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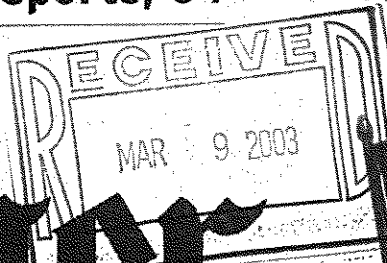
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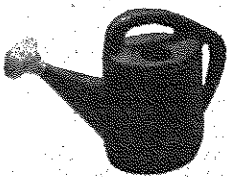
Memo

A night out

Field Elementary School will hold an unusual Ladies Night Out Friday, March 28. A home show/craft fair will run 6-9 p.m. at the school, 1000 S. Haggerty (south of Cherry Hill). Space (a small fee is charged) is still available. Call Becki Meyette at (734) 844-0832. Admission will be \$1 and baked goods and refreshments will be sold.

Ah, Spring

Canton Leisure Services is offering two more gardening classes at the Summit on two Wednesdays during March which will help in preparing a



garden this spring. The classes are taught by Nancy Fedon, Certified Michigan Master Gardener. Each class runs 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration can be done at the front desk of the Summit and costs \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents.

All About Perennials - March 12

This class will show how to choose healthy, attractive plants for both sun and shade, and learn how to amend and prepare soil for specific garden needs and plant choices. Find out how to properly fertilize, divide and prune, as well as other care and maintenance measures. Discover how perennials can be grown in containers and wintered-over for years of successful blooms.

Wildlife in Your Garden - March 26

Which plants attract butterflies and hummingbirds? Learn how to invite certain birds that will benefit gardens and landscape, and see how to encourage the natural food chain in a yard and diminish the use of pesticides.

St. Pat's brunch

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill will sponsor a St. Patrick's day brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13-16. Those taking a tour of the retirement living community will have a chance to win a trip to Mackinac Island. Call Dodi at (734) 981-7100 to make a reservation.

Hopping

You're invited to join the Easter Bunny for his very first Breakfast at the Summit 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, in the banquet center. A light continental breakfast will be served while the kids enjoy some strolling entertainment and visit with their friend. Breakfast will be served 9-10 a.m. with open seating. Tickets are on sale at the Summit's front desk now through April 2. Fee is \$7 for adults 11 and up; \$3.50 for children 3-10; and free for children 2 and under.

Tickets will not be sold at the door and seating is limited. Pictures with the Bunny are available for \$1 and include a special Easter Photo Keepsake.

Schools spared state budget ax

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's decision to restore full funding of the per-pupil foundation allowance for the 2003-04 budget year means a \$4 million savings for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Before Granholm's presentation of her proposed budget to the state House and Senate appropriations committees, Superintendent Jim Ryan was bracing

for an 11-percent cut from the state. The result was a projected \$9.6 million budget deficit for the 2003-04 school year.

However, with the unexpected news Thursday that Granholm will spare the foundation grant from cuts next year, Ryan said the district's budget deficit has dropped to approximately \$5.6 million.

"I thought the governor was pretty courageous to protect K-12 education, especially when it had to come at the

expense of higher education and some state employees," said Ryan. "Obviously, we're pleased that we'll keep the \$7,025 we receive per student."

Granholm will also not cut funding for at-risk education, nor for preschool and early learning initiatives. Nonetheless, the proposed state budget does call for cuts in Gifted and Talented program money, as well as adult education funds. The House Fiscal Agency calculates Plymouth-Canton will lose \$388,000.

Beginning in 2004, the Merit Award Scholarships will drop from \$2,500 to \$500 for students who perform well on the state MEAP tests.

"That's a concern because the scholarships gave some incentive to students for taking the tests," said Ryan. "There could be a problem if students don't do well on the tests, and then the tests are used as the sole judge of the performance of the school district."

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wintertime fun

Leslie Chen of Canton, 4, wobbles around the rink during an open skate at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The open skate schedule does vary because of skate competitions; call the center at (734) 455-6620 and follow the touch-tone prompts.

Tax base helps with cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Thursday proposed a balanced 2003-04 state budget which erases a \$1.7 billion deficit by executing more than \$1 billion in spending cuts on the backs of the arts, higher education and state municipalities, while projecting \$500 million in new revenues.

And, while the cuts are severe, the local impact, particularly on governments which depend on state revenue sharing, should be less than anticipated.

Granholm announced a 3-percent reduction in state revenue sharing funds for Michigan communities. That's a much smaller slice than local government officials were expecting.

In the State of the Township speech last Wednesday, Canton Township supervisor Tom Yack said the total state cuts would be around \$2 million

PLEASE SEE CUTS, A4

Relay for Life plans kickoff for March 12

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When this year's Relay for Life kickoff rally takes place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, it will have special meaning for Debbie Zevalkink, community chair of the event.

It will be the fifth year the Relay has been held in Canton and it will mark five years of remission for Zevalkink's son, Marcus, a cancer survivor himself. Marcus will be the speaker at this year's rally.

Marcus, 27, a Salem High School graduate and Canton resident, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease a few years ago and underwent chemotherapy treatment.

The American Cancer Society, meanwhile, had been trying to start a Relay event in Canton.

"When Marcus was done with chemo five years ago," Zevalkink said, "I started it (the Relay) here."

Marcus and his partner, Juan Yaksic, now own and operate The Fish Doctors, a tropical fish and aquarium supply store in the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road.

PLEASE SEE RELAY, A7

Luncheon author's novel is a quirky romance

She dug at the dirt beneath her, mounding more of it up under her head. In the year and half she had been alone, she had yearned for this property, but she hadn't considered what she'd do with it if it were really hers. She supposed she'd want bees to make honey, and Jonathan apple trees, and even more blackcap raspberries. She'd grow tall grass near the river for lightning bugs.

Rachel Crane's thoughts, from *Q Road*, by Bonnie Jo Campbell

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Michigan writer Bonnie Jo Campbell doesn't stray far geographically in her first novel, *Q Road*.

The action all takes place on a short stretch of road in rural Greenland Township (fictional) along the Kalamazoo River (real) during autumn.

Campbell lives near Kalamazoo. Her ferocious heroine, Rachel Crane, marries a much older man "because I want his

damn land" near the river.

Campbell will be this year's speaker at the Friends of the Library Luncheon noon Thursday April 10, at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township. Her appearance is being sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, and by the Friends volunteers from the Canton, Plymouth, Novi and Northville libraries.

"Teenagers are really important in American literature," Campbell said

PLEASE SEE AUTHOR, A7

Murderer told of void left in Canton family

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Liz Harrison holds onto the anger toward the man who murdered her husband the same way she holds onto her husband's eyeglasses every night before she goes to sleep alone.

Even after Ellis Robinson was ordered to live his life in prison without the possibility of parole, Harrison found little comfort in the sentence.

"There just is no justice. I will never, ever have Bill back," Harrison said Thursday morning, moments after Robinson was given two life sentences for the

PLEASE SEE MURDERER, A5



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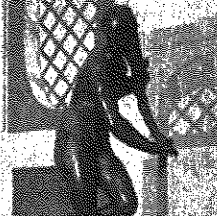
Sharing a few words after the sentencing Thursday are Clayton McCarty and Liz Harrison. Their respective spouses, Deb McCarty and Bill Harrison, were murdered in July at Logan's Roadhouse in Livonia.

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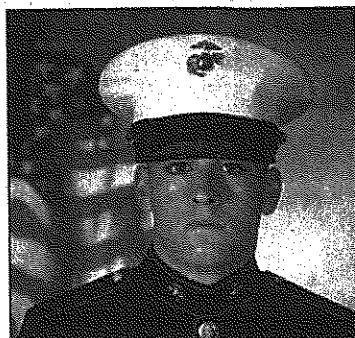
Airman Marshall Lee Tucker of Canton was born Oct. 5, 1982, and is serving in the Air Force. He is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School in 2001 after attending Canton High through sophomore year.

Tucker is serving with the 2nd Civil Engineering Squadron, 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, La. His M.O.S. is Firefighter. He received his basic training in San Antonio, Texas, and technical training at San Angelo, Texas.

Tucker has wanted to be a firefighter since childhood. A lifetime of accomplishments in team sports prepared him for the discipline and physical challenges of this proud profession. He is the latest in many generations of this family to serve our country. He is the son of Mitchell and Ann Tucker.



Tucker



Loos

Jonathan Loos

Jonathan E. Loos enlisted while a senior in high school. He graduated from Canton High School in June 2001 and was to fly out to boot camp Sept. 22, 2001. Since the airports were shut down and the obvious delays ensued, he left Oct. 12 for Marine Corps boot

camp at Parris Island, S.C. He graduated Jan. 10, 2002.

Weapons training continued at Camp LeJeune, N.C., and then he went to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for Motor Vehicle Operations training.

Loos is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, attached to the 31st MEU. He has gone on humanitarian missions to Indonesia, Guam, Timor and Australia. He has had numerous Special Forces training including Emergency Evacuation Rescue Team. He is a Lance Corporal waiting further orders to ship out.

The Canton Observer is looking for sons and daughters of Canton residents for Serving Our Nation. Pictures can be e-mailed (djohnson@oe.homecomm.net) or mailed, or brought to our office, 794 S. Main in Plymouth. Call (734) 459-2700.

Purse thefts, broken windows probed

Canton Police are investigating two cases in which women dropping their children off at day care centers returned to their unlocked cars to find their purses missing.

In the first case a Willis, Mich., resident said she dropped her child off at Child Time Day Care on Lilley Road about 7:25 a.m. on March 4. She was in the center for about 10 minutes and when she came back to her car her purse, checkbook, credit and debit cards and a cell phone were gone.

In the second incident a Plymouth resident dropped her child off at Tutor Time Day Care on Canton Center about 8 a.m. March 6. When she returned to her unlocked car her purse containing a wallet and credit cards and a cell phone were missing.

Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said the cases appear to be related.

"We want to remind people to lock their car doors even if they're just running in for a few seconds," he said. "Don't leave your car running and lock the doors."

Anyone with information about the incidents is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5420.

WINDOWS SMASHED

COP CALLS

Police are also investigating a series of smashed car windows that Mutchler said were probably related. The incidents occurred between March 2 and March 4.

■ A resident of the 7400 block of Admiralty said someone broke out the rear window of his 1992 Ford F-150 pickup cap between 9:30 p.m. March 3 and 3:30 p.m. March 4.

■ A resident of the 42000 block of Hanford reported the rear window of his 2000 Ford Expedition was smashed between 9:50 p.m. March 3 and 6 a.m. March 4. It was parked in his driveway at the time.

■ The driver's window of a 1999 Chevrolet Astro was smashed between 5 p.m. March 3 and 9:30 a.m. March 4 while it was parked on the street in the 45000 block of Gainsborough.

■ The rear window of a 2000 Mercury was broken out between 7 p.m. March 2 and 7:20 a.m. March 4. The vehicle was parked in a driveway in the 7400 block of Burgundy.

■ A resident of the 42000 block of Ashbury said he returned from a store about 9:30 a.m. March 4 and parked his

mother's 2003 Ford Explorer in the drive. When he went outside about 11 a.m. the back driver's side window was broken out.

■ And a resident of the 1300 block of Heritage said he parked his 1989 Toyota Corolla on the street across from his house about 8:30 p.m. March 3. The next morning his wife noticed the driver's side rear window was smashed.

CAR KEYED

A resident of the 41000 block of Canton Court reported that someone scratched the paint on the hood and driver's side of his 2003 Honda sometime between 8 p.m. March 4 and 5 p.m. March 5. He said he didn't notice the damage until the snow had started to melt.

THEFT FROM AUTO

A resident of the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue reported his 1994 Ford Ranger was broken into between 6 p.m. March 2 and 6 a.m. March 3. A radar detector, the dashboard radio and 50 CDs were taken.

- Jack Gladden

Teen gets expensive lesson with pen prank

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A Canton Township teenager has until Monday to pay \$300 in court costs, or find himself in jail, for allegedly stealing a \$1 ink cartridge from a Plymouth police officer.

Around midnight one August evening, Charles Savino, then 17, borrowed a pen from Officer Sam Poules while hanging out with friends at Penniman and Main.

"My friend needed a pen, so I went and got one from Officer Poules because he's younger and talks to us," said Savino. "I gave the pen to my friend, he wrote what he wanted to write down, and gave me the pen back. I then gave it back to the cop."

"Unbeknownst to me, (the friend) took the ink cartridge out of the pen," said Savino. "A couple of days later, someone said a cop was looking for me. So, I tried to find him and tell what happened, that I didn't do it, so he wouldn't be mad at me."

According to the police report, Poules noticed the ink cartridge was missing when he went to write something on his log. "I attempted to contact Mr. Savino to ask him if he removed the ink out of my pen, but I was unsuccessful in locating him. I was able to speak with some of Mr. Savino's friends at Kellogg Park and they stated that 'Chaz' did admit to taking the pen and was in fact laughing when I drove off the night he took it."

Savino said he went looking for Poules a few nights later to "give him a new pen." Instead, according to Savino, he met up with a couple of other officers "who arrested me and put me in back of the car, yelling and swearing at me."

Savino, now 18, was eventually released, and a few weeks later received a warrant in the mail.

"I was beside myself trying to find out what he did," said Savino's mother, Kathleen. "The court said he was up for larceny, and said it was over an ink pen."

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne

Carroll said the issue wasn't about an ink pen, it was about stolen property.

"If somebody steals something, we write a complaint, send it to the prosecutor, and if he feels there's enough evidence of a crime, issues a complaint," said Carroll. "In this case, the prosecutor reviewed it, felt a crime occurred, and the man had his day in court."

"It's not the case of the cost of an item ... when you steal something from a person, that's a larceny," added Carroll. "You might think it was a joke, but it wasn't a joke."

Savino recently went to court and pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct in order to avoid a trial on a charge of simple larceny.

"The prosecutor refused to dismiss the charge, so we had to choose to cut a deal or go to trial and possibly be convicted, resulting in a criminal record," said Savino's attorney, Jim Ahkter, who said he was surprised the case went this far. Ahkter admitted his only witness was Savino's friend, who

has charges pending against him in other cases.

By pleading guilty, Savino was given \$300 in probation and court costs, and will have to write an apology letter. The charge will be dismissed if his probation ends without further clashes with the law.

Savino said his days in downtown Plymouth are over. "I was just the middle man, in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. "I don't want to go to jail over a pen."

Carroll said the police department just did what it would do in any other larceny case.

"It's not the amount of what he took, it's his actions that are brought before the court," said Carroll. "From behavior, I don't think this young man has any respect for law enforcement. He took his chance and laughed about it up and down Main Street, and gets upset when he's fined for it."

"I think we would have lost respect if we had taken any other action."

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DAREDEVIL (PG-13)

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JUNGLE BOOK 2 (G)

1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 6:50, 9:00

FRU/SAT LS 11:00

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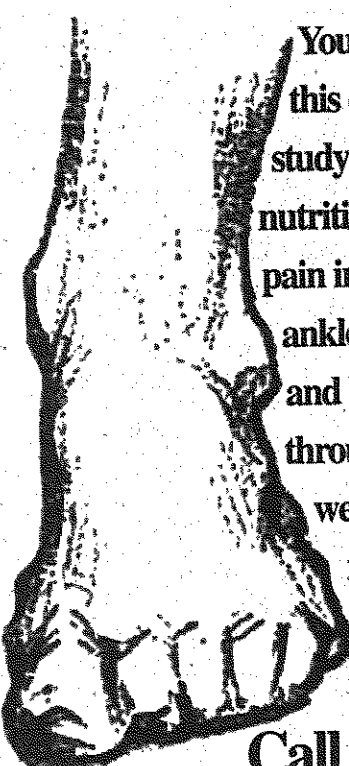
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Credit union opens branch at Salem

High school students no longer have far to go to get to a credit union.

Community Federal Credit Union recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Salem High School to celebrate the opening of its first high school branch in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Director of Secondary Education Lon Rutkofske, Community Education and Career Preparation Coordinator Betty Bloch, Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin and Assistant Principal Carolyn Anulewicz were on hand to welcome the credit union and congratulate students from the school's Advanced Marketing class who are operating the high school branch.

They also operate the school store known as The Rock Shop. Prior to opening the branch, students underwent interviews and training with credit union staff.

"This student-run branch fits in well with our curriculum by reinforcing the need for students to learn financial responsibility and establish good credit," Ostoin said. "Our students will also benefit from hands-on experience as branch volunteers."

In addition to this high school branch, Community Federal operates five other student branches in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools — including Allen, Hoben, Smith

and Tonda Elementary Schools and East Middle School.

Attending the ceremony on behalf of Community Federal were CEO Roger Ballard, management staff and Board of Directors Chairman Ron Carlson, who teaches at Canton High School.

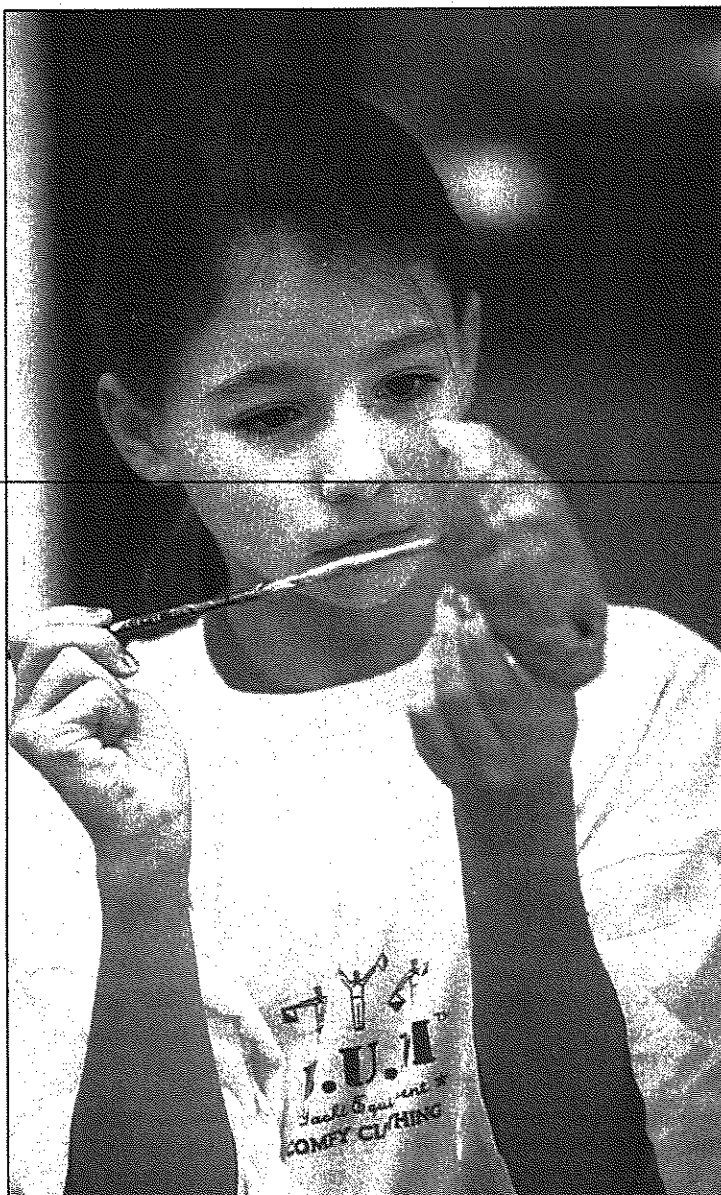
"Because students will be interacting with financial institutions for the rest of their lives, the credit union provides an excellent opportunity to teach personal financial literacy and allow them to practice before they begin the next stage of their lives," said Natalie McLaughlin, Community Federal's Education Partnership Coordinator. "This program supports Community Federal's desire to provide financial education to the community."

The Salem branch is the 10th school credit union operated by Community Federal.

In October 2002, the credit union opened its first high school branch at Northville High School.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Federal is open to anyone who lives or works in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, and the northern Michigan counties of Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sarah Lindlbauer of Canton, 10, adds some color to her clay whistle during the third-annual Mud Fling at the Plymouth Community Arts Council last week. With a 50-percent reduction in funding to the arts announced Thursday by the governor, PCAC officials worry about being able to maintain some of its programs.

Fling gives kids good, clean fun

BY PAUL HURSCHMANN
STAFF WRITER

It's not exactly what it sounds like. And, not nearly as dirty.

The third-annual Mud Fling at the Plymouth Community Arts Council was a rousing success, according to education coordinator Leslie Greeneisen.

"It made me feel like a kid again," said Cathy Klockner of Livonia, who was making pottery bowls with a classroom full of children on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The three-day event, sponsored by PCAC and the Village Potter's Guild, attracted about 20 children and a couple of adults who created portions of a totem pole which will remain on display at the arts council, along with bird houses, bowls, wind chimes, snowmen and whistles.

The Guild and PCAC will glaze and fire the pieces for participants who can pick the finished pottery up at a later date.

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Sarah Lizzio, 9 (left) and Jackie Tilney, 10, both of Canton, create pottery bowls.

LaJoy sets aside hours to meet constituents

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) has set aside Monday afternoons to meet with constituents. LaJoy's district includes most of Canton, and all of Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township and Belleville.

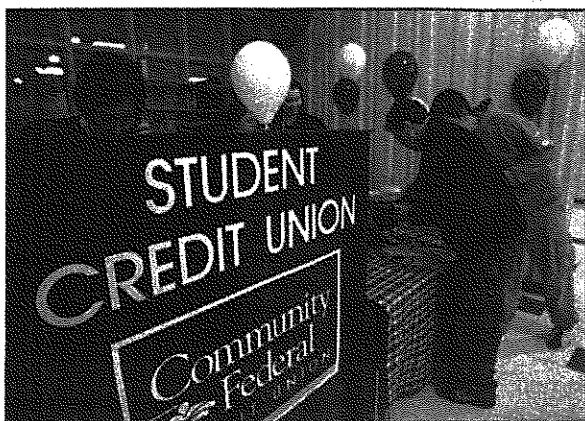
From 2-5 p.m. Mondays, LaJoy will be available at the following locations:

- Van Buren Township Hall, second Monday of each month
- Belleville City Hall, third Monday of each month
- Canton Public Library, Monday, March 24, Monday, April 28 and Monday, May 5.

Beginning Monday, May 26, LaJoy's Canton meetings will be the fourth Monday of each month until the end of 2003.

Reservations are not required for these meetings. LaJoy can be reached at (517) 373-3528.

Community Federal Credit Union recently opened its first high-school credit union at Salem High School.



KARA FULGENZI | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

@ THE LIBRARY

Did You Know?

- During the month of March, Canton first-graders will be visiting the library with their classes for exciting programs.
- If you wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting it in the refrigerator, it will keep for weeks?
- The monthly book special from the Second Hand Prose Shop for March is buy one Travel Book, get one free?
- Many of our Multimedia Collections on our Internet Branch are especially suited to the arrival of spring? Topics include Gardening, Home Improvements, Wedding Planning, Baseball, Tennis, and Golf.
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury?

Web Watch: check out these new Web sites

- www.alz.org
- www.sitesofconscience.org
- www.ready.gov
- www.lifeinamerica.us
- www.petfinder.org

New Children's Books

- "Dillon Dillon" - Kate Banks (fiction)
- "It's Snowing!" - Olivier Dunrea (picture book)
- "Hoot" - Carl Hiaasen (fiction)
- "The Carnivorous Carnival" - Lemony Snicket (fiction)
- "Dachshunds" - Lynn M. Stone (non-fiction)
- "A Perfect Day For It" - Jan Fearnley (picture book)
- New CD-ROMs
- "Picture This Version 3.0"
- "An Interactive Guide To Real Estate"
- "Stuart Little Learning Adventures" (ages 3-7)
- "Curious George Downtown Adventures" (ages 3-6)
- "Curious George Reading and Phonics" (ages 3-6)

New CDs

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- "In Absentia" - Porcupine Tree
- "The Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers Soundtrack"
- "The Very Best Of Fleetwood Mac"
- "Loose Screw" - The Pretenders
- "Stars & Guitars" - Willie Nelson & Friends
- "I Care 4 U" - Aaliyah
- "The Essentials" - The Association
- "Nude & Rude: The Best Of Iggy Pop" - Iggy Pop

Q & A

Q: Was there a real "Johnny Appleseed?"

A: John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed is believed to have been born at Leominster, MA on

September 26, 1774. He was the planter of orchards and a friend of wild animals and was regarded by the Indians as a great medicine man. He died at Allen County, Indiana on March 11, 1845.

Source: The Teacher's Calendar, 2002-2003

New Adult Books

- "The Hidden Life Of Otto Frank" - Carol Ann Lee (nonfiction)
- "Here In America's Test Kitchen" - edited by Cook's Illustrated (nonfiction)
- "Baggage" - Emily Barr (fiction)
- "Evolution: A Novel" - Stephen Baxter (science fiction)
- "A Piece Of Heaven" - Barbara Samuel (romance)

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BUDGET

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"Plus, some people just can't afford the increases in higher-education costs," he said.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township) said he was glad the school fund was unhurt.

"I am very happy she (Granholt) decided not to cut the school aid fund. That is very important for the Plymouth-Canton district."

"I hope the schools remain unharmed as the budget process continues," LaJoy said.

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, represents two of the largest school districts in Wayne County, Plymouth-Canton and Northville.

"I'm happy the governor kept to her commitment to hold harmless the public school system," said Stewart, "but the cuts in the scholarships hurt. I can't support that at this time."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, said, "I'm cautiously optimistic about the proposed budget. The K-12 budget is of the highest priority."

Higher education was left with a 6.5-percent funding decrease by Granholt. Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress said the percentage is much less than he was expecting.

"This budget is better than I anticipated," said Jeffress. "I've already gone through and made a number of budget cuts, primarily trying to reduce costs in a number of areas, that's allowed me to get almost a million dollars out of the current budget."

"There are a number of positions that I won't fill right away, and perhaps, never, depending on how the future goes," added Jeffress. "And, of course, there are always the issues of tuition and enrollment increases."

Jeffress said that despite the budget cuts, Schoolcraft College is not facing drastic measures.

"No, not yet," he said. "I had counted on a budget cut of up to 17 percent. That would have caused me to engage in more drastic decisions. This cut allows us to function relatively unscathed at this point. They do no structural damage to the college and its programs."

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CUTS

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but that because of increases in the tax base Canton's finances were stable.

The Canton SEV (valuation) has risen \$2.5 billion in 15 years, and last year alone it was up \$410 million.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, said the cuts in this part of the state budget "seemed reasonable from Canton's point of view."

INPUT FROM CITIZENS

Granholt, in presenting her proposed \$38.6-billion budget to a joint session of the House and Senate appropriations committees, said the budget was derived with input from citizens across the state, with whom she visited after her State of the State

address last month.

"We've asked the citizens for their input, and we've explained the crisis to them," Granholt said. "The input I've received is reflected in the pages of this book (the executive budget). This is the citizens' budget, the citizens' money, and they should have a voice in how their money is spent."

Art funding grants were hit the hardest, as Granholt announced a 50-percent reduction. "To me this is a painful cut," Granholt said. "But, while they are important, they may not be vital in the same way feeding a child is vital, or giving heart medication to a senior is vital."

Granholt said she is most proud her budget didn't cut the K-12 education foundation allowance, money for at-risk education or preschool and early learning initiatives. "That we were able to pre-

serve the funding for educating our children despite this fiscal crisis is a loud, resounding statement of my priorities, but echoed and amplified by citizens across this state," Granholt said.

However, the Merit Award Scholarships will drop from \$2,500 to \$500 in 2004, and funding to adult education will be reduced from \$77.5 million to \$20 million.

"It took a lot of creativity to keep the foundation grant at a minimum of \$6,700," said Mike Flanagan, former Farmington Schools superintendent and Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency director, a former Plymouth Township resident on leave from his post as director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, who is now an education adviser to the governor. "I really think the economy will get better, enough to

grow the school aid fund."

The governor said she values the importance of higher education, but received response from the public that "it might not be as critical as making sure that a child is prepared to go to college, not as critical as making sure that child is not abused or neglected."

With that said, Granholt announced a 6.5 percent decrease in higher education funding.

"No one likes to hear cuts, but this budget is better than expected," said Conway

Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, who attended the session. "I've already earmarked a number of budget cuts, primarily trying to reduce costs in a number of areas, which has allowed me to get almost a million dollars out of the current budget."

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Theater bracing for long-term budget

BY BRAD KADRIC
STAFF WRITER

Even though Gov. Jennifer Granholt announced a 50-percent cut in state funding for the arts Thursday, Stella Greene figures it's actually going to be much bigger than

that for small arts groups such as the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

That's why Greene, the interim director of the PCAC, is headed to Lansing on Tuesday to lobby legislators to keep the bleeding to a minimum.

While the PCAC traditionally benefits from some \$20,000 a year in state revenue, Greene said the local impact could end up being much larger than that.

"We'll probably feel a larger impact, because it's realistic to expect (the state) to find a way to lessen the impact on larger institutions such as the Detroit Institute of Arts and Greenfield Village," said Greene.

Art funding grants were hit the hardest, though Granholt called it "a painful cut for me."

Greene said local sponsors traditionally try to match what the PCAC receives in state money; therefore, donations are likely to go down as a result of the cuts announced by Granholt Thursday.

"We're not primary resources for cultural programming," Greene said. "The likelihood of our cuts being even deeper than 50 percent is pretty probable."

In Canton, the new Canton Performing Arts and Education Center has already received its "bricks-and-mortar" money for building the new center in Cherry Hill Village, so near-term effects of the budget cuts won't be felt.

However, long-term effects could be major, according to

Jennifer Tobin, the center's new performing arts coordinator.

"Once we're up and doing programming in the future, it would be important to have (state) support," Tobin said. "(The cuts) won't affect us in the building stage, but it will affect us in the future, in programming and in outreach. And certainly a lot of the user groups we're counting on will be drastically affected."

Tobin sympathized with how tough making these cuts must have been for the governor. That doesn't ease the pain, she pointed out.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) said that, in lean times, decisions have to be made about what is essential to the state budget.

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MURDERER

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July 8, 2002, premeditated murders of Bill Harrison, 36, of Canton and Deb McCarty, 32, of Lincoln Park.

Robinson shot and killed Harrison and McCarty while the two worked at Logan's Roadhouse in Livonia. Robinson had once worked with his victims, and had been fired by management one month before the murders.

At Robinson's sentencing Thursday, survivors were allowed to give impact statements to the court. Angry and grieving family members addressed Circuit Judge Gregory Dean Bill.

"There is no closure here, only a gaping hole," Harrison said in front of the packed courtroom. "I am still without my best friend."

Clayton McCarty, Deb McCarty's husband, never imagined his wife's life could end by murder. She was loved by everyone who knew her, he said, and it would've been the last thing anyone could have expected.

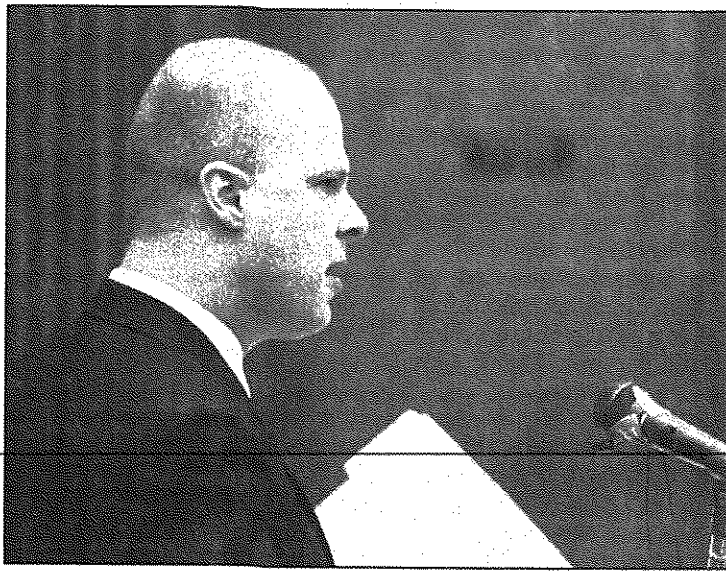
The day of her murder was also Deb McCarty's second wedding anniversary.

"I thought we would spend the rest of our lives together," he said. "I always thought I would be the one to hear Deb's last words in life. I never imagined she would utter them at the end of a murderer's gun."

INDESCRIBABLE VOID

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Pat Muscat read aloud a letter from Georgia Young, Harrison's former wife, and the mother of his two oldest children, Maddie, 11, and Mikey, 10.

In her letter Young described the impact of the murder, which happened on Maddie's 11th birthday. Harrison, she said, continued to be active in the lives of his children even after the divorce, helping them with homework and sports,



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sharing his anger over his brother's murder is Tim Harrison.

and spending time together. His death has left an indescribable void in their lives.

"When Ellis Robinson killed Bill, he not only took his life, but he took the lives that our children knew," she wrote.

For Tim Harrison, Bill Harrison's brother, the murder opened old wounds from July 1985, when his youngest brother was murdered while spending the night at a relative's home.

Tim Harrison was 17 when his youngest brother, 13, was killed.

Harrison talked about the man who murdered his youngest brother.

"He is a small man, like you, and like you he had a cocky look. That cocky look is gone now," he said. "He's 44 and has the look of a man with no hope. Imagine how you'll look in 13 years."

Robinson was on probation for embezzlement at the time of the murders and would have completed his probation in 2005. He was convicted in May 2002, and was fired from his job shortly after the conviction.

"If you had received even two months in jail, Bill and Deb would be alive," he said.

Despite their anger toward Robinson, who survivors said showed no signs of remorse,

several family members expressed sympathy for Robinson's parents, sister and children.

"Despite the pain these families have felt, they still have compassion for you and for your family," Bill told Robinson. "I don't know that you fully appreciate what you've done."

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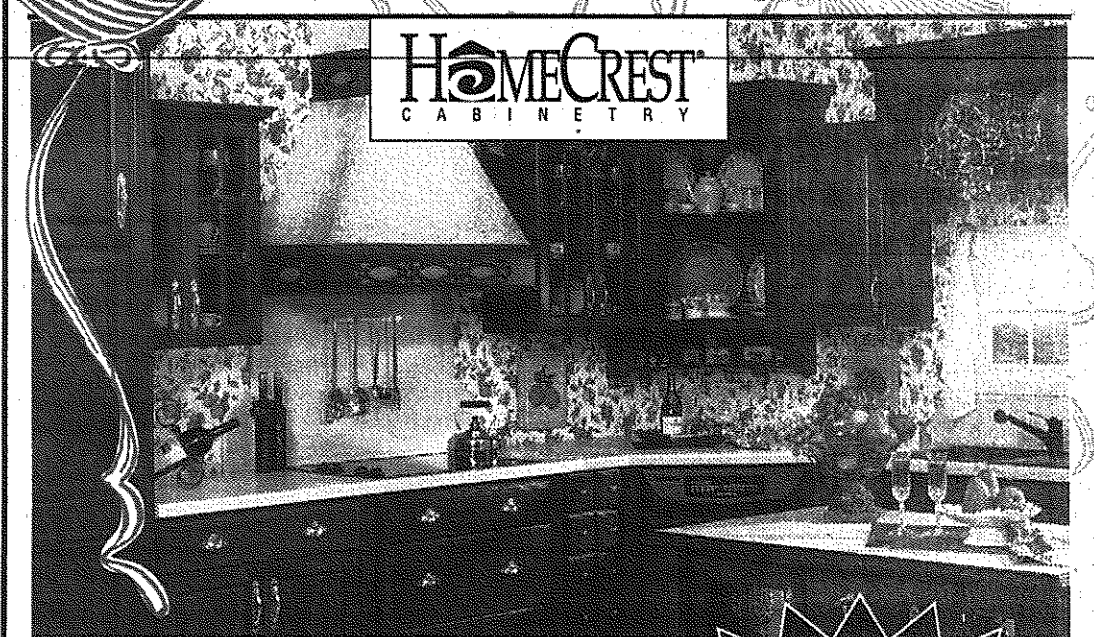
Robinson's trial was last month and the jury found him guilty of two counts of premeditated murder, two counts of felony murder (murder committed in the course of committing another felony), and one count each felony firearms and felon in possession of a firearm.

He was sentenced Thursday to two life sentences, or life without the possibility of parole. He also received two years for the felon in possession of a firearm, and 38-60 months for the felony firearms convictions.

The McCarty family was awarded restitution in the amount of \$2,730 for lost wages. The Harrison family and Logan's Roadhouse did not request restitution.

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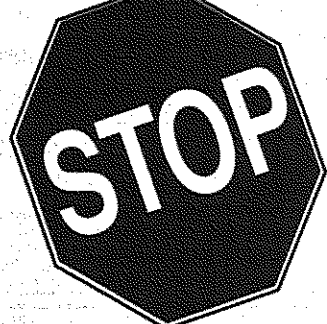
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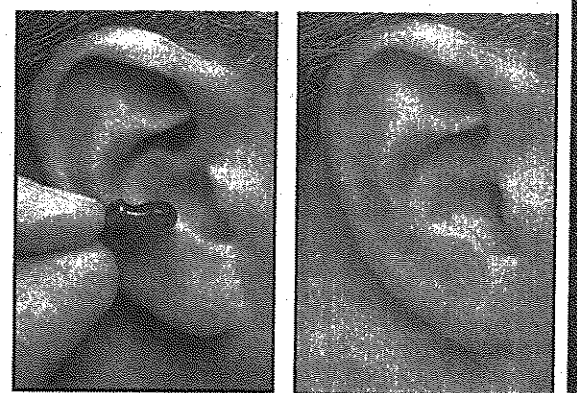
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McNamara home for treatment

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara began treatment for mantle cell lymphoma cancer at the University of Michigan Hospital recently.

McNamara, who earlier in February traveled to New York to begin a 31-week experimental treatment program at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, left Manhattan after 12 days without being treated.

"The serum for the treatment became contaminated," said McNamara, "and there was going to be a lot of red tape before they could resume the program."

Ten of the 11 patients who were treated by radioimmunotherapy — which calls for a radioactive solution to be injected directly into the body to seek out cancer cells — have seen their cancers go into remission. McNamara, 76, was hopeful the experimental treatment would do the same for him.

Instead, the Plymouth Township resident began treatments this week at the University of Michigan, where he one day recently spent nearly 16 hours for his first treatment of rituxan.

"I feel very good," he said. "So far I don't feel any of the side effects they suggested I might get. After a little nausea, I was back to normal."

Mary Alice Worrell, a spokeswoman for the

'I walked a mile at the mall this morning, and I took out the garbage.'

Ed McNamara
retired county executive

National Cancer Institute's regional office in Detroit, said rituxan is an antibody that's used to treat non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer.

"Rituxan targets the cancer cells, and doesn't have the same side effects as chemotherapy," said Worrell. "The more common side effects are nausea and tiredness. It has real good success in fighting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma."

McNamara said he'll receive treatments every three weeks, for the next 18 weeks, in Ann Arbor.

"I'm quite optimistic," McNamara said. "Mantle cell cancer is fairly new, a high-intensity disease. But, the swelling around my neck is down, and I'm not sweating like I was, so something is happening in my body."

"I walked a mile at the mall this morning, and I took out the garbage," McNamara said. "I'm doing all the things people do in retirement."

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OBITUARY

David Allen Davis

Services for David Davis, 59, of Canton were held March 6 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Nguyen officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Davis was born June 29, 1943, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died March 3 in Canton. He was a supervisor. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include wife, Dolores A. Davis of Canton; daughter, Laura A. Davis of Hamburg; sisters, Jean A. Grylewski of Columbia, Tenn., and Cheryl M. Groh of Royal Oak; and brother, Frank Davis of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496 or the Karmanos Cancer Institute-Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Patterson testifies on bill to set speed limits

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington thinks a bill that would give townships a greater say in setting speed limits on county highways is a good idea, and he was in Lansing Monday letting legislators know how he feels.

Tiderington and State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) testified before the Transportation Committee Monday regarding Senate Bill 123, which would allow a county road commission, the township board, and the director of the Department of State Police to unanimously determine appropriate speed limits on county highways.

Currently, only the county road commissions and the Department of State Police can decide speed limits on a county road in any given township.

Under current laws, cities possess the ability to set their

own speed limits, while townships do not. Senate Bill 123 will not alter the process in which cities establish their speed limits; it allows townships to have a hand in their process.

"As a township police chief, Chief Tiderington knows firsthand the benefits my bill will bring to all the townships in the state of Michigan, including Plymouth Township," said Patterson.

"This bill opens the door for townships to have a voice in setting speed limits," said Patterson. "As the State Senator for eight townships and eight cities, I promised to equally represent my constituents. With this bill, I am doing just that."

In the Senate, the bill is co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of 12 legislators, according to Patterson.

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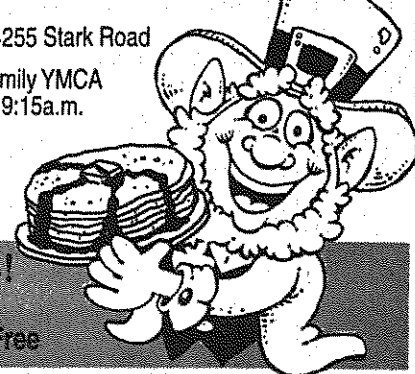
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about her lead character, Rachel, who is 15 and marries George, a farmer who owns nearly 900 acres of prime Michigan ground.

"Teenagers are less predictable, a little more dangerous ... especially a teenage girl with a gun," she said. Rachel packs a long rifle for much of the story.

The third main character is 12-year-old David, who admires the older man and wants to grow up to be a farmer like he is.

"The most important thing in the end is that they (Rachel, George, David) had created a family where other families had been unsuccessful," Campbell said.

KEY EVENTS

Two central events – a killing and a fire – move the story along. Added in are a few eccentric characters like a window and siding salesman who is a nonstop Lothario, and his wife whose thoughts alternate between a new bedroom and killing her hubby. At one point she wonders "... which of the six knives in the knife holder above the sink would most easily slice the fabric of his (her husband's) sports shirt and the connective tissue between two of his ribs before penetrating his heart ..."

Campbell adds in David's could-care-less mom, an agoraphobe who likes the tabloids, a Bible-toting bar owner, and the local cop.

Author Campbell likes the humorous idea of a "bar for Jesus," and even takes a swipe at romance novel writers and urban sprawl along the way.

"Rachel is made up completely, but a local farmer was partly inspiration for George. For Rachel, I asked myself what would it be like for a half-American Indian girl to rise up

out of the soil."

"Rachel is very aware she is walking around on graves, and that good, rich soil involves a bit of death and decay.

"I'm interested in animals and they are my inspiration, and I like to watch the interaction between kids and animals."

Campbell admires John Steinbeck, and the odd characters in the works of famed female writers like Carson McCullers and Flannery O'Connor.

CHARACTER APPEAL

"I love my gloomy characters," Campbell says of the bit players in Rachel's life.

There is a controlled dose of hormones raging in the book, with the love affair between George and Rachel, and with all the talk of the fecund earth as they "lay together in one of the furrows" of the farm.

There is also the touching symbolism of David helping George stack hay bales in the barn, slowing building up what could be a father-son relationship. Campbell said she will talk about writing, what inspires her, and how to get work published in her speech in April.

She hopes to write three more Q Road books, each set during one of the other seasons.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at all four libraries or can be ordered by mail by writing the libraries. If you wish to sit together, the tickets should be ordered together. Seating will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch promptly at noon. Contact the library in your community for tickets. Cash bar will be available. Web site: bonniejocampbell.com.

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Campbell

RELAY

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And in the past four years the Canton Relay has raised more than \$450,000 to fight cancer.

"It always take a passion to make something like this work," Zevalkink said, "and under the circumstances, I've had a tremendous passion for it."

The event consists of a 24-hour walk, using teams. At least one team member has to be on the track at all times, but no one has to walk for the full 24 hours.

This year's relay will take place in Heritage Park from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 18. It will begin with a survivor's walk at 10 a.m. Saturday. A luminary ceremony will be held at 9 p.m. and a pancake breakfast will be served in the park from 7-9 a.m. Sunday.

Zevalkink said about 50 teams participated last year, and she's hoping to get about 60 this year. Two teams have already signed up, she said. Approved Mortgages is a platinum sponsor with a donation of \$5,000 and Johnson Controls is a gold sponsor with a \$2,500 contribution.

Last year's relay raised more than \$160,000. Zevalkink said with the current state of the economy she's hesitant to make predictions.

"But I think we can do \$200,000 this year," she said. "And that's net dollars, not gross."

The kickoff rally will be held at Summit on the Park. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The program itself starts at 6:30 p.m. and should last for about an hour.

For more information, call Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Plymouth-Canton Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute.

The seminar is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 18-27, from 6-10 p.m. at Canton High School.

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The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits,

getting bids for labor and materials, insurance requirements and much more.

The seminar costs \$205 plus \$30 for two textbooks.

Registration with payment is required by Friday, March 14, to Plymouth-Canton Community Education. Call (734) 416-2937 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH

Steven D'Annunzio

Steven D'Annunzio, a seventh-grader at East Middle School, has been named the Carrier of the Month for February 2003.

Steven enjoys soccer and basketball. What he likes the most about his route is meeting new people and earning money. He feels he has developed the skills of managing money by paying the bills on time and delivering the paper on time. He feels being a carrier for the Observer teaches responsibility.

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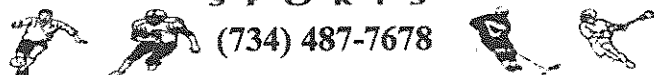
A number of conditions, including depression, can give the same picture. However, your doctor can evaluate if your problem comes from emotional strain or other medical conditions such as thyroid disease. He will undertake laboratory tests that look at your red and white blood cells, platelets, and which assess how your kidneys are working. The results of these tests allow the physician to determine if your condition results from SLE or from another cause. The blood test called an ANA, often used as a marker of SLE, does not reveal that condition. What you tell the doctor you are experiencing, the findings on examination, and the results of other blood tests, are what determine your diagnosis.

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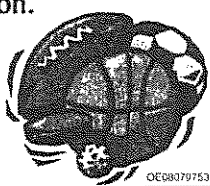
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Legislators hear pros/cons of bottle bill

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A group of state legislators heard the pros and cons of expanding the state's bottle deposit law at a public hearing Monday attended by more than 100 people at Oakland University.

The meeting was sponsored by the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force, a Senate committee which is reviewing the beverage container deposit law, better known as the Bottle Bill.

Michigan voters approved the law, which put a 10-cent deposit on soda and beer containers, in 1976 to help curb litter. However, the law does not cover the containers of non-carbonized drinks, including water and juice, which have seen a tremendous jump in sales in recent years.

The task force heard from many people who want to see the law expanded to cover those containers. However, many bottlers and retailers also showed up, hoping to kill such an expansion.

"It's amazing there's such a wide-ranging interest in this topic," said task force chairman Sen. Cameron Brown, a Republican from Allegan County. Monday's hearing was just the second of nine the task force has scheduled around the state. Brown said after the hearings are completed, the task force will make a recommendation about expanding the bottle bill to the state Legislature. The next meeting is March 31 in Coldwater.

CALLED TOO EXPENSIVE

Those opposing an expansion said it would be too difficult to implement and too expensive. Brandon George, co-owner of the Red Wagon Shop in Rochester, called the proposed expansion "an unfunded government mandate." He said mom-and-pop shops like his don't have the space to accept all the returned containers that would result if there were an expansion.

"The current proposed expansion is scary," he said. "It will not only increase labor costs, but also space costs. And we don't make a red cent from bottle returns. Space is really our big issue. Where are we going to put these things?"

Those in favor of expanding the law were just as adamant. Clarkston resident John Bradford, a truck driver, said there should be an expansion to

cover all bottles and containers for single-use products.

"I've traveled all over this country, to places like Florida that don't have bottle returns, and I've seen bottles and cans all over the roadway. So I think our law works pretty well," he said. "Here in Michigan, water bottles are just everywhere. I think the expansion should include all the containers that can be taken on the road and thrown out the window."

Sam Washington, the executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said the more than 500 clubs represented by his group are supporting an expansion, which will include all water and juice bottles.

MUCC members gathered petition signatures back in 1976 to get the original bottle bill on the ballot and, according to Washington, would do so again if state lawmakers don't pass an expansion.

"At the time of the original bill, the state Legislature was very reluctant to do anything about the problem and left it to the people."

"The arguments back then are the same as the ones we're hearing now against the expansion," he said.



Rochester Meijer manager Anthony Tuppins (second from left) explains the recycling process to state Sens. Patty Birkholz (left), Mike Bishop and Linda Goebler on Monday, while employee Richard Stevenson moves some of the many cans the store accepts from its customers.

"The people of Michigan are ready for a revision to the bottle bill that will be more inclusive to current containers. If the Legislature can't find a way to do it, the people, as usual, will find a way to do it themselves."

Sen. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), a member of the task force, said the group has a difficult task ahead, and will attempt to find the best solution to the problem.

Madonna starts master's program

Madonna University in Livonia has added a new graduate-level degree for students who seek an interdisciplinary academic program incorporating the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences. The 30-semester hour master of arts in liberal studies (MALS) degree program is flexible, allowing students the opportunity to take elective courses in education, business, English, hospice education, nursing and linguistics.

"The focus of Madonna University's new MALS degree program is social change in the 21st century," explained Dwight Lang, professor and coordinator of the MALS program. "There will be an emphasis on social structural change, changing cultural expressions, and change in science and technology. A MALS degree will prepare students for the demands of tomorrow's workplace where individuals will need to solve complex problems and communicate with other employees outside of their area of specialization."

Students in the program will engage in stimulating classes that enhance critical thinking skills, with an opportunity to comprehend and make effective written and verbal arguments. They will be asked to seriously

examine how they can participate in a rapidly changing society and how institutions might be structured to meet people's needs.

Course delivery methods are flexible to accommodate busy, working adults. Classes are offered on alternate weekends and online, and are scheduled to reduce the number of days that students must be present on campus.

Lang said that a MALS degree from Madonna University offers a challenging post-graduate experience, relevant to the intellectual and career goals of students, workers and citizens.

Dr. Ernest Nolan, vice president of academic administration, added that the MALS program is designed to "enrich the student's perspective on a broad range of issues and will have immediate application in the workplace as well as in the student's personal life."

The University's values framework as a Catholic, Franciscan institution of higher learning will inform discussion of the complex ethical questions we need to face as the world around us changes."

For more information about the MALS degree program, contact Dr. Dwight Lang, professor, at (734) 432-5569.

Probate court moves

Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge, Milton L. Mack, Jr. announced Wednesday that, due to the closing of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital by the State of Michigan, the Wayne County Probate Court satellite office located within the hospital will close, effective at the close of business on April 4, 2003. Probate services provided to

western Wayne County at the Northville Court will no longer be available. Instead, all county residents seeking probate services must travel to the Detroit court location on the 13th floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. All cases previously assigned to Judge Cathie B. Maher will be heard in courtroom 1201.

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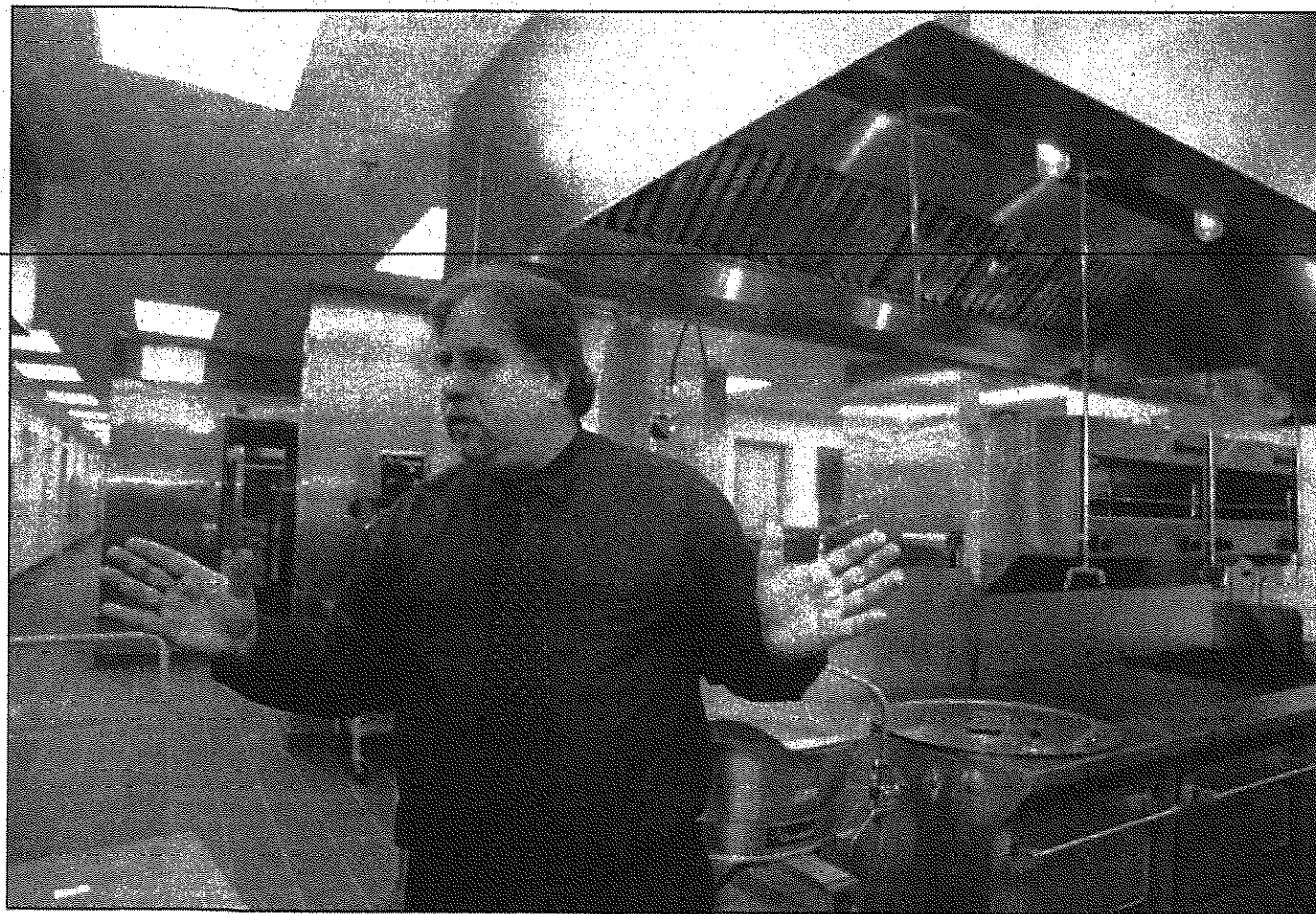
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Who shops?

Women do most of the shopping for groceries, according to the Food Marketing Institute. According to the 69th annual report of the grocery industry, 69 percent of the shoppers are female head of households, while 20 percent are men, and 11 percent of households reported that both men and women shopped for food. Saturday is the most popular day to shop with 22 percent heading to the grocery on that day. Shoppers under 35 usually shopped on Saturday (24 percent), as did those 35-55 years of age (28 percent). Shoppers over the age of 55 usually shopped on Friday (21 percent) or Thursday (20 percent). Friday was second at 16 percent, while Thursday and Sunday followed at 14 percent. If you want a less crowded store, shop on Tuesday and Wednesday, which reported 11 percent.

Beer tasting

Schoolcraft College's Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dearborn and Royal Oak present the eighth annual *Winterfest Beer Tasting* 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTec Center, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, one block west of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. Fine culinary cuisine, and 80 to 100 beers will be among the choices, with tastings limited to 50 beers. Tickets are \$38 per person. Patrons must be 21 years of age and prove it to attend this event. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Activities Office, lower Waterman Center, or at Merchant's Fine Wine locations. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Make checks payable to Schoolcraft College. Call for tickets at (734) 462-4422.



Bruce Konowalow, director of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department, gives a tour of one of six kitchens inside the new VisTaTec facility at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

PHOTOS BY KARA FULGENZI | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Culinary Chefs move into new 21,000-square-foot facility dreamin'

If Schoolcraft College is among the crème de la crème of culinary schools in educating future chefs, then the new VisTaTec building could very well make the college's culinary arts program the tiramisu of the cooking world.

When Schoolcraft's culinary arts instructors and students return from spring break on Tuesday, they will sauté, braise and broil inside the new \$26.7 million VisTaTec facility. The culinary arts department will take up 21,000 square feet of the 85,740-square-foot facility.

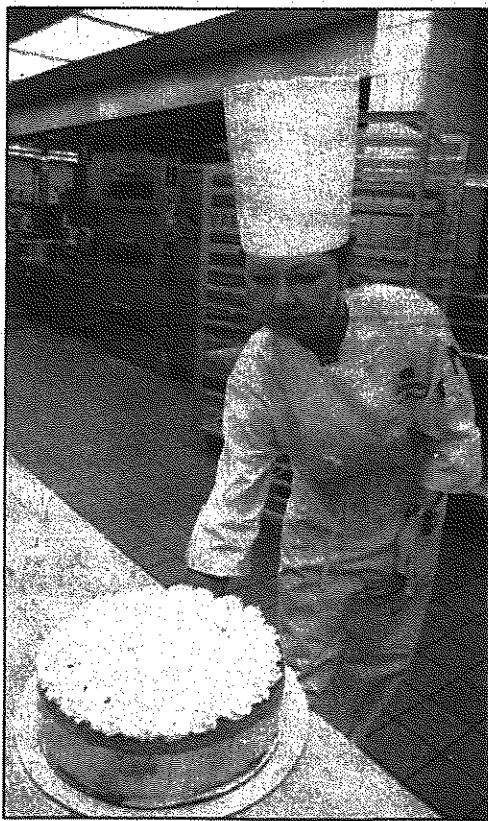
Joe Decker, a certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft, said the chef instructors "just wanted to pinch" themselves once they saw the new facility.

"I've traveled all over Europe, and it has (those kitchens) beat," Decker said. "It will allow us to teach at a high level. It allows us to be more creative, and give us the ability to transfer that knowledge to students."

A HUB OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Housed on the north side of the Waterman Center on the campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia, the VisTaTec facility was created as a "connector" between local businesses, computer technology, business development and culinary arts to create new opportunities for students, recent graduates and entrepreneurs, according to Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts department.

"We want to be a hub for lifelong learning," Konowalow said. "We don't want (culinary students) here for two years, then they're gone. That's not what's evolved at



Pastry chef Irene Tenenchuk puts the final touches on a raspberry Bavarian torte.

this school. They're back. They're maybe taking continuing ed classes or working with our people in small business development."

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Just like the culinary program, student retools his career

Rick Weinkauff's working career parallels the Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department.

Weinkauff, 44, of Farmington took a severance package from Pfizer two years ago, where he worked in information technology. Two years ago, Schoolcraft broke ground on an expansion of the Waterman Building to create a VisTaTec facility to expand and retool the culinary arts department.

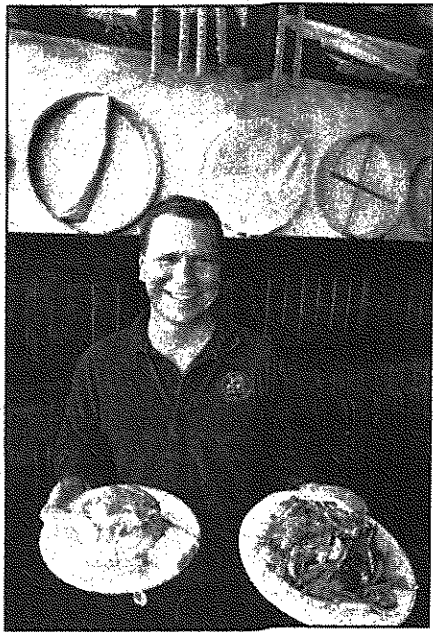
Like Schoolcraft, Weinkauff decided to retool his career. He is now in his second year in the culinary arts program and has moved with other culinary arts students and instructors into the new culinary kitchen.

"I feel extremely lucky to work in that environment," Weinkauff said. "It just makes so much sense to incorporate that technology here and they did a great job."

"They'll use that technology to visually instruct. The potential

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Stories By Ken Abramczyk ■ Staff Writer



STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom Connors, manager at Dick O'Dow's, holds two favorite Irish dishes - a shepherd's pie (left) and a beef boxty.

Hearty, fresh Irish foods bring charm to the table

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When you think of Irish cuisine, the conversation almost always leads to Irish stew. Traditional Irish recipes can be found inside. Taste, page B2.

tourist visiting the Emerald Isle or just visiting a restaurant that features the dish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, as sheep farming was one of the only ways of life in the barren mountain areas of Ireland and remains so. "Lamb is really popular in Ireland, because they have so many farms and

sheep there," said Tom Connors, manager at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham.

Many of the lands in Ireland were unfit for farming, tillage or cattle, writes Noel Cullen in *Elegant Irish Cuisine*, Lebar-Friedman Books, New York, N.Y. (2001).

"Irish cuisine, like most others, is based upon the evolution of one-pot cookery," Cullen writes. "Irish stew is perhaps the best example of the Celtic version of one-pot cooking."

Some present-day Irish food habits go back to prehistoric times, Cullen writes. Large joints of meat were wrapped in either straw or hide, tied with a straw rope, then lowered into the pits with heated

stones added to bring the water in the pits to a boil.

"Indeed, anthropological and archaeological data suggests that crude ovens were also constructed by the ancient Irish, which would partially explain why the culinary principles of boiling and roasting in Irish cuisine arose simultaneously," Cullen reported.

Connors considers Irish food "hearty, stick to your ribs" food, whether it is lamb stew, shepherd's pie or boxties.

Now contrast that with Julie Demery's thoughts on Irish cuisine.

Fresh foods and Ireland go hand and hand, said Demery, a member of the United Irish Society in Detroit and a Beverly Hills resident. "They

go to the market everyday," Demery said. "They use a little lemon, but they like the butter, free-range eggs and cream. They use cabbage in colcannon."

"With herbs, they like a lot of the ones we like - bay leaves, thyme, rosemary and they use a lot of parsley. It brings out a pretty shades of spring green."

It is apparent that the reputation of Irish cooking isn't what it used to be. Demery says that is evident in the popularity of the Ballymaloe School in Cork.

"They have chefs, young and old, come from all over the world, from Japan and

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Blood oranges are in their prime

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The juicy blood orange evokes pleasant childhood memories for Vince Sciarrino. "They grew everywhere," Sciarrino said about the fragrant blood orange trees found throughout Sicily, his birthplace.

Today they also grow in warm climates like California.

While good blood oranges can be found at Michigan markets nearly year round, the month of March is peak season for the fruit, said Sciarrino, of Westborn Market in Berkley.

Named for their deep red-stained flesh, blood oranges are smaller than a typical Florida orange. They're rich in Vitamin C, with a 120 percent of the recommended minimum daily requirement in each serving. Also a single blood orange contains eight percent of the daily requirement of calcium.

Blood oranges are sweet and the skin is somewhat rough. Choose firm and heavy fruit. Sometimes the skin is a bit flushed with red color, but it may also be pure orange in color and the flesh will still be sweet. Look for skin that's firm, but not hard. Store at room temperature for one week of more than two weeks in a crisper.

The most popular way to eat a blood orange is just to peel and eat, Sciarrino said. They can also be cooked in sauces. Add the juice of one orange to sautéed garlic and olive oil and use to top couscous for a Tunisian style meal.



RICK SMITH | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blood oranges are in peak season — the sweet oranges have red flesh, hence their name.

SICILIAN FENNEL SALAD WITH ORANGE A

2 large fennel bulbs, trimmed
Juice of 1 lemon
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 large blood oranges, peeled and segmented
1 cup fresh pomegranate seeds (optional)
Salt and pepper

Use a sharp knife to slice the fennel as thin as possible. Place the fennel slices in a bowl and toss with the lemon juice and olive oil.

Add the blood orange segments and pomegranate seeds, season to taste with salt and pepper; and toss gently to mix. Arrange the fennel salad on four individual plates.

Shave the pecorino in long shards over the top of each plate and serve.

Recipe courtesy of "Simple Italian Food: Recipes from My Two Villages," Mario Batali (Clarkson Potter/Publishers \$30.00)

BLOOD ORANGE SHERBET

2 cups of water
1 tablespoonful of cold water
1 cup of raw sugar cane
Juice from 4 or 5 blood oranges
1/4 teaspoonful of granulated gelatin
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 blood oranges peeled, chopped into small pieces

Boil the sugar and water 20 minutes; add the gelatin soaked in the cold water, and when cold, add the fruit juice and flesh. Freeze overnight until frozen. Sherbet will be firm, but not frozen solid.

Recipe courtesy of Roger Orals of Rochester.

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Germany to learn about Irish cooking," Demery said. "The plus is that they have so many fresh ingredients like fresh milk and cream. They're making foods much fancier now with the root vegetables, potatoes, parsnips and turnips."

"Irish cuisine and techniques have improved mightily their reputation for food," Connors said. Beef became part of the Irish diet in the 18th century when new eating habits were introduced from the United States. Corned beef was introduced to use secondary cuts of beef. Spiced beef is an Irish specialty, generally served cold the day after Christmas (St. Stephens Day), but now can be found all year round.

It is basically corned beef with a mixture of allspice, cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg rubbed into it. Ireland actually produces seven times more beef than it consumes.

The shepherd's pie at Dick O'Dow's varies from traditional preparation, Connors said.

"We use a top round cubed beef, they use ground beef," Connors said. Vegetables and meats are layered up with mashed potatoes and cheddar

cheese on top. The cottage pie is a vegetarian version of shepherd's pie.

The bangers and mash (a spicy sausage and potatoes dish) are another popular item. The bar also serves four varieties of boxty, an herbed potato pancake.

Robert Gainer, a chef at Dick O'Dow's, uses a blend of thyme, marjoram and rosemary in his Irish stew, braising it slowly in a beef-tomato base.

Then of course, is the potato, which forms the basis of many Irish dishes including the boxty, which are potato pancakes. Champ or brúitin is a mashed-potato dish made with milk, seasonings and scallions, topped with butter.

Garlic was cultivated by monks during the Golden Age, and garlic butter remains a popular accompaniment to steaks and fish. Side dishes of honey were served with food. Smoked salmon is huge in Ireland. "Traditionally, it is something you find in every pub and restaurant," Connors said. "Salmon, both fresh and smoked, is a staple of the Irish diet."

Demery said she's never had better salmon than she did in Ireland. "One of my nephews caught the salmon," Demery said. "It was so fresh and wonderful."

TRADITIONAL IRISH RECIPES

TRADITIONAL IRISH LAMB STEW

3 pounds deboned, lean lamb shoulder
1 1/2 cups onions, sliced
1 cup leeks, sliced
1 cup celery, sliced
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
3 sprigs thyme
salt and pepper, to taste
16 small potatoes, peeled
1 1/2 cups carrots, cut into 2-inch long batons
2 1/2 quarts chicken stock

Trim lamb of excess fat and bone. Cut into 2-inch chunks. In a pot large enough to hold lamb, cover chunks with cold water. Bring to a boil. Boil 10 minutes. Drain and cool under cold water.

In a 4-quart pot, layer the meat, onions, leeks, celery and herbs. Cover with stock. Simmer one hour.

Add potatoes and carrots after 30 minutes time. When cooked, sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serves eight.

Recipe from *Elegant Irish Cooking* by Noel Cullen.

LINENHALL BOXTY

4 medium potatoes
1 medium onion, diced fine
1 egg
2 tablespoons flour
salt and pepper
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Peel and grate potatoes. In a bowl, mix with onion.

Whisk the egg. Add to potatoes, along with flour, salt and pepper. Mix well. Heat oil in a heavy-bottomed skillet.

Over medium heat, drop 2 tablespoons of the mixture into the oil.

Flatten slightly to form a round. Fry until golden brown, turning once 3-4 minutes per side. Serves four.

Recipe from *Elegant Irish Cooking* by Noel Cullen.

ROAST PORK - A LA MAYO

1 rolled boneless pork loin roast (around five pounds)
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup orange marmalade
1/2 cup bottled horseradish

Combine first five ingredients and rub into the roast.

Place roast in a shallow pan, fat side up, and roast at 350 degrees for 2 hours.

Combine the marmalade and horseradish and spread on top of the roast and continue cooking until an instant meat thermometer reads 160 degrees — about 45 minutes more, basting occasionally with pan juices.

Let stand 10 minutes before carving. 10-12 servings.

Recipe courtesy of Julie Demery of Beverly Hills.

COLCANNON

1 1/2 pounds potatoes
1 1/2 cups milk, scalded
6 scallions, chopped and scalded in the milk
1 1/2 cups gently boiled green cabbage
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
Salt and pepper

Boil potatoes and mash, adding the boiled milk and scallions, and beat until fluffy. Toss the cooked cabbage gently in the melted butter and add to the potatoes, together with the parsley. Season to taste. Makes 6-8 servings. (Cooking tip: When cooking cabbage, put a peeled onion in with it and it will help to counteract the pungent smell.)

Recipe courtesy of Julie Demery of Beverly Hills.

TASTE CALENDAR

Country French Cooking

Nanny's Kitchen, 304 East Street in Rochester offers Country French Cooking with French cook Elondie Henderson, 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 19. Cost is \$45. For more information, call or email Nanny at (248) 651-1622 or nanny@nannyskitchen.com

Flavors of Jewish Life

Marlene Sorosky, author of *Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays*, will headline *The Flavors of Jewish Life*, a cooking program to take place Sunday, March 16 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Other chefs expected to teach classes during the three-hour program include Matt Prentice, president and chief executive officer of Unique Restaurant Corp.; Annabel Cohen, food writer, cookbook author and former caterer; Joan Kekst, Cleveland-based food writer and cookbook author; Paul

Wertz, owner of Excellence Too catering; and Eric Novak, editor/founder of Jim Hiller's wine club newsletter and a wine buyer for Hiller's Markets. The program instructs how to prepare the traditional Jewish foods to individuals who may never have experienced them: converts to Judaism, interfaith couples and born Jews who were raised with little tradition or Jewish education. Beginning at 1 p.m., *Flavors of Jewish Life* will feature two class periods, each 45 minutes in length. For a ticket price of \$18, participants will be able to register for two of the five classes and will receive a cookbook of all of the recipes presented that day.

Seating is limited. For more information or to register for the program, please call Kari Alterman at (248) 203-1470 or Lisa Soble Siegmann at (248) 205-2534.

Winterfest beer tasting

Schoolcraft College's Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dearborn and Royal Oak present the eighth annual *Winterfest Beer Tasting* 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Schoolcraft College VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, one block west of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. Fine culinary cuisine, and 80 to 100 beers will be among the choices, with tastings limited to 50 beers. Tickets are \$38 per person. Patrons must be 21 years of age and prove it to attend this event. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Activities Office, lower Waterman Center, or at Merchant's Fine Wine locations. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Make checks payable to Schoolcraft College. Call for tickets at (734) 462-4422.

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WINE

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to the resulting wines. To control insect pests and vine diseases, modern organic grape-growing methods are practiced in Buin. Vine crop load is regulated through a "green harvest," when some of the grape clusters are dropped while they are still green. This sacrifice of quantity assures full ripening of those bunches that are retained and ultimately top wine quality — another element for the book of good things that contributes to high flavor concentration.

WINE ASSESSMENT

The 2002 Cousino-Macul Chardonnay drives a citrusy, crisp style, that's designed for food. It was produced during a long, cool fermentation that turned up the fruit volume and preserved it. Crisp acidity was also safeguarded because the wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation and was aged only in stainless steel tanks. The rich character perceived is due to fruit concentration, derived from the vineyard methods we described.

Cousino-Macul 2002 Merlot is red-fruit driven in color and taste. It has all the youthful characters of bright cherry and raspberries with gentle spice and tobacco characters, signatures of merlot from Chile's Maipo Valley.

It's difficult to find more pleasing wines from Chile at this modest \$9 price tag.

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WINE PICKS

CHARDONNAY

Awesome: 2000 Robert Stemmler - Three Clone (\$20).
Rich and lush: 2000 Fritz Chardonnay, Dutton Ranch (\$22).

Food friendly style: 2001 Franciscan (\$17); 2001 Simi (\$17) and 2001 Clos du Val (\$21).
Wallet friendly: 2002 Lindemans Bin 65 (\$8).

MERLOT

Rich and generous: 2000 Clos du Val, Napa Valley (\$25).
Soft and lush: 2000 Chateau Souverain, Alexander Valley (\$18).
Wallet friendly: 2001 Delas Freres, Vin de Pays d'Oc (\$8) and 2000 Bulletin Place, Australia (\$8).

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

SCHOOL

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Several of the six kitchens include cameras that zoom in on instructors with monitors for the students at each station. The demonstration kitchen includes a DVD player, VCR and a personal computer. "If I want to do a demonstration, the camera and a small monitor allows you to see all of the action," Konowalow said.

There will be less huddling around the instructor, as each of these students will have his or her own stations and setups.

Here's some other highlights from the culinary arts department:

■ The American Harvest restaurant will move to the new facility, increasing the seating capacity to 86 persons - or 104 if the bar area is used - in a dining area of 2,800 square feet. The new restaurant will feature a chef's table, or what might be described as a food lover's box seat, to observe the chefs and the students working in a 1,600-square-foot kitchen and serving their way through lunch, and now, dinner. The restaurant has a tentative opening date in early April, Konowalow said.

Restaurant patrons will be able to walk through a canopied cover dropoff site before entering the facility.

The facility and walkway is adjacent to the north parking lot of the college, so patrons won't have to walk as far as they used to in entering the restaurant.

■ A new pantry, the Main Street Cafe, will feature the old goodies, such as baked goods and confectionery sweets and delights.

Located along the main hall

(in what college officials call Main Street) that connects the business development, the multipurpose room and the restaurant, the former Professor's Pantry will also add carryout meals to its culinary repertoire. Instructor Jeff Gabriel, a certified master chef and owner of The Farm in Port Austin, will oversee that menu, Konowalow said.

■ The facility features a 2,000-square-foot production kitchen and a 1,700-square-foot demonstration kitchen for a food tech class. Students will work at 16 individual stations on four islands which include four burners for sauces, sauté pans or pots and grills. "This is a real teaching lab," Konowalow said.

An oven, a Rational ClimaPlus Control unit, includes a rack to hold 100 plates of food. The unit allows chefs to program the time and temperature to reheat food, while retaining its moisture.

"The students will learn flexibility in how one chef can do a banquet for 100 people," Konowalow said. "We tried that unit with fish, and it worked beautifully."

The additional space allows for a breakfast and pantry class to set up a buffet in the same kitchen.

■ Then there's the 2,250-square-foot pastry kitchen with stations for students. Each station has a steam-jacketed kettle and granite counters to allow for students to create heated sugar or chocolate that needs to retain a uniform temperature.

"When you roll out sugar that's been heated to 200 degrees, you need to put it on a surface that absorbs the heat," Konowalow said. "When chocolate needs to be tempered, they need to know how to do it. You



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This demonstration kitchen will be one of several "teaching labs," featuring these islands suites with 16 individual stations.

throw it out there on the slab, and work with it at the right temperature, so it retains its shape."

A smaller room adjacent to the pastry kitchen will maintain a 68° temperature to assist the students in working with chilled ingredients, such as buttermilk, or chocolate dishes during hot summer days. Breads will be created in a 1,350-square-foot bakery.

CURING AND STEAMING

Students will work in a "drying room," which retains a 60° temperature, for making cured meats, such as sausage and prosciutto. The day Konowalow gave his tour to a reporter and photographer, students instructed by chef Brian Polcyn, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, created landjager, a Swiss dried fermented sausage, and Krakow, a Polish salami. An adjacent demonstration area also has a camera and 10 screens where Polcyn will instruct.

Unbelievably, the old kitchen for the restaurant didn't have a broiler. The new restaurant kitchen has one now. "All we had before was a grill," Konowalow said.

The facility will allow students to learn all the techniques with new culinary equipment that cost about \$2 million. Approximately \$150,000 in donated equipment was given to the culinary arts department by manufacturers.

Another oven uses combination steam-conventional heat. "Say you wanted to cook a duck for the first 10 minutes with no moisture, then the next 30 at 300 degrees with 20 percent moisture, then the final 20 minutes at 370 with no moisture, you can program it in there," Konowalow said.

"Or a chef can monitor the progress of it from a remote location, like checking the temperature. This unit contains a modem, so you can do that. We intend to get the students

exposed to all the technology. Many of the coolers present printouts of temperatures.

Then there's a steam-injected oven and a rotating oven.

"We did get substantial donations (of equipment)," Konowalow said.

"We get them to help us out and there's some reduction in costs. They also know this is a unique showcase. If they sold us or donated equipment, they can call us and ask if their customers can see how something works, we'll say, 'Sure, come on over.'"

Decker wanted a temperature-controlled water meter in the bakery. "We do artisan breads," Konowalow said. "We use different yeast strains for different breads, and it might take two days or more for the final product. The temperature of the water is very important in the development of the yeast. It gives you the right amount of water you need at the right temperature."

College officials hope this Main Street will burst onto the national culinary scene as a home of hard work, ingenuity and new technology to help the master chefs of today inspire young chefs of tomorrow.

The VisTaTec facility was created to keep Schoolcraft at the forefront of new technology in business development and culinary arts.

"That was the thrust of the president's vision of the college is to be leaders in education, not followers and to create new opportunities," Konowalow said.

"There was much interaction with the chefs and instructors, many of whom designed many kitchens of their own. The blueprint changed dramatically. The kitchen or labs were really developed with the students in mind and the technology that's available."

Decker called the facility a wonderful place. "We've got unbelievable support from the college and the community," Decker said. "They allowed me to design a pastry

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for distance learning is great. Culinary arts is so hands-on, and a lot of what we do is so visual, I think it lends itself to this kind of instruction."

"It's our dream kitchen," Weinkauff said. "It's what every cook dreams of cooking in. There are no compromises here. I'll probably be spoiled here, and we'll probably never want anything less than this, but we'll have experience in the archetype of the perfect kitchen. Our expectations will always be great, and it gives us something to shoot for."

Two years ago, Weinkauff decided "this is what I wanted to do."

"I'll spend a 14-hour day in this kitchen or at work (at Loving Spoonful in Farmington, where he is a part-time pastry and sauté chef)," Weinkauff said. "I'll have so much fun compared to my desk job. Not that I didn't enjoy my desk job, but this is outrageously fun."

kitchen completely. Completely. They realized my vision to create the perfect pastry shop and instruct the students in it."

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WINNING INGREDIENTS

Here are some highlights of the new VisTaTec facility at Schoolcraft College:

■ The entire facility cost \$26.7 million, split between the state and the college. The culinary arts department, including the department's six kitchens and the American Harvest restaurant, will take up 21,000 square feet of the 85,740 square feet of VisTaTec.

■ American Harvest, tentatively scheduled to open in early April, will seat up to 86 persons or 104 if the bar area is used. The restaurant also will be open for dinner, along with the traditional lunch hour. A new pantry, the Main Street Cafe, will feature baked goods and sweets, and add another new offering (carryout meals) to the menu.

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■ The additional room allows for Schoolcraft to educate more culinary arts students. Currently, Schoolcraft has 144 students in the program each year, but the new facility will allow for about 200 in the program.

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'Annie's' star-filled cast includes a couple on all fours

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If Annie's the most famous orphan ever to grace the Great White Way since Oliver, then her dog, Sandy, is second only to Toto, Dorothy's furry pal in the *Wizard of Oz*.

And while there are several well-known names on the marquee for "Annie," now playing at the Fox Theatre, the canine stars, Buster and Kelly, don't garner top-billing.

They do, however, get royal treatment, thanks to their trainer A. J. Sullivan.

"When the cast flies from city to city, we drive our dogs. On the airlines, you have to sign their life away," says Sullivan, who is on his 10th touring production of *Annie*.

If the distance between cities is particularly long, as it was with a recent stint from Memphis to Boston, the production company often flies another driver out to help transport the dogs in safety and comfort.

And as far as accommodations go, Buster and Kelly have been able to stay in the same hotel as the cast, even if "no pets" is the usual policy.

"The hotels see it as a celebrity thing. They are very accommodating," says Sullivan, who rooms with his canine friends and sometimes allows them to have a sleep-over with Annie.

THE TALE OF SANDY

While Sullivan, a Boston native, is also an actor and understudy for three roles in "Annie," certainly his most challenging role is as dog trainer. He is responsible for the execution of all Sandy's "behaviors," or tricks, during each show.

"Buster's been traveling for four or five years now, and just like it's hard for some actors to sustain enthusiasm, it's that way for him," says Sullivan.

Typically a beef jerky treat or a chance to play with a squeaky toy is all Buster needs to keep him in top performance.

Kelly, the understudy, is still pretty green in the role, but her story reads like the discovery of Lana Turner at the lunch counter at Schwab's.

"When we found Kelly wandering the streets of Newark, she was down to 60 pounds. We took her in and trained her," says Sullivan.

The "we" he refers to is his boss, Bill Berloni, the original trainer of Broadway's first Sandy.

As Broadway legend goes, Sandy was plucked from the animal shelter eight hours before she was going to be put down. Berloni, who was also an animal behaviorist at the Human Society of New York, decided that rescuing dogs from shelters to play Sandy and Toto would be a good idea. It's been more than 30 years, and that is still the policy.

Sullivan has worked with four or five different

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Sandys, but, he says, that role is nothing compared to Toto, who has to be on stage the entire show.

Sullivan was last in Detroit when he accompanied Toto in the *Wizard of Oz* production that starred Mickey Rooney and Eartha Kitt.

The way the schedule stands now, Detroit is the last stop for this national tour of *Annie*, so that means Buster and Kelly will have some chill time on a farm in Connecticut with other working animals.

No rest for Sullivan, though. He'll be working on a new production of *Gypsy*, which requires a small lap dog and a lamb. And the story goes

As far as *Annie* goes, what's not to love about that adorable red-headed mop top?

Kids love *Annie*.

Adults who, as kids, loved *Annie*, still love *Annie*.

It's an unending audience of adoring fans. Set in New York City during the Depression, *Annie* is the ultimate rags to riches story. An orphan searching for her lost parents, a billionaire who befriends the adorable waif, controversy, heartache, redemption, cute dog — all this and a winning score from Charles Strouse.

Ever the optimist, 11-year-old Annie, played by Maggie Watts and Addison Timlin, dreams of a better life outside Miss Hannigan's orphanage. When she befriends Daddy Warbucks, she wins the old curmudgeon's heart, only to have what she thinks are her real parents come and whisk her away.

The storyline is certainly predictable, but no one sees *Annie* to be surprised by it. The love of the musical comes from its unflappable energy and its endearing hope that even though today was a bad day, tomorrow's going to be better.

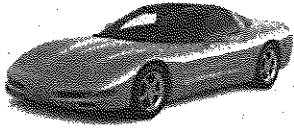
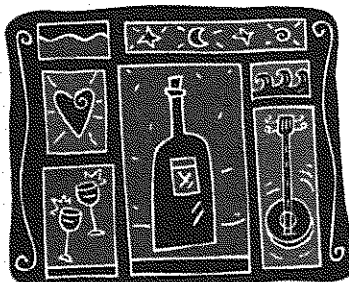
Two worthy reasons to see this traveling production, other than the canine leads, are its stars Marcia Lewis Bryan, who plays Miss Hannigan, and Conrad John Schuck, who plays Daddy Warbucks.

While Broadway's *Annie* is pushing 30, she continues to exemplify the hope and spirit of the child in us all.



Annie played by Maggie Watts, Marcia Lewis Bryan as Miss Hannigan, Conrad John Schuck, as Daddy Warbucks, and Sandy the dog in a scene from 'Annie.'

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'Merry Wives,' 'Coriolanus' challenge cast

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The actors in a great repertory company transform themselves each night. They bury themselves in the playwright's imagination, one night a clown and the next a tragic prince.

The University Musical Society in Ann Arbor is presenting London's Royal Shakespeare Company in two of the Bard's plays that are polar opposites in character, tone and style. The cast members take on strikingly dissimilar roles, giving the audience a rich lesson in the actor's art.

One night, in the airy *Merry Wives of Windsor*, Greg Hicks is a mincing, fumbling French doctor with a ludicrous and hilariously pinched French accent. The next night he assumes grandeur as the brave, forceful and arrogant *Coriolanus*. In both roles, it is Hicks' gift for physical acting that creates two believable characters.

This year the choice of two such different Shakespeare plays allows the audience a chance to see several outstanding actors in roles that test their range and offer audiences a fine contrast.

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Shakespeare's time as well. Legend has it that his sponsor, Queen Elizabeth, was so taken with the character of Falstaff in *Henry IV-Part 1*, that she asked Shakespeare to write a comedy featuring the corpulent, fun-loving knight.

The result is an early example of situation comedy. Though not one of Shakespeare's great comedies, it does have an amusing plot, fast word play (some lost to

time) and several comic types that good actors can bring to vivid life.

Director Rachel Kavanagh has chosen to give the characters a more modern setting, post-WWII England. The inspiration for the setting being lines in the text about Falstaff and his entourage of now disengaged soldiers, a disolute lot if ever there was one.

The carousing, middle-aged Falstaff is plotting to enrich

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himself by seducing two married women and stealing from their husbands. The two women have different ideas and set about giving the old buffoon his comeuppance, not once but three times. In a side plot, three suitors pursue the young Mistress Page.

At the center of things is the great Richard Cordery as Falstaff. Cordery has a magnificent command of Shakespeare's English. When he speaks the lines, they flow as naturally as speech and each word is given its proper weight and meaning.

He moves his bulk with a self-satisfied swagger, seeing a charm in himself that eludes others.

The play has several broadly comic characters. Hicks' French Doctor Caius draws loud laughter both for his strange, fidgety walk and his garbled English. Tom Mannion is the Mistress Ford's jealous husband, who wears a constipated scowl as he agonizes over whether or not his wife is cheating. Alison Fiske lays on a thick cockney accent as Mistress Quickly, who is none too quick in her efforts as a liaison of love and tomfoolery.

The Merry Wives of Windsor is a sweet trifle, well-played, as the Queen intend-

ed.

'CORIOLANUS'

Shakespeare's last tragedy has only recently gained respect for its complex exploration of power, privilege and democracy.

Hicks takes center stage as the Roman Caius Martius, who wins the name *Coriolanus* after his victory against the Volscians at Corioli. He is a recklessly brave man, urged on by his class and his ambitious mother. He wins a great victory in a bloody battle.

When he returns to Rome, the aristocratic Senate wishes to reward him by making him consul. But first he must humble himself before the masses and seek the support of the tribunes, the spokesmen for the citizens. Coriolanus refuses to pander. He despises the masses, thinks any consideration of their views is dangerous, abhors democracy and will not ask for what he believes is his.

Shakespeare presents a brilliant debate about who has earned the right to rule, including a poetic take on the trickle-down theory. The play's strength is that a modern audience finds much to admire and loathe in Coriolanus and his arguments.

Director David Farr has the characters dressed in Samurai clothes and Keith Clouston's music draws on Kodo drum

music. The code of the Samurai is similar to Coriolanus' strict warrior. The production is highly stylized with elaborate battle scenes, sword play and crowd scenes.

Hicks presents Coriolanus with a proud, erect stance, a firm, rigid face, a graceful thrust in battle and a constant agitation like a caged leopard. His voice is strong, etched with the arrogance of the always rich.

There are several other outstanding performances. Richard Cordery's Menenius is a Roman senator who wants to keep the peace while having his own amused scorn for the masses. Again Cordery delivers the language with clarity and astuteness. Tom Mannion is forceful as the most vocal of the tribunes (who with power become what they despise).

Alison Fiske goes from Cockney maid in "Merry Wives" to domineering mother with a clipped, aristocratic Katharine Hepburn snap as Volumina, whose relationship with her son has a Freudian tinge. Tiny Lindsey Fawcett, Falstaff's boy page in the comedy, is a firebrand as a street corner rabble rouser. David Killick is another actor at home with Shakespeare's language in his role as Coriolanus' sponsor.

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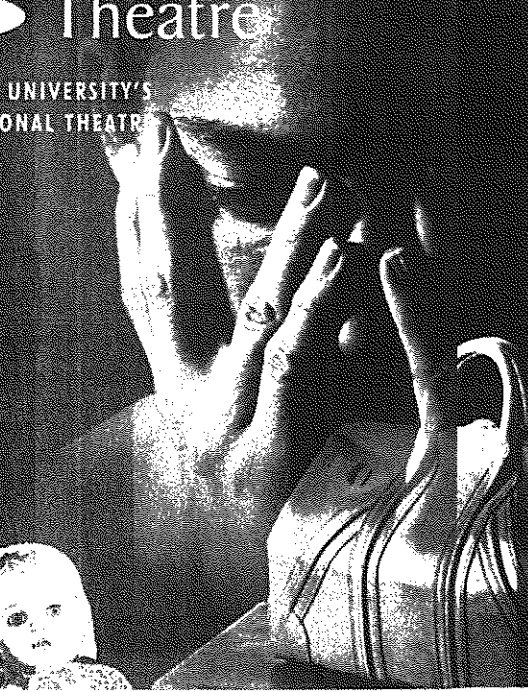


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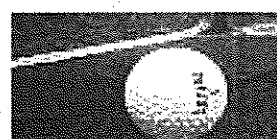
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STATE THEATRE, 233 State St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-8667 or www.michtheater.com. Adult admission, \$8, students and senior citizens, \$6.25. Call theater for schedule.

UPTOWN BIRMINGHAM 8, 211 South Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, (248) 644-3456. Adult admission is \$8.50 in the evening and \$6 for matinee showings before 6 p.m. Admission for seniors age 55 and older is \$5.50 all the time. Admission for children age 12 and under is \$5.75 all the time.

Call theater for schedule. **LOCAL FILMS & FILM ETCETERA** Opened Feb. 21 with run of several weeks expected. P.I. Blues, directed, written and produced by Jim Dudek of Detroit with local actors, a romantic comedy about a private detective wanna-be. Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile in Novi, call (248) 319-3456.

Sit back and watch 24 hours of movies for a good cause

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Love movies? Like to help others?

"Hollywood Nights," Thursday-Friday, March 20-21, offers film buffs the opportunity to watch movies for 24 hours on 15 screens at the Star John R to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

"It's a chance to mix a hobby with being able to help support some really important work," said Betsy Bonnell, assistant development director for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. "There are people who love to go to movies. It's an escape, a chance to get away from it all for a couple of hours."

Participants must raise a minimum of \$94.70 in pledges to participate in the event.

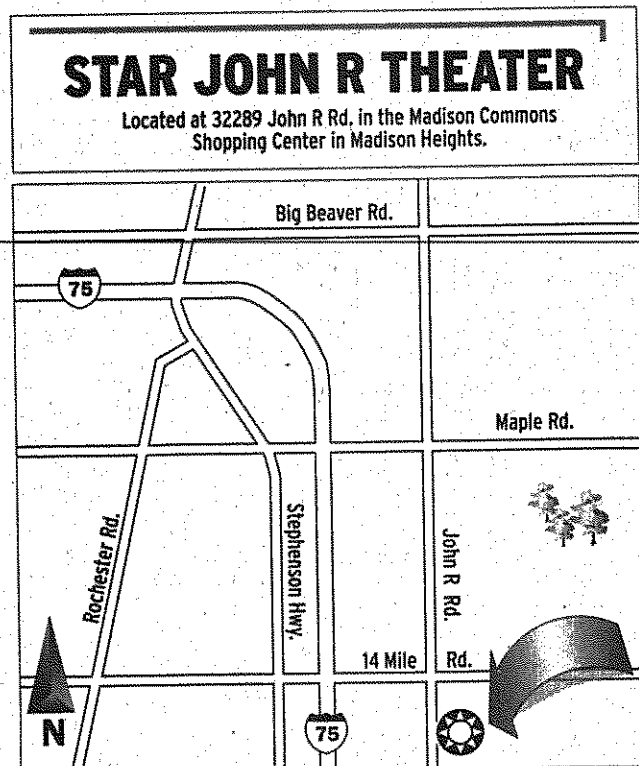
New releases will be shown 10 a.m. to midnight on Thursday. Oscar contenders, and other films, will be shown midnight until 10 a.m. Friday. That adds up to nine movies with an average running time of 2 1/2 hours.

Marathoners will be treated to free popcorn and pop, lunch and dinner Thursday, and an early-bird breakfast on Friday.

The "Super Star" who collects the most money in pledges wins a trip for a family of four to Club El Mandarin on the beaches of Cancun, Mexico, courtesy of Funjet Vacations.

"We'll be showing new releases and current films that are in the theaters and Oscar contenders," said Bonnell. "The last movie of the marathon will be an exclusive preview. We'll have the list of movies the week before the event."

The Movie Marathon was



part of a radiothon to raise money for the foundation. Held in July 2000 and July 2001, the events were successful, and people called to inquire about them.

This is the first year the event is being held separately from the radiothon sponsored by 94.7 WCSX.

"We knew we had a core group that liked movies," said Bonnell. "So far, 20 people have registered. We're getting calls from families of patients, too. It's a way for them to support the organization."

Registration forms for "Hollywood Nights" are available at all metro Detroit Star Theaters or call (800) 825-2536.

You can also register at CLF's

Web site, leukemiamichigan.org.

To register on the day of the event, bring your collected pledges to the Movie Marathon table in the lobby of the Star John R, 9-10 a.m. Thursday, March 20. The marathon begins 10 a.m. Thursday, March 20, and ends 10 a.m. Friday, March 21.

CLEF is an independent, statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance and emotional support to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders.

Event presenters include Star Theatres, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and 94.7 WCSX.

AT THE GALLERIES

Making contact: Please submit items for publication in At the galleries to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance of the event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery

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Artspace

is celebrating its 20th year of business in March, 303 E. Maple, Birmingham. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, (248) 258-1540, artspace2@mindspring.com

Cass Cafe Gallery

Works by Robert Mirek through mid-May. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit, www.lmstudio.com/selections2003

Livonia Arts Commission

Paintings and photographs by Jay Asquini, March 2-31 in the exhibition cases, second floor Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Sharon Will, original fine art, March 3-31, Fine Arts Gallery (second floor), reception in the gallery, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 9, Palette Guild - Art Club, Mixed Media, March 3-28, Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, (734) 466-2540.

FESTIVAL

Nativity Episcopal Church 22nd Festival of the Arts, Friday-Sunday, March 28-30, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Township, between Lahser and Cranbrook/Evergreen. 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, gallery open; 7-10 p.m. meet the artist's reception with harpist Susan Paree (\$10), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, gallery open, 2-5 p.m. tea with dessert (\$5); noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, gallery open. Admission, \$3 unless noted otherwise. (248) 646-4100.

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Franklin Council for Visual & Performing Arts

Looking for artists working in a variety of media for the 23rd annual Labor Day Fine Arts Show, Art on the Green, Monday, Sept. 1. For an application, call (248) 594-3093

Livonia Arts Commission

Winter scenes of Livonia: Paintings or photographs to be entered by Nov. 10, 2003. Call Community Resources for details (734) 466-2536

P.F. Galleries

New fine art gallery seeks art works for the 2003 season and beyond. Interested in works on paper and canvas, all media at 213 E. 14 Mile Road, Clawson. Call Whitney Jackson at (248) 593-5997

Plymouth Community Arts Council

A \$500 fine arts competition for high school seniors in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Applications available at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth. The deadline is Saturday, March 15, Award winner announced

April 15. (734) 416-4278

Warren Cultural Commission

Warren's Annual Art in the Park (23rd) applications now available for original art work or crafts (no kits) This festival will be at Halmich Park July 12-13. Entry deadline is May 10. Call (586) 977-1837 for details

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

Creative Arts Center

Black History Month Exhibit: The Art of Ivan Stewart; through March 29 at 47 Williams St., Pontiac. (248) 333-7849

Au Courant Interior Design

Studio/Gallery Gail Mally-Mack exhibit through March 8 at 23255 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale (248) 548-3770

Birmingham Historical Museum

Leaving Footprints: The Artistry of Robert Thom through April 12 at 556 W. Maple, Birmingham. Admission \$2/adults and \$1/seniors, students and BHS members. (248) 642-2817

Cranbrook Academy and Art Museum

Staying Power exhibit runs through March 30 at Network Gallery, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3312

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19th century paintings, contemporary art and copies of the masters, 235 Main Street, between Second and Third, in Rochester. (248) 656-8559

Museum of African American History

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Try a Southern road trip for quirky Americana

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

My sister, best friend and I travel together every year, usually out of the country. We've been to the Dominican Republic, St. Lucia and Mexico - inexpensive with blue waters.

A tricky economy and airline jitters impacted my travel buddies on this trip. They wanted to stay in the states so we decided to drive as far south as the road would take us.

It was our 10-day road trip a la *Thelma & Louise* ... and *Louise*; minus fleeing from the law, a suicidal path and Brad Pitt in our backseat. You know, the journey rather than the destination.

This trip wasn't about art museums or theater. We were seeking Quirky America as we headed south. This was our path:

Day One: Drive through the boring flat lands of Ohio and stop overnight in Darren County, Kentucky. We decide to eat or drink the specialty from every city we sleep in, provided it's vegetarian. Bourbon is vegetarian.

By 10 p.m., most of the restaurants in Darren County are closed. A waiter locking the doors of his diner told us we were in dry county, but we could buy booze illegally in the parking lot of a nearby drugstore after 11 p.m.

No thanks. No bourbon. No good food, but a short drive to the Days Inn cost less than \$25 each.

Day two: A dry night means an early rise. We detour to Gatlinburg, Tenn. Quirky America at its finest: Dollywood and pancake houses. At the Log Cabin Pancake house, 4235 Airport Road, we enjoy pecan, blueberry and banana pancakes with four different kinds of syrup.

Driving into downtown Gatlinburg we pass, and quickly reverse the car at the sight of -



The beach choices seemed endless along our route to the southern-most tip of the U.S., which included Fort Lauderdale, Islamorada in the Keys and Georgia. Some were remote, others were not.

The General Lee - the *Dukes of Hazzard* car! You can stand next to it for \$10, pose like Daisy Duke and get photographed. Next it's the *Ripley's Believe or Not Museum* and a brief glimpse of the *Elvis Museum*. Then a fast drive in the Smoky Mountains.

Days three and four: Swing through charming Savannah. The residents are so wonderfully friendly that we're uncomfortable.

That night we linger at the hip, dimly lit Velvet Elvis nightclub, 127 W. Congress, downtown. We dine the next morning at the Cobblestone Cafe, 130 W. Lower Factor's Walk, a quaint riverfront restaurant that serves nice big bowls of oatmeal. The quirkiest thing that happened to

us in Savannah occurred there. It's a long story that involves doors slamming shut by themselves in the women's bathroom and other creepy things. Locals aren't surprised to hear our ghost stories and they tell us the place is haunted. Ghost stories are part of Savannah's mystique. We loved it.

From there we walk to the Mercer House, 429 Bull St. The book and movie *Midnight of The Garden of Good and Evil* is centered around this house because of the notorious killing that occurred there. (Read the book.) Tourism has increased in Savannah since the book was published.

We forget to eat Georgia peach pie.

Days five and six: By noon, we're on a warm Fort Lauderdale beach. No spring-breakers, thankfully.

Highlight: Mai Kai Polynesian Restaurant and Dinner Show. A restaurant with a Polynesian village atmosphere

including thick tropical greenery and waterfalls plus an authentic Polynesian show. It's known for its seafood, but we had the spicy Thai Coconut Primavera and Hawaiian tabooleh with pineapple. Located at 3599 N. Federal Highway. Web site: www.maikai.com.

Drank Florida orange juice once.

Days seven and eight: Traffic is brutal on the road to the Florida Keys, but who cares when you're with friends, wearing swimsuits and listening to socca music? We discover a pristine deserted turquoise beach right off the highway on Islamorada. Two hours later we realize we're attacked by no-see-um bugs on the sand. Our shins are covered in tiny bites and we itch for the trip's remainder.

By mid-afternoon we're in the southern end of Key West, which means it's the southern-most point of the U.S.

We know this because there's

a big cement marker that reads "Southern Most Tip of the U.S."

On Key West, we stay at the El Patio motel that costs less than \$100. Don't expect luxury for the cheap rate, but it's clean, cute, has a nice pool and is centrally located; 800 Washington St.

Later, we partake in the Key West ritual to applaud the sunset and listen to street musicians perform Otis Redding's "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay" too many times.

Before heading home on day nine we tell the El Patio desk clerk of our quirky journey to the most southern point of the U.S.

"Actually the southern most tip of the U.S. is down the street on military property, you can't go there. The landmark that you found is just for the tourists."

Quirky. Perfect.

We forget to eat key lime pie. Even better.

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Send items for consideration in *Going Places* to Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net

BUTTERFLIES

Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids is hosting the largest temporary butterfly exhibit in the country through Wednesday, April 30.

Twenty-five species native to South and Central America and 10 species native to Asia will fly among the lush foliage and pools of the garden's conservatory.

Visitors can watch butterflies feeding at stations throughout the conservatory, and participate in activities.

For package information, call (616) 774-2200 or www.meijergardens.org/events/butterfly.htm

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BICYCLE OHIO

Join the fun as 3,000 cyclists get together to celebrate 15 years of the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure.

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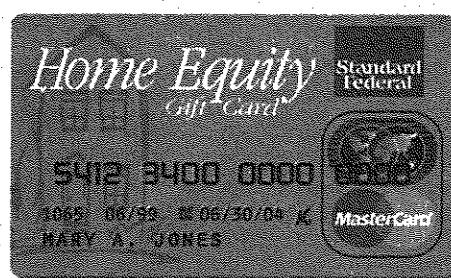
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Sidelines

■ Penguins fall

After opening the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs with a 9-2 victory over Bloomfield Hills, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins lost to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 3-0 Thursday at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

Cranbrook-Kingswood, second in the conference during the season, had defeated the Penguins twice during the season, each time by six goals. This time, PCS goalie Amanda Watkins surrendered just one goal per period and was elected as team MVP for the game.

Last Tuesday in St. Clair Shores, the Penguins got four goals from Kara Marsh and two goals and four assists from Meghan Depp in defeating Bloomfield Hills 9-2.

Olivia Pennebaker contributed two goals and two assists to the onslaught, with Kelli Bargowski getting a goal and an assist.

Amanda Rowley, Ashley Bradley, Sarah Skonieczny and Kristina Creith also got assists, and Rowley was singled out for team MVP honors for her outstanding defensive play.

■ Hockey stars

The MMGSHSL will send a team of select players to Chicago for the "Chicago Showcase" Tournament April 16-20.

PCS players who have been invited to attend are Amanda Rowley, Olivia Pennebaker and Meghan Depp.

The tournament is designed to give female high school hockey players from across the country the opportunity to compete against each other and to allow these players, who are not usually scouted, the chance to be seen by every major women's hockey program in the U.S., including prep schools, colleges and international programs.

■ Canton hockey

The Canton girls hockey program will expand to include under-10 and under-12 teams from the 2003-04 season.

Both team will play in the Little Caesars Travel League with home games in the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. Positions are open in both age divisions for the spring and fall sessions.

Those players who are interested should contact CAHA at (734) 544-4460.

■ Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is dividing.

This spring there will be two sessions on consecutive Saturdays, March 22 and 29, in the Salem HS gym.

Three hours of baseball instruction from Salem varsity players and coaches, for those 7-15 years old, is included.

So is lunch. Registration is \$20.

To reserve a place, or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Ocelots' 78-77 OT win earns trip to Hutchinson

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE MEN'S HOOPS

Like the Wizard of Oz, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team apparently can't enough of Kansas.

The Ocelots will be making their third consecutive trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tournament following a spell-binding 78-77 overtime victory Thursday night over Vincennes (Ind.) University for the Region 12 title at Lansing Community College.

Schoolcraft will take a 30-2 overall record into the

16-team extravaganza, which starts Tuesday, March 18, in Hutchinson, Kan.

Vincennes, beaten by Schoolcraft for the third consecutive year in the Region 12 final, bows out with a 25-8 mark.

Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs appeared more relieved than elated after Torvoris Baker intercepted a Vincennes inbound pass under the Trailblazers' basket as the buzzer sounded.

It was a game that featured a series of several agonizing and exhilarating turn of events.

"There were a lot of big plays and big shots made by both teams," Briggs said, "and we were fortunate we were the team that made the last big play."

"It means a lot to get back there to 'Hutch.' Some teams go once, maybe twice and never get back. Going for the third time in a row makes a statement for our program. It's good for our school and the city of Livonia, too."

PLEASE SEE OCELOTS, C3

Novi just too tough for Chiefs

C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

A long shot.

That's what Canton's chances were going to be against Novi in Thursday's Class A district basketball semifinal at South Lyon. The Wildcats were 19-2 going into the game; Canton was 7-13.

But the Chiefs took another blow when their coach, Jeremy Rheault, was suspended for the game by athletic director Sue Heinzman for an incident at the end of Canton's last game of the regular season against Livonia Stevenson. Following what Rheault thought was a hard foul on one of his players, Rheault rushed onto the floor and bumped the Stevenson player involved.

Heinzman felt her coach's reaction was inappropriate and suspended him for one game: the state district game against Novi.

That left Rheault's assistants, Brian Samulski and Jose' Andrades, in charge — while Rheault watched from the overhead track over the gym floor.

Such misfortune made the outcome for Canton predictable. The Chiefs made a game of it for a little more than a quarter, eventually folding in a 59-40 loss.

Canton finishes 7-14. Novi advanced to Friday's district final against Northville, which beat Salem in the other semifinal.

"This team's been through

PLEASE SEE NOVI, C3



Salem's Dave Hoskins gets sandwiched between Northville's Roger Garfield (5) and Brett Asher. Hoskins scored 27 points to lead all scorers.

BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Season is over N'ville stops Rocks again

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Big players step up and play big in big games.

In Thursday's rescheduled Class A district basketball semifinal between Salem and Northville at South Lyon HS, the Rocks' Dave Hoskins did just that. The 6-foot-4 senior forward scored all nine of Salem's first-quarter points, had 18 of the Rocks' 25 points in the first half and accounted for nearly 70 percent of their offense.

But it just wasn't enough. The Mustangs scored the game's final nine points, with sophomore Marcus Davis getting a pair of key baskets in that stretch, to end Salem's season, 48-39.

The Rocks finished at 14-8, three of their losses coming against Northville. The Mustangs took a 14-7 record into Friday's district final opposite Novi (20-2), which beat Canton 59-40 in Thursday's first district semifinal.

"We didn't deserve to win it," said Salem coach Bob Brodie after the disappointing loss. "Not when you shoot like that, when you turn it over like that."

Hoskins, who has already committed to Central Michigan University, kept the Rocks in the game for 3 1/2 quarters, something Northville coach Darrel Schumacher had tried to avoid.

"All we were worried about tonight was Hoskins," he said. "I guess (whatever we tried against

PLEASE SEE NORTHVILLE, C3

Madonna readies for NAIA tourney

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Ten days ago, it was unimaginable. Now — well, get used to the idea.

Madonna University's women's basketball team is going to the NAIA Tournament.

Despite a 13-19 record. The Crusaders did what no one thought was possible: beat three higher-seeded teams in the Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament in a six-day span, all on the road.

Madonna's run meant the Crusaders would be the ones traveling to Sioux City, Iowa this week. So what if Madonna is the only team with a losing record at the tournament? It's not like it's never happened before. Fact is, the last time Madonna's women's basketball team made this trip, in 1996-97, they were 14-15.

Got the No. 32 (last) seed then, too. Which meant the Crusaders had to face the NAIA's top-ranked team, Shawnee State (OH), in their first game. They took Shawnee to the limit, though, losing in the final minute by a basket, 76-73. So now they get to face the NAIA's top team again, Concordia College (Seward, Neb.), a team with a 33-1 record, in their first game at 6:45 p.m. (ET) Wednesday. No big deal.

"This is very similar," said Madonna coach Marylou Jansen, who was in her first year as Crusader coach

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, C5

PCA falls to Vikings in 'D' final, 80-68

Plymouth Christian Academy battled back, but a first-quarter deficit proved too large to erase.

In a Class D basketball district final hosted by PCA Friday, the Eagles fell behind Detroit Urban Lutheran Christian 27-9 after one quarter, then pulled to within nine, 39-30, by halftime. But they couldn't overtake the Vikings, eventually losing 80-68.

PCA finishes its season at 11-12. Urban Lutheran advances to the Chelsea regional to meet the Adrian-Madison district champion.

The Eagles used a 21-point outburst and stifling defense in the second quarter to outscore the Vikings, 21-12, and pull within nine points, 39-30 at the half.

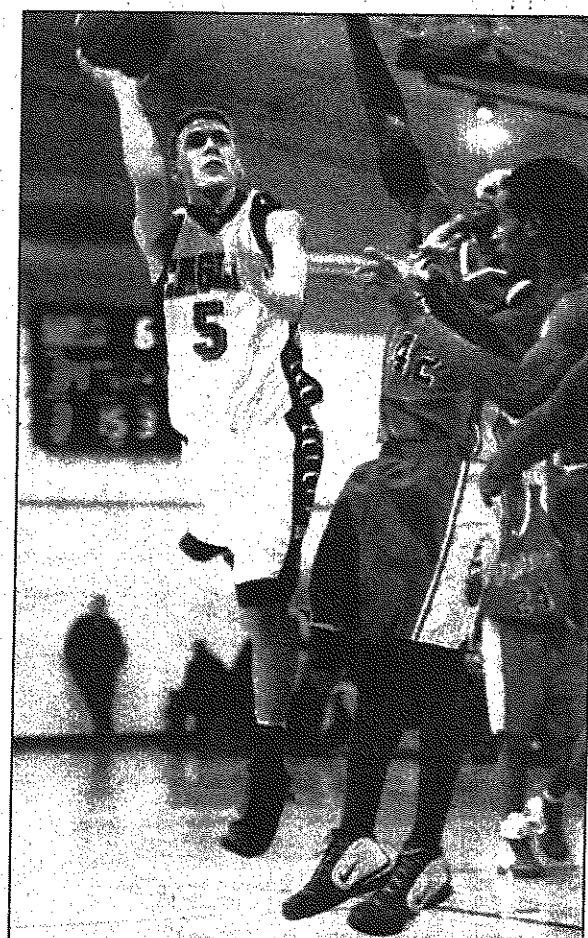
The third quarter saw more of the same on the offensive end by PCA, scoring 22 points. However their defense was less than stellar, allowing the Vikings to put up 23 points in the quarter and take a 10-point lead into the fourth, 62-52.

The Eagles were led by Dan Carty, who netted 19 points. Ben Pew contributed 17 points. Tony White and Brandon Jenkins led Urban Lutheran with 19 points and 18 points, respectively.

PCA 64, Detroit City 59: In the Class D district semifinal at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles got an early lead and staved off any comeback attempts by the Bears to advance to the final.

"It was awesome," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "It was just a great game, back and forth. I'm still flying high. We

PLEASE SEE CLASS D, C3



PCA's Daniel Carty (5) goes up for a jumper in front of Urban Lutheran's Terrence Torbert (42). Carty scored 19 points to lead PCA.

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him) didn't work, did it?"

A week earlier, in a meaningless Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game, the two teams battled down to the wire before Northville emerged with a 73-72 win.

Neither coach wanted the same kind of fast-paced shootout this time around, and that's what they got — a slower, more deliberate style. Indeed, the Mustangs settled back into a zone defense, hoping to keep Hoskins from burning them with his around-the-basket attack.

To counter that defensive approach, all the Rocks had to do was nail a couple of perimeter shots. Which Brodie waited patiently for.

And waited.

And waited.

"We knew all year long zone defenses would be a problem for us," the Salem coach said. "We wanted to control the ball and make (Northville) work it."

Brodie had no complaints with his team's defensive efforts — "Defensively, we did what we wanted to" — but when asked if he had any other scorers on his team, his only reply was, "Not tonight."

"How can you win a game without scoring? We did shoot, we just didn't score."

The Rocks' performance even surprised Schumacher. "I didn't think our zone would take away their outside shot," he said. "I was surprised the others only seemed to be looking for (Hoskins)."

And yet, even after a terrible start — Northville led 12-3 late in the first quarter before Hoskins scored six points in the last 1:23 — augmented by horrible second-half shooting (5-of-25, 20 percent), Salem

still had a shot.

A Hoskins' dish to Dominique Washington under the basket narrowed Northville's lead to 39-37; Hoskins' two free throws with 4:31 left in the game tied it.

But that was all the Rocks had to offer. Their next three possessions resulted in turnovers, the last two culminating in Davis' baskets. "And they were bad turnovers," said Brodie. "Unforced — like we choked. We shot ourselves in the foot."

When Hoskins' shot from underneath the basket was blocked with 1:43 left, the outcome was assured. Hoskins finished with a game-high 27 points; next best for the Rocks was Brad Clark with five.

All of Clark's points came in the second quarter, his three-pointer with 3:50 left in the half the first Salem points not scored by Hoskins. It also tied the game at 16-all.

Which is how it was at halftime, the game knotted at 25-all. A Chris Thomason basket gave the Rocks their last lead of the contest with 1:18 left in the third quarter.

Two baskets by Scott McNeish, the second at the third-quarter buzzer on a wide-open eight-footer on an inbound play, gave the Mustangs a 35-32 lead going into the final period.

McNeish and Davis did most of the damage for Northville in the late going. McNeish — "You can't let him have clean looks (at the basket)," said Schumacher, "he'll burn you" — led the Mustangs with 18 points, while Davis got six of his eight in the fourth quarter. Mark Sorenson also had nine points for Northville.

In the final analysis, the Mustangs got more offense from more sources. Which is why they won.

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30 points not enough

Lady Ocelots ousted

It was one-and-done for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball squad in the District G-H tournament Wednesday in Toledo, Ohio.

Host Owens Tech improved to 21-10 with an 85-65 triumph over the Lady Ocelots as forward Tonia Willis led the way with 21 points and seven assists.

Michelle Vorst added 19 points, while Stacey Weiland and Shannon Kubrick contributed 12 and 11, respectively. Sherita Jackson pulled down 10

rebounds. Pam Wingate, a 6-foot-3 sophomore center from Southfield-Lathrup, scored a game-high 30 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Mia Henderson added 12 points and eight rebounds, while Natalie Shaw scored nine points.

The Lady Ocelots, who trailed 43-29 at the half, bowed out with an 18-10 record.

They shot just 32.1 percent from the field (25-of-78), while Owens Tech made 34-of-66 (51.5 percent). Schoolcraft was outrebounded, 50-45.

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rebounded the ball unbelievably, the best rebounding game we've had all season."

The Eagles took a 17-11 lead after one quarter and, although they could never put Detroit City away, they never trailed. It was 34-32 at halftime and 51-44 after three quarters.

"This is just a huge win for our school," said Taylor.

Ben Pew led PCA with 20 points (on 9-of-18 shooting) and 11 rebounds. Clay Welton added 18 points, eight boards and five assists, and Steve Sumner had 15 points and three steals.

City, which bows out at 8-13, got 16 points from Floyd Brintley and 13 apiece from Vernon Alexander and Chris Patrick.

Westside Christian 69, Canton Agape 51: A 26-14 barrage by Detroit Westside Christian in the third quarter ruined any hopes Canton Agape had for victory Tuesday at the Plymouth Christian Academy Class D District.

The Wolverines finish at 13-8. "That was our undoing," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, referring to the third-quarter surge by the Warriors.

Agape got off to a poor start, trailing 27-13 late in the first half before scoring the final eight points of the quarter to make it 27-21 at the intermission.

Henry had hoped that would give the Wolverines a lift entering the third quarter. It didn't.

"I thought (Westside) did a nice job containing Jordan Napier," Henry said of his post player.

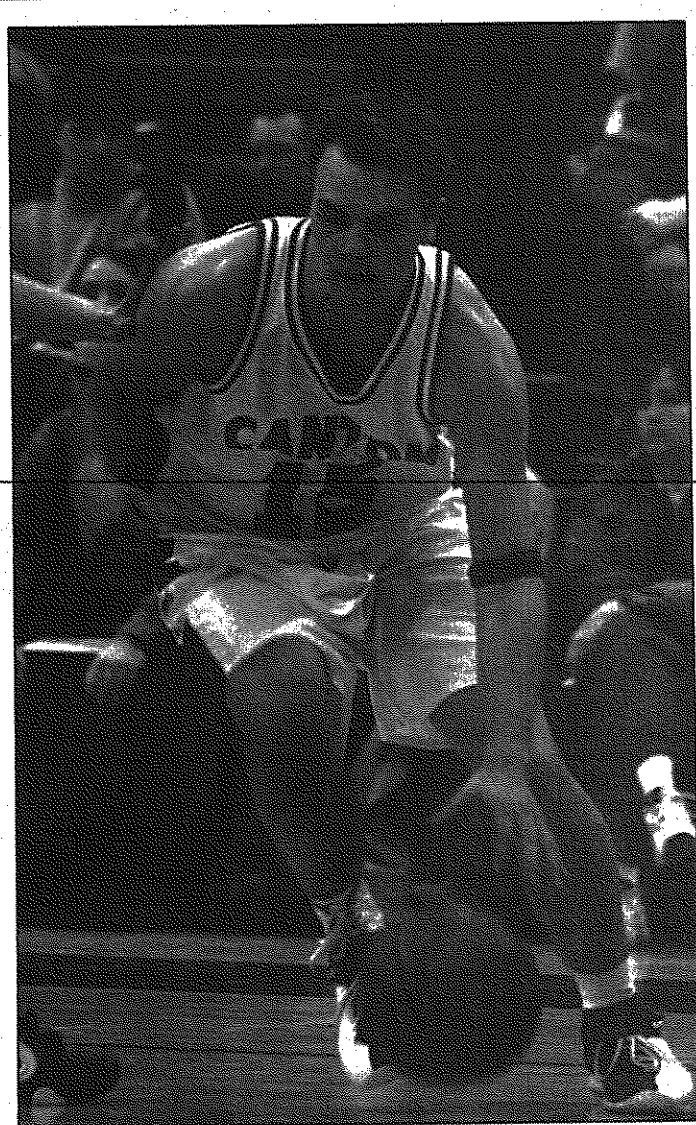
"Every time he got the ball, they collapsed on him."

"We've basically been a one-two punch team all season with Jordan and Charlie (Henry)."

With one punch neutralized — Napier finished with nine points and 10 rebounds — Agape was in trouble. Charlie Henry did score 17 points and Alec Tarnowski added nine, but it wasn't enough.

The Warriors got 27 points from Mike Vaughn, 14 coming in the third quarter. Harvey Johnson added 19.

Westside lost Thursday in the district semifinal to Detroit Urban Lutheran, 63-61 in overtime.



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Canton's Brad Waidmann looks for room to drive against Novi in Thursday's district semifinal.

NOVI

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adversity all season, but not having your coach for a playoff game, that's tough," said Samulski.

The Chiefs trailed 16-11 at the end of one quarter; the second quarter proved decisive, however. The Wildcats scored the first six points of the period and eventually outscored Canton 19-5 to take a 35-16 lead at halftime.

"It was a great game for us," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "We tried to take away their inside game and we wanted to control the tempo. Our defense was outstanding."

Asked if he thought not having their coach on the sideline had something to do with the outcome, Schluter shrugged and said, "It probably hurt them mentally."

"I think we got them frustrated with our defense. I thought that was the key."

The Novi defense was a sagging zone that forced Canton's strength — inside

players Steve Thornton, Brad Waidmann and D.J. Bridges — into forcing that one extra pass, often resulting in a turnover.

That led to a fast break opportunity and a Wildcat basket. After three quarters, they led 46-25.

"Their zone (defense) hurt us," said Samulski. "We didn't get in their gaps real well, and they got their hands on every loose ball . . . in transition, they got five or six easy layups."

Senior guard Chris Lewis got his share, scoring a team-high 17 points for Novi. Chase Chandler, another senior guard, contributed 11 points.

By comparison, no one on Canton reached double figures in scoring. Bridges, a 6-3 junior forward, led the Chiefs with eight points; Dave Nicoloff, a senior guard, and Travis McKinney, a junior guard, added six points apiece.

Canton lost to Novi on Jan. 7 by a 70-57 count. The result this time wasn't any better.

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Guards Marcus Bennett, a UNC-Charlotte signee, and James Holmes, a first-year freshman from Belleville, scored 25 points apiece to lead the Ocelots. Baker, a 6-foot-6 forward from Detroit Cooley, added 12 points and 17 rebounds.

Holmes, who has been the Ocelots' valuable sixth man all season, nailed a pair of free throws with nine seconds left in OT to give Schoolcraft what appeared to be a safe 78-74 advantage.

But Vincennes guard Dale Parsons (25 points), who helped orchestrate a late second-half comeback, drilled a 3-pointer with just 0.9 seconds left to cut the deficit to one.

All the Ocelots had to do was get the ball inbounds, but Baker's long pass to a wide-open Bennett in the Schoolcraft front court sailed out of bounds, bringing it back underneath the Vincennes hoop for one last attempt.

The Trailblazers' Chris Carter then tried to float a pass in the lane to either 6-7 Carl Landry (17 points) or 6-6, 235-pound Jeff Varem (13 points), but the ball never got through as it was snatched out of mid-air by the 6-6 Baker.

The game was nip-and-tuck throughout, 26-26 at halftime and 66-66 at the end of regulation following Steve Preusz's layup with less than 10 seconds left, which forced the five-minute extra session.

Schoolcraft's biggest lead of the second half occurred with 8:06 left when the 6-4 Bennett converted two free throws to make it 54-44.

But the Trailblazers came storming back behind the outside shooting of 6-foot Parsons, who finished the night with six 3-pointers.

Parson's drilled a triple with 1:32 remaining to make it 63-

60, but the Ocelots responded with two critical steals, the first by Gary Johnson which Holmes converted into a dunk, and the second by Bennett, which he rammed home himself with 42.7 seconds to go, putting Schoolcraft ahead, 64-63.

"Those were two key steals at the end of regulation that we really needed," Briggs said. "That was a big stretch for us."

Johnson is one of two Ocelots to play again in Hutchinson. He and Ronald Dorsey were members of last year's 35-1 squad which finished in third place.

The Wayne Memorial graduate wound up six points and five assists. He also knocked home a pivotal triple in OT to give the Ocelots the lead for keeps, 73-72, with 2:07 to play.

But the late steal, Johnson's fourth of the game, turned out to be the biggest defensive play of the night.

"I anticipated his (Parsons') spin move and I got behind him because he liked to turn his back on me when he got the inbounds pass," Johnson said. "This means so much to go back-to-back. Last year I was part of winning team, but

this year I'm going back there as one of the reasons were a winning team. It feels so good."

One key statistic was free-throw shooting. The Ocelots were 19-of-24 for 79.2 percent, while Vincennes was 18-of-28 for 64.3 percent.

"We made 19 free throws and they made 18, that turned out to be the difference," Briggs said. "They (Vincennes) controlled the tempo, but we knew we could stay close with defense, rebounding and not making turnovers. Vincennes hadn't been down there (Hutchinson) in three years and we knew they were hungry to get back."

Vincennes coach Dan Sparks kicked his chair to the floor in disgust after the final buzzer sounded.

"Turnovers (16) killed us," said the Hall of Fame coach. "But we haven't been a very good passing team all season."

"Holmes is a good player and we had nobody to answer him. Varem couldn't hold him. We didn't get our best games for our best players, especially from Varem."

"Schoolcraft's got a lot good shooters and they're disciplined."

One of the most happy Ocelots afterward was the 6-4 Bennett, a Detroit Renaissance grad who transferred to the Livonia campus after playing one semester at the University of Michigan.

"Everybody who comes here (Schoolcraft) is in a different situation," Bennett said.

"For me, this is better than the PSL (Public School League) championship because you're playing for a national championship and I may not ever get a chance to go back. I love my teammates and I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Coach Briggs. I'm just so excited."

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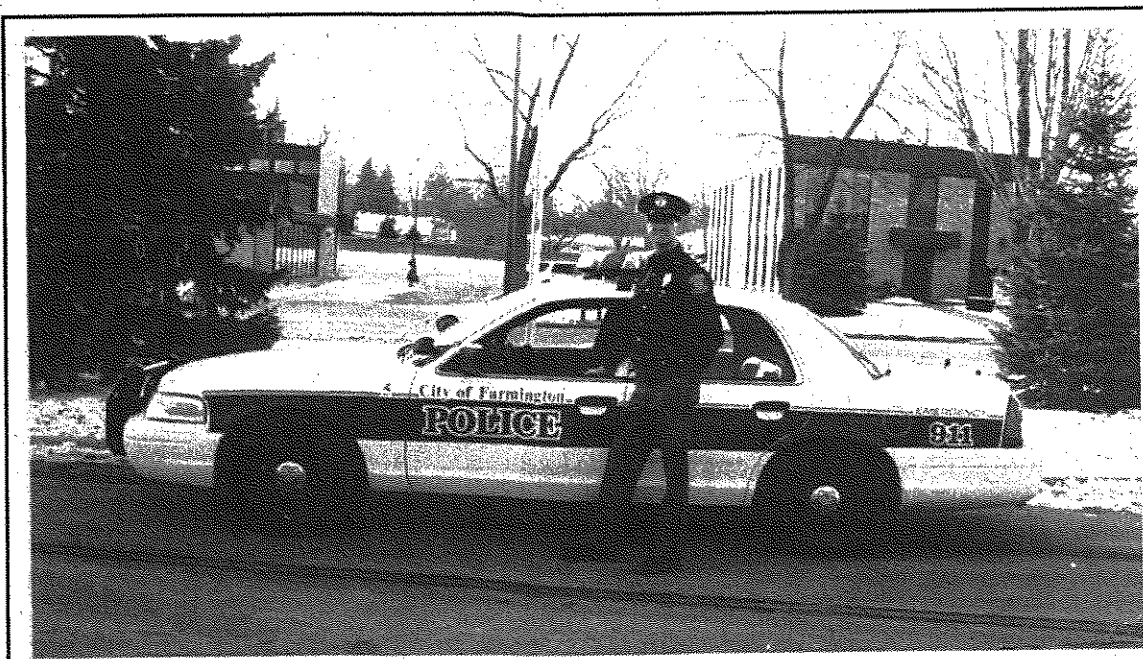
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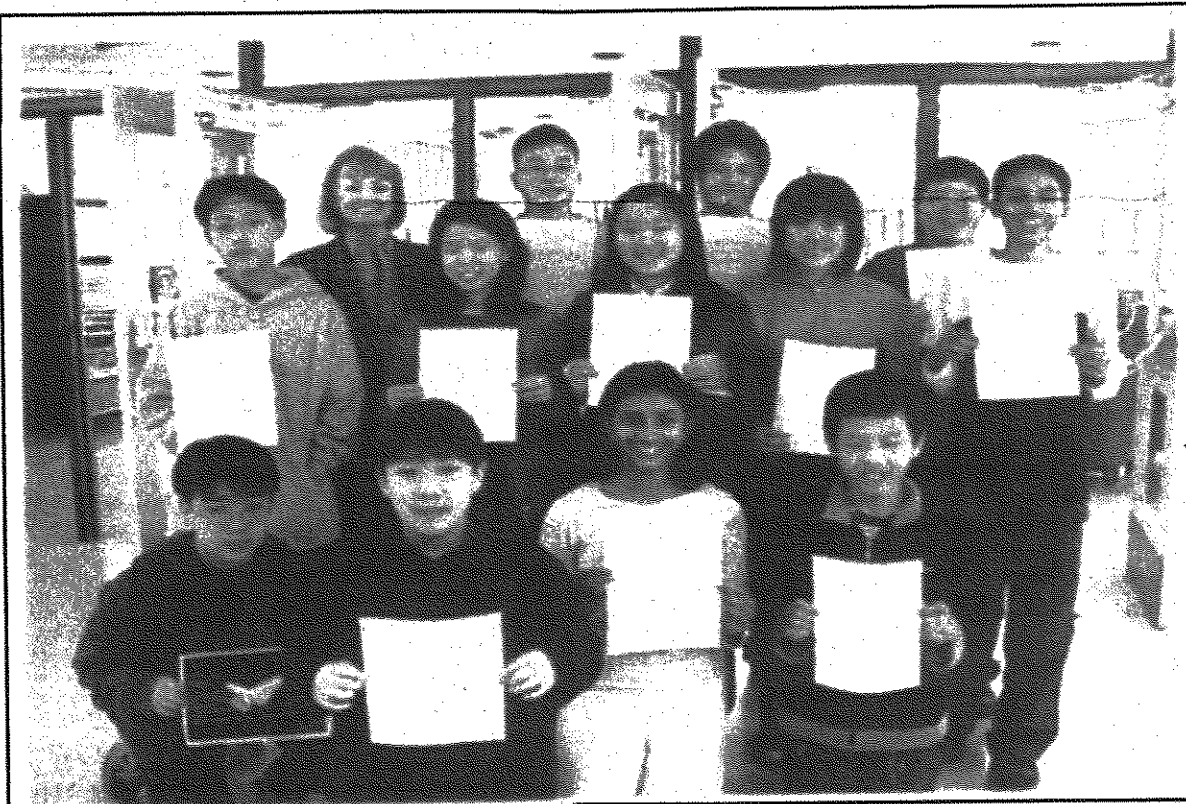


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Farmington High School, Farmington Hills

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1st Place 2nd - 3rd Grade

Christina Herrod

Cass Elementary, Livonia

The talking grandfather clock

Once there was a grandfather clock that a family was looking at. They weren't sure if they wanted to buy it but, the family bought the clock. When the family picked the clock up that hot summer morning they noticed that it had a face with eyes, nose and a mouth but they still bought it because it was for \$1,000. Their son Matthew thought it was a good deal and so did his sister Christina. Everyone in their family thought it was a good deal. But, when they took the clock home it started to talk. The Grandfather clock was saying "HOW ARE YOU TODAY?" and "WHY DID YOU BUY ME? I WANTED TO STAY AT THE STORE." The next morning the grandfather clock was snoring. The whole family was trying to wake the clock up and finally the clock woke up. Everyone was trying to tell him to stop making all the noises and he wouldn't listen to them. They called the company and the company didn't know what was wrong with the clock and why it talked. Finally, a dad named Jim had told everyone what the problem was. His wife Laura was proud of him. The next day Laura called the store and asked if she could return the clock. They said "You can return it" and asked if there were problems. Laura said "yes" and the man asked what was wrong and she said "the clock is talking-weird and he won't stop." The man said "is there anything I can fix or would you like another clock? We have a clock in the same style but it doesn't talk." Laura said "yes, please can you fix the clock?" Laura told Jim and boy was Jim glad to hear that. When Laura hung up the phone it rang and it was the man from the store calling to say "I just found out you can't return the clock." Laura said "Oh, could you see if you know what's wrong?" "Yes, I can try" he said. When can I come to your house? "Can you come right now?" "Yes, I'll see if I can." "Thanks bye." Jim asked who that was and she said the clock store. He asked "why did they call back?" She told him why they called back. He was surprised about what Laura said. "Jim, why don't we tell the kids?" "OK" Jim said. So they found the kids in their rooms and told them what Laura found out. When the man came over he didn't know how to stop the clock from talking. Christina said "what if we put an ad in the newspaper. The girl said "yes" and asked what it was. Jim said "a grandfather clock that is six and one-half feet tall." She asked "what kind of wood is it?" He said "cherry wood." "What color is it?" "a dark shiny brown and, it talks" he told her. "How much money are you selling it for?" He said "\$1,000." The next week the ad was in the newspaper. After a few days someone called and said "I think we will take the clock." The lady asked if she could come and see and hear the clock. Jim said "OK" and told her the directions. When Jim hung up the phone he told the family that they might sell the clock because the lady said she wants to look at it. "So, I was thinking she probably wouldn't like it to talk so we could probably turn it off so we wouldn't have to listen to him talk so weird." When the lady came with her family they looked at the clock and decided to buy it. She was wondering why it wasn't talking. Jim told her that the clock was turned off. So she wrote a check for \$1,000 and gave it to Jim. She said "I'll be picking it up tomorrow." "OK" Jim said. So, the next morning she came. Jim helped her put the clock in her truck. After she left everyone was glad they sold the clock. Laura said "we are so glad, we almost forgot about a new clock." So what they did was the whole family went to pick out a clock they wanted. After Jim and Laura paid, they took the clock home and lived happily ever after with a clock that didn't talk.

Category 3

Honorable Mention

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when they made their last trip. "I really liked how we played that game. We just came out a shot short."

Can the Crusaders do it again? Their last couple of weeks have been, to say the least, improbable — although they've maintained that "no big deal" attitude throughout. Friday's practice looked, for all intents and purposes, like any other practice during the season. No outward displays of excitement.

"I can't think of a better way to end the season," said Jansen, quickly adding that she did not plan on a quick exit. She's seen tapes of Concordia (Neb.), she knows what it can do. And she knows what Madonna can do. And she believes it can happen: A No. 32 seed can beat the top team in the tournament.

Asked if she thought this season's team, which finished fifth

in the WHAC, deserved the honor of attending the NAAIA Tournament more than her last two teams, which won the WHAC regular-season title but lost in the WHAC tourney and never made the trip, Jansen replied:

"What's the difference between this year's 13-19 team and last year's 21-9? Come February, not much."

She believes the strides this team has made in the last month have made it nearly as good now as last year's squad was when it bowed out in the conference tourney. It would be difficult to argue her point. After beating Indiana Tech on the road in their last regular-season game, the Crusaders returned to Tech for their first WHAC play-off game and again won convincingly, 73-62. They followed that with a 68-59 win at No. 1-seed Tri-State, winning for the first time in their history in Angola, Ind., then beat No. 3-seed Cornerstone in the WHAC title game last Monday, 66-59,

using a 21-5 run over the last 7:30 of the game to overcome a nine-point deficit.

That was on the road, too. "I've told them, to do what we want to do, they have to win five games on the road," said Jansen.

Which won't be easy for any team, including No. 1 Concordia (Neb.). But the Bulldogs certainly have more going for them, averaging 83.6 points a game while allowing 56.8; outrebounding their opponents, 41.7-33.6; connecting on 46.4 percent of their shots while allowing opponents to hit just 37.4 percent; and committing 14.9 turnovers while forcing 20.7.

Sarah Harrison, a 6-foot-1 sophomore post player, is Concordia's leading scorer, averaging 13.6 points (and six rebounds) a game. Elizabeth Rhoden, a 5-9 junior guard, is next with a 13.2-point average; she also leads the team with five assists and two steals a game.

Kari Saving, a 5-9 senior swing player, averages 10.5 points a game, and Amy

Streuter, a 5-6 senior, gets 8.6 points while hitting 48 percent of her three-point shots.

A key factor relating to those figures is minutes played. Rhoden leads the team, averaging just 23.2 per game. By comparison, Madonna's leader in minutes, Lindsay Simmon, averaged more than 32; next best was Loriann Tschirhart at nearly 26. Which means the Bulldogs are deep, too. "I hope they have to play their starters a lot longer than they're used to," Jansen said.

For Madonna to win, it will have to adhere to the strategies mastered over the last month: use a patient half-court offense, play tough in-your-face defense, and take care of the basketball.

After last year's backcourt graduated, Madonna had to break in a new one. When the new starting point guard, Lydia Prusinowski, suffered a knee injury in December, the Crusaders had to start all over again. Tschirhart, Jackie

Pingston and Callie Gizicki, who just returned to the lineup after suffering a knee injury, are the backcourt now.

"Our guards aren't young anymore," said Jansen, admitting that while turnovers were a problem earlier in the season (Madonna averaged 23.3 a game), they haven't been since mid-February.

The offense, however, comes mainly from the frontcourt. Simmon, a 5-11 senior forward, was all-WHAC, averaging 17 points and 6.9 rebounds a game.

Courtney Rehbine, a 6-2 junior center, was third team all-WHAC, averaging 10.3 points and 6.8 rebounds. And Nikki

Blaszak, a 5-7 senior swing player, averaged 6.8 points and 4.9 rebounds a game. Top sub off the bench in the frontcourt is 5-10 sophomore Marwa Ayoub, who had 16 starts and averaged 5.4 points, 4.4 rebounds and had a team high 28 blocked shots. One key factor favoring the Crusaders: They outrebounded their opponents by nearly 10 a game.

"I think we can beat them," Jansen said. "It's doable. It's possible." And with that, Jansen excused herself and stepped onto the court, whistle in hand, to tell her new stars how they were going to accomplish it.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL STATEMENT TO TRANSFER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth held a public hearing to solicit comment on the transfer of \$10,000 in 2002-03 CDBG funds from ADA Playground Equipment project to Planning Studies. Hearing no dissent, the City Commission of the City of Plymouth authorized the City Administration to make application to Wayne County Community Development for approval to transfer said funds.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC, City Clerk

Publish: March 9, 2003

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NECESSITY OF PROMOTION PROJECT IN THE PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 7, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, for the purpose of considering the following:

The Necessity of the proposed Principal Shopping District Promotion Project as described in the City Manager's Report dated March 3, 2003. The boundaries of the Principal Shopping District are the same as the Downtown Development Authority.

The public hearing will also consider what part of the cost of the improvement should be paid by special assessment on the property benefited, and what part, if any, should be paid by the City at large; the limits of the special assessment district to be affected; and the manner in which the benefits to be derived by property located in such district shall be measured and assessed.

Appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter prior to the hearing and in such case his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

The project report is on file and may be viewed in the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC,
City Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2003-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING MAP (SECTION 78-27) IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 78-27, in Article II zoning Districts in Chapter 78 "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by amending the Approved Planned Unit Development.

SECTION 2. The parcel is described as follows:

THAT PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 27 DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF N TERRITORIAL RD DISTANT N 3D 22M 21SEC W 683.16 FT AND N 73D 46M 19SEC W 493.36 FT FROM THE CENTER 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 27 AND PROCEEDING THENCE N 73D 46M 19SEC W ALONG SAID LINE 439.96 FT THENCE N 23D 52M 01SEC E 243.95 FT THENCE N 86D 51M 26SEC E 275.25 FT THENCE S 70D 38M 33SEC E 148.15 FT THENCE S 16D 14M 21 SEC W 324.99 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.92 ACRES.

SECTION 3. The Amended Planned Unit Development is further described as 32 two-story residential condominium units in seven buildings and the preservation of the existing "Cassady Home" as depicted on the Site Plan/Final PUD Plan dated November 26, 2002.

SECTION 4. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance, as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

SECTION 6. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies repealed.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after adoption hereof and after publication hereof.

Introduced: February 18, 2003

Enacted: March 3, 2003

Published: March 9, 2003

Effective: March 30, 2003

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Rx briefs

■ Tai Chi

Tai Chi from the Arthritis Foundation, a new joint-safe activity from a trusted source, is coming to Canton in March.

The Tai Chi classes will take place at Summit on the Park in Canton. Daytime classes will be held 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 12. Evening classes will be held 7-8 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 13. Tuition for a 10-week class series of one class per week is \$99. All classes are taught by instructors who have undergone special Arthritis Foundation training.

To register or for more information, contact the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, at (800) 968-3030.

Tai Chi from the Arthritis Foundation is appropriate for anyone seeking a joint-safe exercise program, including those with mild to moderate arthritis. Tai Chi may help reduce pain and stiffness, and improve mobility, breathing and relaxation. It also may help with memory, concentration, coordination, muscle strength, stamina, stress, depression, circulation, and heart and lung function.

■ Home care

Many families in Wayne County have one thing in common - caring for aging loved ones at home. Comfort Keepers of Wayne County supports adults who require extra attention yet choose to live in the comfort and privacy of their own home. The company's nonmedical assistance ranges from meal preparation to basic companionship. It serves clients in Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Livonia, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

"Comfort Keepers lends a hand - from a few hours a day to 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said owner Jim Jones. "For Wayne County families, this offers a great alternative to prematurely admitting loved ones into a nursing home or assisted living facility. We find we also bring much-needed relief from the emotional and financial impacts of caregiving as well as aging."

For more information, please contact Jim Jones or Judy Jones at (734) 727-4663.

■ Cancer retreat

Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center and the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center are collaborating with the Christy Yenkel Fund for Community Cancer Care to present the "Circle of Care Family Retreat" to be held noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens on Dixboro Road in Superior Township.

The retreat is ideal for cancer patients and their families because it provides an environment for communication, learning and sharing. Family members who attend the retreat will learn how cancer affects their lives and discover ways to cope and hope. Activities include a family nature walk and candle-lighting ceremony. Each family will create a "Feeling of Cancer" collage to help them identify their thoughts and feelings about the cancer diagnosis of their family member.

The fee is \$10 per person and \$25 per family. The Family Retreat is open to all family members (immediate and extended), friends and children age 5 and older. Space is limited. Reservations must be made by March 14 by calling (734) 712-2920.

ANXIOUS AMERICA

Dealing with terrorism anxiety

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

For Connie Graye of Plymouth Township, the events of Sept. 11 put into perspective the current threat of war in the Middle East.

"My life changed during that first month after 9/11," said the 50-year-old Plymouth Township resident who works with her mother-in-law in a decades-old, family-owned greenhouse. "I didn't want to eat. I was so opposed to war. This time around, I've decided to take better care of myself."

Contributing to Graye's new sense of equilibrium is the fact that her husband, Joe, recently survived a devastating illness. What was first thought to be pneumonia turned into a life-threatening strep infection that raged through his body and eventually destroyed two valves in his heart.

"Not knowing if he was going to make it, I had to shut down the (war) news," said Graye.

Fortunately, some Americans, like Graye, are taking the war news in stride. However, many are struggling with some tough questions: What does the war on terrorism mean for my family and me? How safe are we? What should we be doing to prepare? When the U.S. Department of Homeland Security raises the threat level up a notch, the nation's anxiety level follows suit.

NO ANSWERS

Many of the questions now facing us have no clear-cut answers.

"The government alert system represents something that we're not familiar with, and when we have something that's both unfamiliar and threatening, that's a good recipe for stress, anxiety, difficulty sleeping and all that goes along with just being worried," said Joseph Himle, Ph.D., associate director, Anxiety Disorders Program, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Health System.

"Many of the sort of stressors we're accustomed to we have some degree of control over - we can drive more carefully, we can stay out of a dark alley, we can stop smoking," said Himle. "In this case, it's harder for us to control the threat we face from terrorism."

Elizabeth Fellows still has vivid and disturbing memories from her youth of graphic television coverage of the Vietnam War.

"The evening news showed the attacks, the killings, the war taking place in front of me," says the mother of four, ages 6 to 13. "I don't want my children exposed to that type of violence, day in and day out. They will know what's going on with the war in Iraq, with the war on terrorism, but I will not expose them to that kind of relentless coverage."

That's a smart decision, says Dr. Barbara Felt, a developmental behavioral pediatrician at the University of Michigan Health System. "Disturbing images like we see on news programs that run the same footage every 15 minutes can be disastrous for children."



Connie Graye of Plymouth is not letting the possibility of war interfere with her daily activities. She has gained a new perspective on life since her husband's near-death experience.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit the following Web sites:

■ Health Topics A to Z: Understanding Stress
<http://www.med.umich.edu/libr/primry/lifelt.htm>

■ Health Topics A to Z: Anxiety
http://www.med.umich.edu/libr/aha/aha_anxiety_crs.htm

■ American Psychological Association: Different kinds of stress,
<http://www.helping.apa.org/work/stress4.html>

■ Department of Homeland Security,
<http://www.dhs.gov>

■ Department of Homeland Security,
<http://www.ready.gov>

People react more to concrete threats, said John Dubosh, supervisor, Clinical Services, Hegira-Westland Counseling Center.

"When 9/11 occurred, people reacted in a more overt manner. People were feeling threatened. People who had delusional issues got worse. Some people imagined themselves dying."

Regarding today's threat, clients of Hegira-Westland talk about the issues in more global, diffuse terms, said Dubosh. However, he emphasized that his counselors report only a "small minority" of clients feeling personally threatened. These are people who have few ways of maintaining internal security and are seeking external means of maintaining that security, he said. Therefore, they may buy far

too many rolls of duct tape or too many gallons of water.

John Lectka, principal of Hayes Elementary School in Westland and the father of three young children, said while he hasn't noticed increased anxiety in his students, some parents have expressed more concern about school safety since Sept. 11.

Lectka's own children are taking the war news in stride. "We're open about it. They hear about it and they move right on through it," he said. "We spend a lot of time with our kids. If we pick up any signs (of anxiety), we ask them about it."

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Normally people go about their usual routine to help manage everyday stress and anxiety. Work and fun, rest and relaxation all help keep our lives in balance, said Himle.

"What can happen during times like these is that we cut back on many of the things we use to balance our lives, to help control our stress. We may spend less time with others, we cut back on our exercise, we don't do as many things for fun - we cut back at the very time we need these activities the most."

In addition to maintaining a healthy balance in your life, Himle is a strong believer in using your body's natural instincts to notice when things aren't quite right. "However, people who try to keep too high a level of vigilance will find themselves more fatigued and anxious, and often less able to respond to a real threat," he said. "I think that if you actually decide to hole up in a center room of your house and duct tape the windows, you'll likely end up more stressed than if you just went about your business and trusted your instincts to tell you when to act."

Preparation does seem to help ease anxiety, and having a few rolls of duct tape won't hurt

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH TERRORISM ANXIETY

■ Continue normal everyday activities to maintain balance in your life.

■ Add stress-reducing activities such as slow-paced breathing, yoga or other forms of relaxation therapy.

■ Trust your instincts to tell you when something or someone seems suspicious.

■ Don't overreact to perceived threats of terrorism by taking radical steps to protect yourself.

■ Do take time to prepare for an emergency.

■ Be informed, but try to avoid information overload.

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Talking with kids about war and terrorism

However, television and other media do have their place in helping our children deal with the larger issues taking place in the world and possibly in their own communities.

"It's useful when important events are taking place - that we know our children will hear about in other contexts such as school - to make sure they have accurate information," she says. Felt suggests parents may want to tape the news, preview it and use portions as a backdrop for family discussions.

FAMILY TIME

In these uncertain times, Felt strongly urges parents to set aside time to come together as a family, to provide a place of support and structure. "Families in which

members have been doing their own thing may want to rethink their priorities and make family time to discuss these issues," she says.

For parents of young children, maintaining daily routines will go a long way toward easing fears and giving a sense of security. Older children will be more acutely aware of potential dangers to themselves and their family members. "Asking what children and teens have heard, responding to their questions and clarifying misperceptions - this is a very good place to start with children of all ages," says Felt.

"I think about it a lot because, like, it's just scary," says 9-year-old Matthew Fellows, who has been having difficulty sleeping lately. "I want to stay closer to home because, well, I heard that on the

news they said the terrorists are going to invade," he continues.

WARNING SIGNS

Sleeping and eating disturbances, hyperactivity, hyper-vigilance, difficulty concentrating, aggressiveness, anger and somatic complaints, such as headaches and stomachaches - all are warnings signs that a child is distressed, explains Felt.

"The degree of disturbance varies depending on the age of the child and whether or not they have witnessed something directly," Felt says. "But even toddlers and infants can show disrupted feeding and eating patterns, which is

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likely related to the parents' anxiousness or changes in routine."

Developing a family preparedness plan is always recommended, but now more than ever officials are urging parents to do so. Felt believes planning is a good way to begin the process of discussion and communication. She says a plan shouldn't be seen as an anxious response to a terrible event but rather a judicious, thoughtful response to times when families may become separated.

Overall, the burden really is on parents to be calm, collected and thoughtful, Felt says. "If we show our anxiety, that will raise anxiety in our children; so thinking through priorities and what you want to discuss before you enter the discussion is really important," she continues.

"And if nothing else, we can always tell our children that we will be there for them, that we love them, and that we will do our best to keep things the same for them," she stresses.

"When I see stuff that's scary," says Matthew. "I'll go to my mom and dad because I know that they'll always have a solution to it and tell me if it's gonna be good or not."

For more information, visit the following Web sites:

■ U-M Your Child: Talking to your kids about war and terrorism, <http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/yourchild/terror.htm>
 ■ Health Topics A to Z: The Anxious Child http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/pa/pa_anxious_aac.htm

■ Department of Homeland Security, <http://www.ready.gov>

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"Thinking ahead and preparing often makes us feel more comfortable about the risks that we may encounter," said Himle. "If it's done within reason, it probably makes sense for most people to do something that they feel prepares them for trouble, even though they may never need to use it."

Many of Dubosh's counselors try to frame the war issues in a context their clients understand. They often talk about it in terms of a family conflict, with different members playing different roles.

"Sometimes when you give them a (familiar) framework, it gives them more control," said Dubosh, adding that it reduces fear and helps them to be less reactive.

Himle also advises anxious citizens to be selective about the information they're exposed to on a daily basis. "A constant stream of information from the television, radio or Internet is not necessary and probably causes much more harm than good," he said.

Although Graye worries about her brother and sister-in-law, both of whom have sons eligible for the draft, she lives her life as usual...perhaps even with more optimism.

"I think everything about me has changed because of almost losing my husband. I look at the war the same way...with hope. Maybe we won't have to go to war. I'm still hoping we'll just get it all together."

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan is appealing the federal government's decision to limit the number of low-income people covered by a state prescription drug program, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Community Health said Tuesday.

The program, which has been in place for a year, requires doctors to use a list of discounted drugs when treating 1.6 million low-income patients who get state aid. The federal government's decision affects around 37,000 disabled children and single adults who have been

covered by that program.

At issue is whether Michigan can extend its cost-cutting prescription drug program to non-Medicaid patients.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved Michigan's request to extend the program to low-income elderly and pregnant patients in December. But on Feb. 14, the department denied Michigan's request to extend the program to the two groups of disabled children and single adults, saying the state failed to show those groups were linked to Medicaid.

Lasher said the state is appealing to the department because it believes many of those patients are poor enough

to qualify for Medicaid. For example, she said, the program for disabled children serves 27,000 children, 15,000 of whom are already covered by Medicaid.

While the appeal proceeds, the state is asking doctors to continue to use the prescription drug list. But is not requiring drug-makers to provide the normal rebates required for doctors to prescribe drugs to those patients. Lasher said she didn't know how much the federal decision will cost the state. Michigan believes the prescription drug program is saving the state around \$42 million per year.

A Health and Human Services spokesman said Tuesday that the department's

decision was immediately forwarded to U.S. District Court Judge John Bates, who is set to decide soon whether Michigan's program is legal.

Drug companies have sued over the program, saying Michigan was wrong to go ahead without full federal approval. Patient groups also say Michigan is violating federal law by making changes to its Medicaid program apply to non-Medicaid patients.

The federal government argues that states routinely proceed with programs while waiting for federal approval. Michigan also says it was necessary to proceed because of the budget crisis the state is facing.

Red Cross offers March health, safety courses

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross offers the following classes at the Livonia Service Center:

■ Standard First Aid w/AED. Teaches adult CPR (recognizing and caring for breathing, choking and cardiac emergencies), Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Training, and First Aid. Two certificates are issued for successful completion. Course length: 8 hours. Fee, including materials: \$40. Offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 21 and 28.

■ Standard First Aid w/AED

and Infant/Child CPR. Same as above, but also includes infant and child CPR. Three certificates issued for successful completion. Course length: 11 hours. Fee: \$50. Offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 11, 18 and 25; and 6-10 p.m. March 17, 24 and 31.

■ CPR Review. Individuals with current CPR certificates can be recertified in Adult, Infant, or Child Community CPR. Current certification and text are required. Read textbook prior to class. Course length: 4 hours. Fee: \$25. Offered 6-10 p.m. March 26.

■ CPR for the Professional

Rescuer. Training for the Professional Rescuer in single rescue skills and two-person rescue breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, infants and children. Use of resuscitation mask and bag-valve mask will be taught. Course length: 8 hours. Fee: \$60. Offered 6-10 p.m. March 20 and 27.

■ Nurse Assistant Training. Teaches individuals 190 hours of skill and theory that will enable them to provide quality care for residents in long-term care facilities. This program meets the State of Michigan requirements and upon com-

pletion, participant will take the Michigan Nurse Assistant Aide Competency test for state certification. Classes meet three consecutive weeks. Fee: \$565. Call (313) 576-4130 for upcoming course dates.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross also offers instructor courses in First Aid/CPR/AED, Water Safety and Babysitter Training. In addition, the Red Cross offers Lifeguard Training. For more information on course offerings, call (313) 494-2740 or visit www.semred-cross.org.

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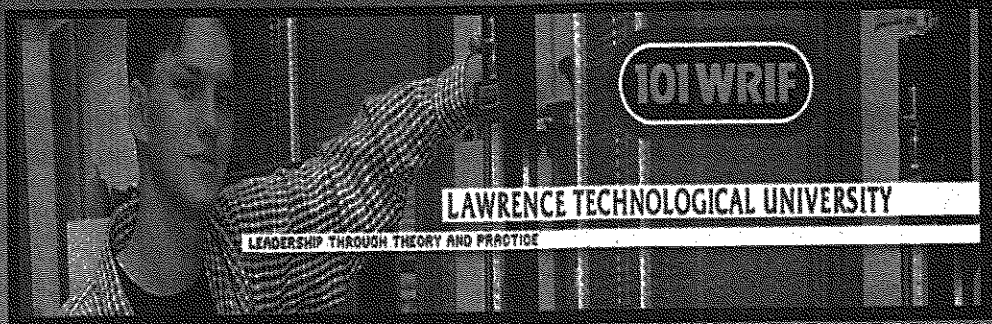
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Grief support

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-7810.

Bipolar

The MDDA-Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement

"Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Helpline: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911.

Headaches

Suffer from constant headaches? Join the Headache Foundation Support Group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Providence Northwestern Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 258-1973. Family members invited.

Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277. Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

Cancer

Join "Focus on Living," a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor, a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at (248) 683-4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net, or visit www.tremorsupport.com. To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation, visit www.essential-tremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

Parents Supporting Parents

Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 849-5342.

Stroke

The St. John Health System-Providence offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 465-4190.

Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance, and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call Beaumont's toll-free Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

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Anorexia/bulimia

Beaumont Hospital offers a support group led by recovering or recovered anorexics and/or bulimics 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31. The group meets in the hospital's 10th Floor-Classrooms A and B, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-9790.

Weight control

Informational seminars for Beaumont Hospital's Weight Control program will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 18 or 25; or 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 19 or 26; and on scheduled Saturdays. The seminars are held at the Beaumont Weight Control Center, 4949 Coolidge Highway (north of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. The Center specializes in the treatment of people who are mildly to severely overweight.

Grief support

Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday. Next meetings are 1 p.m. March 11 and March 25, and 6:30 p.m. both days. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, will offer "Gentle Yoga for Beginners" 10-11 a.m. Mondays. The first six-week session begins March 10; the second begins April 28. The fee is \$55. The class emphasizes stretches for strength, flexibility, relaxation and energy enhancement. Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia, anxiety and stress. Includes breathing and meditation exercises. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

Thyroid

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group will hold its next meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. Guest speaker Brad Mallard, of Health Strategies has more than 25 years experience in trauma and emergency medicine, family medicine and herbal/holistic/alternative/integrative medicine. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail mithyroid@yahoo.com or visit the Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will host a demonstration/discussion on "All About Insulin Pumps" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the hospital's Auditorium. The speakers are representatives from Mini Med, Disetronic and Animas Insulin Pump Companies and Kelly Mann RN, CDE. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. Parents and children with diabetes are welcome to attend this special program. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call (734) 655-8961.

Falling and home safety

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a Community Falls Prevention Program titled "Fall Facts and Home Safety" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. Learn the risk factors associated with falls in older adults and three ways to reduce risk. Free. To register, call (734) 655-8940, or (800) 494-1650.

Ovarian cancer

Beaumont Hospital's Cancer Center, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, will host the "One-to-One Ovarian Cancer Support Group" 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13. Call Marilyn Brozovic at (248) 597-2710.

Fibromyalgia

The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Call (248) 346-3164.

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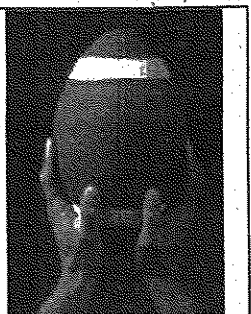
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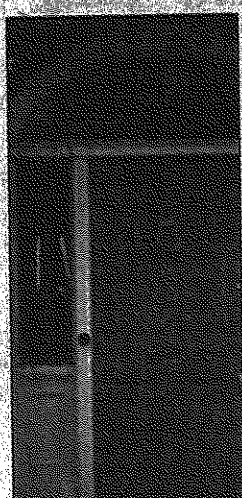
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Silvercreek presents large, feature-laden colonials

Luxury colonial-style homes of at least 2,600 square feet, some 90 acres of open space and access to the Rochester public schools define Silvercreek, detached single-family condominiums in Oakland Township.

Pulte Homes plans to construct 107 homes off Silver Bell Road about a mile west of Adams. Some 40 building sites remain, all on lots with price premiums and all containing walk-out basements.

Prices start at approximately \$420,000 for 2,642 square feet with four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths and go up to more than \$480,000 for 3,120 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half-baths. Those costs would include lots.

"We refer to it as a hidden jewel because we're so tucked in people don't see us," said Sandy Krueger, sales specialist.

"Rochester schools are top-notch. We're minutes from historic downtown Rochester. We're very close to I-75. We like to stress the convenience of our location."

"A lot of supplies we use are popular brand names - Pella windows, Bruce hardwood, GE appliances, Merillat cabinets," said David Rice, sales counselor.

"The (pre-manufactured concrete) foundation system is a great selling feature and has gotten real positive feedback," said Matt Parker, project manager at Silvercreek for Pulte. "It's easier to finish ... twice as strong as a poured foundation."

"We have a 10-year warranty on structure, 10 years on leaks in the basement, five years on any water infiltration, two years on mechanicals and one year on all workmanship and materials," Parker said.

"Don't miss our 24-hour emergency service," Rice added.

"We make a huge commitment to walk homeowners through the process from start to finish. We teach a lot about construction," Parker said.

"Thirty percent of the buyers in this community are repeat Pulte buyers," Krueger said.

Standard features in all Pulte homes at Silvercreek will include three-car, side-entry garages; air conditioning, fireplaces, basements, separate tub and shower in the master suites, and microwaves, cooktops, ovens and dishwashers in the kitchen.

Three of the plans have a first-floor



Colonial-style homes loaded with amenities bring buyers to Silvercreek.

laundry, the fourth situates the laundry upstairs with all the bedrooms.

Hardwood flooring is in the foyer, kitchen/nook, hallway and half-baths; ceramic in the full baths; vinyl in the laundry; and carpeting throughout the rest of the home.

The standard custom-trim package includes wainscot paneling and crown molding.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

The sales model at Silvercreek, 3,120 square feet, contains a two-story foyer and a dual staircase with entries off the foyer and kitchen/nook.

The living room and formal dining room are in front of the home, an office, kitchen/nook with island and large pantry plus a family room are in back. A half-bath is at either end of the main living floor.

All four bedrooms and the laundry

are upstairs.

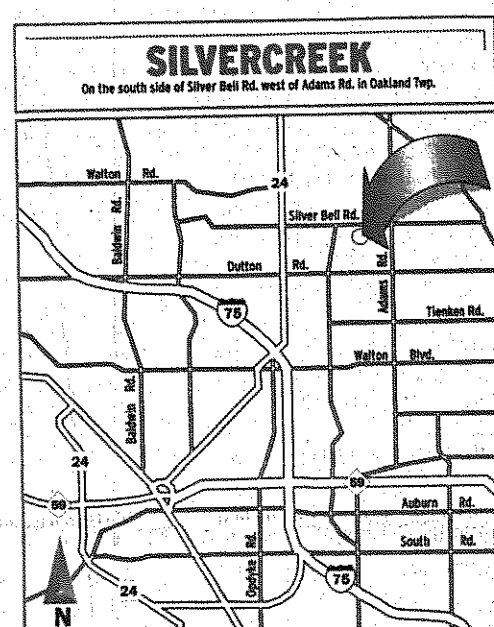
The master with cathedral ceiling features a sitting area, two vanities, a walk-in closet and compartmentalized toilet. The guest suite includes its own bath. The other two bedrooms are on either side of a Jack-and-Jill bath.

Residents of Silvercreek have access to an outdoor swimming pool, clubhouse, basketball court and tennis court.

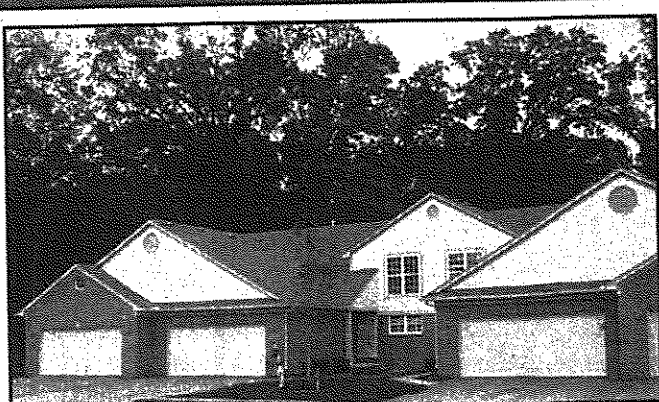
The property tax rate is \$27.29 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$480,000 home there would pay about \$6,600 the first year.

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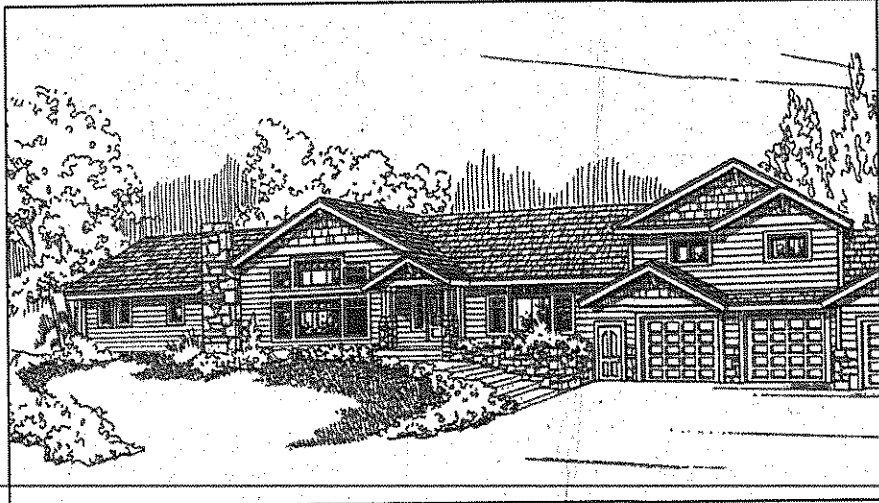
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Large home has eye appeal, many amenities

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The main area of the home is halfway between the second floor and the garage. It is a unique split-level.

The main living area of the Jensen has 2,436 square feet.

The entry has a foyer with a wall separating it and the living room. This room is open to the dining area and both rooms have a scissors vault.

The living room has a corner fireplace with shelves on one side and an entertainment center on the other. The dining room has two doors that open onto a covered porch. There is a concrete walk and patio beyond.

The vaulted master suite and office is to the left of the living/dining rooms.

The master suite is a dream. There are two windows and door in the back with a large shower and planter off the main suite. Large windows bathe the main suite with light.

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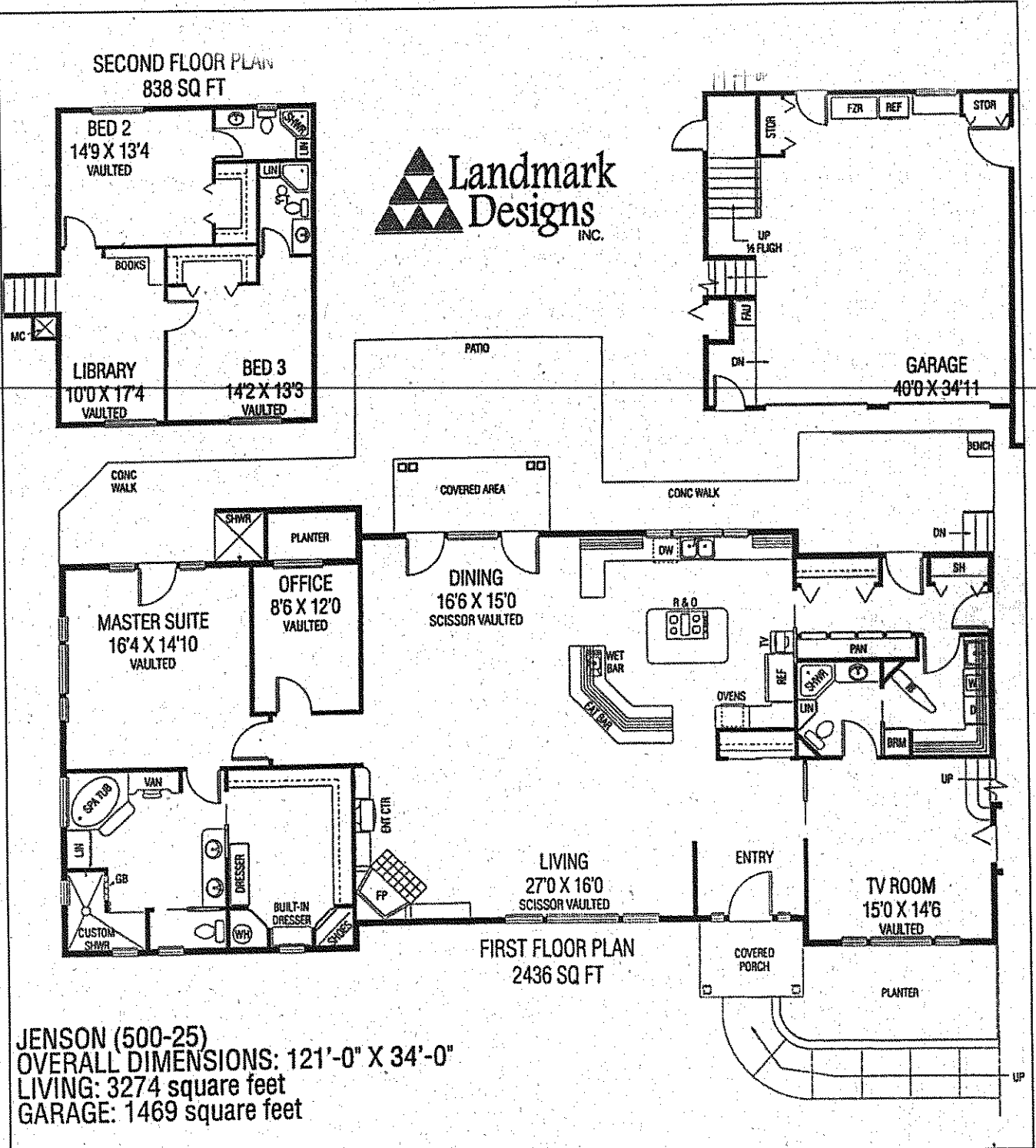
suite is a master bath and a walk-in closet. The master suite has a vanity, a spa tub, a custom corner shower, and dual sinks. The walk-in closet is enormous with two dressers and a shoe area.

The kitchen is to the left of the dining room and is very open. In the center of this large room is an island with the range oven. A large eating bar is on the exterior counter with a wet bar in one end.

A TV has been mounted on the wall for the cooks who like to watch programs showing exotic food preparation. Behind a pocket door is a large wall pantry and two storage closets. Also, a door to the back yard is in this area. The utility room opens off the pantry room with a sink, washer/dryer, built-in ironing board and a broom closet. Another pocket door separates the utility room from a full bath with a shower and linen closet. This bathroom is adjacent to the vaulted TV room.

Stairs to the garage and the second floor are to the right of this room.

Two bedrooms and a library/den occupy the second floor. Each bedroom



has its own bath with a shower, sink, linen closet and a walk-in closet.

The library is vaulted and has bookshelves as well as the staircase to the lower level.

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Easy solutions for tough cleaning tasks

(NAPSI) - If nagging thoughts of spring cleaning intrude on your enjoyment of the season, fret no more. You probably have what you need to make it easier at

home. Here are a few tips to meet those extra-tough cleaning challenges:

■ **Tile and grout.** Wash tile and grout with two tablespoons of chlorine bleach in one quart of water

and dry thoroughly. To recondition the grout, apply several coats of lemon oil, letting it dry for an hour between coats. ■ **Stainless steel.** Stainless steel sinks and appliances are

beautiful, but can be spot magnets. Baking soda is great for general cleaning, but for stubborn spots, try a cloth with rubbing alcohol. A little lighter fluid should take

care of rust.

■ **Silverware.** Line a shallow pan with aluminum foil and fill with water, adding one tablespoon of baking soda per two cups of water. Heat to 150 degrees, and lay the silverware in the pan, making sure it touches the foil.

■ **Windows and screens.** Nothing says clean like sparkling windows. For streak-free windows in half the time, take a tip from the pros and use a high-quality scrubber and squeegee. To finish the job, wash screens with the scrubber and soapy water, rinse, and let dry.

■ **Carpet pet stains.** Mix one teaspoon mild dishwashing liquid with one cup warm water. Dip a towel in the solution and dab at the stain from the outside in. Rinse with fresh water and blot dry. Next, dab the stain with a mixture of a third of a cup white vinegar and two-thirds of a cup water and blot dry. Let dry for 24 hours and sprinkle with baking soda.

■ **Shower doors.** For stubborn soap scum, a few quick swipes with a used dryer sheet on a wet door should do the trick. Follow by washing down the doors with a solution of half a cup vinegar, a quarter cup baking soda and a cup of ammonia in a gallon of warm water. Squeegee dirt and residual scum away.

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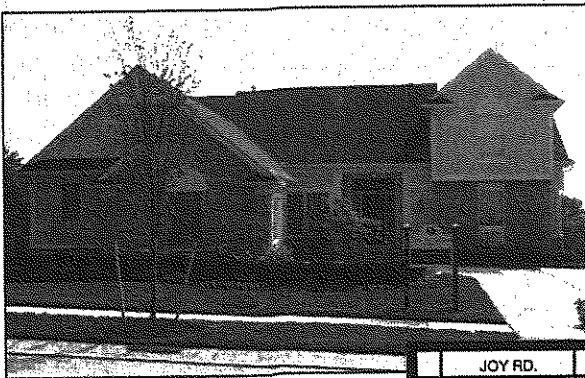
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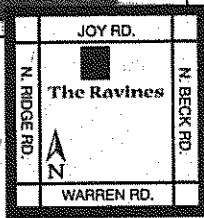
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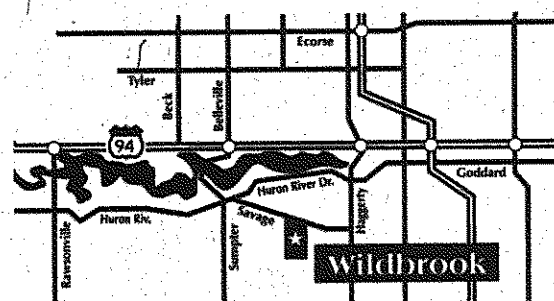
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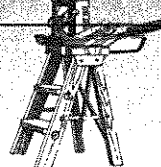


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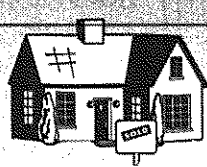
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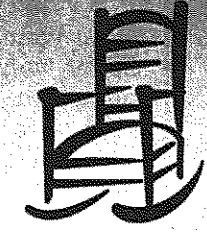
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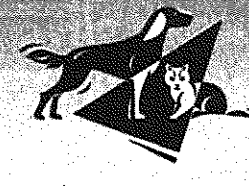
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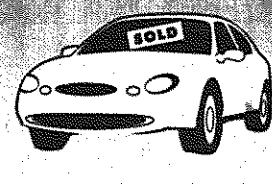
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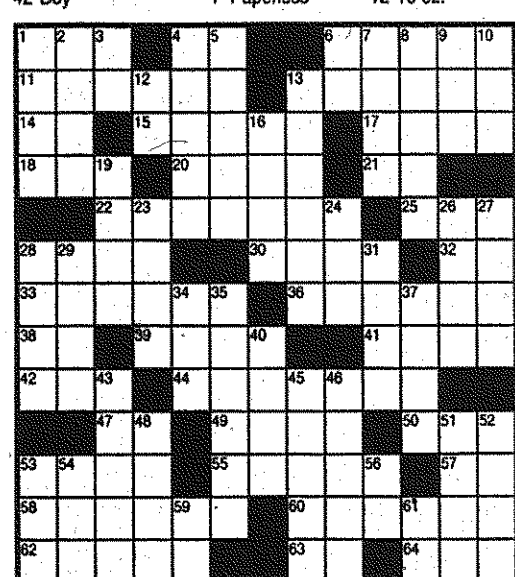
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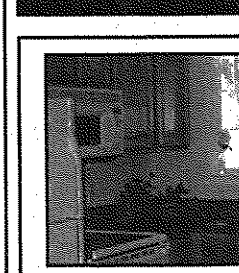
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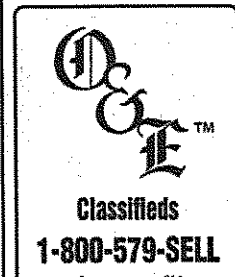
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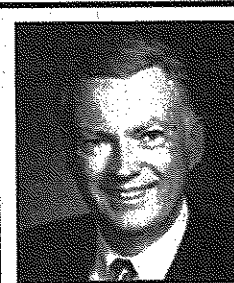
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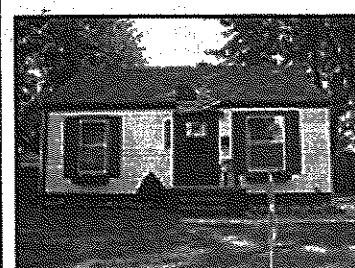


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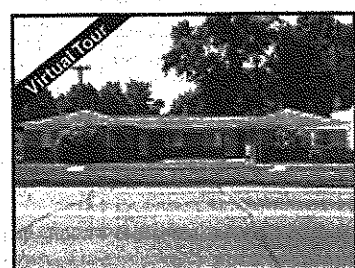
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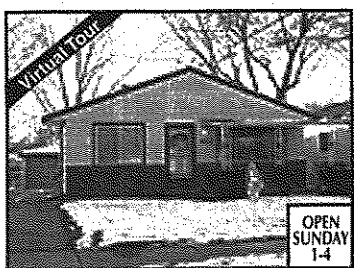
DETROIT — What a find! Aviation Investment Property - well maintained with newer windows (96), new roof (99), and sprinkler system. Maintenance free building, a real money maker! Call Sylvia Florence-Albert.

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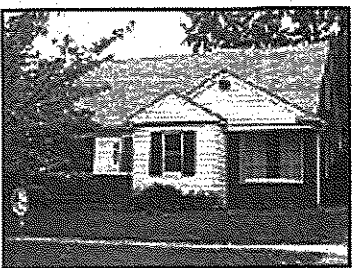
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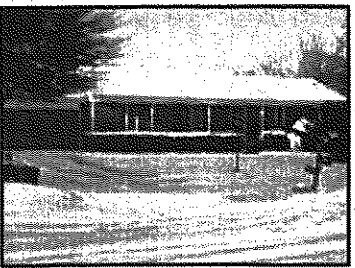
LIVONIA — 20151 Rensselaer, N. of 7 Mile, E. of Inkster Sparkling clean, 3 bedroom ranch. Newer kitchen, carpet, central air, immediate occupancy. You should really check this one out.

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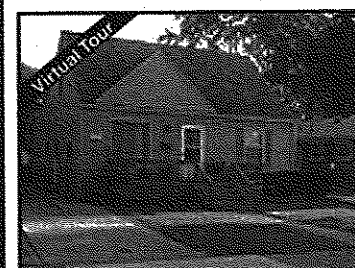
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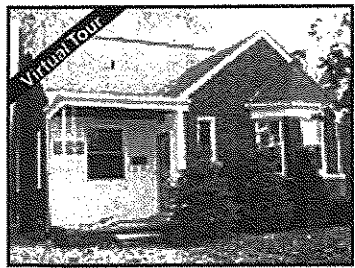
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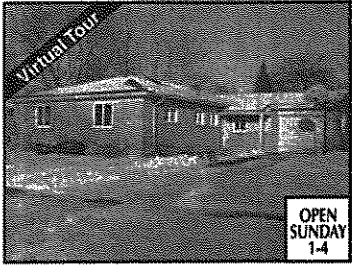
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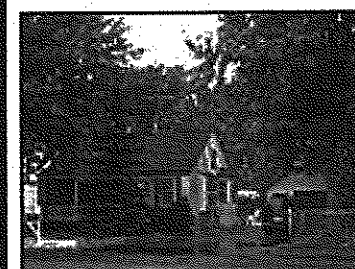
LIVONIA — 22020 Weyher, S. of 8 Mile, E. of Middlebelt You will be impressed. This 4 bedroom ranch sparkles from end to end. Updates: roof, windows, basement, carpet, paint. Kitchen is also updated. 2.5 baths, finished basement, attached garage. Call Barb Brunette.

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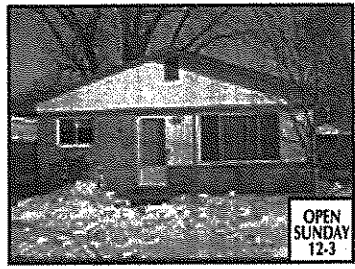
PLYMOUTH — Plymouth bungalow, 1428 sq. ft. of quality living area. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room w/fireplace. Everything new, roof, windows, doors, kitchen, bath, plumbing, furnace w/air conditioning, electric. Double lot, 2 car garage. Call Mike Judge

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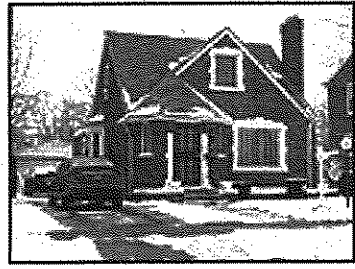
LIVONIA — No time to wait! This cute, 1275 sq. ft., 3 bedroom ranch is located on a large lot. Offering updates including new furnace, hot water heater, vinyl windows, bath and more! Call Sam Evans.

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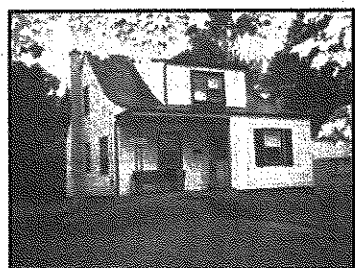
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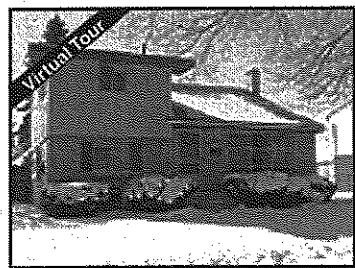
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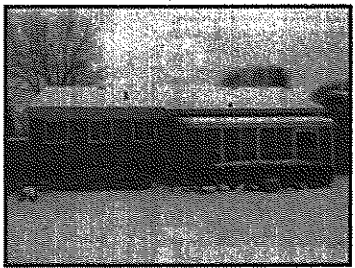
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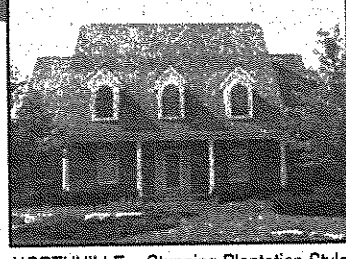
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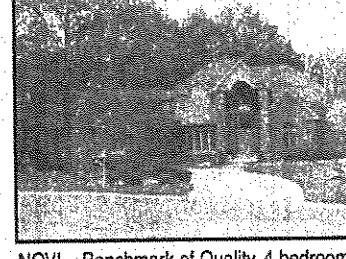
WATERFORD - New construction with open floor plan. Den/office, 2 story ceilings in foyer & great room, island kitchen, 3 way fireplace, 3 bedroom, 3½ bath. 3 car side entry garage. Garden walkout, lake access! Nature preserve nearby. \$450,000 (29MAD) 248-626-8800



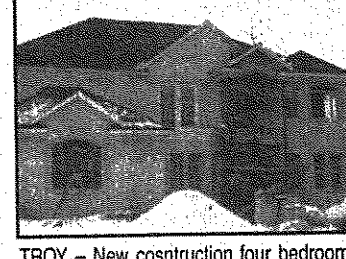
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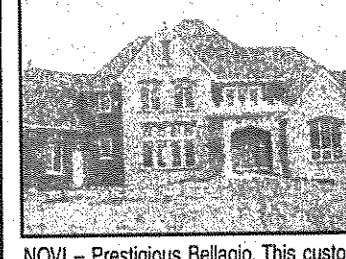
WATERFORD - New construction with open floor plan. 2 story ceilings in foyer & great room, 1st floor master suite & 3 super sized bedrooms. Formal living/dining rooms, fabulous gourmet island kitchen, walkout lower level, 3 car garage. Quality features & construction. 1st floor laundry. \$500,000 (31MAD) 248-626-8800



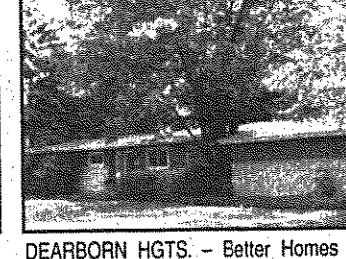
MACOMB TOWNSHIP - Two year old split level brick. Four bedrooms, 3½ ceramic baths. MBR suite w/whirlpool & separate shower. 2 story great room with bridge & corner fireplace. Formal dining room & library. 1st floor laundry. Ceramic foyer. Cherry cabinets. Brick patio. \$339,900 (46RIV) 248-626-8800



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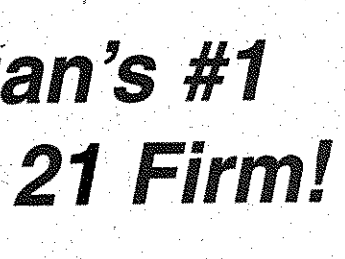
EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL - 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home on a private treed lot. Hwd floors, crown molding, Greciantray ceiling in DR, sumptuous master suite w/private sitting room & ceramic bath w/jetted tub. Full bsmt, 3+ car garage. Very well appointed t/o. Fabulous. \$369,900 (18PIN) 248-363-1200



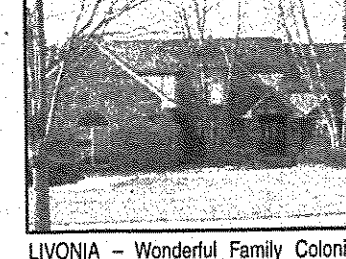
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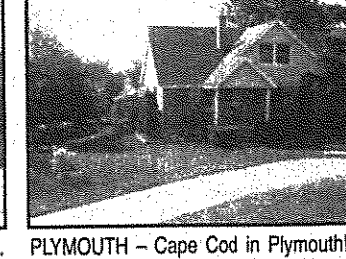
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 2.3 bath colonial w/grand entrance into foyer w/circular staircase. Neutral decor, newer carpet, window treatments, furnace/CA, roof and some windows. Finished basement, large lot, a great home! \$369,900 (08COT) 248-642-8100



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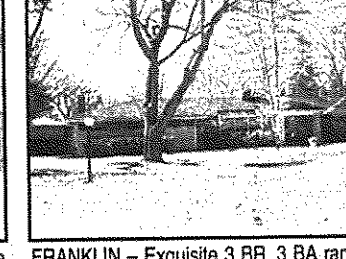
LIVONIA - Wonderful Family Colonial. Close to all amenities and Stevenson High School. Many custom features and extensive use of wood. Wrought iron fence enclosed backyard. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2.5 side entry garage, more appliances included. \$379,900 (41ELL) 248-349-5600



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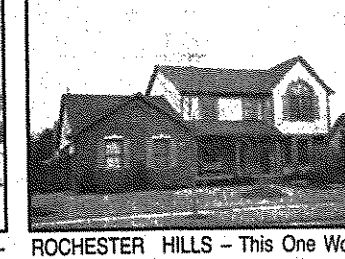
GOLF COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE - House overlooks 13th green. 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, gar, 3 car + brick paver court yard, cedar closet, fireplace, crown moldings, wainscoting panels, thermo massage tub, rec. osmosis sysm, large kit, oak cabs, snack bar, lot of house to own. \$329,900 (17HAV) 248-363-1200



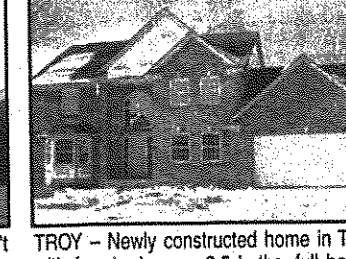
FRANKLIN - Exquisite 3 BR, 3 BA ranch on approx. 1.15 acres. Newer kit w/cherry and granite, open floor plan and huge master suite w/large WIC. Wrap around deck overlooking fabulous yard. Fin walk-out, plenty of skylights and windows offering beautiful views. \$759,000 (15CAP) 248-642-8100



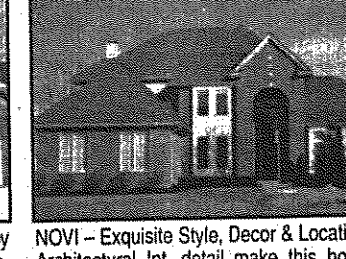
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Perfect 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 1999 Colonial w/excellent views of Cass Lake. Library, living room w/wet bar and natural fireplace, family room w/gas fireplace, master has 2 large closets, exercise room and oversized jetted tub. \$649,000 (65ISL) 248-642-8100



ROYAL OAK - Spacious and updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch offers MBR w/full bath and WIC, den, terrific fin LL FR w/rp/c and wet bar. LR w/rp/c, nice kit w/eating space and office in bsmt. Meticulously maintained and home warranty provided. \$309,900 (15PAR) 248-642-8100



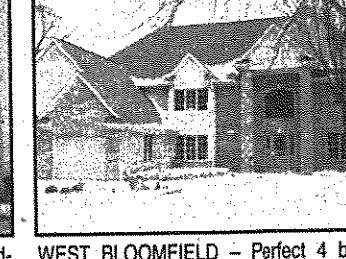
TROY - Newly constructed home in Troy with four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement and huge two car garage. Two story foyer. Formal dining room. First floor laundry. Oak and ceramic flooring. Luxury master suite. Troy schools. \$379,900 (47WOR) 248-524-1600



NOVI - Exquisite Style, Decor & Location. Architectural Int. detail make this home stand out. 4 bdrm, 3.5 baths, cath cell in foyer, lib, formal DR, LR w/flushed cell, kit has hwd flr, dbl oven & island, breakfast room opens to GR & tiered deck, finished walk-out, 3 car garage & paver patio. \$568,000 (40BAR) 734-455-5600



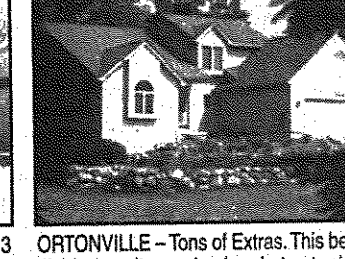
TRULY BETTER THAN NEW - 4 bedroom, colonial built in 2000. All the finished touches are in. Light filled kitchen w/ile floor, fireplace in family room. Hardwood in foyer and DR, master suite w/spa tub, beautifully tiled. 3 car garage. \$319,500 (31JOS) 248-363-1200



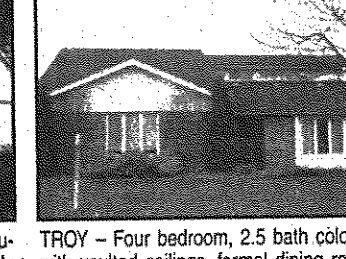
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Perfect 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 1999 Colonial w/excellent views of Cass Lake. Library, living room w/wet bar and natural fireplace, family room w/gas fireplace, master has 2 large closets, exercise room and oversized jetted tub. \$649,000 (65ISL) 248-642-8100



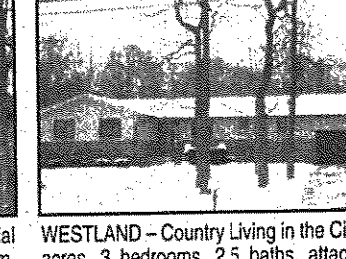
LAKE ORION - Exquisite Park Island. Soaring cathedral ceiling and windows, great views from every room. All sports lake with dock. Master suite with dual WIC, marble surrounded tub and shower, extensive use of marble and granite, finished basement. \$937,500 (72PAR) 248-652-8000



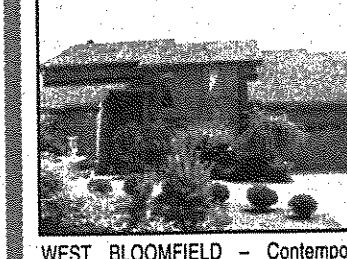
ORTONVILLE - Tons of Extras. This beautiful home sits on dead-end street, nicely wooded with mature trees and pond. Partially finished basement with walk-out, open floor plan, cathedral ceiling and fireplace in great room. Lots more, call today. \$344,899 (75SPR) 248-652-8000



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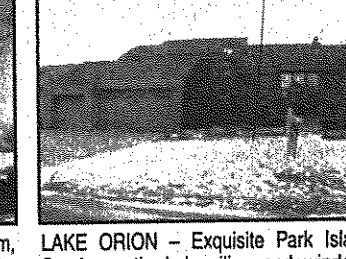
WESTLAND - Country Living in the City. 2 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, attached garage, deck, full basement, newer roof, hot water heater, ceramic baths, splittable land. \$335,000 (60GRA) 734-455-5600



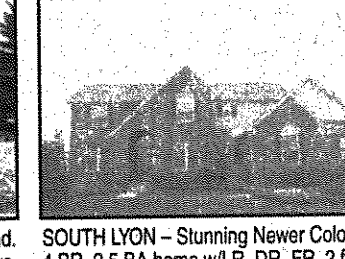
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Contemporary Home. Stunning 4 bedroom with large great room with fireplace, kitchen with granite tops and ceramic floors. Custom drapery. Finished basement, 2nd kitchen and full bath, rec room with lots of storage space. 2 walk-in closets in master bedroom. This is a "must see" home. \$429,000 (74BIR) 248-626-8800



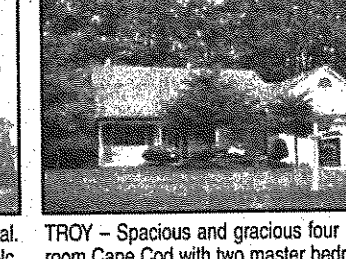
BIRMINGHAM - Custom built 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial w/hardwood floors, granite counters and open floor plan. Lots of windows, fireplace alcove, dream kitchen and 2nd floor laundry. Master bedroom w/2 WIC's and cathedral ceilings. Landscaped lot, brick paver patio and more. \$599,900 (87DVA) 248-642-8100



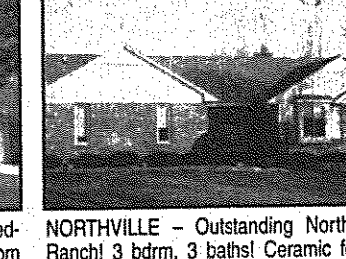
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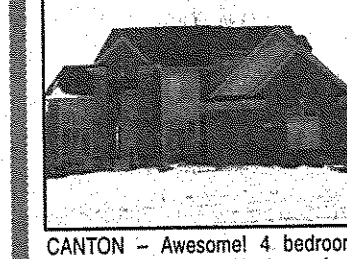
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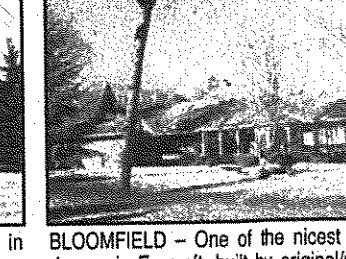
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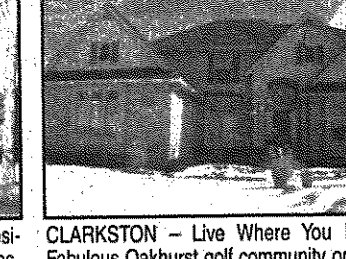
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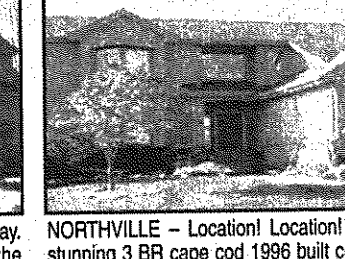
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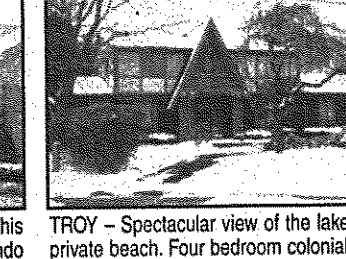
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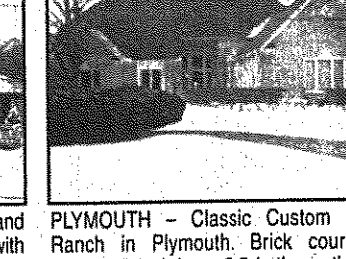
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Demographic studies project need for more housing

A report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments projects the population of the seven-county southeast Michigan region will reach approximately 5.5 million by 2030, up from the current 4.9 million people.

The SEMCOG report also predicts an increase in formations of households and demand for new, reconditioned and existing homes.

"Southeast Michigan is currently experiencing a population growth rate of about 1/2 percent per year, and that will continue through 2030," said Jim Rogers, data center manager of SEMCOG.

Rogers told a recent meeting of the Working Group on Density and Land Use of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan that the population growth and a changing makeup of households will create a demand for 400,000 additional primary residences in the next 30 years.

SEMCOG is a voluntary association of local units of government in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne and St. Clair counties.

SEMCOG predicts baby boomers will work later into life than earlier generations and will opt to live on their own. Also, the number of newly created households with children is expected to remain at about the same level as was created by the generation of baby boomers.

A lack of decline in housing demand by existing residents coupled with the increased demand for housing due to the region's increase in population will strain the resources of available housing.

According to SEMCOG, buildable land in the seven county area is 38 percent of total acreage.

SMART GROWTH

The housing demand-versus-land

dilemma is now getting attention in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently appointed the Michigan Land Use and Leadership Council to study the issue on a statewide basis.

Meantime, the BIA has responded to the growth issue by forming the Michigan Smart Growth Coalition and the Working Group on Density and Land Use.

At a recent meeting of the BIA Working Group on Density and Land Use, Richard Komer, of Wineman & Komer Building in Southfield, said, "We need more density in housing. There is too much infrastructure required for low density housing of one unit or fewer per acre."

Bob Verasan, builder liaison for DTE Energy, added his concerns about utility costs.

"It isn't only water and sewer costs that increase with large lot zoning, but electrical utility costs increase, as well. Someone has to pay for it," he said.

State Sen. Gilda Jacobs, Huntington Woods, indicated that older areas need to be rebuilt to keep people there. She added that remodeling of older homes will be necessary to provide better accessibility as the population ages, and it may be necessary to tear down current homes and rebuild.

Darshan Grewal, builder and developer of Singh Development in West Bloomfield, has been working on revitalizing older cities including Garden City, St. Clair Shores and Detroit.

Grewal says he faces many challenges because each municipality has its own set of rules and ordinances. He says a regional government would alleviate difficulties in dealing with different set of requirements in different areas.

But Grewal knows the reality is creating that single rule will be difficult. "Getting local government to agree is a big challenge and will

require compromises," he said.

However, Irvin H. Yackness, executive vice president and general counsel for BIA, agrees that at least a single view ought to be taken on what is to be done with the future of land use in the region.

"It is essential that our current population and the 233 local units of government in this area plan for the substantial growth we face. The individuals and families of southeastern Michigan need adequate housing options that cannot be met by existing homes in the area," Yackness said.

"There are many facets to meeting this region's substantial housing needs, including planned growth in the newer suburbs and the outlying areas, higher density housing in some areas, as well as rebuilding and repopulating of the inner cities and first ring, older suburbs," Yackness said. "We need to take a balanced approach."

Low mortgage rates bring ownership to young people

(AP) - Record-low mortgage rates are prompting people in their early 20s to do something they hadn't thought possible at their age - buy a home.

Erin Engelke was a fresh-faced college graduate when she and her husband, Jason, bought their first home, a town house in Edmond, Okla. They've since bought another three-bedroom house and rent the town house to college students. She's 24 and he's 25.

Cristi Cola recently moved into a little two-bedroom house in Safety Harbor, Fla. - "just perfect for a single girl like me," the 23-year-old says.

And Jeff Lischett, also 23, used his signing bonus and a salary

advance from Kraft Foods to fill out the down payment he'd started saving while living with his dad after college graduation.

He'll be moving into his new two-bedroom, two-bath town house in suburban Chicago later this month.

"Most people my age realize that renting is silly when you think about it," says Lischett, who got a 5 percent interest rate that makes his monthly mortgage payments comparable to, or even less than, he would've paid in rent.

"And living at home for a couple years to save money isn't as frowned upon anymore," he says. "You're no longer the loser living in the basement."

DOWN PAYMENT

While Lischett was able to come up with his own 10 percent down payment, many buyers his age get help from parents or grandparents. Still others are take advantage of deals prompted by a hot buying market for 5 percent down payments or even those that require no money down.

The current climate is making it possible for some young people to buy "even in New York City," says Ellen Bitton, CEO of Park Avenue Mortgage Group Inc., a lender that does business in many states.

She says most homebuyers 25 and younger seek loans ranging from \$130,000 to \$350,000.

Real estate industry statistics show the impact.

The median age of the first-time homebuyer has been dropping - from age 32 in 1999 to 31 in 2001, according to a survey done every other year by the National Association of Realtors.

And transactions from the under-25 crowd rose from 305,192 in 1999 to 321,136 two years later. (Overall, there were 2.85 million first-time buyer transactions in 1999 and 3.09 million in 2001.)

Though it creates headaches for apartment landlords in some cities, who rely on 20-somethings for rent, experts say financially stable young people who

buy property have an unprecedented opportunity to get loans at record-low rates and to begin building equity in a home earlier than some of their parents did.

"Homes for these young families aren't just a place for them to lay their heads at night. These are little prosperity factories," says Scott Syphax, president and CEO of the Nehemiah Corporation of California, a non-profit organization that provides homebuyers with down payment assistance.

TARGETING BUYERS

The trend is causing some real estate agents to target young buyers.

A few agents at the RE/MAX real estate firm, for example, host first-time buyer seminars for college students.

Other agents say savvy 20-somethings are coming to them.

"They're not going for the flash. They're not going for the fancy cars. They're going for the real estate," says Honore Frumentino, a broker with Koenig & Strey GMAC Real Estate in Deerfield, Ill.

Of course, real estate isn't a surefire investment. And for those who graduate from college saddled with hefty student loans and credit card bills, getting deeper in debt may not be the right move.

Maintenance is most critical of all home investments

Construction workers and equipment have always been a fixture in growing communities on the outskirts of the Detroit metropolitan area.

Construction crews also are becoming common sights in older, established neighborhoods where homeowners are remodeling or adding on to homes in record numbers.

In our present economic climate, remodeling is a wise choice for many reasons.

Because of recent volatility in the stock market and high home prices, for many, the equity in their home comprises a larger portion of their net worth than the holdings in their stock market or retirement funds.

Compared to conventional financial investments that rise and fall with regular frequency, housing has proven to be a stable and sound investment.

From 1975 through 2001, on average, housing prices have increased by more than the general inflation rate.

A home that is well maintained and offers up-to-date systems and amenities will have a higher value than a compara-

ble home that is poorly maintained or lacking the conveniences and extra living space that today's buyers want.

Remodeling, then, becomes the key to protecting and enhancing the investment value of your home, not to mention making your home more functional and enjoyable.

I often get asked, "What improvements add the most value to a home?"

To answer that question, it's important to understand that remodeling - and your home for that matter - are different from other investments that are primarily financial in nature.

What's unique about housing is that the "investor" or owner receives the immediate benefit of being able to occupy and enjoy their investment. You can live in it all the while it grows in value. You don't get that type of benefit with stocks and bonds.

The longer you intend to stay in your home, and will enjoy the new family room or whatever improvement you make, the more weight this factor contributes to your overall return on investment.

GUIDELINES

The other part of your investment return is the increase in resale value that the remodel adds to your home. To increase the dollars you get back from your remodeling investment, consider the following guidelines:

- Maintaining your home in good repair is the most critical of all investments that you can make to your home.
- The quality of work you have done on your home is also important. Shoddy workmanship, low-grade materials and inferior products will wipe out any value the remodeling might have added to your home.
- Remodel for yourself and your own family, not the next owner.
- Keep in mind, however, that the more your tastes stray from the norm, the less likely you are to get maximum return from your improvements. Stay with style, colors and features that have broad appeal.
- Kitchen and bath remodels are the two most popular remodeling projects. These two

rooms carry the most weight when it comes to sell your home.

Nationwide data from the 2002 Costs vs. Value Report, *Remodeling Magazine*, shows that consumers can recoup an average of 91 percent of the cost of an upscale bathroom remodeling project if the home is sold within one year.

For an upscale major kitchen remodel, the reported national average which homeowners recouped is 80 percent.

The reported national average recouped when adding a mid-range bathroom by carving it out of existing space, especially in a home that has only one or 1-1/2 baths, is 94 percent.

Even basement remodeling projects, which historically haven't added to a home's resale value, are reported to recoup 79 percent.

■ Extra space in the right place also offers a high rate of return, since existing homes tend to lack the roominess and openness of new homes.

According to the national averages in the Cost vs. Value report, homeowners could recoup 94 percent of the cost of

a two-story addition, 79 percent for a family room addition and 77 percent for the addition of an upscale master suite.

Although it's difficult to put an exact price on the resale value of a particular remodeling project, for most of us, the real value of remodeling is the comfort and pleasure it adds to

the years we spend living in our homes.

Maurice H. (Mike) Harris, is a vice president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan in Farmington Hills. He's also a member of the association's Remodelers Council and president of Harris Group Construction in Dearborn Heights.

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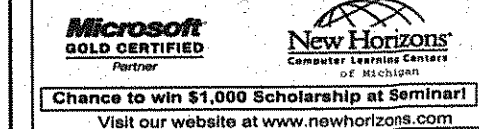
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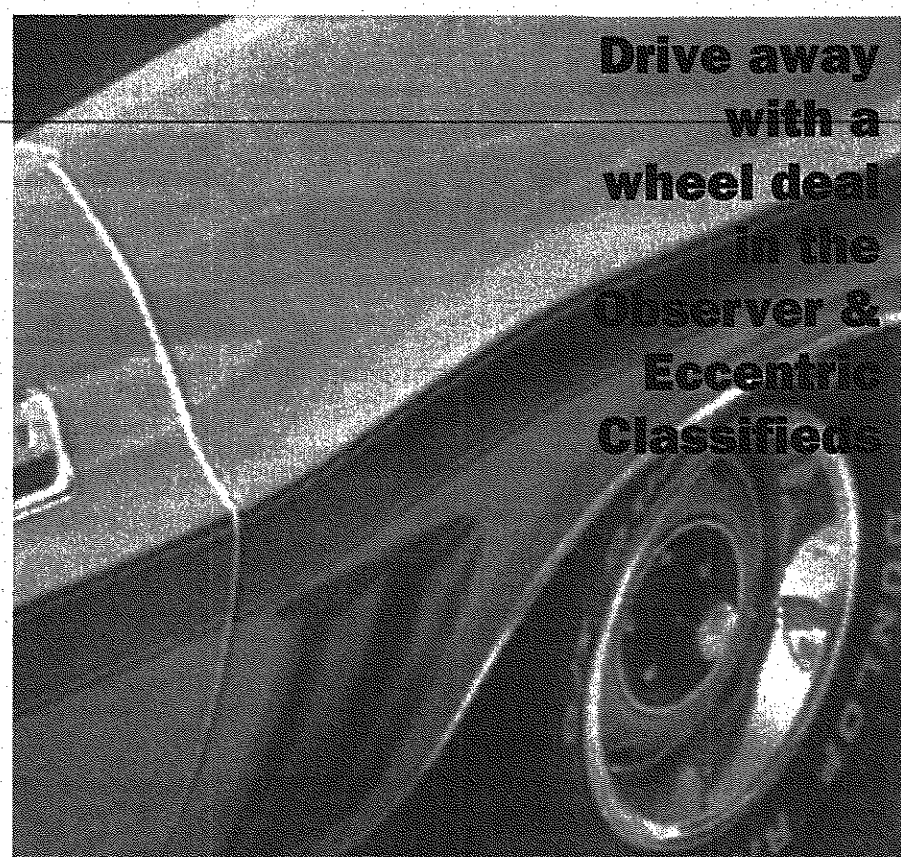
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YOU AND ME IN 2003

Single female, 35, white, professional, blue eyes, independent, home-owner. Likes music, animals, gardening. Looking for a single male, open to new things, zest for life, honest and sincere. Age and race open! BOX 10659

ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white female, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macomb County. BOX 36039

ONE OF A KIND

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 40, for dating and relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

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Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a zest for life. Wayne County BOX 27026

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Looking for someone special, who is sincere, honest, and fun loving, could be me. I am a divorced white female, 54, non-smoker, who likes to do almost everything. West Side area. Let's talk! Wayne County BOX 36084

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I'M YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs., female, brown/blue, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship in Garden City. BOX 26999

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950

TRAVEL INTO MY HEART

Non-smoker, divorced professional white female, 50, 5'5", blond hair, blue eyes, average weight and attractive. Enjoys traveling, concerts, theater and more. BOX 10595

CHILL PARTNER

Single mother of one, is looking for a chill partner. No game players. BOX 14944

DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

SEEKS PERFECT MATE

Attractive, 50+ widow, fun loving, physically fit. Seeks male desiring travel, working out, bicycling, golf, mountain hiking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family, cooking, quiet evenings, closeness, sharing, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me. BOX 24980

FIND YOUR FUTURE

Single black professional female, 32, 5'2", 143 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys jazz, movies, dining out and travel. Seeks male, 45 to 55, for serious, long-term relationship. BOX 25764

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland County. BOX 35911

WAITING AND HOPING

27 yr old, single black female with light brown eyes. Likes having fun, playing pool, video games and outdoors. Searching for a caring male, 26 to 35, who likes having fun. BOX 11904

NEED A COMPANION!

Single white female, 53, dark hair and eyes, 5', physically fit, social drinker. Enjoys bingo, bowling, casinos, funny movies, yard sales, garage sales, sports, dining out and just having fun. Seeking a single male, 45 to 55, who likes cats. BOX 13278

MOTOWN GAL

...Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers gentleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call, you won't regret it. Oakland County. BOX 25008

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26066

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P!

Attractive divorced white female, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. BOX 30884

LET'S CHILL 2GETHER!

30 yr old, single mother of one, enjoys movies, dining out, the mall and more. Seeks a single gentleman with similar interests, friendship first, possibly leading to a meaningful relationship. Must like children! BOX 31000

GOOD TIMES AWAITS US

Single female, 5'2", brown skin, short hair, wear glasses. Would like to meet a single male who enjoys bowling, listening to music, shopping, watching videos and just chilling together. BOX 31001

FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland county. BOX 35999

SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 63, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially travelling. BOX 36003

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County BOX 36053

I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland county. BOX 36061

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I'LL PLAY U A LOVE..

...Song! Single male, 48, light brown hair, blue eyes, employed, home-owner, smart, intelligent and handsome. Enjoys music, playing guitar, the outdoors. Seeking a single lady, children okay, for a possible relationship. BOX 21314

STOP...LOOK...CALL!

Divorced white male, 49, medium build, looking for a single woman, late 40's early 50's, shape, looks important, that wants a long term relationship. Loves the outdoors and home cook meals. Stop here and call and will talk more! No games, always calls back. Redford area. BOX 25753

A SPECIAL GUY

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman. Enjoys candlelight dinners, flowers, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor. BOX 14102

QUALITY GUY

Let us share a glass of wine or cup of coffee. Divorced white male, 5'10", 55, businessman in Metropolitan Detroit. Seeks honest, caring woman, good sense of humor, people person, good communications skills to share his enjoyment of plays, dancing, boating, get away weekends. BOX 14118

SOUL FOOD

Single white male, 40, 5'10", 190 lbs, insurance representative, home-owner. Loves cats, gourmet coffee, computers, vegetarian foods. Looking for soul sister for relationship. BOX 10433

IS SHE OUT THERE?

30, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, 5'8", enjoys cooking, blockbuster nights, camping and more. Seeks honest woman, with religion in her life, for romance. BOX 10476

A GREAT KISSER

Handsome, single white male, 32, 5'11", dark hair, green eyes, athletic, honest and confident. Enjoys outdoors, roller blading, biking and running. Searching for a single white female, 18 to 32, attractive, athletic, affectionate, honest with similar interests. BOX 10525

FATHER OF ONE...

...in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more. Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship. BOX 14942

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FIRST TIME AD 4 ME!

White male, 60, 5'10", medium build, non-smoker, honest, sincere with a good sense of humor. Likes quiet evenings at home, movies, flea-markets, classy car shows and open to just about anything. Seeks a single female, 40 to 60, easy going, slim to medium build, outgoing who enjoys being with that special man for a long term relationship. BOX 10659

FIND US

Single male, 5'9", 190 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes sports, dining out, going for walks, just about anything. Looking for a single female with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13882

THERE IS TIME FOR US

Single white male, 34, non-smoker, non-drinker, drug free. Likes horse back riding, camping, bowling and much more. Seeking a single white female, 18 to 40, for a long term relationship. Children are welcomed! BOX 26959

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship. I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating. BOX 10924

BLIND DATE

Single male, 50, 5'11", athletic, masculine, likes chilling out, fun times and dating. Seeks single female for dating and possible relationship. BOX 10552

JUST BE YOURSELF

Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry. Ready to embrace a special sweetheart. Looking for a single white female, 36 to 56. BOX 26832

DO U FIT THE BILL?

Professional white male, 52, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, handsome, good listener, sense of humor, college educated with multiple degrees, non-smoker, no dependents. Enjoys physical fitness, reading, movies, theater, dining, concerts, golf. Seeks professional lady, affectionate, non-smoker, same interests. BOX 15090

COME FLY WITH ME!

Handsome, successful, professional, 57, 6', fit, looks and feels younger, spiritual, charismatic, great sense of humor. Enjoys sporting, dining, dancing, music, arts, movies, travel, conversation. Seeks attractive, slender female ready to enjoy life to its fullest. BOX 25779

ABOVE AVERAGE GENT

Single white male, mid 40's, gets into travel, music, cars, photography, sports, home decorating, etc., looking for an above average lady to partner with. Oakland county BOX 35993

PLAYFUL AND PRETTY?

Then rock my world! Handsome, smiley face, with no attitude, seeks friends and soul mate. Single white female, 33 to 49, comfortable with real life, yet able to enjoy playful escapism. Oakland County! BOX 36111

WANTING UR OPINION!

...Please be aware of this available, adorable, single white male, if I'm one of your choices, you'll meet a fine, educated gent, with many talents and interests. Single white female, 30 to 50, responses preferred! BOX 15072

YOU AND I

This sweetheart is a sociable single white female, 40, well groomed, physically fit, has many interests yet open to yours. Seeks friendly female friend and possible lover. BOX 30914

UNDER THE STARS

Intense special single white male, helpful and romantic. Seeks nice gal, 30 to 50, an outdoor lover, for sharing of magic moments under the moonlight, by candlelight, etc. Oakland County BOX 35916

SENSIBLE MAN

Single white male, 55, soft-spoken, down-to-earth, enjoys dancing, theater, movies, etc. Seeks friendly, relationship-minded, single white female, 40's to 50's. Oakland County. BOX 35983

HONEST

Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 56, non-smoker, self-employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 53, who is easygoing, with good values, for companionship, and possible long-term relationship. BOX 35984

TIRED OF BEING ALONE

...I'm your man. Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs., seeking easy going and intelligent, pretty white female, in her 40's for a possible long term relationship. I'm waiting to hear from you. Redford Area, Wayne County. BOX 36011

SHOWS SOME CLASS

yet provocative, single, white male, promotes understanding and meaningful communication. Looking for a pleasant, good natured, single, white female, 35 to 50, to interact with on a daily bases. Oakland County BOX 36015

COMPATIBLE?

Single white professional male, 45, 5'8", fit, no dependents. Catholic, communicative, introspective, enjoys varieties of music, movies, reading, thinking, etc. Seeking fit, emotionally available, single white professional female. Oakland County. BOX 36037

MORE THAN FRIENDS

Attractive, single white male, 40's, warm hearted and honest, enjoys travel, photography, concerts and the outdoors. Seeking a bold lady with a sense of humor. Oakland county. BOX 36064

LOOKING FOR LOVE?

How far are you willing to go? Single white male, 44, is less than a hour away and is looking for a sincere relationship with genuine warmth and affection. If I am your Mr. Right, your search is over! BOX 36104

LIVE TO THE FULLEST

Divorced white male, 43, 6'4", enjoys movies, sports, traveling, dining out, and more. Looking for an athletic female, 36 to 45, over 5'8", and love living life to the fullest. BOX 10431

HOLISTIC GENT

Single white male, 40's, enjoys affirmations, meditations and yoga. Seeks spiritual spark, peace and love with his angel; single white female, 35 to 55. BOX 10468

WOMAN OF MY DREAMS

Divorced white male, 5'11", 49, athletic build, healthy, searching for a single white female, 38 to 44, with height/weight proportionate and a sense of humor. BOX 10554

LOOKING FORWARD

Caucasian male, 29, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, teddy-bear, seeks nice, attractive, fun, active lady. Enjoys cars, hot rods, shooting pool, movies, camping, travel and more. BOX 13757

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SINCERELY SEARCHING

Middle-aged, hard-working, dependable, black male enjoys creative arts, non-fiction and more. Seeks loving female with similar attributes. BOX 13768

WISHFUL THINKING

Single white male, 55, 6', 180 lbs, fit and attractive. Enjoys sports, bike riding, theater, movies, and more. Seeks a single female, 40 to 55, height and weight proportionate, non-smoker who enjoys the outdoors during the summer time. BOX 13831

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40's, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

CALL 4 MORE INFO

Single male is looking for a single female for great times together. BOX 14909

HERSHEY KISS!

32 yr old, single male, 180 lbs, dark and lovely, sweet and gentle. Seeks a single female for friendship, possibly leading to more. BOX 14991

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Single white male, 40, is looking for love and a real spiritual connection with a single nice white female, 32 to 52. BOX 14998

PLEASANTLY PLUMP?

Go ahead and call open minded, single white male 39, easy to talk too, romantic and adventurous. Seeks single white female 24-42, for meaningful relationship. Wayne county BOX 25010

FALL RIGHT INTO...

...My amts 39 yr old, single male, 5'8", 210 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, physically fit. Enjoys hunting, fishing, movies and going for walks. Seeks a smart, caring, loving, understanding lady with similar interests for friendship first, possibly leading to a long term relationship. BOX 25306

DO YOU QUALIFY?

White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

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For ever. Single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do. Looking for a very serious relationship, no head games. Oakland County. BOX 25014

IS THIS YOUR NAME?

Divorced white male, early 50s, dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking for Carol, Charlotte, Chris, Debbie, Diane, Denise, Donna, Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori, Nancy, Pat, Sally, Sandy, and Sue. I'd like to meet you. Ages 38 to 54. Possible long term relationship. West Side. BOX 26039

CALL FOR MORE INFO

Attractive, divorced white male, 37, 6', 190 lbs, childless, with brown hair, eyes. Enjoys working out, sports, and more. Seeks attractive female, 26 to 41. BOX 26617

WHY BE ALONE!

57 yr old divorced male, 5'7", 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, biking, travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker. BOX 26857

FULL FIGURED LADY'S

Divorced, white male, 43, 5'9", 165 lbs, blondish brown hair, green eyes; down to earth. Seeking a single or divorced, white female, 38 to 45, who is down to earth and enjoys the simple things in life. For a possible relationship. Wayne county BOX 27006

MUSCULAR FRIENDLY

Single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs, brown blue, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out

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GMC 1994 Safari Van , 119K, loaded, clean, must see \$5150/best. 734-844-0531 GRAND CARAVAN 1999 SE 49K miles, air, cruise, power, \$11,000. 248-960-9582 GRAND CARAVAN 1999 white , 36,000 miles, loaded, \$7,980. JOHN ROGIN BUICK 734-525-0900 Grand Sport Caravan 1999 SE 54K, loaded, new tires, exc. cond. \$11,000. 248-477-2340 GRAND VOYAGER 1994 , SE - Ext. cargo, CA car, salt-free, minimal rust, new dealer installed engine, cruise, maintenance papers, gray, 94K. \$3500. 734-459-0707 MERCURY Villager 1998 Nautica, loaded, warranty, 60K, \$11,500/best. 248-669-2486 MERCURY Villager 1999 Estate model. 80K. Superb cond. \$11,900/best. 248-879-5150 MERCURY Villager 1999 like new, \$11,995. 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Good cond. \$9400. 734-657-8560	Vans (8260) CHEVY 1995 Conversion, 114K, well maintained, new tires, \$5000. 248-647-7997 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN 2000 - Take over lease, \$595 down, \$425/mo. for 24 mos. 50,000 mi. left on lease. Call (248) 652-4254 Chevy Trans Sport 1992 - Wheelchair lift w/hand controls. Very good cond. \$3500. (734) 383-4048 CHEVY, 1989 , Conversion Van. Loaded. Lots of new parts. \$2,000/best. 313-277-3369 DODGE 1996 Van Conversion , rear air, captains chairs, everything, \$5,995. 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Immaculate condition, small down. \$116/mo. TYME SALES 734-455-5566 FORD F-250 1995 LX 90K, Forest Green, Western 8 plow, \$8250/best. 734-421-0195. GMC 2002 EXTENDED CAB Sierra SLE, 7T 23K. Exec. cond. \$23,500. 248-652-4896. GMC SUBURBAN 1500 1997 , 85,000 miles, good cond. \$11,500. (248) 349-5493	4 Wheel Drive (8280) Jeep 1998 Grand Cherokee Laredo , Loaded, 75K hwy. miles, \$10,300. 734-936-6970 JEOP GRAND CHEROKEE 1994 Laredo, 6 cylinder, extended warranty, exc. cond., \$5500/best. 734 729-3711 RAM 1999 1500 4x4 , certified 8/80,000 warranty, \$14,995. CRESTWOOD DODGE 734-421-5700 TOYOTA 1991 , 4x4, pick-up, extended cab, bedliner, 100K, \$3300/best. 248-840-5370 TOYOTA TACOMA 2000, 4x4, 23,000 miles, red, cd, air, \$13,200. (248) 446-9049 or 248-921-4863 WRANGLER 2000 SE - All black, hard top, V6, CD. \$2200 below black book, only \$99 down. TYME SALES 734-455-5566 Sport Utility (8290) AZTEC 2001 : exc. con., AWD, fully loaded, factory warranty, \$14,500. 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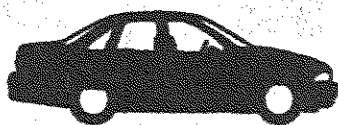
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AVANTI NEWS FEATURES

As America readies for war with Iraq, I wanted to deviate slightly with this week's column by looking at the old DUKW vehicle. You'll remember it was used by the U.S. military during World War II and the Korean war.

Avanti NewsFeatures reporter Donna Majchrzak researched the vehicle and helped us write today's report by going to Wisconsin and sharing what she found. Consider this an education if you're a younger reader and don't remember the DUKW. If you're a little older, this should bring back fond memories.

Travelers to the Wisconsin Dells in Wisconsin can go back in time by riding a goofy-looking thingamabob that is essentially half boat, half truck.

In its heyday during World War II and the Korean war, the "duck" was the transporter of choice for American GIs on invasion missions.

Now the only place you can see them on this continent is at the Wisconsin Dells, where they're almost as popular as that guy in the green shirt named Favre they all can't stop talking about.

Actually, the official name of the vehicle is "DUKW," but it's more commonly known as a "duck" to those of us who can spell.

The way it was explained to me, there is a reason for this funny DUKW acronym being used. Here's the line the locals hand out:

- "D" for some reason is supposed to signify the year it was built: 1942.
- "U" is to identify it as a "utility amphibian vehicle."

- "K" for some reason is supposed to identify the duck as "front-wheel drive."
- And "W" is supposed to tell soldiers that the vehicle has "twin rear driving axles."

That explanation from a tour guide seems to be just ducky with the locals but doesn't really float my boat. Whatever. Maybe it's a military thing.

Before they became tourist transporters in Wisconsin, the ducks had a deadly serious purpose. In the 1940's they hauled our troops and supplies from



The famous Dukw military vehicle in action during World War II.

ship to shore for surprise attacks on the enemy.

The most glorious day for the ducks was the D-day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. They also were used to take Sicily.

The 32-foot duck I rode in with my family was able to giddy-up to 50 mph on land and had a top water speed of 11 knots.

Our rugged duck showed us it can tame the toughest terrain better than your average sports car or speed boat. However, what race car today could carry a 105 howitzer that fires bullets at people?

Topping the scales at a mere 7 tons, the ducks in Wisconsin are 8 feet wide, about 11 feet tall and come equipped with a GMC Model 270 6-cylinder truck engine that generates 100 horsepower.

The transmissions in these 21-seaters assembled in Pontiac, Mich., are 4- and 6-wheel drive. Each duck has 10 forward speeds and two reverse speeds, plus a rudder and 21-inch propeller.

Outside of Wisconsin, ducks are rarely found today in operational condition. Usually it will take a staff of mechanics -- or "duck doctors," as the locals call them -- about two months to get them running properly.

If replacement parts are needed, they're shipped in mint condition to Wisconsin from Europe, where they've been sitting in storage since as early as 1950. Make no mistake about it: The Wisconsin ducks are in tip-top condition. They look almost new to the naked eye.

In all, more than 21,000 ducks were manufactured between 1942 and 1945 by General Motors Corp. The cost of a new duck at that time was \$10,000, which was more than the purchase price of the average American three bedroom home.

More than 100 people try out each year to be tour guides at the Wisconsin Dells, but only the strong (the ducks have no power steering) and skillful get the chance. Today's duck drivers are mostly college students who pass a rigorous six-week duck driver-training course.

Drivers must learn to double-clutch and master about nine miles of trails that surround the Dells and the Wisconsin River. Then the drivers team with senior drivers for a week to pick up the ducks' nuances.

Our teacher, Tom Kelso, not only had a ducky personality but also at times was a real quack-up. He taught us how to traverse the roller-coaster trails surrounding the Wisconsin River.

I'll never forget how the duck reacts as it rolls into deep water. The hull begins to float, lifting the wheels from the bottom before they disengage.

Today, the Wisconsin Dells has the largest single fleet of ducks anywhere: 76. None of them ever saw war action. All were stateside training vehicles used during wartime.

Their brethren in Europe and the Pacific were left there to help rebuild overseas countries ravaged by war. Their numbers are now very limited.

The ducks we drive in were named after the places they served. Five Wisconsin ducks -- Jane, Dolly, Marilyn, Sherry and Rita -- were named after their GI drivers' girlfriends decades ago.

If you visit the Wisconsin Dells, expect to pay \$13.50 to ride a duck with the driver and 19 other people. You'll find it well worth your money, your time and your walk down memory lane.

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