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Memo

Wine, food

A wine and food tasting to benefit the Kiwanis of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast, the Canton Exchange Club and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be numerous wine tables with wine from different countries as well as a nonalcoholic table.

Also included will be a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres ranging from pasta to sushi, entertainment and several door prizes. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, and are available at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association and in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, call Debbie Zevalink at (734) 394-5188.

All for ARTS

Join Canton Project ARTS on Sunday, May 4, for "Brunch with Bach and Friends" at the Summit on the Park. This event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and feature pianist Rich Ridenour, who will delight the audience with a wide variety of favorite songs from different eras. The afternoon will also include works by well-known area artists and a delicious brunch prepared by Summit Gourmet. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Library luncheon

The Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Novi public libraries will hold their annual book and author luncheon Thursday, April 10,



at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township.

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Bunny hop

Third- and fourth-graders can make new friends, enjoy a snack or two, and talk about fantastic books at the Canton Public Library. The next "Book Buddies" meeting is set for 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, April 3. The April "Book Buddies" selection will be Bunnica, Deborah and James Howe's comical "rabbit-tale of mystery."



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sherry Paszko of Canton said she and her husband have a hard time tearing themselves away from televised war coverage, as their son, Jeff, serves in Kuwait.

Neighbors rally to support Canton Marine

Ribbons adorn trees as friends, family worry about war in Iraq

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Sherry Paszko says she's going to hand out MREs for dinner this Easter so everyone in her family thinks of her son Jeff, a 23-year-old Marine Corps reservist who is currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MRE, or Meal, Ready-to Eat, is a vacuum-packed food ration provided to individual soldiers during highly mobile combat situations.

"I'm going to hand them out on each side of my family so everyone knows what Jeff will be eating," said Paszko of Canton. "I'm going to make everyone take at least one bite."

Paszko says she can be lighthearted about military food but in reality calls herself a "basket case." The last seven days have been trying for the mother of two and her husband, Bob, whose eldest son left March 16 with his reserve unit, 1st Battalion 24th Marine Regiment of Perrysburg, Ohio, to reinforce active troops in Iraq. The Canton lance corporal is a member of Weapons Company.

Paszko, a retired real estate agent, says she knows somewhat about her son's whereabouts thanks to an American Airlines flight attendant who called the family this week.

"She was on my son's flight to Kuwait and called to tell us he landed safely on Tuesday and that he and his unit were immediately taken from the plane to the field," Paszko said. "She said she also took a picture of him and would send it to us. She said all the guys ate a big meal when they got aboard and then slept almost the whole way there."

Jeff's reserve unit in Ohio is hosting an informative meeting this weekend to bring the families up to speed on their loved ones' status and provide other information about sending care packages and e-mail communications. Paszko says she and her husband Bob, Jeff's 21-year-old brother Jason, and possibly Jeff's girlfriend Kristin Miller of Trenton will attend.

FORK IN THE ROAD

A 1998 graduate of Salem High School, Jeff attended Plymouth Christian Academy from kindergarten

PLEASE SEE MARINE, A6

District turns to fund-raising

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Faced with a \$5.6-million budget deficit and declining state foundation money, the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education could soon be following the lead of some booster clubs by raising money to offset the increasing costs of public education.

Trustees turned to Roberta Souriall Tindall, a development consultant and professional fundraiser for 20 years, to give them information and tips on fund-raising at a workshop session Tuesday afternoon.

"Twenty-seven percent of school districts nationwide have hired fund-raisers," said Tindall, who formerly worked for Cranbrook

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A7

Canton man sought in weapons, drug case



Chavis

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton police were seeking a warrant Wednesday for the arrest of a 43-year-old Canton resident after a routine traffic stop early Tuesday

led to the recovery of two automatic weapons, ammunition, narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia.

Police identified the man as Tonnie Dean Chavis Jr., 43, a resident of the Winds

Condominiums on Haggerty Road.

According to police reports, a K-9 officer made a routine traffic stop of a pickup truck on Haggerty just south of Cherry Hill shortly after midnight Monday. The

driver stopped, but then bolted from the truck and ran into the Winds complex just across the street, dropping a bag of suspected narcotics as he ran.

Two passengers in the

PLEASE SEE POLICE, A4

Auction, dance successful

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's biggest event - the annual dinner dance and auction - went off without a hitch Friday night.

The mood was friendly but subdued as the international situation was on people's minds.

The dinner was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland.

The room was extremely quiet as the Rev. Eric Moore from the

Canton Community Church blessed the event and said a prayer for the American troops in Iraq.

"Be with the soldiers and put your protection around them, and bring peace to this world," Moore said.

The theme for the night was nautical and the top prize, a Royal Caribbean cruise, went to Linda and Dennis Cohoon of Canton Township.

"I never won anything before.

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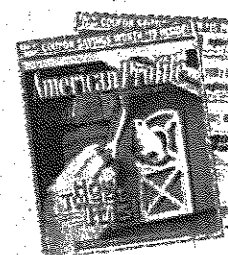
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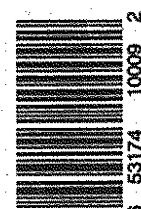
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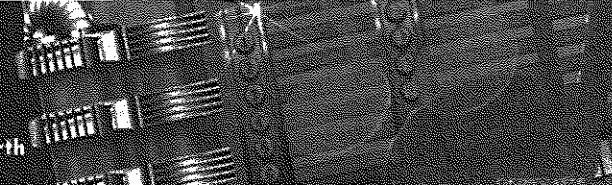
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Shoplifting suspect brandishes knife

An employee of Farmer Jack on Joy Road called police after a suspected shoplifter waved a knife at him March 22.

The employee said he became suspicious after he saw the man put six New York Strip steaks in a shopping cart, then a box of Tide detergent and a package of toilet paper on top.

The employee said he did not see the man conceal the steaks, but when he walked past the cashier and out the door, the employee confronted him and asked "Where are the steaks?"

The man said he didn't have them, then turned and waved a five-inch knife at the employee. He then got into a dark green Grand Am and drove south on Morton Taylor.

HOUSE FIRE

A basement fire caused substantial damage to a house in the 49000 block of Flushing Tuesday afternoon.

COP CALLS

Fire fighters responded to a 9-1-1 call at 2:36 p.m. and arrived about four minutes later. They found heavy smoke in the home. They entered the home and found a fire in the basement.

The fire was quickly extinguished and there were no reported injuries. Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said there was extensive heat and smoke damage throughout the house.

THEFT FROM GARAGE

A resident of the 41000 block of Metaline reported to police that sometime between 8:30 p.m. on March 20 and 4:45 a.m. March 21 someone entered her garage and stole three items.

She said when she went out the overhead garage door was open. A chainsaw valued at \$100 and an air-compressor

and hose valued at \$250 were missing.

WINDOW BROKEN

A Wild Rose Drive resident told police she was in her house about 7 p.m. March 22 when she and her son heard a loud crack at the back of the house.

Her 17-year-old son, who was outside at the time, ran immediately to the back of the house and found the outer pane of a window damaged. There was no indication of how the window was broken.

Damage was estimated at \$500.

HOUSE EGGED

A resident of the 45000 block of Brunswick reported someone threw eggs on the front of his house between 10:30 a.m. March 22 and 10 a.m. March 23.

Damage was estimated at \$50.

PARENT NIGHT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling department presents "Junior Parent Night" on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Canton High School. The program is designed to provide juniors and their parents with information to prepare them for the final year of high school and post-high school planning.

The evening will begin with an information fair where juniors and their parents will have the opportunity to browse, receive information and ask questions. At 7 p.m. there will be two keynote speakers: Judy Tatum, from Eastern Michigan University, will speak on the "College Selection Process" and Cynthia Van Pelt, from Eastern Michigan University, will speak on "Financial Aid." Counselors will be available to answer questions following the speakers. The program is open to all P-CEP juniors and sophomores who wish to get an early start on post-high school planning.

AUTHOR LUNCH

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ACTIVITY NIGHT

Plymouth and Canton police teams are joining forces to host an annual activity night for Plymouth-Canton students.

Plymouth's DARE team and the Canton Police Teaching,

CANTON CONNECTION

Educating and Mentoring program members are sponsoring the activity night from 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at Skatin' Station II in Canton.

DARE/TEAM is an educational course conducted in the classroom by police officers to all fifth-grade students in the district. The program equips the students with the necessary life skills to resist peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol. All students are eligible to participate in the activity night. Since the activity night is the program's major fund-raiser, DARE/TEAM officials are asking students to collect \$30 in pledges, to be presented at the door. Prizes will be awarded based on pledge amounts raised. All proceeds remain in the DARE/TEAM program.

Complimentary pizza and pop will be provided. Questions should be directed to the DARE/TEAM office, (734) 354-3213 or (734) 394-5433.

FRIDAY LENTEN DINNERS

Looking for a meatless Friday dinner, but don't want to cook? Baked fish and pasta buffets have returned to the Summit on the Park Banquet Center every Friday now through April 18 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Bring the family and friends out to feast on a menu that includes salad, pasta, baked cod, vegetable, potato, rolls and beverages. Cost is \$8.50 per adult and \$5.50 for children 10 and under. Dessert is available at an additional charge. Call (734) 394-5480 for more information.

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registrations for its Tiny Tots Pre-School program for Fall 2003.

The program for 3-year-olds meets from 9:20-11:20 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To be eligible for this group, children must turn 3 before Sept. 1.

The group for 4-year-olds meets from 9:20-11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To be eligible for this group, children must turn 4 before Sept. 1, 2003.

For information or to sign up, call Peggy at (734) 453-5464. This unit of the Salvation Army also serves Canton Township.

GRIEVING

Canton's Griffin Funeral Home will host a grief counseling workshop in late April.

Thursday, April 24, *Pitfalls Along the Path of Grief* will be the topic. The session will be conducted free at the funeral home by Cathy Clough and the staff of Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop runs from 7-8:30 p.m. Call Griffin at (734) 981-1700 to sign up. If you decide to come at the last minute, that's OK, too. Griffin Funeral Home is at 42600 Ford Road.

"If you are an adult grieving after the death of a loved one, we hope you'll plan to attend," said David Griffin. "Learning to cope after the death of a loved one is difficult, but not impossible. Knowing what normal grief feels like and what you may expect helps you deal with the pain and the emotions."

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 furry egg-toting friend. Breakfast will be served 9-10 a.m. with open seating. The menu will include: danish, muffins, bagels, cereal, juice, milk and coffee. 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, so be sure to get your tickets early. Pictures with the Bunny are available for \$1 and include a special Easter Photo Keepsake.

KIWANIS GOLF OUTING

The Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth is planning its 21st-annual Kiwanis Golf Outing and Feast.

The event will be played on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Thursday, Aug. 7. Reservations can be made by calling Rob Noel, (734) 453-6000.

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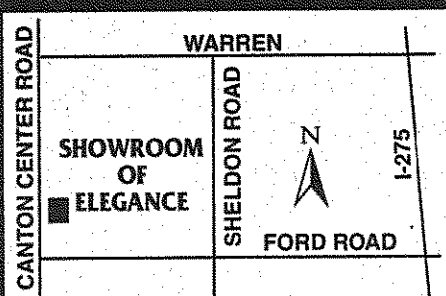
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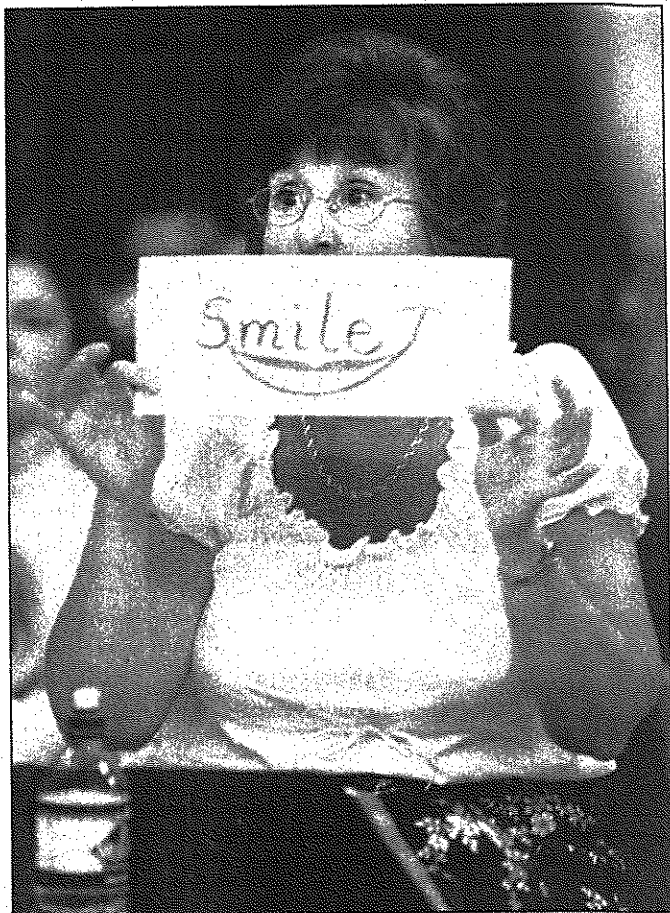
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Third-grade teacher Carole Brooks holds up a sign to remind the children to smile.

Bentley musical has message

Production focuses on importance of friendship

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of family, friends and neighbors turned out for Bentley Elementary's third-grade musical, *This Old Gingerbread House*, the story of the importance of friendship and helping others.

Nearly 100 students participated in the musical about how the community

comes together, with the help of Bob Thomas of *This Old House*, to help rebuild the home of Hansel and Gretel after some neighbors ate their tasty dwelling, leaving the storybook duo homeless.

"The hardest part was doing the acting and remembering my lines," said Steven Thomas, who played Bob Thomas. "We had lots of rehearsals, and I practiced my lines at home."

Hansel, otherwise known as Billy Roberts, said "I was nervous before I got here, but then I wasn't nervous."

The key to not being anxious, according to Gretel, or Emily Lundh, was not looking at the audience. "You just focus on something and don't take your eyes off it," she said.



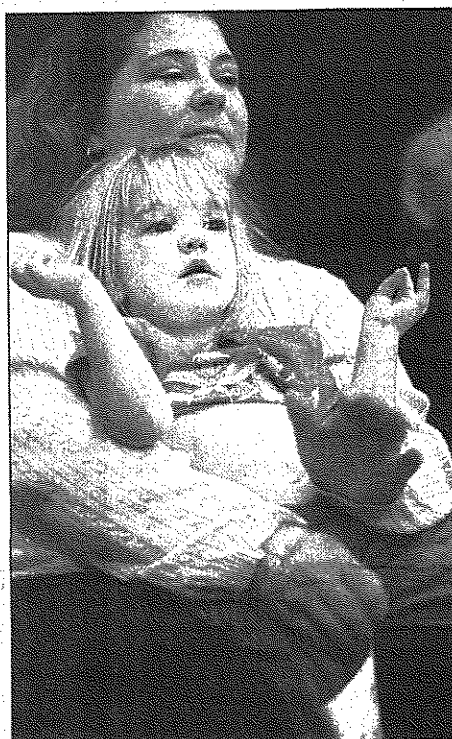
Billy Roberts, 8, as Hansel, and Emily Lundh, 8, as Gretel, perform a song in 'This Old Gingerbread House' Tuesday at Bentley Elementary.

Teacher Carole Brooks was proud of this year's class. "They did a good job," said Brooks, shortly after the final curtain came down. "They gave up lunch hours, they gave up recess time, and they even came after school to rehearse. That really says something."

Music teacher, John Heimstra, said the success of this year's play came down to everyone working together.

"It comes down to a group that takes instruction well," said Heimstra, "and this is a good group for following directions. At the same time, you're teaching them music and to enjoy being a performer."

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Dorie Lundh holds daughter Anna, 3, as they watch Anna's sister Emily in the role of Gretel in 'This Old Gingerbread House' Tuesday at Bentley Elementary, a 'Hansel & Gretel' meet 'This Old House' takeoff.

'Office shuffle' on in Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

As work progresses on the expansion of Canton's Administration Building, the office shuffle game is under way again.

"Because in the section of the building where we're located a lot of outside walls are going to be removed to go into the new expansion area, a lot of offices and work areas are going to be affected," said Dan Durack, administrative and community services director. "The administrative services offices will be gone. Human resources will be greatly diminished."

Durack and his administrative assistant, Nancy Fogarty, will be moving into the old Human Resources Building on Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. That building housed the Canton Community Foundation and Growth Works until they moved into the new building at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads last month.

"We looked at the old building on Michigan and Sheldon," Durack said, "and decided that with a little bit of paint and moving some things around, it would serve us while the expansion moves ahead."

Human Resources will remain on the third floor of the present Administration Building, although in more cramped quarters.

Community Services, which includes Resource Development and the volunteer coordinator, will move from their third floor offices to the Sheldon/Michigan location. Budget and Finance will move to where Community Services is now located.

The moves got underway Wednesday afternoon and will continue through the weekend. During that time, Durack said, the affected departments will be effectively out of business.

"We'll be back in business on Monday," he said. "If people call they'll get a phone message. The only problem is that as we speak the telephone people are working on the phone system."

He said telephone numbers for the affected departments will change, but as of Wednesday he does not know what the new numbers will be.

It was problems with telephones and changing numbers that were partially responsible for delaying the move for the Community Foundation and Growth Works into the new Human Services Building.

Durack said the move should not have much impact on residents, since Human Resources will stay where it is and the other departments are more staff oriented. The renovation and expansion project is expected to be completed in about a year and a half.

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POLICE

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truck, a 28-year-old Westland woman and a 41-year-old man from the city of Wayne, were taken into custody.

Inside the truck, police recovered an AR-15 assault rifle uncased behind the seat, a loaded magazine from the glove box and a suspected explosive device.

The bag dropped by the man was recovered and determined to contain 1.2 grams of heroin, according to Canton Police detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

The truck was registered to Chavis and the K-9 officer tracked the driver to the front door of a residence in the Winds. Police set up a perimeter around the building and attempted to make contact with the suspect.

After they were unable to make contact, the Western Wayne Special Operations Team was activated, along with Canton detectives and other support personnel. About 5 a.m. the team entered the residence after obtaining a search warrant.

No one was inside but Mutchler said detectives found another assault type rifle, ammunition, narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia.

"Just prior to the traffic stop," Mutchler said, "he (the suspect) had gone to an open field area near Ford and Lotz and fired several rounds from his weapon." Police recovered seven spent casings in the field.

The Michigan State Police Bomb Disposal Unit was called to investigate the device inside the truck, according to Canton police reports, and determined that it was a homemade firework and was safe to turn over to local police.

Mutchler said the suspect has "several convictions for narcotics-related activity as well as weapons charges."

State Police have put out a statewide broadcast seeking the man.

Mutchler said the Wayne man was questioned and released. He said the Westland woman may face unrelated narcotics charges.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400.

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CHAMBER

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Never," Linda Cohoon said. In the evening's biggest coincidence, her winning number was 49, the year she was born. To get in the cruise drawing, participants had to buy toy boats with numbers on them.

Diane Cojei, executive director of the chamber, said the fund-raiser went well despite the downturn in the economy.

The chamber expects to make about \$30,000 from the event when all is said and done. About 430 tickets were sold, Cojei said. "I think it was extremely successful," Cojei said. "We were not really down at all from last year."

Cojei said this was the 15th annual dinner and auction. A live auction sold off many donated prizes, including vacations in Orlando, Colorado and Las Vegas, and tickets to a U of M football game, as well as a day at a luxury box at a Tigers game.

In keeping with the theme a small fish tank with a live fish adorned each table. A "boat load of cash" was given away in the fifty-fifty raffle - about \$1,350. Top funny moment



PHOTOS BY DONALD J. ALLEY

Nancy and John Spencer of Canton (left) won the costume contest as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and "Titanic Survivor" as judged by Chris Kolomjec, an attorney practicing in Canton (right).

went to Nancy and John Spencer of Canton for best costume. John Spencer wore a toilet seat around his neck with the name of the Titanic on it, and Nancy was dressed as a rich Titanic widow.

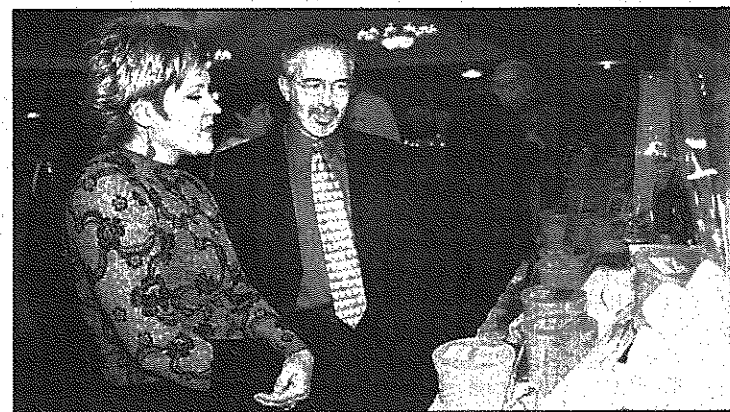
Past themes have included a western night, and a "be true to your school night." Next year's theme has yet to be decided.

Among the volunteers who Cojei cited as a "great help" were Brenda Pollock and Marian Bunch who gather the auction and raffle items and put together the auction booklet.

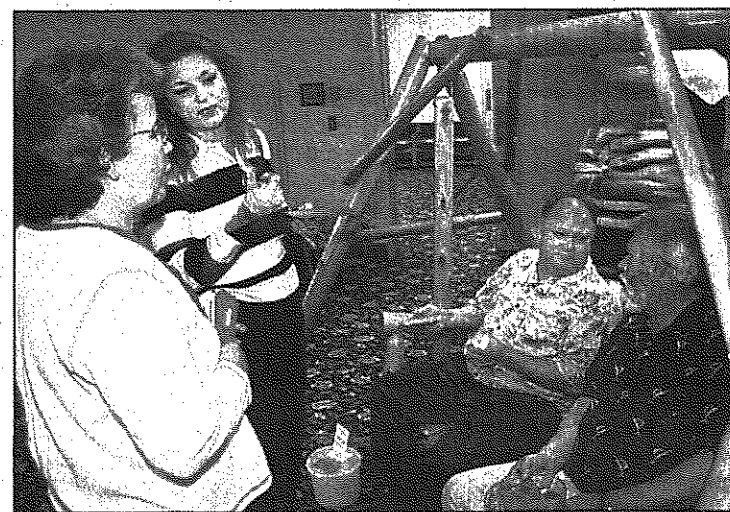
Others thanked by Cojei for the big event: Sally Bailey, Todd LaJoy, Aldona Chew, Nicki and Don Wilson, Terry Jobbitt, Tom Cassidy and Denise Staffeld, and auction committee members including Clarice Killian, Sharon Bordine, Judy Carkeek, Stan Daniels, Brandon Dent, Denise Mehl, Dianne Monahan, Linda Ribin, Brian Spitsbergen, Kelly Campbell, Stella Delap, Susan Mendenhall, Linda Rivello, Mark Scarantino and Rita Lowenstein.

Dick DeVries, representing Schoolcraft College at the dinner, said the event was well planned. "The Canton Chamber of Commerce knows how to throw a wonderful party," he said.

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Eric and Kim Moore of Plymouth check out the hundreds of auction items on display at the Canton Chamber of Commerce auction and dinner on Friday.



From left to right, Jane Gerou of Plymouth, Kim and Jim Bentley of Grosse Ile and Dennis Dowling of Westland check out the wooden swing, which was one of hundreds of items for auction at the Canton Chamber of Commerce dinner Friday.

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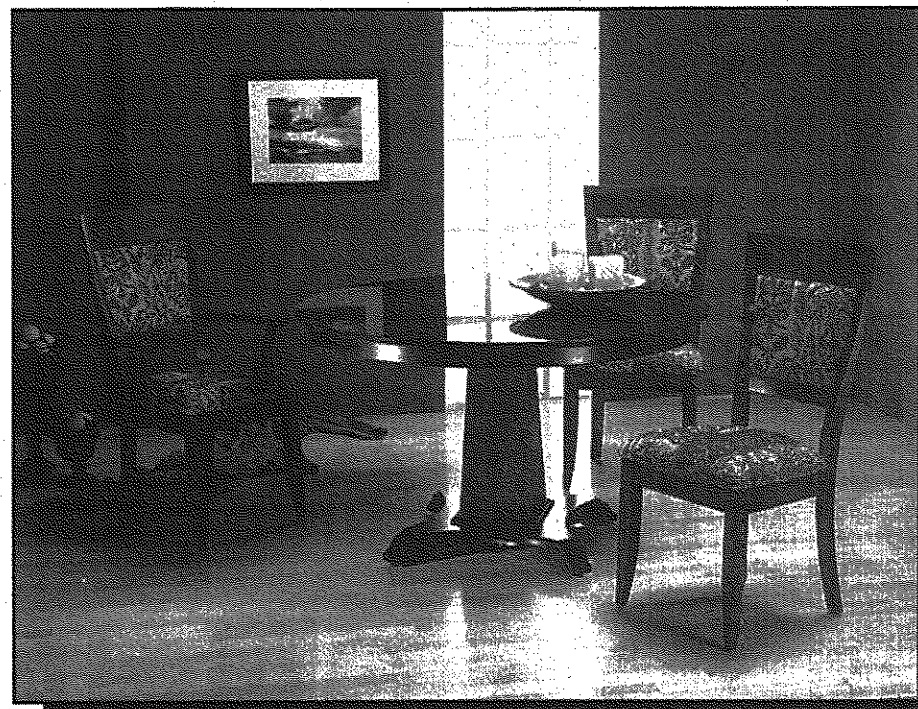
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Florence M. Neumann

Services for Florence Marie Neumann, 103, of Westland, will be held at 11 a.m. today, March 27 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Neumann was born Jan. 27, 1900 in Detroit and died March 23, 2003, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The third youngest of John and Monica Embach's 12 children, she grew up in Corktown and attended St. Boniface Catholic School.

After graduation from St. Boniface, Neumann went to business school and, following graduation, took a job as a legal secretary with Union Trust, a Detroit title company. She married her late husband, George Neumann Jr., on Sept. 25, 1927 and quit work to raise their three children.

After World War II, she returned to work as a secretary for the Detroit Board of Education and became a charter member of the Michigan Education Association before retiring in the 1960s. The family lived in Detroit for 50 years before moving to Dearborn Heights in 1980.

Mrs. Neumann celebrated her 103rd birthday in January with family and friends at Grand Court in Westland, where she had lived since her husband died in 1996.

She is survived by her sons, George III (Nancy) and John; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, George, daughter, Mary Ann Leigh and daughter-in-law, Marilyn Neumann.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills.

Patricia Ann Symeon

Services for Patricia Symeon, 67, of Hiram, Ga., were held March 24 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Mrs. Symeon was born April 18, 1935, in Detroit and died March 20 in Austell, Ga. She was a salesperson at Pine Lumber Company of Lincoln

Park and Inkster for 20 years. She came to the Dearborn Heights community in 1969 from Detroit. She was a member of St. John Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

Survivors include daughter, Catherine Symeon of Georgia; son, Daniel (Janet) Symeon of Georgia; granddaughter, Emily Ann Symeon; sisters, Ruth (James) Sheridan of Westland and Dolores (Claude) Priebe of Plymouth; brothers, George (Erma) Smentowski of Livonia, Richard Seaman of Nevada (formerly of Plymouth), and Robert (Marian) Smentowski of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

William D. Skaggs

Services for William Skaggs, 69, of Plymouth were held March 24 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skaggs officiating.

Mr. Skaggs was born June 13, 1933, in Labette, Kan., and died March 21 in Plymouth. He had lived in Plymouth for 67 years. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1951. He was in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1955 during the Korean Conflict. He was an Airman First Class. He received a National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years. He enjoyed gardening, reading, visiting neighbors and sharing products of his garden.

Survivors include wife, Carissia G. Skaggs of Plymouth; son, Bob (Ione) Skaggs of Canton; daughters, Cindy (David) Stelow of South Carolina and Nancy Skaggs of Canton; sisters, Joan Rogers and Ellie Fulton, both of Arizona; grandsons, Will and Peter Skaggs; and granddaughter, Jillian Stelow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma society Michigan Chapter 1421 E. 12 Mile, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home

Chloe Charlotte (Losey) West

A memorial service for Chloe West, 90, of Plymouth Township will be held at noon Sunday, April 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. West was born March 20, 1912, in Dearborn and died

March 8 in Plymouth. She was known to many as an active member of the Plymouth community, especially as a parent at Smith, a teacher at Farrand Elementary, and as a member of the former women's auxiliary of the Plymouth Rotary Club, the Rotary Anns.

She graduated from Ypsilanti High School and attended Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University), completing a bachelor's degree in teaching and later a master's in elementary education. After beginning her career as teacher in a one-room schoolhouse during the great depression of the 1930s, she married and resided in Waterford Township until 1949 when they moved to Plymouth.

Raised on farms in Dearborn and Cherry Hill (Canton Township) she was always fond of gardening and the out-of-doors.

She was a wonderful teacher by nature and a strong believer in the importance of high quality public schools.

Survivors include children, Charlotte Tate of Belleville, Mary Jane Eberhard of Escazu, Costa Rica, Ann Andrew of Ann Arbor, and Richard West of Huntington Woods; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and brother, Clark Losey of Bath.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or Elderside, McCauley Senior Health Bldg., P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Gary Dean Oliver II

Services for Gary Oliver, 20, of Novi (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Norman Long officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Oliver was born July 1, 1982 in Farmington Hills and died March 19 in Livonia. He was a projectionist at the Penn Theater in Plymouth. He had worked for the Penn since the age of 14. He came to the Novi community in 2002 from Plymouth. He was an avid NASCAR fan. He loved his truck. He graduated from Churchill High School in 2001. He enjoyed music, his Play Station, and video games. He was a loving son, brother, grandson and nephew.

Survivors include parents,

Gary (Debra) Oliver of Livonia and Linda Oliver of Bristol, Va.; sisters and brothers, Becky Oliver of Novi, Chris Oliver of Bristol, Va., Andrew Oliver of Bristol, Va., Brittany Oliver of Livonia, and Lee Greer of Livonia; grandparents, Lloyd Oliver of Plymouth and William (Betty) Oliver of Bristol, Va.; aunts and uncles, Bill Oliver of Plymouth, Charles Oliver of Holly, Doug (Phyllis) DiPonio of Plymouth, Ron Oliver of Mt. Clemens, Michael Oliver of Mt. Clemens, and Sue (Hobert) Spiva of Bristol, Va.; and good friend, Chuckie Combe of Plymouth.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Michael Everett Lampton

Services for Michael Lampton, 46, of Plymouth, were held March 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Lampton was born June 2, 1956, in Garden City and died March 20 in Plymouth Township. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 29 years as a committeeman at the Wayne Assembly Plant. He came to the Plymouth community three years ago from Wayne, where he lived for 22 years. He was born and raised in Garden City. He enjoyed golf and making walking sticks (canes).

Mr. Lampton was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Lampton.

Survivors include wife, Debra Kay Svoboda of Plymouth; son, Jason Everett Lampton of Livonia; father, Everett A.D. Lampton of Plymouth; sisters, Barbara Lamb of London, Ontario, Canada, and Nancy Jane (Scott Raby) Lampton-Raby of Plymouth; step-daughters, Lauren Svoboda of Plymouth and Stephanie Svoboda of Plymouth; and uncles, Joseph Couture of Toronto and William Couture of Toronto.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Foundation, 18831 West 12

Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076, or to the Children's Burn Unit, U of M Health System, 301 E. Liberty, Ste. 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2251.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Roger B. Langsdale

Services for Roger B. Langsdale, 57, of Maryland, took place March 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis.

Mr. Langsdale was born May 31, 1945, in Pittsburgh and died March 20 in Maryland. He graduated from Robert Morris University, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting. He served in the Navy from 1968 until 1970. He worked for 30 years with the U.S. Department of Labor, where he was the Regional Inspector General for Audit in Philadelphia prior to his retirement in early 2000.

The Langsdales retired with a dream to sail around the world and spent the first two years trekking between Baltimore and Florida, spending the bulk of their time outfitting their boat for world cruising in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., before venturing back to the Annapolis area last fall.

Mr. Langsdale captained a troop of Sea Scouts, making many voyages and teaching youngsters boat handling and love of the water. He was an avid sailboat racer, completing 13 Chicago-to-Mackinaw races and competed in local events sponsored by the Naval Academy.

Mr. Langsdale was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Langsdale, who died in 2000.

Survivors include wife, Nancy Langsdale of Maryland; daughter, Christine Parish of New Castle, Pa.; mother, Ruth Gladys Marie Langsdale of Sun City Center, Fla. (formerly of Plymouth); sister, Kay Tabbarah of Washington D.C.; brother, David Langsdale of Mt. Lebanon, Pa.; two grandchildren; and parents-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William Covington of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Washington Hospital Center Burn Unit, 110 Irving St. NW1G, Washington, DC 20010, Mount St. Joseph, 24955 N. Hwy. 12, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, or Paul's Place Outreach Center, 1118 Ward St., Baltimore, MD 21230.

Arrangements made by Taylor Funeral Home, Annapolis, MD.

George Eliuk Jr.

Services for George Eliuk, 66, of Plymouth, were held March 27 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. Eliuk was born June 27, 1936 in Detroit and died March 23. He worked in maintenance for a paint manufacturer.

Survivors include wife, Barbara; daughter, Patty (Mark) Rousseaux; son, John (Tina); brother, Michael (Marge) Eliuk; sister, Marilyn (Bill) Kappen; and grandchildren, Nicole and Shelby.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Mildred E. Krauter

Services for Mildred Krauter, 85, of Brighton (formerly of Northville), were held March 24 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.

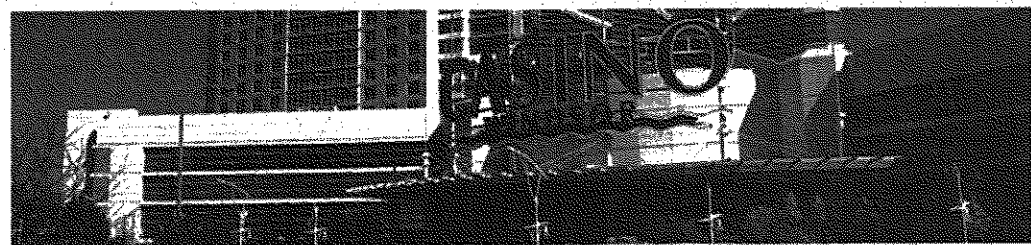
Mrs. Krauter was born March 26, 1917, in Detroit and died March 22. She moved to Brighton in 1987 and was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Krauter was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Krauter in 1987; one sister, and son-in-law, Duane Shear.

Survivors include children, Cherie Shear of Brighton, Robert (Sharon) Krauter of Indian River, and Paul Krauter (Wendy Midgett) of Lainsburg; eight grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

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through the 11th grade. His mom says he decided as a junior he "didn't want to be a bookworm" and transferred from the Canton parochial school to the public school where he took a variety of "hands-on" classes before graduating.

"I think he was a lost soul for a while and he didn't really know what he wanted to do with his life," said Paszko. "He started a lawn care business for a few years but he wasn't making enough money with that."

According to his mom he chose to enlist in the Marine Corps because "he wanted discipline" for himself. Jeff attended boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., and had additional training at Camp Le Jeune in North Carolina.

This past January, Jeff returned to school full-time at Schoolcraft College and was delivering pizzas at nights and on weekends at Pizza Hut on Ford Road in Westland.

"He had four days' notice when they called to tell him he was activated," said Paszko. "We had a list of about 100 things he needed and drove all over during that time to get him everything from flashlights to sunglasses. I'm glad we made sure he had everything because

I hear a lot of the soldiers are calling home requesting some of the things Jeff took with him."

With 24-hour media coverage of the war in Iraq, Paszko says she's been "glued to the television" and hasn't wanted to do much else but follow what's happening overseas.

"My husband has been as bad as me," said Paszko. "It's hard knowing he could die at any minute. It's like our brains are on hold and everything else seems so trivial. I'm all tied up in worry."

SIGNS OF SUPPORT

The Canton family isn't alone in support of their son. Approximately a dozen of the Paszkos' neighbors, who live on a court in Canton, have yellow ribbons tied around the trees in their yards.

"I made the ribbons," said Molly Henker. "I wanted to show our support of the troops and of my neighbor's son."

Paszko said together she and Henker shopped for material last weekend but her friend was the one who created the symbolic yellow bows.

"She did a great job," said Paszko. "All of my neighbors and people at church have been wonderful. I think I spent all day yesterday on the phone. Everyone was asking at church on Sunday about Jeff. One of my neighbors served in Desert



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Storm so he's been very insightful about what's going on over there."

In regards to public protest about the war and the United States involvement, Paszko says she respects an individual's right to express themselves but thinks we as a country are "spoiled."

"I saw soldiers on television handing bottles of water out to kids," Paszko said.

"They were so excited just to get a bottle of water. We have so much here. I don't want my kids to have to worry about the threat of terror here or have to worry about getting blown up at Disneyland."

The Paszkos of Canton aren't much different than other

families across southeastern Michigan who have reserve and active soldiers involved with the war. They are hoping to glean some pertinent information from the meeting at their son's Ohio reserve center this weekend and check their e-mail everyday and night hoping to hear something from their loved one.

"I'm proud of him," said Paszko.

"He's a different person ... more motivated now and I know he likes the camaraderie with the other guys. No one has heard anything from him yet but we hope to soon."

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Sherry Paszko of Canton, whose son Jeff is serving in Kuwait, is buoyed by the support of her neighbors, who have tied yellow ribbons around trees in their yards.

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Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills. "People need to get over the thought that public education is free."

Tindall noted that colleges and universities, which also get public funding, don't hesitate to solicit for donations, and public schools shouldn't, either. "With the high cost of education, these days, there needs to be something supplemental," she said.

A report on philanthropy given to trustees showed total contributions of \$212 billion were given through individuals, bequests, foundations and corporations in 2001.

Plymouth-Canton Schools has a number of booster groups helping to support extracurricular programs and athletics, with the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters the largest fund-raising group in the district. According to president Jerry Olexsey, the music boosters raise approximately \$125,000 a year for the band program. In addition, last year the group solicited an additional \$50,000 for new uniforms.

"I encourage the board to do it," said Olexsey. "We have a special niche of donors who support music. I think the school district could reach out to a higher level of donor who wants to support education. I think it could help the district."

The nonprofit Educational Excellence Foundation disperses about \$20,000 a year in teacher grants, and another \$25,000 for the Summer Skills Program for reading and math at-risk students in elementary grades throughout the district.

"It's not a conflict for us," said Hugh Harsha, an EEF trustee. "Personally, I've been in favor of something like this for a number of years, but prior superintendents have been stiff-arming us."

"The needs for education are so huge," he said. "It's not just reading, writing and arithmetic. It's every facet of learning for development of the individual."

The Rochester Community

Schools Foundation is widely regarded as one of the most successful in the state. Director Melinda Conway Callahan has been with the foundation for all seven years, during which it has raised nearly \$3 million. Callahan said last year the foundation realized \$700,000, bringing the current fund balance to \$1.2 million.

"We've been able to fund the arts curriculum, athletics, the robotics team and software for the media center," said Callahan. "We would have had to take that money out of the general fund if we couldn't find the support."

The Birmingham Education Foundation raises nearly \$100,000 a year, and even raised an additional \$200,000 two years ago to help pay for artificial turf at the district's two high school football fields.

"We want to help make a difference in the school district, especially with the advent of Proposal A," said spokesperson Cheryl Mangiapane. "We wouldn't have the networking in the community; the community is more aware and stepping up to the plate; and we are getting more calls from people wanting to help."

Plymouth-Canton board members Joanne Lamar, Judy Mardigian and Mark Slavens have been the most vocal about hiring someone to raise money for the district to help offset budget deficits.

"I don't know how we cannot go forward with expanding outreach to our community for funds to help enhance our programs," said Mardigian. "I'm convinced it's an idea whose time has come. We want to do more enhancement for arts programs, early education, high school smaller learning communities."

Slavens believes hiring a development director is the "wave of the future" for school districts.

"I think it could raise a million dollars a year," he said. "The money could go to the general fund to help pay for academics and keep class size down."

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AROUND TOWN

Art Instruction

Three Cities Art Club presents James Patterson who will help students improve one or two pieces of art they are working on. Learn new techniques as he helps others. Being held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 7 at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building.

Plymouth Community Council on Aging

Come celebrate 25 years of Senior Services by enjoying dinner, friends and the high school Swing Band from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 14 at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center.

Tickets available at the PCCA office and must be purchased by April 9. Cost is \$8/members; \$10/non-members. Call (734) 453-1234 ext. 236.

Plymouth Community Chorus

The annual spring concert entitled *Broadway Legends* will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 at the new Northville High School. Call (734) 455-4080 for information on ticket purchase or go to www.plycommunitychorus.org.

Mom to Mom Sale

Sponsored by Willow Creek Co-op Preschool from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Located at 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland between Newburgh and Wayne. Table rentals still available. Call Maria at (734) 326-9101.

Mandala Workshop

The PCAC is offering a Mandala Workshop with Cathy Dyer from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Participants will create colorful healing symbols using colored pencils on black paper designed around a circle. Call (734) 416-4278 for info and to register.

Drug Workshop

This is a two part series. Part One, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know," will be presented on Tuesdays, April 1, May 6, and June 3 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part two is "What To Do," and will be presented Tuesdays April 8, May 13 and June 10 from 7:30-9 p.m. This will provide information on what should and should not be done when a

teen substance abuse problem is identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker.

Lenten Retreat

The Bethany Peer Support Group for the Separated and Divorced of the Archdiocese of Detroit hosts its annual spiritual Lenten retreat at St. John's Center in Plymouth the weekend of April 4-6. For more information, call Jane at (248) 548-2765, Patrick at (248) 545-2566, Loretta at (586) 264-0284, Christine at (313) 565-1457, or Angela at (734) 324-2332.

Polish Dinner/Dance

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill sponsors a tribute to the Polish-American Heritage with a weekend event March 27-30. Participants will be able to taste savory authentic foods, listen and dance to live music, and learn more about the Polish culture. Call Dodi at (734) 981-7100 to reserve a seat.

Authors' Roundtable

Several authors from Plymouth will welcome and encourage aspiring writers in an Authors' Panel and Roundtable Discussion Saturday, March 29 at the Plymouth District Library from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The cost of the program is \$30 per person, which includes lunch. For more info, call (734) 416-4278.

Pre-School Registration

The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its pre-school programs for Fall 2003. The 3-year-old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.

Concert Choral

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville Fine Arts Series presents the Northville Concert Choral, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Tickets are on sale in the church office during regular business hours. Call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911 for more info.

Fish Fry

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an "All You Can Eat" Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Nursery Co-op Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-2004 school year. Openings for 3-4 year olds, various class times and

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Teen queen

Jennifer Craddock, a junior at John Glenn High School in Westland and the daughter of Elaine Hissong of Canton and John Craddock of Adrian, has been named "Miss Metro Detroit Teen Continent." She won the title at a pageant held in Livonia in February, the Premier Pageants and Performing Arts Competition. Craddock is also a student at Robert Lee School of Dance in Garden City.

days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is

launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae-kwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter #528 meets every second Monday of the month at the American Legion Post #32, 9318 Newburg, Livonia. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1961 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit our web site for more information.

BNI Plymouth II

The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. We are actively looking for new members. Please call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club
Meetings are the first and third Fridays at 8 p.m. at The Plymouth Historical Society in Plymouth.

BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more info and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

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Dear Grand Court Staff:

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you who work at Grand Court and who cared for, cleaned and cooked for my mom, Ann Wallace, during the past two years. Mom always wanted to stay independent as long as she could in life and you all made it possible!

People who serve, as you all do, are special people who all too often do not hear how really special they are!

Thank you to those who took the few extra minutes to listen to mom chat about her kids and grandkids or who helped her find something she could not see, who patiently waited while she took (and perhaps complained) about the million pills she had to take. Thank you to those who stored mom's glider out of the snow and installed handrails to assist in bathing, to the recreational staff who brought in music programs (especially the Irish dancers), to the drivers who helped mom on and off the bus, to those who cooked and served and cleaned-up and to those who came to make the bed and tidy up the apartment, who listened and spoke kindly of pictures and let mom chat to them about sports or news or whatever. Thank you to those on the midnight shift who, I am sure I never saw, but who called for help when my mom was sick and needed to go to the hospital. Thank you all.

Please know that you are most special and thank you for everything.

Gratefully yours,
Kathy Balow
Daughter of the late Ann Wallace, resident of Grand Court Westland.

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OUR VIEWS

P-CEP war march handled smoothly

The war protest — or support for the troops, depending on which group you talked to — at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park at lunch time Friday was handled nicely by the school and district staff.

Groups of students — some denouncing the war, others supporting the troops, still others just watching — marched and demonstrated behind Salem High School near the bus loop.

District and school administration response was not overly authoritarian.

In fact, district spokeswoman Verna Anible briefed TV and newspaper reporters, said the students had rights, then took the media out to the demonstration. The district allowed the event to unfold for 30 minutes or so, then asked the media to leave, and started clearing the students out.

This kind of quiet response seems to us to be just right. Clearly the students were expressing some strongly held ideas and feelings. The media got their interviews and pictures, the kids got to have a say and school continued normally for most of the rest of the 5,100 students at the Park.

Security personnel and Salem Principal Jerry Ostoin made their presence felt, but didn't get overly excited. This is the sign of a school staff that knows its student body.

Sure, a few students are going to get some unexcused absences and we hope the three high schools at the Park stick to their guns and make that punishment stick.

"We don't condone any activity that would be disruptive to our educational process," Anible said. "But we do understand this is a sensitive time for our entire country, and it probably affects high school students more than perhaps adults, or students at other levels."

As for the protest, the students seemed to know the issues. They talked about a war for oil, the need to support the troops, Saddam Hussein, a war on terrorism, even the very idea of peaceful protest.

All participants in the event can be proud of what happened Friday. Debate is healthy; such a debate among our young people — the ones who will lead us in the future — could be argued as critical.

The demonstration featured students who know the important issues and are willing to speak up about them, and adult staff who model calm behavior in crisis.

Isn't that exactly what we want from our high schools?

Change trash ruling regulating garbage

Ask southeast Michigan residents used to home rule and local control who dumps trash in their landfills and they'll probably be surprised to learn the answer is almost anyone who wants to.

A 1992 Supreme Court ruling has prevented Congress and states from outlawing outstate trash, which now is filling up landfills in southeast Michigan to capacity.

One culprit is Canada. That country in 2001 sent 44 percent of Michigan's imported waste to this state.

Twenty percent of all Michigan trash in 2001 was imported.

Now U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, who recently was appointed to serve on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, has introduced legislation that would limit the ability of Canada to export trash to Michigan.

This is Rogers' second year calling for change in federal laws regulating importing trash. Let's hope that his proposals gets whatever refinements are necessary to get a green light in Congress.

Adding its own call for action recently was the state House of Representatives, which passed a resolution encouraging Congress to allow states to limit the municipal solid waste they receive from out of state.

And set to take action once Rogers' bill passes Congress is state Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, who has companion legislation ready for consideration in the Legislature.

That scenario follows on the heels of House bills 4098 and 4099, reintroduced this year by Rep. Paul Gielegem, D-Clinton Township, that would regulate the importing of solid waste and prohibit beverage containers in landfills.

We are a nation of laws, but laws are made to protect the health, safety and welfare of those who create them.

Let's use the checks and balances between the Supreme Court and Congress to make the law work for us.



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Joining in a fund-raising effort for the Burger School for the autistic is Canton Applebee's management team Lori Erickson (from left), Jason Bolinger, Jerry Baez, Mike Doumanian, Jason Sheffer, Chris Thompson, Eddie Fox and Brent Fluke. The hope is enough money can be raised for a new playground for the kids; help wrap your arms around these children by donating at Applebee's — after lunch or dinner.

LETTERS

Article was unfair

This e-mail is in response to the article written by Brad Kadrich ("Elementary school is too early to learn that life has winners, losers," Feb. 27).

While I truly appreciated the opportunity I had to speak with Mr. Kadrich and voice my honest opinion on the recent situation that has taken place at our school concerning the variety show I direct there, I felt that Mr. Kadrich began his article in a totally inappropriate manner which had absolutely nothing to do with the whole situation.

First of all, I would like to say that he represented what I said in a true-to-fact manner, and for that I thank you. But the opening paragraph would lead one to believe you were going to discuss something of much greater significance, such as juvenile diabetes or childhood cancers, not an elementary school-level production.

When the four-person panel held the auditions, we did not inquire as to whether the child had a life-long illness or disease; nor is it any of our business, or any of your readers business, when receiving the facts to the situation regarding the whole process involved in putting on this show.

I know it is your job to make your stories more interesting to your readers, but for goodness sake, do not belittle what that child has, or try to sway your readers to agree with your own personal opinions by starting off the article with a child's health issues that had no bearing whatsoever to her not being placed in our show.

By the way, I made every effort to include those whose acts were not chosen, and was flat-out turned down by their parents. They were the only parents at Miller who have given me any grief, but boy, have they given me a lot!

If Mr. Kadrich wanted to play fair and try to sway the sympathy vote equally why not mention the personal traumas of the adult panel of judges, such as the personal loss of a father just weeks before the auditions, or that one parent has not one, but two children with diabetes. Try dealing with that one! Get my point?

These kids are a lot smarter than we adults give them credit for being. I know in my heart, I have done nothing wrong, my intentions have always been in the best interest of the children.

Parents are supposed to comfort and teach their children how to deal with life's obstacles. They should not try to shield them from every possible disappointment in life, for if they do, when any little problem comes along, their child will be totally shattered. Then what?

Parents are there to guide their children, but it is the children who need to live life's experiences, whether they be good or bad, happy or sad. Whatever they be, we as the parents have already been there, done that — and are all the wiser for it!

Suzanne Zabowski
Canton

Charge unjust

I can't believe something so minor has gone so far ("Teen learns expensive lesson

in park pen prank," *Observer*, March 9). The article states Mr. Savino has no respect for law enforcement, on New Year's Eve last year Chaz and my brother, Eric Dodsworth, were hit by a drunk driver who worked in law enforcement.

My brother was killed and Chaz suffered extensive injuries. The man, Joseph Bandy, who did this has yet to serve a day in jail. He is in fact out on personal bond until an appeal, which could take years. Chaz has lost his best friend and part of his brain to a man in law enforcement.

I personally would not have much respect for law enforcement either. I find it extremely unjust that Chaz has had more conscience for stealing an ink pen than Bandy has for killing my brother.

Julie Dodsworth
Canton

Obnoxious announcer

On Feb. 20, 2003, I was a spectator at the PCS Penguins-University Liggett girls' hockey game at Arctic Edge. The public address announcer introduced the incorrect team as the opponent. It only spiraled downward from here.

In the countless youth hockey games I have attended over the years, I have never witnessed such a display of unsportsmanlike conduct as exhibited by this announcer. He stumbled to introduce the visiting team's starting line and he then went into his "obnoxious act" when introducing the home team. This childish behavior continued throughout the game, when announcing the home team's goals and when they won the game.

Regardless if this is a paid position or that of a volunteer, such one-sidedness is not a good example for any of the students and parents in attendance. In addition, on at least two occasions music was played while play was in progress instead of ceasing once the puck is dropped. On a positive note, as an away team spectator I only have to endure these antics once this season while the home team fans have 10 games to experience this classless and unprofessional demeanor.

Deborah Redford
Plymouth

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"Saddam doesn't understand anything but force. He will feel like a sign of weakness, anything but force. It's too bad innocent people are caught in the middle. He comes by force, and he leaves by force."

— Basma Fakri, Plymouth Township

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Don't expect a budget resolution anytime soon

Those interested in how Michigan's budget crisis is going to turn out are in for a long wait. I don't expect Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature to finally resolve the \$1.8 billion deficit for the fiscal year that begins this October until the very last moment.

To understand why, you need only to identify the powerful interests whose oxen were gored by Granholm's initial budget proposal and to watch how these interests will be lobbying the Legislature to stanch the wounds. Consider this very noninclusive list:

■ Organized labor, which represents thousands of state employees whose wage increases are now at risk from Granholm's budget cuts.

■ Michigan's 15 public universities and 29 community colleges, whose appropriations have already been cut by 3.5 percent and which face another 6.5-percent cut in the governor's proposed budget.

■ The families of thousands of Michigan high school seniors who scored well on the MEAP test and who had expected thereby to earn a \$2,500 state-funded scholarship to college. Gov. Granholm's budget proposes to cut this to \$500.

These are nontrivial constituencies, and there are many, many more, all screaming bloody murder. The lobbying intensity, not to mention the partisan disagreements between Democrat Granholm and the GOP-dominated Legislature, will be intense, time-consuming and very, very political.

Another factor, less immediately obvious, is the peculiar pressure-cooker atmosphere that pervades the six square blocks around the state Capitol. Simply put, this atmosphere is at once completely consumed with politics and entirely insular. Legislators typically arrive in Lansing in time for session on Tuesday morning. They then spend literally all their time in the cut and thrust of legislative politics — hearings, caucuses, phone calls, meetings, wheels and deals — until they go home at the end of the day Thursday or Friday morning. Nothing other than political survival matters; nothing else intrudes.

In this frenzied atmosphere, certain assumptions that have no particular validity in the real world (i.e., any place other than the Capitol) are without question accepted as dogma. One example is the assumption that the political conflict over abortion is at the center of morality for all people. Another is that taxes can never be increased, no matter what.

That latter article of faith will become a domi-

nant factor during the budget negotiations. How come? Because it's pretty clear that the process of resolving the budget crisis will involve at least two distinct steps:

1) Loud and ceaseless wailing and gnashing of teeth by the various constituencies whose programs/pet projects are being cut, to the point that legislators and the governor throw up their hands in despair at ever being able to craft a budget that distributes an acceptable (maybe even fair?) level of pain to all concerned.

2) The sudden realization that one simple step — delaying the scheduled reductions of the state income tax by 0.1 percent increments — will produce hundreds of millions in extra annual revenue. It does not take legislative genius to realize that the extra money would go a long way to solving the budget crisis and even save some important programs that would otherwise be killed or maimed. But this realization will inevitably be accompanied by loud cries that such a step amounts to a tax increase and that doing so amounts to certain political suicide.

Here's how the numbers work. The current state income tax rate is 4.1 percent of adjusted taxable income. As a result of tax cutting legislation passed during the Engler years, that rate is scheduled to go down to 4 percent during fiscal 2003 and to 3.9 percent in fiscal 2004. The math gets complicated because of the difference between calendar year (used for tax purposes) and the state's fiscal year (which starts on Oct. 1). The bottom line is that if the scheduled tax reductions for 2003 and 2004 are deferred, the result is around \$400 million in extra revenue for the state.

So the gut check will be whether the no-tax article of faith that drives so many decisions in a hermetically sealed and increasingly frantic Legislature makes any difference at all to most folks who live or work outside the Capitol building in Lansing. For an individual taxpayer with a \$40,000 taxable annual income, a tax rate reduction of 0.1 percent works out to about \$40 a year, less than a buck a week. Is this something that will cause ordinary citizens to go to the barricades? I doubt it.

Of course, some Lansing insiders will argue that deferring a scheduled reduction in the rate of the income tax is just the same as a tax increase. Maybe, but I hope such Jesuitical logic doesn't cut much ice.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Lessons of earlier war come in handy as nation battles Iraq

What Is It Good For?

I admit it. It was hard finding a topic for this week's column. Our world in turmoil, our country now at war with a despot that refused to listen. The memories of my youth, of growing up with the Vietnam War, haunt my husband and me. We remember those days in different lights.

Six years younger than my husband, who was peacefully protesting at the University of South Carolina, the first truth of what war could become hit me in a sixth-grade math class.



Cathy Standish

In my little town, our math teacher (who seemed quite old at the time) was really quite a young man. In 1968, Vietnam was a war that was just beginning to be fought on the television. Like the wars and conflict proceeding it, Vietnam was brought home to us in pictures, pictures in newspapers and in magazines, such as *Life*.

It was on that spring day in 1968 that our young math teacher decided to educate his room of 11- and 12-year-olds. Standing in front of his class, slowly he opened that month's issue of *Life* magazine and he began to show us the pictures.

Pictures of My Lai. Our class watched in stunned silence as this teacher flipped through the photographs of the aftermath of a massacre, of a village, of people, old and young, lying silent. The camera of *Life* somehow seemed to speak for them. I covered my mouth and closed my eyes. The war had finally come home to me.

In my house, we didn't watch the news at dinnertime. At 11 years old, I had never seen Walter Cronkite or Chet Huntley or even David Brinkley. I didn't know a lot about the Vietnam War. My dad never wanted to talk about Vietnam; he probably didn't want to look at the images that were slowly trickling into our country through the miracle of television.

He probably didn't want to see those images because the conflict he fought in Korea had ended for him not so long ago.

So my first indoctrination to the Vietnam War were graphic still pictures of My Lai. In the middle of math class.

Our math teacher saved the horrid secret of this massacre until the very end of the class.

The shock of that revelation stayed with me throughout that school year, stays with me

today. I ended up failing that math class. Prepared or not, the truth of the war came home to me that day in the spring of 1968.

The truth of war hit me again later that year when the war came to stay in our tiny Michigan town. A hometown boy, Terry Frechette, was killed in that war. He was all of 18 years of age.

I still remembered him in 1984 when I stood in front of the Vietnam Memorial and touched his memory. I felt the etching of his name under my fingers, tried to remember the photo of his face I saw in the local newspaper.

I never really knew Terry; I had never really met him, he was the brother of a girl in my class. Yet touching his name, standing at the wall, I felt strangely tied to him. He was the first person in my world to die in that conflict of Vietnam.

It is now 2003 and I have two high school-aged boys, one almost Terry's age. Both boys born in peacetime. I would like to make all the conflict in our time go away. But I can't. I can only hope that they understand, are informed, are educated. Unlike me.

In that one horrific moment in 1968 the ugliness of war came home to me. Those images in *Life*, burned into my memory for eternity. The simple truth of war, hanging before me, still hanging before me today.

For the simple truth of war is: sooner or later war will come home. To stay.

We see the reminders of war everywhere. We see them in our veterans, we see them in our history. We see them in museums, in our memorials. We learn about our wars in our schools, our children are educated by our teachers.

Maybe in that spring of 1968 I should have been more educated as the images of war were reflected in front of me. I should have understood history as I lived it. Maybe the most painful truth of my experience was, I didn't understand what was going on in that Vietnam conflict all those years ago, and that turning off the television, stopping that flow of information didn't prevent that war from eventually coming home to me.

I now know why that young math teacher showed us those pictures that beautiful spring day in 1968. He showed us *Life*, he showed us My Lai so we would always remember, so that we would never forget. I wish I could find him today, just to let him know that it worked.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.

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Students survey attitudes on Canadian waste

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A group of Wayne State University students need your help to complete a project for a technical communications class and, possibly, help influence action on the controversial issue of importing trash from Canada.

Steven Stone of Livonia, a senior in mechanical engineering at Wayne State, said the students were assigned to research whatever topic they chose with the idea of making a difference on a public issue. Part of the project was to approach a newspaper about running a survey to gather public opinion on the subject.

"The research is geared to an inevitable audience, our audience is state legislators," Stone said. "We thought that public opinion was the best way to

reach legislators."

The students – Stone, David Bennefield of Sterling Heights, Dennis Hitchins of Lincoln Park, Ken Dunlap of Sterling Heights and Mike Nicolls of Lincoln Park – have made e-mail contact with several state legislators, the governor's office and Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

After researching the topic, the students devised the survey accompanying this article. Responses need to be returned by April 8. A final 30 minute report will be given to the class

describing their research and response. The results will also be sent to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Sen. Stabenow, and state and federal legislators.

The topic has been a hot button topic in recent months. Michigan is the third largest importer of trash after Pennsylvania and Virginia.

In 2001, Canada accounted for 44 percent of the imported waste to Michigan landfills. Beginning this year, all of Toronto's trash was exported to Michigan landfills, raising con-

cerns on both sides of the border.

Twenty percent of all Michigan trash for 2001 was imported from Ontario and neighboring states.

Stabenow has introduced legislation to ban importation of Canadian garbage and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) have proposed legislation that would limit the ability of Canada to export trash to Michigan.

The state House of Representatives has recently

passed a resolution encouraging Congress to allow states to limit the solid waste they receive from outstate.

State Rep. Paul Gieleghem, D-Clinton Township, has reintroduced two bills, 4098 and 4099, that would regulate the importing of solid waste and prohibit beverage containers in landfills.

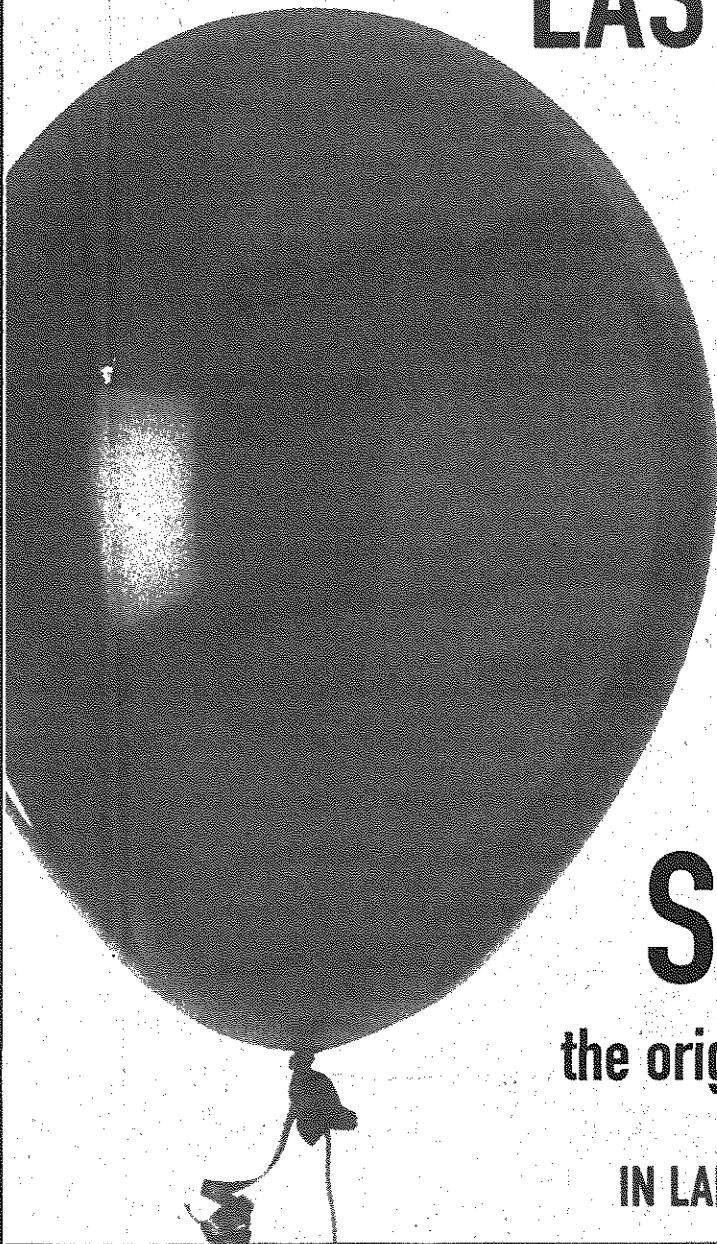
"Public outrage is critical to stem the tide of garbage from Canada and other states," Gieleghem said in a January press release from the

Democratic Party. "We also need tough new laws to keep the garbage at the borders. It's high time to stop the trashing of Michigan."

Democrats think such legislation will withstand a court challenge despite recent rulings.

In the past the courts have ruled that Michigan can stop importing trash without violating commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution.

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Talking trash

Please circle one answer.

1. Would you consider yourself knowledgeable regarding the importing of foreign trash into Michigan?
Yes, No, Undecided
2. Would you consider yourself in favor or against this issue?
In favor, Against, Undecided
3. Would you support legislation that would ban the importing of foreign waste?
Yes, No, Undecided
4. Would you support legislation that would limit the kind and/or amount of trash that is imported into Michigan?
Yes, No, Undecided
5. If you were informed that local communities receive financial benefits from the importing of foreign trash, would this change your response to the previous question?
Yes, No, Undecided
6. Are you aware that Michigan exports some hazardous, household waste into Canada?
Yes, No
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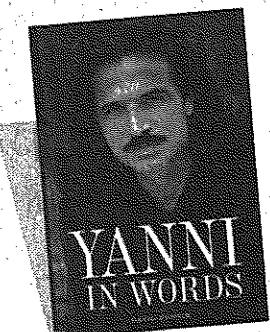
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Comedy Works

Kirk Hanley of Farmington Hills, Quintin Hicks of Clarkston and other local comedians will be working hard to make you laugh, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 28 to June 14 at Detroit's Century Theatre. Comedy Works features The Guild, a group of some of metro Detroit's improvisers. The Guild uses audience suggestions to play improvised games and create original sketches that current, witty, and hilarious. Comedy Works brings game-style (short form) and sketch (long-form) improvisation to the stage. Tickets are \$12.50 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call (313) 963-9800. The Century and Gem Theatre are at 333 Madison. Visit them online at www.gemtheatre.com

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"2 Cantorz and the Kidz" 7 p.m. Sunday, March 30, is high-energy Jewish music performed by Cantor Earl Berris, Cantor Stephen Dubov, and the Kidz Klez Band of Michigan with accompaniment by Marty Mandelbaum, at Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. No charge or tickets needed, open to the community. For directions and more information, call (248) 788-0600 or e-mail cbminfo@bnaimoshe.org

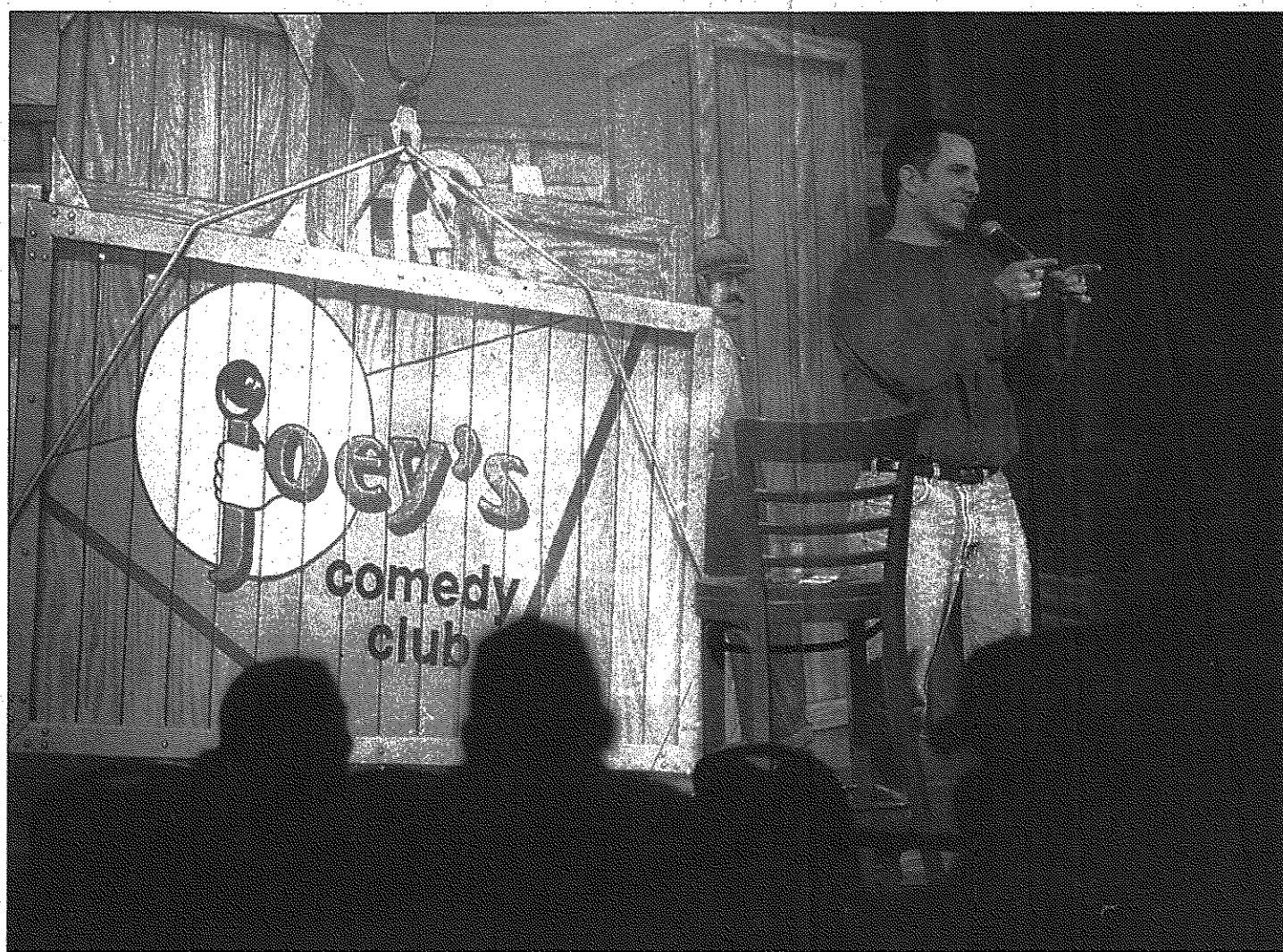
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George Popovich directs Henry Ford Community College's Virtual Reality, 3D stereoscopic production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 2-26, at the Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Tickets \$15, call (313) 845-6478 or <http://theater.hfcc.net/vtr/index2.html>

Art, autos

The entry deadline is Monday, March 31, for *Art, Autos & Architecture*, a summer event and juried art show Saturday-Sunday, July 26-27, with optional Friday evening gala, at the Scripps Mansion in Lake Orion. Booth fee is \$125 with a \$15 jury fee. Acceptances will be sent in April.

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Jeff Dwoskin's lively delivery keeps the audience at Joey's Comedy Club in stitches.

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Stand up

Fledgling comics take the plunge at local clubs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

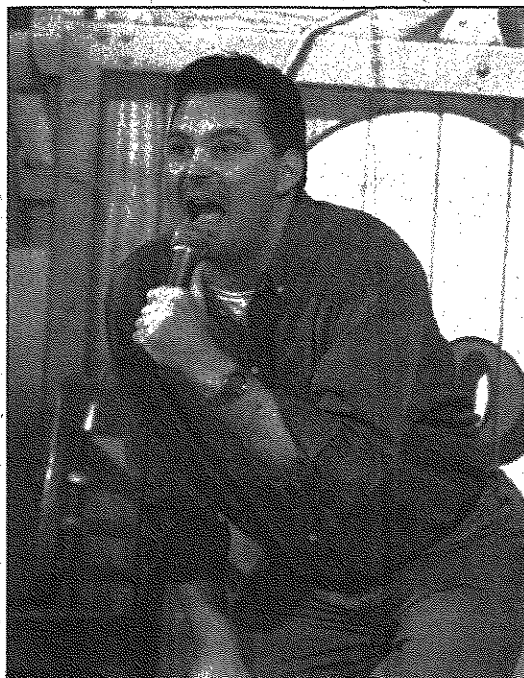
So your mother thinks you're funny. Friends and co-workers laugh at your jokes. But do you have what it takes to make it as a stand-up comic? Tim Allen did, although he was mighty nervous during his first open microphone night performance at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in 1979.

Open mic nights allow up-and-coming and established comedians to try out material. For the audience it's a cheap night out, costing anywhere from \$2-\$5 plus drinks.

For Jeff Dwoskin, open mics offer the opportunity to see if his jokes are as funny as his mother thinks they are. The West Bloomfield comic was pacing the floor in anticipation of his turn at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia.

Dwoskin's been trying to break into the business for about a year. He decided to go for his dream after being laid off from a dot-com company. Dwoskin took a six-week class at Mark Ridley's and thought he was on his way.

"I'm trying to get out and get paying dates," Dwoskin said. "The money in the early stages is not there before the jump to headliner. My wife's extremely supportive. My wife, brother and co-worker encouraged me. The hard part is when you're funny with your friends, it's not necessarily translated on stage. The classes taught me how to structure a joke, how to lay it out. I try three to five times a week to get on stage at the open mic here, at Mark Ridley, and Yuk-Yuk's in Windsor. One of my favorite jokes I did 15 times on stage before I got it the way I wanted it."



Bill Bushart's irreverent routine hails back to his days at Our Lady of Loretto.

Twenty minutes before show time, Dwoskin is wandering around looking for a glass of water — and pacing faster.

"I'm never nervous on stage, but before I usually have to go to the bathroom 50 times. Comedy's good for the colon," jokes Dwoskin. "But when I step on stage, all the nervousness is gone."

PLEASE SEE COMEDIANS, B5

OPEN MIC

■ **Joey's Comedy Club**, above Kicker's All-American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road east of Levan, Livonia. Open mic 8-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday (\$3). Call (734) 261-0555 or www.joeyscomedyclub.com

■ **Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2). Improv troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5). Call (248) 542-9900 or www.comedycastle.com

■ **Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**, 314 E. Liberty, between Division and Fifth, Ann Arbor. Open mic and improv 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). Call (734) 996-9080 or www.aacomedy.com/

Artistic Expressions



Linda Chomin

Cranbrook has role in design of new center

Sometimes we treasure least what's in our own back yard. That's true of the World Trade Center — and Cranbrook Academy of Art. Until terrorists destroyed the twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001, no one thought much about the architecture — a symbol of this country's economic strength.

Likewise, academy director Gerhard Knodel says not many realize the impact Cranbrook has made on building design. Six architects, who have ties to the Bloomfield Hills school, submitted proposals for the new World Trade Center at the invitation of Max Protetch. The New York gallery owner was at the forefront of an effort to determine the type of structure built on the site. Debates over whether it should strictly be a memorial soon fell by the wayside as the country began to realize the significance of the towers.

Protetch contacted 120 architects from around the world to submit ideas. Sixty of them ended up exhibiting designs at the gallery where he's shown architectural drawings for 25 years.

In February of this year, New York officials chose former Cranbrook Academy architect-in-residence Daniel Libeskind for the almost overwhelming task of building a complex that reflects the future of lower Manhattan.

Protetch will talk about the original design Libeskind exhibited at his gallery and the book that followed — A

PLEASE SEE CRANBROOK, B2



Max Protetch will give a lecture on designs created for the new World Trade Center.

Event celebrates Redford Theatre's 75th anniversary

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

George McCann, 76, stands inside the historic Redford Theatre lobby and gazes at a black-and-white photograph of the space in the 1920s.

He draws his hands out of his pant pockets, which are jingling with coins, points to the center of the photograph and traces the brass railings with a finger.

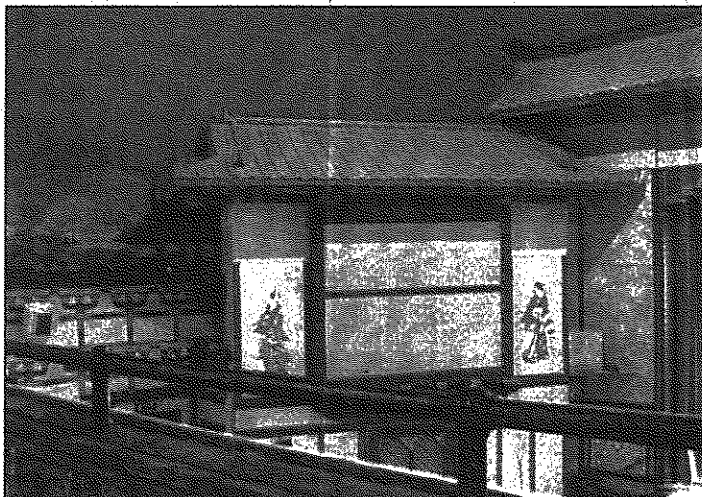
Now gone, the railings created rows in the lobby where patrons lined up to enter the theater. On weekends, the lines filled the lobby and trickled outdoors.

"That's what we called a hold-out," explains McCann of Warren.

"Back then, movies were continuous. There were no intermissions."

Ushers were charged with monitoring dark auditoriums for empty seats and escorting patrons into the show when others left.

PLEASE SEE THEATRE, B7



Recent restoration has returned the theater's auditorium to its original splendor. To take a peek, attend the Redford Theatre's 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 5.

75 YEARS OF SHOWS

What: The historic Redford Theatre marks its 75th anniversary with an extravaganza featuring Michigan Opera Theatre singers performing music from over the years, the Redford Harmony Club barbershop quartet, the Rose City Rising Stars children's chorus, music on the theater's historic organ, silent film, lobby displays and afterglow.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5

Where: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

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Mask auction puts a face on the homeless

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Case Koreman purchased a couple of masks at the COTS auction over the last four years not because he's an avid art collector but a believer in helping people help themselves.

As a member of the Coalition on Temporary Shelter board, the Bloomfield Hills businessman has watched the nonprofit shelter turn down and out men and women into productive citizens.

A portion of the money to do that comes from MASKorAIDE, the annual auction of masks decorated by artists and celebrities. This year on Saturday, April 5, more than 140 works by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Ted Nugent, and designers from General Motors, DaimlerChrysler, and Collins and Aikman and local artists will be auctioned off. The evening includes a strolling dinner by Opus One and dancing to Mark Randisi & Co.

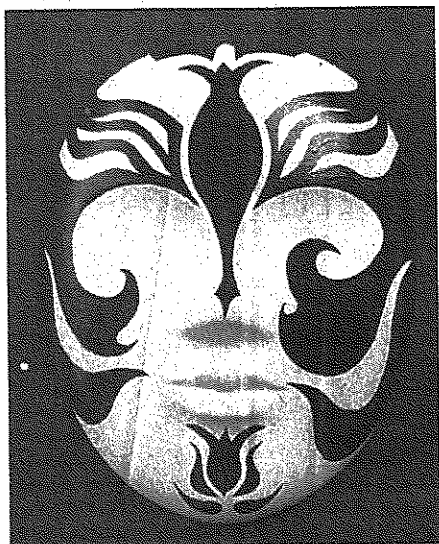
"There seems to be a high level of enthusiasm for the event in the creative community," said Koreman, MASKorAIDE chairman. "There's something that grabs you about the idea of the mask. It starts out with a blank mask and when you think about the homeless, they're kind of faceless."

"COTS was started in the early 1980s by traditional homeless advocates who began by handing people a fish but realized maybe we need to teach people to fish. They launched that idea into a transitional program that helps people obtain their GED, teaches them interviewing skills. COTS works with people who want to help themselves. It's what keeps me coming back year after year."

The same could be said for Canton artist Gwen Dietrich. This is the second year she's painted a dramatic black and white Art Nouveau mask with a bird theme. Last year's work brought in \$250 for COTS.

USING CREATIVE SKILLS

"I'm contributing by using my cre-



Gwen Dietrich of Canton painted this Art Nouveau style mask featuring a bird. It's similar to one she created for the COTS MASKorAIDE auction last year.

ative skills," said Dietrich. "I've seen COTS in action. Having toured COTS facility, I saw the staff's dedication to provide educational programs and shelter, and teach parenting skills. I wanted to do something to help."

Kathleen Wilson and Kerrie Rogers only heard about COTS through co-worker Stephanie Vanneste at Collins & Aikman, an automotive supplier in Troy. Nonetheless, they wanted to share their talents.

Wilson, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting from Wayne State University, used hemp, beads, stones, feathers, transparent leaves, and buttons to accent a gold mask.

"I enjoyed it," said Wilson of West Bloomfield. "It went to a good cause."

Rogers mounted her mask on a watercolor painting of a Caribbean blue ocean. Then she outlined the mask and painted two 2-dimensional masks. A weaver by nature, Rogers is interested in surface design and texture. At Collins & Aikman she is a senior stylist forecasting color trends for automotive interior packages.

"It tells a story of change," said



Kathleen Wilson of West Bloomfield used a variety of store-bought materials to make this mask.

Rogers of Birmingham. "The masks are all the same shapes from a child to adult. It shows how we're weathered over time, the evolution. That events mark us over time. It's not supposed to be sad. That whole program (COTS) is about change and evolution."

"I read the brochure and thought it was important to do something. Sometimes I need help and sometimes

others need help. It should be a community helping each other."

Beth McKeown couldn't have said it any better herself. As COTS marketing manager, she's seen the once homeless now supporting themselves and their children after going through the transitional program. Last year, COTS provided 55,000 beds, 110,000 meals, and 57,000 hours of childcare so mothers could get on their feet. They

MASKORAIDE

What: Strolling dinner by Opus One, dancing to Mark Randisi & Co., and silent and live auctions of masks created by artists and celebrities

When: 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5

Where: Ford Event & Conference Center, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn

Tickets: \$125, call (313) 576-0219.

For information and to view the masks, visit the Web site www.cotsdetroit.org

Preview: Opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Traffic Jam & Snug, 511 W. Canfield at Second, Detroit, call (313) 831-9470. No charge. Masks continue on display to Tuesday, April 1

also filled 4,000 jobs with homeless people.

McKeown hopes to raise \$130,000 at the fifth annual auction. GMAC Financial Services and GMAC Mortgage is sponsoring the event.

"We have more corporations giving and interested in supporting the auction," said McKeown. It's a fun and popular event and each year it grows. This year it's in a new location (down the street from Henry Ford Museum) and we'd like to have 500 people.

"COTS residents stay for an extended period of time. We're not a warming shelter. We have a transitional two year program to help people get back on their feet. We have 25 to 40 kids in the shelter almost every night, a lot of infants. That's why MASKorAIDE is so important."

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Event celebrates rhythm and dance

Got a fire in your belly? Break it out at DanceFire, a celebration of dance and rhythm coming to Ann Arbor 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre Studio, 111 Third St. Performing is Nightfire, a group that weaves eclectic and

gypsy-inspired dance, improvisational ceremony, live and recorded music, poetry, costuming, masks and lighting in a tribal, dream-like fusion.

Special guests include Gae Winn, playing Native American flutes, and guitarist Geoffrey Esty.

Spirit Rising, a metro Detroit area percussion ensemble, will provide rhythms for the dance theater, followed by rhythms for open dancing and a drum circle, which begins at 10 p.m. The dance party is preceded by a simple group dance with audience participation.

All ages are welcome, and costumes and masks are encouraged. The audience is invited to energize heartfelt wishes and dreams through their presence and participation at this community building event.

"Basically, for about an hour people will be watching a dance performance with live drumming, with interludes by a guitarist and flute player," explained Irena Nagler, dancer and artistic

director for Nightfire.

"Then there is a participatory dance. It's actually called a spiral dance where people hold hands and follow (the dancer) in front of them. Then the drummers take over and there will be free-form dancing for everyone," she said. "People can even bring their own drums and join in the drumming."

The spiral dance loosens people up — even the meekest, she said.

"If you do that, it's an experience and there's hardly any one left who's not dancing."

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Much to her surprise Lesley Gore's still going strong after four decades in the music business. The difference between now and the 1960s is all in her perspective. At age 16 she was living every teenager's dream as her first hit song *It's My Party* soared to the top of the charts. Today, at 50-something, she's less impressed with success and more interested in rocking her audience.

On Saturday, March 29, Gore headlines the American Golden Music Spectacular Concert at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Sonny Geraci, Randy and the Rainbows, Kathy Young, and Earl Lewis & The Channels fill the rest of the bill.

"When I recorded 40 years ago I didn't expect these songs to still be played," said Gore in a phone interview from her home in New York City. "And I never thought that after 40 years I'd be getting up in front of an audi-

AMERICAN GOLDEN MUSIC SPECTACULAR

What: A concert featuring golden oldies by Lesley Gore, Sonny Geraci, Earl Lewis & the Channels, Kathy Young, and Randy & the Rainbows

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29

Where: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn

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ence. I didn't think my music was helping the world back then. I have a different opinion now of what I do.

"Now when I meet people I realize it's some kind of connection to a time that was more innocent. It zaps people back. It's a wonderful energy. It's important especially during these trying times to make people happy."

There's no doubt Gore's come a long way from singing in the junior high school choir in Englewood, New Jersey. She credits part of her success to Quincy

Jones who discovered her. Hit songs like *Judy's Turn to Cry* (Mercury Records) kept the public asking for more. She gave them one of the first feminist songs *You Don't Own Me*, her favorite.

SWITCHING GEARS

In later years her popularity seemed to dwindle but hadn't. Gore simply switched gears. She went on to entertain audiences in musicals and dramas on stage, and in TV series like *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Donna Reed Show*, and

Batman, playing cat woman's sidekick.

All the while she continued to write songs. She earned an Oscar nomination for co-writing *Out Here on My Own* for the film *Fame* with her brother Michael Gore. Current projects include composing music for a pop album – and performing. Gore spends 50-60 days on the road a year.

So what keeps her going? When Gore's music director is checking out the sound system in Dearborn in the afternoon, she'll be heading to the gym for 45-minutes on the treadmill. When she plays a city that doesn't have a health club she runs around town. Otherwise Gore says she's not able to do her 45-minute show.

"In winter most of the audiences are baby boomers," said Gore. "In summer families bring kids, grandparents. It's interesting to see these young kids sing these songs."

"I'm excited about doing the show in Michigan. We're going to rock your socks off."

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Lesley Gore brings back the '60s in a Golden Music concert featuring songs like 'It's My Party' and 'You Don't Own Me.'

Yanni signs books, performs at The Palace

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Yanni grew up poor in the seaside town of Kalamata, Greece. He couldn't read music, but taught himself how to play piano when he was only eight.

He's performed at the Acropolis in Athens, the Taj Mahal in India, and China's Forbidden City. His is a remarkable story, and he'll be at the Royalty House in Warren, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 to tell it.

Yanni will be signing copies of his new book, *Yanni in Words*, (Miramax Books, \$24.95) at the Royalty House to benefit the Foundation for Modern Greek Studies.

At 8 p.m. he'll be at The Palace of Auburn Hills performing songs from

his newest release, *Ethnicity*.

The book signing is a kickoff for the foundation's second phase of fundraising – to establish a Center for Modern Greek Culture and Policy in metro Detroit.

"We've been working to establish a relationship with Yanni," said Bill Vlahoulis, a foundation member and liaison to the board. Our goal is to increase awareness, promote Modern Greek language and culture. These goals are important to Yanni, too."

The Foundation, begun in 1997, raised \$1 million to create a Modern Greek Studies Program at the University of Michigan. It also awards scholarships to those pursuing Modern Greek Studies, and provides outreach programs to expose others to Modern Greek culture.

"Yanni's book is about his life," said Vlahoulis. "It's quite a story. This is a guy who was a championship swimmer in Greece and later performed at the Acropolis, Taj Mahal, and Forbidden City. It's the first time anything like that had been done in a lot of years. Now he's on tour."

Written with David Rensin, the book is inspirational and honest. He talks about growing up in Greece, his life with Linda Evans, a relationship that ended in 1998, although they remain friends, and how he became an international superstar.

Born Nov. 14, 1954, Yanni loved music as a child, and sports. He developed a passion for soccer, became a Greek national swimming champion at 14, and moved to the U.S. at age 18. He earned a bachelor degree in psy-

chology at The University of Minnesota and played with an assortment of rock and roll bands. As he tells it, his biggest professional and personal risk was to return to Greece to film and record three concerts with a band and full symphony orchestra at the Acropolis in Greece.

"The reward was overwhelming: global exposure, millions of new fans, and finally a grudging respect from the media and music business," Yanni says in the book.

His is "a life of challenges, lessons, dreams, and obstacles overcome."

"Words," he writes, "have never been my medium. I never thought I'd ever write a book. But life is full of surprises."

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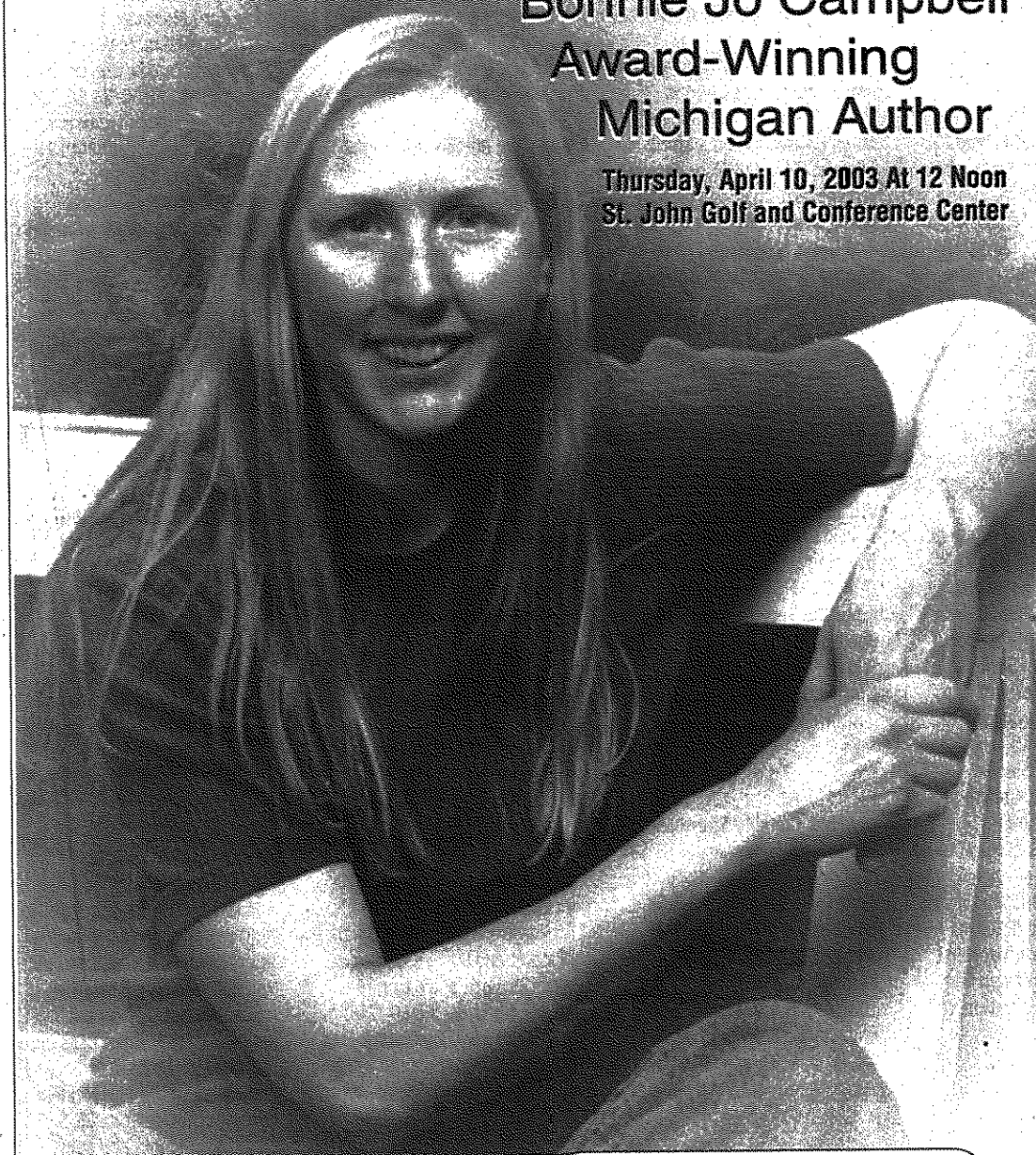
■ Book signing: Hosted by the Foundation for Modern Greek Studies, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Royalty House, 8201 E. 13 Mile Road, at Van Dyke, Warren. For more information about the foundation, call (248) 596-9667.

■ "The Ethnicity Tour," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$72 and \$42, reserved, call (248) 645-6666.

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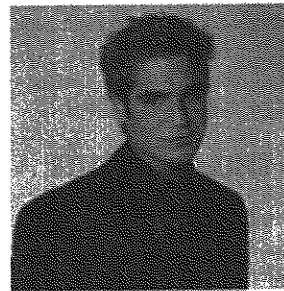
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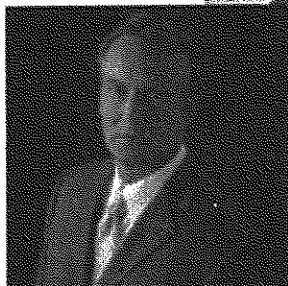


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Meadow Brook Theatre
Wait Until Dark, continues to April 13, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. \$19-\$38. For times (248) 377-3300

Planet Ant Theatre
The Ball & Chain Gang, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday to March 30, 2357 Caniff Ave. Hamtramck. \$15/\$10 students. (313) 365-4948x1

COMMUNITY THEATER

Ridgedale Players
Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up? 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28-30. \$15 adults, \$14 students/seniors, (Sunday), (248) 988-7049, www.ridgedaleplayers.com

COLLEGE THEATER

Henry Ford Community College
Presents the Virtual Reality 3D Stereoscopic production of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" April 2-26, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, the futuristic production combines live theater with electronic technologies of film, video and computer generated virtual environments. The audience will wear polarized glasses similar to sunglasses, Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$15. Seating limited. (313) 845-6475

Oakland Community College
Orchard Ridge Theatre presents *A Company of Wayward Saints* 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 9-12, Smith Theater on campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$7, \$5 seniors and students. (248) 522-3422

Oakland University
Anything Goes, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, Varner Studio Theatre, on the Rochester campus, \$12 general, \$6 students. (248) 645-6666, or one hour before performance at the door.

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News Flash, an uproarious spoof of a local newscast continues through April, at Genitti's, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$45, includes 7-course dinner and show. (248) 349-0522

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Detroit Puppet Theater
Close the Window 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 25 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit. (313) 961-7777

Genitti's
Sleep Over, April 5 at Genitti's, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$14.95, \$12.95 children. (248) 349-0522

SPECIAL EVENTS

Young People's Concert
Detroit Symphony orchestra presents "Feet to the Beat," a program introducing young



Marji Silk displays her photograph of the Detroit Opera House in 'Reflections of My Life,' an exhibit running April 5-30, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, call (248) 853-9855 for more information. The one woman show opens with a reception 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Silk has been selling her photography since 1984. Her work is on permanent exhibit at the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook Education Community, Cannon House Capital Building, Washington, D.C., and Millesgarden Museum, Stockholm, Sweden.

audiences to great orchestral dance music from ballets and operas, conducted by Thomas Wilkins, featuring Pointe Repertory Dancers from Pointe Academy of Dance in Rochester Hills, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10-\$26. (313) 576-5111

Author's Panel and Roundtable
Event features authors and publishers 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Plymouth District Library, \$30, includes lunch. Call (734) 416-4278

Ballet Master signs books
Reception 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29 promotes the autobiography of ballet master Jacob Lascu, *Two Lives in Two Worlds*, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., downtown Rochester. (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org

Self-publishing seminar
Presented by Leonard Charla, an attorney and cookbook author, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Troy Holiday Inn, Rochester Road at I-75. Tuition \$50 includes course material. Call (248) 642-7191.

BENEFITS

For the Love of Art
Car Hop, theme dance in 1950s attire at a "diner" dinner with silent and live auctions of artful items 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, RSVP by April 4, at Fox Volkswagen, 773 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. \$75, \$100 patron donors. Proceeds benefit Paint Creek Center for the Arts Building Fund. (248) 651-4110

Luncheon on the Aisle
Learn behind the scenes secrets about professional theater and watch a portion of a rehearsal for the play *Meshuggah Nuns*

11:30 a.m. Friday, April 25, Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. \$75, \$30, \$28 seniors over age 62 and groups of 10. Proceeds benefit the theater. (248) 375-0850

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Musicales
Pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, harpist Christa Grix and the Christa Grix Jazz Trio, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits St., Birmingham, (\$20 general), (\$35 patron), (\$50 benefactor), to benefit the musicale's scholarship and philanthropic programs, (248) 642-2386

Schoolcraft College
Guitarist Jason Vieaux's performs noon Wednesday, April 2, Vieaux is internationally acclaimed, and recognized as one of the most exciting classical guitarists of his generation. A sought-after teacher, Vieaux is head of the guitar department at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and currently records for Azica label. He has three new CDs including a set of sonatas by Manuel Ponce and a compilation of duo works with flutist Gary Schocker, in the Recital Hall, Forum Building, on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275, Livonia. (734) 462-4403

POPS/SWING

Just for you
The Optimistics and The Fabulous Motown Entertainers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15, (248) 522-3667.



Planet Ant Theatre presents an original comedy, 'The Ball & Chain Gang,' through March 30, in Hamtramck. Written by Planet Ant Improv Colony, the two act show celebrates the ongoing war between the sexes. Second City Detroit alum Margaret Edwartowski directs. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15, \$10 students with ID. Call for reservations (313) 365-4948. For more information, visit the Web site at www.planetantimprov.com.

JAZZ/BLUES

A Guy, his Guitar and Friends
Bob Geric's, guitarist/vocalist, Nick Calandro, bass, play variety of music from folk to jazz, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre, \$10, (248) 625-8811.

Edison's
Brett Lucas Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, March 27; Thornetta Davis 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 28-29 at 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Schoolcraft College
Invitational Community College Jazz Band Festival 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. No charge. 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5 the Combo plays with other Michigan college groups at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. Collage Concert featuring Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble, Community Choir, Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12, Radcliff Center, Garden City. Donations accepted. Schoolcraft Jazz Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, with vocalist Cindy Pierson, Waterman Center. No charge. For information, call (734) 420-8984

Larry Nozero Jazz Quintet

8 p.m. to midnight Monday at Mitch House's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520, www.larrynozero.com

Rosie O'Grady's
Tim Flaherty, Marvin Conrad and George Bennett-Tuesday Night Open Blues/Jazz Jam, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy Street, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

Vince James Trio
Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

Matt Michaels Trio
8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. (734) 762-7756

Copper Canyon Brewery
Joe Weaver, blues & R&B singer, Friday, March 28, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 223-1700

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor \$5-\$10 (734) 996-9080. Improv Comedy Jamm Night! Open mic and Improv Comedy troupe, *Beer Money*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, \$5, Bert "Chili" Challis 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-29

Joey's Comedy Club

Steve McGrew with Tanya Lee Davis and Bill Bushart April 2-5, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, www.joeyscome-dyclub.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2). Improv troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), headliner Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or www.comedy-castle.com

PROFESSIONAL DANCE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble
"Myth and Magic," the final concert of the season, features past repertory and premieres of two works by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower 8 p.m. Friday, April 11, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$22, \$18 seniors and students. (248) 559-2095. For tickets to student matinee "Kids 'N Motion" 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Macomb Center, call (248) 852-5850

Burn the Floor
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday, March 28; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30. \$15-60, (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com. For event information, call (313) 983-6606 or www.olympiaentertainment.com.

Michigan Classic Ballet Company
Seasons of Spring, presented with dancers from the Geiger Classic Ballet, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. \$12, seniors and children \$10, (248) 334-6964.

SOCIAL DANCING

Contra Dancing
1:30-4:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month, Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$8. (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2262

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio
Swing & Salsa dance instruction 8 p.m., Dance 9 p.m. to midnight, D.J. open to the public, Friday, Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II), West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9 Michigan Swing Dance Association, singles welcome. \$10 per person (248) 926-8522

Moon-Dusters
Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road, \$5. (248) 967-1428.

Rhythm 'N' Shoes
Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$7, \$6 members. (248) 334-0299

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum
Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7, \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.aahom.org

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
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Detroit Science Center
Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit continues to Sept. 7. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95, \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and planetarium shows \$4 each or \$6 for both. (248) 645-6666. Also a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship went down, and IMAX movie on the ghostly ship at the bottom of the ocean. Digital Dome Planetarium Show, weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Henry Ford Museum
hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

Meadow Brook Hall
Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadow-brookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum
New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm



Celebrate 'Spring in America' April 1-27, at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Try on hats in the historic hat display, let your child create a paper hat, or try kick up your heels with English country dancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8.50-\$13.50. Call (313) 271-1570.

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COMEDIANS

FROM PAGE B1

ALL NERVES

Like Dwoskin, Bill Bushart is "all nerves" until he steps on stage and converts those jitters into energy. Bushart, in addition to playing clubs all over Michigan, teaches comedy classes at Joey's.

"I can't wait to get out there," said Bushart of Farmington Hills. "I was the seventh of eight children. I got into this so someone would listen to me."

Bushart always seems just one step away from bursting into his act. He's quick to tell anyone who'll listen that as a kid Don Rickles was his hero. The nuns at Our Lady of Loretto where he went to school said not to watch the

irreverent comic, so Bushart would catch Rickles whenever he could never imagining one day he'd follow in his footsteps.

As a student at University of Detroit, Bushart founded the *Redford Connection*, but soon learned running a newspaper was a tough business. After graduation, Bushart had to supplement his income by substitute teaching for Redford Union Schools. Then six years ago, a friend talked him into taking a class at Mark Ridley's.

"Doing comedy is all about building self-esteem. It's an attitude adjustment. Since I got in comedy, I don't think there's anything I can't accomplish," Bushart said. "In the classes I can't teach them to be funny, but can help them structure jokes. It's best for them to talk about what they know, read the newspaper. There's a wealth of information to draw on.

"I accept anyone into the class. It's all positive. I never tell anyone there's no hope. It's all about having the motivation. My philosophy in comedy is there are nights you're going to bomb and if you can't fail, you're in the wrong business."

Dave Mishevitz knows firsthand how tough it is to break into comedy. For the last year, he's done commercials during the day to pay the bills so he could work on routines at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles at night. Mishevitz admits he was "never the class clown" at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford. It wasn't until he went to Ball State University in Indiana that he began working with an improv troupe. From there he moved to Chicago and then L.A. He was recently featured in Barry Dougherty's book *How to Do It Standing Up*, a book for fledg-

ling comics. Every three months he returns to Michigan to work the clubs. This open mic night, he was testing new material for his headliner act Wednesday through Saturday night at Joey's.

"As a comic, every night is different," Mishevitz said. "You might have a night when you don't have anything but applause and laughs and the next you bomb. It's an addiction where you have to get on stage. On the business side, it's, 'Am I going to get the dollar menu today, am I going to have to get a job?'"

GIVING COMICS A CHANCE

Mark Ridley's watched thousands of comics struggle to

break into the business over his 24 years as owner of the Comedy Castle. He believes for many their open mic time led to successful careers. The Rochester Hills resident tells stories of Tim Allen "always being very professional, dressed in a sport coat or suit."

Perfecting material at open mic nights most likely led to Allen landing the role as the bungling host of *Tool Time* on the *Home Improvement* television series.

Ridley takes pride in helping young comics and fondly recalls the airfares of Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld costing him more than their fees in 1989.

"It's like a diamond that starts out as a chunk of coal," Ridley said. "Some people are naturally funny, but some peo-

ple don't have the ability to piece it together. In the classes, we teach them how to do that along with how to put together a good resume."

Roger Feeny's provided a venue for up-and-comers on and off for almost 19 years. Once a week as general manager of the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, Feeny selects comics for open mic. Weekends he features national acts.

"There has to be some sort of outlet for talent to develop, a place to refine four to five minutes of material," Feeny said. "I tell them to get stage time anywhere you can. On weekends, I develop talent through guest sets before national acts."

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Clubs no joke in community

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Comedy clubs are more than just a place to enjoy a good joke.

Most offer classes to learn the craft, even if pursuing a career as a standup comic isn't your goal. Adults and children can benefit from learning to speak in front of a crowd.

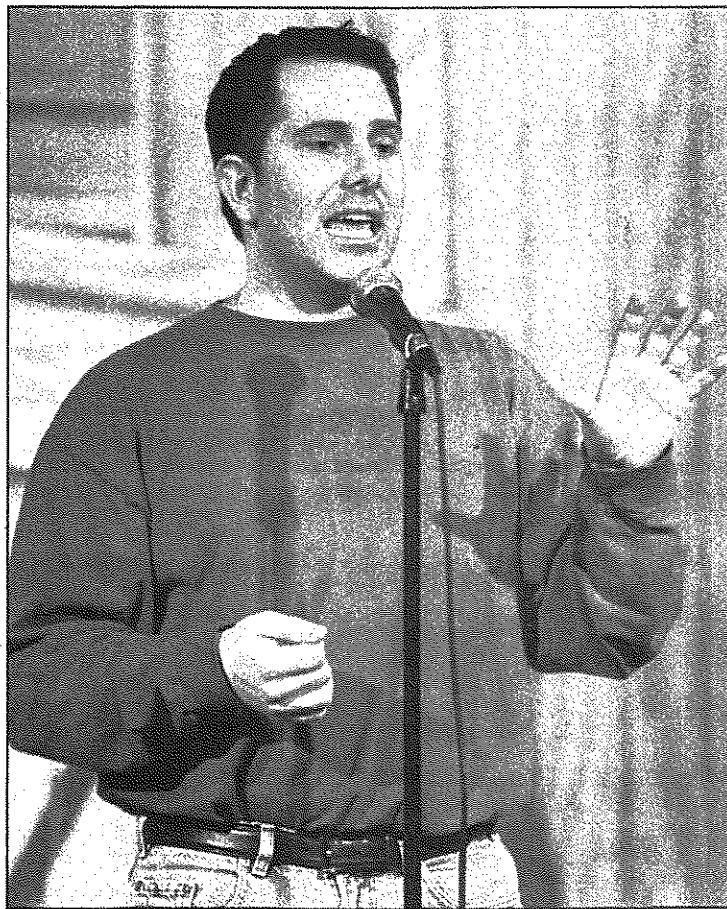
"It's a great art-form for kids," said Karen Bell-Brege, a member of Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, an improvisation troupe performing Tuesday nights at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle. The Troy High School graduate is teaching a Kids Comedy Camp for ages 9-16 Saturdays, April 19 and 26, at the Royal Oak club.

"It teaches them to think on their feet, think quick. I've done presentations at fine art days in West Bloomfield and Lake Orion Schools, and it teaches them to follow the rules. There's lots of rules to follow in improv, believe it or not. It's all about supporting your partners and being in the moment, letting inhibitions go. Adults especially are so inhibited. This teaches them to be themselves before they get into that box-thinking."

Creativity led Mark Ridley to open up his Comedy Castle to the community. Organizations and charities regularly use the club to hold fund-raisers.

"We've had everyone from Royal Oak Fire to Police (departments) come in and raise money by buying the room or block of tickets," said Ridley. "We book a comedian and they buy the tickets for \$3 and sell them for whatever. People are always looking for something different to raise money."

When Troy comedian Brian Kalakie lost a friend to AIDS, he decided to organize a show to benefit the AIDS Partnership Michigan Foundation at 8 p.m.



JIM JAGGFIELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Dwoskin performs at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia.

Wednesday, April 9, at Mark Ridley's. For tickets, call the club (248) 542-9900 or Kalakie at (248) 420-6406.

"AIDS Partnership offers counseling to HIV-positive patients and their families as well as provides outreach for heterosexuals and gays," said Kalakie, who's been working open mic nights at Ridley's and Yuk-Yuks in Windsor the last 18 months after taking a class at Ridley's.

"I lost a friend to AIDS. It's my way of contributing to the fight against AIDS. It's not just gays. It affects everyone who's sexually active."


COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

Bill Bushart's desire to help

others led to him starting Comedy for a Cause at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. Dates are filling up fast. So far, Livonia Junior Athletics, Clarenceville and Franklin high school wrestling teams, and Westland Police Explorers, have all raised money. For information, call Bushart at Joey's (734) 261-0555.

"We help them choose a comedian and they get to keep \$9 out of every \$12 ticket they sell," said Bushart, Joey's marketing manager and a Farmington Hills comedian. "Joey's makes money on dinner and drinks. The organization wins and we get people who've never been in the club before."

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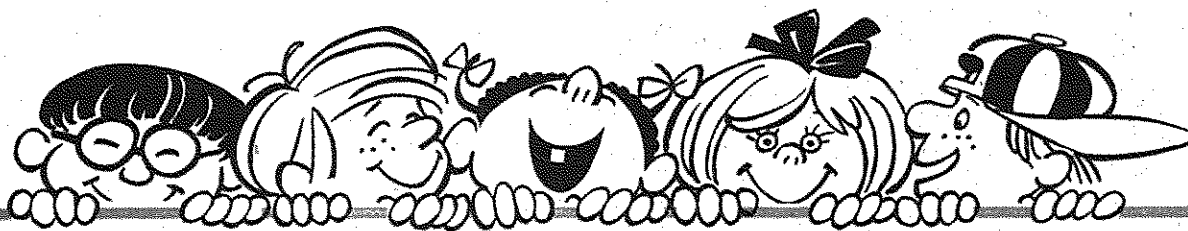
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DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft. Adult admission, \$6.50, senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening.

March 28-30, Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary (Austria), documentary capturing a series of interviews with 81-year-old Traudl Junge, Hitler's private secretary. **March 31, L'Chayim, Comrade Stalin!**, director Yale Strom's look at the past,

present and future of Russia's "Jewish Autonomous Region," a remote area in Siberia once designated as the USSR's haven for Semitic communities with a journey to the region via the Trans-Siberian Railroad. **REDFORD THEATRE**, 17360 Lahser in Detroit, call (313) 537-2560. Regular admission, \$3. **April 11-12, Three Stooges Festival**, six of the Three Stooges best 20-minute two-reel films, tickets are \$4 for this event.

BREW AND VIEW AT THE MAGIC BAG, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.magicbag.com, movie nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays in small theater setting with full bar, must be at least 21, doors open at 8 p.m., films start at 9:30 p.m., box office hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$2. Call theater for schedule.

MAIN ART THEATRE, 118 North Main at 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak, (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission is \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is always \$6.

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Opening, *Russian Ark* (Russia), a 19th century French aristocrat, notorious for his scathing memoirs about life in Russia, travels through the Russian State Hermitage Museum and encounters historical figures from the last 200 years.

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journalist and Brenda Blethyn as an idealistic American. The film is a murder mystery with a twist set in Saigon during the Vietnam/Indochina War. Continuing (March 29-30), *La Vie en Rose* (Spain), Director Pedro Almodóvar's chilling love story about a flamboyant writer and winner of Best Actress at the Academy Awards.

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FROM PAGE B1

McCann, who volunteers at the Redford Theatre, knows in detail how theaters used to operate. He worked as an usher and chief of services at Detroit's former Michigan Theatre in the '40s, during the heyday of theater-going.

"Running up and down the aisles, your legs got a little tired, says McCann. "Back then, going to the movies was a big night out."

Times have changed for sure, says McCann. Different is the movie-going public's attitude and the atmosphere of theater auditoriums.

But because of the efforts of people like McCann, the Redford Theatre represents and captures some of the past. The theater not only has been showing films for 75 years but also has undergone almost full interior restoration.

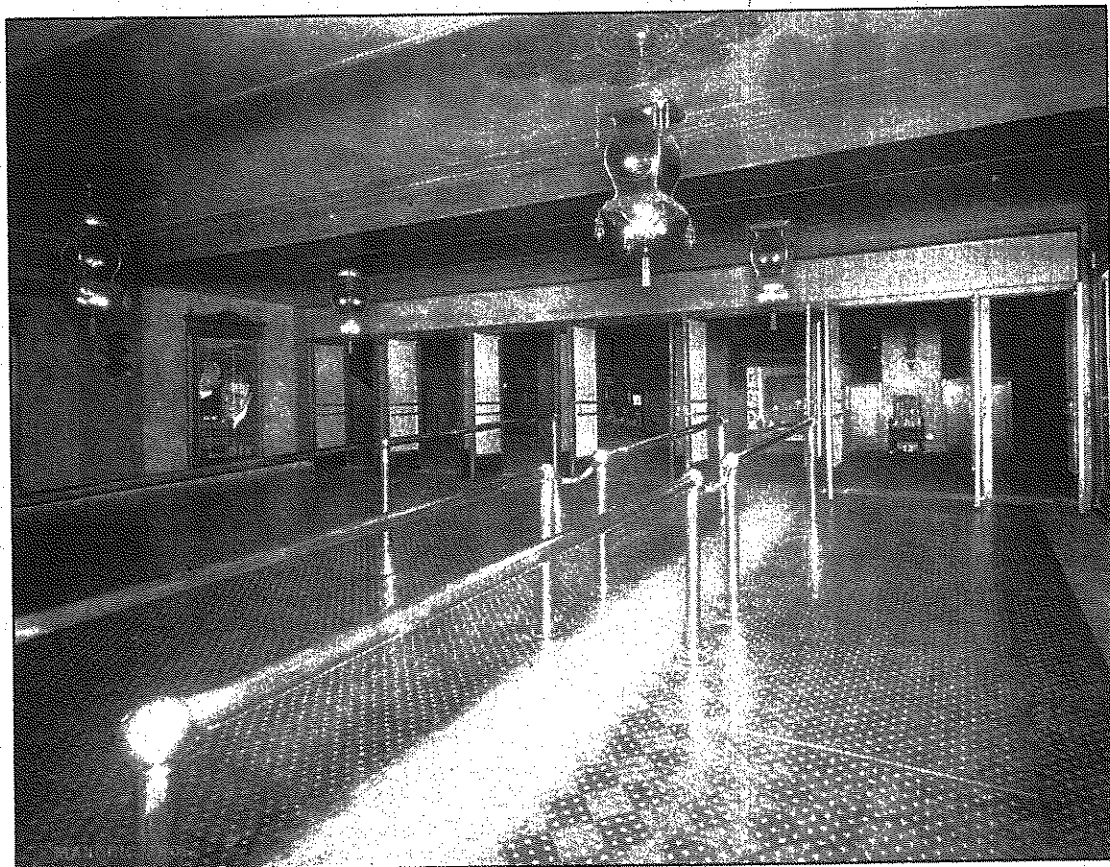
To commemorate the venue's anniversary and showcase the restoration progress, a celebration featuring silent film and live performances is slated Saturday, April 5.

"They're going to take patrons through the history of the theater year by year," explains McCann, a member of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, which runs the venue.

Performers include Michigan Opera Theatre singers, the Redford Harmony Club barber



The Redford Theatre is located in Old Redford in Detroit. Future restoration work will include the venue's outdoor marquee.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF REDFORD THEATRE

A 1920s photograph of the Redford Theatre lobby shows the now-gone brass railings that defined patron lines.

shop quartet and Tony O'Brien on the theater's original organ. Old show programs and tickets issued for such movies as *Singin' in the Rain* and *National Velvet*, as well as other memorabilia, will be on view in the lobby.

John Skelly, a theater volunteer from Livonia, is in charge of such artifacts and currently

is organizing and cataloguing them.

"It's a touch of the past," said Skelly, 41. "These things and the theater are from a bygone era that's not coming back."

That may be true, but the theater's 1,575-seat auditorium now has the power to transport visitors back in time. Done in the Oriental style, the theater

seems to be an entrance into a Pagoda complete with golden gates, original painted landscapes and stenciled warriors. The domed ceiling is painted a deep midnight blue like the sky. Light projected on to the surface creates moving clouds.

"If you would have seen it in 1994," says McCann. "This wall was all gray, painted to look like

gray blocks."

The organ, which is in its original location, is now regularly used, a half hour before each film screening and during intermission.

And although the auditorium's seats are reproductions, there are plenty of original details, including the exit signs, to admire.

"The ambiance, the warmth," remarks McCann. "It just takes you back in time."

The Redford Theatre is always looking for assistance. Donations can be sent to the box office: 17360 Lahser, Detroit, Mich., 48219. To volunteer your time, request an application, call (313) 537-2560.

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Picano's pleases diners for over 18 years

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

When you go to a restaurant for the first time, it's nice to have background information. Sometimes you get that from a friend, who made the recommendation, but it's even better if it comes from the owner. In the case of Picano's in Troy, owner Dominic Picano offers it on the back of his menu.

He welcomes you formally and informs you that he's a native of Cassino, Italy (40 miles north of Naples), and that his first eatery was Gregg's Pizzeria in Detroit. Then, on a snowy day in January 1985, he opened Picano's. He's been the inspiration there ever since.

He knows that he's done it right for more than 18 years, and he has no plans to change his comfortable, white-tablecloth eatery.

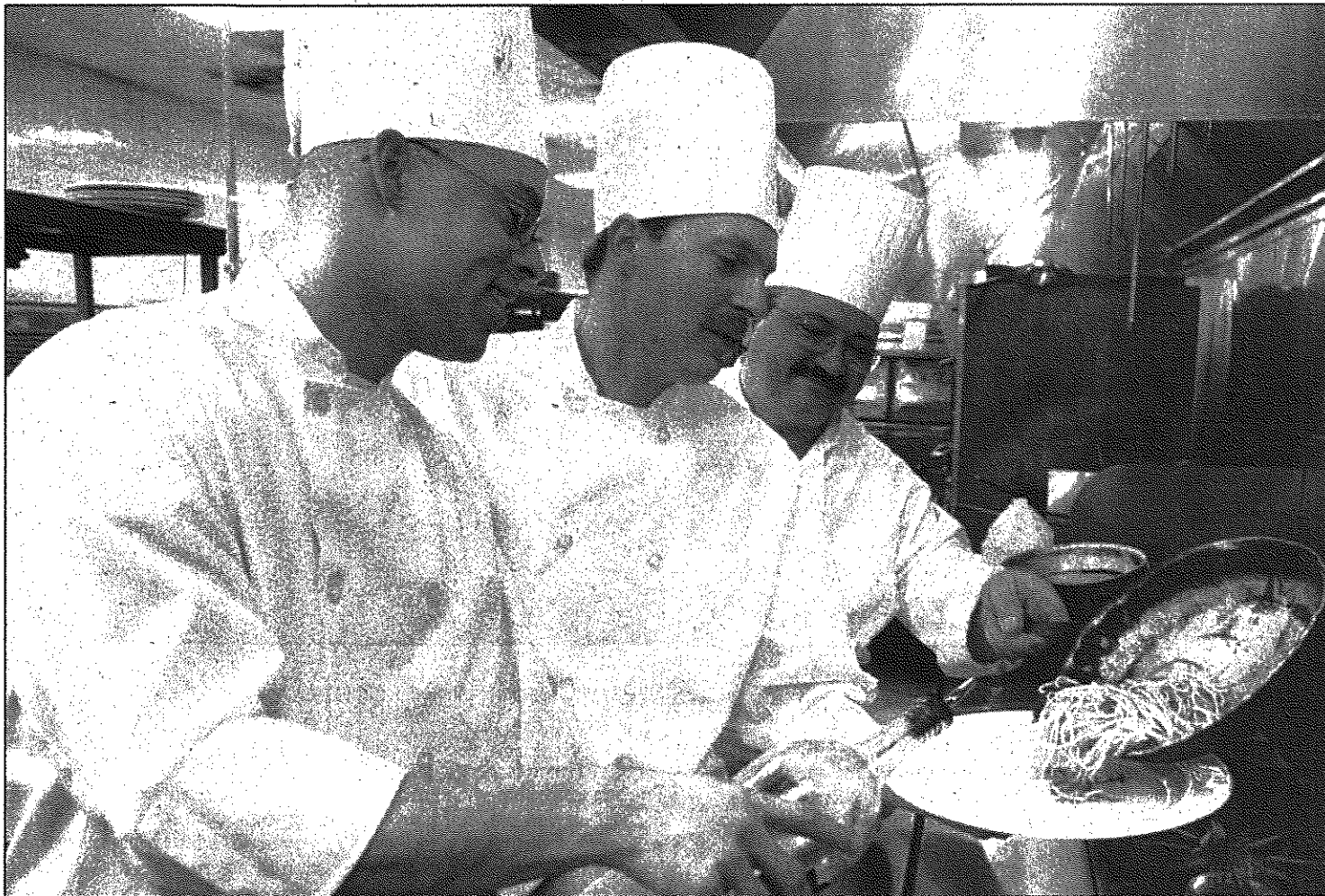
Picano noted that the formula for a successful restaurant is simple: hard work, owning only one location, where the owner can be on premise, top-quality food and superior service.

"From the time I built my home in Troy in 1974," said Picano, a continuing Troy resident, "my goal was to build a sit-down restaurant in the city. I bought the farm where the restaurant is now located and hired a good kitchen staff to make my authentic Italian recipes."

TEAMWORK

Since Picano operates as his own maitre d', greeting guests at both lunch and dinner, he relies on three key people in the kitchen. Chef Giuseppe Randazzo has made Picano's homemade pastas daily for the last eight years. His skills are best illustrated in gnocchi rondina, house-made dumplings tossed with ground Italian sausage and a tomato basil sauce; and casalinga, house-made vermicelli, tossed with meat sauce, garnished with fresh mushrooms and a blend of cheese, then baked to perfection.

Jay Lee is Picano's day chef and Glen Throneberry, Dominic Picano's son-in-law, is



Picano's chefs (from left), Glen Throneberry of Warren, Jay Lee of Elmont and Giusepp Ranbazzo of Shelby Township add the final touches to a spaghetti dish they made.

head toque at night. "Italy has so many regions," Chef Jay said. "Each is like a different country, putting an individual stamp on variations of the same dish. This is what keeps cooking Italian interesting for me. I'm not Italian, but I believe I was born with an Italian heart."

Picano dubs Italian food "simple and flavorful. All you really need is homemade pasta, fresh garlic, good olive oil, fresh parsley, salt and pepper, quality tomatoes, good cheeses and prosciutto. From these you can make wonderful dishes."

FAVORITES

Since 80 percent of Picano's diners are regulars, it's easy to spot their favorite dishes. At lunch both mostaccioli and spaghetti with meat sauce are

most frequently ordered. Two entrees top all others. Pollo carciofi, chicken breast sautéed with baby artichoke hearts and mushrooms in a white wine, lemon, garlic and fresh thyme sauce, and scaloppine di vitello alla Picano, veal medallions, served in a light wine sauce with prosciutto, mushrooms and artichoke hearts, garnished with melted cheese.

At dinner, hot appetizers such as calamari fritti and carciofi tosta, artichoke dipped in an egg and cheese batter, then sautéed golden brown, are crowd-pleasers.

The Pasta Lovers section of the menu lets you call the preparation of nine different pastas, with nine unique sauces and eight diverse garnishes.

If you want to try all the variations, you'll need to go to

Picano's 648 times. Add on the house specialties, regular main dishes, nightly specials and you're up to 700 visits before you begin to repeat a Picano's experience!

Seafood lovers, in particular, should check the daily specials. Although pickerel Siciliano is the "always on the menu" favorite, flounder stuffed with an assortment of other seafood and shiitake mushrooms is a hands-down favorite among seafood specials.

"If someone has had a dish here," Picano continued, "and it's not on the menu the day they come in or if they can describe a dish they've had elsewhere and would like to try our interpretation, that person should talk to the server. If we have the ingredients in the kitchen, we'll make it for them."

ENHANCEMENTS

Wine is a big part of an Italian meal experience. Thirty Italian red wines make up the core of Picano's list, which is complemented by a few Italian white wines and California whites and reds. "From California's Napa Valley," Picano said, "we sell a lot of Andretti and Robert Mondavi wines."

So what does the owner like to eat and drink? "My favorite," answered Picano, "is Tomassi Amarone (\$65) with our New York Steak and for pasta, simply tossed with olive oil and garlic, it's Chianti Ruffino Ducale Gold (\$62)."

DOLCE

Sweet endings to an Italian meal are the dolce. Although



Chilean sea bass over tomato risotto is one of Picano's specialties.

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Reservations: Accepted.

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other options are tray presented, cannoli and tiramisu are the house-made treats. Buon appetito!

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.

Restaurants, churches, clubs offer Lenten fare

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

If you're searching for a meatless meal during the Lenten season, you might want to head to a local pub or eatery, a neighborhood church, or a fraternal organization's meeting place to dine.

Here's a sampling of what's available:

RESTAURANTS/PUBS

■ **Hope's Fish & Chips** - 28370 Joy, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, (734) 427-2130. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. A variety of fried, baked and broiled fish dinners, average price \$7.95.

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■ **Red Robin Restaurant** - 36350 Warren, Westland,

(734) 421-4081. Open: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Fish & chips (\$8.99), clam strips and fries (\$7.99) and seafood pasta (\$10.99).

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■ **Senate Coney Island & Restaurant**, 34359 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 422-5075. Open: 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Fish & chips (\$7.25), baked salmon (\$8.45) Fridays only.

■ **All area Big Boy Restaurants** offer an all-you-can-eat seafood bar on Fridays beginning at 4 p.m. Buffet is \$11.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children under 10.

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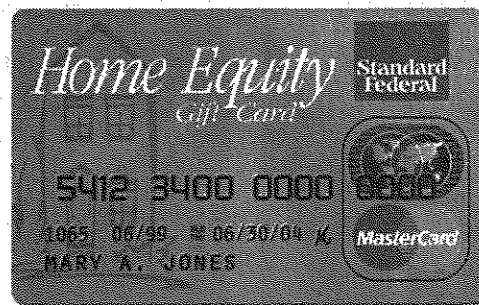
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Clean secrets

There's no escape from housecleaning; it's as certain as death and taxes. But doing it well means doing it quickly and less often.

With spring cleaning close at hand, we're searching for tips and

techniques from readers for an upcoming story about housecleaning.

For instance, do you have a foolproof method for removing bathtub buildup?

Is your wood polishing technique superior to all others? Did your grandmother pass down the recipe for a homemade cleaning solution that outdoes anything on the market?

Share your cleaning secrets and solutions by e-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net, or regular mail, Nicole Stafford, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Lassie leads pack

For film fans, movies have gone to the dogs. The Pet Supplies "Plus" chain polled visitors to its Web site about their favorite animal actors of all time.

Although there are more pet cats than dogs in the U.S. today, canines still have more power at the box office.

The entire Top 10 list in the Pet Supplies "Plus" animal poll was made up of dogs. Lassie led the pack with 17 percent, with Benji (15.5 percent) close behind. Other top finishers were Beethoven (7 percent), Hooch (6.5 percent), Eddie (from TV show *Frasier* at 6 percent), Rin Tin Tin (5 percent) and Buddy (4.5 percent). Visitors to Pet Supplies "Plus" Web site polled visitors to its site about favorite animal movies.

Lassie Come Home finished first, followed by *Beethoven* and *Homeward Bound* (tied), *Old Yeller* and *Turner and Hooch*.

The chain conducted the animal film poll on its Web site, www.petsupplies-plus.com in January and February 2003.

Fine furniture

The Antiques Centre of Troy and Judy Frankel Antiques welcomes Anthony Avey and Jill Meyer, purveyors of fine period furniture, to their list of fine antiques dealers.

Judy Frankel will host a special event to greet Avey and Meyer 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 3, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 4 and 5. Located on the northeast corner of Maple and Coolidge, the Antiques Centre offers a greater variety of antiques and decorative accessories.

For information, contact Judy Frankel at (248) 649-4399 or e-mail judy@judyfrankelantiques.com

Violet show

The Town & Country African Violet Club will hold its annual Judged Flower Show and Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, and 1-4:45 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Oxford Public Library, 530 Pontiac Road in Oxford.

This event is a celebration of African Violets in the World of Music.

For information, call (248) 332-7924 or (248) 693-2415.

Historic house given new life

BY BARRY JENSEN
STAFF WRITER

The battered but still beautiful home of a prosperous man has been given new life.

The stone German House in southern West Bloomfield, which probably was built in the late 1840s, began to show its age, until the township condemned the once-luxurious structure.

History buff Tom Ouellette bought the old house, which is on the north side of 14 Mile west of Inkster Road, in 1999 and set about converting it into something a contemporary family would enjoy.

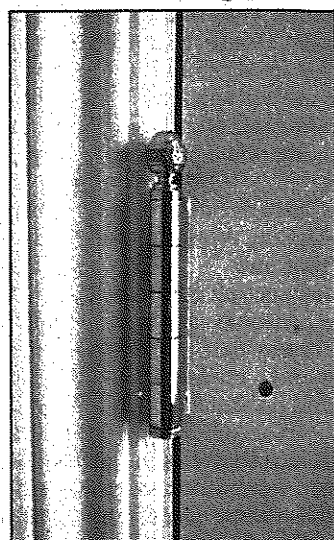
"I live around here (in Farmington Hills), and I've often admired the house as I drove down 14 Mile," Ouellette said.

The two stone chimneys are surrounded by new gray shingles (Ouellette's first job was to replace the old roof). The stone exterior is complemented by off-white trim.

Rough stonework rises from the ground to the smooth stonework of the house.

The front entrance is up four cobblestone-like steps and across the porch. A natural wood swing (a gift from Ouellette's children) hangs from the porch ceiling.

ACCENTS



The acorn, one of the themes in the German House, can be seen on the brass door hinges throughout the house.

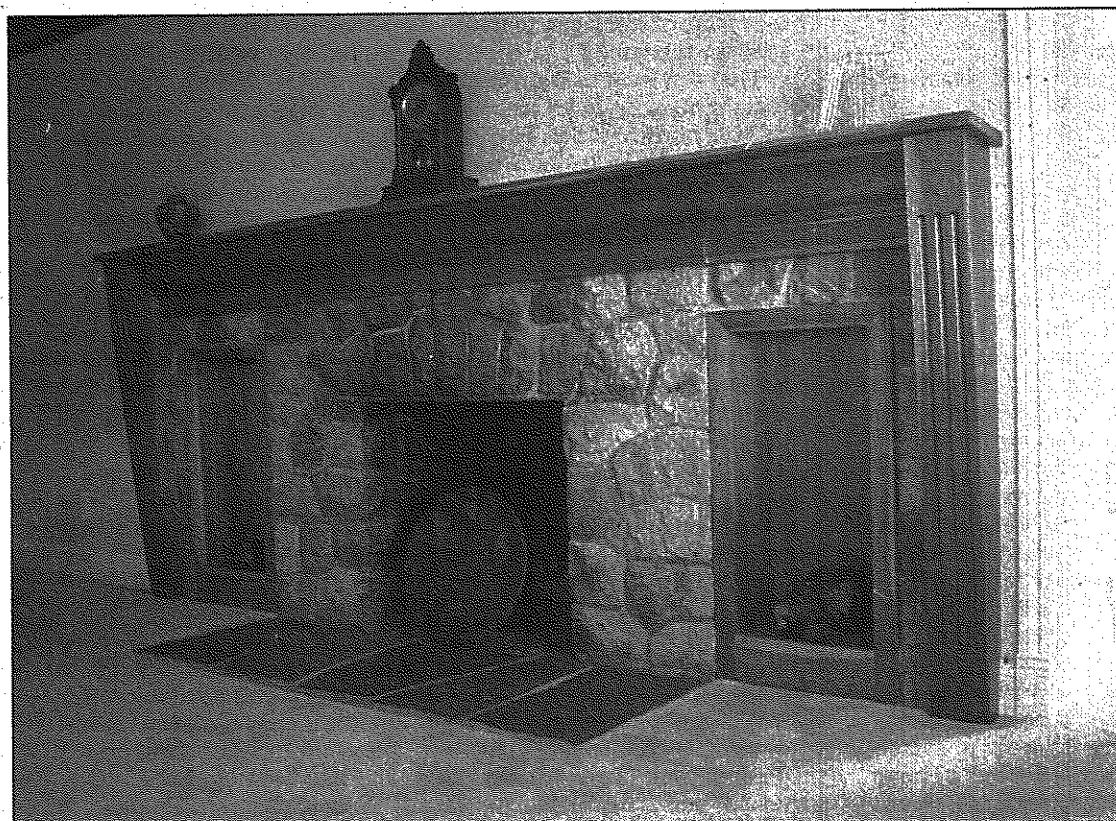
It looks like an 1840s house, but when you enter through the door, you can hardly tell the house is that old. The front room has broad oak flooring and walls painted a muted gray-

pink, which is the dominant color of the house.

Off to the left is a powder room with an elevated natural wood bench containing a basin. The bench makes the powder room look a bit like the bathrooms of the period.

The white wood frame around the archway to the living room is decorated with subtle horse inlays (the first owners of the house bred and raised horses).

The stone fireplace on the living room's east wall is the most dramatic feature of the living room. Ouellette added a cherry wood mantel and cherry wood pillars on either side. The cherry accents are



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The stone fireplace is the most dramatic element of the living room. It features a cherry wood mantel and pillars, and a slate hearth.

used throughout the house, including the large crown moldings that grace the living room.

Sitting in cherry wood niches on either side of the fireplace are weathered bronze figurines.

The fireplace, with its hearth of slate, apparently was added to the house in 1901. That's the date Ouellette saw written in the mortar around the fireplace when he removed the old walls.

Before he could do the project, Ouellette had to convince township officials that he had the know-how and the finances to restore and revitalize the old house.

"I was given a lot of support by the neighbors, the historical societies and the township," he said.

While preserving the beautiful stone exterior, Ouellette brought the interior up to 2003 standards.

The house now has lots of electrical wiring, lines for computers in every room, air conditioning, two furnaces, a second-floor laundry and all kinds of closet space.

The exterior walls are of dressed field stone.



Old narrow stairs in the living room were widened, covered with the same carpeting as the room and given natural oak banisters.

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Bromeliads, orchids require care

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Siegrid Stern loves her exotic plants.

The Rochester Hills resident grows orchids and bromeliads, what she calls "the floral aristocrats" of the rainforest. Her love of exotic plants is evident when you visit her greenhouse, an addition to her home with several species inside nurtured under lights.

The bromeliads and orchids will be showcased at two different events. A bromeliad workshop is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. by the Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society in the Rochester Hills Environmental Center, while the Michigan Orchid Society hosts its annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show, April



Bromeliads, such as this *billbergia decora*, can warm up a room and a mood.

12 and 13, at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. (See related chart.)

Stern, who is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and the Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society, said the key to gardening bromeliads and orchids under lights is to create conditions as close as possible to the plant's native habitat.

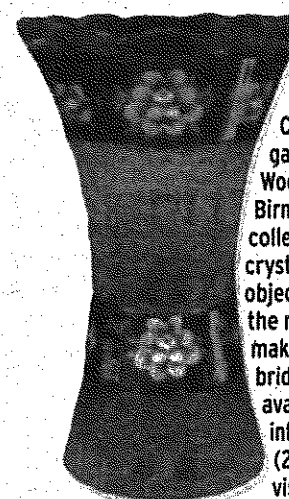
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Glass act

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Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at St. Andrew's Church, 16360 Hubbard in Livonia. The public may attend.

Decorating

A free program, Decorating on a Budget, will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty. Decorating consultant Jeanine Matlow of Conversation Pieces LLC will present the program. Call the library at (248) 553-0300, Ext. 216, to register.

Garden maintenance

Classes offered by the Michigan School of Gardening include the four-session Garden Maintenance Workshop, beginning Wednesday, April 2, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Fee is \$124. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Easter Bunny

Children of all ages are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny and receive a special treat 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

German House saga dates from 1830s

The saga of the German House begins in the 1830s with John German Sr. leaving England to go to New York. He then sent his oldest son to the new state of Michigan to find land for the family.

That son went to Detroit, then bought 60 acres in an area near 14 Mile known as The English Colony, and a large home was put up for John. That house is still standing a couple of hundred yards west of his son William's house.

The German family bought more land, eventually owning 320 acres that were both south and north of 14 Mile. As part of their horse-breeding operation, the Germans operated a farm.

German's fifth son, William, was running the family farm when he married in 1847. His first wife probably died in childbirth. William remarried, and by 1850, had two children – and a need for a house. That's probably when the stone house was built.

William German's family eventually grew to seven children and two live-in "domestics." When William died in his mid 40s, his wife and children moved to Lake Orion to be near her family.

William's brother John moved into the now-empty house,

keeping it in the family.

The house wasn't large, but it had stone exterior walls that were built by a skilled stone mason.

You can tell the mason was skilled because the field stone that makes up the exterior walls was trimmed and laid. That kind of work isn't cheap. And the lumber that makes up the house is almost entirely oak, a sturdy, pretty and expensive wood.

"This isn't a typical family home of the time. The family was influential, if not affluent," rebuilder Tom Ouellette said.

John Jr. added rooms and a foundation on the west side of the house, converting the old door into an interior archway.

The addition also had stone exterior walls, probably done by the same man who built the walls in the original building.

What has become known as the German House stayed in the German family until the early 1950s. It changed hands a couple of times, until it was bought and rebuilt by Ouellette.

You may know the name German better from the German Fractional School District. That school was built on the land owned by the German family.

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Each stone was cut smooth on five sides, allowing the craftsman who built the house to put the stone in courses, rather like contemporary bricks.

THEMES, COLORS

The house has several themes.

The most obvious is the beautiful stonework.

Other themes are horses, prairie-style doors and windows and the oak and acorn, which echo the old trees outside and is the main wood of the house.

The acorn can be seen on the brass door hinges throughout the house, as well as a porch detail.

Much of the house's interior matches the calm gray-pink introduced in the front room.

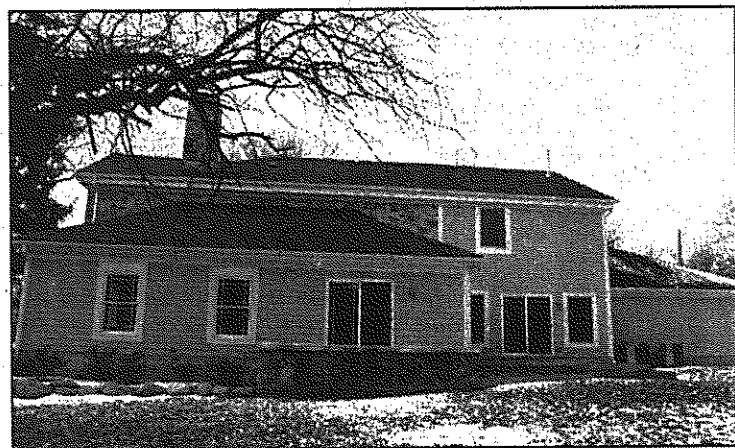
The kitchen is painted green, with a stone floor.

Ouellette put up natural wood cabinets that match the oak of the stone-topped island.

A modern stainless steel sink interrupts the stone-topped counter beneath a wide window.

The detailed baseboards and the rest of the woodwork in the eating area are white against the painted walls.

Today's German House is actually two sections, one old, the other contemporary. You can hardly tell which is which from the inside because interi-



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The German House in West Bloomfield was given new life by history buff Tom Ouellette and his wife, Marian. The house, built in the late 1840s, had been condemned by the township. It now has been converted into a residence a contemporary family would enjoy, while many of its historic features have been preserved.

or walls of the old section of the house look just like any other walls in a contemporary house.

ADDITIONS

The house retains the dressed stone walls of the original German House, but before Ouellette started rebuilding it, the house was small by contemporary standards – beautiful, but still a bit cramped.

So Ouellette decided to add the rear section, retaining the existing roof line.

That new section contains two large bedrooms and a "back" stairway that runs to the first floor and a modern kitchen and an attached garage.

The old narrow stairs in the living room were widened, covered with the same carpeting

as the living room and given natural oak banisters. The stairs lead to a second story that includes both the old section of the house and the new section.

The second floor has three bedrooms and a master suite. Each smaller bedroom is painted its own color: sunny yellow, muted lavender, light blue.

Each room is accented by white woodwork.

Most of the colors throughout the house were selected by Ouellette's wife, Marian.

Did you renovate a historical home? We'd like to know about it and feature it in a story for the At Home section. Write Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or email him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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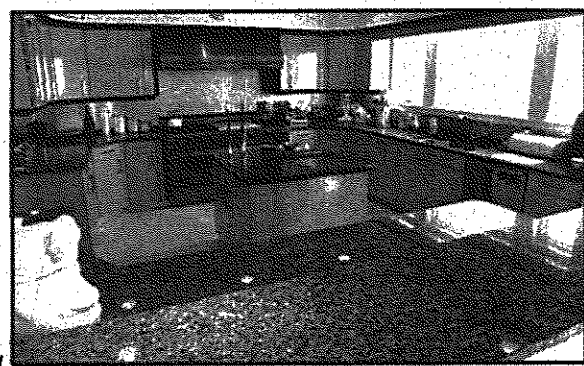
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FLOWERS

FROM PAGE C1

Gardeners must supply the plant's basic needs — correct temperature, moisture, humidity, soil and lighting.

ORCHIDS

Some orchids can be mounted with osmunda fiber on pieces of bark or wood and hung on the wall. Others are grown in pots using various potting mixes — which drain well — such as chopped fir bark mixed with loose, inert mineral products (perlite, vermiculite and charcoal).

The idea is to have a coarse, friable and non-decaying medium that holds moisture with no trace of soggy and allows free movement of air. Once the mix breaks down and the orchids have bloomed, they need to be re-potted. Orchids can be grown exclusively under lights — full-spectrum fluorescent types. Lights should be left on 12 to 16 hours a day

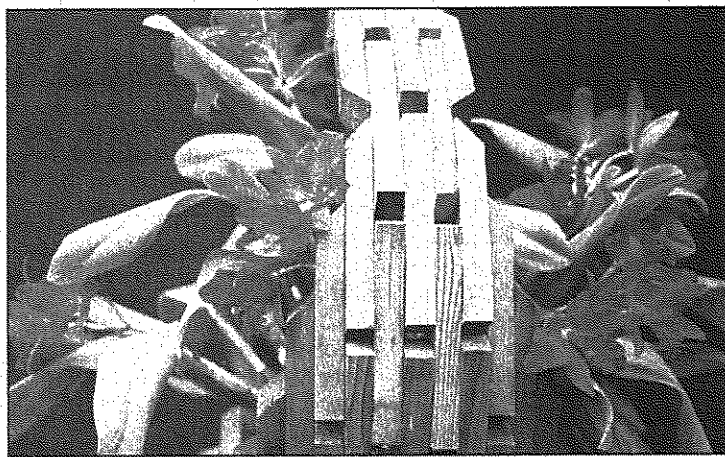
depending on the time of day. Water the plants in the morning, twice a week or as needed, depending on the species.

BROMELIADS

It isn't hard to figure out which of the two exotic plants are her favorites, either. The bromeliads.

"They are easy to grow, more than the orchids," Stern said. "Many of them don't need soil, they don't need much space and you can just hang some of them." Bromeliads grow into various unusual shapes, unique markings, exotic flowers and bright bracts. They are native to the tropical and subtropical areas of the Americas; the majority are indigenous to South America.

There are three types of bromeliad: vase-forming bromeliads, which create cups in the middle of the plants to hold water; a succulent that is planted in soil; and an air plant that grows without any soil. Only a soaking for about four hours a week is needed for the air plant, but overwatering



This orchid, a member of the Scheherazade family, fills this basket nicely.

can be a problem for the vase-forming plants. "Vase-forming bromeliads are easy to maintain," Stern said. "The problem is overwatering the soil. They should put the water in the cup, not the soil."

Stern joins plant societies, where she obtains plants by exchanging with other members. Many of the plants are rare as they originate in the rainforest, which is being decimated by developers for homes. Cutting the rainforest

down and losing acreage also eliminates habitat for bromeliads, Stern said.

In Brazil, the bromeliads are being burned due to attempts to control a virus spread by mosquitoes. The standing water in the plants' cups creates a breeding ground for the bugs, Stern said. "They're burning the plants," Stern said. "This is crazy." Stern wonders why they don't spray instead. "Future generations won't be able to see the plants."

BUILD A BROMELIAD

WHAT: Creating a Bromeliad Tree workshop. A bromeliad tree will be constructed from start to finish, demonstrating choices of mounting materials, types of bromeliads suitable for mounting, and methods of attaching plants. Basic cultural care will be discussed.

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13

WHERE: Rochester Hills Environmental Center, Avon Road, just west of Livernois

ADMISSION: The public is invited to attend this free seminar. Reservations are not necessary.

For information, call Siegrid Stern at (248) 375-1411 in the morning.

LEARN ABOUT ORCHIDS

WHAT: Michigan Orchid Society's Palm Sunday Orchid Show. Members of the MOS will help answer questions and resolve problems in growing orchids. There will be more than 12 professional growers with blooming orchids and growing supplies for sale.

WHERE: Laurel Park Place, just east of I-275 and on the north side of Six Mile Road in Livonia

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13

For more information on orchids and bromeliads, visit <http://home.att.net/~siegridstern/>

What we don't know can cost us

I received a call from Judy. About 18 months ago she moved into her new condo and a new refrigerator had



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

the refrigerator.

He informed her that her particular model was built with a design flaw which caused her problem and he would have to install an extra baffle in the refrigerator control area. Upon completion of the work he presented her with an invoice for payment to the tune of \$143. She argued that the design flaw should be taken care of by the company and the service technician agreed, but

then informed her that she must pay the bill and take the matter up with customer relations.

Judy then called the factory's toll-free number and spoke with a service representative. She informed the service person that she had sent in the warranty registration card when she moved into the condo and there was no excuse that the factory couldn't contact her on this design flaw. She believes that the company should take care of this problem at no charge, but the company didn't, and therefore she is not getting anything back from the company.

What do you think, or better still, if you were writing this column, and the intentions of the column were to educate and help consumers, what would you write?

Judy is a single woman, living on a fixed income and the food spoiled because of the design flaw in her refrigerator. She also is out \$143 and is a pretty unhappy consumer. How is it that a company can build a bad product with a

built-in problem and get away with charging consumers for repairs? I know that this company has done this over and over again and gets away with it. I have already been involved with a story about this company in this very newspaper which resulted in a lawsuit causing the company to pay out millions of dollars in fines.

I asked Judy to call the toll-free number again and this time to insist to speak to a supervisor. I told her that this famous company keeps service phones in a foreign country in the Far East where the telephone person may not be up to snuff on solving these kinds of problems. Using a foreign country for telephone customer relations brings to mind the tennis shoes put together by child labor.

Maybe it's time in this country that television executives start programs to show particular products that are a problem to consumers. Stay tuned.

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Writers share insights on gardening

The first three books in this review are published by The Lyons Press, an imprint of The Globe Pequot Press; all are soft cover.

A Horticulture Garden Classic, *Adventures with*



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Hardy Bulbs, Louise Beebe Wilder (\$16.95), was first published in 1936 and is still a great source of information. She was one of the preeminent gardening writers of the 1930s and '40s.

The first chapter deals with general information about care; I especially enjoyed Wilder's descriptions of bulb, corn, tuber or rhizome.

She grew the plants of which she wrote, and there were thousands. Wilder tells the best site for each species and their bloom time, and confesses that she has grown 60 to 70 species of allium (now that's a gardener!).

If this book doesn't inspire readers to try some different flowers, nothing will.

The Quotable Gardener, edited by Charles Elliott (\$9.95), contains a collection of more than 400 quotations, by great garden writers as well as from the Bible, Shakespeare, Prince Charles and others.

For instance, Ogden Nash: "My garden will never make me famous, I'm a horticultural ignoramus." J.M. Barrie: "God gave us memories that we might have roses in December." Tyler Whittle: "Gardeners have three weapons to use against summer drought: mulches, watering pots, and prayers." Christopher Reed: "Light is the engine of plants." Alice Meynell: "There is nothing in

the world more peaceful than apple-leaves with an early moon." There's much more. Enjoy!

ABOUT DEER

Solving Deer Problems, Peter Loewer (\$14.95), tells how to keep deer out of the garden (fencing, etc.), avoid them on the road, and deal with them anywhere.

The book is much more than this, though. We learn that the deer species in North America all belong to the genus *Odocoileus*, and that the northern whitetail is the largest subspecies and the one living here.

Deer are a triple threat in that they carry diseases such as Lyme, they are involved with thousands of traffic accidents each year, and they cause much, much damage to home gardens as well as to commercial nurseries and tree farms.

There are many commercial and homemade devices used to thwart deer, and Loewer lists many, from traps to repellents.

A long list of plants that deer find unpalatable is included.

Loewer reminds us, "Solutions are not always cheap, and like life in general, they work most of the time — but there are no guarantees."

The Potting-Shed Papers, Charles Elliott (\$24.95), will keep you happily entertained as he shares insights on gardens and gardening.

His subjects run the gamut from the Wardian Case and the one-wheel cultivator to cherry trees.

Along the way we learn many interesting facts, and meet plant hunters and other interesting people.

Elliott's style and wit subtly encourage the reader to just sit back and enjoy the ride.



MARTY FIGLEY

Learn about hardy bulbs in Louise Beebe Wilder's book.

The Firefly Visual Dictionary, Jean-Claude Corbeil and Arianne Archambault (\$49.95), contains 35,000 items and 6,000 color illustrations in 960 pages.

Rather than having written descriptions, each is illustrated beautifully; each key word and phrase is connected to the detailed art work. This is a book that will keep all ages fascinated and informed.

DREAMSCAPING

In *Dreamscaping: 25 Easy Designs for Home Gardens* (Hearst Books, \$30), Ruth Rogers Clausen provides expert instructions.

Clausen takes you through the steps to make an herb garden, fall decorating garden, bright winter bulb show and others. You'll find advice here from preparing the bed to the finished product.

Each design includes a "recipe" of the right

ingredients, although Clausen offers alternative plants to suit your particular site.

French Dirt: The Story of a Garden in the South of France, Richard Goodman (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, \$13, soft), is about his garden, and more.

By the sweat of his brow and by watching and listening, Goodman learned how to bridge the gap of two cultures through his love for his vegetable garden.

This is a sweet memoir to be savored all at once or in several reading sessions. I understand Goodman attended Cranbrook Schools.

The Gardener's Guide to Growing Dahlias, Gareth Rowlands (Timber Press) is now available in paperback.

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There are two things I know about money: First, I never seem to have enough of it, and second, I buy what I need when I need it. Sure, I try to spend money wisely, and I'm not a spendthrift by any means. But I'm just not a bargain-hunting, coupon-clipping kind of consumer.

My parents, on the other hand – now having the time of their lives in their golden retirement years – spend money conservatively and cautiously. In fact, they bring new meaning to the word frugal. Possessing superior money management skills, they have perfected the challenge of bargain-hunting to a fine art.

My mother is a master shopper who can pick her way through outlet stores like a veteran deer hunter following fresh tracks in the dirt. Her closet is full of impressive trophies she has managed to capture, like a \$300 designer dress she found for \$29.

LACKING TIME

Not only do I usually pay full price, but if I see something I like I often just grab it off the rack and try it on later at home when I can spare a moment. It's not that I enjoy paying full price. It's just that I don't have enough time to be a bargain hunter. After all, I have to work long hours to pay off my credit card debt.

Though I was well aware of my parents' penchant for saving money before, it became even more obvious after we took the kids to visit them in Florida recently. For days we kept telling them how we wanted to take them out to dinner at a nice restaurant. Finally, they relented.

It was an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet, packed with people coming back in line for their fourth or fifth piece of pizza and refills on soda. It wasn't exactly the kind of relaxing, unique atmosphere we had in mind. Yet small kids could eat for free and I have to admit, the pizza wasn't bad. But we told them that we still wanted to take them to a nice restaurant.

So on another night we went to a more expensive place where, lo and behold, it was buffet night. But this buffet, at \$16.95 per person, featured a wide variety of roasts and seafood. Before we even stepped foot in the door, however, my dad complained about how he didn't like this restaurant because the one time he and my mother had eaten there they had charged him for a cup of coffee.

"It's just not right," he insisted. "When you pay that kind of money for a meal, they shouldn't charge you for a cup of coffee."

As we were finishing our dinner, I cringed when the waitress approached and asked if any of us wanted coffee. Fortunately, my dad just shook his head emphatically and said, "No, no, No, thank you."

After that, we told them that we wanted to take them



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Mother and daughter Dolores Cooner and Debbie Emmons are both members of the Canton chapter of the national Red Hat Society.

Tip of the hat!

Club proves there's nothing wrong with growing older

*When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.*

"Warning"
by Jenny Joseph

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

These 50-something women just want to have fun – and they're absolutely serious about it.

They can often be seen in local restaurants or tea rooms – a couple of dozen women of age wearing purple dresses and red hats and giggling like teen-age girls. They are official members of the Red Hat Society, a national organization with chapters all over the country. Actually, according to a brochure describing the group, it's a women's "disorganization," based on the concept that aging isn't necessarily all bad.

"The purpose of this organization is not to do

anything," said Marnie Holdefer of Canton, who started a Canton Chapter last year when she could not find another chapter in this area that was not already closed to membership.

And the 34-member Canton chapter, nicknamed the Full Bloomers, is about to reach the cutoff point itself. Holdefer said she first heard of the society some three years ago.

"I thought it was a kind of cute idea," she said. "I had read the poem by Jennie Joseph. It mentions a lot of silly ideas and fun concepts having to do with aging. I thought that was kind of nice."

When her friends started to turn 50, Holdefer, 52, got them red hats and purple hat boxes for their birthdays. "I had the idea in the back of my mind that eventually there'd be enough of us that we'd be part of the Red Hat Society," she said.

SEEKING A HOME

Soon Holdefer started looking for a chapter to join. While there were a lot of them in the area, all were filled.

"Finally I went to the Web site (redhatsociety.com) and found out to my amazement that it takes literally just a few minutes to form a new chapter," she said.

Yes, the society does have a Web site. And members looking for red hats can find them on eBay – made especially for society members.

Once Holdefer had her chapter officially formed, in the fall of 2002, she received membership information and took the forms to a meeting of the Canton Garden Club, of which she was president.

"At the December Christmas party of the garden club, I mentioned it and the ladies immediately said, 'Well, pass out a sign-up sheet. We want to sign up,'" she recalled. "In one evening there were over 20 women interested. It has grown very quickly. Today we've got 34 women on our list."

As founder of the local chapter, Holdefer is known as "The Queen Mother," or "Queen Mum."

"But I don't require anybody to bow or anything," she said. Her husband is known as the "Queen."

PLEASE SEE HATS, C6

Scholarships give women a chance to build lives, careers

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For 20 years, men and women have gathered at the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus to eat spaghetti and show their support for the Women's Resource Center.

The dinner started as a way to raise money to provide scholarships for people like Carolyn Taft who told the crowd how the WRC has helped her achieve her goal.

She and fellow Schoolcraft student Geraldine Guzik were the guest speakers, sharing their stories of how, as adults they returned to school and, with the help of the WRC, have been able to achieve their goals.

"The mission of Schoolcraft College is to provide a transformational learning experience designed to increase intellectual, social and economic goals," WRC Director Nancy Swanborg told the crowd. "You are a partner in the mission because your donations to the WRC provide scholarships for those who are seeking that learning experience to achieve their goals."

Using a TV game show format, Swanborg educated the dinner guests as to the costs of college and what the WRC does:

■ \$202 – tuition, fees and registration for six resident credit hours, and \$547 for tuition, fees and registration for six nonresident credit hours.

■ \$1,250 – a full-time Conrad Charitable Scholarship administered by the WRC.

■ \$4,000 – a full Pell Grant for a student to attend college full time.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eric Stempien struggles with some unruly pasta that didn't want to stay on his plate. Next to him is his wife, Judge Jeanne Stempien.

■ \$7,700 – the amount of money raised by the spaghetti dinner last year.

"Because of your contributions to the Women's Resource Center scholarship fund, we were able to provide 258 scholarships in the past year," Swanborg said.

"Couple that with the special populations scholarships we administer, the WRC has provided 670 scholarships since July 1, 2002, and we are just beginning to award scholarships for the spring semester."

PLEASE SEE SCHOLARSHIPS, C6

Tell us why you want to 'Make Over My Man'

OK, so he's not exactly Johnny Depp or Russell Crowe, or even John Wayne. But you love him. Hair that's cut but not styled. Clothes that are "comfy" but not stylish. A face more suited for a family album than on the cover of *Gentlemen's Quarterly*.

He's adorable. He's your man, and you wouldn't change him. Or would you?

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* is sponsoring a "Make Over My Man" contest. In 100 words or less, tell us why your man deserves a make-over. Notice we didn't say "needs a make-over" because we know your significant other is perfect. But surely he deserves a bit of pampering, or perhaps a fashion tune-up.

If your entry is chosen, your man will receive the following gifts:

- A new outfit from Parisian
- Haircut and manicure from Salon Bellissima
- \$100 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry Store (inside Murray's Discount Auto Store)
- \$100 gift certificate from Boyne Country Sports
- Gift certificate from Busch's Market and a consultation from their meal expert on preparing a romantic dinner
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You must be at least 18 years old to enter. Entries must be a 100 words or less and include a non-returnable photo.

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The chapter meets every other month in a local restaurant.

What do other patrons think of the group?

"They want to join us," said Yvonne Hall, 51, of Plymouth, one of the charter members.

FUN THERAPY

Last month the group met at Papa Vito's in Livonia.

"I was stopped twice in the parking lot before I could even get into the restaurant, and once on the way out," said Holdefer. "People wanted to know where are you from, what are you doing, it looks like fun."

And fun is what it's all about.

Debbie Emmons, 48, of Northville, is a novice member since she's not yet 50, but is allowed to wear lavender and pink.

Emmon's mother, Dolores Cooner, 71, of Canton, is also a member of the group. She and Emmons are the only mother-daughter members.

Emmons, who works at

Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, said when she told colleagues about the group, they stared at her in disbelief.

"They said the Red Hat Society should be doing something," Emmons said. "And I said, no, it's for pure fun and enjoyment. They could hardly believe that."

But Hall says there's something serious beneath the fun. "It's therapy," she said. "Instead of paying a therapist, we talk to each other."

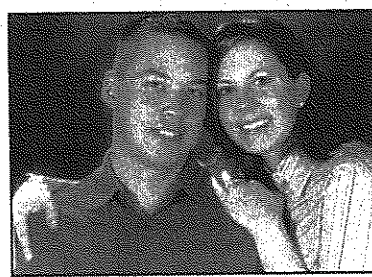
And Holdefer echoed that. "Most women in this group have all had to overcome tragedies," she said.

"Some have gone through divorce, some through death, some are cancer survivors, many are still working full time. To be able to get together once every other month and do absolutely nothing with purpose but have fun is an extremely rewarding thing to see." The society is holding a national convention in Nashville May 1-4 at the Opryland Hotel.

The metro-Detroit society is planning a state convention on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Anyone interested in more information can visit the Web site, redhatsociety.com, or e-mail Holdefer at mhold@peoplepc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gibson-McIlvaine

Darrel and Loretta Gibson of Canton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jo-Anne, to Brian McIlvaine, son of Rob and Tomi McIlvaine of Exton, Pa.

Jennifer is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, 1999 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science and a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University with a master of science degree in physical therapy. She is currently employed as a physical therapist at Dallas Southwest Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Brian is a 1991 graduate of Henderson High School in Westchester, Pa., a 1999 graduate of the University of Colorado, and is currently working on a MBA at the University of Texas at Arlington.

An August wedding is planned at Bar Harbour, Maine.



Williams celebration

Douglas and Frances Williams of Plymouth celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 20, 2003. The celebration took place at the Olive Garden Restaurant for about 50 or more of the family on March 16, 2003.

They were married on March 20, 1943, at Holy Rosary Church in Detroit. Because it was during Lent they had to have special dispensation from the priest. After a series of mix-ups, including losing the marriage license, the priest agreed to the ceremony but only after the promise of getting a duplicate license on Monday was made.

Today the happy couple enjoy their eight children (seven surviving), Nancy (Larry) Ray, Sharon (Joseph) Willerer, Patricia (Robert) Dicks, Mary (George) Wolfe, Barbara (Shawn) Tipton, Daniel (Roberta) Williams, and Mark (Susan) Williams; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

PAWLK

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out one more time to a sit-down restaurant. No buffet this time, we said. Because we happened to be out near one of their favorite restaurants during the middle of the day, we ended up going there for lunch instead of dinner. It was a small Italian place and we insisted on picking up the tab, which was modest for six people. As we were leaving, my mom looked at the bill and studied it carefully with a worried expression on her face.

"Are you sure that's right? That's a lot of money."

"It's right, Mom. Don't worry about it."

OUTLET OPTION

Another day, I told her that I would take the girls to see a movie and do some shopping at the nearby mall. "Oh you don't want to shop there," she said. "It's

too expensive. There's an outlet store -"

"Mom, it's OK," I said. "We're on vacation. We don't really want to buy anything anyway. We just want to look around."

When it came time to really shop, my mom and dad took us to the largest flea market in southwest Florida. They had told us about it several times, including how they had purchased some furniture and other things there at rock-bottom prices. Upon noticing my husband's wallet was ridiculously worn out, my dad declared he was taking us to the flea market.

The flea market was the size of a football field, with aisle after aisle and booth after booth of just about any item you could think of. It was teeming with wall-to-wall people, all moving and shoving in every direction in search of bargains.

After parking the car a half-mile away and making our way through the throngs of people, my husband looked at me and said, "Wouldn't it just be easier

to go to Marshall Field's?" My dad overheard him and looked at him as if he were crazy.

"You laugh, but this is where you'll get deals."

BARGAINS ABOUND

And we did. We bought a good quality leather wallet for \$6. (Actually it was priced at \$7 but my mom bartered the price down a bit because, as she points out, you never offer the asking price at a flea market.)

On the last day of our trip, we decided to buy some buckets of golf balls - "floaters" you can hit out toward raft targets in the immense pond at the golf course where my parents live. But it was after 5 p.m. and the golf clubhouse was closed. No problem, my parents said. They grabbed a couple of plastic beach buckets off their deck and quickly began picking up balls near the edge of the pond in front of their condo building. I looked around nervously to see if anyone was watching. "Are you sure this is OK? Do

other people do this?" I asked.

"Oh sure, everybody does it," my dad said. Still, I wasn't so sure. In hindsight, though, I realize that maybe I'm beginning to adopt some of my parents' penny-pinching ways after all. When we left Florida, we had to get up in the middle of the night to make a 5:30 a.m. flight. I had purchased tickets for that ungodly hour because they were cheaper - a lot cheaper.

As we stood half-asleep in the long line to get our boarding passes, I remarked how I wasn't sure it was worth it. "Oh, it's worth it," said my dad. "It's worth it all right."

Maybe. But until I retire, I'll leave the best bargain-hunting to the experts - senior citizens like my parents who seize upon a good deal when they see one. For everything else, there's MasterCard.

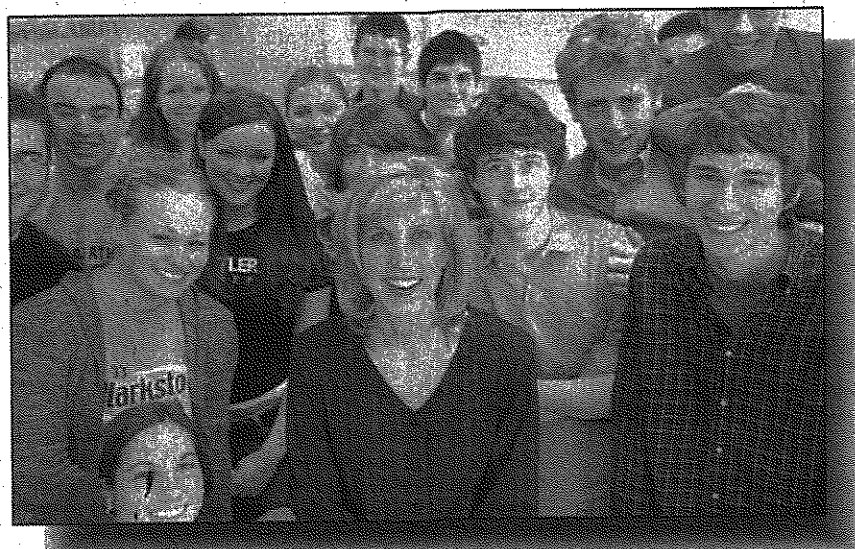
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Congratulates the Feature Teachers for March

Each teacher will receive a dozen roses and 4 movie passes courtesy of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Wesley Berry Florist and Star Theatres.



Nancy Mahoney

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers congratulates Nancy Mahoney, a mathematics teacher and department chairperson at Clarkston High School, as Teacher of the Month for March.

She was nominated by Vincent F. Licata, associate principal, on behalf of students and administrators at Clarkston High School.

"As a teacher of high school mathematics since 1990, Nancy has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the subject on a daily basis. Her expertise has allowed her to successfully teach Essential Math Skills and Advanced Placement Calculus side by side," said Licata.

"Nancy has demonstrated day in and day out the ability to create lessons that 'hook' students in paying attention. Her ability to meet the individual needs of students is second to none."

"Nancy exhibits an affect that tells the student this: You can take a risk in my classroom and be emotionally supported. That is how students grow academically," wrote Licata.

"She also mentors several students who just need either a pat on the back or guidance on a consistent basis. As chair of a 20-member math department, she has led her colleagues through textbook adoptions, curriculum coordination, MEAP review, development of math pedagogy and creation of policies on retention, calculator usage and mastery teaching."

Outside of the department, she sponsors the Wolves Renaissance Club, a student group which recognizes excellent teachers on a monthly basis and promotes perfect attendance for students. She also chairs the building flower fund which recognizes staff members (150 of them) for special events in their lives.

"Nancy Mahoney has risen to the top as an educator who cares, excels in the classroom and is committed to making Clarkston High School a better place for all students," added Licata.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is proud to name Nancy Mahoney as one of our featured teachers for March.



Ronald Ferenczi

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers congratulates Ronald Ferenczi, a science and math teacher at Bishop Borgess High School in Redford Township, as Teacher of the Month for March.

He was nominated by Sister Joan Charnley, school principal.

He worked last January with eighth and ninth graders at Bishop Borgess to assemble an experiment that was selected for the Columbia Space Shuttle.

Ron Ferenczi entered the teaching profession after a successful career as a stockbroker from 1981 to 1997. He joined the Bishop Borgess staff in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and math and a master's in guidance counseling. In 1999, he received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Catholic Association for Secondary Administrators. In the summer of 2000, he studied for three weeks under a scholarship program at Princeton University.

In the summer of 2001, he studied for two weeks under a scholarship program at the Goddard Space Flight Center near Washington, D.C. Also in summer of 2001 and 2002, he was a summer camp counselor at SeaCamp in Galveston, Texas where he taught students, ages 10-18, all about the sea and ocean ecology.

"As one can see, he is very active in bringing outside knowledge into the classroom to motivate and inspire his students," said Sister Joan.

Mr. Ferenczi wears a couple different hats at Bishop Borgess. In addition to teaching, he also is the development director and heads up the accounts payable at the school.

A man of many talents, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is pleased to honor Ronald Ferenczi as a Featured Teacher for February.

Bra factory store is good fit for retailer

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

A good foundation is important when it comes to a relationship, a business and for Jay Howell's customers ... their appearance.

The Garden City businessman, who has worked in the clothing business for the past 30 years, opened Bra Mania March 19, 2002, on Ford Road near Brandt.

"When a woman is wearing a good bra that fits well, they feel good about themselves," store manager Mary Anne Socall said.

"You'd be surprised how many people aren't properly fitted and are wearing the wrong size. I'd say about 99.9 percent.

"People just don't take the time to find out what suits them best."

EXTENSIVE LINE

Bra Mania, a 1,200-square-foot store, features an extensive line of undergarments, including brand names such as Bali, Victoria's Secret, Wonderbra, Olga, Barely There and Goddess (full figure) at discount prices.

"This is an extension of my wholesaling business where I can sell top name brands of intimate apparel at the best prices," said Howell, a Novi resident.

According to Socall, they also offer a line of dance apparel (leotards, tights, sheer skirts), nursing/maternity garments, thongs, cotton undergarments, bustiers and strapless bras.

In addition to her responsibilities as store manager, Socall takes measurements to guarantee a better fit and also fills special, bridal and prom orders.

Garden City resident Lynne Martines noticed the Bra Mania sign driving down Ford Road about a month after the store opened, and since then has become a loyal and familiar shopper.

"They were so friendly and have excellent prices," Martines said. "I don't think there's a brand in there that I haven't



Bra Mania store manager Mary Ann Socall and owner Jay Howell with some of the items they offer.

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tried. I used to shop around where the sales were, but now I'm there every week, and if I'm not, they're probably wondering where I am.

"They have everything in all the pretty colors, brand names and the size I need. I can spend \$25 there and walk out with three to four bras and a couple of pairs of panties. That \$25 is one bra somewhere else."

INTERNET SALES

To establish a greater client base, Howell said he started

looking into Internet sales even before the Garden City store opened.

After a great deal of "trial and error," the retailer said they now have a very successful Internet business (www.bramania.com) through the online auctioneer, eBay.

Merchandise can be purchased by bid or the "buy it now" option. Howell estimates they average 400 online sales a month.

"We have shipped to customers all over the world including Poland, Paris, Korea, United Kingdom, Taiwan and Canada," Howell said. "We have a great deal of repeat customers online."

As they approach their first anniversary in business, Howell and Socall say although the media is reporting an economic slump for the retail industry, Bra Mania's sales are up 30 percent and they just had their biggest sales week and month ever.

"We're in a good location because of the amount of traffic that travels down Ford Road

every day, and Garden City is a good connector community for our customers from Inkster, Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, Redford and Detroit and Dearborn," Howell said.

"We strive to offer the best of the best to our customers at discount prices."

The Garden City businessman got his start in the retail industry when he worked filling racks of belts at the Hudson's department store on Woodward Avenue in the early 1970s.

Years later, as an entrepreneur he sold closeout merchandise to retailers, such as Valucity and Beall's (Florida).

Three decades later, he's excited about approaching the first anniversary of Bra Mania and his thriving Internet venture on eBay.

Bra Mania is at 29855 Ford Road. Store hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 522-5102.

Angela Hospice Golf Outing swings into action

Now that spring is here, preparations have begun for Angela Hospice's annual Golf Outing, offering community members the opportunity to give back to an organization that has helped many individuals in this area. Taking place at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, the outing will begin with a shotgun start at noon Monday, May 12.

"The Golf Outing is one of our biggest fund-raisers," said events coordinator Alice Barringer. "It's a way for golfers to show their support and have a really enjoyable time in the process."

Now in its 15th year, the outing features many ways for golfers and non-golfers alike to participate. Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals, for \$200 a person. Golf packages include free range balls before golf, 18 holes of golf with car (scramble format), barbecue lunch before golf, dinner reception with open bar following golf, open beverage stations on the course, prizes for closest-to-the pin and longest drive, a golfer's gift pack, and locker room service. Business Partner Packages are also

available for \$650 and Corporate Packages for \$1,500.

Non-golfers can participate by attending the dinner and auction following golf, donating a dozen golf balls, or becoming a hole sponsor. For \$150, sponsors can advertise their business, remember a loved one, or provide an inspiring message to golfers, all while helping Angela Hospice.

The Fortune \$5,000 Raffle appeals to both golfers and non-golfers. Ticket holders will have the chance to win up to 10 cash prizes ranging from \$250-\$5,000. Tickets are available for \$100 each, with only 200 being sold.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the many caring programs of Angela Hospice, including home and inpatient hospice care, pediatric and prenatal hospice, and bereavement services. Since 1985, Angela Hospice has served over 9,000 patients and their families.

For more information or to register for the event, or to purchase a hole sponsorship or raffle ticket, call Alice Barringer at Angela Hospice at (734) 953-6018 or visit www.angelahospice.org.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Bagley Elementary School Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 Reunion Committee invites alumni and guests to a reunion party at the school on Saturday, July 26, 2003. Contact Web site "members.aol.com/bagleyreunion/" or e-mail to www.bagleyreunion@aol.com.

Bentley High School Class of 1963

A 40-year class reunion is being planned for a fun-filled weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. Golf outing Saturday 9-10 a.m. at the Coyote Golf Club; dinner-dance at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at St.

John's Conference Center; with a farewell brunch 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 1. Call Bob or Pam Camron at (734) 449-1091.

Cabrini High School Class of 1973

A 30-year reunion is being held 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, with a dinner/dance at Arnaldo's in Riverview. The reunion committee is looking for class of 1973 classmates. Please call Cathy Scimeca Cargo at (313) 388-0163 or e-mail her at cabri73@aol.com.

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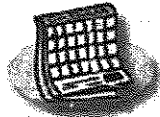
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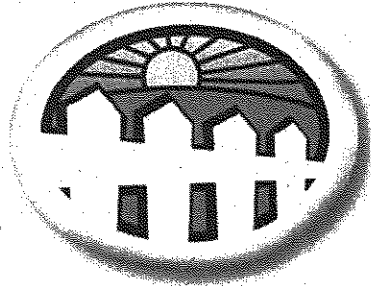


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EVENTS

Single Adult Ministries

Single Adult Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, invites singles to join more than 500 single adults 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall, for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts and conversation. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to have a newsletter sent, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Growth Seminar

Creating and recreating relationships seminar being held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Pastor Dick Bont will be the teacher. The cost is \$10 to attend which includes continental breakfast and lunch. For further info, call (248) 374-5920.

Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

Metropolitan Single Professionals

Weekend Trip

Imagine leaving Friday morning April 11 on a direct flight to sunny Las Vegas for a fun filled weekend. We'll stay in Vegas for three nights and four days. RSVP early to Milford Travel.

Co-Ed Summer Softball

Teams now forming for Sunday nights. Practice in April, games starting in May. Sign-Up Meetings any Monday at 7 p.m. March 31 through April 28 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Co-Ed Bowling League

Leagues bowl every other Sunday night. All levels of bowlers are welcome. The league will play at Drakeshire Lanes

in Farmington Hills. League begins at 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$14 per week. RSVP by sending \$52 to cover the last two weeks of the season and the registration fee.

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For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club, call (248) 435-5320 or go to www.ssstc.org.

Fun & Fine Dining Parties

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Single Mingle Dances

Meet new friends, dance and socialize anytime from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a top 40 D.J., Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres and Door Prizes. Admission is \$5 for members/\$8 for nonmembers. The ballrooms are non-smoking and attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes). On April 4 at Double Tree Guest Suites in

Novi, 27000 Sheraton Drive.

Euchre

From 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

Volleyball

Due to the popularity of volleyball, Open Drop-in Co-Ed Volleyball is offered every Tuesday, now thru April; 6:45-9:45 p.m. in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200. Quanton Road just west of Telegraph. The cost is \$5 for members; \$6 for nonmembers.

West Side Singles

Dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft service drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in nonsmoking ballrooms with a disc jockey and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.

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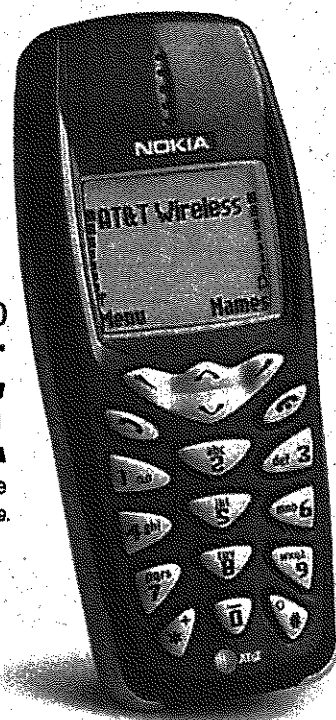
As a society, we need to investigate and find new ways to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and I think the Loop system is a great solution.

For more information visit www.hearingloop.org.

Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia. She writes a column for the Observer Newspapers on disability issues. Contact her by e-mail at carriewrites@yahoo.com or her Web site, <http://clix.to/writer-fiction>.

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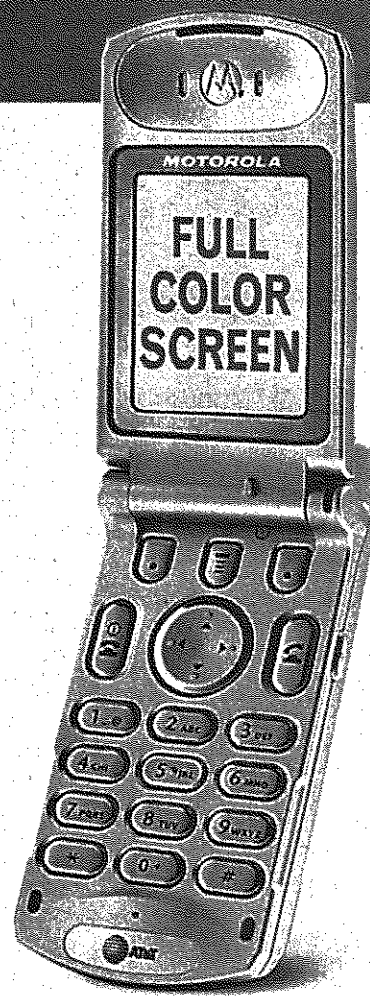
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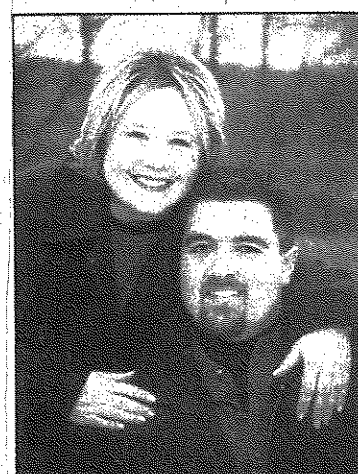
**Mercier**

Joseph and Jacqueline Mercier of Livonia will celebrate 25 years of marriage March 31. The couple were married March 31, 1978, in Fundamental Baptist Temple. They have been Livonia residents 20 years. A surprise party for the couple was held March 16 at Logan's Roadhouse. They are planning a trip to the "Big Apple" with friends in late March.

Jackie is a full-time mom and domestic engineer.

Joe is a longtime Ford Motor Co. employee and is currently working as an engineering supervisor at the Livonia Transmission Plant. The couple is very involved in their church and school baseball programs. Joe coached St. Edith's eighth-grade boys baseball team to the CYO State Championship title in 1998. He has also coached the Churchill High School varsity baseball team the past six years. Jackie attends every game, keeps score and handles administrative duties for the teams.

The couple have three children, Kristie, Paul and Marc. Kristie and Paul are Churchill High School graduates and Marc is currently a senior at Churchill. Kristie attended Schoolcraft College and is currently working at a local Livonia orthodontics office. Paul is attending Michigan State and is majoring in English. Marc is involved in Churchill Varsity baseball and is an explorer for the Westland Police Department.

**Geary-Mastenbrook**

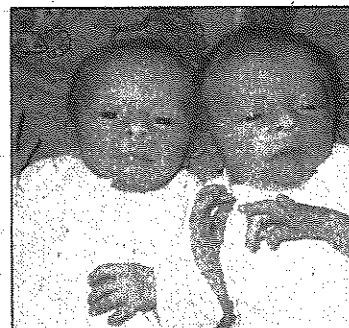
Forrest and Joan Geary of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Kay Geary, to Scott Michael Mastenbrook of Livonia.

Tracy earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Eastern Michigan University. She is a biology teacher for Farmington Public Schools.

Her fiancé, Scott, is the son of Captain Michael and Sandy Mastenbrook of Pinckney. He earned his bachelor's degree from Murray State University. He is employed as a graphic designer/web developer for Sites & Sounds, Inc. in Ann Arbor.

The couple is planning a May wedding in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville.

BIRTH



Peter and Dawne Falk of Garden City announce the birth of their twin sons, **Lucas John** and **Bryce Michael**, on Feb. 24, 2003, in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Lucas and Bryce join big brothers, James, 4, and Mitchell, 2.

Grandparents are Jim and Becky Falk of Garden City, and Jacqueline Peski of Warren. Their great-grandmother is Eleanor Marlinga of Henderson, Nev.

**Kopmeyer-Palazzolo**

Marie Eileen Palazzolo of Shelby Township and Matthew Gary Kopmeyer of Royal Oak were married in October.

Marie is the daughter of Michael Palazzolo of Sterling Heights and Bernadette and Larry Morris of Shelby Township. She is a graduate of Eisenhower High School and Oakland University. She is currently employed as a physical therapist at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Her husband, Matthew, is the son of Gary and Mary Kopmeyer of Livonia. He is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Valparaiso University. He is employed at Colliers International as an industrial sales associate.

The couple wed Oct. 26, 2002, at St. John Vianney Church in Shelby Township before the Rev. Jerry Machlik. Attending the bride were maid of honor, Maureen Palazzolo, and bridesmaids, Erin Winslow, Erica Merecki, Susan Smith and Lisa Goniwiecha.

Attending the groom were best man, Martin Kopmeyer, and groomsmen, Marcus Palazzolo, Mitchell Palazzolo, Gregory Morad and David Kohlmeier.

The couple received guests at Greystone Golf Club in Romeo. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and are making Royal Oak their new home.

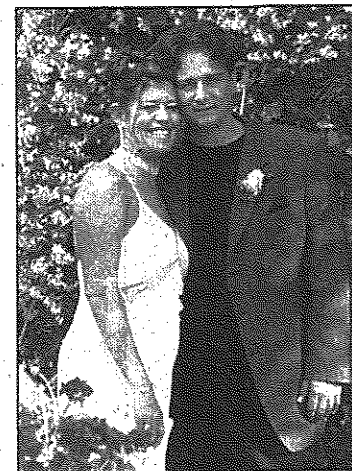
**Durham-Billington**

Lee and Cathy Durham of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christina Marie Durham, to David Frederick Billington of Garden City.

Christina is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. She practices at dental offices in both Dearborn and Plymouth.

Her fiancé, David, is the son of Frederick and Judith Billington, formerly of Madison Heights. He is a 1994 graduate of Madison Heights Lamphere High School. He is currently employed in their family business.

The couple is planning an early spring wedding in St. Genevieve Church.

**Addelia-Harrington**

Maureen Shelia Harrington and Brent Addelia were married June 15, 2002.

Maureen is the daughter of Jerry and Sue Harrington of Livonia. She is a 1988 graduate of Churchill High School and a 1999 graduate of Detroit College of Business.

Brent is the son of Paulette Addelia of Rochester Hills and Joe Addelia of Dryden. He is a 1984 graduate of Sterling Heights High School. He owns his own painting business.

The couple was married in a garden ceremony at the groom's mother's house. Attendees were Patti Roberts and Greg Bockart. They spent their honeymoon in Florida. They are making Keego Harbor their new home.

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

EVENTS

Parental seminar

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, will offer "Smart Discipline," a seminar for parents 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 27. Teach your children to cooperate, stop whining, and build self-confidence and positive attitudes. Cost is \$7 per person. Call (734) 459-3333 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Divorce Recovery

Single Place Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, offers a divorce recovery workshop to help people thinking of divorce, in the process of

divorcing, divorced or separated. A different topic is discussed for seven Thursday evening evenings 7-9 p.m. March 27 - May 15. No workshop on Maundy Thursday. Childcare available by calling the church three days in advance. Cost is \$35, including the book "Growing Through Divorce" by Jim Smoke. Call (248) 349-0911 weekdays to register or visit www.single-place.org

Parents conference

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, will host "Smart Discipline," a program for parents 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27. Learn ways to raise your children's self-esteem and get them to cooperate. Cost is \$7 per person. Childcare available. Contact Pastor Drex Morton at (734) 459-3333.

Lighthouse Cafe

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Single Point Lighthouse Cafe meets 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 28, in Knox Hall for an evening of relaxation and entertainment supplied by other

Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies and specialty coffees. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Train show

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club and the Train Collectors Association will host a toy train show 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in the school gym, Inkster Road and West Chicago, Redford. Several train layouts will be operating, including the Clance Train Travel layout from the Detroit Historical Museum. Videos and information about upcoming train trips available. Refreshments. Cost is \$3 per person or \$6 per family. Call Ray Nikolai at (313) 277-2419.

Open House

St. Matthew Lutheran School, 5885 Venoy (one block north of Ford Road), Westland, will host an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1. St. Matthew offers instruction from Pre-K (3-4-year-olds) through 8th grade. Call (734) 425-0261.

Challenges

First Church of Christ, Scientist in

Farmington will host Suzanne Cowin, a national touring speaker on spiritual-based solutions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Farmington Hills Community Library auditorium. Cowin will present "Facing Challenges? You Can Triumph Over Them!" Call Natalie Wright at (248) 478-5830 Tuesday-Thursday afternoons.

Rummage sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will hold a rummage sale 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 4, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 5, in the Fellowship Hall. Call (734) 464-0211.

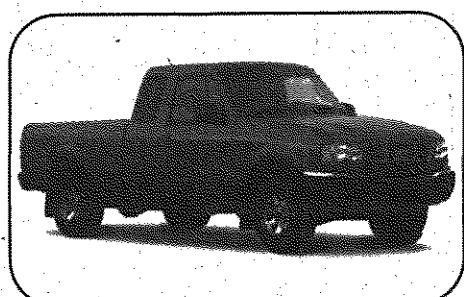
Crop circles

Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will present "Mystery of the Crop Circles: Part 2" 7 p.m. Friday, April 4. Free will donation accepted. The video investigates the appearance of balls of light and their connection to crop circles. Call (734) 421-1760.



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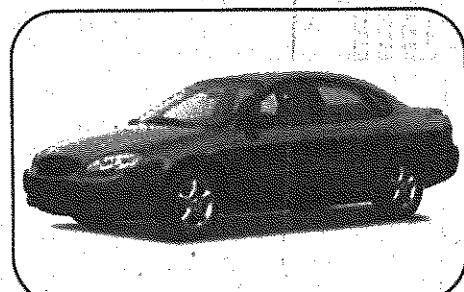
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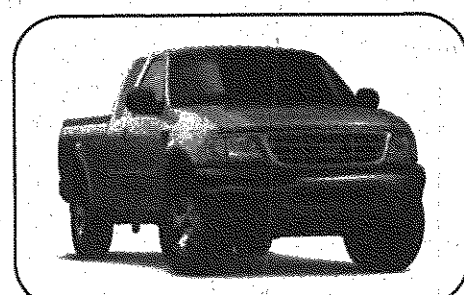
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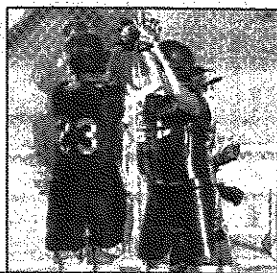
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Sports

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Game-winner

Late home run
carries Madonna
to victory. D8



Sidelines

Discovery perfect

The Discovery Middle School boys basketball team continued its tradition of excellence, bordering on perfection, with both its 'A' and 'B' teams posting 8-0 records this past season.

Since the school opened three years ago, its boys teams have gone 47-1.

And it isn't just on the court that these players excel. According to coach Dave VanWagoner, 15 of the 18 players carried a 3.2 or better grade-point average.

Team members are: Chad Boes, Mike Hanchett, Peter Boucher, Chris Stewart, Jake Hager, Adam Kashoro, Lawrence, Chris Tidwell, Turgut Tringouski, Ken Ney, Ryan Langdon, Sean Baker, Jerrel Kimbrough, Josh Butler, Ryan Waidmann, Danny Cassidy, Caleb Larner and Wes Shelton. The teams coaches are Jason Waidmann and VanWagoner.

Swim standout

Allison Schmitt, a Canton resident who attends Canton Charter School and swims for the Plymouth YMCA/Ann Arbor Swim Club, won the High Points Award at the Michigan Age Group State Championships after finishing first in two events and second in two others.

Schmitt swam in six events, capturing top honors in the 50-yard freestyle (26.21) and 200-yard butterfly (2:21.09). She also placed second in both the 100 fly (1:04.76) and 200 individual medley (2:19.94), was third in the 400 IM (4:57.78) and took fourth in the 200 free (2:03.43).

Two relays she was part of also placed first, the 200 free (1:46.75) and 200 medley (1:59.48).

3-on-3 champs

They played against each other in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, but they had it all together at the Milford Police Junior Shoot-Out, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament March 15.

Playing in the fourth-grade boys division, Devin Price, Jacob Bolz and Scott Devine of Plymouth and Eric Olech of Canton emerged as their division champions. The four boys won all three of their pool-play games to advance to the final rounds. In a semi-final, they lost by a single basket to a Hartland team they had defeated during pool play.

The still managed to make it to the final, where they defeated the same Hartland team by four baskets.

All four boys played on different teams in the PCJBA. This was their first tournament together.

Boosters meeting

The Plymouth Football Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. April 1 in Room 401 at Plymouth HS.

All parents of current and incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Whalers' Jimmy Gagnon celebrates after scoring what turned out to be the game-tying goal, an empty-netter in the closing seconds. Teammate Jonas Fielder (34), who set up the goal, wraps him up.

Power play lifts Whalers to 3-0 lead

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Is it better to be good? Or lucky? The Plymouth Whalers are good. The Owen Sound Attack, the Whalers' opening-round opponent in the Ontario

OHL PLAYOFFS

Hockey League playoffs, knew that prior to Game Three, which was played Tuesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

After all, the Whalers had defeated Owen Sound 6-3 in both of the first two games of the best-of-seven series.

In Game Three, the Attack discovered the Whalers are lucky sometimes, too. Four third-period goals, two of them by Karl Stewart (and two empty-net goals),

allowed Plymouth to escape with a 6-4 triumph and a 3-0 lead in the series.

"We were bad tonight," said Whalers' coach Mike Vellucci, realizing they were fortunate to escape with the win. "Really

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, D2

Rocks rebuild, plan a strong season

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Salem's final event of the 2002 season was one of its best.

The Rocks placed fourth at the Division I state regional hosted by Livonia Stevenson, behind Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Saline, but ahead of Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Northville, Stevenson and Canton.

"That's the best we've finished there in a while," said Salem coach Bill Nelson. Now the object for the Rocks is to pick up where last season's squad left off, which

won't be easy considering seven players from the 2002 team have graduated.

"This is kind of a rebuilding year," Nelson said.

Three of his four singles' players — Evan Roller, Dave Wallen and Dive Daigneau — as well as half of each of his doubles' teams are gone. To fill the holes, Nelson has done some shifting, with three of the four returning doubles players figuring to be in the singles mix somewhere. Three players are vying for the No. 1

singles spot. As of Tuesday, the one at the top of the totem pole was junior Pat Shaw, who played on the Rocks' No. 1 doubles team that reached the regional finals.

"He has the upper hand," said Nelson. "He's an excellent player, he's got great court savvy, and he's all over the court."

Those challenging Shaw are junior Mike Ware, who played at No. 2 singles last season and is the only singles returnee, and sophomore Chris Treadwell, who was at No. 3 doubles a year ago.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D3

Canton's off to big start

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

What looks like good news for Canton could be bad news for the rest of Observerland's boys track teams.

At last Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational at the University of Michigan's Track Building, the Chiefs put together their best finish ever, placing second to East Lansing.

The Trojans won with 64 points. Canton scored 46, followed by Pioneer with 41 and Dearborn Edsel Ford with 38.

Catholic Central placed 12th in the 18-team field with 18 points.

"We had a real important first meet there," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We knew we'd do some good things, but I don't know if I'd have predicted this. Maybe a top-five finish, but not this."

Best for the Chiefs was Aaron Lanning, who won the 8,200-meter run in 9:53.3.

Canton had a second and a couple of third-place finishes as well. Brad Waidmann was second in the high jump, clearing 6-feet, 2-inches.

The 1,600 relay team of Jesse Williams, Shane Azizi, Cyrus Azizi and Brian Soash were third in 3:39.4, a time one second faster than last season's team.

Dan Driscoll tied for third in the pole vault, clearing 11-0, and placed sixth in the long jump (19-9). Andy Rossow was fifth for the Chiefs in the long jump (19-10).

The shuttle hurdles relay team of Waidmann, Devin Thomas, Matt McClellan and Steve Kiljanczyk were also third (37.6).

Driscoll, Rossow, Brandon Reeves and Thomas placed fourth in the

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Chiefs look to move up in the new-look WLAA

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

A lot has changed in the tennis world. Canton has lost five players from a team that placed fifth in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The WLAA has lost three teams, including defending champion North Farmington, that have defected to the Oakland Athletic Association. And of the nine returning teams from a year ago, five have new coaches.

So a lot could change by the end of the season as well. Barb Lehmann, in her 12th season as the Canton boys team coach, knows it.

"It definitely makes an impact," she said of the loss of the Farmington schools and the addition of Wayne Memorial. "I know some schools lost quite a few players."

"We're in a transition period right now."

Although the Chiefs lost five players, they have plenty of experience returning, which means they could possibly

move up in the standings — perhaps even match their best WLAA finish in the Lehmann era (a third).

"You hate to lose anybody," Lehmann acknowledged. "Last year I lost two players (from the year before), this year I lost only five, so I should be in pretty good standing."

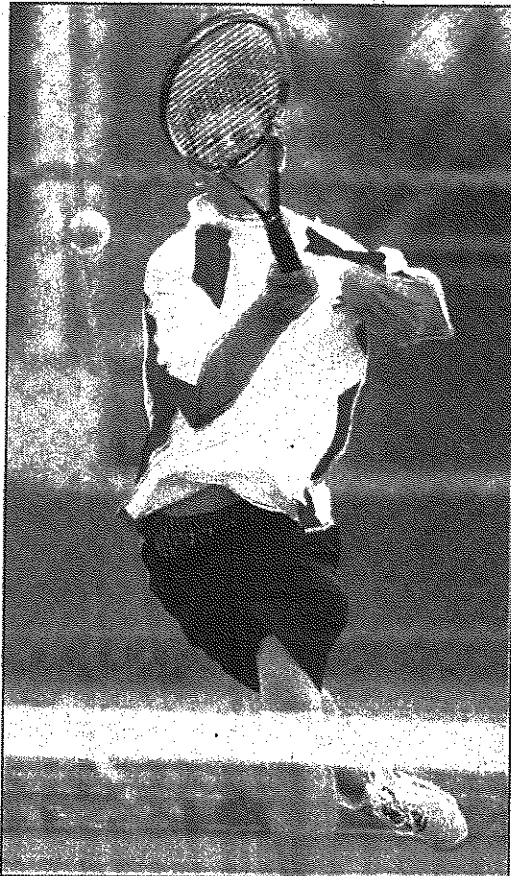
Gone are No. 1 singles Kyle Andrews, No. 3 singles Chris Slupek, the No. 1 doubles team of Brad Kreger and Mike Han, and No. 2 doubles player Spike Wagner.

Those returning, however, have improved their game enough to bolster Lehmann's optimism.

"The ability level is there," she said. "Quite a few of them took it seriously and worked hard during the off-season."

Among those is junior Brian Keesey, the No. 2 singles player from a year

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Brian Keesey played No. 2 singles for Canton as a junior. He figures to be at No. 1 this season.

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Whalers level Attack, win 1st 2 of series

After two games in the opening round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the Owen Sound Attack must have learned that it isn't wise to put the Plymouth Whalers on the power play.

In those two games, the Whalers have had the extra man 14 times. Six of those instances have resulted in goals for Plymouth, a 42.9 percent conversion rate — exceptional by any standard.

Both ended the same way, with Plymouth winning 6-3. On Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, Owen Sound — which had defeated the Whalers in three of their four regular-season meetings — scored on its first shot, Matt Giordano putting one past Plymouth goalie Paul Drew at 1:31 of the first.

The Whalers' Chris Thorburn tied it with a power-play score at 6:40 of the first, assists going to Chad LaRose and Karl Stewart.

Another power-play goal, this one by LaRose (from Stewart and Thorburn), gave the Whalers a 2-1 lead at 8:32 of the first.

John Vigilante boosted their advantage to 3-1 at the 12:41

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mark of the first, the assist going to LaRose. Matt Passfield's goal with :40 left in the first allowed the Attack to narrow the gap to one goal once again.

After that, however, it was all Plymouth. David Liffiton's power-play marker at 13:19 of the second restored the Whalers' two-goal advantage.

Vigilante scored his second goal of the game at 17:12 of the second, again on the power play, to make it 5-2 (John Mitchell and James Wisniewski assisted) and LaRose got his second goal of the game (to go with two assists) at 6:06 of the third period, goalie Paul Drew assisting.

The Attack's Pat Sutton got the final goal of the game at 12:32 of the third.

Drew had 27 saves in net for the Whalers. John Ceci started for Owen Sound and had 18 stops (allowing five goals) before giving way to Dan LaCosta.

Plymouth was 4-of-6 on the power play in the game; Owen Sound was 1-of-9.

On Sunday at Owen Sound, the Whalers overcame a 3-2

deficit after two periods by scoring four times in the third. The first two goals of the third period came on the power play, Thorburn (from Wisniewski and Ryan Ramsay) scoring the first at 3:59 to knot the game at 3-all and LaRose (who has four goals in the first two games) getting the second at 13:53 (also from Wisniewski and Ramsay) to give Plymouth a 4-3 lead.

The Attack pressured after that but could not get the equalizer. Mitchell (at 19:06) and Jonas Fiedler (at 19:26) got empty-net goals, Drew getting his third assist of the playoffs on Mitchell's goal and Wisniewski assisting on Fiedler's.

LaRose and Fiedler both had goals in the first period for the Whalers, Nate Kiser assisting on both (Drew and Vigilante also assisted).

The Attack got a power-play goal from Jesse Gimblett at 18:19 of the first to narrow Plymouth's lead to 2-1, then took a 3-2 lead with second-period scores by Pat Jarrett and Passfield.

Drew had 32 saves for the Whalers in the game. Ceci made 27 stops for Owen Sound.

Plymouth was 2-of-8 on the power play the Attack was 2-of-10.

In the other OHL Western Conference playoff series, top-seeded Kitchener and sixth-seeded Guelph also had 2-0 leads through the weekend. Kitchener shutout Sault Ste. Marie twice, beating them 4-0 and 3-0 while Guelph beat third-seeded Sarnia, 5-2 and 7-5.

In the other Western series, the Windsor Spitfires overcame a 3-2 loss in its series opener to London by beating the Knights 4-1 and 7-6 in overtime for a 2-1 series lead.

In the Eastern Conference, it's a bit more muddled. No. 1 seed Ottawa has a 2-0 lead over the Mississauga Ice Dogs, but No. 2 Brampton is being tested by No. 7 Barrie, winning 3-2 in overtime in the first game before losing to Barrie 4-2 in the second. Brampton took a 2-1 lead with a 5-4 win in the third game.

No. 3 Peterborough and No. 6 Chawara are dead even with a win each and eight goals scored apiece. No. 4 Toronto St. Michael's Majors has a 6-4 victory in its only game against Beaville.

Spiders win PeeWee AA title

HOCKEY

The Redford Spiders capped a successful 2002-2003 hockey season earlier this month by winning the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League PeeWee AA Ranked Division.

The Spiders, led by head coach Don Ostrowski, took the championship trophy with a 2-1 triple overtime win over the Grosse Pointe Spartans on March 8 at the Arctic Edge in Canton.

The Spiders tied the game with one second left. The winning goal was scored by Kory Sosnowski with less than 2 minutes to play in the third overtime. Sosnowski, who scored both goals for the Spiders, was honored with the game's Most Valuable Player award.

The Spiders roster included Ian Curran, Ethan Gurski, Eric Mitchell, Tyler Sternik, all of

Livonia, Tim Hall, Dylan Ostrowski, Scott LaMontagne and Mark Rogers, all of Redford Township; Jase Paciocco, Cody Longuski and Micki Mihailovich of Westland; Sosnowski, Ken Weir, Jake Jossey, Michael Ciuffoletti and Adam Powers of Canton Township and Ian Barnaby of Plymouth Township.

Assistant coaches for the Spiders are Rob Paciocco, Kevin Longuski, Ken Weir and Derrick Danielson. Team Manager is Joe Curran of Livonia. Financial managers are Kathy and Jeff Sternik.

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800 relay (1:39.8), and Kilijanczyk took fourth in the 60 high hurdles (9.0). In the shot put, Bryan Frawley placed sixth (44-3 1/4).

Canton, which has won the last three Observerland Relays titles, looks to be ready to take a shot at No. 4. The Chiefs trav-

el to the Eastern Michigan Relays Saturday.

The city meet, matching Plymouth's, Salem's and Canton's boys and girls teams, won't be in the city. The track, remains under construction, so neither Canton nor Salem will have a home meet this season.

The city meet has been moved to Wednesday, April 2, at Northville High School.

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bad. We just didn't get pucks out (of our end), we didn't battle for pucks . . .

"I just hope we don't make a habit of it. We capitalized on our power play again. That really helped."

Indeed it did. In fact, the Whalers' power play has been the difference in the series. On Tuesday, they converted 2-of-3 chances (Owen Sound was 1-of-3), which makes them 8-of-17 in the series, a phenomenal 47.1 percent conversion rate.

"Obviously, that's something we worked on this year," said Vellucci. "It's really been good all year. The guys pay attention, we have a system and they're talented."

The game started well enough for the Whalers, who

never trailed. And the guy responsible for getting it started for them was Vellucci's choice for player of the game: Jonas Fiedler.

"Fiedler carried us," the Whalers' coach said. "He was awesome."

The game's opening goal displayed the kind of hockey Vellucci has been preaching: hard work and effort. With 11:57 left in the first period, Fiedler got possession of the puck along the boards to the left of Owen Sound goalie John Ceci. Ceci stopped Fiedler's initial shot, but could not smother the rebound. Fiedler, while falling, got his stick on the puck and popped it in for a 1-0 Whaler lead. Tim Sestito and Jimmy Gagnon assisted.

With 6:03 remaining in the period, the Whalers put their power play to work. It was the first penalty called against the

Attack, and Ryan Ramsey made them pay, carrying the puck from the boards to the goalie's right toward the Owen Sound net and knocking it in before knocking Ceci down. Chad LaRose and James Wisniewski assisted.

"We played a good first period," said Wisniewski, a Canton native. "In the second period we got a couple of penalties and they scored a goal."

In fact, Owen Sound owned the second period.

With the Whalers having all sorts of trouble clearing the puck from their zone, the Attack — who had had plenty of chances, outshooting the Whalers 18-14 to that point (and 38-31 for the game) — finally got a shot past Plymouth goalie Paul Drew, a wide-open Mike Angelidis driving his shot over Drew's left shoulder. Juris Stals and Pat Jarrett assisted.

That goal came with 12:35 left in the second period. The Attack tied the score on a power-play goal by Brad Richardson, who poked the puck past Drew from right in front of the goal with 7:55 to go in the second. Stals and Matt Passfield assisted.

The game was starting to get away from the Whalers.

"We knew we had to come out big (in the third period)," said Wisniewski. "And we came out and scored right away."

Again, the power play worked for the Whalers. John Vigilante got the goal with Owen Sound's Richardson in the box, corralling the rebound of Nate Kiser's shot from the point and pushing it past Ceci. Fiedler, who had three helpers in the game, also assisted, and Plymouth was up 3-2 1:26 into the third period.

The Attack weren't through,

however. They tied it again on a goal by Tomislav Zanoski, who circled behind the Whaler net and shoveled his shot past Drew; Jarrett assisted, and with 13:27 remaining it was 3-3.

What proved to be the game-winner came from Stewart with 2:46 to play after the Attack turning the puck over in their own end. Stewart got possession, skated into the slot and fired his shot past Ceci for a 4-3 Whaler lead. Chris Thorburn and John Mitchell assisted.

An empty-net goal by Gagnon, who took a pass from Fiedler from behind the net, with 1:03 left (Stewart also assisted) proved important when Owen Sound's Andre Deveaux deflected Mark Giordano's shot from the point (Stals assisted, too) past Drew to trim the

Whalers' lead to 5-4 with :17 left. Stewart, however, got a second empty-netter for Plymouth (Fiedler, Kiser assisting) with less than a second remaining to clinch it.

"I thought we played well," said Owen Sound coach Mike Stothers. "I was proud of our work ethic tonight. We deserved a better fate."

"We competed very well with them, we matched up very well with them. You still have to win four (games)."

True, but the Attack know how deep a hole they're in. The Whalers' Wisniewski, however, wasn't about to chalk this up as a Whaler series win.

Asked if the Whalers would sweep the series, he just smiled and said, "I can't answer that question."

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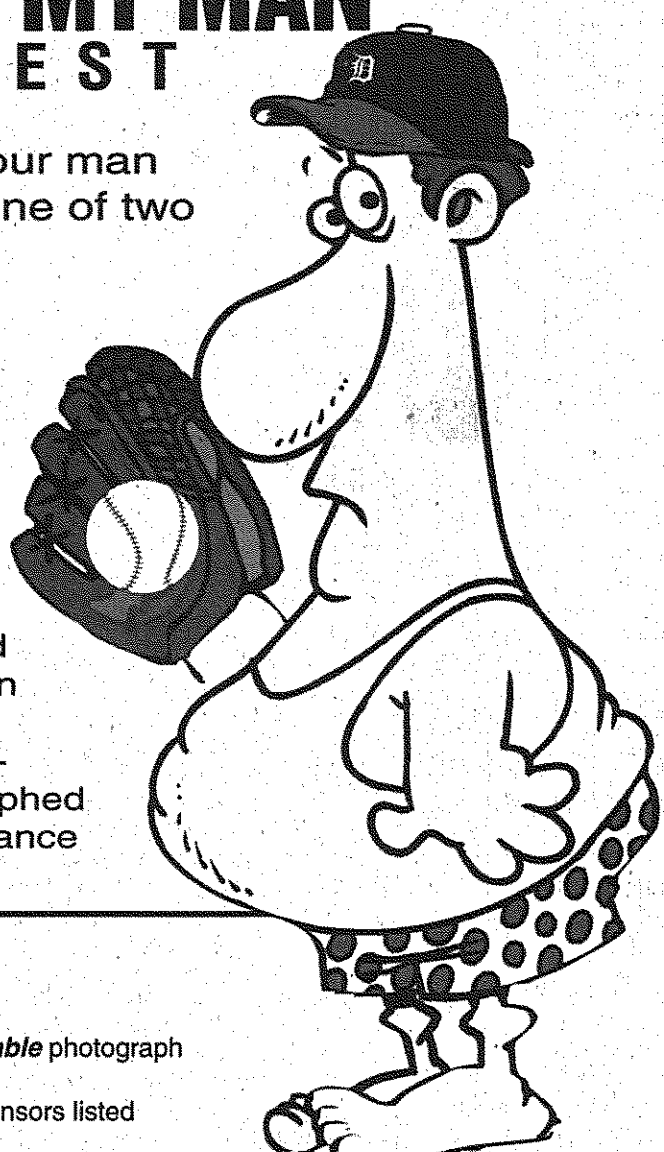



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ago whom Lehmann expects to move up to No. 1. "The level of competitiveness he's placed himself in, he's working toward it," said Lehmann.

The other singles spots belong to, to start with, Steve West, a junior who earned the Most Improved Player Award last season. A No. 3 doubles player last season, West will probably be at No. 2 or 3 singles this year. "I wouldn't be surprised if he won (that award) again," said Lehmann. "He's a

perfect example of commitment, to be the best you can be."

Other singles players are sophomore Zach Hoernschemeyer, a player new to the team who "has played a lot of competitive tennis in the past," but took a year off and didn't play last season. "It seems he's back on his game," said Lehmann.

Then there's Duke Kapelanski, also a sophomore who played No. 4 doubles last season.

In doubles, junior Jeremy Romer, who played at No. 2 last season with Wagner, will team with freshman Mike Keesey at No. 1 this year. And senior Vic Mata, who played junior

varsity last year and has "shown great improvement" will be paired with junior Sam Kaufman, who was at No. 4 singles most of last season.

The team's co-captains will anchor the No. 3 and No. 4 doubles teams. Senior Jon-Eric Cornellier returns at No. 3 doubles, playing with freshman Alex Marinica; Matt Curd, who shares the captaincy with Cornellier, is back at No. 4, teaming with senior Sam Hargis, a JV player last season.

A pair of juniors, Matt Schichtman and Amul Patel, could also figure into the doubles lineup somewhere. "There's still some fluctuation going into the next few weeks," said Lehmann.

Just where that leads is uncertain. "It is hard to say," admitted Lehmann. "I'm real confident in our singles, but I'm a little unsure about our doubles. I think they'll be solid, don't get me wrong . . . I'm not unsure about their ability, but where they'll play in the lineup."

As for the WLAA, Lehmann said Canton's "biggest competitors are the three (remaining league) teams that finished above us." That would be Northville, Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

Should the Chiefs finish above any of them, and in the league's top three, they will match what only one other

Canton team has done under Lehmann. That, indeed, is a goal.

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No. 1 doubles: Derek Thomas and Steve Brockie (GC) d. Jeremy Romer and Mike Keesey, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Vic Mata and Sam Kaufman (C) d. Ryan Smith and Jeremy Conn, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Jon-Eric Cornellier and Alex Marinica (C) d. Jon Somerville and Chris Krulikowski, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Sam Hargis and Matt Curd (C) d. Ben Lockwood and Jeff Sequin, 6-2, 6-1.

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"He plays all the time, he's perfected his game," said Nelson of Treadwell.

Sameer Dohadwala, a senior co-captain who played No. 2 doubles last season, will also be "in the top four singles someplace" said Nelson. "He's got a real consistent game. If he plays at No. 4 (singles), he'll win a lot of games."

In doubles, sophomore Robby Wallen has "improved a lot" and will team with senior co-captain Pat Tokarski, who played at No. 4 doubles last season, at the No. 1 spot.

The other teams are less defined. Jason Lewis and Jason Masters, both seniors, will "probably be at two doubles," the Rocks' coach said. At No. 3, there's the Lytle brothers, Scott (a senior) and Craig (a sophomore). Scott Lytle has been on the Salem track and soccer teams, so his conditioning figures to be pretty good.

There are two more seniors currently filling the No. 4 spot: Blake Heidenreich and Scott Foess.

If replacements are needed, Nelson will have plenty to choose from. "I had 45 guys come out," he said. "That's the biggest team I've had in a few years."

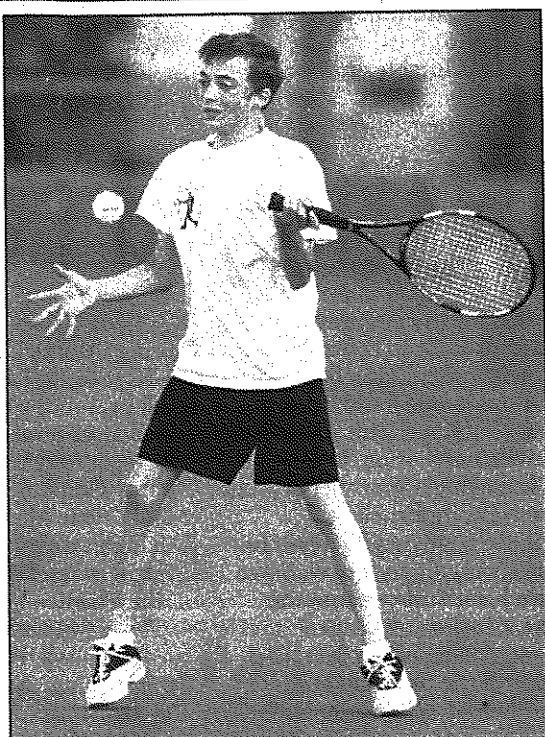
Among those to watch are junior John Schellhase, who had back surgery Dec. 30 and is just returning to action. Schellhase, who played some varsity last season, could be in the doubles picture somewhere when he is back at full strength, which Nelson estimated should be when the WLAA season starts.

A pair of sophomores, Ross Heidenreich and Sean Williams, played junior varsity soccer and have "great hand/eye coordination," Nelson said. "They just need to learn the game," he added.

"We've got some great athletes," the Rocks' coach said. "I look for us to do well. I would hope we could move up in the (league) standings."

With the defection of defending WLAA champ North Farmington, together with Farmington Harrison and Farmington, to the Oakland Athletic Association, Nelson's hope isn't out of the question.

Still, Stevenson returns a formidable lineup,



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Mike Ware played No. 2 singles for Salem as a sophomore. Now a junior, he is the only returning starter in singles for the Rocks.

led by all-state singles player Brady Crosby. And Northville, although led by a new coach, will be solid. Walled Lake Western has top singles' player Bryan Norville, who reached the conference semifinals last year, returning.

"I would like to think we can hold our own with anybody," said Nelson. "We're a cohesive unit, and we have a good time together. As far as attitude, you just can't beat 'em."

"I look for us to do well. We're going to work hard to improve our strategy, we'll work hard on our gamesmanship."

If the Rocks can adequately replace their losses, maybe they will move up in both the WLAA and regional standings.

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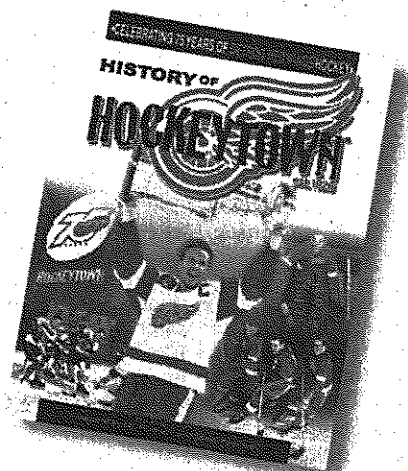
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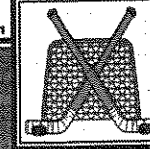
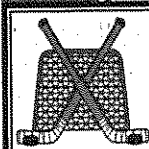
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RUGBY PLAYERS

The Washtenaw Rugby Football Club, a high school rugby club, is still searching for players currently in grades nine-through-12 who are interested in participating in their spring season.

The club features a no-cut policy, and everyone who comes to practice will play. No experience is necessary.

Training for the spring season has begun but new players are still welcomed and encouraged to give the game a try. A pre-season scrimmage against Brighton and Howell is scheduled for Saturday, with the tentative location in Brighton. The club's home opener will be April 9.

For more information, please

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PISTONS CLINIC

Boys and girls in grades 3-through-5 in the Plymouth-Canton school district are invited to attend a Detroit Pistons Basketball Clinic, scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at East Middle School, located at 1042 South Mill St. in Plymouth.

The object of the clinic is to improve fundamental basketball skills, such as ballhandling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. The clinic will be conducted by Steve Morland and the Pistons staff.

Space is limited; cost is \$20. Pay cash at the door; register 15

minutes prior to the start of the clinic.

Included in the clinic are trophies for the Pistons free throw championship, a free Pistons ticket, contests and prizes.

To confirm a spot on the sign-up sheet, call the clinic hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave your name and phone number.

MEETINGS

A meeting for parents of boys in grades 3-through-8 who are interested in playing football in the Catholic Youth Organization is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel's gym. The school is located at 1151 William St., Plymouth.

The meeting is for boys in the

following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann.

For more information, call Joe Hamp at (734) 432-0031.

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The 12th annual Orthopedic 8-kilometer run, 5K walk and half-mile Teddy Bear run (11-and-under) will be Saturday, April 12, in Jackson.

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IN-LINE REGISTRATIONS

Skateland West in Westland is currently accepting registrations for its spring in-line hockey leagues (boys and girls ages 5-17). The \$120 entry fee includes eight games, eight practices, a jersey, party, and trophy.

Games start the week of April 28. Register on or by March 30, but there is a \$10 late fee after that date. Call (734) 326-2801 between 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, or visit www.skatelandwest.com on the Internet for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003 REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR JOHNSON ELECTRIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Johnson Electric Automotive, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption covering a new leased facility, including an addition currently being added to the unoccupied facility. The Plymouth Township Board Trustees granted Speculative Building status for this site on January 21, 2003, by Resolution #03-01-21-04. The facility is located at 47632 Halyard Road, Lot 7 and a portion of Lot 5, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Johnson Electric Automotive, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: March 27, 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS HUMAN SERVICES CENTER PAVEMENT & STORM SEWER BID PACKAGE NORTHWEST CORNER OF RIDGE ROAD & CHERRY HILL ROAD

The Charter Township of Canton will receive firm bids for the HUMAN SERVICES CENTER PAVEMENT & STORM SEWER BID PACKAGE at the office of the clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday April 10th, 2003.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$30.00 per set fee payable to Warner, Cantrell & Padmos at their office located at 27300 Haggerty Road Suite F2, Farmington Hills MI 48331, (248) 848-1666.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building Offices, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, MI 48188 and must be delivered no later than 3:00 P.M., April 10th, 2003. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an envelope and marked with the name of the project, the name of the bidder and the proposal being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan, or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

Charter Township of Canton

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CANTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BID PACKAGE #2

The Charter Township of Canton will receive firm sub-contractor bids for the Canton Performing Arts Center Project located at the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads in Canton Township. The work to be released in this bid package will be an orchestra pit lift and wheel chair lifts.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$50.00 per set refundable deposit payable to George W. Auch Co., at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248.334.2000, at 12:00 noon on March 17, 2003.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the Bid Category being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building Business Offices, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, MI 48188, or to the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48341, but must be delivered no later than noon, April 8th, 2003. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the project, the name of the bidder and the Bid Category(s) being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan, or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Clerks Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI 48188 starting at 4:00 p.m. April 8, 2003.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a U.S. Treasury listed Performance and Payment Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the state of Michigan in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept that bid which, in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

Charter Township of Canton

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Walleyes hitting in Lake Orion

Traditionally, Lake Orion is known for its tremendous largemouth bass fishery. A maze of islands, bays and points combine to give the 470-acre impoundment on Paint Creek a personality of its own.



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Now, you can add Lake Orion to the list of Oakland County walleye lakes. Reports of ice anglers catching walleyes in Orion this winter are not just "fishing stories." They're legitimate. "I've had a few guys come in here this year and tell me they've caught walleyes in Lake Orion," says Ron Jedlicki, owner of Hook Line and Sink Bait and Tackle in downtown Lake Orion, about a long cast from the lake.

Actually, it's about time someone started catching walleyes.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been planting walleyes in Lake Orion for seven years. At the time of the initial plant, fisheries biologist Gary Towns told the Observer & Eccentric that the

reason for the planting effort was two-fold: to control a growing population of alewives and to provide another sport fishery. I'm not sure about the alewife population, but the goal of achieving a sport fishery has been accomplished.

Since 1996, nearly a half million spring fingerling walleyes have been dumped into the lake. Close to 100,000 fish were planted each of the first three years of the program and another 44,000 were planted in 2002 and 74,000 in 2002. It takes these fingerlings about three years to reach a legal size of 15 inches.

Now don't think you're going to limit out on walleyes every time you go to Lake Orion.

That's not the case. There's a fishable population, but walleyes don't rule the lake. Most of the reports coming in are coming from pike anglers who happen to cross paths with a walleye over the course of the day.

Walleye season ends Saturday, March 15, but opens again on April 26.

SPRING FISHING CLINIC

If you're thinking about targeting walleyes when the season reopens in a little over a month, you can pick up some tips from 2002 PWT Champion Keith



CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the following items:

Z 03-03 853 Sutherland Non-Use Variance Requested
Fence Height
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Kevin & Tracey Moran

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BID PACKAGE #3 PROPOSAL B CANTON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EXPANSION

The Charter Township of Canton will receive firm sub-contractor bids for Bid Package No. 3 Proposal B Canton Administration Building Expansion project located at 1150 Canton Center Road S. The work of Bid Package No. 3 will consist of ornamental railings.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$50.00 per set refundable deposit payable to George W. Auch Co., at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248.334.2000.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building Business Offices, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, MI 48188 and must be delivered no later than 3:00 P.M., April 3rd, 2003. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the project, the name of the bidder and the proposal(s) being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan, or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a U.S. Treasury listed Performance and Payment Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the state of Michigan in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

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Charter Township of Canton

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MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 on April 3, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

1988	GMC	1GKCM15Z6JB532605
1985	Chevy	1GCC14H4FF414950
1988	Ford	1FAPP36XJK238384
1994	Plymouth	1P3AA4630RF124029
1986	Buick	1G4CW51CXJ1678490
1988	GMC	1GKCT18R4J0506806
1988	Mercury	1MEBM60F3JH673368
1984	Plymouth	1P3BP26C2EC166124
1984	Ford	1FTCR10A9EUB33051
2000	Toyota	JT3HNR8R3Y9036960
1989	Ford	1FMC11U8KZC52977
1989	Chrysler	1C3XJ41K8KG268537

Mayflower Auto Transport
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Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-0053

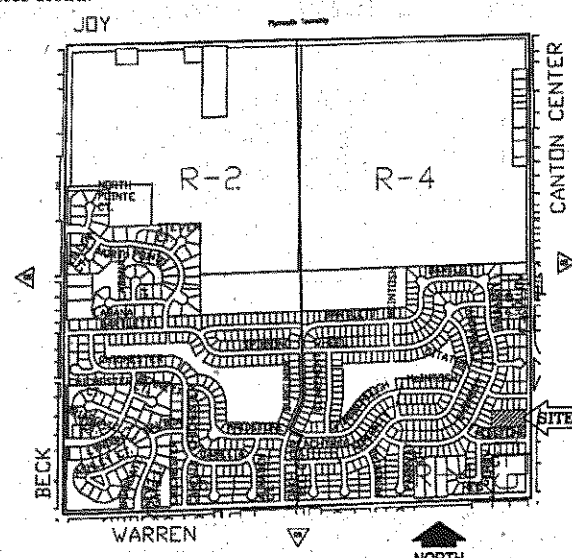
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 7, 2003 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

BEGINNERS INN CHILD CARE CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 016 99 0009 001. Property is located west of Canton Center between Warren and Sheldon Center Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 4, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Wayne midget racer 'Action Jackson'

BY GEORGE STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

The State Fairgrounds is seeing a new animal invade its territory, and it's not coming with the circus.

The Auto Value/Bumper to Bumper Outlaw Winged Midget Series (AVOWMS), held its first race of its inaugural season, the Motor City Meltdown, on March 8, with local racer Bobby Jackson of Wayne earning his first career victory.

"I couldn't believe it," said the 35-year-old Jackson. "I know everyone says that, but it's true. It's always been a goal of mine but you still can't believe it actually happened."

En route to the victory, the Westland John Glenn High graduate beat his car's owner, Dave Fuhrman.

"This is extremely bitter-sweet," Fuhrman told the AVOWMS's website. "I'm really happy for Bobby, and it's very nice to have two of our cars in the top three. Both of our cars have Kenyon power, so that means that the top three tonight were Kenyon Cars. It's been a good night all around."

Rounding out the top three was former Indy Racing League star Mel Kenyon, who at 69, showed he is still a force to be reckoned with.

If you are familiar with either NASCAR or Indy Car racing you will notice that midget racing differs from other racing circuits in a couple of different aspects.

The car used in the races resemble Indy cars of the 1930s and '40s. They are more open and smaller than the cars you see on the track today. The



Wayne resident and John Glenn High graduate Bobby Jackson, a midget-car driver, took first recently at the State Fairgrounds.

tracks are also smaller, ranging in size from an eighth of a mile, to three-eighths of a mile.

Midget racing is not just coming into prominence, however. The sport was big in the first half of the century, rivaling what NASCAR is today.

"In the 1940s midget racing was really big," said Jackson, "Especially in California, where people in L.A. would go to Gilmore and watch the races all of the time."

But in society trends change, with midget racing falling out

of the spotlight by the 1960s, being replaced by Indy racing. Now we see today NASCAR atop the racing world in terms of popularity.

Enter Chris Hettinger, who is credited with helping to get the series off the ground and trying

to re-introduce midget racing to the area.

"With midget racing getting more expensive and racers going to Indiana to get closer to the next step, we felt we had an opportunity to give racers in the area a chance to compete

economically, while helping them get to the next level," he said.

Local racers also have the opportunity of being sponsored by area businesses to help them compete.

"I can't say enough about the support I've received from my sponsors, Total Mortgage of Livonia and Keller-Williams Realty," Jackson said. "They have helped me out a great deal."

It also helps that midget racing is receiving support from a few racers at the top of their games.

Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, and Ryan Newman have spent enormous amounts of money in order to compete in midget races.

Stewart also owns a couple of midget racing teams. This added exposure can only benefit midget racing around the country, as well as locally.

"We'd like establish a fan base and gain some recognition throughout the area," Hettinger said. "We want to focus our attention on the races being a family atmosphere."

With the popularity of racing today and the AVOWMS satisfying the hunger of local racing fans, individuals involved are expecting big things in the future.

"Hopefully we will regain some of the prominence of the '40s and '50s so when people hear the words midget racing, they will know what it means," Jackson said.

If you would like more information about midget car racing and the AVOWMS, log on to their website at www.winged-midgets.com.

gstephens@oe.hometownlife.com (734) 953-2014

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10th, 2003 for the following:

WELCOME TO CANTON SIGN PLANTING SPRING 2003

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE WEEDS TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2003, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 32.070 of Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2003, without further notice to the property owners.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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STORAGE USA 6729 CANTON CENTER RD.

Notice is hereby given that on (April 14, 2003), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 P.M.

C-104 Gloria E. Collins
K-379 Catherine O'Hagan

Household
Household

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Human Resources Division, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 10th, 2003 for the following:

PRE-EMPLOYMENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT

Specifications are available at the Human Resources Division counter located on the third floor of the administration building. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold a public auction on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.

PLEASE NOTE: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	V.I.N.
1996	Ford	LGT "F" Pick-Up	Red	1FTEF15Y9TLA09792
1988	Ford	Tempo	Black	1FAPP36XXJK208382
1993	Ford	Escort	Red	1FAPP11J9PW316436
1986	Buick	Skyhawk	Red	1G4J35P2GK433965
1990	Ford	Ranger	Red	1FTCR10A4LUA17737
1991	Ford	Tempo	Green	1FAPP36X6MK205872
1993	Ford	Taurus	Green	1FALP5348PG132323
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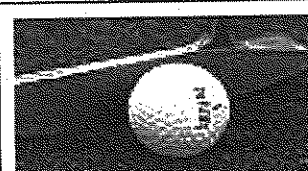
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40, possessing beauty, brains and elegance, seeks successful gentleman, 46-plus, to enjoy the finer things in life together. BOX 27368

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Single female with dark hair, blue eyes, 190 lbs, enjoys movies, bowling, walks, dinners, concerts and more. Seeks Caucasian man, mid 40's, who is employed, enjoys children and is fun. BOX 10661

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P!

Attractive divorced white female, professional, college degree, petite, 5'11", 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

SERIOUS LOVE

45 yr old, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark shoulder length hair, brown eyes, smoker, occasional drinker. Enjoys boating, camping, fishing, dancing, dining in or out and cuddling. Seeking a single male, romantic, who likes children, for a one on one relationship. BOX 10639

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 10658

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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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

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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

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

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 13728

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

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

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Single male, 50, 5'11", athletic, masculine, likes chilling out, fun times and dating. Seeks single female for dating and possible relationship. BOX 10552

WOMAN OF MY DREAMS

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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

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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

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Single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs, brown blue, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female, age location, open. Wayne County BOX 27018

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Divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking for a woman that wants a long-term relationship. Shape and looks important. I'll return your call. Wayne County. BOX 35922

NEW ADS EACH WEEK

JUST READ

I'm white widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive, well built lady, under 59, for possible permanent relationship. Dearborn, Wayne County. BOX 35956

YOUR SUMMER SURPRISE

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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

ALL AMERICAN TYPE

Mature athletic type 50 plus, blonde 6'3", 205 lbs, professional attractive diverse interest active lifestyle. Seeks outgoing, fit, attractive unencumbered single female. To create sparks through dating, travel, long term relationship. Oakland county BOX 35995

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

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Single white professional male, 45, 5'8", fit, communicative humorist, introspective. Enjoys bicycling, concerts, being outdoors. Seeking fit, emotionally available, single, white professional female, 28 to 42, to share a happy healthy relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36049

ATTRACTIVE SWM 33

Professional, down to earth and fun loving guy who seeks an attractive female who enjoys life and likes to have fun! Oakland County. BOX 36054

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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

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Bobrowski's homer lifts Madonna

The results of the first half of a double-header between Madonna University and Siena Heights were simply smashing for the Crusaders.

A game-winning homer by Jamie Bobrowski in the bottom of the sixth inning put Madonna over the top by a score of 4-3 in this Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

"Man, can she hit," said MU head coach Al White. "She probably hit six like that down in Florida."

Bobrowski, whose game-winning homer was her fifth of the season, was limited by bigger fields on the spring trip.

There was no doubt about Tuesday's game-winner, however; it cleared the right-center field fence at Ladywood HS.

The win improves Madonna's record to 1-0 in the WHAC and 14-3 overall.

Jennifer Tenyer got the pitching win, improving to 9-1. She pitched seven innings, striking out five and uncharacteristically walking four. Two of the three runs she surrendered were earned.

Angie Gomez took the loss for Siena Heights. She allowed four earned runs on nine hits and two walks, fanning two.

MU was up 2-0 going into the top of the sixth when the Saints scored three runs to take the lead. White did

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Al White
MU head coach

not despair; he knew the team would respond.

"We've been telling them, 'Don't ever give up, don't ever quit, believe in yourselves,'" White said. "They do (believe in themselves), and they're having fun doing it."

Last year a situation like this may have flustered Madonna, but this team is different.

"They were freshmen last year," he said.

"They're so much stronger this year."

The Crusaders scored a run in the first on singles by Kathy Day (from Livonia Ladywood) and Emily Cunningham, a sacrifice bunt by Sarah Golob and a sacrifice fly by Arin Fowler.

They got their second run in the fourth, Fowler's one-out double starting the rally followed by Mary Warchuck's run-scoring single with two out.

The Saints, however, battled back with a three-run sixth.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Annette Fischer opened the inning with a single; Lindsay Vaughan followed with a walk. Chrisy Holtz loaded the bases when she reached on an error by Madonna's Day at third base.

A walk to Gomez forced one run in. After Mary Beth Neary flied out to center field, White replaced Tenyer with Golob. The results, however, were not good; Golob walked the only batter she faced, Jamie Rennert, to force in the game-tying run, and Tenyer re-entered to pitch to Brianne Holmes. Her grounder to Cunningham at short resulted in a force out at home, leaving the game tied at 2-all.

However, Ashley Garrow came through for Siena Heights with a two-out single to center, scoring Gomez with the go-ahead run.

And setting the stage for Bobrowski's heroics, which came after Fowler walked to open the inning. Day and Cunningham had two hits apiece to pace Madonna's nine-hit attack.

Game No. 2 of the twinbill was suspended after eight innings because of darkness, with the score tied at 1-1. The game will be completed at a later date.



JIM JACOFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Madonna's Jamie Bobrowski (23) is congratulated by teammates as she crosses the plate after hitting the game-winning two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Crusaders grounded; lose pair to St. Mary's

BY GEORGE STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University baseball team has not played a game in a couple of weeks and it showed.

The Crusaders were unable to shake off the rust in a double-header against Orchard Lake Saint Mary's College on Tuesday, dropping both games, 5-3 and 8-2.

After being nearly unhittable in Florida, senior Mark Cole (from Redford Catholic Central) was due for a rough outing. The lefty pitched all six innings for the Crusaders, but showed signs of inconsistency for most of the game.

Cole (4-1) gave up three runs in the first inning and two runs in the fifth, but also struck out 10 batters in the complete-game performance.

Cole did not receive much help from the offense in the game, as the Crusaders had only four hits in the contest, two of them by senior Chris Woodruff (CC), who belted his second homer of the season.

Brian Sharon had a monster game for the Eagles, going 3-for-3 while driving in four runs. John Hammer pitched all seven innings and struck out eight batters in the victory.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

In Game No. 2, Madonna experienced the same problems it had in the first game as St. Mary's came out of the gate quickly.

The Eagles scored three runs in the second inning and four in the third, which was a deficit the Crusaders were unable to dig out of.

Joel Halliday (Redford Union) lost the decision, pitching three innings, while giving up five hits, seven runs, three of them earned, while striking out two. The loss drops him to 1-1 for the year.

The Madonna offense was unable to get anything going, collecting only six hits during the game. Catcher Matt Rigley (Redford Union) went 2-for-2, while Jim Moran added one hit and one RBI.

For the Eagles, Jeff Savage pitched a complete game and gave up two runs, one earned, while striking out five. Eric Magiera went 3-for-3 and knocked in two runs, while teammate Nick Musselman went 2-for-3 and had three RBI.

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

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SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-ratt22@home.com.

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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday

of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at jkkudej@aol.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

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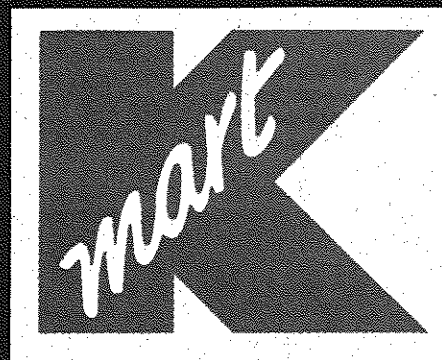
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Farmington Hills	86.7	88.7
Southfield	85.7	91.2
Novi	84.2	84.8
Troy	82.5	86.1
Det. CBD	81.7	77.3
Bingham Farms	81.1	89.7

Source: First Realty Co. West Bloomfield

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Just in case a deal falls through, Realtor Sharyn Hill says, never let a buyer store 'a few things' at a property until closing.

Humorous, unusual, potentially dangerous events teach lessons

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

It's been six months. Time for another installment of Realtor follies. You know this dog-and-pony routine. Real estate professionals recount the most offbeat, amusing, potentially dangerous or interesting things they've encountered during the course of their work.

And, more importantly, what they learned from the experiences. Truth, indeed, can be stranger than fiction. Instructive, too. So let the show begin.

■ Ron Cummings, associate broker, Real Estate One, Troy.

"I had a floor call from a lady years and years ago. The lady wanted to know the price of a house that was for sale. She said it was our sign. I searched high and low and couldn't find the listing.

"I called her back and asked, 'Are you sure about the sign?' She said, 'It's your sign and I'm staring at it.'

"We got a Bresser's and got the phone number from the address she gave. I called and asked, 'Do you have a house for sale or not?' She said no. Then I asked, 'Do you have a sign?' She said yes. Neighbor kids had stolen it and stuck it in the ground. It beats me why she didn't call us up and scream to take it out of the ground."

Cummings wasn't about to give up, though.

"The next question I had is, 'How about if we leave the sign in and I list the house (for sale)?' She said they had no intention of moving."

So he arranged to have the sign removed, learning a valuable lesson from the whole escapade.

"Find out for yourself, take nothing for granted," Cummings said. "What do they say - information deemed accurate, but not guaranteed? I guess so."

BE SAFE

■ Debby Clinesmith, associate broker, GMAC Quality, Livonia.

"I had a listing in Rosedale Park, had gone there to drop off some brochures and was walking back to my car when a car stopped and wanted to know if I would show them the house.

"I thought they were a couple, and said, 'Sure, no problem.' Two men got out of the car, leather jackets. I didn't know who they

were. My office didn't know I was there.

"When we got to the basement wine cellar, I thought to myself, 'This would be a great place to stow a body.' Nothing happened. It was probably a father and son. There was absolutely no problem, but a woman Realtor shouldn't do that.

"To this day I won't show a house to someone off the street," Clinesmith said. "Make an appointment, get their name. And my office always knows where I'm at."

MAKE NOISE

■ Jerry Gardner, Realtor, Remerica Hometown One, Plymouth.

"I was a rookie agent, one of my first showings. They had a lock box. The people were supposed to be gone for the weekend. I walked in on people having sex.

"I heard some thumps in the bedroom and kind of knocked on that door. I heard someone say, 'Just a minute ... what's going on?' It turned out the husband was having an affair. He kind of explained and asked if we could keep this quiet."

Gardner said he and the people he were showing quickly moved on the next appointment without submitting a purchase offer.

"Ever since then, I ring the bell and knock," Gardner said. "What I (also) do is call out, 'Hello, anybody home?'"

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

■ Anita M. Sachs, associate broker, Century 21 Today, Farmington Hills.

"A new agent was talking to a person on the phone and couldn't understand her. She said, 'Anita, let me give her to you.'

"I got on the phone and she said, 'I see house today, now.' I said, 'You just can't see the house now. Are you an agent?' She said, 'Yes, yes, I agent.'"

So Sachs set up an appointment to meet the agent.

"She was Asian," Sachs said. "She thought it was funny, too. Her husband was laughing."

Unfortunately, no sale. "You must be very careful on the phone when you talk to people," Sachs said. "You learn to be more patient, listen a little more carefully."

HOLD EVERYTHING

■ Sharyn Hill, associate broker, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston.

"I had a home listed and the home had sold. The buyers happened to go to church with the sellers. The sellers had moved to Texas. The buyers got hold of them ahead of time before closing and asked if they could move a few things into the garage area - just a few things.

"Of course the sellers actually gave them a key, without my knowledge. The buyers were a high-risk mortgage case, the sellers so nice.

"I happened to take a look just before closing and you couldn't even get the garage door open. It was packed to the ceiling - kids toys, boxes of old clothing a variety of household goods. They had a boat in the yard, a camping trailer."

That particular closing went through, but Hill took a picture of the "few things" in the garage which she uses time and time again in her work to illustrate potential trouble.

"You never allow people to move things on the property until closing," Hill said. "If it falls through, you have to move them out and that can be very expensive to do."

REACH DECISION MAKER

■ Tony Holguin, Realtor, RE/MAX Classic, Canton.

"I had a seller that didn't show up for closing. He refused to come. He was unhappy he had to pay some back taxes. I had the buyer there, a truck with furniture in the parking lot. They had done everything right. They just wanted the key."

Holguin was representing the seller and dealing with the seller's property manager. Holguin said the \$150,000 sale fell through over a disputed \$1,500. Lawsuits could be pending, he added.

"A half hour before closing, the property manager called me and said there were errors on the closing statement having to do with back taxes and he (seller) refused to come in," Holguin said.

"There was nothing else I could have done. Nothing is ever closed until it's closed. You really need to make sure you're communicating with the actual decision maker, not the representative."

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Hybrids good for builders and buyers

So you want to build a new home, but you're stymied by worries about the economy? Rest easy. Whether you are a buyer or a builder, a hybrid construction loan may be just the remedy you need to get your construction job done.

Like most borrowers, builders keep careful watch over their cash flows lest they become overextended. Many builders are leery about building "spec" homes in light of our current flat economy. The last thing a builder wants is to make payments for a vacant home in a slow real estate market.

Meanwhile, potential new home buyers are nervous about contracting for new construction with uncertain economic conditions. The last thing a new home buyer wants is to close on a mortgage a year from now with an interest rate much higher than today's historic lows.

Hybrid construction mortgages - often referred to as up-front financing, construction-to-permanent loans, or single close mortgages - generally allow borrowers to secure money for a vacant land purchase, a bridge loan, a construction loan, and an end-mortgage at the same time. Rather than paying the closing costs associated with several different loan products, these loans allow borrowers to pay closing costs only once.

Buyers need not be fearful of the future as some lenders will provide borrowers a guaranteed interest rate cap on the end mortgage at the beginning of construction. The interest rate of the end loan is usually a function of the type of construction loan you choose, and the term of the construction loan.

A very attractive aspect of using hybrid construction loans is that the loan amount is based on the "future value" of the construction. Whether you are staring at a piece of vacant land, or the blueprints for a renovation that will double the size of your current home, you should have access to all the money you need for your building project.

Builders can now build with minimal builder out-of-pocket costs, and buyers can buy without the fear of extraordinarily high interest rates and multiple sets of closing costs. Go shopping, get building.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Estate with mob ties has huge appreciation

(AP) - A \$320,000 bid made a Connecticut woman the new owner of a piece of mob history in a small town 150 miles northwest of New York City.

Susan Deakin bought the former upstate estate of organized crime underboss Joseph Barbara Sr., site of the November 1957 national mob summit raided by police.

As parodied in movies such as *Analyze This*, well-tailored mobsters scrambled into the surrounding woods during the summit's second day to elude police. No one was arrested.

"My goal wasn't to buy a mob house," Deakin said. "My goal was to get away from the hustle of Connecticut and just have a quiet life."

She added that the property's history added to its charm.

Real estate agent Gary Feinman, of Equine Properties, said his company received inquiries from California to Florida and showed the property to a dozen potential buyers.

Previous owner Laura Burt paid \$175,000 for the estate in 1993. It includes a horse barn, outdoor arena, pond and summer house.

These are the *Observer & Eccentric* area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Nov. 12-15, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

43606 Abbey	\$273,000
41515 Ayrshire	\$183,000
43749 Bannockburn	\$235,000
41528 Bedford	\$118,000
1501 Brookdale	\$277,000
1765 Brookdale	\$300,000
3341 Brooklyn	\$95,000
3373 Brooklyn	\$226,000
3388 Brooklyn	\$135,000
3488 Brooklyn	\$110,000
45764 Bryn Mawr	\$280,000
680 Cherry Grove	\$289,000
432 Cherry Orchard	\$215,000
458 Cherry Orchard	\$217,000
2161 Cleveland Way	\$327,000
379 Country Club	\$395,000
1401 Delancy	\$101,000
1517 Delancy	\$100,000
1705 Delancy	\$235,000
39698 Dorchester	\$312,000
3150 Empire State	\$90,000
3572 Empire State	\$140,000
43764 Hanford	\$206,000
46981 Hidden River	\$363,000
4093 Hunters	\$167,000
48143 Inveraray	\$461,000
8410 Kingsley	\$228,000
1465 Liberty	\$108,000
1504 Liberty	\$100,000
1956 Liberty	\$112,000

Garden City

42479 Lilley Pointe	\$129,000
1448 McLaine	\$108,000
45721 Morningside	\$305,000
8552 N Canton	\$190,000
1955 Preserve	\$226,000
1994 Preserve	\$229,000
3147 River Meadow	\$262,000
42173 Saratoga	\$200,000
2035 Stanton	\$232,000
43344 Stonington	\$240,000
43606 Stuart	\$107,000
1685 Walnut Ridge	\$212,000
45088 Weymouth	\$308,000
4440 Windmill	\$200,000
49167 Wooster	\$120,000

Garden City

32132 Balmoral	\$137,000
30066 Bock	\$150,000
12218 Appletree	\$115,000
39570 Birchwood	\$138,000
41659 Greenbriar	\$180,000
48543 Hilltop	\$118,000
946 Junction	\$150,000
45952 Litchfield	\$150,000
9283 Mayflower	\$150,000
50958 Northview	\$150,000
50986 Northview	\$131,000
225 Parkview	\$135,000
49265 Pine Bluff	\$135,000
10861 Pinehurst	\$320,000
49966 Plymouth	\$303,000
49846 Pointe Xing	\$513,000
8916 Quail	\$166,000
768 York	\$175,000
9959 Berwyn	\$212,000
11392 Columbia	\$170,000
18426 Gaylord	\$171,000

Livonia

16064 Alpine	\$325,000
19577 Antago	\$108,000
9026 Butwell	\$131,000
20665 Chestnut	\$135,000
17421 Country Club	\$320,000
17672 Country Club	\$303,000
35393 Curtis	\$513,000
9728 Eckles	\$166,000
16866 Farmington	\$175,000
16908 Farmington	\$212,000
15873 Foch	\$170,000
14348 Gary	\$154,000
15100 Gary	\$171,000

Westland

9195 Kinloch	\$165,000
17431 Kinloch	\$272,000
24920 S Sylbert	\$216,000
9137 San Jose	\$170,000
19451 Seminole	\$220,000
9147 Sioux	\$290,000
26820 W Chicago	\$188,000
18687 Woodworth	\$173,000
19150 Woodworth	\$87,000
19322 Woodworth	\$167,000
19430 Woodworth	\$340,000
17621 Garden	\$175,000
17621 Garden	\$159,000
1919 Alanson	\$167,000
38347 Carlon	\$175,000
8225 Donna	\$160,000
8680 Donna	\$165,000

Plymouth

31062 Gladys	\$280,000
1605 Gloria	\$220,000
30102 Hanover	\$215,000
32250 Hazelwood	\$560,000
8336 Ingram	\$92,000
34542 John Hawk	\$332,000
30370 Lacy	\$230,000
4773 Matthew	\$351,000
8245 Melvin	\$333,000
503 N Hawthorne	\$151,000
29025 Powers	\$560,000
35628 Rolf	\$318,000
829 S Carlson	\$166,000
1138 Sharon	\$170,000
1397 Shoemaker	\$90,000
1751 Stieber	\$167,000
2150 Stieber	\$167,000
705 Van Lawn	\$131,000
2450 W Miller	\$110,000
	\$122,000

Redford

	\$131,000
	\$110,000
	\$122,000

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Mitchell received bachelor of science in architecture and master of architecture degrees from the University of Michigan. He lives in Berkley.

Sarah L. Belanger is an architectural intern.

Current assignments include renovations to the Oakland Schools Technical Center and the Adrian Dominican Sister chapel.

Belanger graduated with a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She resides in Shelby Township.

Shore Mortgage, headquartered in Birmingham, opened two new offices.

Tom Giannaris manages the Huntington Woods branch, 26311 Woodward, (248) 541-3500.

Richard Silberman, manager, and **Wesley Fletcher**, assistant manager, over-



Belanger

see operations at the Ann Arbor branch, 3408 Washtenaw, (734) 975-2300.

Three senior staff members have been appointed at **Milestone Realty Services**, a property investment/management firm in Royal Oak.

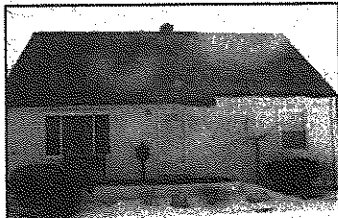
Dennis W. Griffin is senior vice president, **Patrick R. Shannon**, asset manager, and **Ronald J. Stempin**, asset manager/investment relations manager.

Griffin and Shannon formerly were affiliated with the Nemer Property Group, Stempin, CAP Realty Advisors.

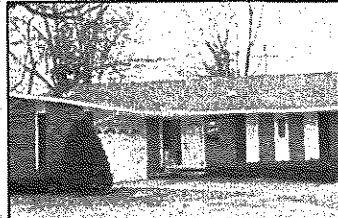
Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has purchased the 65,000-square-foot Mercury Plaza in Dearborn from Ford Motor Land Development.

Richard Broder, president of the firm, reports that the plaza is 100 percent occupied with tenants including Circuit City and PetSmart.

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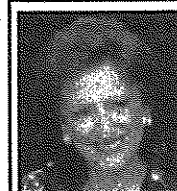
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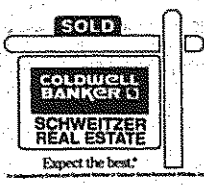


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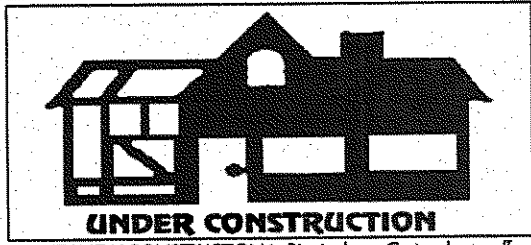
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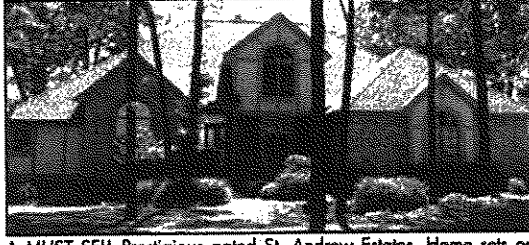
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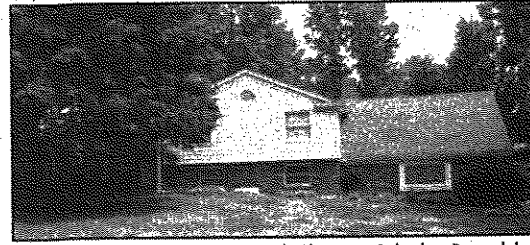
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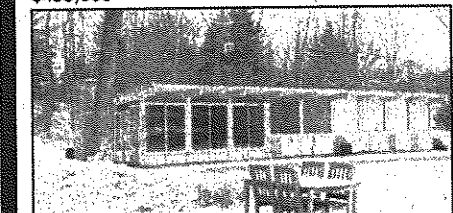
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PLEASANT RIDGE Best available. New expanded island kitchen is top-of-the-line. Hardwood floors, cove ceilings. Six panel doors. Built-ins. Mechanically updated. \$284,900 23016170AMH



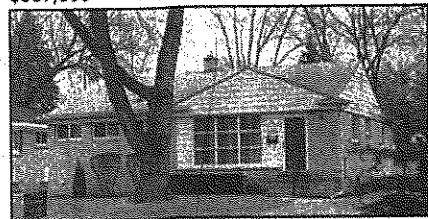
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COZY 1.5 STORY BRICK BUNGALOW in Royal Oak. Updates galore including siding, HWH & furnace '95 windows '97, AC & driveway '01. 4 bedroom, 1.5 baths, AC & attic fan. Landscaping. All appl. stay. \$186,000 23016506BLA



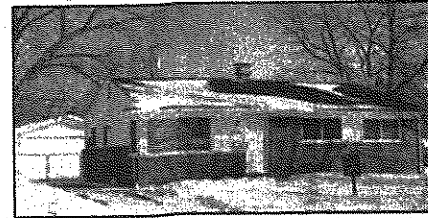
FERNDALE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD winning home with updated kitchen. Plenty of space for a large family. Huge garage for the hobbyist/mechanic. 17x13 family room could be 5th bedroom. \$183,000 23018213DOV



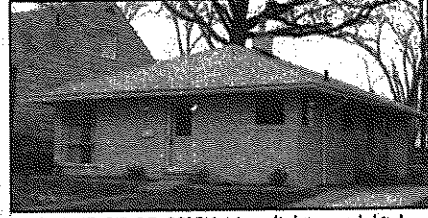
MADISON HEIGHTS Everything is updated; kitchen, baths, windows, furnace, roof, drive, garage. Move right in. 1,681 sq. ft. \$169,900 230118473EL



WARREN - Built in 2000, this 3 bedroom Colonial has 2 1/2 baths, finished basement. Oak kitchen with dishwasher and pantry. Sprinkler system. Privacy fence. 2 1/4 car garage. \$161,000 23015704CUN



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PLEASANT RIDGE BRICK New light wood kitchen w/dishwasher & new ceramic bath. All appl stay. Newer furnace, carpet and entry doors. Close to popular Dodge Park. Walk to tennis courts & community pool. \$124,700 23012129KEN



BLOOMFIELD CONDO Neutral decor open floor plan - 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large living room, dining room & basement. Hdw'd floors i/o. Association fee includes gas and water. Tennis court. Bloomfield Hills Schools. \$113,500 22089092CON



MOVE IN CONDITION RANCH with beautiful perennial gardens. Newer furnace, roof, central air, siding, windows & gardens with workshop. Updated kitchen and bath. Fresh carpet & paint. \$85,000 22069561PRI

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WALKWAYS/WIDEWAYS

Oakland Land Conservancy sponsors a forum on transportation beyond more concrete, "Walkways and Wideways," 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Oakland Community College Highland Lakes, 7350 Cooley Lake Road at Hospital Road, Waterford.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$15, \$6 for senior citizens, free for students.

For information, call (248) 601-816.

BUY HOME CLASS

Debbie Horner of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer and Paul Tutzman of Loanstar Lending co-sponsor a free, no-obligation class for first-time home buyers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty.

To register, call (248) 675-1256.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute presents a 16-hour seminar, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," at two locations.

The class runs 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 1-10, at the Manley Campus, 2989 VanZandt, Waterford; and 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, April 7-16, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include financing, contracts, codes and permits, bidding materials and the building process.

Cost is \$205 plus \$30 for textbooks at Manley through Waterford Community Education. To register, call (248) 674-3145.

Cost is \$207 plus \$30 for textbooks at Riley through Livonia Community Education. To register, call (734) 744-2602.

MORTGAGE SEMINAR

The Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association sponsors a class, Mortgage Origination 101, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the

Novi Hilton, Haggerty at Eight Mile Road.

Topics include flow charting a loan, lingo, rate sheets, appraisals, prequalification and common mistakes.

Cost is \$75 for members, \$145 for non-members. To register, call (734) 975-4426.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design presents a free lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in the architecture auditorium, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

Speaker: Brigitte Shim, whose Toronto firm believes in the full integration of furniture, architecture and landscape.

For information, call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Acorn Housing, Motor City Blight Busters and Standard Federal Bank co-sponsor a free class for prospective home buyers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 5, at Motor City Blight Busters headquarters, 17405 Lahser, Detroit.

Participants may apply for a Standard Federal program designed to make home ownership more affordable to people with low to moderate incomes.

To register, call (800) 643-9600 Ext. 22532.

SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley, affiliated with Professional Real Estate Title, hosts a free class, "For Sale By Owner," 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975 or (248) 231-1041.

BUY HOME CLASS III

Rosemary Firestone, affiliated with RE/MAX 100, and her financial services team, present a free class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 and 29, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile Road, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

NEW HOMES EXPO

The Women's Council of Realtors hosts a mini expo of new residential construction noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Western Wayne/Oakland County Association of Realtors offices, 24125 Drake, Farmington.

Cost for builder exhibitors is \$50, Realtor attendees \$15, which includes lunch. For information, contact Lucille Schirmer at (734) 455-5600.

FAIR HOUSING

A consortium of real estate boards, including Western Wayne/Oakland County and Metropolitan Consolidated, plus Standard Federal Bank sponsor a free fair housing luncheon program 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit.

To register, call Vickie Livernois at (248) 478-1700 or Elaine Gatlin at (248) 879-5730.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit Chapter is accepting nominations in three categories - Construction Woman of the Year, Longevity with Integrity (organizations/businesses in existence at least 15 years) and Distinguished New Constructor (less than 15 years old) - for its eighth annual Construction Industry Night.

Deadline is April 15. For applications and information, contact Marie Miesik at (248) 398-1200 Ext. 207 or MMIESIK@DETROITDOOR.com

CONDO OPERATIONS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and columnist for O&E, teaches a class, "Advanced Condominium Operation: the Essentials of Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22-May 13, in his offices, Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms.

Cost is \$95. To register, contact Oakland Community College, (248) 522-3618, or Meisner's office, (248) 644-4433.

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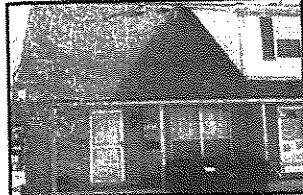
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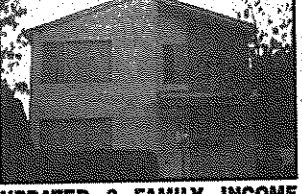
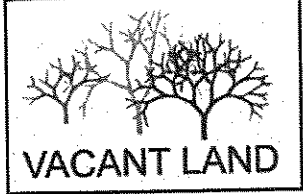
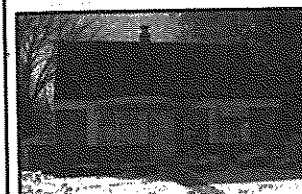
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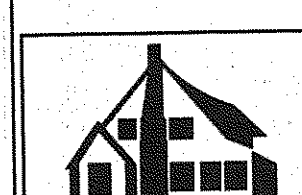
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WHY RENT? - Nicely maintained Westland ranch with many updates including roof, windows, bath and fresh paint. Central air, vinyl & aluminum exterior and an insulated & drywalled garage. Home warranty. \$81,000 (022AL)

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War sparks rate jump

(AP) - Mortgage rates rose sharply last week when it became clear that the United States would launch a military strike against Iraq.

That eased some uncertainty in financial markets, prompting some investors to shift to stocks from bonds, economists said. Rising rates in the Treasury bond market helped spur the climb in mortgage rates.

Last week's rise in mortgage rates came after rates on 30-year mortgages had set a new low for the fifth time this year.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages for the week ending March 21 was 5.79 percent, up from the record low rate

of 5.61 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported in its weekly nationwide survey.

"Lack of uncertainty around the Iraq conflict caused bond market yields to reverse their downward spiral of recent weeks and mortgage rates followed in tandem," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

The 5.61 percent rate was the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 30-year mortgages in 1971. Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Mac's indicate that the rate was the lowest since the early 1960s.

Rates on 30-year mortgages have been falling for much of this year.

Owners wrestle with terrorism insurance

(AP) - High prices for terrorism insurance are causing major problems for commercial property owners, who are having to obtain the coverage before receiving approval for loans.

Federal law requires insurance companies to offer coverage for terrorist attacks, but officials failed to set rate standards. The result has been widely varying prices, property management groups and insurance brokers report.

"This is a real crisis for property owners," said Scott Adams, director of corporate insurance and risk management for Insignia/ESG, a national commercial real estate services provider.

"Major commercial (property) owners can't afford it," Adams said. "You are in fact seeing property owners in places like Connecticut, upstate New York and New Jersey who aren't purchasing terrorism insurance."

Some property owners may decline the insurance, but lending institutions could demand terrorism coverage as a condition of a mortgage.

Buildings near a monument or major

metropolitan area, or those that house government agencies or foreign-based companies, are receiving more scrutiny and higher rates by insurance companies.

"I've been in the business for 20 years, and I've never been asked by insurance firms what kind of companies are in the buildings," Adams said. "Now, I'm being asked."

The issue has hit home, too.

"It's costing us a ton," said Richard Broder, president of Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services in Farmington Hills. "It's a pain to administrate. Do we need it? In most cases, I think no."

Broder said he initially had to pay \$10,000 for a stand-alone terrorism policy required by his lender on apartments in Taylor.

Broder's regular insurer didn't offer terrorism coverage at the time. When the federal law required all insurers to provide terrorism coverage, his regular insurer provided it for about \$2,500.

And that's the rub with Broder.

"There's no comfort in what standards they use in setting premiums," he said. "It seems to be somewhat arbitrary, random. It was born out of a realistic need, but I'm not sure the market understands the risk assessment."

The cost of terrorism insurance, like other business expenses, gets passed along to consumers, Broder added.

Paul Jones, owner of a Norwalk, Conn.-based insurance agency, said premium increases have little to do with terrorism.

He said the insurance industry has kept low premium rates over the past 15 years.

With the stalled economy and stock market decline, insurance companies

needed to increase rates to remain in business, he said. There have been double-digit increases in insurance rates for the past few years, he said.

Frank Kozak, an asset manager at Albert B. Ashforth Inc., a corporate real estate broker, said his company was asked to purchase terrorism insurance when it bought a high-rise building in Philadelphia last year.

"In 2002, I think a lot of properties were not being sold because terrorism insurance was getting in the way," he said. "Banks were requiring it, buyers couldn't get it and deals were falling through."

Officials at several banks are trying to figure out what to do about terrorism insurance.

Connecticut's two largest commercial banks, Peoples and Webster, require some of their larger commercial property clients with prominent buildings in sensitive areas to pick up terrorism insurance. Fleet Bank also does. But spokesmen for all three banks were wary of providing details.

The issue arose in February, when insurance companies started setting rates for terrorism insurance.

Under the federal government's Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, passed last year, all insurance companies must offer coverage for terrorist acts, defined as violent acts or acts that are dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure, and that result in damage within the United States.

The act has to be committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of a foreign person or interest. Domestic terrorism won't be covered.

The exemptions don't stop there.

Any attack that results in less than \$5 million in damage doesn't have to be covered, the act says.

Insurance companies also don't have to pay out if a terrorist attack causes an industry-wide insured loss that exceeds \$25 million in a 72-hour period. However, any attack that involves nuclear materials or biological weapons must be covered.

Connecticut has issued its own guidelines requiring insurance companies to cover damage under \$5 million.

Fleet Bank Corp. requires a small percentage of its commercial property clients to take up terrorism insurance, said spokesman Dennis Schain. The bank also includes the potential of terrorism when examining all aspects, such as the project's financial viability, environmental concerns and risk.

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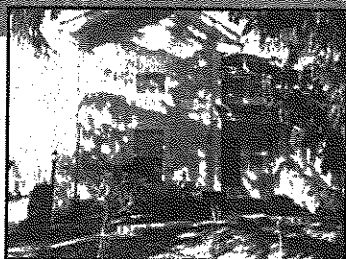
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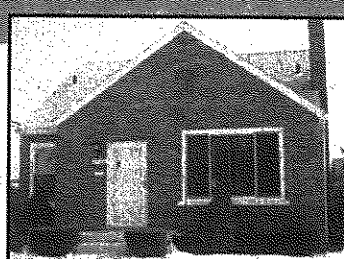
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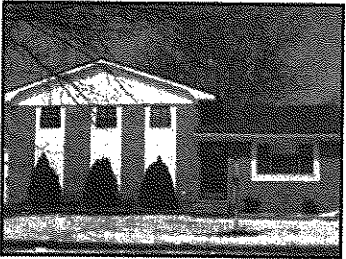
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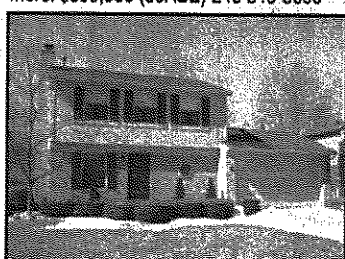
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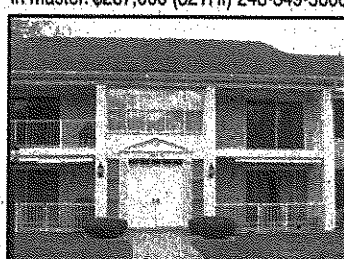
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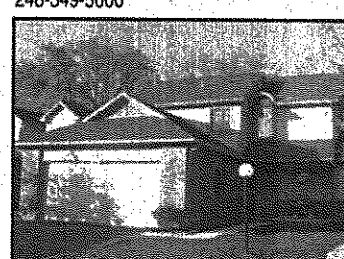
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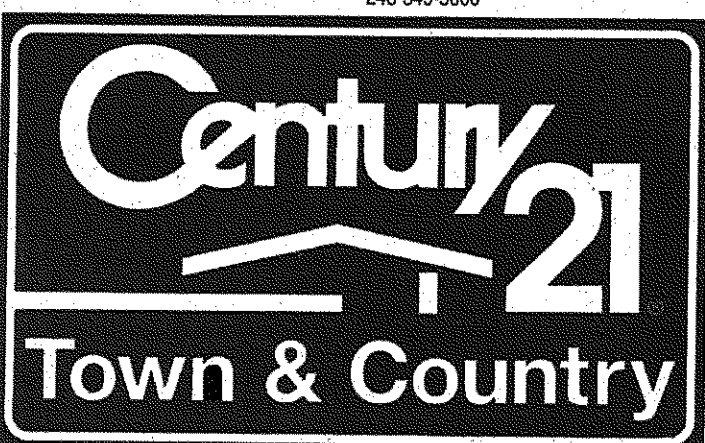
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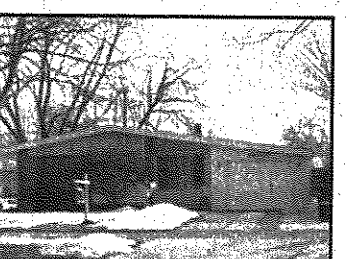
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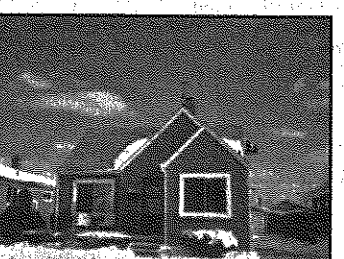
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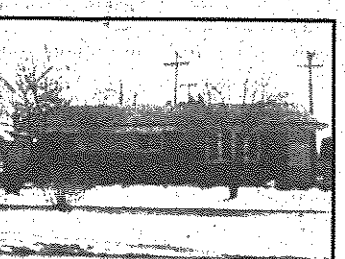
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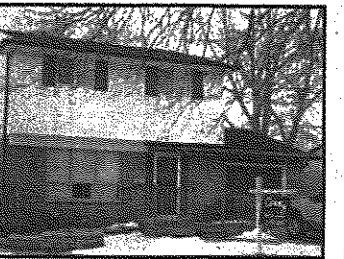
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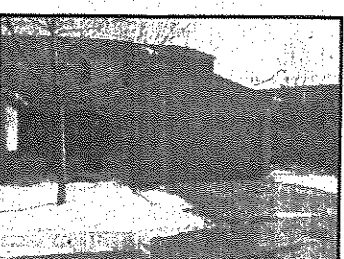
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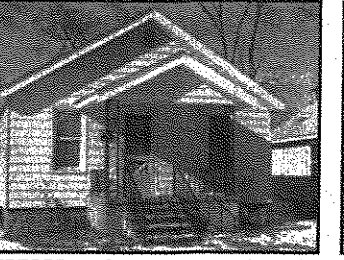
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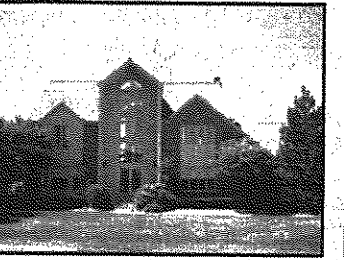
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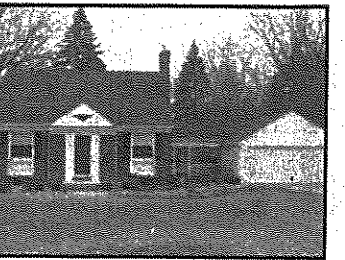
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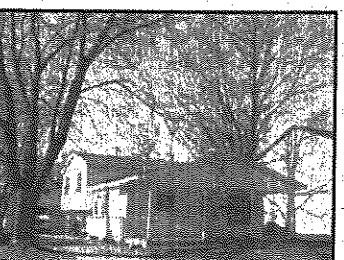
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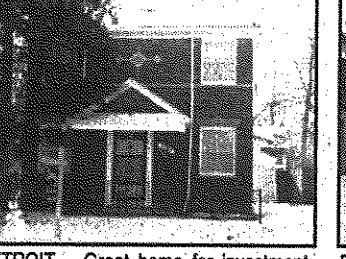
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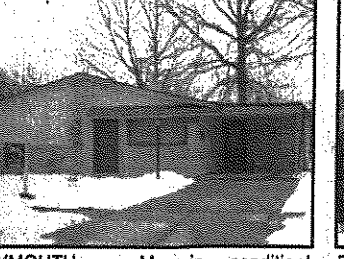
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PLYMOUTH - Updated. Spacious & charming describes this 3 bedroom remodeled home. Newer oak kitchen with beautiful maple hardwood floor. Newer ceramic tiled baths. Large family & living room. Great closet & storage space. Newer vinyl siding. Custom built 2 car garage with electricity. \$214,900 (47BUT) 248-349-5600



DETROIT - Great home for investment. Two bedroom, 2 story brick home, updated bath, electrical, carpet, kitchen floor & counter tops + freshly painted. Also, basement, garage and 3-season room off the back. \$79,900 (87EIG) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Move-in condition! Affordable, updated 3 bedroom Ranch with open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, on a large lot. Updates include: furnace, windows, doorwall, interior doors, bath with ceramic tile & newer carpet. \$154,900 (25PAR) 734-455-5600



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NORTHVILLE - Super sharp Condo. Impressive 1 story model on a park-like setting. C/A, neutral decor throughout '01 & carpet '02. Updated bath with separate bath/shower. Large master. All appl. stay. Newer 1 car alt garage w/opener. \$154,900 (5AROS) 248-349-5600



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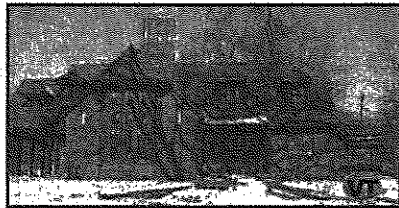
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HOME WITHOUT THE HOMEWORK! Gorgeous spacious 3 BR condo w/1st flr mstrl Upgrds incl: crown molding, hw flrs, extra lighting & double oven. Versatile upstairs loft. Imm occupancy avail.(90ASP2)

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NORTHVILLE \$389,000
BREATHTAKING VIEWS ON 1.3 ACRES! Spectacular views bring the outdoors in! Spacious 4 BR, 3.5 bath ranch w/huge DR w/FP. Oversized LR, full fin'd w/o bsmt. Perfect setting for entertaining.(53MA12)

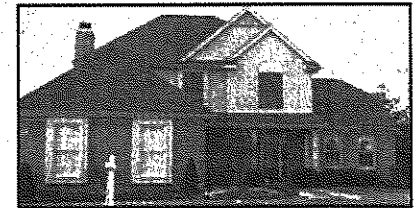
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CANTON \$349,900
DISTINCTIVE & ARTFULLY ELEGANT! This 4 BR 2 full & 2 half bath brk colonial is nestled deep in the sub and offers eat in kit, GR w/cath cell, FR w/FP, prof fin bsmt, & more! Over 2300 SF.(H45769)

PC 070132

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CANTON \$334,900
STUNNING 4 BR, 2.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL End of a cul-de-sac in one of the largest lots in the sub. Includes gas FP, 6 panel drs, garden tub & sep shower in mstr, 1st flr laundry, & part fin bsmt.(W1051)

PC 070692

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FARMINGTON \$259,900
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO DOWNTOWN! Mint, 2 BR condo in Farmington. Great room w/frpl, all appliances, master suite w/WIC & 2-person whirlpool tub. Deck, 2-car garage & bsmt. Don't wait!(91FAR2)

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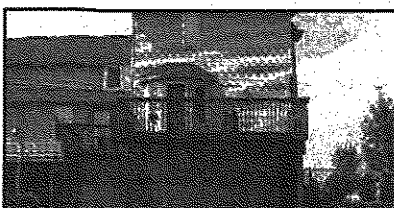
CANTON \$257,900
COZY 3 BR, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL featuring kitchen w/island/snack bar, FR w/frpl & vaulted ceiling, fin'd lower level, new exterior paint & lights. Formal LR & DR. Move-in ready!(17RIV2)

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NOVI \$227,000
CHARMING DETACHED CONDO! Immaculate and updated with hardwood floors, new paint, fin'd rec room in bsmt, 3 BR & 2.5 baths.(12BEL2)

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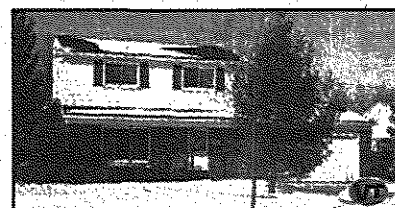
WESTLAND \$219,900
LARGEST OF THE BROWNSTONES CONDOS Plenty of room to enjoy. Your new home has a fireplace in the living room w/ vaulted ceilings. 3 Floors of comfort. Close to shopping & entertainment.(C704)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$199,900
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS Great location, clean, freshly painted 3 bdrm colonial offers a wood burning fireplace & new carpet in fam rm, kitchen & lav re-floored, finished basement.(R171)

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LIVONIA \$199,900
NICE COLONIAL IN LIVONIA! 1,600 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors, new windows, new kitchen appliances & new carpet. FP, fin'd basement with wet bar, CA & more!(26LYN2)

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CANTON \$199,600
Beautiful condo neutrally decorated Generous use of ceramic thru-out, soaring ceiling in GR w/FP, custom wndw treatments, lg mstr w/cath ceiling & WIC, 3 BR total, 2.5 BA. 1 yr warranty.(C44981)

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WESTLAND \$194,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION 1,560 sq ft ranch nearing completion. Features include full basement, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, great room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage.(N695)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$194,900
4 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH RANCH! Loaded with updates. All big updates are done. Home shows very well. Call to see!(W20020)

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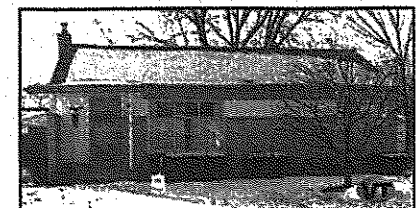
ROYAL OAK \$189,900
CHARMING & ADORABLE 2-STORY HOME in Royal Oak! 3 BR, 1 bath, 1,162 SF, totally remodeled kitchen, original woodwork & hwd floors. Lots of updates!(26WAV2)

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FARMINGTON \$183,900
WALK TO DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON! Cozy 3 BR, 2 bath ranch w/large, private yard! Roomy oak kitchen, sunroom, fieldstone fireplace, family room & 2-car heated garage.(00NIN2)

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FARMINGTON \$175,000
GREAT HOME IN MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION! Updated kit w/beautiful cabinets, dishwasher & disposal. Formal DR, 3rd BR, fin'd bsmt w/lg rec rm, lav & sm office/BR. Florida room, new roof '02. Lovely home!(63MAR2)

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LIVONIA \$174,900
QUALITY BUILT UPDATED RANCH tucked away on quiet tree lined street. 2.5 car att'd garage, wide fenced lot, & lg eat in kit. Clean, neutral, move right in!(L35458)

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TAYLOR \$169,900
SPACIOUS COLONIAL FOR GROWING FAMILY Completely updated colonial home. 1495 Sq ft, 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, family room w/FP. Affordable living in Taylor.(M153)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$169,900
WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/ whirlpool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, bkt 1998. Deck, bsmt, att'd gar, & much more!(H4292)

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CANTON \$165,500
LOWEST PRICED HOME IN CANTON! Plymouth/Canton schools. Needs a little TLC to turn into a nice home. Updated kitchen, half bath off of family room along with new carpet. Nice big backyard.(23G728)

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DEARBORN \$159,900
DEARBORN, 5852 APPOLINE 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath bungalow. Complete with living room, dining room, finished basement, & full kitchen. Perfect for a large family. Call now!(23A5852)

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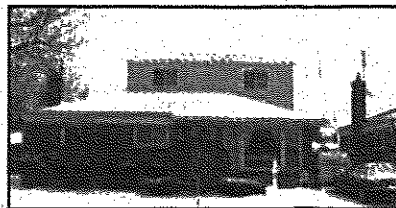
REDFORD \$159,900
DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Updated South Redford brick ranch w/family room, finished basement, 2 car garage, & 1.5 baths. Too many updates to list. Move right in!(F13510)

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WESTLAND \$159,900
OVER 1300 SQUARE FEET IN THIS CONDO! 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 story, central air, basement, garage, breakfast rm, water included. Much more!(P35588)

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GARDEN CITY \$159,900
NOTE THE SIZE of this 1300 sq ft 4 bdrm brick & aluminum home in G.C. w/full fin. basement & gar. Newly remodeled inside w/ hardwood floors, new windows, roof shingles & more.(M276)

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LIVONIA \$156,900
YOU'LL WANT TO CALL THIS HOUSE YOUR HOME xtra SF w/4 season heated Florida rm. Newer rf, wndws, furn, elec, hwh. Nice open flr plan, lots of counter space in kit, fin bsmt. Great Livonia area & schools.(C28085)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$154,900
UPDATED RANCH! Well maintained 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch. Updated kitchen, 2.5 car garage w/electricity, partially finished basement, covered porch, hardwood floors.(23L12839)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$154,900
3 BR, 2 FULL BA RANCH with finished bsmt w/FP, newer wndws l/o, oak kitchen, heated 2 car garage. What else do you need?(G18617)

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WESTLAND \$152,000
ONE LOOK WILL DO 3 bdrm ranch w/ fireplace has these updates: 2 baths, newer carpet, oak kitchen, vinyl windows, all appliances, glass block, furnace, A/C, elec, doors, roof.(R174)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$149,900
TOP NOTCH! What more could you ask for! 3 bedroom ranch, nice updated bath w/ ceramic, nice extra deep basement w/family room. 2.5 car garage.(23B8610)

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GARDEN CITY \$145,100
SINGLE, A COUPLE, OR A FAMILY this home fits the needs. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, many updates, open flr plan, clean and well maintained.(M32601)

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CANTON \$142,400
TASTEFULLY NEUTRAL RANCH END UNIT Newer windows, move in condition. Ceiling fans, C/A, added cabinets in kitchen. All appliances stay. Attached 1 car garage, doorwall & privacy fence.(S425)

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WESTLAND \$134,900
GREAT STARTER HOME In a quiet neighborhood. 3 BR, fresh paint, brk ranch, lg 2+ car gar, partially fin bsmt, great front sunporch, new kit flrs, many updates. All red brk.(R723)

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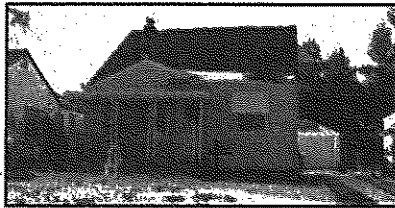
GARDEN CITY \$133,900
GARDEN CITY RANCH WITH A DECK AND GAZEBO Newer shingles, re-finished hardwood floors, newer white kitchen cabinets. Newer counter, sink & flooring, beautifully finished basement with recessed lights.(S284)

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WAYNE \$133,500
WELCOME HOME! All brick ranch w/newer roof, C/A, windows & crpt. New oak kit w/ ceramic flr. Amazing finished bsmt w/natural brick fireplace, surround sound & track lighting.(23A4315)

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REDFORD \$114,000
VERY SHARP 3 BR, 2 FULL BATH HOME! Impeccably maintained w/beautiful refinished hwd flrs. Includes: stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer & microwavel.(09FIV2)

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REDFORD \$99,900
GREAT HOUSE FOR GROWING FAMILY Take a look at the Sq Ft. Spacious master w/built in storage. New vinyl windows, freshly painted, newer blinds & all appliances stay. Most of home updated.(N194)

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NORTHVILLE
NORTHVILLE'S BEST CONDOMINIUM VALUE! Walk to town from this terrific 3 BR Lexington Condo w/view of meandering stream. Fin'd walkout L/L w/huge FR. Neutral decor, 2-car garage & immed occupancy!(62YOR2)
\$199,900

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LIVONIA
NEED 4 BR AND A PRICE YOU CAN LIVE WITH? This is the house for you! 1.5 BA, bsmt, nicely updated, spacious lot, 1406 SF, FR & kit have skylights, 2 car att'd gar, West Livonia location. FR w/wood stove.(C8906)
\$193,900

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LIVONIA
EXCELLENT CONDITION RANCH completely finished bsmt, newer wndws, updated bath & ceramic tile, refinished hrdwd flrs, updated rf, siding, trim. 3 BR, 2 BA. (G18513)
\$162,900

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PLYMOUTH
LEASE!!!! Neat & clean, 3 BR ranch in great sub with sidewalks, 1.5 baths, full bsmt, 2-car garage and fenced yard. (35THO2)
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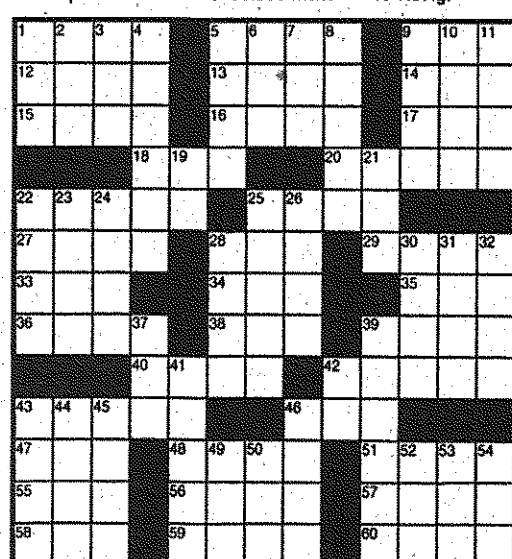
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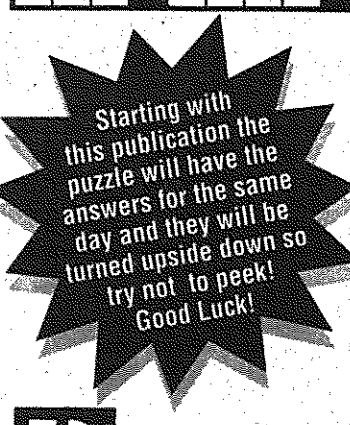
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LAKEFRONT HOME OR COTTAGE...feels like up north on all sports Lake Tyrone! Open floor plan with lake views, 3 bedrooms, and living room with brick hearth and wood stove. Large, wooded lot plus 2 car garage/workshop and 84-car garage. Hartland Schools. \$248,000. **ENGLAND REAL ESTATE** 888-211-9560, 810-632-7427

Howell 3230

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A RANCH WITH SOME ROOM!
A bedroom brick ranch on 5 acres! Home includes a family room with fireplace, formal living room & dining room. Finished walkout basement has rec room with fireplace. Plus a 2 car attached garage and a 2nd garage with heat and air! Howell Schools. \$269,900. Take M-59 East of Landon to S. on Argente Rd following open signs to 644 Baker. **JUST LISTED!** - Nice country home on almost an acre! This home in condition home offers all major appliances, attached side entry and heated 2.5 car garage, walk out basement, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths Howell Schools. \$174,900. **JUST LISTED!** - Nice country ranch on over 7 acres with pond! Home features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room with fireplace, finished walkout basement with bedroom, laundry, recreation area, wood burner, bar and doorman to patio! Plus a 15x12 utility shed, 2 car attached garage and 42x40 pole barn! Howell Schools. \$295,000. **ENGLAND REAL ESTATE** 888-211-9560, 810-632-7427

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3 BEDROOM - brick ranch, partially finished basement, 1425 sq.ft., 2 car garage, \$178,500. 734-718-0070
3 BEDROOM 2.5 bath brick ranch. Great room w/ fireplace, master w/ bath, dining room, 1st floor laundry, finished basement & "endless pool". \$399,900
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CHARMING VINTAGE cape cod w/ 3 dormers on double lot. 2100 sq. ft. 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 gas fireplaces, covered breezeway, 2 car attached garage. Updated roof, windows, furnace, & more! \$260,000
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Custom cape cod on corner lot. 2300+ sq. ft. 2 1/2 baths w/Jacuzzi, 4/5 bedrooms, 1st floor laundry, new kitchen, finished basement, oversized garage. \$334,500. Open Sun., 1-4pm. 734-422-8106
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LIVE CHEAP at 7 Mile/Farmington. \$2000 gets you a 2 bedroom home for \$562/mo PM! Newly decorated inside. Perfect for single, parent w/child or investor. (734) 522-7287
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Large brick great room ranch, 1/3 acre wooded lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fashion bath, den or dining room, available 30 days. \$309,900 248-474-5272
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Livonia 3250

THIS ONE HAS IT ALL!
Beautiful remodeled kitchen & bath. Natural fireplace, professionally finished basement. Updates include windows, furnace, C/A, electrical & insulation. Spa stays. \$182,900. 734-525-9600
Century 21 Hartford North
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Millford 3260

Livonia 3250

Master Suite with Jacuzzi!
Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, 2nd fl. laundry, garage w/loft. Extensive renovation! \$299,000.
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Livonia 3250

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Livonia 3250

BRICK RANCH 25738 Beck Rd. 1600 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, living and family rooms, 2 fireplaces, 2.5 car attached garage. \$184,000. Apts. only. 248-305-6922
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OH SO CLEAN & BRIGHT!
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Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd. (Corner of Woodward/Cranbrook) Wed. April 2, 5-8pm, early admission 4pm for \$2, Thursday April 3, 10am-noon, 1-4pm, 1/2 price sale, 5-7 pm, \$3/bag, NO STROLLERS.

RUMMAGE SALE

Northwest U.U. Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. On Southbound service drive of Lodge, between 9 & 10 Mile roads, Wednesday, April 2, 7-9pm, presale, double price. Thursday, April 3, 9am-2pm, regular price. 7-9pm, half price. Friday, April 4, 9am-1pm, \$2/bag.

RUMMAGE SALE-PLYMOUTH

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7100 Estate Sales

ANOTHER LOADED ESTATE SALE BY DECORATIVE ANTIQUES

Sat. & Sun. 3/29 & 3/30 Sat. 9-4, Sun. 10-3 (St. Jo's OK) Wellington Place Condo's 29112 WELLINGTON W. (between Telegraph and Northwestern Highway. Enter front and go left) HUGE-LOADED-OLD WORLD CONTENTS: Lots of antiques & collectible, Fab. carved wood dining room & bedroom sets, unusual circular and carved wood couch, great old lamps, modern kitchen set, chairs, wall unit, & tables. (Dreadnought hall console), rug, 5 Lladro's, tapestry, old stemware & crystal, fine china, 3 silverware sets, art work, gold tea set & flatware, Lenox figurines, Italian glassware, silver & plate - cut to clear. Orrefors' decanters, records & books, towels, sheets & linens, TV's, tools, luggage, loaded kitchen, lots of household items: Lots of women's clothing, shoes & bags, gold & costume jewelry and lots more. I love the best deals!!!

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Fri. & Sat. 3/28 & 3/29 Fri. 9-4, Sat. 10-3 (St. Jo's OK) 30745 RIVER CROSSING BINGHAM FARMS (Take River Crossing S. off 13 Mile, east of Telegraph, Bingham Woods complex) Follow all the way to the back of the property. CONTENTS: Antiques and collectibles, buried wood dining table, games table, antique tables & lamps, white Henredon & Baker Lucite & glass, TV's coffee table & other pieces. Old Chinese, modern and other art work, dressers, desks, floor lamps, side chairs, couches, bench plus serveware, glassware, perfume bottles, Italian glass, ceramics, sculptures, Orrefors, Lenox, art books & books, silver & plate, golf clubs, lots of household items, kitchen and basement, women's clothing, costume and gold jewelry, and lots more. I love the best deals!!!

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Contents of a Home Decorative Accessories Store & ESTATE SALE. Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun. Mar. 27-30th, 9-6pm. 20395 Ledgestone, Southfield, between Lahser & Evergreen. Take Winchester (1 1/2 mile) to Berkshire, S. to Ledgestone. Tons of household items, full house of furniture & appliances, store display racks, piano, collectibles, table linens, artwork, wood carvings, fashion straw hats & bags, quantities of hand knit sweaters. Dealers welcome, quantity discounts. Moving out of State, everything must be sold. No reasonable offer refused!

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6985 Pebble Creek Woods Dr., West Bloomfield. (N. off 14 Mile W. of Orchard Lake Rd.) Fri-Sat, Mar. 28-29, 9-4pm. Entire condo packed with furniture, baby grand piano, sofas, tables, lounge chair, king size bedroom set, artwork, ladies clothing, washer, dryer, lots of household & personal items.

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ESTATE SALE - Berkley, 2679

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TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
Single female with dark hair, blue eyes, 190 lbs, enjoys movies, bowling, walks, dinners, concerts and more. Seeks Caucasian man, mid 40's, who is employed, enjoys children and is fun. BOX 10661

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LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL
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COME FLY WITH ME!
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A SPECIAL GUY
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IT TAKES TWO
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ARE YOU OUT THERE?
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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

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Lexus LX 470 A Top-Of-The-Line SUV

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

The good news about the Lexus LX 470, the luxury marque's top-of-the-line sport-utility vehicle, is that it's clearly one of the best ways for automotive consumers to spend \$50,000-plus. The bad news is that Toyota Motor Co., which manufactures the LX 470, reportedly is planning to ax this wonderful vehicle within a couple of years. The hopeful bottom line is that Toyota realizes what a gem it has in this model and will replace it only with something just as good or better.

Among a variety of large and luxury SUVs that I have sampled over the last several weeks, known as "truck-style" as a class, the LX 470 presented the best combination of style, ride, handling, practicality, load-hauling capability and luxury features. Based on the Toyota Land Cruiser model, the LX 470 represents a worthy flagship for Lexus as well.

The 2003 LX 470's winning ways start with its freshened styling, highlighted by a new grill and bumper and independent four-beam projector headlights with green-tint lenses like those on the Lexus LS-430 sedan. Overall, the exterior configuration is appealingly rounded, without stealing much from inside space. The rear-combination lamps also were restyled for the current model year.

Where the LX 470 really wins over drivers and passengers is its ride and handling. Its 4.7-liter V8 engine produces plenty of underlying power, which is required by a full-size SUV, but combines it with sedan-like response in acceleration. Horsepower has been increased slightly in the 2003 version, to 235 from 230 in the earlier model. More importantly, the engine produces 320 pound-feet of peak torque at 3,400 rpm and 80 percent of that, or 256 pound-feet, at a low 1,100 rpm.

A new five-speed automatic transmission replaces the previous four-speed, with the added ratio helping make better use of the engine's high torque. Lexus also improved the distribution of braking force between



Lexus LX 470 wins over drivers and passengers.

front and rear wheels. It replaced the previous 16-inch wheels with 18-inch wheels. Computers control shock-absorber damping. And the hydropneumatic suspension has a height adjustment that the driver can use to vary its attitude depending on the terrain. The LX 470's engine is especially quiet compared with some rivals, a huge advantage that adds significantly to the overall experience of operating the vehicle. All of that adds up to a ride that is silky smooth and silent no matter what lies under the vehicle and yet plenty tight enough to lend the feel of a sedan, not at all sloshy as some other ultra-luxury SUVs are.

Inside, the LX 470's appointments are indeed worthy of top-of-the-line designations. A redesigned center dashboard cluster includes a new scheduled-maintenance-indicator light to help consumers keep track of what care and feeding the vehicle is expecting from them. The standard DVD-based navigation system adds voice command for 2003, making it easier and safer to use while driving. A new, optional rear-seat DVD entertainment system plays movies over a 6.5-inch, wide-format overhead screen that folds down from the headliner ahead of the second-seat row. And the audio system plays through seven speakers (or an optional nine-speaker mark Levinson-brand audio system) and includes a six-disc CD changer.

Although my 14-year-old son isn't exactly a world traveler, he did hit the nail on the head when he said that the rear passenger compartment was "like riding in first class in airplane." Actually, those of us who are

experienced travelers realize the LX 470 is better. Individualized climate controls, including rear-seat heaters, provide a cocooning effect that complements the entertainment systems. And, of course, comfortable leather upholstery swaths every appropriate place in the interior, even including the third row of seating that makes the LX 470 an eight-passenger vehicle.

One new option that Lexus touts highly for 2003 only made me sort of yawn. The Night View System uses infrared technology to help enhance nighttime driving visibility, which the company says differs significantly from other similar devices on the market. It projects near-infrared beams from two lamps in the front bumper, which reflect from objects ahead back to a camera mounted inside the vehicle at the top of the windshield.

A computer produces more or less natural-looking images that are then projected onto the lower section of the windshield within the driver's field of vision. Lexus says this system is much better than rivals' because it gives the driver relatively clear, illuminated images of what is ahead of the vehicle out to distance of nearly 500 feet, about three to four times the distance of low beams.

Yet while all this is impressive technology, I didn't find the extra "eyes" on the road to be of much practical value to driving visibility, even in a crummy fog that I drove through. I'm still trying to figure out what I'm missing here.

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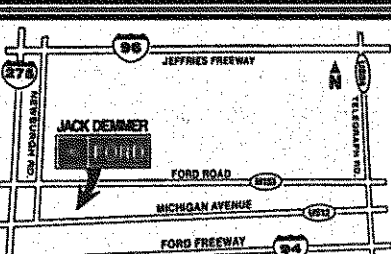


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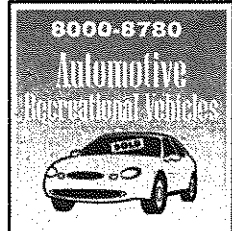
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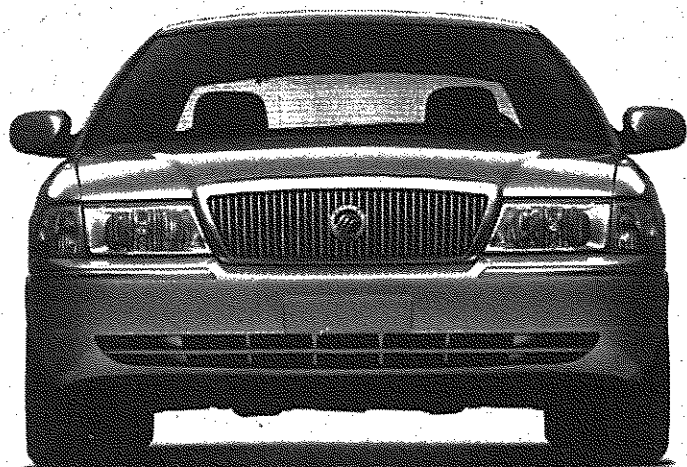
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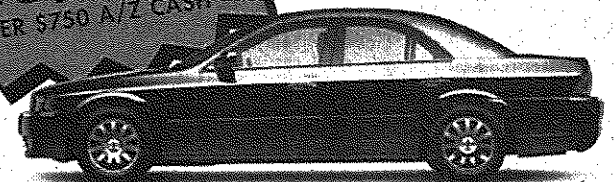
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