-8239 (Betty). Donation \$6. Men are welcome.

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...eering 101 and stories/drama. Steppingstone School for the Gifted, 21900 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 473-1808, visit www.stepping.org or e-mail info@stepping.org

■ **The Missoula Children's Theatre Production** will return to the Stage IV Theatre in Wayne. Auditions begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 6. City of Wayne residents only. Two performances of the "Tales of Hans Christian Anderson" will be held at 3 and 7 p.m. Aug. 11.

■ **The Stage VI Youth Theatre** will host classes for chil-

dren ages 9-18 beginning July 9 for three weeks. Cost is \$45 for city of Wayne residents; \$50 for non-residents. Call Tracy Spada of the Wayne Community Center for details (734) 721-7400.

■ **Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village offers Tech Trekkers Camp** provides fun experiences in science, technology and adventure that connect with the unique resources of the museum and village. This camp creates skill-enhancing opportunities for youth ages 11-14. Camps consists of four 2-week sessions. The topic for Session I (June 18-29) and III (July 23-

Aug. 3) is 3,2,1 ... Take Off! The topic for Session II (July 9-20) and IV (Aug. 6-17) is The Technology of Biology - From Field to Factory. Sessions include science experiments and activities, field trips, visits with experts in related fields and tours of on-site exhibits. Each session will include a fun field trip such as the wave pool and a focused field trip that relates to the session theme. Fees are \$375 for each child enrolled in a two-week session of camp. Morning and afternoon extended care are included in the camp fees.

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■ **Class of 1981**
A reunion is planned for Oct. 13. E-mail Brian McNamara at THORN6661@aol.com or write: RU Class of 1981 Reunion, P.O. Box 201 Farmington Hills, MI 48332-0201.

■ **Class of 1991**
Reunion is planned for Nov. 10 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

■ **Class of 1986**
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■ **Class of 1965-66**
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■ **Class of 1971**
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■ **Class of 1961**
A reunion is planned for June 23 at the Marriott Hotel near Metropolitan Airport. Call Bob Fredericks at (248) 426-8373 or e-mail MOM@Mich.com

■ **Class of 1961**
A reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-9933.

■ **Class of 1971**

A 30th reunion is planned for July 21 at the Northfield Hilton. Call Laura (248) 371-0476 or e-mail lpm2353@aol.com

■ **Class of 1976**
Reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Westin Southfield (Southfield). Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

■ **Class of 1981**
A 20-year reunion is planned for late summer or fall of 2001. Contact Michael Peyser at (773) 506-8484 or e-mail mpeyser@peyser-group.com

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A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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■ May 8, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ May 22, Dealing with anger, guilt and depression facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. Learn to recognize, understand, and work through these emotions in relationship to the loss of a marriage.

PRAISE CHAPEL

Praise Chapel Church (36115 Plymouth Road, Livonia) offers "Singles on the Move" programs. Every Friday at 6 p.m. they host prayer for singles in the community. The first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Java and Jesus Coffee shop talk and recreational table games, \$5. The second Friday at 7 p.m. Wally Ball, \$5. Third Friday at 7 p.m. Out on the Town Night. Fourth Friday at 7 p.m. Java and Jesus Coffee shop talk and recreational table games, \$5. Call (734) 420-9702.

SINGLE PLACE PROGRAMS

Single Place Presents a Divorce Recovery Workshop at 7:30 p.m. May 17-June 21 Speaker Pam Jacobs. \$40 charge at First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street).

■ Friday's meet at Tremor's (Six Mile between Newburgh and I-275). Join us for dancing, eats and conversation. \$3 cover charge and beverage cost.

■ Bethany Dance from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at St. Robert Belarmine Church (27201 W. Chicago, Redford). \$8 charge. Call (313) 996-8644.

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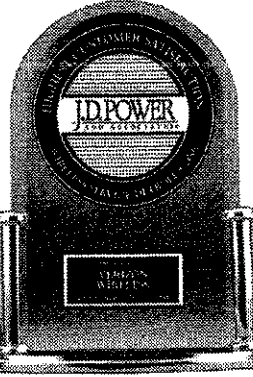


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Southfield
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734-623-8620
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4475 24th Ave.
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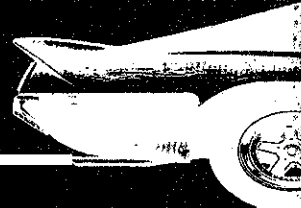
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HONDA advertisement featuring a 3.9% APR offer on a lease special for the Civic LX. Includes images of Accord, Insight, and CRV models. Text: "SELLING AND SERVICING HONDAS IS OUR ONLY BUSINESS. SUNSHINE HONDA 1205 ANN ARBOR RD., 734-453-3600."

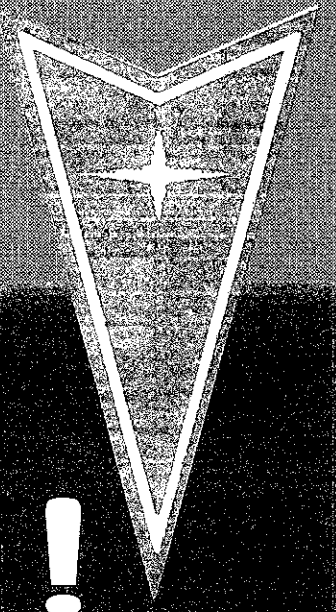
TOYOTA WINNER'S CIRCLE SALES EVENT! Advertisement featuring six car models with lease/price options: 2001 AVALON XLS, 2001 CAMRY SOLARA SE, 2001 ECHO 2 DOOR, 2001 4-RUNNER LIMITED, 2001 EXT CAB PRE-RUNNER, 2001 RAV4 4-DOOR. Includes Red Holman logo and website information.

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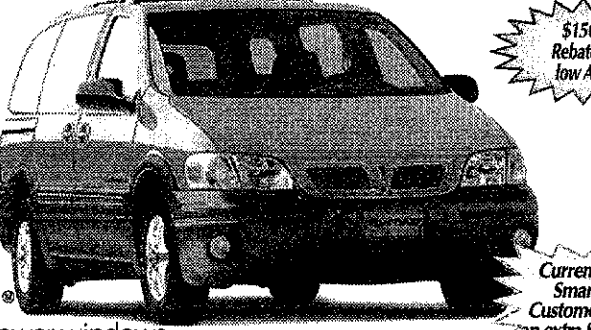
- 4 speed auto
- 3100V-6
- tilt & cruise
- power locks
- power windows
- power seat
- keyless entry
- theft deterrent
- aluminum wheels
- remote trunk
- Stock #1-4553

RED'S LEASE \$299⁹¹** 48 mos. \$317.90 Due At Signing

GM LEASE \$282⁷⁷** 48 mos. \$299.74 Due At Signing

\$0 Down

NEW 2001 MONTANA



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\$1500 Rebate or low APR

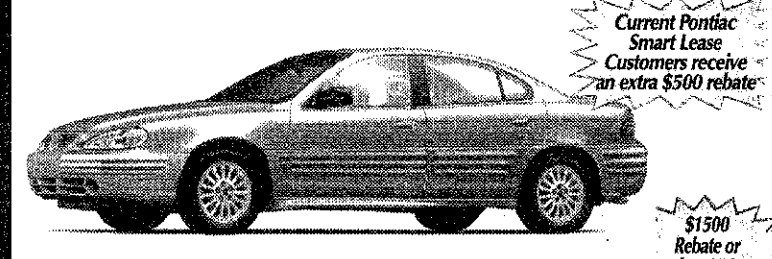
- power windows
- power locks
- keyless entry
- cruise
- CD
- luggage rack
- cycle wipers
- Stock #1-3291

RED'S LEASE \$364⁹⁵** 36 mos. \$816.85 Due At Signing

GM LEASE \$336³³** 36 mos. \$761.51 Due At Signing

\$50 Down

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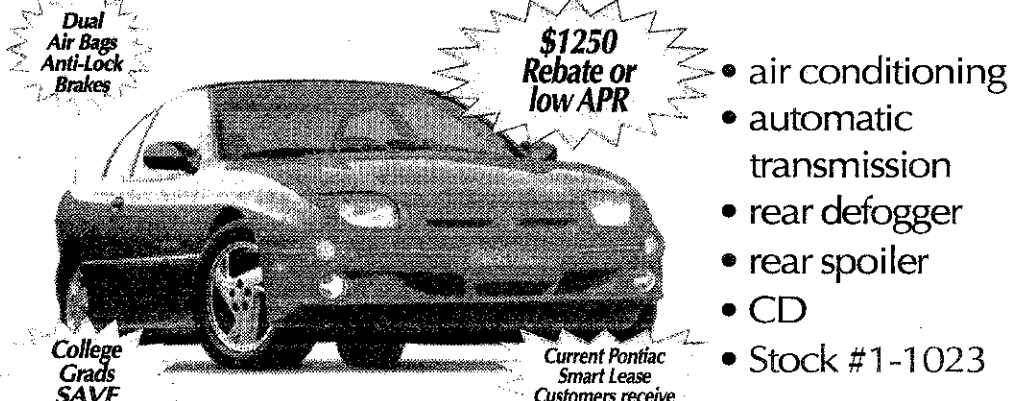
- 2.4 engine
- power steering
- power brakes
- 4 speed automatic
- air conditioning
- dual air bags
- ABS
- rear defog.
- Stock #1-2429

RED'S LEASE \$235⁹⁹** 48 mos. \$280.15 Due At Signing

GM LEASE \$220⁵¹** 48 mos. \$263.74 Due At Signing

\$0 Down

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Dual Air Bags Anti-Lock Brakes

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- air conditioning
- automatic transmission
- rear defogger
- rear spoiler
- CD
- Stock #1-1023

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RED'S PRICE \$13,549*

GM PRICE \$12,932⁰³**

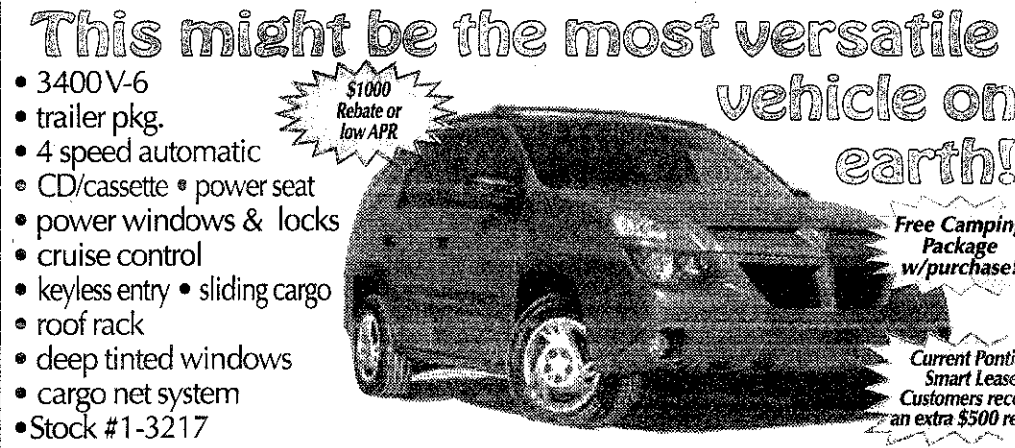
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- deep tinted windows
- cargo net system
- Stock #1-3217

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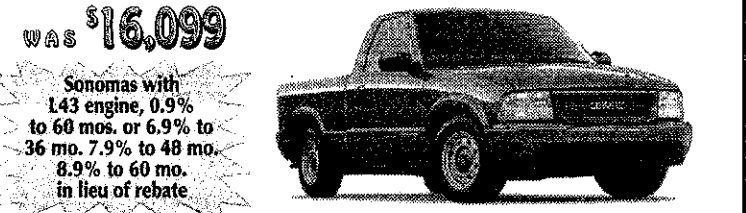
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RED'S PRICE \$23,299*

GM PRICE \$22,313*

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2001 SONOMA PICKUP



was \$16,099

Sonomas with 143 engine, 0.9% to 6.0 mos. or 6.9% to 36 mo. 7.9% to 48 mo. 8.9% to 60 mo. in lieu of rebate.

60/40 split bench seat, wideside body, 4 cylinder automatic, smooth ride package, air, cast aluminum wheels, stereo/CD, tilt, cruise, tachometer. Stock #1-5068

SALE PRICE \$13,105*

GM'S PRICE \$12,600⁵³**

LEASE FOR \$200⁵⁷** 36 mos. \$2147.30 due at signing

GM'S LEASE \$182⁴⁵** 36 mos. \$2103.10 due at signing

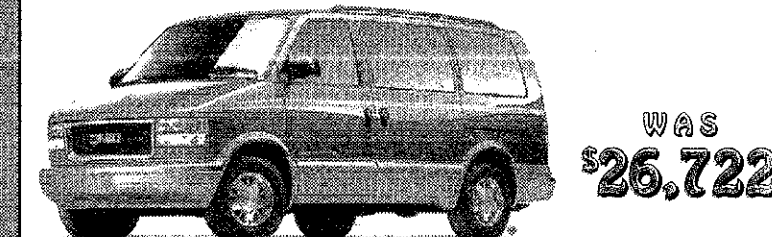
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2001 SAFARI PASSENGER VAN



was \$26,722

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SALE PRICE \$23,275*

GM'S PRICE \$22,340⁵⁵**

LEASE FOR \$366¹³** 36 mos. \$2951.80 due at signing

4.9% to 36 mo. 5.9% to 48 mo. 6.9% to 60 mo. in lieu of rebate

GM'S LEASE \$334⁶⁴** 36 mos. \$2893.43 due at signing

2001 JIMMY 2 DOOR



was \$25,770

Deep tint glass, convenient net. keyless entry, air conditioning, overhead console, aluminum wheels, HD battery, SLS decor, stereo/CD, luggage carrier, HD suspension. Stock #1-5333

SALE PRICE \$21,546*

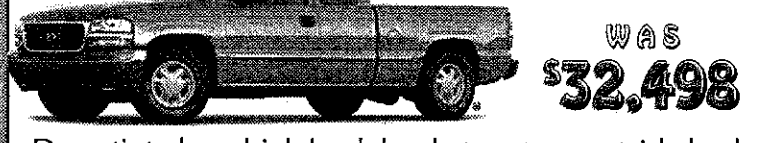
GM'S PRICE \$20,640²⁵**

LEASE FOR \$266¹⁹** 36 mos. \$2835.86 due at signing

5.9% to 36 mo. 6.9% to 48 mo. 7.9% to 60 mo. in lieu of rebate

GM'S LEASE \$239⁶¹** 36 mos. \$2782.69 due at signing

2001 SIERRA EXTENDED CAB PICKUP



was \$32,498

Deep tint glass, high back bucket seats, sportside body, locking rear differential V-8, automatic, alum. wheels, power driver & passenger seat, fog lamps. Stereo/CD, HD trailer package, SLE trim Stock #1-6338

SALE PRICE \$27,638*

GM'S PRICE \$26,536²³**

LEASE FOR \$354⁸¹** 36 mos. \$2939.80 due at signing

2.9% to 36 mo. 4.9% to 48 mo. 5.9% to 60 mo. in lieu of rebates

GM'S LEASE \$314⁹⁷** 36 mos. \$2847.57 due at signing

2001 YUKON XL



was \$44,215

Running boards, locking rear differential, V-8, automatic, aluminum wheels, panel doors autoride, HD trailer package, SLT decor, leather seats, stero/CD, Onstar. Stock #1-6496

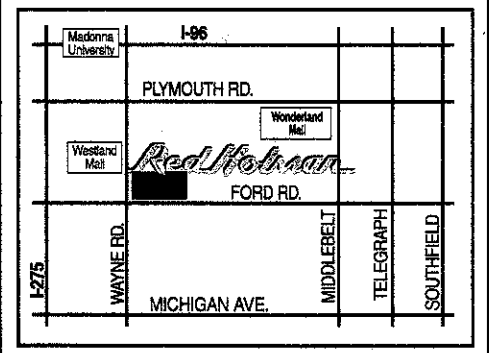
SALE PRICE \$38,725³³**

GM'S PRICE \$37,417²⁵**

LEASE FOR \$486⁵²** 36 mos. \$4234.73 due at signing

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GM'S LEASE \$446⁴⁰** 36 mos. \$4141.88 due at signing



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Warner commits

Plymouth Salem senior Donnie Warner has signed a letter of intent to attend DePaul University on a cross country/track scholarship in the fall.

DePaul, located in Lincoln Park, Ill., is a Conference USA member. Warner was all-state and the Western Lakes Activities Association individual champion in cross country.

He was third in the region in the 1600-meter run during the 2000 track season.

Gymnastics champ

Hillary Bracht, a 12-year-old Plymouth resident competing for Twistars Gymnastics of Diamondale, finished first in the balance beam at the Level Eight State Gymnastics Finals April 8 at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland.

Bracht, a sixth-grader at West Middle School, scored a 9.45 in beam to place atop her 12-13 age division. Bracht was also fourth in floor exercise with a 9.35; fifth in the vault with a 9.075; and 10th in the uneven parallel bars with a 9.05. Her all-around total of 36.925 earned her a fourth.

Bracht's scores qualified her for the Level Eight regional competition, to be held May 4-6 in Indianapolis.

St. Edith football

The St. Edith football program will conduct a sign-up session from 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the St. Edith gymnasium for all new and returning players. St. Edith is located on Newburgh south of Five Mile.

The St. Edith program offers freshman (3rd-4th grade), junior varsity (5th-6th grade) and varsity (7th-8th grade) football. Those who attend St. Edith school and/or parish, as well as those in the parishes of St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice are eligible to participate.

For further information, call coach Brad Dickey at (734) 459-9788, or e-mail him at Edithfootball@aol.com.

Bird School golf outing

The first annual Nellie E. Bird Golf Outing is set for a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at Salem Hills Golf Club, 8810 W. Six Mile, Salem Township. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

The golf outing will help raise money for the 50th anniversary celebration at Bird School in Plymouth Township.

The outing is a scramble format. Following golf, participants are invited to an outdoor barbecue picnic. Putting contests, straightest drive and a raffle will also be featured along with prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. A silent auction offering sports memorabilia, vacations and dinner packages is planned.

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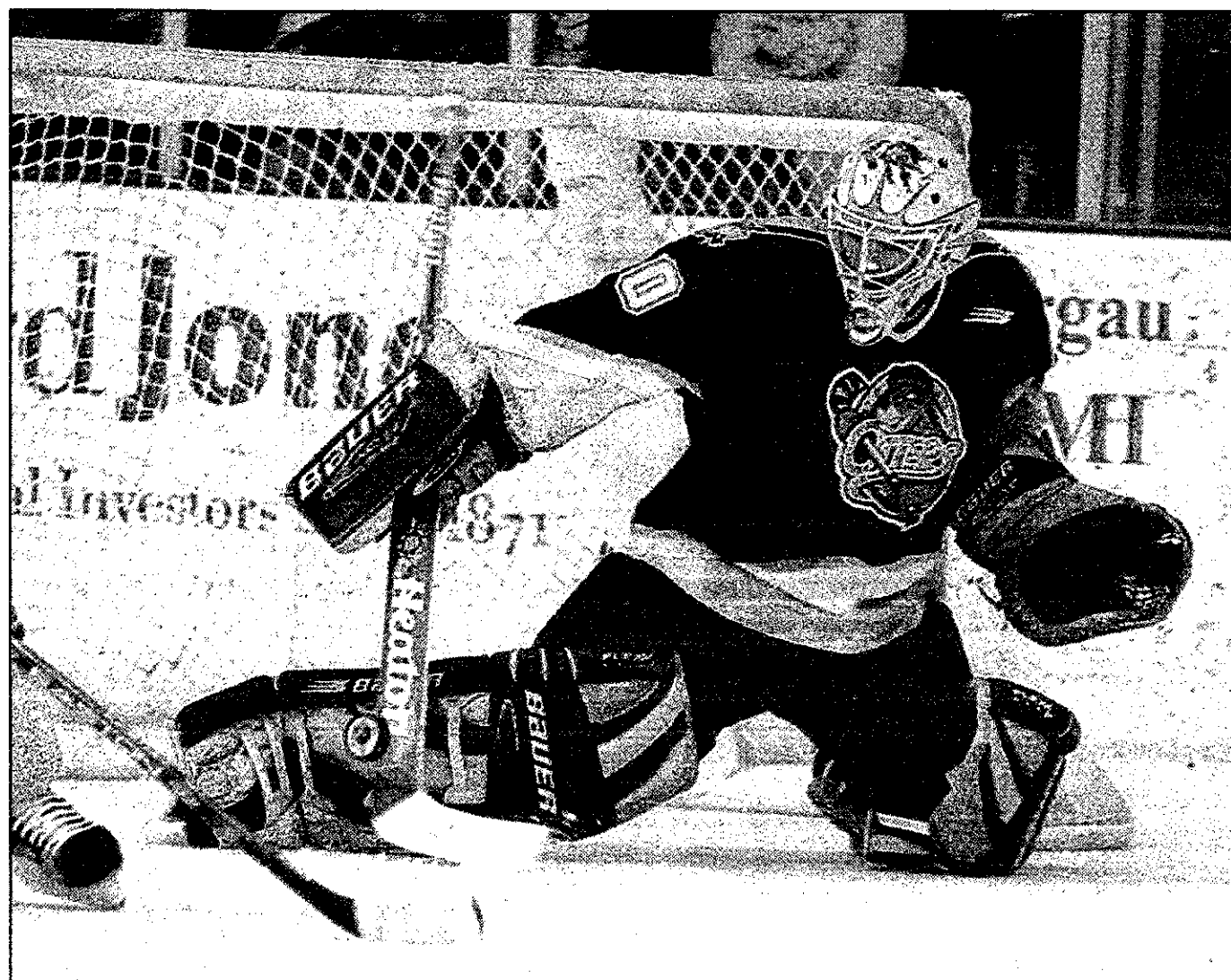
Correction

In Sunday's Observer, it was reported that Plymouth Salem singles tennis player Jon Machnacki was out of action early this season, recovering from pneumonia.

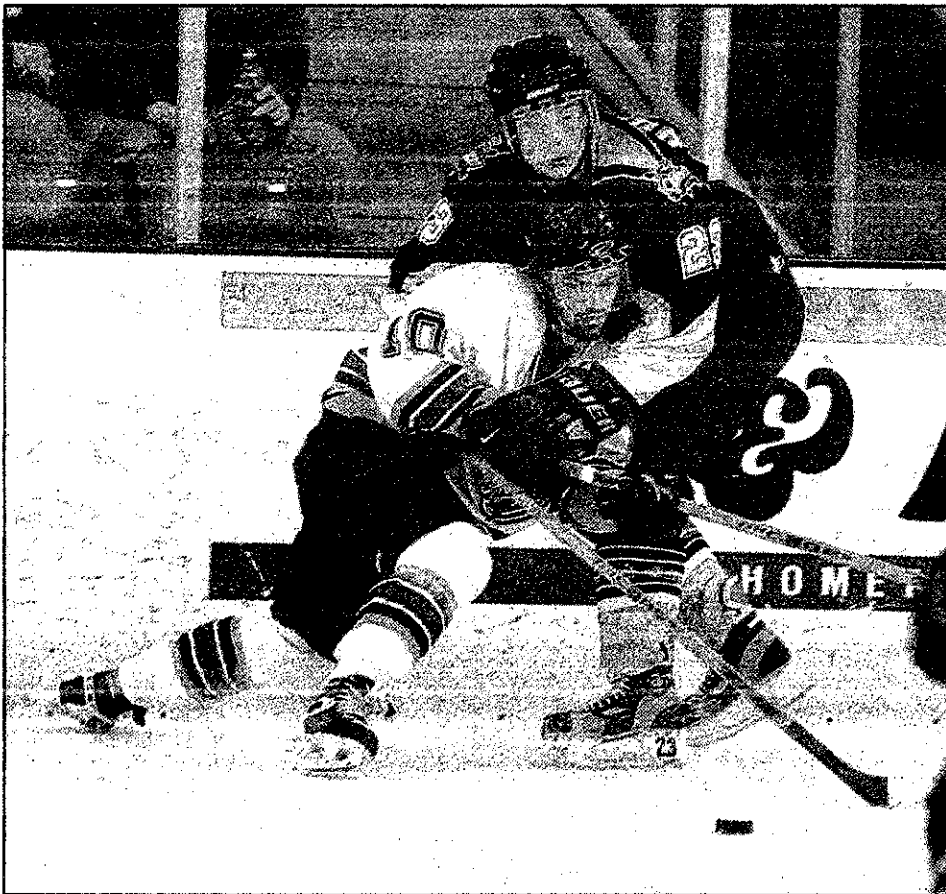
In fact, Machnacki played at Salem's first Tournament, the Monroe Invitational March 31, and earned a gold medal. Machnacki and Andy Fenton are the Rocks' co-captains.

Payback time

Erie stops Whalers to even Series, at a game apiece



Hard to beat: Erie goalie J.F. Perras (above) gave up an early goal to Chad Wiseman, but after that he continually frustrated the Whalers, often stopping scoring chances with the puck in the crease. Perras' efforts were certainly the difference in the game, although there were plenty of hard hits applied by both sides, as indicated by the Whalers' George Nistas (10, at right) and the Otters' Scott Dobben.



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Less than a minute remained and there was James Wisniewski, lying in his own crease, at that particular moment in time feeling very, very alone.

Wisniewski, a junior at Plymouth Canton HS and a first-year defenseman with the Plymouth Whalers, had misplayed the puck while trying to clear it away from the Whalers' unguarded net. With Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp already pulled for an extra attacker, Wisniewski retrieved the puck in the crease but mishit it. The Erie Otters' Brandon Cullen pounced and knocked it into the empty net.

In truth, the goal meant next to nothing. Instead of losing by two, the Whalers lost by three, falling 4-1 on Tuesday to the team that recorded the best regular-season record in the Ontario Hockey League.

What the loss did mean was this: The Whalers would not waltz through the playoffs undefeated — not that they ever expected to, but going into Tuesday's game they had won nine straight — and very little of what could commonly be expected would occur in this series.

Example No. 1: Home-ice advantage.

"I'm not sure there is a home-ice advantage," Otters' coach Dave MacQueen said, then added, "Once you get to this point, it doesn't mean a whole lot."

But when these teams meet, it never means much. Although the Otters were the OHL's best team this season, Plymouth had a 3-2-1 record against them. In fact, the Whalers were unbeaten against Erie in Erie (2-0-1).

By the same token, the Otters were 2-1 against the Whalers at Compuware Arena.

That was during the regular season, but the first two games of the Western Conference finals haven't altered anything. Plymouth blanked Erie 3-0 in Saturday's opening game, in Erie. And the Otters won by three goals over the Whalers Tuesday at Compuware.

Example No. 2: The power play. A team like Erie, with a 40-goal scorer (Joe Guenther), two with more than 30 (Brad Boyes, 36, and Cory Pecker, 33) and two more with more than 20 (Jason Baird, 26, and Nikita Alexeev, 24) figures to have a potent power play.

But only one goal has been scored in two games when the Otters have had the extra player — and that was by Plymouth's Tomas Kurka. Erie is 0-for-11 thus far in this series (at 1-for-9, Plymouth isn't much better).

"I thought we got some pretty good chances on our power plays," said MacQueen. "It's eventually going to come."

What's going to come in this series is anybody's guess. It's a best-of-five-games showdown now, with Game Three tonight in Erie. The Whalers host Game Four at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with a return trip to Erie for Game Five at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Plymouth did what they wanted to once again Tuesday, striking early with a power-

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Canton shocked by Northville, 3-1

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This wasn't the way it was supposed to be. Hey, Plymouth Canton had nearly everyone back from a soccer team that reached the state championship game last year. It only figured the Chiefs would be hungrier than ever this season, after coming so close — isn't that right?

To say things aren't going exactly as hoped would be an understatement. On Monday, Canton lost its second-straight game, 3-1 at Northville.

That makes the Chiefs 2-2-1 on the season (they

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lost to Livonia Stevenson and tied Birmingham Seaholm), but more importantly they are 0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"I don't know (what the problem is)," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We're going to have to change some things around."

"We started out well against (Northville). We had them ducking and on their heels defensively. But then they scored and got the momentum."

Kara Marsh gave Canton a 1-0 lead early in the match, with an assist from Anne Morrell. But the Mustangs retaliated with two first-half goals, then clinched it with a third marker with about eight minutes left.

Lindsey Dunmead paced Northville with a goal and an assist. Larisa Fill and Lindsay Miglio also scored goals, with assists goign to Emily Cabott and Maggie Ossola.

All four goals scored in the match came off mis-handled balls by the keepers, which resulted in rebound opportunities for the opposition. Briana

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Neino's 1-hitter keeps Chiefs perfect in WLAA; Rocks stall

Greg Neino improved his personal record to 3-1 and was instrumental in improving the record of Plymouth Canton's baseball team to 7-3 with his one-hit pitching performance in the Chiefs' 12-2 victory Monday at Canton.

The mercy-rule game, stopped after 4 1/2 innings, made the Chiefs 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill is 4-5 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

Canton scored twice in the first inning, then added six runs in the second. Everyone in the lineup got a hit as the Chiefs collected 10 of them.

Nick Musselman was the only one with two hits; he also had a run batted in. Jay Sofen had one hit, scored two runs and drove in three, while Brent Kwiatkowski had a hit and three runs scored. Russ Caid

BASEBALL

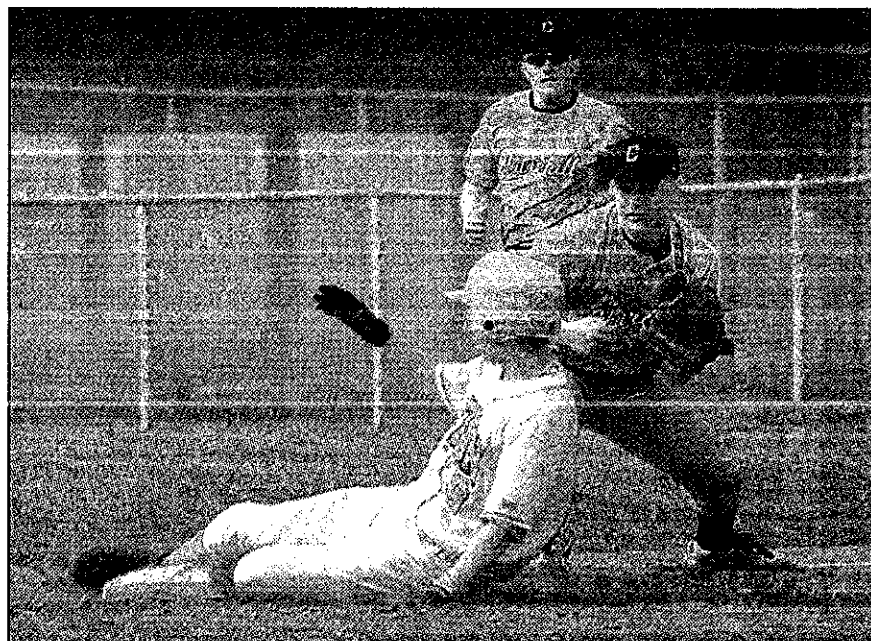
also had a hit and three RBI, Oliver Wolcott had a double and two RBI, Jon Loos had one hit and scored twice, and Mark Hanson, Mike Tomasaitis and Brian Rossow each had a hit and an RBI.

Although Neino allowed just one hit, he walked five and hit two batters. Only one of the runs he gave up was earned; he struck out seven.

Canton committed just one error; Churchill made three.

Stevenson 7, Salem 5: Livonia Stevenson's pitchers were tough when they had to

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Sliding in safely: Canton's Mike Tomasaitis (white jersey) is safe at third on a base hit by Mark Hanson that also scored two runs.



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PREP SOFTBALL

Churchill's Misiak no-hits the Chiefs

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CANTON

Plymouth Canton softball coach Jim Arnold couldn't remember the last time his team was no-hit.
"It's been a long time," said Canton assistant Larry Bober.
But on Monday, Livonia Churchill's Meghan Misiak refreshed their memory.
The junior hurler, throwing under windy conditions, came up with an 11-strikeout gem, allowing just one ball to reach the outfield as the Chargers downed Canton, 4-1, in an early season Western Division showdown in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Misiak and right fielder Ashley Crawley also collected a pair of hits for the Chargers.
Canton scored its only run in the top of the fourth when Pam Hudson drew a walk, went to second on wild pitch and scored all the way from second on a fielders choice by Weber.
"Our game plan was to do a lot of bunting, slapping and be aggressive on the basepaths — like we did when we scored that run from second on the bunt," Arnold said. "It's unfortunate, but we didn't get a lot of runners on base to make things happen."
Credit Misiak's pitching for keeping the Chiefs off balance.
"She (Misiak) keeps it low and it works, then she goes high on the batters and that makes it tough," Arnold said.
Canton was somewhat short-handed, playing without its starting outfield, shortstop and pitcher.
"We had some seniors who left for Easter break and the girls that stayed and practiced played today," Arnold said. "We brought up a couple of JV players and I thought our pitcher (Roelofs) didn't do a bad job at all."
Roelofs struck out four, fanning Churchill hard-hitting catcher Sheila Gillies twice. She hit one batter.
The Chargers made just one error.

Churchill second baseman Sarah Carter, who was also a hitting hero, snagged a line drive off the bat of Canton shortstop Danielle Webber to preserve the no-hitter.
Carter had a two-run single in the second inning to stake Churchill to a 2-0 lead. She then scored from third on a Canton infield error.
In the bottom of the fourth, Carter came back with a double and scored on Jenny Long's groundout to make it 4-1.

The Chargers had a total of seven hits off Canton sophomore hurler Michelle Roelofs, who was making her varsity debut.
"I'm proud of how we hit the ball, especially in the middle of the order," Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said. "We had a lot of people contribute. That's going to be the key to our season."
"Today Sarah (Carter) had some big hits. Last year she was a courtesy runner for us, but worked hard during the summer."
"Any time you beat a time like Canton, it's a plus because you know they're going to be well-coached, well-disciplined and have heads-up players. They've won several division titles."

Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said, "We knew they had a lot of team speed. We didn't want to buy into their aggressive lead-offs. We tightened up our infield and for the most part we played pretty good defense."
The early win over the Chiefs puts Churchill in position to challenge for the Western Division title.

Rocks get a split with River Rats

The wait was worth it for Plymouth Salem's softball team.

SALEM

Salem worked 12 innings Tuesday to defeat host Ann Arbor Huron, 4-2, in the second game of a doubleheader after the River Rats blanked the Rocks, 2-0, in the opener.
Salem scored two in the second to grab a brief lead in the second game. Dawn Allen doubled, Rachel Heide singled her home, Mandy Bradley singled and Janesse Chapman followed with an RBI single.
Huron tied the score with single runs in the second and third and the game remained that way until the 12th.
Dawn Allen started the winning rally with a walk, Jen Allen advance her with a groundout, Maggie Tudor followed with an RBI double and Rachel Heide made it 4-2 with an RBI single.
Kristen Miller went the distance to earn the win for the Rocks. She gave up five hits, walked four and struck out four.
Heide went 4-for-6 in the game while Bradley went 3-for-6. Chapman and Jen Allen had two hits each. Dawn Allen had a double as Salem pounded out 14 hits.
"We played another nice defensive game," Coach Bonnie Southerland said. "I thought we hit well, too."
"The girls came along at the end of the game and didn't give up. That's why we got a win."
They didn't get a win in the opener because they didn't have many baserunners and they didn't get a clutch hit.
Liz Bergstrom baffled the Rocks with a 12-strikeout, four-hit performance.
Jaskot had two singles, Kelly doubled and Chapman singled to account for all the Salem hits.
Jill Posler took the loss.
"But she pitched a good game," Southerland said. "She only

allowed five hits, didn't walk anybody and struck out one."
The River Rats picked up their runs in the third. Val Gysson's RBI single got one in and the other scored on a fielder's choice.
The split left Salem with a 3-1 record.
Miller pitched a five-hitter Monday for Salem's first victory of the season. The host Rocks defeated Livonia Stevenson, 6-1.
Salem was left at 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association while Stevenson (2-2) dropped to 0-2 in league play.
Bradley had a triple and single to lead the Rocks, while Chapman contributed a two-run single. Allen also collected two hits.
Canton took the lead with a first-inning run, Allen getting Katie Kelly in with an RBI single.
The Chiefs made it 3-0 in the third on an Allen sacrifice fly that scored Kelly again. Kelly Jaskot singled and eventually scored on Jen Allen's RBI single.
Bradley in the fourth and scored on a safety squeeze by Amandie Bilkie.
Canton tacked on two more in the sixth. Chapman singled to score Amy Szawara and Bradley.
"Defensively, they played really well," Southerland said. "Miller pitched a really good game."
Stevenson's only run came in the sixth inning when Nicole Dwojak singled, stole second base and scored on Emily Campbell's single.
Losing pitcher Amanda Jankowski (2-2) struck out six, walked four and gave up six hits over six innings.
Miller struck out four and walked two in going the distance.

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Depleted Canton squad still takes a 4th at Elks

Plymouth Canton's boys track team resumed its season after a week off for spring break by finishing fourth at the 12-team Dearborn Elks Relays last Saturday.

Canton, the defending Elks co-champs, scored 31 points. Redford Catholic Central won the title with 41 points, edging out Dearborn, which was second with 39, and Adrian, which scored 37. Plymouth Salem placed ninth with five.

Several key performers were missing from both Canton's and Salem's squads, due to the spring break. That made the final result of Saturday's meet satisfying to Chiefs' coach Bob Richardson.

BOYS TRACK

"For the lineup we were able to put together, we were real, real happy," he said.

Canton had one first-place finish, in the pole vault with a combined total of 33-feet. Jordan Chapman, who scored in the top three in four events, had the best vault of the meet, clearing 13-feet, 6-inches. Brian Page and Jon Chapman were also part of the winning relay.

The Chiefs also got seconds in the high jump relay, from Jordan Chapman, Brad Waidmann and Ken Page, with a total of 16-6 (Chapman's 5-10 was the also the best jump of the day); in the

shuttle high hurdles relay, from Dane Kobus, Pawel Paszkowski, Ken Page and Chapman, with a time of 1:08.1; and in the 3,200-meter relay, from Aaron Schmidt, Tony Mize, Brian Page and Marty Kane (8:27.3).

The long jump team of Chapman, Ken Page and Kobus placed third (54-11 1/2). So did Corey Walser, John Szlinis, Brian Page and Ken Page in the 400 relay (46.3), and Scott Gillen, Kane, Brandon McClellan and Aaron Lanning in the 6,400 relay (20:00.9).

Canton, which hosted defending Western Lakes Activities Association champ Farmington Harrison in a dual meet Wednesday, goes against Northville —

which has already edged Harrison this season in a dual — next Thursday.

CC wins Elks

Redford Catholic Central's track team followed a Saturday win at the Dearborn Elks' Relays with an 85-43 win over De La Salle on Monday in a dual meet.

Tom Grant took three wins against the Pilots, grabbing the long jump (19-7 1/2), high jump (5-6) and the 100 hurdles (15.07). CC also got wins from Mike Banaszak in the 100 dash (11.9), Matt Daly in the 1,600 run (4:41.4), Randell Means in the 200 dash (23.39) and Dan Krawiec in the 3,200 run (10:03.4).

CC also won the 800 relay with Jeff McMichael, Means, Brad Mathis and Banaszak and the 400 relay with McMichael, Means, Mike Mach and Banaszak.

The Shamrocks took four firsts Saturday in totaling 41 points.

CC won the shotput relay (Scott Bowling, Dan Zimmerman, Brian Jackett, John Mulroy; 164-7 3/4), the high hurdles relays (Chris Meagher, Bill Makela, Michael Siwicki, Grant; 1:06.20), the intermediate hurdles relays (Meagher, Jim Kempa, Siwicki, Grant; 1:26.61) and the 6,400 relay (Ryan Lowry, Doug Gibbons, Kyle Jekot, John DiGiovanni; 19:01.56).

The Shamrocks also took thirds in the distance medley relay (Tim Henderson, Mathis, Chris Muncy, John Krawiec; 11:16.8), the 3,200 relay (Jekot, Gibbons, DiGiovanni, Lowry;

8:37.5), discus relay (Jackett, Bowling, Dan Zimmerman; 335-7) and the high jump relay (Grant, Zach Fellrath, Steve Wasil; 16-6).

Frosh/Sophs sparkle

An underclassmen Canton team that was without several of its top performers, who were with the varsity squad at the Elks Relays, still managed to score 55 points at the six-team Pirate Relays, hosted by Pinckney HS. Canton placed fifth.

Top performances for the young Chiefs came from Matt Trevarthen, Shane Azizi, Russell Hinckley and Matt Ealy, who were second in the 1,600-meter relay (4:02.9); from Bryan Frawley, Damon Adams, Mark Erchenbrecher and Rich Hensel in the 400 throwers relay (no time available); and from Andrew Leinart and Ben Holland in the high jump relay (9-10 total).

Dan Driscoll and Steve Kiljanczyk took third in the pole vault relay (17-6); so did the team of Ealy, Trevarthen, Tim McGookey and Driscoll in both the 400 (48.7) and 800 (1:43.4) relays.

BEST BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMANCES

SHOT PUT
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 52-3 1/2
Mark Snyder (Salem) 51-3 1/2
Eric Moten (Canton) 46-3 1/2
Josh Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 45-9 1/2
Bennie Oliphant (John Glenn) 44-10
Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 44-3 1/2
Scott Bowling (Redford CC) 44-2
Brandon Kaploe (N. Farmington) 43-11
Brian Jackett (Redford CC) 43-7 1/4
Will Pyant (Harrison) 43-3

DISCUS
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 157-9
Brian Jackett (Redford CC) 131-0
Mark Snyder (Salem) 130-11
Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 129- 1/2
Jason Reed (Harrison) 123-7
Brandon Kaploe (N. Farmington) 122-10
Will Hundley (Canton) 122-0
Marcus Gowdy (Thurston) 121-3
Steve Burke (Stevenson) 121-0
Josh Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 115-8

HIGH JUMP
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-5
Jeff Ross (Harrison) 6-0
Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 5-10
Brad Waidmann (Canton) 5-10
Jason Burke (Lutheran Westland) 5-10
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 5-10
David Hoskins (Salem) 5-8
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 5-8
David King (Stevenson) 5-8
Justin Bailey (Canton) 5-6
Arthur Yung (N. Farmington) 5-6
Andy Shubitowski (Redford Union) 5-6

LONG JUMP
Josh Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 20-6 1/2
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20-4
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 20-3 1/2
Ken Page (Canton) 20-1
Jarnell Johnson (Harrison) 19-11
Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 19-4
Emmanuel Parker (John Glenn) 19-4
Mike McCray (Stevenson) 19-1

Brian Johns (N. Farmington) 19- 1/2
Andy Zak (N. Farmington) 18-5 1/2

POLE VAULT
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 14-3
Kevin Palmer (Canton) 11-8
Brian Page (Canton) 11-6
Adam Haller (Lutheran Westland) 11-6
Dan Perach (N. Farmington) 11-0
Eric Latochkin (Harrison) 11-0
Steve Richert (Lutheran Westland) 11-0
Kirk Laird (Harrison) 10-6
Chris Duncan (N. Farmington) 10-0
Ramy Sulaiman (Harrison) 10-0

110-METER HURDLES
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.1
Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 15.7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 15.8
Dan Kobus (Canton) 16.1
Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 16.4
Pawel Paszkowski (Canton) 16.5
Brian Sinar (N. Farmington) 16.8
Rob Greer (Lutheran Westland) 16.6
Chris Meagher (Redford CC) 16.7
Kevin Davis (Harrison) 16.8
Bob Miller (Salem) 16.8
Mike Siwicki (Redford CC) 16.8

300-METER HURDLES
Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 42.1
Ron Friend (Franklin) 42.3
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 42.7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.7
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 42.7
Mike Siwicki (Redford CC) 43.1
Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 43.7
Chris Meagher (Redford CC) 44.5
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 45.0
Kevin Davis (Harrison) 45.1

100-METER DASH
Darryl Anglin (Bishop Borgess) 10.6
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.0
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 11.1
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 11.2
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
Charles Pickett (Harrison) 11.3

Randell Means (Redford CC) 11.3
Rob Gentry (John Glenn) 11.4
Corey Walser (Canton) 11.4
Justin Cook (N. Farmington) 11.5
Shardale Hearn (Canton) 11.5

200-METER DASH
Agim Shabaj (Harrison) 22.7
Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 22.7
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 23.1
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 23.1
Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 23.3
Brian Johns (N. Farmington) 23.4
Randell Means (Redford CC) 23.4
Jake Nuoffer (Lutheran Westland) 23.8
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 23.9
Dan Howery (Stevenson) 23.9

400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.8
John Moore (Franklin) 51.9
Brian Page (Canton) 52.8
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 53.0
Michael Bowman (N. Farmington) 53.7
Derek Hurst (John Glenn) 54.2
Brian Johns (N. Farmington) 54.5
Brad Mathis (Redford CC) 54.7
Adam Sutter (Thurston) 54.8
James Gale (Churchill) 55.2

800-METER RUN
Donnie Warner (Salem) 2:04.7
Marty Kane (Canton) 2:05.0
Ryan Gali (Churchill) 2:05.9
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 2:05.9
Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:06.0
John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 2:07.6
Mark Parent (John Glenn) 2:08.9
Eugene Furman (N. Farmington) 2:09.6
Brian Coates (Harrison) 2:10.1
Matt Rae (Lutheran Westland) 2:10.2

1,600-METER RUN
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:35.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:41.4
Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 4:42.0
Brian Coates (Harrison) 4:42.1
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:43.3

Marty Kane (Canton) 4:46.6
Eric Loader (Garden City) 4:52.0
Kyle Jekot (Redford CC) 4:52.4
Scott Gillen (Canton) 4:53.7
Aaron Lanning (Canton) 4:54.2

3,200-METER RUN
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:03.4
Doug Gibbons (Redford CC) 10:17.8
John Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:20.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:21.0
Justin Hajduk (Salem) 10:24.7
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:26.4
Brandon McClellan (Canton) 10:40.3
Aaron Lanning (Canton) 10:44.4
Logan Schultz (Churchill) 10:50.4
John Keller (Harrison) 10:57.0
Eric Loader (Garden City) 10:57.0

400-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 45.2
Lutheran Westland 45.3
Farmington 45.6
Plymouth Canton 45.7
Westland John Glenn 46.1

800-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 1:31.1
Plymouth Canton 1:35.0
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.5
Farmington 1:35.7
Lutheran Westland 1:36.0

1,600-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 3:31.9
Livonia Stevenson 3:38.2
Plymouth Canton 3:39.4
Livonia Churchill 3:41.7
Livonia Franklin 3:41.8

3,200-METER RELAY
Plymouth Canton 8:27.3
Redford Catholic Central 8:37.5
Livonia Churchill 8:53.8
Lutheran Westland 8:55.0
Plymouth Salem 8:59.2

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play goal from Chad Wiseman at 5:47 of the opening period. Stephen Weiss set up the play, getting the puck from Kurka and skating into position to the left of Erie goalie J.F. Perras. Weiss couldn't score, but Wiseman buried the rebound.

That lead lasted less than half-a-minute. Guenther tied it at 1-1 27-seconds later, scoring on what appeared to be a Zepp misplay. Brad Yeo assisted.

"We lost some momentum after their first goal," admitted Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer. "This is a game of momentum. When you have two quality teams like this, you don't want to get down two goals."

With 3:33 of the second period elapsed, the Otters took the lead for good, Yeo knocking home a loose puck that several Whalers failed to clear. Assistants went to Guenther and Pecker.

Brad Boyes made it 3-1 at 7:01 of the second period, carrying the puck into the Whaler end on a 2-on-1 break. With Plymouth's defenders charging back to get into the play, Boyes opted to shoot instead of pass, and he beat Zepp. Baird and Carlo Colaciavo assisted.

After that, it was the Whalers scrambling to get something going, but unable to do so. They were either a step behind the Otters, or their passes were slightly off-target, or they just couldn't quite finish the play against Perras.

"You've got to give your goalie credit, he made a lot of good saves," said DeBoer. "When their goalie is the No. 1 star in the game, you know you're in for a long night."

It was a good night for the Otters, who knew it was a must-win situation. "We had a couple of meetings with our guys (after Saturday's debacle) and told them if we're going to compete with these guys, we can't stand around and just watch," MacQueen said.

"We've got guys in that room who are better hockey players than they showed. They took it upon themselves."

Now it's the Whalers turn to do the same.

Good start

The first game of the OHL's Western Conference finals was expected to set a tone for the remainder of the series. If that's the case, then Plymouth got the

best of it, stretching its unbeaten playoff streak to nine with a 3-0 win Saturday in front of a packed house (5,531 fans) at Erie's Tullio Arena.

The Whalers got a goal in each period and solid goaltending throughout from Rob Zepp, who turned away 21 shots to record the win, his first shutout of the playoffs.

Damian Surma got Plymouth started early with an unassisted goal 3:07 into the game. At 3:42 of the second, defenseman Cole Jarrett powered a shot past Otter goalie Adam Munro to make it 2-0. Chad LaRose assisted.

Jarrett's goal prompted the removal of Munro. J.F. Perras replaced him.

That didn't alter Erie's fortunes, however. The victory was all but assured (unless you're the Red Wings) when Tomas Kurka scored short-handed with 8:28 remaining to play in the game.

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be — from the third inning on.

The Spartans blanked Plymouth Salem over the final five innings Monday and came back from a 5-1 deficit to post a 7-5 WLAA-Lakes Division win.

Stevenson (5-1, 2-0) got a three-run home run from winning pitcher Gary Zielke in the fourth-run third inning to tie the score and added the winning runs in the next inning.

Dan Wilson nailed down the victory with a scoreless seventh after Zielke struck out seven Rocks and walked four over the first six. The two combined on a four hitter.

Both teams committed three errors but only one of visiting Salem's runs was earned.

Chris Trott went 2-for-4 with a double for Salem (2-4, 0-2), whose Kevin O'Bierne took the loss.

Brian Campbell went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Stevenson, as did Bill Marsack. Stevenson had a 10-hit attack.

CC 5-6, DeLaSalle 6-0: To say Sunday's De La Salle-Catholic Central doubleheader was a pitchers duel would be an understatement.

The Pilots and Shamrocks split their twinbill — with De La Salle taking the opener, 6-5 and CC coming back in the nightcap for a 6-0 win — with the winning pitchers in the two games combined for 33 strikeouts.

"We needed to get the split to keep pace with U-D Jesuit," said CC coach John Salter. "There was good pitching on both sides."

In the opener, the Pilots' Mike Moljewski gave up five hits and walked seven, but struck out 18 to earn a 6-5 win. Even with his pitching, the Pilots had to scratch for a run in the bottom of the seventh to win.

After trailing 5-1 though four innings, CC (8-3, 4-2 Central Division) got a run back in the fifth on a bases-loaded walk by Anthony Coratti, then two more in the sixth when Charlie

Haeger doubled home Dave Tovey and Kyle Crapeau.

Mike Wadowski led off the seventh with a solo homer to tie the game at 5-5, but Moljewski then struck out the side and the Pilots (4-2 Central) used a single, a walk and two wild pitches to win the game.

Haeger (4-0) was the strikeout king in Game Two as he fanned 15 batters and gave up just four hits and three walks for a 6-0 win.

"Charlie was really dominant in the second game," said Salter. "He mixed his pitches up real well."

CC led 2-0 through six, but kicked in for four runs in the seventh to ice the win. Mike Wadowski had sacrifice flies in the first and fifth innings to score Crapeau and Kevin Entsminger, respectively. Phil Marrone was 2-for-2 in the game with a walk and a sacrifice, while Crapeau also had two hits.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on May 22, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on the adoption of a brownfield plan for property described as 35M4a1, M4a2a1, T, U2 THAT PART OF THE SW ¼ OF SEC 35 T1S R8E DES AS BEG AT A POINT ON THE E AND W ¼ LINE OF SAID SEC DIS S 89D 25M 40S E 1368.13 FT FROM THE W ¼ COR OF SEC 35 AND PROC TH S 89D 25M 40S E ALONG SAID ¼ LINE 466.16 FT TH S OD 01M 52S W 375 FT TH N 89D 25M 40S W 466.16 FT TH N OD 01M 52S E 375 FT TO THE POB EXC THE N 53 FT THEREOF whose address is 315 W. Ann Arbor Road (approximately 3.45 acres) in the Charter Township of Plymouth pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. Maps, plats and a description of the brownfield plan are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. All aspects of the brownfield plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 26
Marion at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 26
Salem at North Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 26
Churchill at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 26
Ladywood at Divine Child, 5:30 p.m.

Troy Athens at Canton, 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, April 26
Grosse Ile at Wayne, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, April 26
Wayne vs. Belleville
at Fellows Creek, 2:45 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE
Sunday, April 22
Upper Arlington at CC, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
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Thursday, April 26
St. Mary's at Madonna (1), 3 p.m.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

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Judy Addis, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston, joins the company's International President's Circle for outstanding sales achievement.

Sofin Inc., a mortgage financing company headquartered in Phoenix, has opened a Midwest regional headquarters at 39555 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 200, Novi, (248) 305-8346.

Ian P. Smith joins Ford & Earl Associates in Troy as a junior designer in the signage and exhibit group.

Hansons' Windows & Siding, a window replacement company in Fraser, will donate more than 100 windows to Habitat for Humanity Detroit, a self-help partnership that builds housing for low income families.

Smith has a bachelor's degree in industrial design from Wayne State University. He lives in Southfield.

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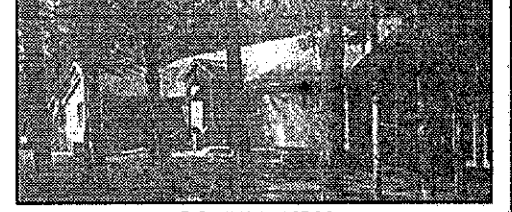
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Sincerely
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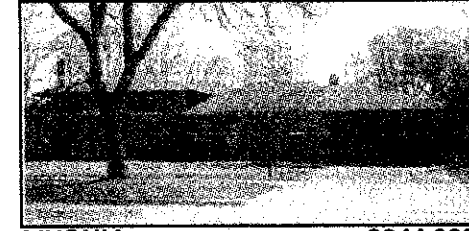
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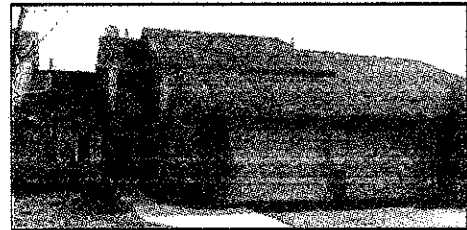
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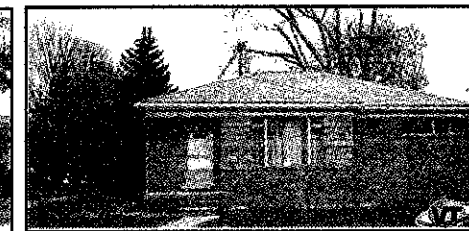
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CHARMING BRICK RANCH! Family room w/Fp, 2-car attached garage, updated windows, c/a, dishwasher & more! Finished bsmt, fenced yard, hardwood floors. (46S0U2)
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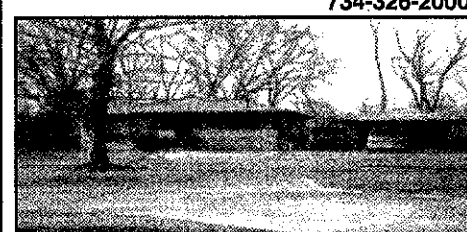
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WITH A LITTLE TLC this 1313 sq ft brick ranch is a bargain, two baths, garage, two additional rooms in the basement, and Livonia schools. (M7537)
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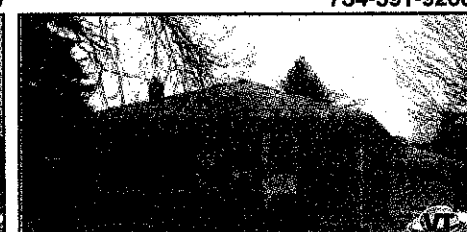
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3 BR BRICK RANCH with great location. New living room carpet and new back door. Roof approximately 5 years old. Don't wait! (54BRA2)
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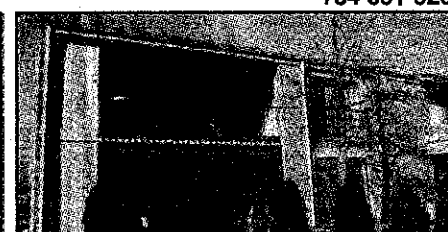
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