

Memo

■ Park production

Nathan Gardner as Sky Masterson and Brie



Overmars as Sarah Brown join the Park Players from Plymouth Canton Community Schools as they present *Guys & Dolls*, A Musical Fable of Broadway, tonight through Sunday at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts at Salem High School.

Performances are at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The production is based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows.

For ticket information, call (734) 416-7723.

■ Theater OK'd

Canton's Performing Arts Center and liner buildings got finally approval from the Board of Trustees at Tuesday night's meeting.

The 400-seat, 50,000-square-foot theater will be the focal point of the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The liner buildings will be constructed along the south and west faces of the building and will include retail space on the first floor and residential units on the upper floors.

Ground-breaking is scheduled for May 20.

■ Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

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■ LaJoy hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy is encouraging local residents to speak with him about their issues and concerns at the Van Buren Township Hall on Monday, April 14.

The Canton lawmaker will be available from 2 to 5 p.m. LaJoy will help solve problems or discuss current state issues.

LaJoy represents the 21st House District, which includes Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Call (517) 373-2575 for more information. No appointment is necessary.

The April 14 event is one of a series of informal public meetings LaJoy has planned with residents throughout the district.



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Joey Starr of Plymouth Township, 9, in costume as Albert Einstein, adjusts his wig just before the guests were let into the gymnasium during the All Saints Catholic School's recent third-annual Biography Museum. The students dressed as a character in history and presented information about the person's life.

Slate set for school board election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

There were no last-day candidates to file petitions by the Monday 4 p.m. deadline, leaving an incumbent, a former board member, and two other challengers among the candidates for two, four-year seats in the June 9 Plymouth-Canton school board election.

Mark Slavens of Canton Township, the current Board of Education vice president who is completing his first term, is seeking re-election.

Roland Thomas of Plymouth Township is hoping to be elected for the third time. Thomas, who served 17 years on the board in two separate stints, turned in petitions to run again.

Richard Ham-Kucharski of Canton will be trying for a third time to be elected to the school board.

Canton resident Roy McCutcheon turned in nominating petitions, seeking his first stint on the board.

Board trustee Marcy Staley, who

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Planners OK 2nd TCF bank branch

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Another bank? That was the question raised, rhetorically, by Planning Commissioner Greg Demopoulos at Monday's Planning Commission meeting.

But Michael Rein of Bowers & Rain Associates, representing TCF National Bank, said it was market-driven and the banks would go where the customers were.

With that commission recommended approval of another TCF bank, this one on

the north side of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck roads.

The bank, which will be identical in design to the TCF bank at Ford and Canton Center, will be adjacent to Wendy's Restaurant on Michigan Avenue. The

internal access road will be extended across the front of the property, connecting the bank to Wendy's, Bob Evans and the Home Depot/Kroger property.

The request now goes to the

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Man arrested in Canton stabbing

A suspect in the April 1 stabbing of a 33-year-old Canton man was arrested in Detroit last week.

Richard Keith Stanard, 50, was arrested at an apartment complex on Detroit's west side about 6 p.m. by Canton detectives and the Western Wayne Community Response Team.

He was arraigned on Saturday, April 5, at 34th District Court on a charge of assault to commit great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony. A not guilty plea was entered and he is being held on a \$100,000 cash bond.

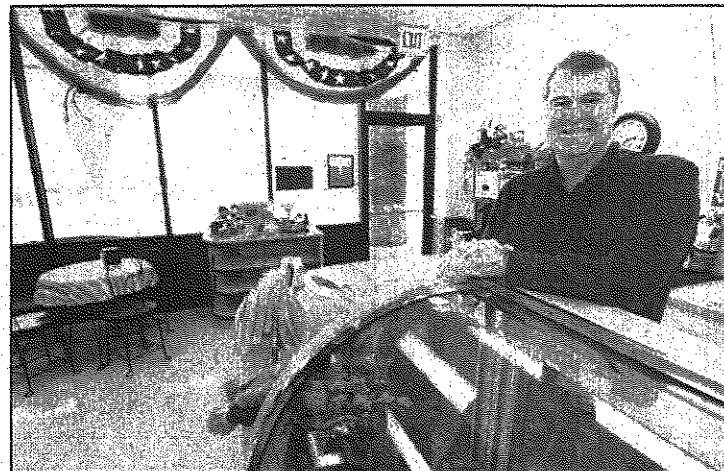
A preliminary exam is set for April 18 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Police began looking for Stanard after they responded to a report of a stabbing at West Point Mobile Home Park in the 41000 block of Michigan Avenue about 10 p.m. April 1.

When they arrived at the scene they found the 33-year-old victim walking in the complex in a blood-soaked shirt. He had been stabbed in the abdomen.

Witnesses said there was an argument between the

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Ice (cream) storm

Loren Bennett stands behind the counter in his ice cream shop in the Holiday Market Plaza on Lilley Road in Canton Monday. Customers were scarce following the winter storm that hit the area Monday. Bennett was lamenting his decision to postpone the opening from the originally scheduled date of March 15. 'It was very cold the week prior to that, so we made the decision to wait,' said Bennett. 'And then, of course, it was in the 70s that weekend. We waited until (April 5) and look what that got us.' Six inches of snow and brisk winds were the fate of the day Monday, following wintry weekend temperatures.

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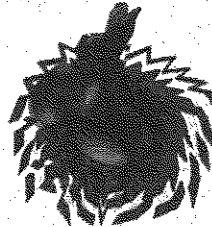
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LOOKING AHEAD

Easter
Sunday's Taste section spotlights chocolate Easter bunnies and offers suggestions for celebrating the holiday.



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- Special Multimedia Collections on our Internet Branch about hockey and basketball are perfect as the Wings and Pistons move toward league championships?
- Archeologists have found evidence that humans have been enjoying apples since at least 6500 BC?
- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace?
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments?

Web Watch: check out these new Web sites

- www.coldwar.org
- www.themodernantiquarian.com
- www.officemuseum.com
- www.playingwithtime.org
- www.the-pantheon.com

New Children's Books

- "A Pig Named Perrier" - Elizabeth Spurr (picture book)
- "Vampire State Building" - Elizabeth Levy (easy fiction)
- "Rotten Teeth" - Laura Simms (picture book)

- "A Week In The Woods" - Andrew Clements (fiction)
- "For Biddle's Sake" - Gail Carson Levine (fiction)

New Adult Books

- "Over His Dead Body" - Leslie Glass (fiction)
- "Ties That Bind: a novel" - Phillip Margolin (fiction)
- "Tail Of The Tip Off" - Rita Mae Brown (mystery)
- "Pigs At The Trough" - Arianna Huffington (nonfiction)
- "The Jester" - James Patterson (fiction)

- "Joust" - Mercedes Lackey (science fiction)

New Teen Fiction

- "Kennedy Assassinated!" - Wilborn Hampton
- "Revenge Of The Whale" - Nathaniel Philbrick
- "Left For Dead" - Peter Nelson
- "To Afghanistan And Back" - Ted Rall (graphic travelogue)

New Videos and DVDs

- "One Hour Photo" (video and DVD)

- "Possession (video and DVD)
- "Signs" (video and DVD)
- "My Big Fat Greek Wedding (video and DVD)
- "Sweet Home Alabama (video and DVD)
- "Minority Report" (video and DVD)

New CD-ROMs

- "Professional Home Design Platinum"
- "Rosetta Stone English Explorer"
- "An Interactive Guide To Real Estate"
- "Sim City 4"
- "Scooby-Doo: The Glowing Bug Man (ages 5-10)
- "Little People Discover Airport" (ages 2-4)
- "Liberty Kids" (ages 8-12)

New CDs

- "Between The Senses" - Haven
- "Far From Heaven" - Elmer Bernstein
- "The Hours" - Philip Glass (music from the motion picture)
- "Chicago: music from the motion picture"
- "Gangs Of New York" - soundtrack

LAJOY APPOINTED

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, has been appointed to serve on a national communications technology and interstate commerce committee.

The committee is part of the National Conference of State Legislatures. As a member of the Michigan House Energy and Technology Committee, LaJoy is concerned about information technology, the Internet and telecommunications reforms.

"Working at the national level on Internet and telecommunications issues gives me an opportunity to learn about cutting-edge ideas that could be applied in Michigan," LaJoy said. "It's an honor to be part of this committee. I look forward to bringing new energy to the group's important work."

LaJoy will hold office hours from 2-5 p.m. on Monday, April 14, at Van Buren Township Hall. No appointment is necessary.

CO-ED SOFTBALL

The Canton Softball Center's 2003 season begins Friday, April 11, for Session 1. A new co-ed league is being offered on Tuesdays sponsored by 97.1 FM talk radio.

Teams will have the opportunity to compete against 97.1 FM for an 18-game double-header schedule plus playoffs.

Registration is \$785 per team and includes a 17-game guarantee, first- and second-place league awards, first-place playoff awards and other amenities.

To register or for more information call (734) 483-5600 or go to www.csc.canton-mi.org.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Thirty eighth-grade students from Canton have completed the Youth Leadership Canton program. They will graduate on Monday, April 14, at the Summit on the Park.

Students will be honored for their achievements of the last six months, which include a nature retreat, a community

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service day and a public safety day. The program is designed to help students develop leadership and citizenship skills.

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

ADOPT A PET

The Michigan Animal Adoption Network will hold at Adopt-A-Pet event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Pet Supplies Plus, 43665 Ford Road in Canton.

The event will feature adoptable cats, dogs, puppies and kittens.

PLAY PALS

Children from 12 months to 3 years, along with their parents, can join in Play Pals, an interactive program offered at the Summit on the Park on Wednesdays, April 30 through June 4.

The program will feature activities using gross motor skills through music, finger plays and more. Parents and children age 12-23 months will meet from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Children 2-3 years will meet from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Registration for Canton residents will be at the Summit on Thursday, April 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. with open resident registration beginning Monday, April 14.

Non-residents may register five days prior to the start of class if openings exist. Cost is \$30 for Summit members, \$34 for non-member Canton residents and \$45 for non-residents.

For more information call (734) 394-5460.

HONOR MILITARY

The mood of the country is mixed as Americans debate whether to give Saddam Hussein more time to come clean on his weapons of mass destruction or go in now and finish what was started Jan. 16, 1991.

Whether the hawks or doves win their cases, the Observer wants to honor our local men and women who are serving in the military, both in active duty and in the reserves.

Family members can send photographs of their loved ones along with their name, rank and biographical information, to Brad Kadrich, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. Be sure to include your name and telephone number, in case we have questions.

We will publish the photos on an ongoing basis to recognize their commitment to this country and that of their families who are waiting and wondering about war with Iraq.

If you have questions, call Brad Kadrich at (734) 459-2700, or e-mail Kadrich at bkadrich@oe.hometownlife.com. Pictures can be e-mailed, but must be high-quality resolution.

HOMEOWNERS' GROUP MEETS

The Canton Homeowners' Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 14, in the conference room of Fire Station Number 1.

The topic of the meeting will be "How to Conduct a Meeting." The moderator is yet to be determined.

All homeowners in Canton are members of the council and are welcome to attend. For more information, call (734) 981-8128 or e-mail the council president at ghreimer@msn.com.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Canton Township and the American Cancer Society are looking for teams to participate in the annual Relay for Life.

A kick-off meeting earlier this year drew more than 100 people and 34 team registrations.

But organizer Debbie Zevalkink said there is always room for more teams.

The 24-hour relay, which raises money for cancer research, will be held May 17-18 in Heritage Park. Canton's Relay has raised more than \$450,000 to date.

For more information or to form a team call Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188 or Jamie Chapman at (248) 483-4320.



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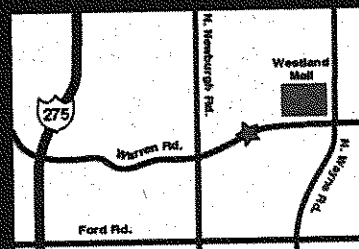
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Students show 'imagination' Canton graduate wins presidential teaching award

After their performance at the March 1 regional tournament, Plymouth-Canton students can definitely say they have "imagination." Plymouth-Canton kids earned first and second place honors at the regional Destination Imagination tournament.

Destination Imagination is an international program that fosters teamwork, creativity and problem-solving, according to Roberta Burdette, one of the P-C coaches.

Student teams meet weekly to practice problem solving, make projects and create a performance based on Destination Imagination requirements.

P-C teams competed against other teams from the eight-county region. Each team performed its long-term challenge, as well as an "Instant Challenge," a problem-solving exercise.

The team from Smith Elementary School placed first in the elementary-level competition of "Theater smArts," which required teams to create a live performance of entertainers, incorporating theatrical elements of playwright, presentation and production. They had to overcome a disruption and create scenery that appeared to move on its own.

Smith team members included

Meghann Beaver, Cara Delaney, Kelly Filios, Alyssa Garbarino, Adam Harrison, Rachel Palgut and Brandon Updike. The team is coached by Beth Delaney and Karen Palgut.

P-C's Interact Team, made up of high school and middle school students, placed second in the high school competition of "Theater smArts." Team members included Kevin Burdette of Canton High School; Meagan Bartlett and Brandon Bunt of Salem High School; Andrea and Kyle Burdette of West Middle School; and Maddy Bartlett and Emily Scrimger of Central Middle School. Coaches are Roberta Burdette and Cindy Bartlett. Farrand Elementary School's team placed second in the elementary-level competition of "ConnecDid," which challenged them to create a "universal connection creation" that would allow connections between people or nations, according to Burdette. It required the construction of a load-bearing structure made from balsa wood. Team members included Hanna Bartlett, Matthew Bugajski, Meagan Bugajski, Catrain Engstrom, Kirsten Engstrom, Lizzie Gatzek and Kristen Johnson. The team's coach is Debbie Johnson. The teams now head for state competition in April.



Interact Team members Maddy Bartlett, Emily Scrimger, Brandon Bunt, Meagan Bartlett, Kyle Burdette and Kevin Burdette finished second at the Destination Imagination regional tournament.



Smith Elementary team members Meghann Beaver, Cara Delaney, Kelly Filios, Alyssa Garbarino, Adam Harrison, Rachel Palgut and Brandon Updike placed first at the Destination Imagination regional.



Farrand Elementary team members Hanna Bartlett, Matthew Bugajski, Meagan Bugajski, Catrain Engstrom, Kirsten Engstrom, Lizzie Gatzek and Kristen Johnson finished second.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Former Plymouth resident Heidi (Brandt) Capraro gets a special joy out of teaching her sixth-graders at Hillside Middle School in Northville, mainly because being a kid at heart allows her to be as mesmerized as her students in the classroom.

"I love working with kids, and I understand how a sixth grader learns, how to keep them interested," said Capraro. "You have to put yourself in the place of a 12-year-old, and I'm one at heart ... I feel 12 most of the time."

Then, with a chuckle, Capraro, 36, said, "I think I have maturity issues."

Capraro's love for teaching has been noticed. She and her family are in Washington, D.C., this week, where Capraro will receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching on Friday.

Capraro, a 1984 graduate of Canton High School, met with First Lady Barbara Bush at the White House, and will accept a \$7,500 award to put toward her classroom.

"I love kids, and science is fun," said Capraro. "Geology is my number one passion. I've always liked studying rocks."

Capraro, who also won the Michigan competition, said it doesn't matter what subject you teach, it's really all in the presentation.

"Students get it if the teacher loves what they're teaching and is having fun," she said. "It's making the subject matter appropriate at that level."

Capraro knows first-hand how a teacher can be a special influence in the life of a student. She credits two Plymouth-Canton teachers for her enthusiasm and dedication as a teacher.

One was Joe Ditzhazy, a former science teacher at East Middle School. "He was a really great teacher. I still refer to his class when I'm discussing



Canton High School graduate and Northville middle school teacher Heidi (Brandt) Capraro accepts an award for mathematics and science teaching. She's in Washington this week to accept a presidential award.

the lesson on light," said Capraro.

The other is Diane Brady, a music teacher, who taught Capraro at East.

"She did more for my self esteem and love of teaching," said Capraro. "She was such an influential person in my life, and is what a teacher should be."

Brady, who has taught in Plymouth-Canton Schools for 26 years (currently at Hulsing and Dodson), remembers Capraro well.

"Heidi was a very positive, happy and responsible student, the type of person you could count on getting things done," said Brady. "I knew music did a lot for her self esteem and helped build her confidence. Singing made her very happy."

Brady said having an impact on students and their futures is always rewarding for a teacher.

"It's a very rewarding feeling to know that what you do on a daily basis makes a difference," she said. "It invigorates you ... gives you new energy."

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft, who will be at Friday's award ceremony in Washington, said he's not totally surprised Capraro is a national award-winning educator. "She's an outstanding teacher, a real star," said

'Heidi was a very positive, happy and responsible student, the type of person you could count on getting things done. I knew music did a lot for her self esteem and helped build her confidence. Singing made her very happy.'

Diane Brady
music teacher

Cracraft. "She's committed to kids, very creative, and represents the true spirit of what middle school is all about."

As for girls and science, Capraro said it's "myth and baloney" that girls can't learn as well as boys.

"That's why I try to make science upbeat and fashionable," said Capraro. "I really try to watch the girls, because I don't want to lose them. They are just as bright."

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Cops seek suspect in video robbery ELECTION

Canton Police are searching for a suspect in the armed robbery of a video store employee on Sunday morning.

Canton Police Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler said the employee was preparing to open the Mammoth Video store at 7209 Canton Center Road about 9:15 a.m. Sunday when he heard someone knocking on the locked front door.

He opened the door and a white male forced his way in and produced a knife, holding it to the employee's chest. The man then demanded that the employee give him all the money in the store, as well as several DVD's and video games.

The man fled in the employee's vehicle, which was recovered a short time later.

The suspect is described as a white male about 6-feet-2-inches tall, 240 pounds, with blond hair, dark eyes and a deep voice. He was wearing a black hooded jacket, black nylon pants and a black knit cap.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734)-394-5400.

ATTEMPTED THEFT

The manager of a construction site in the 47000 block of

COP CALLS

Cardiff told police someone attempted to steal a stove and refrigerator from a unit under construction between 5 p.m. April 5 and noon April 7.

He said the thieves broke the side door and lock to the home and moved a stove and refrigerator from the top floor, down a set of stairs and into the garage area. The refrigerator got stuck inside a doorway and the thief or thieves left without taking either appliance.

Police said both the stove and refrigerator appeared to be damaged. There were muddy footprints across the carpet in the home.

THEFT FROM GARAGE

A resident of the 7000 block of Hillsboro reported the theft of a lawnmower from his garage sometime between 8:30 p.m. April 6 and 2 a.m. April 7.

He said he had friends over until about 8 p.m. When he went to the garage about 2 a.m., his self-propelled lawnmower valued at \$500 was missing. He said he had left the garage door open.

TOOLS TAKEN

A Westland resident told

Canton Police someone took tools valued at more than \$300 from his trailer between 10:30 p.m. April 5 and 8:45 a.m. April 6.

He said he parked his truck and trailer in the Baymont Parking lot on Ford Road the night of April 5 and the next morning discovered the side door of the trailer open and the tools missing.

CAR DAMAGED

A Redford resident reported to Canton Police that someone damaged his 1989 Olds Cutlass while he was parked at Sneaky's on Lilley Road.

The incident occurred between 8:30 p.m. April 4 and 2:30 a.m. April 5.

He said the windshield and front driver's side window were smashed causing \$550 in damage.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

A resident of the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue said someone cut through the convertible top of his car while it was parked in front of his residence. It happened between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. April 7. The stereo, speakers and amplifiers were taken.

By Jack Gladden

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was appointed to the board before being re-elected, chose not to seek re-election for personal reasons.

Plymouth-Canton Schools elections clerk Elizabeth Adams said to be eligible to vote in the June 9 election, residents must register with the Secretary of State or the clerk's office by Monday, May 12.

Adams noted absentee ballots will be ready in early May.

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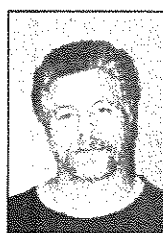
victim and another individual and a fight began. The suspect, who was not part of the argu-

ment, drew a knife and stabbed the Canton man.


The victim was taken to Annapolis Hospital and later air-lifted to the

University of Michigan Hospital where he underwent surgery.




Canton Police detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler said Stanard, who has a criminal history including numerous assault-type crimes, had been known to stay at several mobile home parks in southeast Canton.



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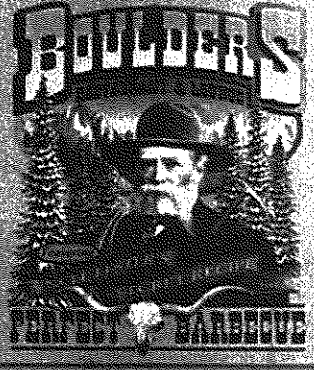
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TREES

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"Michigan needs the technical and financial assistance from Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture in order to accomplish this goal," Patterson said.

Six southeastern Michigan counties - Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne - have been quarantined after five million of the area's 28 million ash trees were killed by the infestation.

Under the quarantine, it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, lumber, firewood and wood chips larger than one inch in diameter outside the six counties.

And Patterson said he's quite concerned about that.

"Camping is a favorite of Michiganders during the summer months," he said. "That means the transportation of infected firewood is highly likely and would rapidly increase the spread of the insect to unaffected areas. It is extremely urgent we notify everyone of the severity of the Emerald Ash Borer."

He said if wood has been moved out of the quarantined area, it must be burned completely and the incident reported to the state's emerald ash borer hotline at once.

That toll-free number is (866) 325-0023.

Crimboli said while the ash borer was first found in trees planted in front of homes or businesses, it has now been found in trees in naturally wooded areas. He is concerned that the ash borer may not stay within the confines of just ash trees.

He said ash trees have made up probably 50 percent of the trees planted commercially and now nurseries are having to go to different species.

"I or a member of my staff have been on the road since last September trying to buy different species of trees," he

Canton may start taking 2004 tree applications

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton residents who have lost an ash tree from their property are eligible to participate in the township's 50/50 tree planting program, where the resident pays 50 percent of the actual cost of the tree with the township picking up the other 50 percent and arranging to have the tree planted.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the 2003 program closed out on Jan. 31.

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said they'll probably start accepting applications in July for the 2004 program.

He said the township will be planting 1,200 trees this year under the 50/50 program. Last year, he said, they did about 200 in the spring and 200 in the fall.

"Everybody's losing their ash trees and they'd like to replace them," he said.

The program applies to trees in the rights of way - between the sidewalk and the street - and not trees on the homeowner's private property.

Wayne County has taken down more than 3,000 ash trees along the rights of way in the township, Goulet said. That doesn't include the trees on private property that have died or been removed.

The township has a variety of trees available such as Bradford pears, oaks, maples, lindens and hackberries.

"There's more interest in oak trees again," Goulet said. "There are also some new varieties of maples."

Information on the program is available on the township's Web site, www.canton-mi.org.

said. "We're actually encountering a shortage of trees."

Compounding the problem, he said, is that other species may not be suitable for Michigan's climate.

"We're venturing into trees that are marginal for hardiness in the Michigan area," he said.

"We have to do that just to get different types of trees."

He said some species of trees that are hardy for Michigan aren't suitable for planting in front of homes because of the way the roots grow, which could damage sidewalks or cause other problems.

Another problem in replacing trees that have been removed, Crimboli said, is that the replacement trees can't be

planted in the exact spot where the old tree was.

"Wayne County grinds the stumps down but not deep enough," he said. "We can't plant a replacement where the old tree was because the old root growth will compete with the new tree."

He said the new tree must be 5 feet away from the site of the old tree and that may place it too close to a driveway or a neighbor's yard.

Crimboli said his company has been getting about 50 calls a day from residents wanting replacement trees.

"We are now buying trees for this fall and for spring of next year," he said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Grand Valley State University

The following local students have been placed on the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the fall 2002 semester. These students are from Canton, Harry W. Bedard, Elizabeth A. Bonnell, Kristie J. Good, Tracy E. Robey, Kristine e. roulou, Scott P. Setlock, and Laura J. Wallace. From Plymouth, the students are Lynsey L. Grzanowski, Maureen E. Kearney, and Katherine M. MacDonell.

The following local student graduated from Grand Valley

State University in December, 2002. The student from Canton is Randy E. Harris with a BBA.

Hope College News

Katie Seifert, a Hope College sophomore from Plymouth, recently participated in Hope College Theatre's production of *The Laramie Project*. While attending Hope, Seifert has helped produce numerous stage productions as a member of the lighting crew and has also acted in *Carousel*. In addition, she has been named to the dean's list and has participated in college chorus, the Union of Catholic Students;

the Dance Marathon fundraiser; and the Nykerk Cup contest. Seifert is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Seifert of Plymouth and is a 2001 graduate of Divine Child High School.

Valparaiso University

Jay Kelly of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Kelly is a senior mechanical engineering major in the College of Engineering. Evan Roller of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Roller is a freshman psychology major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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township board.

Commissioners also approved a special land-use request for Beginner's Inn on Canton Center between Warren and Sheldon to add a second building on the two-acre site. The two-level building will be built on the west portion of the site, with classrooms and office space on two floors, a below grade or lower level and the main first floor.

The new facility will enable Beginner's Inn to offer infant care to current customers.

A request to rezone an 8-acre site on the south side of Saltz Road between Canton Center and Beck from rural residential to single-family residential got an OK from the

commission.

The request, from Livonia Builders, did not receive any opposition from the audience, but Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson introduced into the record a letter from a Canton resident opposing the rezoning.

"He basically talks about the expansion of Canton Township over the last several years," Gustafson said. "The disappearance of wildlife and natural areas of the township. We all feel the same way. But it's a person's right by law, if they're a property owner, to expand and develop the property relative to the particular zoning and planning guidelines of the community."

Gustafson said, for the record, that development can't be stopped whether it be in Canton, Plymouth, Northville or anywhere throughout the

state.

"But certainly we can do our very best to manage it," he said. "I think we've used some pretty sound judgment in the development of Canton."

In other business commissioners recommended approval of a preliminary plat plan for Grand Oaks subdivision, a proposed 18-lot development on a 9-acre parcel east of Beck Road and north of Saltz.

They also OK'd some modifications to Westchester Village, a site condominium development consisting of 112 units on a 100-acre site at the southwest corner of Warren and Ridge roads.

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Central students sweep honors at German Day competition

Eight-grade students from Central Middle School returned from the High School German Day competition at the University of Michigan with more than their share of the prizes. Competing against 28 other schools — 25 of them high schools — in skits, videos, poetry and reading, 16 students presented "Snow White and the Seven Mini-Pizza Dwarves." Done in German, the presentation was good enough to win first place for level one of all 29 schools in the Adaptation Skits competition. The students also had the honor of being one of only two acts chosen to present their play at the afternoon awards assembly for some 1,400 German students in the Michigan Union Ballroom.

Actors included Brianna Jennings, Hannah Cavicchio, Stephanie Glidden, Priya Patel, Emily Scrimger, Emily Hoernschemeyer, Logan Mills, Emily Thayer, Jason O'Guinn, Alison and Andrea Spohn,

Megan Grady, Ally Stencil, Katy Perkins, Nikkie Gambrell and Chris Jeffers.

In the Original Skits competition, Central students also took first place with their shopping skit presented by Paige Tofil, Caitlin Gromacki, Madeline Bartlett and Allison York. Central students also took first place in the video competition, against freshman and sophomore German students, with their video, "Partnerspiel," which was a take-off on "dating game" television shows. Actors included Ally Stencil, Blaine Paden, Nikkie Gambrell, Kristi Durkin and Megan McLaughlin.

"It was the best day of the year for the students," said Joy Large, their teacher. "Not only did they get the opportunity to perform, but they also had the fun of seeing other skits, musical acts and videos and finding out how much they could understand."

Large, who plans to retire after this year, has taken stu-

dents to this competition since 1986, but this is the first year they took first place in every group competition for level one students, she said. Students won T-shirts with German Day logos emblazoned on them, as well as posters, an Austrian hat and other prizes.

Seventeen parents and several grandparents attended the event with the students. "Most of them didn't understand German, but they seemed to enjoy the day as much as their children," Large said.

Judges were professors and teaching assistants from the Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures at the University of Michigan. The event is sponsored by Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Lufthansa, Goethe Institute, Austrian Cultural Forum and National Tourist Office, the Consulate General of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, German Information Center and several other German businesses.

OBITUARIES

Florence Pauline Parks

Services for Florence Parks, 91, of Farmington Hills were held April 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Bryan Smith officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Zanesville, Ohio.

Mrs. Parks was born Dec. 22, 1912, in Muskingum County, Ohio and died April 5 in Royal Oak. She was an assembly worker at Mosaic Tile Company in Zanesville. She came to the Farmington Hills community in 1973 from Chandersville, Ohio. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She loved to knit and garden with her husband. She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph.

Survivors include daughter, Rita (Dr. Harold) Morris of Canton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Opal Jones of Florida and Alice Moore of Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Myldred was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur J. Eaton, in 1971; her parents, and one grandson.

Survivors include children, Gerald (Geraldine) Eaton, Ardyth (Franklin) Schroeder, Larrie (Brenda) Eaton, Meryl (Judy) Eaton, all of Tecumseh; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one sister, Norma Jean Parrett.

Arrangements made by Couture-Handler Funeral Homes.

Ted Bloodhart

Private family services were held for Ted Bloodhart, 86, of Plymouth. He was born Feb. 11, 1917, in Omaha, Neb., and died April 4 in Plymouth.

Mr. Bloodhart was invited to study under Professor Max Brodel at Johns Hopkins University's Art and Applied to Medicine department, the first and foremost school of medical illustration in the country. Mr. Bloodhart was a freelance medical illustrator, providing surgical illustrations for hundreds of journal articles, books and teaching materials by leading specialists in such fields as gynecology, urology, otolaryngology, and cardiovascular, thoracic, neurological and plastic surgery. After retiring in 1990, Mr. Bloodhart moved to Michigan with his beloved wife, where he found a new enjoyment in reading books instead of illustrating them. Survivors include wife, Shirley; sons, Griffin (Penny) Bloodhart of California and John (Linda) Hinkley of Washington, Mich.; daughter, Brooke (Royce) Disbrow of Canton; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one niece; one nephew; and many loving friends and colleagues.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170-1687. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Judy Hannon

A memorial service for Judy Hannon, 58, was held April 10 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, in Livonia.

She was born Sept. 3, 1944, and died March 17 after a brief illness. She will be missed by her family and friends. She

was known for her sense of humor and her devotion to friends, family and co-workers.

Survivors include sisters Diane, Donna and Betty; brother, Ray; brothers-in-law; sister-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Holy Spirit; St. David's Episcopal Church, Garden City; or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Roberta Karasinski

Services for Roberta Karasinski, 68, of Canton, will be held March 12 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mrs. Karasinski was born March 8, 1935, in Detroit and died April 8 in Superior Township. She was a retired bank teller from Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth. She came to the Canton community in 1982 from Bay City. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. She loved to travel and especially enjoyed visiting Las Vegas. She and Robert had been married for 48 years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Survivors include husband, Robert of Canton Township; children, Michael Karasinski of Canton and Susan Fulkerson of Westland; grandchildren, Tara and Brandon Karasinski, R. Michael Oren, II, Robert T. Oren, and William Kenneth Fulkerson; brother, Thomas (Marion) Coursey of Warren; and sister, Kathy Norrito of Atlanta. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Carol J. Luebke

Services for Carol Luebke, 56, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mrs. Luebke (formerly of Traverse City and Minnesota) died April 8.

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OUR VIEWS

Victory unlikely in fight with CSX

Give Tom Yack credit – at least he knows what he's up against when he gets into an issue.

Yack, the politically savvy Canton Township supervisor, surely must know his letter to U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter will have little, if any, effect on how CSX, the railroad that refuses to be a good neighbor, runs its show.

But in an effort born from frustration as much as anything else, Yack wrote McCotter, the newly elected congressman from these parts, to ask for help in getting CSX to quicken its pace when it sends a train through his community.

The latest example of CSX's lack of neighborliness is the plight of Norquick Distributing on Haggerty just south of Joy in Canton. When Norquick built its facility three years ago, the company was required to post a bond with the county to improve the railroad crossing just south of the property. Specifically, widening of Haggerty through the railroad crossings would have to be done to allow traffic to pass trucks turning left into Norquick's property.

Three years later, Norquick is still willing to ante up to get the work done, but CSX is nowhere to be found.

Yack is right to take up the fight, but it's unlikely to do any good. CSX successfully fought off attempts by the City of Plymouth to speed them up. The city fined CSX tens of thousands of dollars over several years, citing a state statute that limited the time a train could block a crossing.

CSX successfully argued that federal regulations – not state laws – govern such issues for trains operating in interstate commerce. A federal judge agreed in 2000, and the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld that decision two years later.

It's not the only example of CSX's disappearing act. Officials in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Wayne County are still waiting on CSX to finalize details that would allow construction of the underpass at the crossing on Sheldon Road to begin.

To be fair, CSX's lack of responsiveness isn't the only issue with the underpass project. Officials had to develop a plan to move a water main, which took some time. The cost of the project is rising rapidly, and city officials are beginning to balk at the expense in tough economic times.

But none of that would have been necessary had CSX gotten off the stick and signed on the dotted line. The parties have very likely missed the window of opportunity for this year, because Detroit Water won't want to move the main during summer usage months. So drivers in both communities will likely be stuck in traffic for at least another year.

Traffic isn't the only thing CSX is blocking in these communities. Progress has also become a prominent victim of the railroad's disinterest.

Resources can ease nursing home choice

It's a decision that can be among the most difficult, most overwhelming for any spouse, child or grandchild: putting a loved one into a nursing home.

Once that need is established, though, the next step is finding the right place.

There are no easy answers and no guarantees that you'll be making the right decision. However, it's important to have the right resources and information to take some of the guesswork out of the many choices out there.

A recent story in our *Observer Life* section focused on a Consumer Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes that does some of the leg-work for people shopping for a quality home for mom or grandpa. Residents would be well-served to use the guide or its Web site (www.hcam.org), in addition to their own on-site visits and some other common-sense suggestions to help make the decision.

Many people are afraid of choosing the wrong site and for good reason.

Using the guide, though, is just the first step. Experts urge people investigating nursing homes to use word-of-mouth advice and read promotional literature.

"But nothing is more valuable than the insight you gain from making personal visits to the home you are considering," the guide suggests. One nursing home administrator urges decision-makers to pay careful attention during their visit: checking for how clean the facility looks, how well-groomed the patients look, how appropriate the activities seem, how the facility smells, how staff treats patients, etc.

This Consumer Guide seems to be almost a necessary first step for people going through these all-important decisions.

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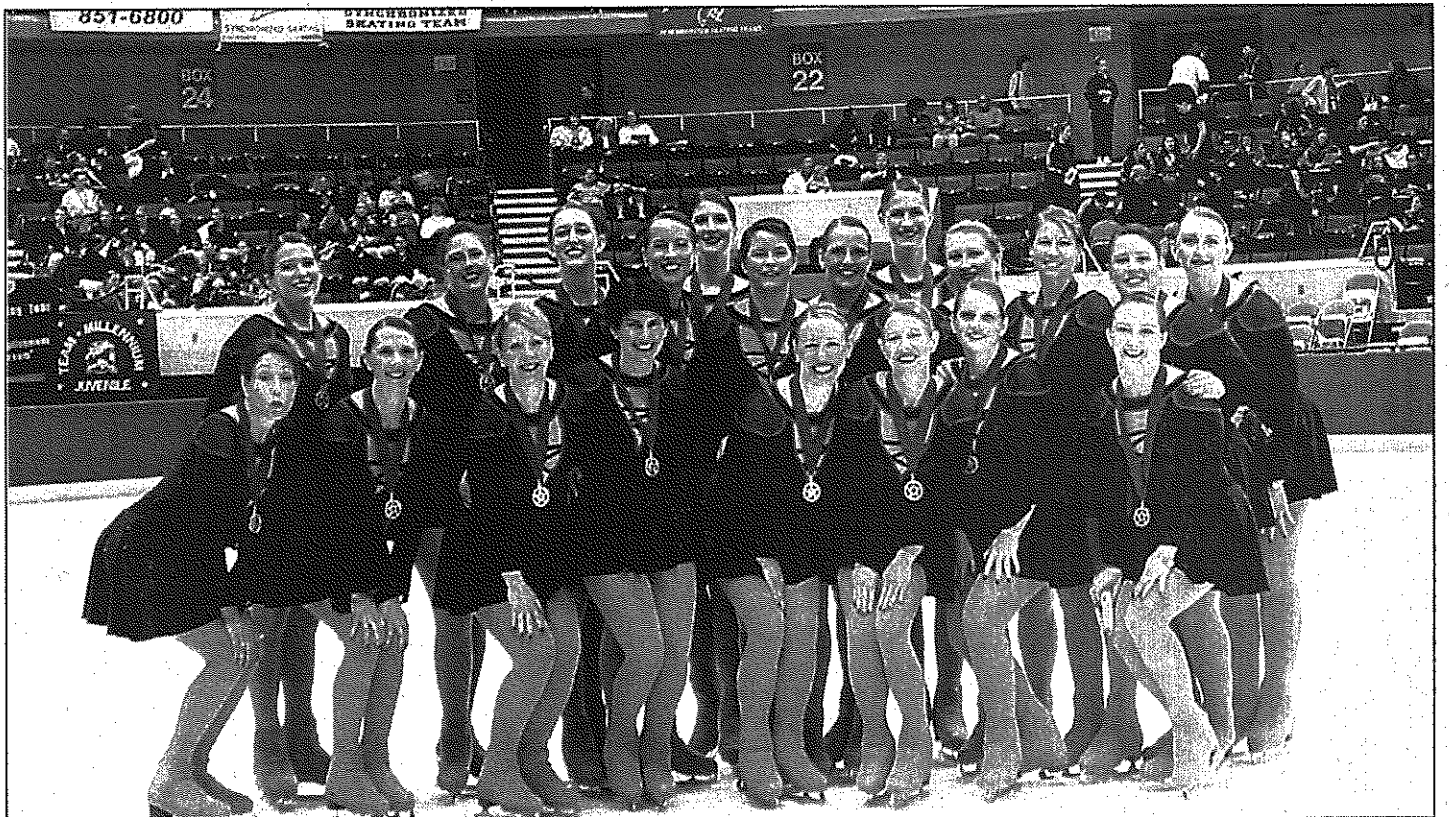
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Congratulations to the Gems on Ice, an adult masters synchronized skating team, from the Plymouth Figure Skating Club & Compuware Arena. In their inaugural year, the Lady Gems took the gold in North Dakota for the USFSA Midwestern Synchronized Team Championships, and went on to capture the Silver Medal at the 2003 National Synchronized Team Competition hosted earlier this year in Huntsville, Ala. The team is coached by Carrie Brown and Traci Cavendish. A Masters Team is made up of 12-20 skaters over the age of 25, with 75 percent of the skaters over the age of 35. Skaters interested in joining the Gems on Ice for the 2003-04 season should call coach Brown at (734) 459-6686 or email carrie@twmi.rr.com. Check out the Gems on the web at www.plymouthfigureskatingclub.org

LETTERS

Correct stance

Robin Wilson seemed quite upset ("Insensitive comment," March 20) with PCEA President Chuck Portelli's comments about the PCEA giving "not a dime" as a concession to help the latest "budget crunch."

Chuck represents almost 1,000 teachers in the district and he did them right by his comment. Teachers should concede "not a dime." Like Chuck said, "We bargained in good faith."

It is correct to say that many industries, including education, are looking at cutbacks. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are looking at layoffs. Chuck is fully aware of possible layoffs, as is Dr. Ryan. The district is taking steps to avert a possible layoff, steps that do not involve a pay freeze. But let us not forget that the district is also sitting on millions of dollars in its fund balance.

Ms. Wilson's comments showed her lack of understanding for the PCEA members and educators in general. For years teachers have conceded not only dimes, but dollars. Teachers' raises have consistently been below the rate of inflation. Teachers' salaries are consistently thousands and thousands of dollars below that of other industries with similar schooling.

The comment that salaries are based on "9.5 months of work" has very little truth. By contract, teachers work a week more than students attend and have zero half days (kids have them, teachers work the rest of the day). The other 2.5 months are often spent working on their own time, including vacations. Ms. Wilson, have you ever been to school during a vacation? There are usually teachers in the building. Teachers also need to meet the state requirements for keeping their certificates. It's done on the teacher's own time and dime and, at about \$1,000 a class, it isn't cheap.

I found that Ms. Wilson wields MEAP scores with the same ignorance as most citizens. I'm sure when formulating her comments, she compared every score at every grade level and took into account every factor needed to truly understand the scores.

It would have been nice if Ms. Wilson went one step further and suggested we do away with the MEAP and other standardized tests, not because they take up weeks of educational time to prepare and administer, or that they are educationally useless and inauthentic tools, but because they cost millions of dollars to prepare, ship and score.

I am fairly certain that most of the PCCS educators do not accept Ms. Wilson's apology and take offense to the assumption that the union has "little or no regard for our children's education and future." Ms. Wilson, the teachers ARE the union. The insensitive comment was not that of Chuck Portelli, but of the board member who suggested pay freezes. Chuck, the PCEA bargaining team, and the new administration of this district did an excellent job of creating the new contract. It was an insult to both sides to suggest a pay freeze.

Bob Mackleby
Plymouth

Airing parish business

I was surprised that a member of the press, Brad Kadrich of the *Observer*, was invited to the last OLCG Parish Council meeting at which the turmoil surround-

ing the decision not to renew the employment contract of the principal of our school and constructive ideas for selection of a replacement were discussed.

Brad interviewed me and took copious notes. My assumption is that he printed only a few sentences of my comments in support of the decision of our pastor due to the fact that the real story was the frustration and anger shown by those who did not support the decision.

Those few sentences appear to have ignited some very unpleasant comments from other members of our parish in the Letters to the Editor on March 27.

As I told Brad Kadrich in my full remarks, there is a normal progression of focus in our parish and probably many others which have a grade school. If a family has young children in our grade school or after-school religious formation programs, that is their primary focus.

As the children enter high school, the family focus shifts to Plymouth/Canton/Salem, Ladywood/Mercy, Catholic Central/U of D-Jesuit/Divine Child/Gabriel Richard/Life Teen and so on to the various colleges and universities (Go Green/Go Blue, etc.).

Our three children, who all attended OLCG Grade School, CC/U-of-D-Jesuit/Canton, and MSU/U-of-M/Madonna, are young adults and thankful for the support they received, and continue to receive, from the OLCG parish community.

I am now in a different stage of parish life and enjoy worshipping in our new worship space, teaching an after-school eighth-grade confirmation class (yes, my spouse is religious formation director) and various Christian service activities.

I understand that our current physical facilities will not make everyone completely happy until our parish vision is more complete and fulfilled. There will always be something more to do in serving our parish family and the community at large.

I have been contacted by many others in the parish who have views similar to mine. Please listen to us. This is truly the "silent majority" in the parish.

I urge support of all parish members through prayers, active involvement in service and financing of the current and future new parish facilities. I also urge all parish members to share your dreams for the future (and suggestions how to achieve them) with the parish council and Father John Sullivan. Carrying on a parish family argument in the *Observer* or other outside medium does little to further our growth as an inclusive Christian Catholic community ministering to the needs of all.

Stan Olszewski
OLCG member since 1977

Clothing bank thanks

This heartfelt letter of thanks is long overdue.

As the volunteer director of the Plymouth-Canton Schools Clothing Bank for the past three years, I have been so impressed by the support our community gives to this worthy cause. Last fall's article by Tony Bruscato was so helpful in getting the word out about the great work that we do at the Clothing Bank. Clothing donations have increased considerably from individuals and organizations this year.

Some organizations that I have not been able to thank personally include Girl Scout Troops 900, 156, 308, 321, 1581, 1451, 1595; the Allen School Student Council, and the Salem High School Mentorship Class.

We have also received many anonymous donations, including dozens of winter coats in varying sizes that were all cleaned, sized and bagged — thank you, whoever you are.

Thank you to Principal Ostoin at Salem, who stepped up to offer us space when our 30-plus-year-old trailer was condemned. Our new space at Salem High School is terrific and the maintenance and office staffs have been great with helping us get settled.

Thank you also to PCCS Central Maintenance in helping us with everything from getting moved to devising sturdy sign-holders. Thank you to Frank Ruggirello and Linda Paris in the community relations department.

The Clothing Bank works because people in our community want it to. I owe special thanks to the wonderful people who I am privileged to volunteer with every week. Julie, Kathy, Teresa, Jackie, Mary, Carol, Karen, Jean, Sherry, Jean, Lauren, Debbie, I am so lucky to have roped you all in. The Clothing Bank would not be the pleasant environment it is without these dedicated, fun ladies.

Kelly Warkoczeski
Plymouth

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 drunken 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

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"It's about helping people understand that things have changed in our society and we need to grow to get there. It's about thinking outside the box."

— The Rev. Alexander Whitfield, pastor, Christ the Good Shepherd

Private colleges, universities offer state higher ed options

It is an unfortunate reality of our time that higher education budgets have to be cut. The economic slowdown has led to a dramatic shortfall in tax revenue. This comes at precisely the same time higher education finds itself in competition for public funds with other equally critical social needs. The growth of both the school-age and aging populations, an increasing number of low-income families requiring assistance, and the unexpected costs of providing for homeland security – these and other factors presage difficult decisions for those making the cuts and those facing the cuts.



Ted Blashak

It is small consolation that Michigan isn't alone in the current budget crisis. Most other states face identical challenges. Our elected leaders have the unenviable task of evaluating the budget as a whole and making the best of a tragic situation. As budget deadlines draw nearer, it seems ever more likely that higher education will be called on to assume what seems like a disproportionate share of the cuts.

A few current statistics will help to bring the picture into sharper focus: The nation's colleges and universities are bracing for a wave of students to hit campuses over the next decade. The surge, propelled by an upturn in births throughout the 1980s, will produce the largest high school and college enrollments in U.S. history. Eighty-three percent of students in Michigan are enrolled in public institutions for postsecondary education. Public colleges continue to become less affordable for students and families. At public four-year colleges and universities, 16 states have increased tuition and fees by more than 10 percent, while Michigan raised tuition by 9 percent.

In Michigan, Gov. Jennifer Granholm won almost instant legislative approval of most of her \$158 million budget-balancing plan for the current year, including \$30 million cut from colleges. Of course, this couldn't come at a worse time. As new technologies continue to change the way we live and work, businesses will continue to need workers with a higher level of knowledge and skills. Further, the recent economic downturn led major sectors of the economy to restructure.

Although an economic recovery appears to be under way, many thousands of workers have been displaced and are in need of retraining. Those who kept their jobs will have to gain new knowledge and skills just to help their companies – and themselves – survive. As obvious as is the need to cut education budgets, it is equally obvious that education is the only way for us to retrain and reposition our workforce.

Michigan, along with many other states, finds itself in a classic Catch-22. We have to cut budgets at precisely the time we can't afford to cut them. Solving this dilemma will not be easy or

painless. In the face of this seemingly intractable dilemma, this state and many others will need to utilize all the educational resources available to steer through these rapids and toward long-term, stable prosperity. The question, of course, is just how to accomplish this.

The answer must be a focused and strategic approach that recognizes all educational resources at our disposal and positions them to serve the populations they are most capable of serving. As public institutions struggle to deal with the influx of new high school graduates and maintain service levels on decreased budgets, private institutions must rise to the occasion and assist in meeting the state's needs. These institutions fall into many different categories, so a focused approach will be key to ensuring that all needs are met.

Traditional private institutions have long provided higher education opportunities for the state's high school graduates. Their continued role in this function is crucial, not only in serving society but also in helping to ease the financial burden on public institutions. These schools will also ultimately be confined in their ability to grow because of their own internal budget constraints, and so this too must be recognized as a finite resource.

Over the years, the nation has seen a rise in the number of for-profit institutions of postsecondary education. For example, one of the nation's first and leading education providers in this category is DeVry, located in Illinois. DeVry has not only demonstrated success in this area, but their Keller School of Management is consistently referenced among the nation's leading business schools. Founded in 1931, DeVry has been a respected member of the Illinois higher education community for years. The University of Phoenix, the nation's largest private higher education institution, has Detroit-area learning centers in Livonia, Southfield and Troy, and has a West-Michigan Campus with locations in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. University of Phoenix is also in the process of opening additional campus locations in Ann Arbor and Lansing. The University of Phoenix has been recognized for its rigorous academic programs and unique working adult student learning model.

These institutions are symbolic of a sector that provides much-needed opportunities for the state's adult students to pursue postsecondary education. This, in turn, will allow state institutions to focus more directly on meeting the needs of the growing population of younger students. Further, these institutions don't deplete scarce state funds; quite the reverse, in fact. Instead, they contribute back to the tax base of the state.

While it is unfortunate that just when the need for higher education is so critical the exigencies of our current economy require that budgets be cut, the good news is that creative options can help.

Ted Blashak is the vice president and campus director for the University of Phoenix-Metro-Detroit Campus, with learning centers in Livonia, Southfield and Troy.

New job doesn't diminish confusion for OLGc principal

It's been more than two months since Ted Behn found out he no longer had a job, at least not at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, and even finding a new job hasn't lessened the confusion he feels over losing his old one.

Behn, the principal at OLGc for 17 years, was told in February by the parish pastor, the Rev. John Sullivan, that a new administrative direction was needed at the school. Behn accepted the decision – his only course of action since the decision is solely Sullivan's to make – but asked for reasons. Two months later, he still hasn't gotten any.

At a parish council meeting last month, Sullivan hinted that there were things in Behn's performance that indicated it was time for a change. So, Behn sent a March 20 letter to Sullivan, asking for copies of all material contained in his personnel file, including performance evaluations. Again, silence.

Parish parents went into a tizzy, hoping to get Sullivan to change his mind. Behn knew that wasn't going to happen, so Behn did the only thing he could do under the circumstances – he moved on with his life. He's landed a job as principal/president at Allen Park Cabrini, a move that ends his lengthy career at OLGc, no matter what else happens.

"I've never known him to change his mind, so I don't expect that to happen," Behn said of Sullivan, who has been OLGc's pastor for some 10 years.

That doesn't mean he's any less befuddled by what happened to the career he wanted to finish in Plymouth.

"I don't know what's going on," Behn said recently. "(Sullivan) keeps implying I know the reason, but I don't. I'm mystified."

Sullivan not only isn't talking to the press – calls seeking comment have gone unreturned – but has been silent to nearly everyone else. The lack of communication brought some 300 or so people to the parish council meeting, where the subject was purportedly on the agenda.

However, when parishioners got there, it was more of a question-and-answer meeting, with designates of the parish council soliciting opinions about where the school goes from here.

To be fair, the council did issue a response based on answers to those questions, but it did little, if anything, to dispel the rumors about why Behn, a wildly popular principal and dedicated educator, was let go.

Parishioner Mike Girska has one child in seventh grade, another who graduated from OLGc. He's coached football, baseball and basketball in the parish, ran the golf outing for a number of years. He said people shouldn't necessarily be surprised at the lack of communication.

"I'm disappointed at the lack of communication and explanation, (but) communication has never been a strong suit in the parish," Girska said. "The

kids can't believe it happened. My daughters have received a wonderful education here. As a parent, you're never 100 percent satisfied with what has gone on, but I have few, if any, complaints."

Judging by the academic performance of OLGc students, there should be few complaints from anyone. OLGc students consistently outperform not only those in the Archdiocese of Detroit, but they've topped the national average in every grade in each of the last five years for which results are available.

In the IOWA Test of Basic Skills, a 25 is considered a low-average score, and 75 is considered high-average. Of 19 categories, OLGc students in grades two-eight posted scores consistently above 80.

That's part of what confuses Behn.

"It's always been my job to run the school, so it's not a bother to the priests," Behn said. "We've never been over budget, and we're in the top three of about 140 grade schools in the archdiocese. Test scores have never been higher."

Rumors have swirled, as they tend to do, especially when one side of a discussion isn't participating in the debate. Some say Sullivan wants to close the school, with its \$1.5 million budget. However, that's a decision that would be made by the archdiocese, not the pastor, and it seems unlikely that the archdiocese is going to close a school that performs as well as OLGc.

Others think he's lost touch with the school and its students. According to Behn, Sullivan used to greet students all the time when he first came to the parish.

"Every day he was at a different door, greeting the kids," Behn said. "He has withdrawn a little more every year since then."

Parent Julie Shmyr, who agrees communication is lacking in the parish, said seeing Sullivan more often would lift students' spirits.

"If he walked over and stuck his head in the door for 10 minutes," she said, "kids would be thrilled."

It isn't happening, and isn't going to happen in Behn's watch. He'll finish out the school year, then pack his things for Allen Park. Sullivan's only real public comments on the matter, made at the parish council meeting last month, indicated this was a decision he'd been pondering for years, which some in the audience took to mean he'd become increasingly dissatisfied with the direction of the school under Behn, an opinion some think is tough to sustain in the face of the school's test scores.

Behn certainly took it as a slap at his reputation, although it seems to not have sullied his good name with the folks at Cabrini. But it still stung.

"I want everyone to know I did nothing wrong," Behn said. "I don't have the job I thought I was going to have the rest of my life. Now all I have is my reputation."

It's a reputation he's taking to Allen Park, rather than perpetuating it at OLGc. And the sad thing is, in Behn's eyes, he may never understand why the move was necessary.

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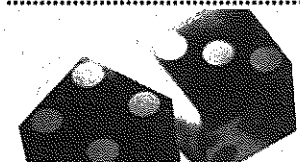


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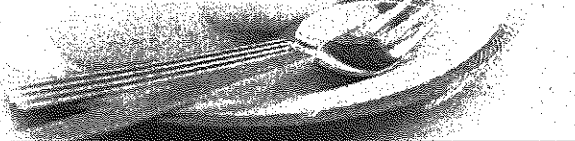
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SEMCOG releases new land use and development study covering the '90s

A combination of demographic and economic factors contributed to a 17 percent increase in developed land in southeast Michigan during the 1990-2000 decade, according to *Land Use Change in Southeast Michigan: Causes and Consequences*, a report released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"It has been said that our region isn't growing ... that the people who are here are just moving to new development farther away from the region's core," said Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director. "Our analysis of land use in the region shows that this is not an accurate assessment. This report documents fresh facts to add perspective to current land use issues."

Southeast Michigan's population grew moderately in the 1990s, adding 243,000 more people - 5 percent growth. Population growth was a primary factor for 27 percent of land developed between 1990-2000.

Other contributing factors were a 9 percent increase in households, 14 percent growth in employment and 16 percent growth in real per capita income.

This increase in wealth has increased our appetite for bigger homes with more ameni-

ties on larger parcels of land. Lower-density residential development accounted for 43 percent of the land developed from 1990 to 2000.

Previous to 1990, 2.84 homes were built on one acre of land in Southeast Michigan. From 1990-2000, that changed dramatically. Now, there is an average of 1.26 homes per acre.

Improved individual finances also supported the higher rate of household formation. More households and higher incomes also produced

more stores, restaurants, other businesses and golf courses - all causing more land to be developed. Nonresidential development accounted for 24 percent of the additional land development.

The 17 percent increase in developed land from 1990-2000 amounted to 159,000 acres - the equivalent of seven townships. This change brought the region from 33 percent developed in 1990 to 37 percent developed in 2000.

SEMCOG's 2000-2030 forecast of 12 percent population

growth, plus 22 percent more households, plus 16 percent more jobs implies that there will be at least a 36 percent increase in developed land. By 2030, Southeast Michigan will be 50 percent developed, assuming recent development patterns.

SEMCOG's analysis of land use change yields these conclusions:

■ Because it is demographic and economic growth that primarily drives land development, the issue is not stopping sprawl. It is how we can grow

with less sprawl, while effectively accommodating growth and ensuring high quality of life as growth proceeds. Future land development will use land at least as fast as in the recent past. This will result in shortages of land that can be developed, will push up housing prices as land becomes scarcer and will require major expansions of infrastructure.

■ Redevelopment and infill will be both necessary and a more attractive option to meet housing demand as growth expands outward.

■ State policies and legislation must be modified to support the needs of both growing and older communities - to give them tools and support to maintain and improve their quality of life. This process also includes an important role for local governments.

Land Use Change in Southeast Michigan is available if PDF format on SEMCOG's Web site, www.semco.org. Printed copies are available from SEMCOG Information Services (313)961-4266 for \$20 each.

Police give tips to handle sex assaults

This month, the Michigan State Police are seeking to educate residents regarding sexual assault and personal protection.

April has been designated "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," a time to learn more about sexual assault.

Statistics show that more than 80 percent of all sexual assaults occur between people who know each other. In addition, someone is raped every two minutes and one out of three women will be raped in her lifetime.

However, sexual assault doesn't happen only to women.

Males and females are victims of sexual assault, although women are more likely to be sexually assaulted.

The Michigan State Police suggest these precautions:

In your car:

■ Keep windows and doors locked.

■ If you should be followed into your driveway, stay in your car with the doors locked. Sound the horn to get the attention of neighbors or scare the other driver off.

■ When parking at night, select a place that will be well lit when returning to the car.

■ Check the interior of the car before getting in.

On the street:

■ Be observant of things around you. If someone is following you, go to the nearest house or store.

■ Walk near the curb and avoid passing close to the shrubbery, dark doorways and other places of concealment.

■ Do not hitchhike.

■ Avoid shortcuts through parking lots and alleys.

■ Don't walk alone if possible.

■ Don't jog in secluded areas.

In your home

■ Be sure to keep your doors locked at all times.

■ All windows should have secure locks and frames.

■ All entrances and garages should be well lit.

■ Never open the door after a knock. Require the person to give their name. In the case of service persons, ask for proper identification.

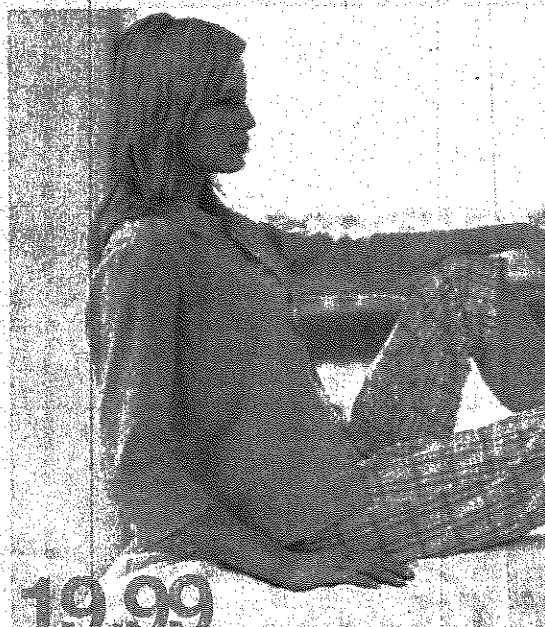
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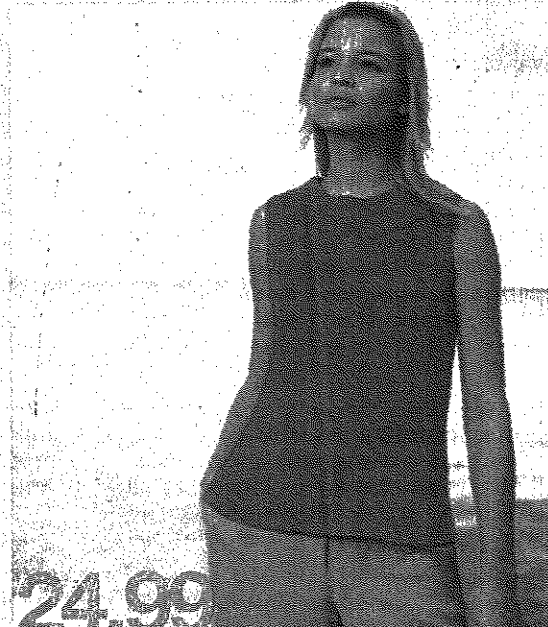
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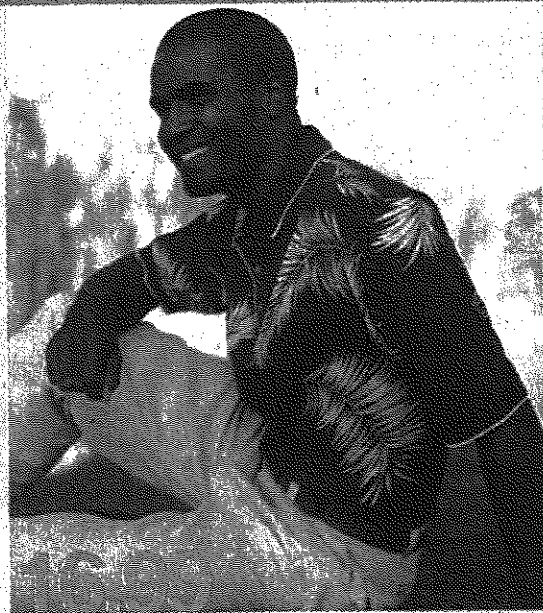
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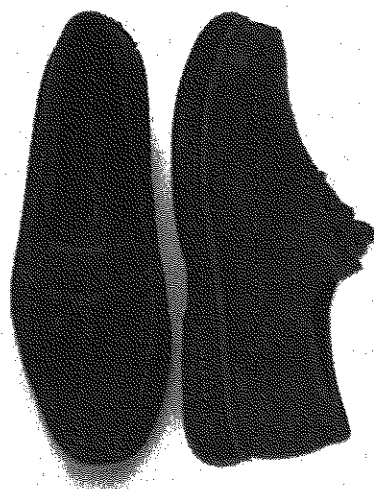
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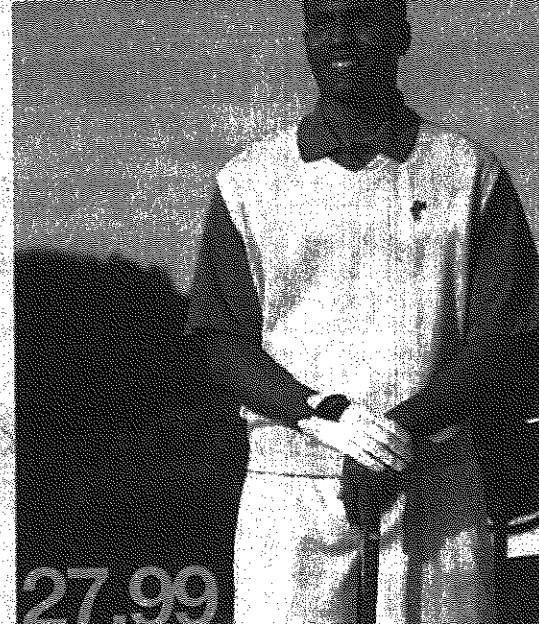
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■ Titanic

Join James Cameron (left), actor Bill Paxton and a crew of explorers as they travel to the site of the wreck of the Titanic in "Ghosts of the Abyss," opening Friday in



IMAX Theatres and specially outfitted 35mm theaters. Moviegoers will see the interior of the wreck and explore places not seen since the night of April 14, 1912, when the Titanic sank.

■ Exhibit

You also might want to check out the Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit, a chronological journey through the building and sinking of the Titanic 91 years ago. The exhibit continues to Sept. 7 at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in the University Cultural Center. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit are \$16.95, \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. Call (248) 645-6666 for tickets or (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org for more information.

■ Memorable meal

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■ Casey at Bat

Ever wonder what happened to Johnny Ginger? He had a children's variety show called The Curtain Time Theatre on WXYZ Channel 7, and went on to a successful career in show biz. Since moving to Farmington Hills, Ginger has taken his act to Jamie's in Farmington, Martino's (formerly Mitch Housey's) in Livonia and Genitti's in Northville. His latest film, Cain's Children, is set to be released next year. He'll be narrating Casey at the Bat, during the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual fund-raising concert, Ballgowns & Baseball Caps, 6 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$65, call (734) 451-2112.

■ Buddy's

The Food Network will be filming a segment of its Best of Pizza show at Buddy's Pizza, Conant at McNichols in Detroit on Sunday, April 13. Host Jim Cordes will feature the restaurant in full operation, including interviews with owner Robert Jacob's and customers. Buddy's, based in Farmington Hills, with nine locations throughout the metro area, was established in Detroit in 1946. Filming starts at 1 p.m. Call (313) 892-9001 for more information.



Kim Carney (left) and Kitty Dubin discuss the one-act in rehearsal (background) at Trinity House Theatre.

JIM JACOFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Comedy of Love

Writers focus on mortals desperately seeking companionship

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Just when it seems Kitty Dubin and Kim Carney are about to reveal an interesting tidbit about their one-acts, they look at each other and pause. The two playwrights don't want to give away any of the laughs in *Could This Be Love?*, a series of six comedy vignettes opening Thursday, April 10, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

All they'll say is the evening's about contemporary men and women prepared to do whatever it takes to find love and keep it.

Directed by Nancy Kammer, the one-acts are produced by Mark Flanders and presented by Flanders Theater Company and Trinity House Theatre.

"There's a variety," said Dubin, a Birmingham resident. "People will see themselves. They all deal with love but not sentimental love."

"They're not sappy," adds Carney of Beverly Hills. "They're about the comedy of love. Each is 15 minutes long. There's a journey being taken, a beginning, middle and end."

Relationships — you either laugh or cry your way through. At least that's what Dubin learned over 25 years of counseling couples in her Birmingham office. Even though she retired from a career as a therapist some time ago, Dubin admits to being inspired by that period of her life in "Joy of Sex." The one-act takes place in a therapist's office.

Unfortunately, the doctor is totally inept at helping a newly married couple rekindle their passion. In "Skin Deep," Dubin focuses on a recently divorced woman of 35 looking to start over with a younger face. "Bye-Bye Love" tells the story of two women who meet at a funeral home and discover they're connected to the deceased.

Carney's three plays run the gamut from portraying romance on and off stage ("Meltdown") to two answering machines chronicling the development of a relationship ("Messages"). Strangers search for love in a restaurant in "Alone Together."

"The whole evening is about hope," said Dubin. "It's the perfect time to be doing this given the heavy climate. People are searching to genuinely laugh."

"And feel good," added Carney. Dubin and Carney aren't waiting till opening night to light up their lives. They're having fun with the process of bringing material to the stage. Every few days they visit the theater to see how actors are progressing in rehearsal.

In between they continue working on separate projects. Dubin is directing one of her plays for Heartlands Theatre Company's Play by Play marathon Saturday, May 3, at Oakland University in Rochester where she teaches play writing.

Carney is looking forward to the pre-

COULD THIS BE LOVE?

What: Flanders Theater Company presents a series of six one-act comedies about relationships between men and women

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 10 to May 9; (no show Friday, May 2); 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 12 to May 10; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road at I-275, east of Haggerty, Livonia. For directions, call (734) 464-6302

Tickets: \$14, \$12 seniors, call (313) 538-5739



Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

Clarinetist spotlights musical miniatures

Lawrence Liberson is quite a character. I knew that from the first time I interviewed him in October.

While some classical musicians can be on the stuffy

side, Liberson is colorful and makes Mozart fun. He made me want to know more about the basset horn he was playing in a Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings concert.

Anyone who isn't shy about saying Mozart was the first composer to write "anything worthwhile for the horn" or to describe it as the Mel Torme of the clarinet family has my attention.

Expect to hear lots of comments like these between selections at "A Little Clarinet Music," the second to last concert in the Vivace Series Sunday, April 13, at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills. Robert Conway accompanies him on piano.

"I've found out over the years audiences like musicians to communicate and it gives me a rest from playing," said Liberson, a Pleasant Ridge clarinetist who joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in 1981.

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VIVACE SERIES

What: Clarinetist Lawrence Liberson and pianist Robert Conway perform 'A Little Clarinet Music'

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13

Where: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Tickets: \$18, \$12, call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348

Making the grade

Disney's 'Holes' gets thumbs up from local teachers

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Literate moviegoers always champion written works over film adaptations.

But Walt Disney has managed to produce an exception with its screen version of the award-winning children's book, "Holes."

Slated to open Friday, April 18, the film "Holes" even received high marks from local teachers who turned out for an advance screening at Uptown Palladium 12 in Birmingham.

Winner of the National Book Award and the Newbery Medal, the book has been embraced by educators across the

nation as a teaching tool and classroom resource.

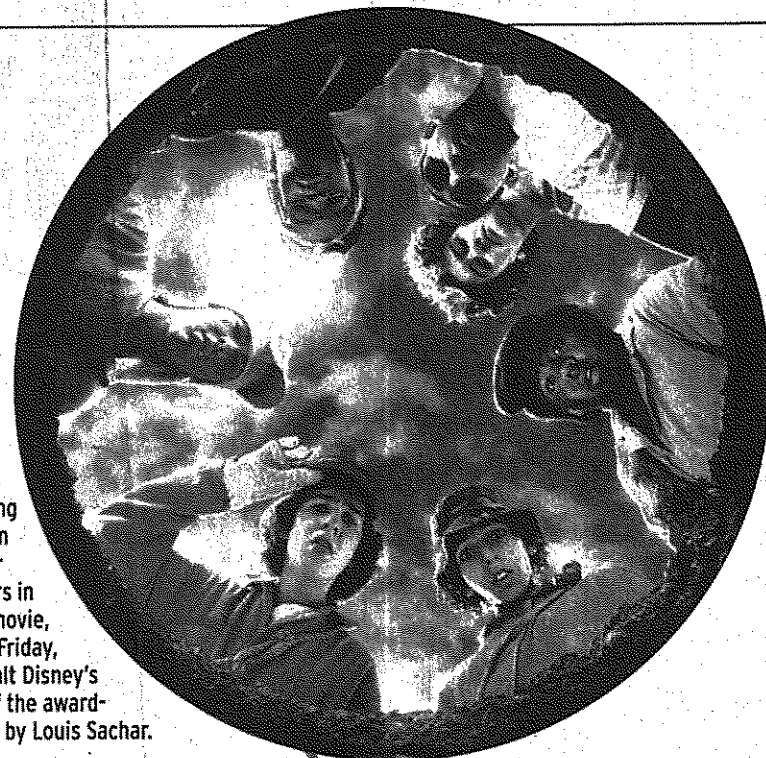
"I always preach to my children the book is better, but the movie was on par with the book," said Anne Burrows, a Lake Orion School District teacher who joined more than 100 educators at the screening.

Even the author's sense of humor comes through on the big screen, said Vera Milz, a retired Bloomfield Hills school teacher who reviews books for the Michigan Reading Association.

"He has a sense of humor that kids just pick up on. Kids respond to him," said

PLEASE SEE HOLES, B6

Digging holes and uncovering the truth is an adventure for the characters in 'Holes.' The movie, which opens Friday, April 18, is Walt Disney's adaptation of the award-winning book by Louis Sachar.



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On stage

Sarah Hedeon (center) wrote and directs the Park Players musical comedy 'Inside Out' Friday-Saturday, to April 11-12, in the theater at the Community House in North Rosedale Park off the Southfield Freeway, near Six Mile Road in Detroit. Tickets prices vary. Call (313) 538-2336. Written especially for the Rosedale Community Theatre's 50th anniversary celebration, the musical tells the story of how a company puts together a production. Songs from 'Annie,' 'Oliver,' 'South Pacific,' 'Cabaret,' and 'Fiddler on the Roof' will bring smiles of recognition to the audience.

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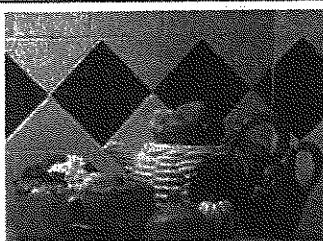
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DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft. Adult admission, \$6.50, senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday-Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening.
April 11-13, Ten (Iran/France), a recently divorced woman engages in ten conversations - some simple, some extraordinary - while driving around Teheran over the course of a few days.
April 14, Il Posto (The Job) (Italy), 1961, director Ermanno Olmi's bitter-sweet portrait of a young Milanese man's search for the perfect "job-for-life" amid the thousands of other young people trying to do the same.

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 Ave., 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 8 p.m., films start at 9:30 p.m., box office hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$2.
April 10, Just Married, Brittany Murphy and Ashton Kutcher play a young newlywed couple on their honeymoon in Europe in a comedy about the obstacles to marriage.
April 17, Catch Me If You Can, based on the true story of Frank Abagnale Jr., a successful con artist who managed to pass himself off as several identities and the FBI agent hot on his trail - with Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks.
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MICHIGAN THEATRE, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 668-8463, www.michtheater.com. Adult admission, \$8, students and senior citizens, \$6.25, Michigan Theater members, \$5.50. Films are shown daily.
April 16-17, Lost in La Mancha, the harsh reality of film-making in a documentary that tracks the production of Terry Gilliam's adaptation of *Don Quixote*, a film that never came into existence.
April 10, 12, 13, 17, Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary (Austria), documentary capturing a series of interviews with 81-year-old Traudl Junge, Hitler's private secretary.
April 10, Cowboy Bebop (Japan), based on the animated television series, Japanese director Shinichiro Watanabe starts with a terrorist explosion that releases a deadly virus on the masses. Then it's up to

the bounty-hunting Bebop crew to catch the culprit in this animated film.
April 10, 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.
Call theater for continuing schedule and additional shows.

STATE THEATER, 233 State St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-8667 or www.michtheater.com. Adult admission, \$8, students and senior citizens, \$6.25.
April 10, Bend it Like Beckham, a comedy about bending the rules to reach your goal that explores the world of women's soccer. Set in Hounslow, West London and Hamburg, the film follows two 18-year-olds with their hearts set on a future in professional soccer.
April 10, The Pianist, Oscar winner for Best Director and Best Actor, Roman Polanski's film is based on the memoirs of the talented pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who miraculously survived World War II.
April 10, The Quiet American, Director Phillip Noyce's adaptation of the Graham Greene novel with Michael Caine as a veteran English journalist and Brendan Fraser as an idealistic American. The story is a murder mystery with a love triangle set in Saigon during the French Indochina War.
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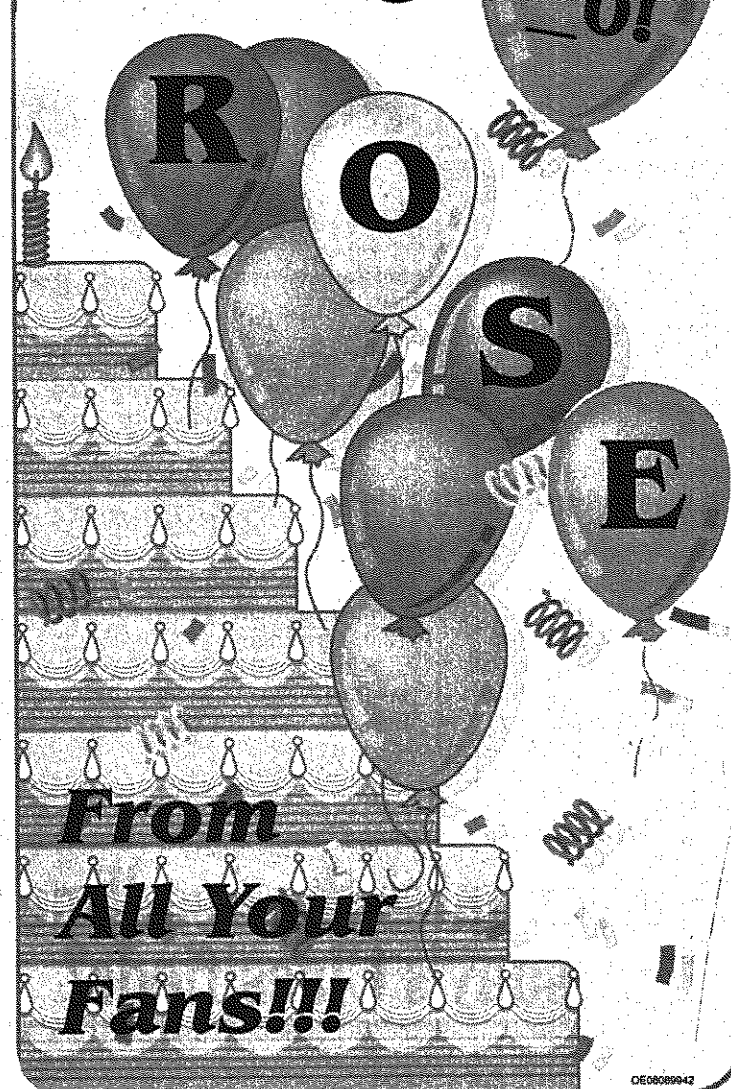
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April 13 (3 p.m.) Rivers and Tides, director Thomas Riedelsheimer follows internationally renowned Scottish artist Andy Goldsworthy for one year and captures his creative process.
April 16 (12:10 p.m.) The New World, a film that situates Andy Goldsworthy's art in a larger social context.

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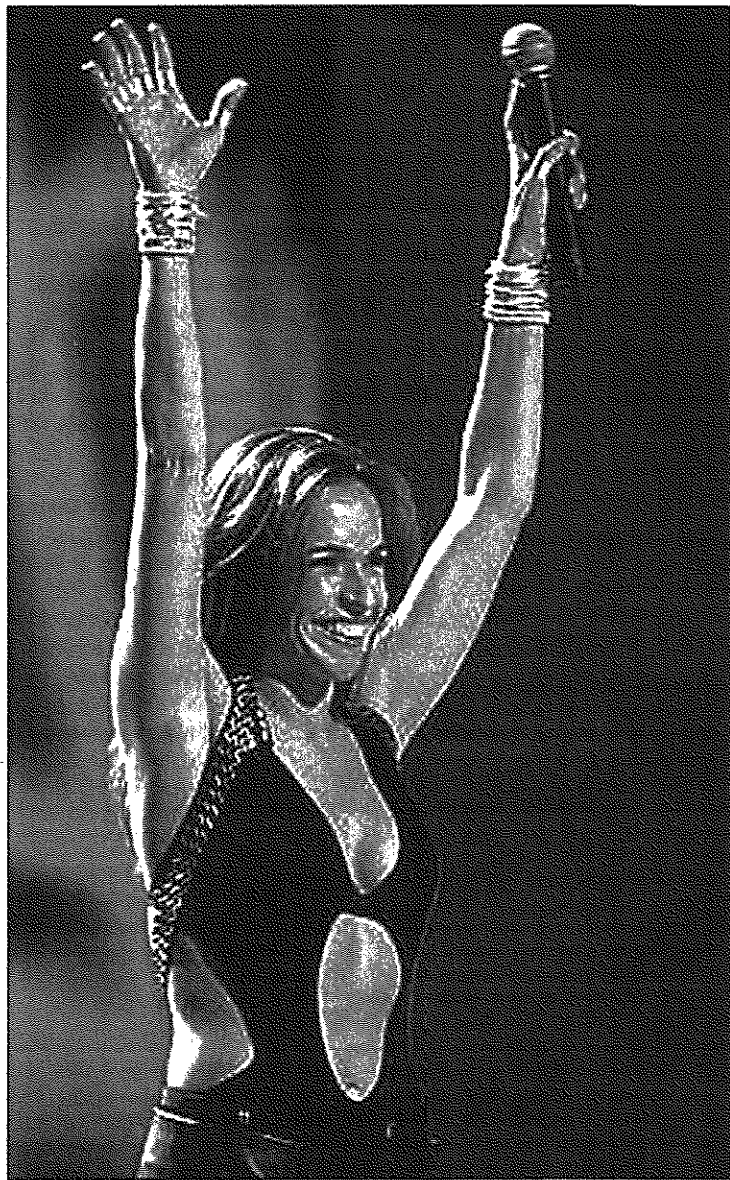
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Happy Birthday...



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Brazilian performer heats up dance party



Daniela Mercury headlines the Afro-Brazilian Dance party at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Daniela Mercury may not be a household name in America as yet but Latin music lovers could care less. They're just excited about dancing the night away.

Elizabeth James bought a new skirt just for the occasion. For those like James who live to dance, the University Musical Society party is the place to be Saturday, April 12. That's when Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center turns into a giant party.

"I went last year to the Afro-Cuban Dance Party with Celia Cruz and it was fabulous," said James, program director for the Afro-American & African Studies Center at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. James lives in Northwest Detroit and frequently visits clubs in the Latino community in Southwest Detroit.

"I was totally unaware of what I was coming into. It was lively people in great spirits. It was great to walk out on the floor surrounded by all these people dancing. This is a super version of the clubs in Southwest Detroit. People have flowers in their hair. I can't wait. It's going to be fun. I go with a group. We buy a block of tickets and invite the students to go see the drumming and hear polyrhythms. It's so educational. Students say that's

a beat I heard in hip hop. They see how the history of music moves."

Like the majority of the audience James will hear Mercury's Brazilian rhythms for the first time. Known as the Queen of Axe (pronounced "ah-SHAY"), the singer fuses samba, reggae, pop, funk, hip hop, and techno in her music.

Mercury grew up in listening to blues, jazz, classical, and opera. By age 15 she was singing Brazilian popular music and at 18 was performing in the carnival of Bahia, a province in northeast Brazil. The parade draws some 2 million people and lasts eight consecutive days.

Ypsilanti is Mercury's only American concert until she returns in June to promote her latest CD *Eletro-domestico*. She has recorded 10 CDs, two with a group, eight as a solo singer. She brings a band of 11 musicians and dancers with her to the Convocation Center.

FLASHY SHOW

Mercury's flashy show is what's made her popular with Latin American and European audiences. Expect lots of flashy dancing from the singer who grew up in Salvador, Bahia's capital. She is quite proud that even though she is white, the city is 80 percent black.

"My songs speak about

AFRO-BRAZILIAN DANCE PARTY

What: University Musical Society throws a dance party with music by Brazilian singing sensation Daniela Mercury

When:
9 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti

Tickets: \$35. (734) 764-2538

Related event: Artist reception and interview with Mercury, 4 p.m. Friday, April 11, University of Michigan School of Social Work Building, International Institute, Room 1636. No charge

Brazil, about the love, about the fight of classes, about the Afro-Bahian groups and the assertion of black culture, about the importance of celebrating life with joy," said Mercury.

"I alternate the shows with

moments of choreography in a group and moments that I dance alone more freely."

Like James, Linda Yohn isn't familiar with Mercury's music or show but is planning to "get familiar with her music" before the party. That shouldn't be difficult for Yohn, WEMU Radio music director and afternoon host. WEMU Radio plays two hours of Cuban music followed by two hours of Brazilian music on Monday evenings.

"It's good music, the rhythm, melody, passion, the spectacle, the authenticity. It's not white bread, homogenized, middle of the road clap trap," said Yohn who was at last year's Afro-Cuban Dance Party. "People should come to experience something new, different, to come out and feel energized and full of life. It's fantastic sweating up a storm. Dancing to really good live music is truly missing from our lives. Today young people can go to the clubs. This is for people of all ages including gray hairs."

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Pianist makes rare appearance on chamber music series

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit continues its world-class series with a rare recital performance by pianist Krystian Zimerman Saturday, April 12, at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

The first seven concerts of the series have been sold out and only a few tickets remain for the Zimerman concert. This is Zimerman's first

Detroit-area performance in 20 years.

Zimerman began his career at age seven under the tutelage of Andrzej Jasinski, a senior lecturer at the Katowice conservatory in Poland. During his 28-year career Zimerman has performed with major symphony orchestras around the world, recorded 22 albums and earned a reputation as a dynamic recitalist and dedicat-

ed musician who successfully bridged the gap from child prodigy to mature artist.

His April 12 program includes Brahms Six Klavierstücke, Op. 118, Beethoven's Sonata No. 31 in A-Flat Major, Op. 110, and Chopin's Impromptu in F-Sharp Major, Op. 36 and Sonata in B minor, Op. 58.

A perfectionist and inventor, Zimerman has traveled with

his own concert piano for the last 11 seasons. He has applied several of his original technical inventions to make it possible to take the instrument along on tour. The confidence afforded by his familiarity with the instrument, combined with his piano-building expertise, allows him to nearly eliminate distractions from purely musical issues.

During his 27 years with

Deutsche Grammophon, Zimerman has recorded renditions of concertos by Schumann, Grieg, Brahms (with Leonard Bernstein), Chopin, and Liszt. Zimerman's release of Debussy's Preludes was named Record of the Year at the 1994 Gramophone Awards. In 1995, he was named Solo Instrumentalist of the Year at the Cannes Classical Awards.

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When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Meadow Brook Theatre
Wait Until Dark, to April 13, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. \$19-\$38. For times (248) 377-3300. Due to the power outage over the weekend, MBT cancelled 3 performances of Wait until Dark Saturday evening April 5 and both Sunday matinee & Sunday evening shows on April 6. Anyone holding tickets, either subscription or individual, for those performances should contact the box office at (248) 377-3300

Plowshares Theatre Company
In Walks Mem'ry through April 13, Northwest Activity Center in the Paul Robeson Theatre, 18100 Meyers. Mature subject matter-must be 18+. \$15-\$25. (313) 872-0279

COMMUNITY THEATER

Adult Shakespeare Workshop
Actress/director Gillian Eaton will lead teens and adults in an interactive approach to creating theater through language and process drama as a spectator and participant, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 25 and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$75 members, \$85 non-members. (734) 416-4278.

COLLEGE THEATER

Henry Ford Community College
Presents the Virtual Reality 3D Stereoscopic production of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" through April 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. Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12, Smith Theater on campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$7, \$5 seniors and students. (248) 522-3422

HIGH SCHOOL THEATER

Groves Performing Arts Company
To Kill a Mockingbird 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12, Groves High School Auditorium, Evergreen and 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. \$6, \$5.50 student. (248) 203-3580

Park Players
Gyps and Dolls, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, Salem High School Logan Auditorium, \$8, at door or (734) 416-7723.

Bloomfield Hills Andover
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, one block west of Telegraph, one block south of Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$10 and \$8, (248) 341-5625.

DINNER THEATER

Genitti's
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

CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Marquis Theatre
The Emperor's New Clothes 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 4. Weekdays, 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 21-25, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. \$7.50 (no children under 3) (248) 349-8110

Paper Bag Productions
Charlotte's Web, noon (lunch) 1 p.m. show, Saturday-Sunday, April 12-13, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile at Middlebelt, G Entrance, \$10 lunch & show, \$7 show only, (586) 344-7774.

Smudge Fundaes
Wiggle, Giggle Show, 7-8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. \$6 per child, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411

OPERA

Friends of the Opera of Michigan
Rossini's *Petit Messe Solennelle* 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13, Ford



Paul Reddick and The Sideman perform music from their current recording, 'Rattlebag,' 10 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.) Friday, April 11, at Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 Fifth, Royal Oak, \$5 cover at door, no cover ladies, call (248) 542-9922, and 10 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Fifth Avenue Billiards, 25750 Novi Road, Novi, \$5 cover at door, no cover ladies, call (248) 735-4011. The group won a trio of Maple Blues Award nominations this year and two Maple Blues Awards out of nine nominations in 2002.

Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn. \$12, \$10 seniors and students with ID. (313) 943-2354. For more information, call (313) 582-0997

CLASSICAL

The Birmingham Musicale
Scholarships concert, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 10, Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Donations appreciated (248) 288-3723

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Pianist Navah Perlman makes her debut 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$56. (313) 576-5111

Kirk in the Hills
Concert organist David Briggs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Kenny Rogerson Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12, Spike Tobin Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19, Maria Bamford Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26, 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, April 16, 23 and 30, \$5

Joey's Comedy Club
Chris Curtis with Raymond DeVito & Kris Peters Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12, 8 p.m. Tuesday is open mic with Beer Money Improv show, comedy classes begin Monday, April 28, above Kicker's All-American Grill, 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), 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or www.comedycastle.com

Joey's at Paisano's
Dustin Diamond (Screch from the TV show *Saved By the Bell*) Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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) 525-2095. For tickets to student matinee "Kids 'N Motion" 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Macomb Center, call (248) 852-5850

Detroit Dance Collective
All About Bach, 8 p.m. Friday, April 11, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. General admission, \$15, students and seniors, \$12, available in advance or at the door, (313) 965-3544.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Livonia Mall
Spring Carnival continues to Saturday, April 19, in front of Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. (248) 476-1160

Southfield Civic Center
Bunny Breakfast 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 12, \$6 residents \$8 non-residents, includes one photo with Easter Bunny per family, pancakes and sausage.

BENEFITS

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
"Ball Gowns & Baseball Caps"



Dance the night away at a 1950s style sock hop to benefit Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Fox Volkswagen dealership in Rochester Hills. Tickets 'For the Love of Art' are \$75, \$100 patron donors. Proceeds go to the PCCA Building Fund, call (248) 651-4110. Silent and live auctions will be part of the evening's festivities. "Diner-type" food will be catered by Nouvelle Cuisine; 1950s rock music is by The Classics Band. Pictured are sock hop dancers Caitlyn Krisniski (left) and Lisa Zelenak.

annual dinner, auction and concert to raise funds for the orchestra, guest performer Johnny Ginger narrates "Casey at the Bat," 6 p.m. Friday, April 11, Laurel Manor Banquet Hall, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$65. (734) 451-2112

Empty Bowls
Dinner 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester. \$10, includes homemade soup in a handmade pottery bowl, bread and beverage, \$30 per family. Proceeds go to Rochester Food Pantry and Oakland County Food Bank. (248) 651-9361

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

JAZZ/BLUES

Edison's
John D. Lamb (trio) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday, April 10; Robert Noll Blues Mission (quartet) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, no cover charge. (248) 645-2150

Schoolcraft College
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

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
Chris Collins, saxophone and clarinet, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, April 9; Tom Saunders, cornet and Jim Wyse, clarinet and saxophone 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, April 16; Gene Parker, vibes and saxophone 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, and vocalist Barbara Ware 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner (two drink minimum). (734) 762-7756

Kate Hart
Performs with Detroit Women in R&B, 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak, (248) 767-4377.

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

Country Western Easter Dance
Wolverine Silverspur Dancers, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 28111 Imperial Dr. Warren, \$10, DJ, lesson, snacks (586) 573-0668

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio
Swing & Salsa dance instruction 8 p.m., Dance 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ, 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

All Star Dance Parties
7 p.m. Sunday (one hour Cha Cha lesson by Glen Clark) through April, \$6, ballroom dancing 8-11 p.m., \$6, \$10 for both, White Heather Club, 150 Vester, Ferndale. (313) 521-6564

A-1 Dance Parties
8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, Top 40s, Oldies, Line Dances, requests, Italian Cultural Center, Warren. \$6. (313) 521-6564

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.laahom.org

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
Live animal display-hands on activities for kids, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, east of Hines Drive. Free (734) 261-1990

Detroit Historical Museum
French Heritage Workshop, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 5-18, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.com

Detroit Institute of Arts
Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

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

Detroit Zoo
Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70-foot see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org. Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile at I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717.

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
Trash or Treasure? - Antique Appraisal Clinic with "Antique Roadshow" appraiser Ernest DuMouchelle 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 1, limit of up to 5 hand-held items, cost is \$10 per item for oral appraisal, \$15 per item for written; 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
Kite Festival, learn about history of kites then color and build a kite 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 26 (\$5, \$10 per family and includes one kite kit. 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 Dairy Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochester-hills.org/museum.htm

MAKING CONTACT

Please submit items for publication in Going Places to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event. *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

The Electric Six to rock the dance floor

When the single *Danger! High Voltage* debuted at number two on UK record charts recently, the Detroit-based Electric Six found itself performing before raucous British crowds, being followed back to hotels, and losing coveted items of clothing.

"It's definitely a weird thing when the crowd's clapping and you haven't even done anything yet," said Surge Joebot, guitarist.

The band returned from a European tour bursting with tales of rock hijinks. Across the Atlantic, they couldn't escape the song, now a dance floor favorite. It was even a preferred choice among pre-teen Karaoke singers in Scotland.

"I would be sick of it," said Joebot. "Over there, it's on a lot."

The single was recently released on E.P. by London's XL Recordings. No doubt the rumored guest vocals by Jack White had something to do with its meteoric rise.

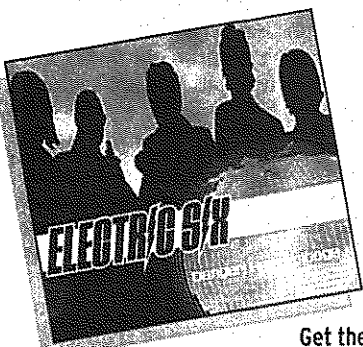
Of course, the band clearly denies any collaboration with the White Stripes mastermind. Instead those dueling vocals are credited to one John S. O'Leary.

But the band has been known to lie.



Street Scene

Stephanie Angelyn Casola



Get the Electric Six E.P. *Danger! High Voltage* in stores now.

Just listen to these names: Singer Dick Valentine, guitarists Surge Joebot and The Rock and Roll Indian, bassist Disco and a drummer that goes by one initial - M. Can we trust them?

Following the success of *Danger! High Voltage*, the Electric Six is set to release a first XL full-length, titled *Fire*, on May 19.

Thirteen lucky songs long, the disc was recorded at both The White Room and London's Abbey Road - where



Detroit's Electric Six are five strong with (left to right) Surge Joebot, The Rock and Roll Indian, Dick Valentine, Disco and M. Formerly The Wildbunch, the band was forced to make the change at the request of a DJ with the same name. The Electric Six was derived from an idea Disco used to scribble on his school notebooks.

the Beatles recorded nearly 200 songs.

"When we were at Abbey Road two of our amps blew out," said Joebot. "Someone's ghost didn't want us to be there."

That wasn't the only strange occurrence. Two days after doing a magazine photo shoot at Brighton Pier in England, the pier "burned and crumbled into the ocean."

The Electric Six seem to experiment with the adage truth is stranger than fiction.

Originally called The Wildbunch, the band formed in late 1996 when M encountered Dick Valentine singing at a local coffee house. M walked in to find the singer doing a "push up solo," his acoustic lying next to him. The two soon began recording and

coerced Surge Joebot, The Rock and Roll Indian and Disco to join on. ("We were rock for hire," recalled Joebot.) Recently, Tait Nucleus was added as "synthist."

Danger! High Voltage can be traced back further. Joebot said he arbitrarily chose to pick up guitar after a chemistry class discussion with a high school friend at age 15. During

one of his early recording sessions the music that would be *High Voltage* began to take shape.

It was set to 4-track by 1994, became a regular during Wildbunch rehearsals, and was initially released by the local Flying Bomb label. But it took the hand of BBC Radio 1's John Peel to command mass attention.

Dubbed "disco metal" the song is easily danceable and rather contagious. Lyrics like "Fire in the Taco Bell" reflect that quirky nature that makes the Electric Six a band to either love or hate.

The members themselves tend to tug the music in different directions.

"I would like it to be a super hard rock, metal band," said Surge Joebot. "The Rock and Roll Indian, he'd like to see it be an interesting pop thing. I think M would like it to be an avant-experimental (band) like Captain Beefheart. Disco would prefer a straight-up Orthodox garage rock band. And Dick Valentine just wants us to play his songs."

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at (734) 953-2054 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

Discover the nature of things at interpretive centers

Here's a partial listing of nature/interpretive centers in the *Observer & Eccentric* coverage area.

Most offer educational programs on a regular basis for a small fee. Exhibits also change periodically.

Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission. (313) 593-5338.

Highlights: Exhibit of the Rouge River watershed, feeding stations for wildlife, and ceramic tiles created by children on what nature means to them. Nature trails, Rouge

River, pond, meadow and grounds of the Fair Lane Estate are nearby.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Wayne County Parks, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Westland.

Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission. (734) 261-1990.

Highlights: Exhibits of Rouge River history, live reptiles and amphibians, Henry Ford and his cottage industries, and Native Americans cultures. Easy access to Hines Park is nearby.

Marshlands Museum and Nature Center at Lake Erie Metropark, 32481 W. Jefferson between Woodruff and Huron

River Drive, Brownstown Township.

Open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (734) 397-5020 or (800) 477-3189.

Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge for museum/nature center.

Highlights: Displays of mounted birds and firearms, plus nature trail.

Interpretive Nature Center and Farm Learning Center at Kensington Metropark, Kent Lake Road exit at I-96, Milford. (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178.

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'LOVE'

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miere of her play, "The Home Team," Thursday, April 17, at the Phoenix Theatre in Indianapolis. The play comes to Performance Network in Ann Arbor this fall.

In the meantime, they're enjoying working together. The two originally met in 1990 when Carney was acting in one of Dubin's plays at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield.

"We're very good friends," said Dubin. "As writers, we show each other our work. We trust each other.

"We've had fun doing this. There's a shorthand between us."

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JIM JAGGELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lise Lacasse (left), Mark Barrera, Timothy McKernan and Annie Palmer rehearse a scene from one of six comedic vignettes in *Could This Be Love?*

One-act plays explore relationships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes Timothy McKernan isn't quite sure if he's about to play the eccentric director in "Meltdown" or the slightly shady plastic surgeon in "Skin Deep" at Trinity House Theatre.

But the Plymouth resident isn't complaining. He's just happy to be on stage applying the acting skills he learned at Schoolcraft College and Wayne State University.

"Could This Be Love?," a series of six one-act comedies, calls for four actors to play 13 roles. McKernan transforms himself into three different characters.

"It's a chance to spread my

wings," said McKernan, who earned a bachelor's degree in theater from University of Detroit-Mercy last year and has since acted in productions at Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield. "It's a lot of fun, the humor is terrific. And it's wonderful to have the playwrights there. You may have a different take on a character or scene. You explore. That's what rehearsal is for - to try things."

Director Nancy Kammer prides herself on allowing actors to experiment with a character.

"This ensemble of actors is so exciting to work with," said Kammer, who directed "Queen of Bingo" last year at Trinity House Theatre. She was artistic director at BoarsHead Theater

in Lansing for two seasons.

"These one-acts are a real banquet of opportunity for exploration and stretching. I love working with new plays and one-acts. It's a smorgasbord, all these wonderful flavors and styles. 'Could This Be Love?' spans a lot of different experiences and types of love.

"I've made the set monochromatic - white, gray and black with splashes of color. I think that's what relationships are, not just black and white. They're all very hopeful plays that illuminate the human condition but with humor. We need that in these dark times."

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"It's not a heavy program. They're short pieces, a lot of different styles. I think they're going to like everything. Stylistically, people have favorites, but variety is the spice of life."

Liberson and Conway will perform a variety of music by composers ranging from William Bolcom to Claude Debussy including Pocket Size Sonata No. 2 by Alec Templeton.

"I mixed it up," said Liberson. "The Petite Piece by Debussy I knew about forever. The Templeton is light and jazzy. I

looked for pieces with small, short or petite in the title. These are musical miniatures."

It's easy to hear the love for chamber music in Liberson's voice. The Vivace Series gives him the opportunity to share that with the audience. Except for concerts with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings of which he is a charter member, Liberson rarely performs with small ensembles. That's why he's enthusiastic about the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival June 14-29 - and the Vivace Series. The Festival features a series of concerts with internationally known chamber musicians like violinist Ida Kavafian and members of Detroit Chamber Winds &

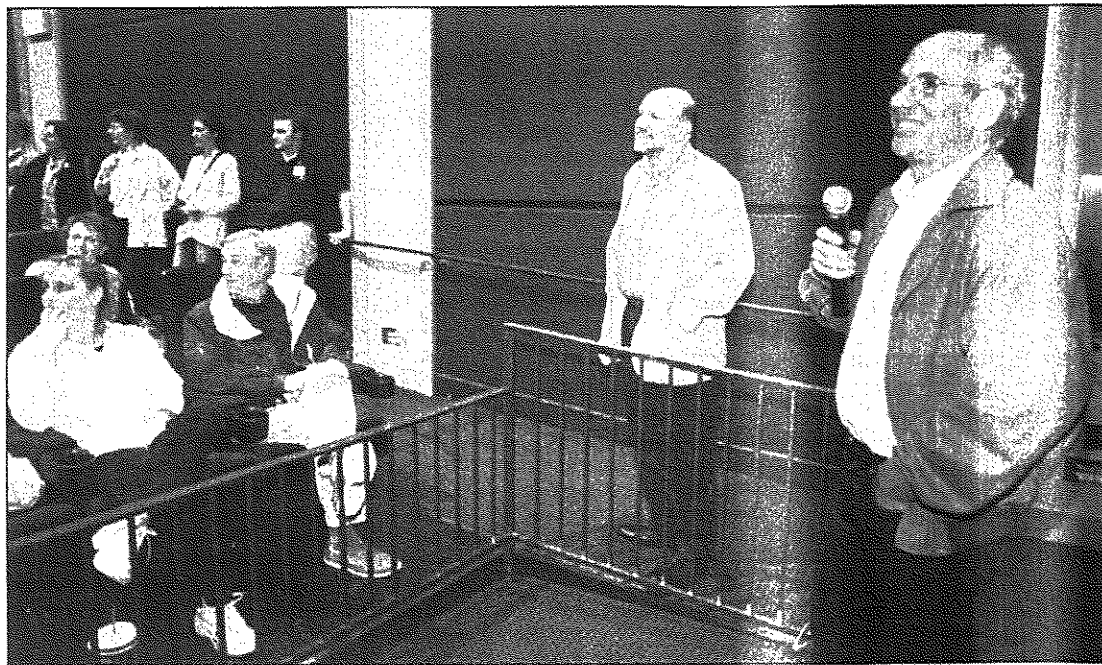
Strings. The Vivace Series spotlights chamber music at least once every season.

"In school, I remember recitals being *four* affairs with heavier work," said Liberson. "I wanted something thematic and on the lighter side. You'll be hearing music you've never heard before. The second half nobody will know any of the music.

"We'll do an encore of James Scott's 'Frog Legs Rag' only if they clap."

Leave it to Liberson to end on a note of humor.

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Holes' author Louis Sachar (right) and Andrew Davis, who directed Walt Disney's adaptation of the story, came to Birmingham to show the movie. More than 100 local teachers turned out to see the film.

HOLES

FROM PAGE B1

Milz. "If you liked the book, you will enjoy the film."

STAR VISIT

After the movie screening, teachers, parents and young readers had the opportunity to speak with the movie's director, Andrew Davis, as well as "Holes" author Louis Sachar.

"It's hard to get good books for the classroom," one teacher told Sachar, adding she hoped he would publish more works in the near future.

While there were many questions and comments about the film, it clearly was Sachar who the audience came to see.

"Louis is a star, so we are parading our star around," said Davis, whose directorial credits include such blockbusters as "The Fugitive" with Harrison Ford and "Collateral Damage" with Arnold Schwarzenegger. "We want educators to know that the author likes the movie."

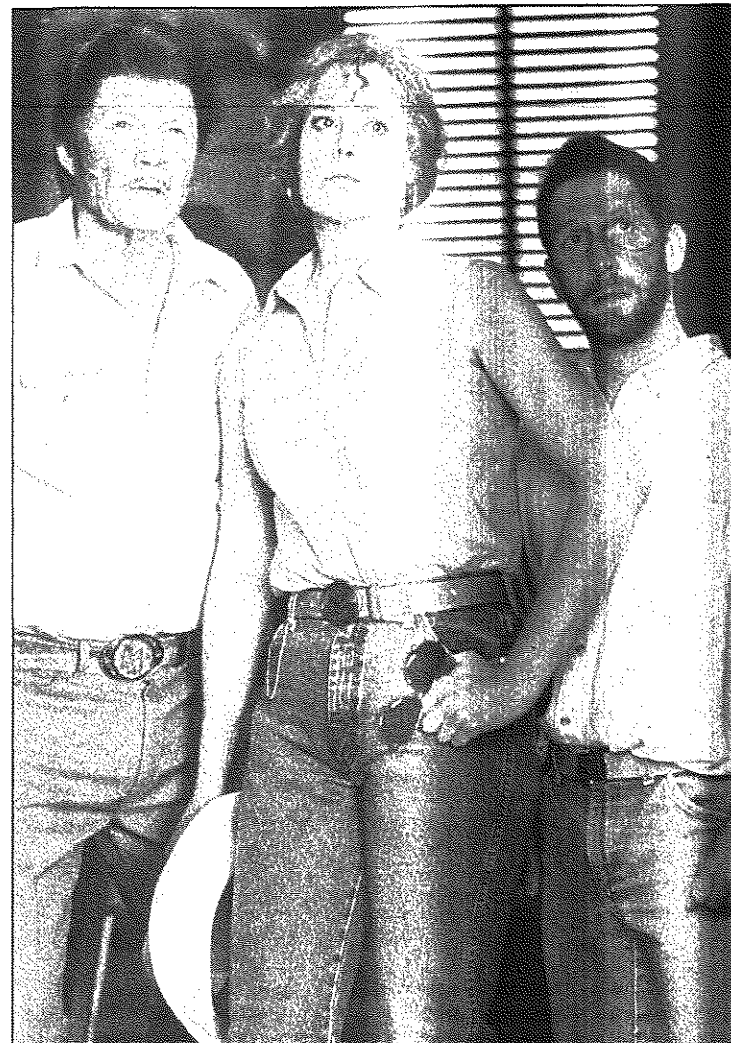
CLASSIC ADVENTURE

The film, which is rated PG, targets moviegoers age 8-14. "But it moves to older audiences," said Davis.

Indeed, the film's plot line shifts between past and present, reality and tale. Themes in the film include racism, friendship, loyalty, literacy, justice, community and family. All the while, the story is a classic adventure.

Taking the journey for us is a boy named Stanley Yelnats (Shia LaBeouf), an unlikely hero convicted of a crime he did not commit.

Sentenced to time in a remote correctional camp called Camp Green Lake, Yelnats and his co-delinquents



Also starring in 'Holes' are (from left) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver and Tim Blake Nelson.

are charged with digging holes day-in and day-out. According to the camp's director, played by Sigourney Weaver, and her right-hand man, played by Jon Voight, digging holes is how the boys will build character.

But Yelnats is quick to suspect otherwise and begins to uncover the real reason why they are digging holes.

AUTHOR'S APPROVAL

Like most authors, Sachar

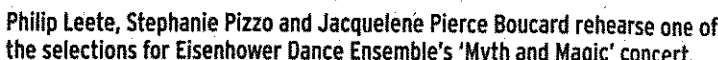
had concerns about his book being adapted for screen.

"Holes" has become a very special book," Sachar said. "I was worried that it would lose that, be overshadowed, or it would be a very silly movie."

But the story, the characters and the themes all come through, he said.

"I am amazed. And I'm one of those people who always likes the book better."

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Jack Dunleavy's – 340 N. Main, Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Choose an 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. seating; adults \$21.95, children 4-10 years \$8.95, no charge for children age 3 and younger. Ham, prime rib, roasted turkey,



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\$25.95 seniors 65 and older, \$15.95 children 5-12, no charge for children 4 and under. Brunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes breakfast items, prime rib, lamb, ham, peel-and-eat shrimp, fruit, cheeses, salads, baked scrod, desserts and children's buffet.

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Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident who writes about food and travel for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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Ristorante Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, has been recognized by The Best Of...Pasta airing regularly on the Food Network. The crew from The Best Of... will be shooting at Ristorante Cafe Cortina 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 11. To participate, call for reservations (248) 474-3033 or visit www.cafecortina.com for more information.

Slice of Life

Buddy's Pizza and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's 27th annual *A Slice of Life Benefit* is Monday, April 21. Visit any of Buddy's six dine-in locations 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., purchase a ticket at the door, and enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza with two toppings and your choice of Garden Antipasto or Greek Salad. Purchase a ticket at any of Buddy's three carry-out locations and receive a square pizza with two toppings, or an individual size Garden, Antipasto, or Greek Salad. The cost is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors (over 62), and \$6.50 (children 10 and younger). "We have raised over \$2 million over the past 26 years," said Robert Jacobs, Buddy's owner. "The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is an amazing and caring operation. They receive no government funds and they rely mainly rely on donations."

Last night on the Titanic

On Sunday, April 13, approximately 300 guests are expected for dinner at the Roostertail Banquet Center in Detroit to experience the Last Night on the Titanic. The dinner, taken from one of two menus salvaged from the wreckage of the ship, will include the same 11 course meal served to First Class passengers on what proved to be the last dinner on the Titanic. The dinner, to benefit Independent Opportunities of Michigan, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Authentic music for the era for dancing will be provided by the Music Messengers String Quartet. Tickets are \$150 per person, and include dinner, wine package and entertainment. For ticket information, and to view the menu, go to www.doubleexposureinc.net or call (248) 656-RSVP.



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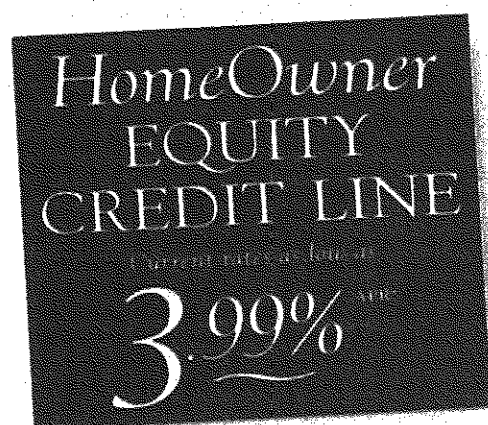
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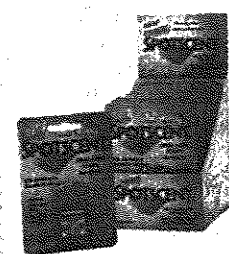


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Palm Sunday

Forget about the snow, it's time for orchids.

The Michigan Orchid Society will feature orchids at the Palm Sunday Orchid Show, Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. MOS members will answer questions and discuss methods of growing orchids with visitors. More than 12 professional growers will display blooming orchids and have supplies for sale.

Spruce up

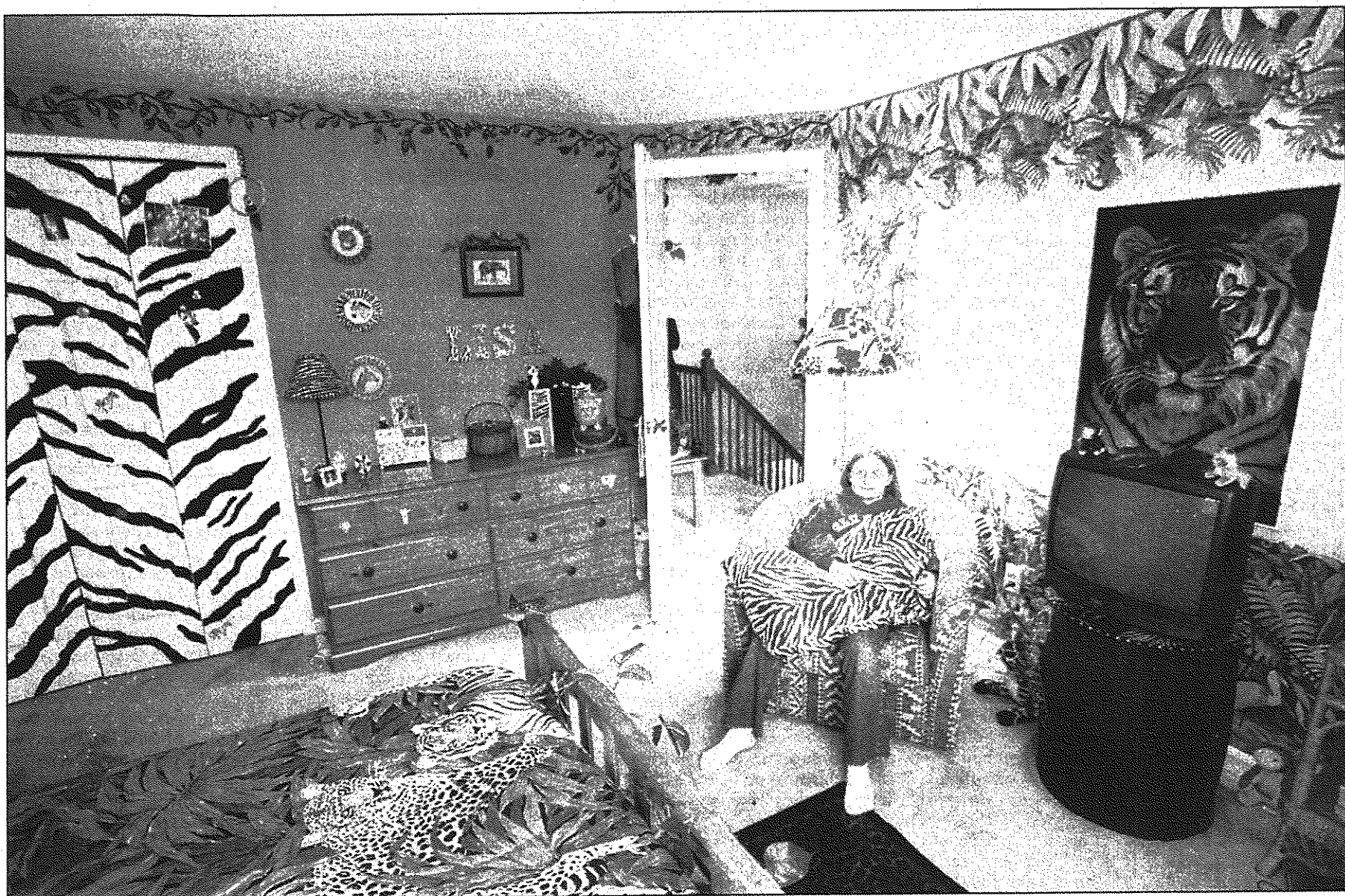
The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club presents Spruce Up for Spring at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive (north of Maple, east of Coolidge) in Troy.

Enjoy presentations by two interior design professionals. Renea Lewis of Design by Choice will discuss "The Art of Accessorizing" and Patti Kommel of Homework Interiors will talk about "Color Trend Forecast for 2003." Spend the afternoon touring five selected showrooms filled with outstanding home furnishings and accessories. Advance tickets are \$12, tickets purchased at the door are \$15. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and check made payable to Oakland University/MBHGC. Mail to Ella Steele, 230 Randolph Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 All proceeds will benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.

Remodeling

Americans spend more than \$4.8 billion annually on kitchen remodeling projects, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Another \$2.5 billion is spent on bathroom remodeling. Studies show that these large expenditures on kitchen and bath projects may add more value to a home's value than any other room. The average home has nearly twice as many bathrooms as a few decades ago, so it stands to reason that the dollars spent on bathroom additions have increased. In 2000, 56 percent of all new homes were built with 2½ baths or more, compared to only 1 percent of homes built in 1950 and 16 percent in 1970.

For more information, visit www.nahb.com



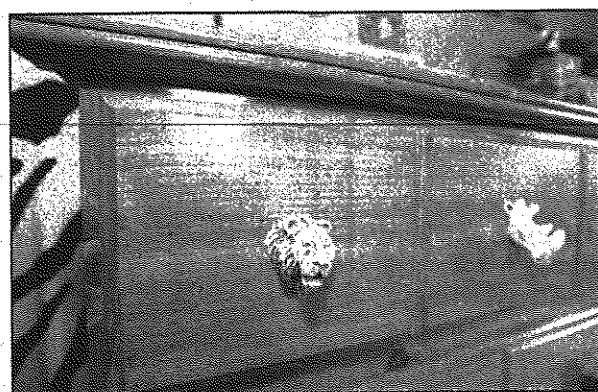
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Lisa Valentine of Plymouth sits in a chair in her jungle-themed bedroom.

It's a Jungle in there

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Room's facelift highlights animals and greenery



Even the drawer handles on Lisa's dresser contribute to the theme.

Lisa Valentine liked the room.

Lisa, 11, had the chance to choose between two upstairs bedrooms and wanted *that* one, painted a pale gray, because "it was bigger."

Her mother and father, Marcia and John Valentine, had relocated the family from one home to another in Plymouth.

But Marcia did not like the room's color.

"I can't imagine anyone even liking (that color), so we'd thought we'd do something different," Marcia said.

Enter a creative friend of Marcia's, and soon the three of them

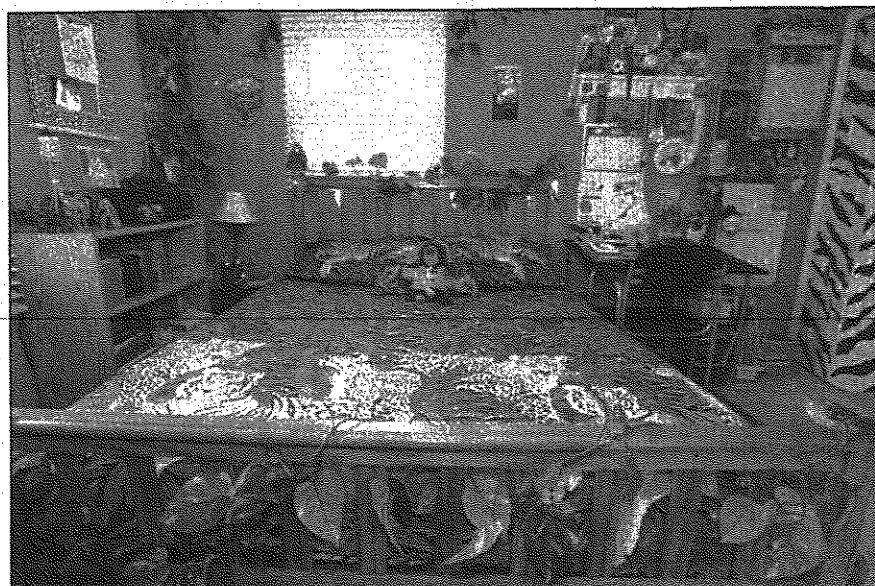
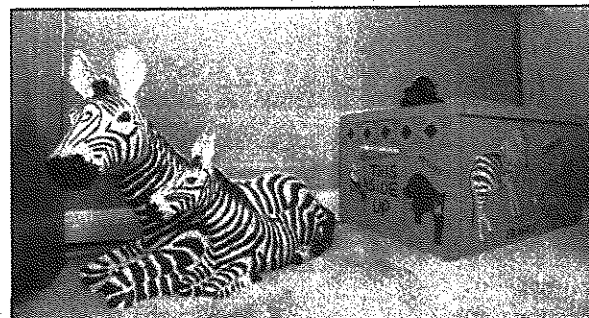
went to work.

Bamboo shoots sprouted on a lamp stand. Vines spread their way on a border along the ceiling.

A monkey and an elephant stood on guard in the corners as table stands.

Wooden paws stepped up the wall.

Soon, the pale gray room in the colonial home in Plymouth was transformed into a green jungle full of foliage and fauna.



Plastic leaves on the headboard and footboard, stuffed animals and a jungle bedspread stay true to the jungle motif. Above, a pair of wood-carved zebras and a painted cargo box keep the theme strong in the details.

THE MOVE

When John and Marcia Valentine moved to that home in November 2000, they loved their new digs.

The Valentines decided to spiff up two upstairs bedrooms at the same time for Lisa, and 13-year-old Lauren. Lisa is a fifth-grader at Plymouth

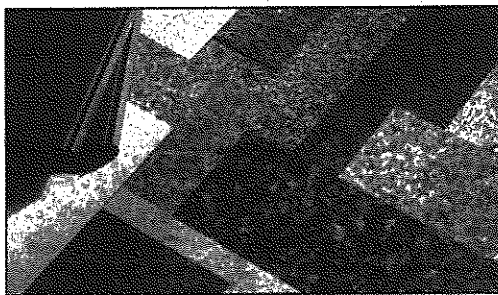
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MARKETPLACE

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Back to nature

Wilsonart International has introduced new laminates. Mesa Midnight, the newest addition to Wilsonart's MesaGranite Collection, features a charcoal black, granite-like pattern. The collection has 10 patterns that resemble granite, but offers such additional hues as lapis and green that aren't normally found in naturally formed granite. The laminate's finish provides the smooth feel and brilliant look of stone. Shown at left (clockwise from top right) are Mesa Sand, Mesa Sunrise, Mesa Ridge, Mesa Verte, Mesa Gold, Mesa Desert, Mesa Midnight, Mesa Pearl, Mesa Twilight, Mesa Blanca and Mesa Flint.

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Cats are wonderful, unique pets

I never take any animal home from the clinic.

I'm not hard hearted. Too many sad stories pass through the clinic. If I take home the



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

stray kitten someone found in a dumpster, what happens when the three-legged pup needs a home? Sad stories never end, and I knew this chain could lead to a house full of animals. Thus the vow to never take an animal home.

HOUSE FILLED WITH ANIMALS

My wife never made such a vow. Our house is overrun with animals. Two dogs. Six birds. Three cats. All well taken care of and happy. People who come to the house will be fascinated by the birds, enamored with the dogs, but will often have a disdain for the cats.

I find that many people dislike cats. (My clue for this theory came from people saying, "I hate cats.")

I'm always fascinated when people say this. They puff out their chest and say it with a pride usually reserved for bragging about growing the blue ribbon radish at the state fair. It's as though they discovered the idea to hate cats, and they're letting you in on it so you can start preaching it like it's some new anti-feline religion.

This disdain permeates our culture. Even in the lame *Dogs and Cats* movie, the cats were the villains. And it goes beyond just us.

A retiring vet from India visited my clinic for a day. A wonderful gentleman, he told me amazing stories about his practice. He videotaped me to take back and show his colleagues what American veterinarians are like. (Goofy, pudgy guys with pony tails!)

Anyway, he saw Buhtatuh, our clinic cat, and stopped in his tracks, saying, "There is a cat running around!" I assured him it was fine. He then looked at me, and with a very serious expression, said, "But cats are evil!" "Ya," I replied. "But that's part of their charm."

You can argue all day that cats are inferior pets, but they have surpassed dogs as the most common pet in the United States.

CATS ARE POPULAR

Cat popularity increases for many reasons, one important reason being the convenience. We live in a time that families don't sit around the house quilting all day. Most houses sit empty much of the time, as parents and kids race through their hectic schedules. Finding the time to get home to let the dog out can be difficult. Finding time to play with the dog? Often near impossible.

Cats don't need a lot of your time. Litter boxes can be cleaned when you get home, which means you don't have to

rush back to avoid having the Yellow Sea on your hardwood floors. Also, cats take attention when they want it.

They'll let you know when that time is.

Add to that the lower cost of food and health care in cats, along with apartment living being much more conducive to kitties, and it's clear why they become a favorite in our society.

But what about that aloof personality? That lack of interest in you or your life bugs people.

Dogs bounce around the house when you get home, wagging their tail, seemingly saying, "It's you! It's you! It's you!" Cats look at you through partially closed eyes and seem to say "Oh, it's you," then drift back off to dreamland.

CURING THE DISLIKE

People visit cat owners and become disgusted about this distant creature, and how it ignores them when they want to pet it, or climbs in their lap when they don't want it to.

But the true cure for hating cats is not to visit one.

The cure is to own one.

Every time someone gets a kitten or an adult cat for the first time, they say the same thing: "He (or she) isn't really like a cat at all!" Then they inform me about how the critter runs up to greet them, fetches, and plays all evening with them.

Being very social creatures, most breeds of dog play with and get petted by anyone with relatively equal excitement.

You can almost see a young Labrador's eyes light up when he sees someone, seemingly screaming, "A human! Love you! Pet me!" Most cats treat their owners very differently than guests. They don't want any person; they want *their* person. Once you own one, and you become their person, usually you get hooked.

PERSONALITIES VARY

Each cat has a different personality all their own, and most can be very charming in their own way. Get 10 golden retrievers in a room and you have maybe two different personalities between them. Get 10 cats in a room, and you'll have at least 19 different personalities!

I'm a dog person at heart, but cats have much to offer, and certainly more and more people learn this all the time. You may want to give owning a cat a try. They really do make great pets!

Don't worry...if you need to feel obstinate you can still proudly proclaim your disdain for broccoli.

Take home message: People who hate cats miss out on a great little friend. They're truly not evil. Well, most of them aren't. I think.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City. Feel free to write him at VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI, 48135 with questions and comments. You can send e-mail to Questions@animalradio.com.

Make sure your garage door operates safely

My wife, Karen, called me to the garage when she discovered the door would only lower about two feet, stop and reverse. It took me a while to discover that the track on the electric opener was corroded. A little WD-40 did the trick and the door was able to close.

Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Your garage door may be subjected to more wear and tear than any other part of your home, yet it is too often taken for granted. It's heavy, subjected to a harsh environment, under great tension and usually used at least twice a day. A neglected door almost always becomes noisy, but continued neglect can create a dangerous door.

Simple maintenance should take no more than 10 minutes and you'll need no special tools. Most of today's garage doors are the sectional type with some sort of spring counterbalance. Most of the following tips will apply to just about any type of door.

■ Tighten all nuts and bolts. Pay particular attention to those at the roller brackets. Inspect and tighten the lag bolts holding the track to the wall as necessary. Squirt a little spray lube (WD-40) on all pivot points.

■ Inspect the rollers. Plastic rollers tend to crack or chip. The bearings on steel rollers will wear causing the roller to tilt. These can be purchased at hardware and home improvement stores. Just remove the screws holding the bracket to the door, remove the roller and replace. The bottom roller bracket is attached to the lift cable. Leave the replacement of this one to a professional.

■ Check the cable for signs

of fraying and corrosion. Pay particular attention to the loop at the bottom of the door since this is often subjected to salt laden moisture. This cable is under tension; if there are signs of deterioration, don't attempt to replace the cable yourself.

■ The lubricant on the traveler track (or tube) will become stiff and attract dirt. Clean it with WD-40 (or similar) and a rag. Apply a coat of spray-on white lithium grease. Check the emergency release for proper operation.

While you have the WD-40 out spray some on the torsion spring.

■ Disengage your door opener and lift the door about half way. A properly balanced door will hold in this position. If your door is not balanced, call a professional.

■ Test the auto reverse feature on your opener. A full paper towel roll will crush when the door is closed on it but should get no closer than one inch from the floor before coming to a stop. It should reverse within two seconds of stopping. You should also check the auto reverse at about the mid-point of travel by grabbing the bottom of the door as it's about halfway closed. Again, it should stop and reverse. (If your door opener doesn't have an auto reverse feature, I strongly suggest replacing it.)

This simple maintenance should be performed at least once a year, even better make it part of your spring and fall routine.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

HOME CALENDAR

Spring flair

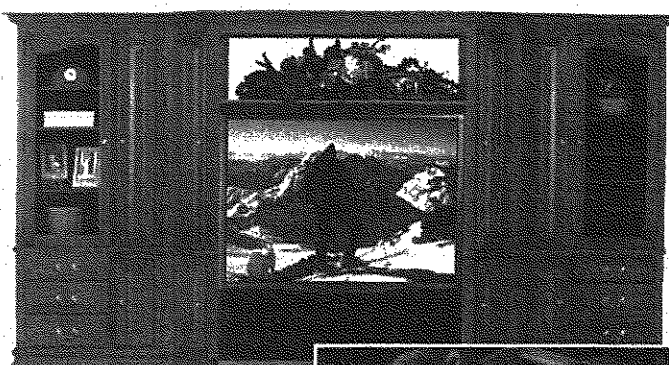
Tired of the winter blues? Learn how a few creative changes can liven up your room on any budget in Add Spring Flair to Your Rooms, an Ethan Allen Designers Saturday Seminar. The seminar will take place 1 p.m. April 12 at Ethan Allen, 15700 Middlebelt in

Livonia. Call (734) 261-7780.

Easter Bunny

Children of all ages are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny and receive a special treat 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road in Novi. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

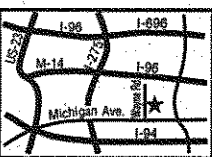
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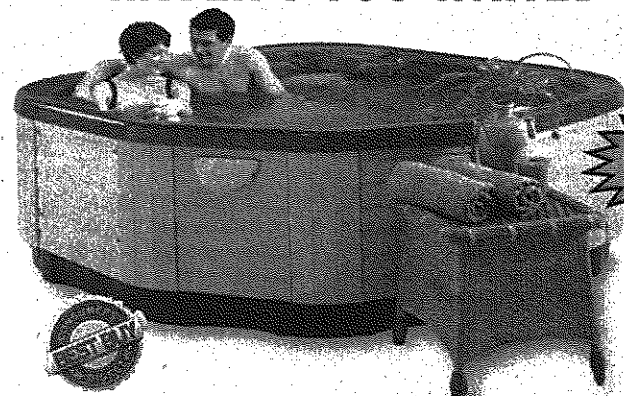
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Beautiful, versatile shrubs are popular

Beautiful and versatile shrubs are becoming more popular in our gardens. I'll call this column "The ABCs of Shrubs" because I'll tell you



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

About them, their Beauty and Care. Here are some new ones on the market.

Many of us probably know the following shrub as elderberry. The botanical name is *Sambucus* and one would be a great addition to many gardens, especially in a natural setting. Elderberry is better known for its folk uses.

Recent introductions now have a colorful array of foliage such as yellow, copper, white and even black.

Black Beauty (*S. nigra* "Gerda") is the newest with dark black foliage that doesn't fade to green in summer, but actually gets darker. Lemon-scented, rich pink flowers appear in late June to early July that are a great contrast to the foliage.

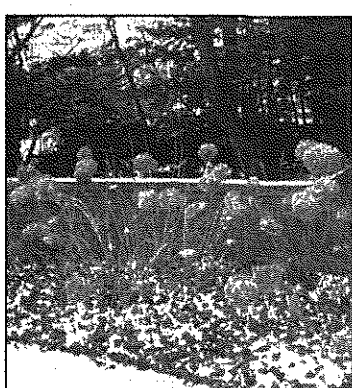
Grow Black Beauty in almost all soils as a shrub or as a bold perennial; cutting it back in the fall results in a neat plant. Maturity: 8 to 12 feet; zone 4.

A new *Potentilla fruticosa*, or Bush Cinquefoil, is "Sommerflor." It is a long-blooming cultivar with bright yellow blooms from mid-summer until frost.

A light shearing increases the quantity of flowers that look good in the summer heat when others tend to look spent. This plant does best in fertile, moisture-retentive, but well-drained, soil that's neutral to slightly alkaline, but will adapt to some acidity.

There are several cultivars with white, apricot and pink blooms.

Use this beauty as a low hedge, in a perennial border or the front of a shrub border, or along foundations. In late winter remove one-third of old growth and reshape. Maturity: 3 feet; zone 3.



MARTY FIGLEY

Choose a new shrub this spring. See how striking hydrangeas can be in the winter.

Another winner is *Deutzia*, a genus that encompasses more than 60 species of mostly deciduous shrubs. Grow these for their airy sprays of white or pink spring flowers and often delicate, arching habit. Some *deutzias* develop exfoliating bark with age.

The new *kalmiiflora*, *D. purpurea* x *D. parviflora*, is considered one of the best because of the arching and showy blooms.

The flowers are white/light pink on the inside and deep pink on the outside.

Grow in sun or part shade in fertile soil with protection from strong winds. It needs minimal pruning. Maturity: 4 to 6 feet; zone 5.

HYDRANGEAS

Hydrangeas are an old-fashioned favorite, with flowers that range from white to sapphire "caps," and a species with burgundy fall foliage and furrowed bark.

There are more than two dozen species of evergreen and deciduous shrubs and climbers. The flowers of the shrubs are great for drying to add winter beauty indoors.

These plants like fertile, moisture-retentive soil, full sun to part shade. The species vary in their tolerance to sun, wind, salt and drought, and in their pruning requirements, so growers need to know what to do with the ones they have chosen.

There are only a few

cultivars of *H. arborescens*. A new one, "White Dome," *H. arborescens* "Dardom," is proving to be even more spectacular than the popular "Annabelle" now on the market.

The plant is excellent in all respects, with strong flower stems and big, robust leaves. "White Dome" is perfect for the back of the perennial border or for use as a specimen. The large blooms are excellent for cutting and make exotic floral displays. Maturity: 4 to 6 feet; zone 4.

All of these plants are native to North America.

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CARE

All plants need nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and traces of about a dozen other elements such as calcium, magnesium and sulfur. It doesn't matter whether the source is organic or inorganic.

Organic amendments work more slowly than inorganic fertilizers, so need to be applied before a plant is in stress. Inorganic fertilizers work more quickly.

The soil needs to be tested before planting to be sure it contains the elements the plants need.

Nitrogen helps green up leaves and produces rapid vegetative growth, so should be applied early in the season. Phosphorus stimulates root growth and should be added to the hole when you plant your shrubs. Potassium promotes flowering and fruiting and can be added in early spring or early fall.

Never fertilize in late fall, which can stimulate tender new growth that can be damaged by frost.

Water plants well before and after fertilizing.

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

Bordine presents Spring Garden Expo

BY MARTY FIGLEY
CORRESPONDENT

You won't want to miss the Bordine Nursery Spring Garden Expo which will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, at the Rochester Hills and Clarkston locations.

Come and enjoy breathtaking floral displays, including several landscape designs to give visitors ideas of what can be done in their own gardens.

Also, representatives from Mike's Tree Surgeons will present the latest news about the Emerald Ash Borer that is destroying those trees.

Pruning demonstrations and other garden activities will be ongoing throughout the days. Haley Stone, Crom's Tree Service and Scotts will also be present. This is a good chance

to see the newest and finest in the garden industry.

Experts at 50 booths at each location will be available to answer questions.

A number of nonprofit organizations will be represented, such as Cranbrook Gardens, Meadow Brook Hall, Global ReLeaf, Miss Dig, Proven Winners/Four Star Greenhouse, Michigan State Master Gardeners, and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

There will be something for everyone, so bring the children along. They can visit the petting farm and/or paint a clay pot for a souvenir.

You can enter to win more than \$500 worth of Bordine Nursery gift certificates and other fine prizes, just for attending.

Refreshments will be sold. A special attraction will be

the only Detroit area book signing by P. Allen Smith, April 13 at both locations.

This national garden personality from CBS's *The Weekend Early Show*, and *Woman's Day* magazine, will be at the Rochester Hills store 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and at the Clarkston location 2-4 p.m.

His book, *P. Allen Smith's Garden* (Clarkson Potter Publishing, \$29.95), will be available for purchase and he will personally sign your copy.

The book, with photographs by Jane Colclasure, is a down-to-earth approach to gardening. It is divided into three sections. In the first section, Smith takes us on a stroll through his lush garden rooms and explains his reasons for the design.

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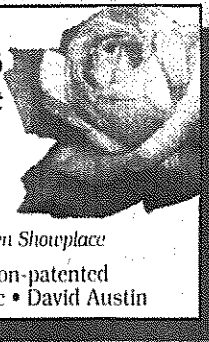
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JUNGLE

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Christian Academy, while Lauren is an eighth-grader there.

Lisa wanted the jungle theme because "I like animals," she said, and Mom liked the idea, and off they went to the stores and garage sales.

They picked out a pear-colored paint, which resembles an olive green color, from a Sears store in Canton. Marcia's friend, Carol Krupa of Dearborn, picked out wallpaper resembling tropical grasses from a paint store in Dearborn. Lisa and her mother found animal handles for her drawers at Home Depot.

They bought chairs and a barrel at garage sales, animal lamp stands on clearance from Michael's. They sewed pillows. They painted three or four coats of magnetic paint on a closet door and the entrance door.

Lisa painted a monkey stand, used as a table in one corner, in another corner stands an elephant.

A jungle-themed green comforter and pillows were made from scraps and remnants. Bamboo leaves cover the windows. Squares of animal print tissue paper were glued to two bulletin boards.

A set of parrot lights, which drape a headboard of the bed, was purchased from Joann's. A leopard rug was bought at Target.

Bamboo stems shoot up the stem of a lamp. A lampshade is

covered with fabric, a mix of leopard spots and tiger stripes.

Even wooden letters spelling out Lisa's name are covered with scrapes of paper and fabric, "about 80 cents worth," said Marcia.

A vine border was sprayed by Krupa along the top of the walls. "She helped us with that whole room," Marcia said. "She's more creative with I am and she also did the wallpapering."

Wooden paws hung on the wall were ordered through a catalog on the Internet. And the cost was only \$150 for all the materials for the new look.

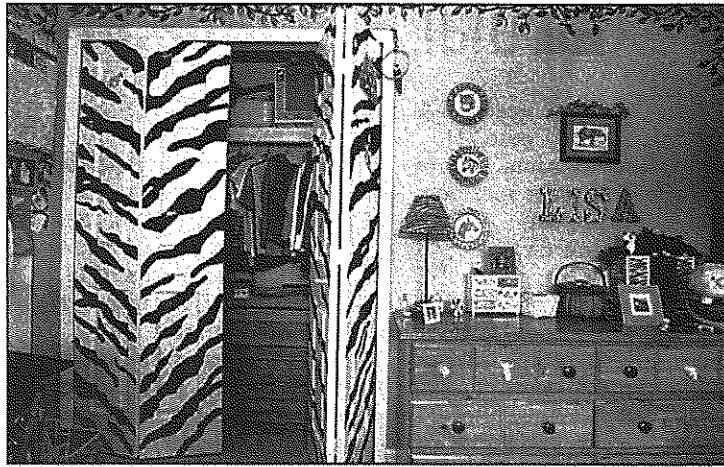
"Once we started to put up the wallpaper, it kind of evolved," Valentine said.

"Everywhere we went it just caught our attention, where we'd see a zebra or anything that had to do with a jungle."

They also worked on Lauren's room, which Mom described as "calming and passive." Lauren received a cool purple paint color in her room, a futon painted white with colorful homemade pillows to blend in well in the room. A colorful poster on the wall is a simple sheet of wrapping paper.

"The idea was this room could be where she could hang out with her friends, thus the reason for the futon," Marcia said.

"Lauren and her friends can sit on the futon or bed and do their homework, relax and listen to music or read a book. It's a nice place where she can be with her friends. For a teenager, that's important."



The closet door is painted with zebra stripes.

TEAMWORK

Lauren also helped with the new look in her room, painting, stamping bookshelves and stuffing pillows.

Marcia's advice? "If you can make it, do it. To do a body pillow would cost at least \$10-\$15 at the store. When you make it with material, we did it for \$3. The kids are both comfortable when you make it their rooms."

For example, Marcia used a cardboard box purchased at a garage sale, then painted it orange, and printed off animals on a color printer that were glued to the cardboard box. Marcia saw a similar box at the store for \$85.

"We did a low budget project from garage sales and clearance racks," Marcia said. "A lot of things we made, that we could adapt to the environment. We checked out garage themes with anything that had a African jungle theme. We

picked up things cheaply.

The magnetic paint placed on Lisa's door was the real challenge, Marcia said, to ensure pins with photos would stick to the magnetized stripes. "To do the stripes freehand is difficult for someone without a lot of creativity," Marcia said with a laugh in reference to herself, but the stripes look good in the room, and represent another creative touch.

Marcia, Lisa and Krupa worked on the pillows, then the room was painted, which took about six weeks time. The room was put together in one day by Marcia and Carol.

"After we had all the wallpaper and painting done, put everything in its place, so she got to see the room," Marcia said. Lisa said she is glad she helped her mom with the project, sewing pillows and painting. "I didn't want to when we started, but I'm glad I did. It's more my room than if my mom just made it."

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Test soil before planting

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents now can take their soil for testing to participating retailers to determine chemical and physical properties of the soil.

From April 5-19, this program provides Michigan State University soil testing to gardeners. Using specialized equipment, the standard Michigan State University soil test measures the pH, phosphorus and potassium content of the soil, and its general nutrient holding capacity.

With the pH value, gardeners will learn whether the soil is acidic (sour) or alkaline (sweet). Gardeners will receive a recommendation to adjust the pH with lime or sulfur depending on your gardening situation. (Lime reduces acidity while sulfur increases acidity. Neither should be applied without a soil test.)

Checking phosphorus and potassium levels help develop a fertilization program for the plants that will be grown. Without periodic soil testing, gardeners have no method to determine whether plants are starving or whether excessive amounts of fertilizer have been applied. Too much fertilizer can damage plants' roots and contribute to environmental pollution. Each unique location or gardening situation requires its own soil test. For example, flower gardens receive different treatments and additives than lawns. Each area, therefore, needs its own soil test.

Each soil test sample should

be composed of at least six sub-samples of the area. Samples should be collected to root depth, usually 4 inches, with a garden trowel. Do not include plant material or debris. About 1 cup of soil is required for each test. Samples can be taken any time the soil isn't frozen.

To participate in the "Don't Guess... Soil Test" program, simply take soil samples to one of the following participating retailers, including Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman Road, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 421-5959; Panetta Landscaping, 8500 Middlebelt, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 421-5299; Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-5500; and Clyde Smith Nursery, 8000 Newburgh, Westland, MI, 48185 (734) 425-1434.

Samples submitted through the "Don't Guess... Soil Test" program will also include organic matter content in addition to the standard soil test. This data will indicate if your soil has sufficient organic matter for healthy plant growth.

The results from the lab will be returned to the Wayne County MSU Extension office for interpretation by a horticulture agent. Allow about two to three weeks for the entire testing and reporting process. Each sample costs \$12.

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Life Lines

Cathy Standish

It's April, and yet the snow blows

It was supposed to be spring. Flowers blooming, trees budding, occasional sunshine. We were supposed to be able to ride our bikes, take long, meaningful walks in the fresh spring air. We were supposed to wear cute little Capri pants, short-sleeved shirts and Bermuda shorts. It was supposed to be like that.

But we live in Michigan and our state has a mind of its own.

It is April and yet the snow blows. I think about priming the snow blower and I shiver. I think about the sleds, long put away. The chains have been off the tires for months, the sandbags in the trunk were to be used for a flower garden. The winter coats are all packed away; the sweaters are stored in mothballs.

One minute we were thinking about swimming pools and picnics, the next we are building a snowman.

Summer seems like such a dream.

I look at the falling snow, this day in April, and I can't accept this weather. I can't accept having a snow day so close to the Easter holiday.

I can accept shoveling in December; after all, in December aren't we all dreaming of a white Christmas? I just can't accept the idea that the Easter Bunny is really a Snowshoe Rabbit.

I can't accept shoveling snow in April, especially after a week of spring tease. Then, a week later, we wade through ice and snow. For our troubles we end up in the infirmary, we start viral epidemics, we hack, we cough, we blow cold-filled noses. We fill the waiting rooms of doctor's offices. We clog the phone lines with calls to pediatricians. Manufacturers of vitamin and minerals get wealthy as we attempt to ward off our ills.

It is April and it is supposed to be spring! Chicken soup doesn't taste the same after grilling chicken the week before. Fast-food chili doesn't have the same tang; hot chocolate isn't meant for drinking after the middle of March. April isn't a time for winter food.

As it snows in April, I slip on my flannel pants; I stick a Breathe Right strip to my stuffy nose. I sip an orange juice and stir noodles into the pot of soup bubbling on the stove. I go to the window and look at my snowy, icy front porch and I sigh.

I surrender.

Slowly, I walk to the closet and open it. I pull out the snow pants, the boots, the muffers, the mittens. I pull the sweaters out of mothballs, throw the sandbags back in the mini-van. I prime the snow blower for my husband and prop the sleds for the kids in the corner of the garage. I even a pull a carrot from the refrigerator, just in case someone feels like building a snowman.

I refuse to go nuts, I refuse to become a Michigan connection, a name in a news story. I refuse to succumb to the contrary nature of the state and its weather.

I know it is supposed to be getting close to spring. I now accept that our state has a will of its own. I blow my nose, pop a cough drop and I finally concede to Mother

PLEASE SEE STANDISH, C6

Say Qi (chi)!

Massage therapist travels to China to learn ancient technique

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Is your Qi (chi) unbalanced? Plymouth massage therapist Beth Czeranna knows an ancient Chinese secret that may help. The 21-year-old traveled to Beijing last fall to learn and practice a bodywork therapy known as Tuina (pronounced twee-nah).

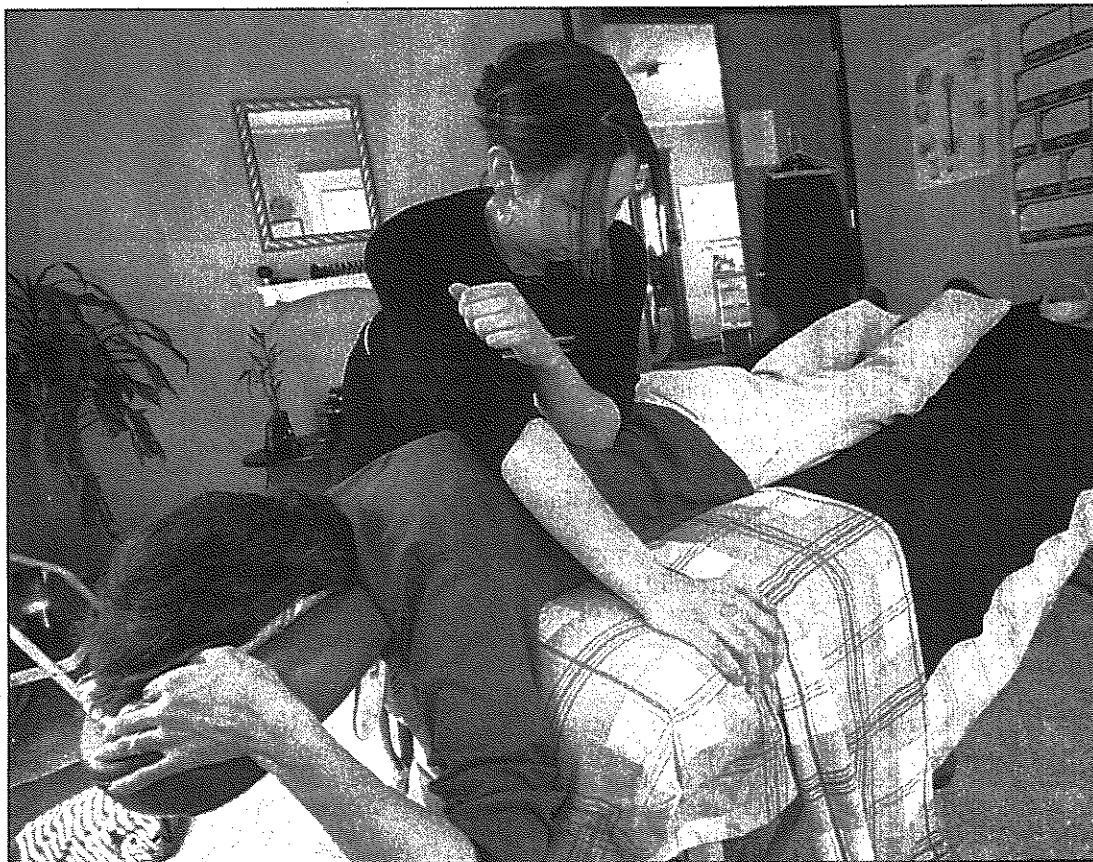
Developed around 2300 B.C., Tuina is recognized as the oldest known method of massage. Therapists work with the body's natural energy system (meridian) to increase the flow of Qi (chi) and balance its movement ... stimulating the healing process. The work is done entirely with the hands using manipulation techniques of varying degrees (soft/hard, superficial/deep) on acupressure points from head to toe.

Czeranna, a 2001 graduate of the Ann Arbor Institute for Massage Therapy, offers Tuina to clients at Bodyworks Healing Center on Mill Street in Plymouth. Certified in neuromuscular and myofascial therapy, Czeranna says she couldn't pass up the opportunity to participate in a two-week Chinese educational program at the Beijing Olympic Training Center in September 2002.

"This was just something I couldn't miss out on," said Czeranna, a Plymouth resident and a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. "We studied with sports medicine doctors at the Olympic training center where weightlifters and gymnasts are treated for injuries. There



Tuina massage has been proven to be most effective for people with injuries relating to sports, repetitive stress and muscle strain. Beth Czeranna applies deep pressure to the region below her client's neck.



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bodyworks Healing Center in Plymouth now offers Tuina to their clients. Massage therapist Beth Czeranna traveled to Beijing, China, last fall to learn the massage therapy and study at the Olympic Training Center. Above, she works on the lower back muscles of a local client — just one of several who are now benefiting from her Tuina certification.

was so much to learn and understand during the two weeks I was there."

FAR-REACHING

Although Tuina in general has a wide range of benefits — Czeranna says it has been proven most advantageous for pain resulting from repetitive strain injury, sports injuries, stress and trapped nerves. It has also been known to improve the effects of irregular periods, insomnia, weak immune system, migraines and digestion problems.

A practitioner like Czeranna uses her training and extensive knowledge of the body to stimulate or "unblock" internal congestion and balance the flow of energy. Blockages of blood, body fluid and Qi, across the network of acupressure points, can cause pain and discomfort. Czeranna manipulates these channels, much like a doctor of acupuncture, but without needles. Everything is done with the hands and fingers. When toxins build up in the body and energy flow is compromised, massage therapists believe it is only when the flow is restored that the body can start to heal itself.

"Tuina is used in hospitals throughout China with other forms of traditional Chinese medicine," Czeranna said.

"I'd like to see a place here in the United States where patients have all these therapies offered in one central location. I have clients who complain they have to go to one building for physical therapy, another for chiropractic care and someplace else for acupuncture."

Czeranna said the Chinese have a centralized approach to provide healing modalities, something she'd like to see our Western culture adopt.



Beth Czeranna of Plymouth receives a congratulatory handshake from her instructor in Beijing.

HANDS-ON APPROACH

The massage therapist said the training in China consisted of morning and evening classes with people of varying ages from across the United States.

One of the more challenging aspects of the trip was the language barrier.

"We had translators but our teachers didn't speak any English and the translators have strong accents so they did a lot of demonstrations to help us understand," Czeranna said. "The athletes spoke some English so that made things easier."

The work they did in the classroom was balanced out by several sightseeing trips that included touring the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Tienamen Square. "We did a lot of shopping and I took a ton of pictures," she said. "I think I took 14 rolls of film."

Czeranna said she first became interested in massage as a student at Eastern Michigan University studying sports medicine.

"I took some classes then heard about

PLEASE SEE MESSAGE, C9

New Canton Township pastor hits the ground running

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alexander Whitfield had his work cut out for him when he took on the challenge of filling a two-year vacancy at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton Township.

Although the position was occupied by two interim pastors following the retirement of the Rev. Roger Aumann, Whitfield said when he received the calling he knew the job wouldn't be an easy one. He also knew God would put him in the place he was most needed.

"After my visit in August I knew the Lord was leading me here," said Whitfield.

A Chicago native who received a business degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Whitfield graduated from seminary school in St. Louis and served with Lutheran churches in Harvey, Ill., and Sioux Falls, S.D., for three-and-a-half years before moving to Canton.

"Canton is an exceptional community that is ripe for growth. The church was averaging 120 people on Sunday but was seeing a slow decline," said Whitfield.

He and his wife Kristin, a speech/language pathologist in

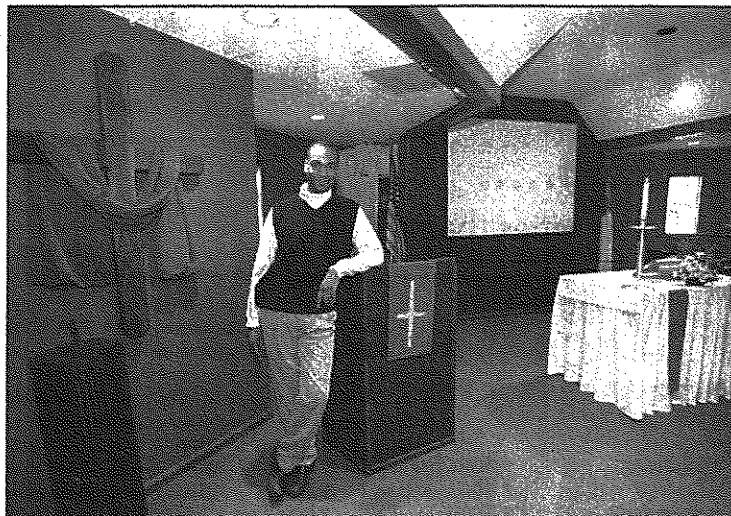
Detroit, moved to Canton last fall and hit the ground running. He admits he's starting to see the fruits of his labor as the Sunday service now has between 140-150 people in attendance.

"Our main mission is to find those lost in the community who don't know Jesus and bring them into the fold," said CTGS Executive Director John Brannan. "Pastor Whitfield is doing a lot of exciting things for the church and we're moving forward."

A 21-year member of the church, Brannan and his wife Kerrie (who oversees the Vacation Bible School program) were the first confirmed members to be married in the Canton church. "It really is family here," Brannan said. "You do get a warm and sincere sense of home and everyone knows everyone's name."

CHANGE IS GOOD

Church members can't pinpoint one specific reason, but credit several changes Whitfield has introduced over the past six months to the addition of new members. At the top of his list was adding a second service at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays titled "New Life Praise." Coincidentally, it is also the name of a 10-member band



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rev. Alexander Whitfield stands next to the pulpit at Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton.

that sets the tone for the contemporary service. A video screen now projects song lyrics instead of having to use books or Xerox copies of music. "This helps us to catch up to society," added Whitfield.

Musicians and singers include soloists, two bass players, guitar, keyboards and drums. A band was something Whitfield established at his other church and he says he found them to be "wildly popular."

"The band really fills the need we have for music. People have a connection through

music and art and it seems like they are doing that with our new worship service. Mary Beth Schmidt is in charge of that and she's on fire," said the Canton pastor, who estimates 20 percent of the band is made up of church members and the remainder are outside musicians from the community. The church also has plans to host theatrical productions and musical performances for the community in the future.

With all of the transformations CTGS has undergone over the last few months, Whitfield said it has taken some time for

the congregation as a whole to embrace all of the changes.

"It's about helping people understand that things have changed in our society and we need to grow to get there," he said. "We kept the traditional worship service at 8:30 a.m. with classic hymns and praises in addition to the new service. It's about thinking outside the box."

Gary Kamin, director of lay ministry at the Canton church, has been a member for 19 years. He sees the new service as "progressive" and says the music is something people can attach themselves to and recognize. "It meets people where they're at," said Kamin.

Facility improvements include a new sign on Cherry Hill and Whitfield has plans for other upgrades in the months to come. "We're starting to see a lot of new faces coming back," added Kamin.

MEETING NEEDS

Whitfield said because the average age of residents in Canton is 36, there are a lot of young families out there with needs to be met. The church is working on improving the youth ministry and Whitfield hopes to fill a part- or full-time

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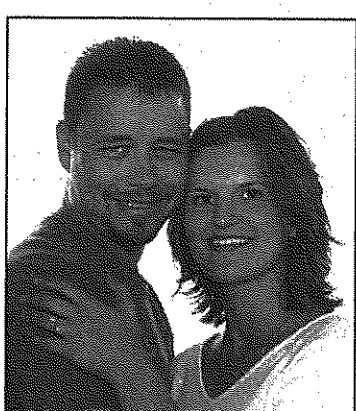
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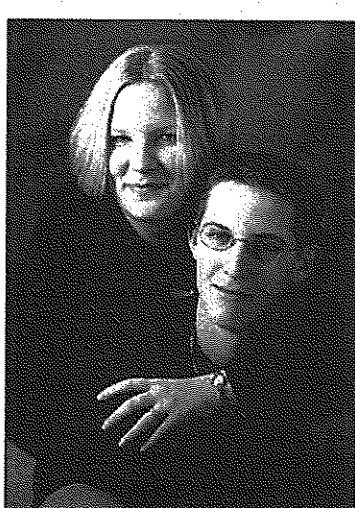
Kasperek-Dely
Norbert and Theresa Kasperek of Comstock Park, Mich., announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Kasperek, to Steven Dely, son of Sharon and John Bartus of Canton and Michael Dely of Dexter.
Susan received her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and her master's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy.
Steven is a graduate of Churchill High School.
A Jan. 4, 2003 wedding was held at St. Christopher's Church in Detroit, officiated by the Rev. John Kasperek and the Rev. Gerald Battersby.
The bride was attended by Matron of Honor, Margaret Rabbers; bridesmaids, Diane Kasperek, Nicole Babycz and Katie Bartus; and flower girls, Mikhaela, Allison and Emilie.
The groom was attended by Best Man, Michael Babycz; groomsmen, Michael Kasperek, Jeff Rabbers, and Larry Krimski; and ringbearers, Collin, Gabriel and Andrew.
A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Caribbean and reside in Dearborn Heights.



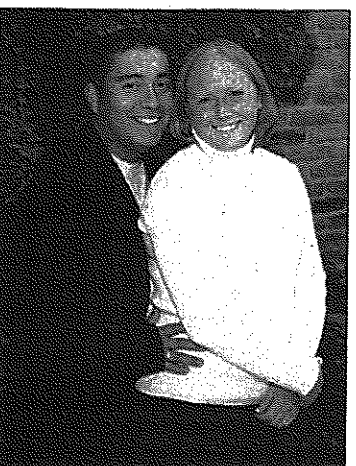
Chaudhri-Lenz
Vijay and Carol Chaudhri of Plymouth are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiran Anne Chaudhri, to Orin Carl Lenz, son of Jerry and Kathie Lenz of Hastings.
Kiran is a 1994 graduate of Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and political science. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in global management and is working at Ford Motor Company as a business analyst.
Orin is a 1994 graduate of Hastings High School and a 1997 graduate of Kellogg Community College with an associate's degree in drafting and design technology. He is currently working at Magna as an automotive designer.
A Nov. 29 Hindu ceremony is being held at the Hindu Temple in Canton and a spiritual ceremony and reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth.



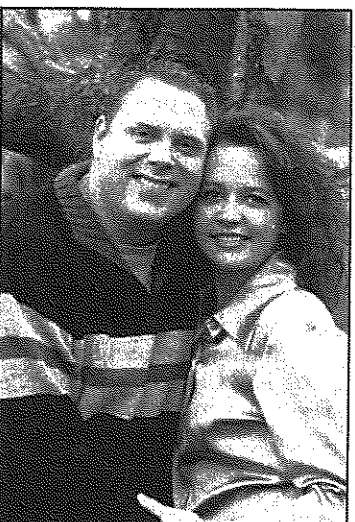
Higgason-Piche
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Higgason of Plymouth are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Jerry Piche, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Piche, Sr. of Nadeau, Mich.
Nicole is a 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is presently working as an account representative for Yellow Book USA.
Jerry is a 1992 graduate of Carney-Nadeau High School and earned a bachelor's degree and master's degrees from Michigan State University. He is a teacher at Lainsburg High School in Lainsburg, Mich.
After a July wedding at the chapel at Michigan State University, the couple plans to reside in Portland, Mich.



Nagel-Szydlowski
Gene and Judy Nagel of Baraboo, Wisc., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Teddie, to Timothy Szydlowski, son of Ernest and Sharon Szydlowski of Canton.
Both are 2000 graduates of Baraboo High School. Teddie is a 2002 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Baraboo/Sauk County with an associate's of arts and science degree. She is employed at Amcore Bank as a bank sales representative. Tim is employed at Farm and Fleet as a service center technician.
An Aug. 9, 2003, wedding is planned.



Graham-Patterson
David and Pamela Graham of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Elizabeth Graham, to Scott Patterson, son of Bruce and Carol Patterson of Plymouth.
Holly will graduate from Eastern Michigan University in December with a degree in Elementary Education.
Scott is an iron worker for Local 25 Union.
A May 2003 wedding is planned at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville with a reception at St. John's in Plymouth.



Kozma-Tieche
Rex and Terry Tubbs of Canton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Nicole Kozma, to David Alan Tieche, son of Bob and Kay Tieche of Ohio.
Traci is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is currently employed as an advertising account executive.
David is a 1994 graduate of Beaver Creek High School and is currently employed as a high school English teacher.
A July 5, 2003, wedding is planned at Family Community Church in San Jose, Calif.

Boston library features historic poetry collection

BY BUNNY MAURER
CORRESPONDENT

One of the largest historic library collections ever assembled of an American women's poetry, fiction, personal letters, and religious writings is The Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity.

Since it opened in downtown Boston last September, the library has drawn more than 50,000 visitors from around the world. They have found a state-of-the-art facility, where technology and history come together to create a cultural institution that is both a resource and an inspiration. Its online resources can be explored at www.marybakeredylibrary.org.

"Libraries are not about the past," said Harvard scholar Anne Braude at the opening of the Library. "They're about preserving the past as a resource for the future." The public seems to agree.

With its integration of scholarship and technology, the library offers scholars and the public an opportunity to understand the often-neglected achievements of women past and present. The library is dedicated to exploring the power of ideas to change history, and its exhibits and collections provide a striking illustration of how often these ideas have come from the minds and lives of women.

Mary Baker Eddy's achievements were remarkable in both her time and ours.

"Most women writers at the time were writing poetry and fiction," said Lesley Pits, manager of the Collection, "but she wrote and published a best-selling book, founded a publishing society and a church,

and launched a daily newspaper at the age of 87, all of which are still going strong today."

From photographs and letters to scrapbooks and artifacts, the size and depth of the collection has already made it an invaluable resource to scholars of religion, American history, medical history, and women's studies.

The collection, which integrates the latest library technology, is easily navigated. By calling up an item in the catalogue, users are able to see a color image of the document, along with carefully transcribed version and a detailed list of related items.

Library CEO Stephen Danzansky described the archive, with its opportunities for scholarship and discovery, as a "laboratory for ideas."

Other exhibits in the library emphasize the diverse contributions of women throughout history. In the Hall of Ideas, a nine foot bronze and glass fountain sculpted by internationally acclaimed artist Howard Ben Tre serves as a wellspring of an ever-changing flow of quotes.

The quotes, which flow along the ground and up onto the walls, include the thoughts of women from yesterday and today, from Helen Keller to Zora Neale Hurston.

In the Library's Quest Gallery, interactive computer exhibits explain the motivations and inspirations of women who have sought to answer the "big questions" of humanity. A creative installation by the New York artist Camille Utterbach allows visitors to express their own thoughts and ideas by building images from words and lights.

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position in the next year to do just that. The church has a popular preschool for 3- and 4-year-old children and offers a nursery service Sundays for newborns and infants.

Although it is in the inaugural stage, parishioners will soon be able to participate in the Stephen Series of programming which trains church members to provide one-to-one Christian caregiving called Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers provide support to the bereaved, hospitalized, ill, divorced, unemployed and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Christ the Good

Shepherd has a cooperative agreement with St. Michael's Church of Wayne and CTGS supports Lutheran High School of Detroit and Lutheran Westland High School. They also have a healthy Vacation Bible School program and maintain a food pantry that helps residents year round according to Brannan.

Although it may sound like Whitfield's plate is full, he's eager to take on more with the goal of seeing Christ the Good Shepherd flourish.

Adult Bible class and Sunday school is offered at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday. For information call (734) 981-0286 or visit www.ctgscanton.org. CTGS is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road (just west of Lilley) in Canton.

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Nature.

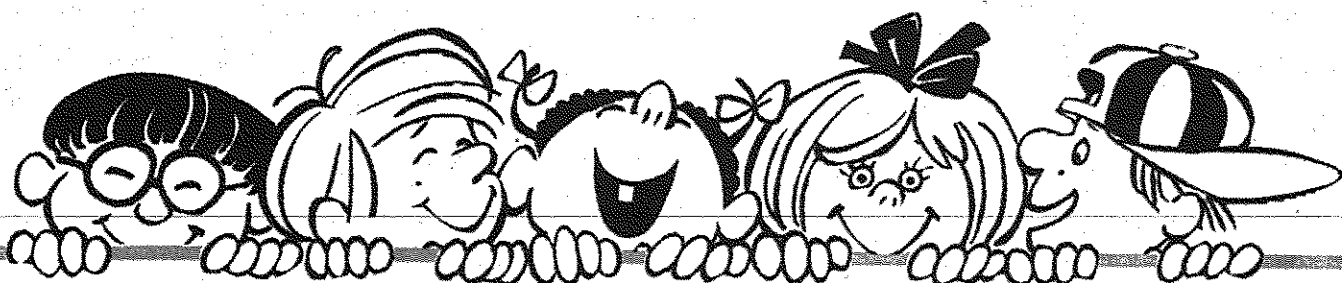
I now accept that it is April and that it is snowing. I accept that the apple blossoms, budding trees, tulip festivals and fresh-mown grass will have to wait. I shiver as I accept the cold weather and once again I pack away the Capri pants and Bermuda shorts. I shudder as I cover my short-sleeved shirt with a raglan wool sweater.

This is Michigan; you never can tell what will happen.

I now move forward with a new attitude. I accept that it can and will snow in Michigan in April. Yet even with this new lease on life, I can only wish that the snow will melt in time for my birthday — a birthday that I will celebrate the first week of August.

For in Michigan, I can accept that it can snow at any place, at any time, even into the month August. I guess it is just supposed to be like that.

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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Red Cross clarifies its military donation criteria

Red Cross offices continue to be inundated with phone calls and visits from generous citizens wanting to help the military in any way they can. Although many want to collect items to be sent to the U.S. military overseas, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is not able to accommodate donations of items to be sent to the military overseas at this time.

Due to heightened government security measures, there are very specific items that the Red Cross is allowed to ship, and in certain quantities as well. With nearly 1,000 chapters across the nation participating in similar drives, the needs of the military are currently being met.

"The chapter regularly participates in 'Quality of Life' item drives for the military, but we've had such an overwhelming response that we've had to temporarily put a hold on accepting any new groups to hold collection drives," says Jim Laverty, Southeastern Michigan Chapter CEO. "We appreciate the generosity of the community, but right now we could really use help with defraying the shipping costs to send the items already collected."

The "Quality of Life" program is a volunteer program run through the local chapter. Although the chapter is not able to accept further donations of goods, it desperately needs funds to ship items overseas. A 35-pound package costs approximately \$35 to ship. Recent shipments have cost as much as \$1,500. Groups that are willing to support this program financially are encouraged to send their donations to the Development Office, Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Avenue, P.O. Box 44110, Detroit, MI 48244-0110.

The Red Cross provides this and other services to the military year-round, in peaceful times and during conflict. The local chapter encourages anyone interested in taking up a collection of items to be patient and consider doing a drive at a later date. The U.S. military will always have bases overseas,

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Jim Laverty
Red Cross chapter CEO

and our military will need a touch of home six months, a year, and two years from now. Those interested in holding future collection drives should call (313) 576-4165 or (313) 576-2519 to be put on a waiting list.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter appreciates the generosity of the community, but hopes that residents will channel their enthusiasm towards other ways that they can make a difference - through volunteering and through offering their financial support to the local chapter.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter is there for the community, providing direction and resources on how to prepare for emergencies. The chapter also provides lifesaving training in CPR/First Aid/AED. In addition, the chapter continues to respond to four home fires and other local disasters a day.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, led by volunteers from throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. We were able to do this thanks to the American people who generously donate their time and money.

Your gift to the Southeastern Michigan Chapter not only helps the Red Cross support the military and keep them in touch with their families, but also helps us save lives - in the community and around the globe.

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David and Rosemary Leslie of Canton chat with Marybeth Saiada, one of two Polynesian dancers representing the St. Claire Shores restaurant 'Waves.' One of the auction items was a Clam Bake for eight at 'Waves' and the dancers were helping to promote that auction item. The Clam Bake included entertainment and the polynesian dancers.

Madonna auction raises \$200,000

With 300 in attendance at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia on Friday, March 28, Madonna University's all-new "Around the World ... and Beyond" Scholarship Dinner Auction XV and Wine Tasting Gala event was a great success. The University raised \$200,000 with proceeds going toward scholarships and educational projects.

Setting this year's "Tropical Escapes" theme was a lush "rainforest," complete with ponds, waterfalls, tropical greenery and bird statues, courtesy of the Rock Shop of Plymouth. To complement the scenery, lavish tropical hors d'oeuvre displays were

prepared by the chefs of Laurel Manor, including one specifically designed for wine connoisseurs. Guests had the opportunity to sample 72 wines from Australia, Spain, Greece and Italy, personally selected by John Jonna, Merchants Fine Wines. Among the favorites were an Alsace Pierre Sparr white and Spanish Boutique.

Among the items up for bid in the silent auction were: a 1 carat diamond tennis bracelet set in 14K yellow gold; a "Great Escapes" DVD basket, sponsored by Madonna University's College of Social Sciences; cases of Spanish wines and Rodney Strong Reserve; and 10 "Mystery Boxes" complete with various

overnight getaways, restaurant gift certificates and theater tickets.

One of the top items sold in the live auction was a private luxury suite for 20 at Comerica Park, complete with parking passes, food and beverages, sponsored by longtime supporters of Madonna University William Phillips, CEO, Phillips Service Industries, and his wife, Bridget. Timothy Girard of Westland was the lucky winner of the car raffle drawing, which was a 2003 Chevrolet Corvette black two-door coupe, courtesy of Bridget and William Phillips and Tennyson Chevrolet, Livonia. Other high bids included a fantasy dinner for

eight at Chef Takashi Yagihashi's private table at the Tribute Restaurant and a week's vacation and golf for four at the Orange Tree Country Club in Orlando, Florida.

The Pallotine Fathers of Wyandotte were this year's winners of the "Your Choice" raffle. Their selection was \$1,000 worth of gift certificates to Laurel Park Place mall. Participants in the raffle drawing could choose from among four items, the others including \$1,000 worth of Marriott gift certificates, a seven-day stay at the Coast Guard Captain's House in Charlevoix, or a diamond fashion donated by Orin Jewelers, valued at \$1,700.

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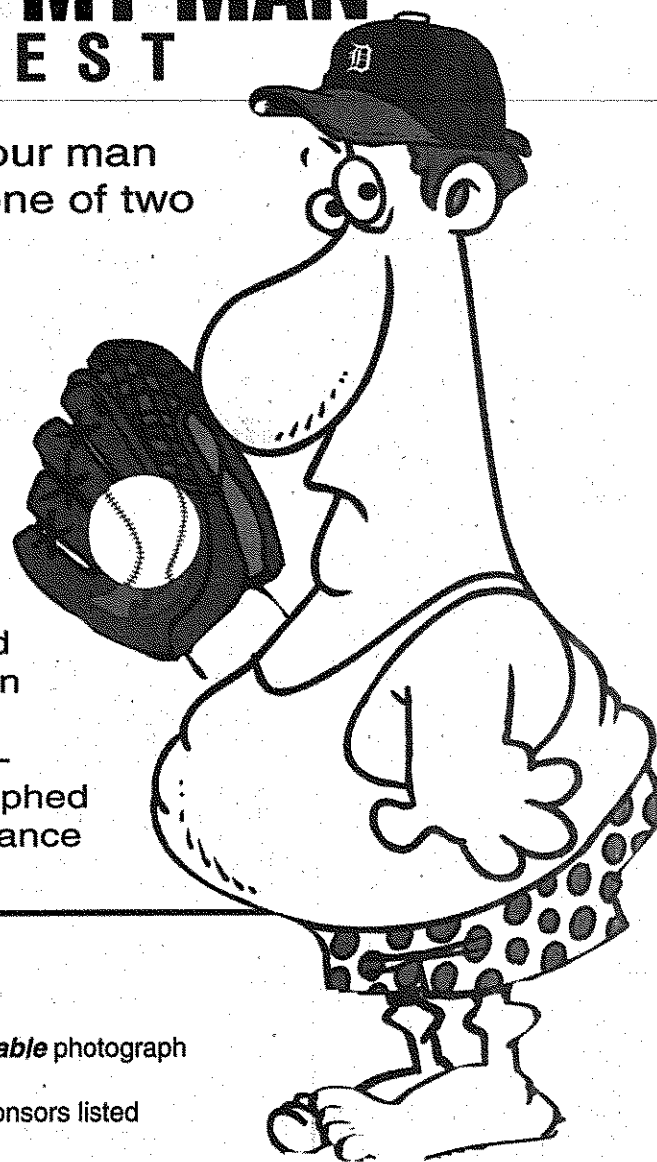
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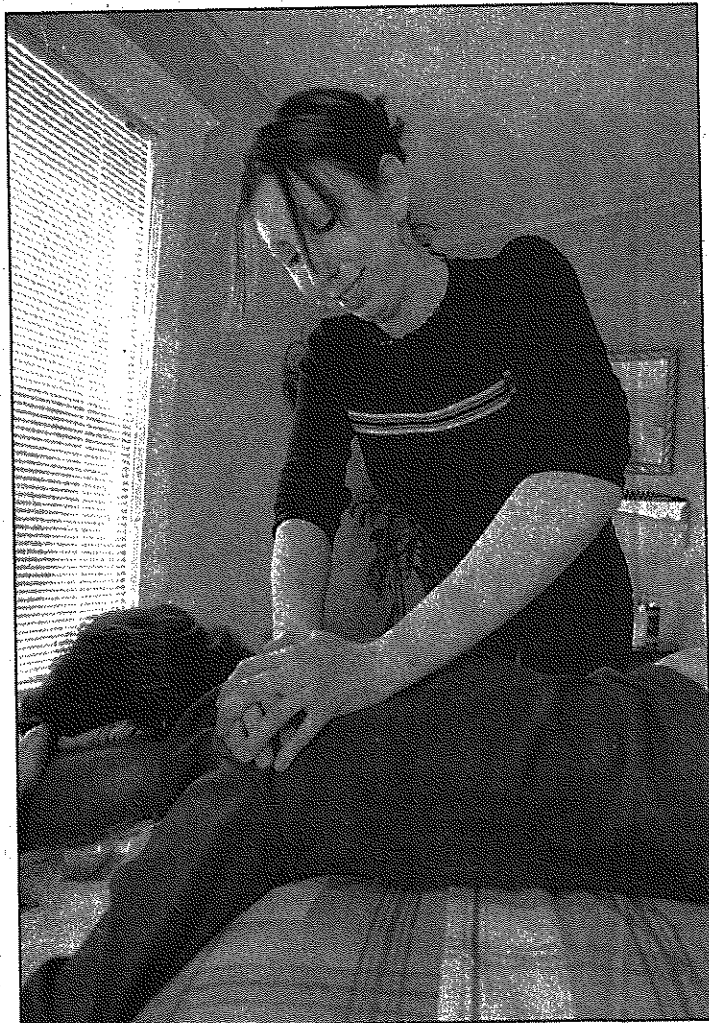
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There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
R.S.V. Proverbs 12:18





PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Beth Czeranna, a graduate of the Ann Arbor Institute for Massage Therapy, is certified in the bodywork therapy Tuina, as well as neuromuscular therapy and myofascial therapy.

MASSAGE

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sports massage and I was hooked," she said.

She traveled around the area talking to different people about massage and experiencing all the different forms of it before she transferred to the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy.

Upon graduation, she visited Pat Krajovic's center in Plymouth and says she knew she wanted to work there the moment she set foot on the porch.

"Something just told me this is the place I should be working," said Czeranna, who also works at the spa in Northwest Airlines terminal at Detroit Metro Airport. "Pat has been great. I've learned a lot from her since I started working here."

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AROUND TOWN

Drop-In Hockey

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Crafters

Crafters are needed for the 16th annual juried show on Saturday, Oct. 18. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School. Call Jan at (734) 844-1707.

T-Ball Registration

Registration is being taken for T-ball through April 18 for the 5- and 6-year-old T-ball league. Children must be born between July 1993 and July 1995. Registration takes place at the recreation office at the Plymouth Cultural Center during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. Call (734) 455-6620 for more info.

Spring Break Workshops

D&M Studios presents workshops April 21-25, all day paints, cartooning and 90-minute workshops. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

Bicycle Rides

Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers and ABBTS, will start at 6 p.m. every Monday in April at the downtown Plymouth parking lot behind the Penn Theater and The Gathering. For more information, call tour leader Alan Van Kerckhove at (734) 455-9144.

Pre-School Registration

Willow Creek Co-op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003-04 classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. Call Sherry Haskell at (734) 326-5735 for more info.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues

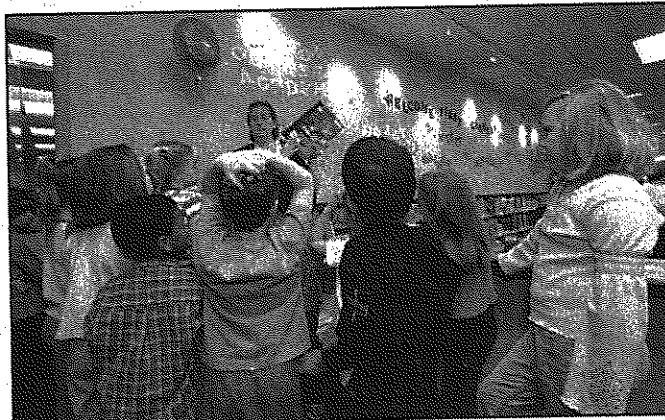
Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration for the spring season. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show

Handcrafters sponsors its 21st annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 11; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Northville Recreation Center. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2, no strollers, please. For more info, call (734) 459-0050.

Crafters Wanted

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library visit

First-graders from Rebekka Darby's class at Allen Elementary get a tour of the Canton library from Children's Librarian Linda Westphal as part of the First Grade Roundup. The event brings first-graders from throughout Canton and Plymouth to the library where the children receive a tour and their first library card. Students were treated to a puppet show, a special story time, a special library tour and, in some cases, their first library card. The library has been conducting the First Grade Roundups for 12 years.

St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton is accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Interested crafters should contact Gloria at (734) 981-0279.

Volunteer Training

First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, is looking for volunteers. Call (734) 416-111, Ext. 202, for more information.

K of C Fish Fry

Being held 5-7:30 p.m. each Friday through April 18 at the Plymouth K of C Hall, 150 Fair. All-you-can-eat fish and chips for \$6, with additional items available. Call (734) 453-9866 for take-out.

Community Council on Aging

Free health screening for seniors 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the Plymouth Township Friendship Station. Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information. Please pre-register by calling (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Plymouth Community Chorus

The annual spring concert entitled "Broadway Legends" will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4 at the new Northville High School. Call (734) 455-4080 for information on

ticket purchase or go to www.ply-communitychorus.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, between Newburgh and Wayne in Westland. Table rentals still available. Call Maria at (734) 326-9101.

Drug Workshop

This is a two part series. Part One, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know," will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, May 6 and June 3, 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 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays May 13 and June 10. 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.

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.

Fish Fry

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

Nursery Co-op Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3-4 year olds, various class times and 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, taekwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

Kiwanis Evening Club

Meetings are held at Station 885 at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersand-more63@onebox.com.

The 91st Psalm

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

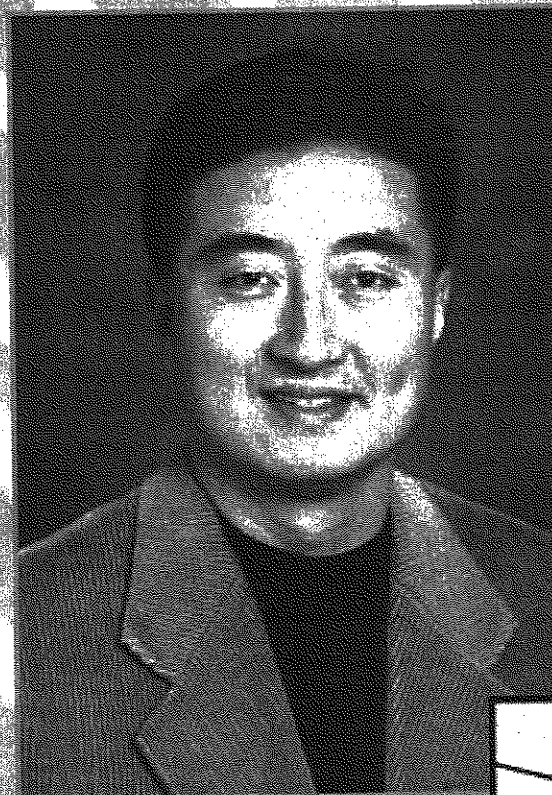
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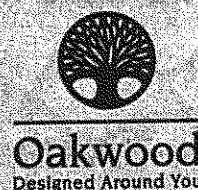
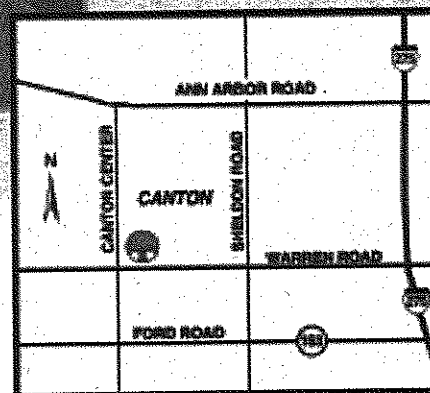
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People who serve, as you all do, are special people who all too often do not hear how really special they are!

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.

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Daughter of the late Ann Wallace, resident of Grand Court Westland.

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Sidelines

■ Stewart shines

Laura Stewart, a junior on Western Michigan University's softball squad and a Canton HS graduate, has started to excel for the Broncos.

Stewart tossed a two-hit shutout in a 1-0 win over Kent State Sunday; she struck out seven. Thus far this season, Stewart, 3-1 for the season, leads WMU with a 2.07 earned run average (1.12 in Mid-American Conference games) and is second in appearances (15) and innings pitched (54).

The Broncos were 16-17 overall through the weekend, 6-4 in MAC games.

■ Trott racing

Chris Trott, a sophomore outfielder for Albion College's baseball team and a Salem HS graduate, continued to pace the Britons at the plate, collecting four hits in nine at-bats, including two doubles, in a three-game series against Calvin College that concluded March 31.

Trott also drove in three runs against the Knights. For the season, he leads Albion with a .393 batting average and is tied for the team lead in hits with 22.

He also leads the Britons in doubles (seven) and runs batted in (13). He has two home runs.

■ Football combine

The Next Step Sports

Football Combine is scheduled for two places in the general vicinity of southern Michigan.

On April 26, the combine will be at Struthers HS, located at 111 Euclid Ave. in Struthers, Ohio. On April 27, the combine will visit the Triad High Performance Training Center, located at 24168 Haggerty in Farmington Hills.

Representatives, coaches and/or scouts from several Canadian Football League teams and Arena Football League teams will be on hand. Events that athletes will be tested in include the 225-pound bench press, the vertical jump, the 20-yard shuttle, the broad jump, the 40-yard dash and position drills.

For more information about either session, contact Patrick T. Pfeiffer at (248) 330-3099 (cell phone) or by FAX at (800) 891-8465.

■ Drop-in hockey

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer ice time for drop-in hockey from 9-11 p.m. on Fridays, beginning April 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth.

Cost is \$10 per player per session; the first four goalies skate for free.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Whalers' Jimmy Gagnon (10) is hooked by the Knights' Brandon Prust (33) as he tries to move the puck down the ice behind teammate Sean Thompson (16).

Knights' rally overtakes Whalers

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

OHL PLAYOFFS

It seems any advantages the Plymouth Whalers may have had coming into their series against the London Knights are slowly melting away.

Home ice is no advantage, for certain. On Tuesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the Whalers surrendered three third-period goals to the Knights and lost this second-round Ontario Hockey League game 4-3. It was their second home game of the series and their second loss at home.

Corey Perry proved to be the difference for London. Playing with the man advantage, something the Knights enjoyed quite often (six penalties were called against Plymouth, three against London), Perry got his stick on a shot from the point by Mike Stathopoulos and dribbled it through the pads of

Whaler goalie Paul Drew for what proved to be the game-winning goal with 5:16 left in the third period.

Perry finished with two goals and an assist, while Stathopoulos contributed a goal and two assists.

The Whalers were paced by Chris Thorburn, who scored their first two goals. Cole Jarrett and Sean Thompson had two assists apiece.

The outcome of this game, however — and perhaps the series — was all-but-decided before the opening faceoff. In Saturday's 2-1 Whaler win at London, Chad LaRose, Plymouth's record-setting goal scorer, was knocked down and while falling hit a London player with his stick. In a controversial call, the officials called it a deliberate high sticking penalty and issued a match penalty against LaRose.

It carried with it an automatic three-game suspension. The ruling was contested to the league, but the appeal was overruled since the film of the play showed, in the league's opinion, no overwhelming evidence that cleared LaRose of wrongdoing.

A candidate for the OHL's most valuable player, LaRose cannot return until Game Six of this series.

In addition, the Whalers were without the services of second-leading scorer Ryan Ramsay, suffering from a hip-pointer. Ramsay may be ready to return for Friday's game.

"That was a horrible, horrible decision by the league," said Whaler assistant coach Greg Stefan. "We'll be missing the MVP of the league for three games. It's obvious we're not going to get any calls."

"We're going to have to play over it. We have to get the momentum back."

Going into the series,

Whalers' coach Mike Vellucci had preached discipline, noting Plymouth's first-round exit last season was caused by excessive penalties as much as anything else. That, apparently, is hurting the Whalers again.

In their two wins, the Knights have converted 4-of-11 power-play chances (36 percent), including 2-of-6 Tuesday. But the goal that hurt the Whalers the most came with them on the power play, at the start of the third period.

Ahead 2-1 with 1:09 remaining in a penalty to London's Kyle Piwowarczyk, Perry got possession of the puck after the faceoff to open the period and found Stathopoulos open at center ice, between the Whaler defensemen. Stathopoulos went in on Drew alone, beating him over his right

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, D2

Area spring coaches, teams must adapt to weather

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

In his 38 years with the school district, Garden City athletic director Bob Dropp has seen a lot of problems because of the weather.

"I can remember practicing baseball in the parking lot at Garden City West with snow banks around the edges," said Dropp, "but I don't remember anything like this. This is a jam."

More than 150 Observerland events have been canceled in the past week — due to

Friday's rain, Saturday's cold, Monday's snow and Tuesday morning's freezing drizzle.

The last time any area teams played was last Thursday and there's no guarantee that they'll play this Thursday. Or Friday. Or even Saturday.

"We have a home track meet on Thursday (against Woodhaven)," said

PLEASE SEE OUTLOOK, D5

Madonna stumbles again

BY GEORGE STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

The Crusaders swung and missed again. Madonna is still searching for its first conference victory after losing both games of a double-header Sunday against host Siena Heights University by scores of 4-1 and 7-2.

The loss drops the Crusaders' overall record to 13-15 and 0-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The first game was a pitcher's duel between Madonna hurler Chris Behrns and Saints starter Phil Dunn.

After falling behind 2-0 going into the top of the fifth, the Crusaders pulled

within one run when Justin Fabian scored on a throwing error.

Siena Heights (9-22, 6-3) came back by scoring two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead for good at 4-1.

One bright spot for Madonna was Behrns, who allowed only four hits and two earned runs, while striking out three.

In the nightcap, the Crusaders did not receive the pitching help that they had in the first game to keep them in the game.

Starter Devin Cole (Garden City) did not

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, D4

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



FILE PHOTO

Mark Nagel led Salem to its best hockey season ever and earned himself all-conference and all-state honors in the process.

Nagel, Bak rank with Observerland's best

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike Humitz's maiden voyage into high school hockey coaching was certainly a successful one.

The first-year Livonia Stevenson coach led his team to a Lakes Division title (4-1-1) and the best overall record in the Western Lakes Activities Association (10-3-1).

Stevenson finished 14-9 overall as

Humitz garnered Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

The 39-year-old Humitz has an extensive background in hockey.

He played at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and has been an instructor and program director for the Farmington Hills-based Suburban Hockey Schools. Humitz also served as a scout for the NHL

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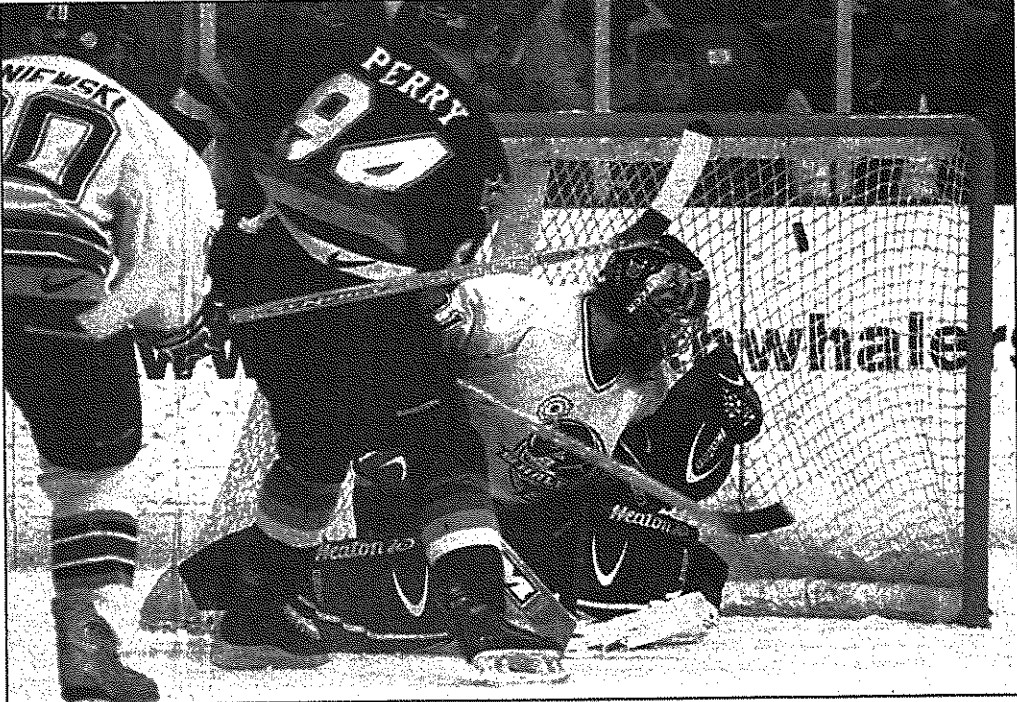
If the Plymouth Whalers did, they got a rude awakening in the opening game of their best-of-seven second-round series against the London Knights.

And if the Knights did, they were jostled themselves by the Whalers in the second game. On Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, London got a pair of power-play goals in the second period and that was enough to gain a 3-2 victory over the Whalers. On Sunday at London's John Labatt Centre, the power play and some stalwart defense propelled the Whalers to a 2-1 triumph.

The result was a 1-1 tie in the series going into Tuesday's game at Compuware between two teams that remember all too well what happened just one year ago, when London shocked the No. 1 team in the OHL's regular season, beating the Whalers in the first round of the playoffs.

This series may follow a similar route, if the first two games are any indication. On Sunday in London, the game-winning goal was produced by defenseman Cole Jarrett just 1:07 into the third period, a power-play score that was assisted by James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Chris Thorburn.

Both teams were 1-of-4 on the power play, which — like last year — will play a pivotal role in this series. The Whalers never trailed Sunday, taking a 1-0 lead on a goal by Chad LaRose 10:00 into the first period. Karl Stewart and Thorburn assisted. The Knights tied it at 1-all when Dennis Wideman scored on the power play 2:07 into the second period, with assists from Mike Stathopoulos and Daniel Bois. Paul Drew was superb in goal for Plymouth, stopping 27 of 28 shots on



The Knights' Corey Perry (94) scored a pair of power-play goals on Whalers' goalie Paul Drew, including the game-winner.

goal. Chris Houle was also good in goal for London with 32 saves on 34 shots.

In Saturday's series opener, it was the Knights who grabbed the lead and would not relinquish it. Brandon Prust got the first goal of the series at 5:16 of the opening period, with assists from Dylan Hunter and Kyle Quincey; London made it 2-0 on a power-play goal by Wideman at 1:48 of the second, with assists from Danny Syvret and Corey Perry.

The Whalers' comeback attempt came and went quickly, LaRose narrowing the gap to

2-1 at 13:54 of the second with an assist from Ryan Ramsay, only to have the Knights regain their two-goal advantage 1:18 later with a score by Syvret, from Perry and Bois.

Nate Kiser pulled Plymouth back to within a goal at 13:54 of the third period, LaRose and John Vigilante assisting, but the Whalers could draw no closer. Drew made 21 stops in the game; Houle had 27.

Game Five is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena; Game Six will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Labatt Centre.

Plymouth to move up a Class in fall

Over the past few years, Redford Thurston has had its MHSAA basketball tournament fortunes ruined by the likes of Detroit Renaissance or Dearborn Divine Child.

That won't happen next year.

The Eagles' success will still be up to them for the most part, but they'll be doing it against the likes of Redford Union, Southfield or other Detroit Public high schools.

The school's enrollment increased enough over the past year for it to move from Class B to Class A in the MHSAA's plan.

"It means basketball will have to play Detroit Redford instead of Renaissance," said athletic director Al Chambo. "It won't affect us in many other sports, but it will in both basketballs and volleyball."

Thurston was one of three area schools to change classifications, based on each school's count in February. Plymouth High School will move up from Class C to Class B with the addition of a sophomore class next year, but a drop in enrollment will move Livonia Ladywood from Class A to Class B.

"Enrollment is down, so why can't we be where we belong," said Ladywood AD Sal Malek. "We have just 482 girls now and we compete against schools with more than 1,200 girls."

Since it is a same-sex school, Ladywood's enrollment of 482 is doubled to 964 for the MHSAA's purposes. Plymouth enrollment is at 824 and Thurston's is at 1,073. The cutoff for Class A is 1,042.

"I look at it as a challenge," said Plymouth A.D. Terry Sawchuk. "It was a challenge this year playing in Class C or Division 3 and 4 with just freshmen and I think we've done well. The coaches and kids responded. The year after next will be even harder (2004-05) because we'll be a Class A school and in the Western Lakes Activities Association full-time."

The only sports that the move affects are boys and girls basketball as well as volleyball, since those three sports are divided equally among enrollment. All other sports use divisions, which are determined by dividing the number of schools that actually play a given sport by the number of divisions.

For all three schools, the majority of the divisional sports are Division 2 and will stay that way.

"The number of teams in each sport varies, so the cutoff varies as well," said Chambo, whose school was last in Class A in the early 1980s. "We'll probably still have our track regionals in Marysville, because that's where we go."

Malek feels that the move won't matter much because the post-season competition in Class B is just as good as it is in Class A.

"Our regular season schedules will still be tough because of our league play," said Malek, whose school won Class B basketball titles in 1983 and 85 and Class A volleyball titles in 1989 and 90.

"Instead of playing Detroit King in basketball, we'll have to play Renaissance, Country Day or Flint Powers so the competition is almost tougher. We play Powers every year during the season and next year, we're playing Renaissance. And in volleyball, you've still got to go and beat Marysville. The competition might be harder, but it will be nice to see some new faces."

HOCKEY

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shoulder for the game-tying goal. Dennis Wideman also assisted on the Knights' goal.

Until then, the Whalers had dominated play. They had an 18-10 advantage in shots on goal and had, for the most part, controlled the puck. Indeed, their lead should have been something more than a single goal heading into the third.

A shot from the right-side of the slot by John Mitchell with 2:53 left in the first period appeared to get past Knights' goalie Chris Houle and into the corner of the net. The goal judge signaled a goal, but the lead official — with no apparent conversation with the goal judge — overruled and waved it off.

Asked why the goal was disallowed, Stefan could only answer, "I don't know."

London had taken the early lead on a power-play goal by Perry at 9:51 of the opening period. With possession of the puck, no Whaler defender challenged him and Perry skated in on top of Drew and scored. Stathopoulos and David Bolland assisted.

The Whalers tied it just 1:23 later on a superb individual play by Thorburn. With the Knights trying to carry the puck out of their zone, Thorburn knocked it away inside their blue line, carried it to the goal and beat Houle to knot it at 1-1.

Thompson and Jarrett assisted.

The go-ahead goal for Plymouth came on a break of their own, with Thompson centering the puck from behind the Knights' net to Thorburn, who seemingly managed to hit the puck off Houle and into the goal with 15:10 left in the second period. Jarrett also assisted.

In the third period, the goals came in bunches. After Stathopoulos tied it with his short-handed score, the Knights took the lead on a goal by Piwowarczyk as he and his London teammates battled in front of the Whaler goal until the puck slid past Drew with 7:23 left in the final period. Matt Weir and Marc Methot assisted.

The Whalers quickly answered once again, tying it on



a pretty 3-on-2 break from their own end, Nick Vernelli sliding a pass from the right wing across to Tim Sestito on the left for the finish. Sestito's first playoff goal made it 3-3 with 6:21 remaining. And set the stage for Perry's game-winner.

"A game like that, a one-goal game like all of these have been, there's not one turning point," said London coach Dale Hunter. "They've got a good team over there. Whoever executes is going to win this series."

If the first three games, all decided by a single goal with the visiting team winning, are any indication, whoever does win won't win by much.

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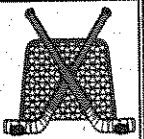


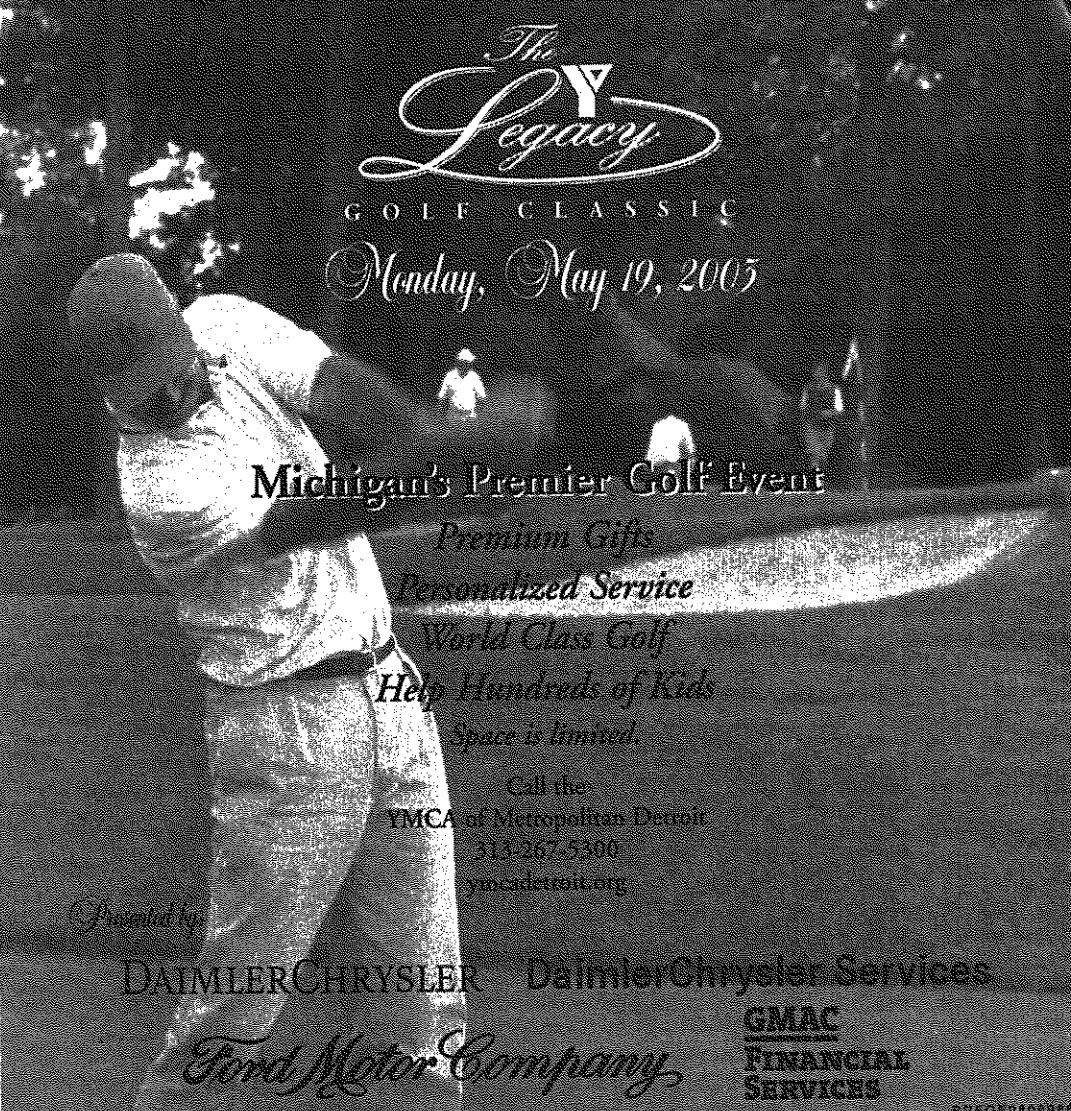
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ALL-AREA

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Washington Capitals and coached at the Bantam and AAA Midget level (for Compuware).

"I've been around long enough to know you're only as good as your players," said



Mike Humitz
Coach of Year

"We had a good senior class and they gave us good leadership."

To nobody's surprise, five-time state champion Redford Catholic Central garnered three first-team All-Observer spots and three more on the second-team.

Also represented on the first two teams are players from Canton, Salem Stevenson and Livonia Churchill.

Introducing the 2002-03 All-Observer hockey team:

FIRST TEAM

Jim Blanchard, Jr. goalie, Redford CC: CC head coach Gordie St. John calls Blanchard one of the two best goalies he's ever coached at the school and this year the junior showed why.

In 28 games, Blanchard had a .922 save percentage, 1.25 goals against average and had 7 1/2 shutouts. He's been a first team all-state selection the last two years and was the Dream Team goalie this year, as chosen by the coaches association.

"He's got great positioning and tremendous reflexes," said St. John. "He's also got a whole lot of puck skills. It's like another man in the defensive zone. He's just a solid, all-around player."

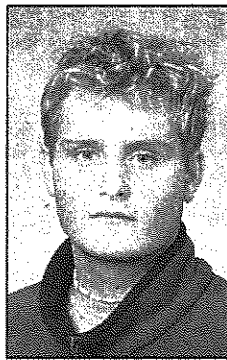
Andrew Eggert, Sr. defenseman, Redford CC: Eggert has some pretty good credentials on his resume for being all-area - he was chosen as the state's Mr. Hockey by the coaches association and was the sport's scholar-athlete as chosen by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Eggert, also a Dream Team and first-team all-state selection, had six goals and 30 assists, was a plus-60 in plus-minus ratings and has won four titles in his four years on varsity.

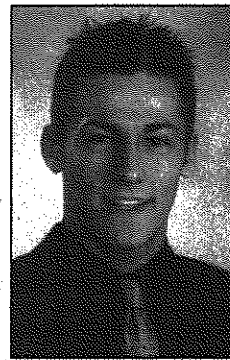
"He's done everything we've asked all year long," said St. John. "He had the second-most assists on the team and is just a smart player."

Dave Bak, Jr. defenseman, Canton: If offense is the best defense, Canton's Bak can fill the bill. In fact, he can fill it any way you want it.

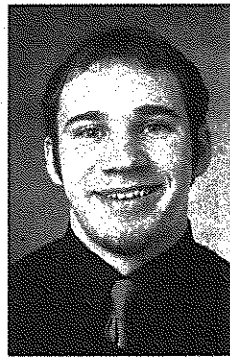
Bak's solid defensive play was only a part of the reason he was named all-WLAA. What put him into the elite category was his shot, accord-



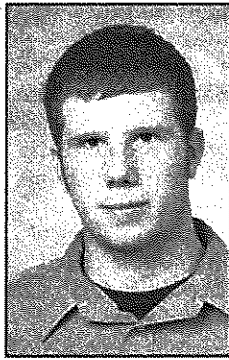
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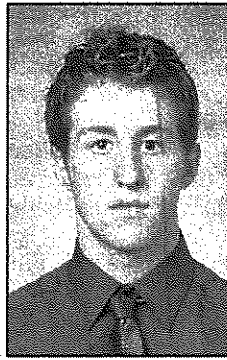
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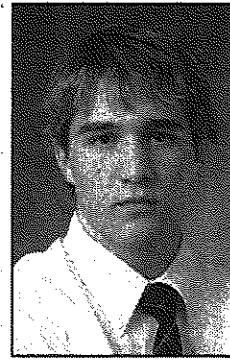
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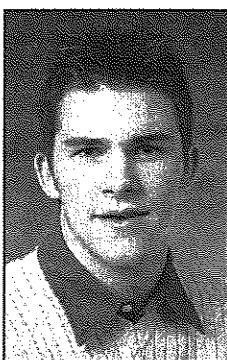
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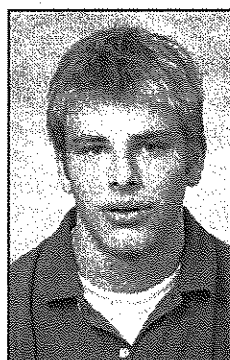
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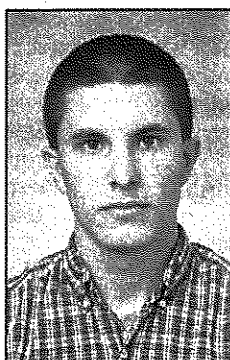
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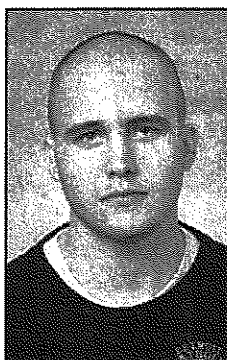
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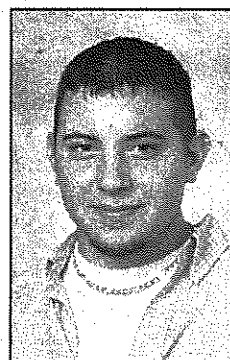
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ing to his coach, Dan Abraham.

"No question, his shot earned him all-conference," said Abraham, whose team finished first in the WLAA's Western Division. "His shot is the hardest shot in the league. Every time he took one, I thought it would score."

It wasn't his only talent. "He plays great position hockey, and he knows how to use good gap control," Abraham noted. Then he added, "He's a defensive type of defenseman - until he winds up (for a shot)."

Mark Nagel, Sr. forward, Salem: He isn't big, but Nagel has proven to be a pest to nearly every hockey team the Rocks have faced in his four years on the team. An adept forechecker, he's proven his value to Salem by being named team MVP the past two seasons.

This year, the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Nagel was named first team all-state after leading the WLAA in scoring with 23 goals and 15 assists (38 points) in 14 games and leading the Rocks to a 20-6-1 overall record and into the state regional final. He was part of Team Michigan, which competed in a tournament in Chicago.

His greatest abilities: "His tenacity on the puck," said Salem coach Fred Feiler, "and his ability to control the puck. He's developed that part of his game real well this year."

"He's also got very good speed. There are quite a few (colleges) looking at him."

Brandon Naurato, Sr. forward, Redford CC: Naurato was one of the most talented forwards on a team loaded with talent. He was the team's MVP, had 32 goals with 29 assists and had a plus/minus rating of plus 64.

He was a first-team all-state selection and could have easily been a solid candidate for Mr. Hockey. A big reason for his solid number this year was a weight drop in the off-season.

"He played 20 pounds lighter than last year and it paid off in a big way," said St. John. "His numbers are the best on the team."

Jim Krygowski, Sr. forward, Liv. Churchill: The three-year varsity performer tallied a total of 76 career points, including 13 goals and 12 assists his senior year with a plus-13 rating.

Krygowski was named All-Western Lakes and first-team All-State (Division I).

"Jim was a great role model on and off the ice," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He had a very consistent work ethic and was a great leader."

"He also played on both the power-play and penalty-killing teams."

SECOND TEAM

Rob Thomas, Sr. goalie, Liv. Stevenson: The All-Western Lakes selection sparked in goal, sporting a goals-against average of 2.05 (49 allowed in 24 games) with a 91 percent save average.

"Robbie was the leader of this team from day one," Humitz said. "The better he got, the better we got. There were a lot of games when it took us awhile to get going, and Robbie held us in these games until we got going."

"I have never seen a good team without good goaltending. Our team was good, and a big reason was Robbie Thomas."

Bill Burns, Sr. defenseman, Redford CC: Burns was an all-state selection for the Shamrocks, with rock-solid numbers of four goals, 16 assists and a plus-38 rating.

"He's a great guy to have on

defense and will play juniors somewhere," said St. John.

"He had a tremendous amount of reach and once he turned the corner and got by someone, he had too long of a stride and they couldn't get him."

John Schultz, Sr. forward, Salem: Schultz proved to be the perfect complement to other Salem forwards Nagel and Bryan Young with his talent for moving the puck and getting it to an open man.

"His ability to read the play and go to where he was needed most," was how Feiler described Schultz. "He could get into position to make the play."

"He's a sniper, too. He's got a good shot and he likes the physical part of the game. He's good in the corners."

High praise for a forward who stands just 5-9, 165 pounds. Still, Schultz proved himself by ranking second to Nagel in scoring in the WLAA, finishing with nine goals and a league-best 27 assists in 14 games.

Eric Giosa, Sr. forward, Redford CC: Giosa was one of three players who have four state titles under their belt, and he's done his share to earn everyone of them. This year, the all-state selection had 12 goals, 37 assists and a plus-64 rating.

"I can't say enough about him," said St. John. "He was on the line with Naurato and he was the set-up guy. He was a consistent player and a great skater. He was a far better hockey player this year. He improved tremendously."

2002-03 ALL-OBSERVER

BOYS HOCKEY

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F-Tom Zagata, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

THIRD TEAM

D-Eric Wurn, Sr., Redford Unified
D-Mike Dzielit, Sr., Liv. Churchill
F-Dave Commiskey, Sr., Canton
F-Bryan Young, Sr., Salem
F-Ryan Wischmeyer, Sr., Liv. Churchill
F-Adam Blerley, Sr., Liv. Franklin

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Humitz, Livonia Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION

Stevenson: Brian Shekell, Brandon Hoots, Justin Dunn, Jared Gaudet, Pat Norton; Churchill: Justin Bolla, Steve Varber, Chris Barczuk, Brandon Hayes; Franklin: Scott Sparks, Cory Clearman, Dave McCall, Ross Robert, Keith Robert, Joe Kozlowski, Tony Peraino, Jake Garbutt; Redford CC: Pat Coldren, Mike Monterey, Nathan Perkovich, Bryan Genrich; Redford Unified: Nick Geistler, Kevin Spoutz, David Hillson, Dennison Sowders; Canton: Greg Kubert, Ryan McKendry, Charles Kemp; Salem: Andy Thackaberry, Aaron Cheesman, Ryan Jones, Brandon DeMars.

highlight film goals.

"Tommy is the type of player who comes to practice every day, works hard and prepares himself to play. His success is a result of his approach to the game on a daily basis. My only regret is that he does not have another season at Stevenson."

Staff writers C.J. Risak and Paul Beaudry contributed to this story.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2003-04 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2003-04 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

JILL F. O'SULLIVAN

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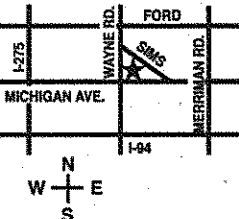
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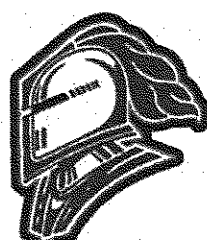


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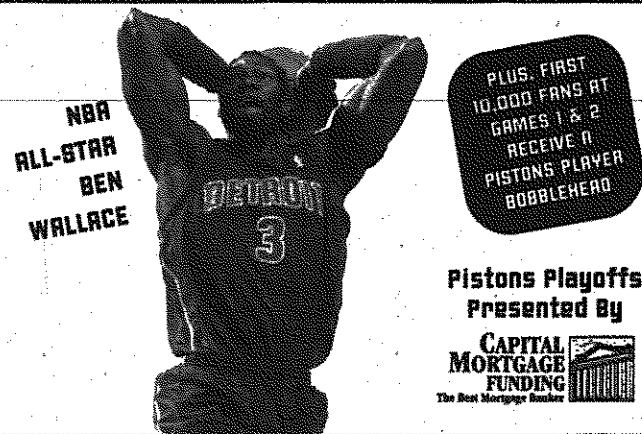
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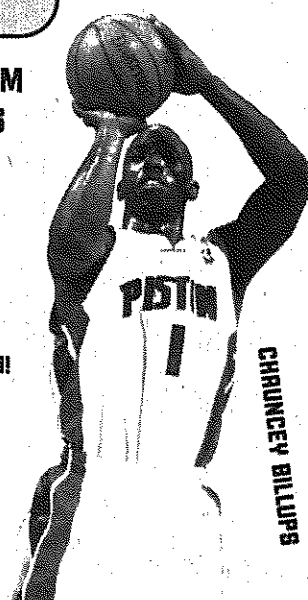
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BASKETBALL

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make it out of the second inning, where he gave up three hits and two earned runs.

Mark Cole (Catholic Central) was brought in and shut out the side in the bottom of the third and fourth innings to keep Madonna alive.

The Crusaders broke through in the top of fifth,

scoring two runs to close the gap to 3-2.

Jim Moran scored after Scott Miller was hit by a pitch and Tony Kern scored on a fielder's choice.

The one run deficit did not last however, when Cole loaded the bases with one out in the bottom half of the inning. Adam Kline was brought in for Cole and did not fair much better, as he allowed two of his inherited runners to score.

Things did not get much better for Kline in the bottom of the sixth, as he allowed two earned runs in the inning.

Madonna will try to notch its first conference win this Friday in a double-header against Spring Arbor at Livonia's Ford Field. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Crusaders' home opener.

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Schoolcraft College's Dorsey signs with McNeese State

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Ronald Dorsey became the second player off the 31-4 Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to sign a letter-of-intent with a Division I school.

Dorsey, a 6-foot-5 swingman who averaged 11.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game, will play for McNeese State (La.), which produced Detroit Pistons Joe

Dumars.

He was recruited by Dumars' brother, David, an assistant with the Cowboys, who finished 15-14 overall and 10-10 in the Southland Conference this season.

The Detroit Pershing High product joins the Ocelots' leading scorer Marcus Bennett (16.7 ppg), a 6-4 guard from Detroit Renaissance who signed in November with UNC-Charlotte.

Dorsey, known for his leaping ability, played two consecutive years for Schoolcraft, helping the Ocelots to a pair of NJCAA Division I Tournament appearances and an overall record of 66-5.

This season, Dorsey shot

'Ron is a very athletic player who should do well in that conference, either as a starter or in a sixth-man role.'

Carlos Briggs
Schoolcraft coach

40.5 percent from three-point range, 55.1 percent from the floor and 79.8 percent from the foul line.

"Ron is a very athletic player who should do well in that conference, either as a starter or in a sixth-man role," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said.

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft's top rebounder and second leading scorer, 6-6 center Torvoris Baker (Detroit Cooley), is being courted by University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Detroit Mercy and will take a visit this weekend to New Mexico.

Baker, who averaged 14.7 points and 10.9 rebounds per game, could be the next to sign.

Guard Dion Sherrell (12.7

points), who missed 15 games with the Ocelots due a broken foot and never regained his early season form, is being pursued by new Washington State coach Dick Bennett.

The 6-3 Sherrell, rated the No. 4 best two-guard by one JUCO preseason publication, is also considering Wyoming.

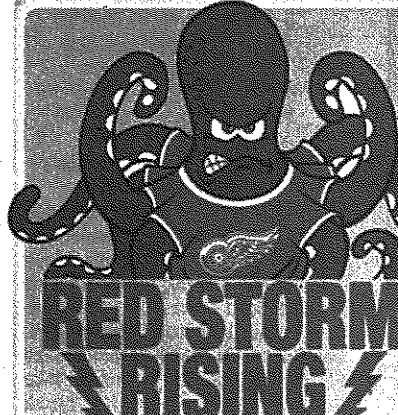
Dick Bennett is scheduled for a visit to the Haggerty Road campus on Thursday.

Briggs may also be on the short list for possible assistant coaching candidates under Bennett at Washington State. Briggs, who is 172-28 in six seasons with the Ocelots, including three straight NJCAA tourney appearances, turned down an assistant coaching spot last year on Robert McCullum's staff at Western Michigan.

In other related recruiting news, SC point-guard Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial), who averaged nine points and six assists per game, will visit Central Florida this weekend.

Andre Scott, a 6-9 center who averaged 10 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, is considering Nebraska and Arkansas-Little Rock.

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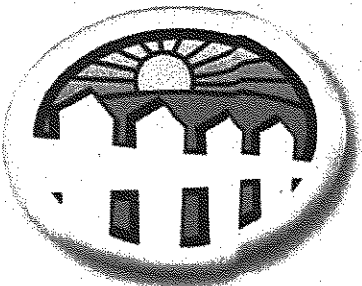
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YOUTH ATHLETICS

OUTLOOK

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Dropp. "We'll clear the track of snow and hope it dries out by then. But with baseball and softball, who knows?"

The coaches and players certainly don't and it's driving them crazy.

"I know it snowed at the beginning of the season in the 1980s and we delayed the start of the season," said Churchill baseball coach Herb Osterland. "But this is different. Not only is there heavy snow and ice that isn't melting anytime soon. But going back into the gym doesn't help."

This does screw things up for every team — baseball, softball, track, soccer, golf, tennis and lacrosse. And while some sports can practice some things inside the school gym (although little things, like throwing the discus, you just can't do), it's just not the same.

"You reach a point practicing inside where you've done all you can," said Osterland. "You have to go out and do things on a full field. The kids lose their intensity and lose their edge."

Some athletes have had problems keeping their edge in the first place. Canton and Salem's track teams are without a home in the first place, due to renovations at their track. They've been road warriors as it is, practicing at McClumpha Park for distance work, the bus loop behind Salem and occasionally the track at Plymouth High School. And now, there's this.

"We've had enough hurdles put in our path as it is," said Canton boys track coach Bob Richardson. "We didn't plan on this. Our meet Saturday was canceled at Ann Arbor Pioneer — it would have been treacherous out there with 29 degrees. It keeps us healthier and will let us heal up some guys who are hurt. But the kids were sent home early Monday and we spent a little time outside (Tuesday). Hopefully, we'll be able to go at Northville (Thursday)."

There's no chance that every event canceled due to the weather will be made up. There isn't enough time to get everything in.

"Everyone's going to worry about their league games now and not deal with the crossovers," said Ladywood A.D. Sal Malek. "This has really screwed up everyone and you can only worry about the games that matter."

And even if teams get back into full swing this weekend, next weekend they'll shut down again for spring break — a time where games used to be the rule rather than the exception.

Some programs such as Salem, Catholic Central and Redford Union's baseball teams used to play two or three opponents during break.

Now, there's only one holdout — CC track. And even so, the Shamrocks still only run once — at a Friday, April 25, meet in Jackson.

"Everyone's gotten away from playing during vacation," Dropp said. "Now, no one is here. The opponents aren't here, and we're not here. We couldn't reschedule those games that week even if we wanted to."

It won't be easy trying to reschedule any of them — league or non-league. Osterland said once his team gets back from spring break, there's a 21-day stretch where the Chargers have 16 scheduled games.

"And if it rains then, it will be more screwed up," said Osterland. "We were hoping to get sailing along before break and pick up when we came back. Now, we haven't played in a week, have three games next week and we have no games until the Monday we come back."

And all the coaches remember times when it was cold, but cold and rain and snow?

"I don't remember it in my 15 years," said Richardson. "I remember one meet out at Lakeland 10 years ago when I swear the wind chill was below zero. I couldn't feel my fingers at all. But this? I haven't seen anything like this at all."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

CRUISERS SIGNUP

The Plymouth Canton Cruisers swim team is registering for the spring season. There are spots available in all sessions — no waiting list.

For more information and registration packets contact the PCC information line at (734) 377-5176 or by e-mail at FiveArbles@comcast.net.

WANTED: LACROSSE PLAYERS

Last call is now for kids interested in learning and playing lacrosse. This fifth/sixth grade team from Canton welcomes both new and experienced players. The team will play a 14-game schedule from April 1 through June 1 in the Middle School Scholastic League.

Practices and games will be at Heritage Park.

For more information, check the web site at

www.eteamz.com/cantonlax, or contact Ann-Marie Caravella at (734) 483-5600.

DISC GOLF LEAGUE

A new youth disc golf (frisbee golf) league that will play this spring at Freedom Park (southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer) in Canton is seeking area youths from ages nine to 14 to join.

The league will begin with

two weeks of practices/clinics from April 21-May 1, followed by six weeks of competitive match play through June 12.

The sign-up period concludes April 18. Call Matthew Cunningham at (248) 344-9505 for details.

T-BALL SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old

T-ball league from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 1-18 at the Recreation office, located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth in the Cultural Center.

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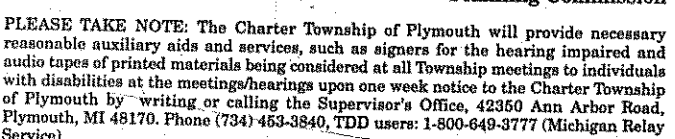
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VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

Local trio carries U-M hockey team to NCAA threshold

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Commitment to defense. That's been the formula for success of this year's University of Michigan hockey team, which takes on Minnesota tonight at HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y. in the Frozen Four of the NCAA hockey championships. (6 p.m.; TV: ESPN2; Radio: WTKA-AM 1050.)

Michigan is 30-9-2 overall, while the Gophers are 26-8-9.

To a man, U-M's Livonia connection of senior Mark Mink (Stevenson High), sophomore Dave Moss (Redford Catholic Central) and junior Brandon Kaleniecki (Redford CC), all concur it's defense which has been the difference in the Wolverines' regular season and postseason success.

It's also been a sacrifice for personal stats.

"Michigan recruits the most talented players and they all can score," said Mink, making his third-straight Frozen Four appearance. "My role has changed. I've gone from being a goal scorer and a guy on the power-play the first two years to a more of grinding, checking role and playing as a penalty killer. I've pretty much given up an offensive style."

The 5-foot-11, 191-pound right winger, however, came up big in a 5-3 regional win, March 30, against Colorado College, played before the home fans at Yost Arena.

Although he had mere seven goals and 14 assists in 42 games, the fourth-year senior scored a critical short-handed goal followed by the game-clinching empty-netter.

"To win at Yost against the No. 1 seed in that atmosphere was electric, it's something you can't explain," said Mink, one of five U-M seniors.

Meanwhile, Moss's offensive numbers have gone up from four goals and nine assists as a freshman to 14 goals and 17 assists this season.

But he has come to realization there are two sides to the game.

"I've had a bigger role on this team, more opportunity to play and more minutes," said the 6-3, 191-pound forward, who was a seventh-round pick in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft by the Calgary Flames. "I'm on the power play and penalty killing.

"Our forwards have to be more responsible. The coaches preach it all year. If you win, you have to play well in the defensive zone and we take pride in that. There's always an awareness on defense. There's so much responsibility. You have to know the defensive part of game."

Moss has also learned the importance of playing hard every night.

"Our schedule is limited to 45 games, so you have to make a commitment to give it everything you've got," said Moss, who played three seasons at CC and one with the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Roughriders of the NAHL. "With a club or junior team you're playing more games, and maybe the intensity level is not there every night."

Kaleniecki, who captained the 2000 Division I state championship team at CC, led the North American Hockey League (NAHL) last year in scoring with 52 goals and 37 assists with the Cleveland Barons.

The 20-year-old came to Michigan as an offensive threat. In 37 games, the freshman has 13 goals, including five power-play, and five assists.

He said you can discount U-M's early season 3-1 win on Minnesota's home ice.

"There's a lot of excitement, a lot of anticipation, I really don't know what it's like," Kaleniecki said of entering his first Frozen Four. "We're on a good run right now. It was nice to have a week off, refocus and get ready."

"Minnesota is a good team, a lot of good skaters. We have to play well, move the puck and skate well. We have to finish our hits, play our game."

Kaleniecki has been paired on the same line most of the year with Michael Woodford and Andrew Ebbett. And his game is appreciated by his two Livonia teammates.

"Brandon's a hard worker, strong in the corners," Mink said. "He showed he can work the power-play and score goals

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U-M senior

at this level."

Adds Moss: "Brandon's a hard worker, great in the corners and can score, too. He's got a nose for the net."

Moss, meanwhile, gives Michigan a physical presence up front. He is paired with Milan Gajic and Jason Ryznar.

"He's a big, strong guy, hard to take off the puck, strong in the corners," Mink said. "He's

got great hands, great vision. He's a playmaker."

Adds Kaleniecki: "Moss is a great passer, a great offensive player. He makes things happen with the puck. He just has amazing hands."

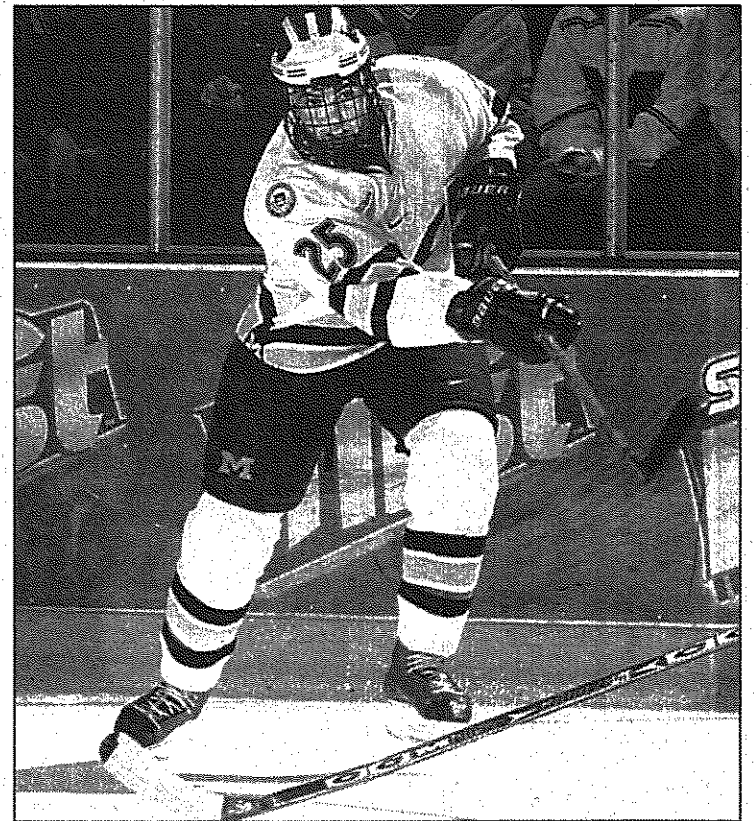
Mink, who plans to graduate in May, knows this is his final chance to erase two Frozen Four semifinal setbacks. He is paired on the same line with Dwight Helminen and Eric Nystrom.

"As a senior I'd like to go out on top," he said. "The last two years we lost in the semifinals. I have higher expectations."

"I'd like to continue to play if the opportunity comes about, if not, I guess it's time for the real world. But right now I'm focused on one thing, winning this weekend."

Moss may have summed up Mink's value best.

"He brings a lot of energy to the team, he's one of the leaders on the team," Moss said.

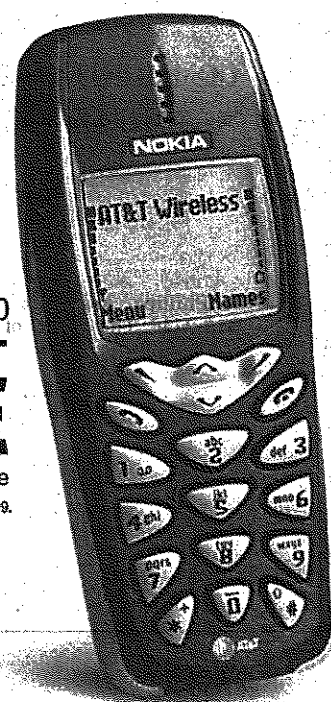


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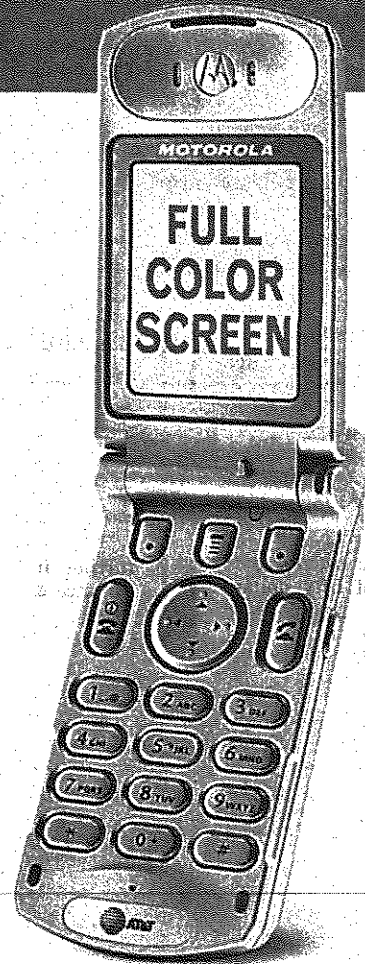
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The Redford Spiders capped a successful 2002-2003 hockey season by winning the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League PeeWee AA Ranked Division March 8 at the Arctic Edge in Canton Township. The Spiders, led by head coach Don Ostrowski, took the championship trophy with a 2-1 triple overtime win over the Grosse Pointe Spartans. The Spiders are Michael Ciuffoletti, Jake Jossey, Adam Powers, Kory Sosnowski and Ken Weir, all of Canton; Ian Barnaby of Plymouth, Ian Curran, Ethan Gurski, Eric Mitchell and Tyler Sternik all of Livonia; Tim Hall, Dylan Ostrowski Scott LaMontagne and Mark Rogers of Redford; Jase Paciocco, Cody Longuski and Micki Mihailovich of Westland. Assistant coaches for the 2002-2003 are Rob Paciocco, Kevin Longuski, Ken Weir and Derrick Danielson. Team manager is Joe Curran. Financial managers are Jeff and Kathy Sternik. The Spiders are sponsored by New Century Leadership of Plymouth.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth HS athletic program is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 at the Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads in Canton.

Cost is \$120 with 18 holes of golf, \$60 with dinner only. Players may register at the course beginning at 8:30 a.m. the day of the event; golfing begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Special events include a 50/50 longest drive contest (\$10 per entry), 50/50 closest to the pin contest (\$10 per entry), and a 50/50 skins game (\$20 per team). Checks should be made payable to PHS Athletics and sent, with registration form, to PHS Athletic Dept. (attn: Kurt Britnell), 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Spots are limited. You must register by July 1.

GOLFERS WANTED

The Hickory Creek Ladies

Golf League is searching for new players in the Plymouth/Canton area. Hickory Creek is located on Ford and Napier in Canton. The league will meet at 8 a.m. Thursdays beginning May 1 for nine holes of golf. Contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more details.

YOGA CLASSES

The city of Plymouth is accepting registration for its spring Beginning Yoga Classes, designed to increase strength and energy, improve flexibility, reduce stress and improve health. Sunrise Yoga classes are available from 6:30-7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Intro to Fitness Yoga is available from 7-8 p.m. Mondays; Fitness Yoga for Kids (ages 6-10) will be from 6-7 p.m. Mondays.

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The city of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its spring recreation classes.

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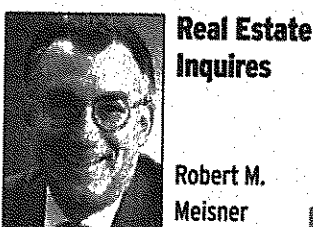
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Restricting parking van, trailer in sub

We have a restriction that prohibits commercial vehicles in our subdivision. All of the roads that go through are public roads. Do you think we have a chance to keep a commercial van from parking on the road within our subdivision? It may well depend on your documents but in a recent decision out of a New Jersey Circuit Court, the trial court ruled that the restrictive covenant relating to commercial vehicles was applicable to a public road. The court noted the association's inability to tow vehicles from the public streets was a consideration in its decision. *Ref. Community Association Law Reporter, February 2003.*

I am a homeowner in a subdivision that states that no trailers are allowed on the premises for more than 48 hours for loading or unloading. There is a homeowner in our subdivision who has parked a trailer in his driveway for over six years. Do you have any solutions? It appears that the board of your association has acquiesced to the trailer or has otherwise decided not to pursue the matter. I am assuming that the trailer has been parked there on a continuous basis for more than 48 hours at a time and the board may be remiss in enforcing the restrictions against the homeowner. I suspect that you, however, may have a right to enforce your deed restriction against the homeowner, should you wish to do so. I would write a letter to the association demanding that it take action against the homeowner in question regarding the trailer. I would also see whether, in fact, there is any township ordinance precluding trailers from being parked on the premises, particularly if the trailer is inoperable. Your best advice is to consult with an attorney.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com.

HOTNESS INDEX

Twelve months of residential building permits per 1,000 population as of year end 2002

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Source: U.S. Housing Markets



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Pets like Riley are enjoyable, says Realtor Tim Haggerty, but they don't belong on the premises during showings.

Get pets off the stage before showings begin, Realtors say

BY DOUG FUNK
STAFF WRITER

Love me, love my pet. Maybe yes, but not when it comes to doing the real estate deal, Realtors say. Their advice on animals – out of sight is out of mind and off the property is best of all when prospective purchasers visit. That includes dogs, cats, guinea pigs, snakes, birds – some parrots have been known to talk dirty – and even fish. Fish? Yes, a goldfish floating belly up in the aquarium may upset a small child walking though with mom and dad, or even give an adult bad vibes. It's happened more often than you might think, just recently with Nancy Browning, associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Bloomfield Hills. "A small bowl was in the kitchen with just a few fish and one was dead," Browning said. "The woman walking through said, 'Oh, this gives me an eerie feeling.'" No sale in that instance. Anything that distracts, draws attention away from the house or offends – yapping dog, snakes slithering in a cage or loose cats darting about – should be avoided, the pros say. A no-pet caveat would be analogous to neutral colors in painting, carpeting and decorating. "I try to put the seller in the buyer's shoes," said Tim Haggerty, associate broker and partner with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth. "If we look at several houses, which one will stand out – the one with the barking dog following us around and sniffing us all over or one where we could walk through unobtrusively? You want to take away any obstacles from viewing the home, itself," he said.

SAFETY FACTOR

You can't put the well-being of yourself and your clients at risk, either. "One time, there was a big empty tank downstairs in the basement," Browning recalled. "I asked the seller what that was about. She said, 'My python is loose.' I got the buyers and left immediately." What are sellers thinking or not thinking? Is common sense that uncommon?

'Now there's doggie care available. You drop off the dog just like a kid for the day.'

Rebecca Williamson
RE/MAX 100

"I guess they feel you will have the same attachment that they do," Browning said. You can't be too careful, apparently, when it comes to encounters with animals. "A few years ago, I know of a Realtor who was with a family and their pet on their patio," Browning said. "The Realtor reached down to pat the dog and it bit her. You never know. You can't take chances. Sometimes, animals can be very friendly, but when strangers come in, they can turn very quickly. "In this market, it's important to stage the house, show it in the best light possible," Browning added. "Any variables we can remove is important."

NO DISTRACTIONS

Haggerty, who has a dog, himself, said that pets on the premises even with a pet-loving visitor can be problematic. "If the buyer is a dog lover, do you want him looking at the house or petting your dog?" he asked rhetorically. The same would hold true for attention-getters like a talking parrot, gerbils spinning a wheel or a tankful of exotic tropical fish. Gone is best, agrees Rebecca Williamson, affiliated with RE/MAX 100, Commerce Township. Sometimes, though, that's easier said than done. "So many people have pets today," she said. "I think it's hard to avoid. It's a tough situation. "You have to have dogs at least caged or cribbed," she said. "You could put them in the yard, but then it's difficult to go out there and take a look. "Now, there's doggie day care available,"

Williamson said. "You drop off the dog just like a kid for the day."

That service would be especially helpful if the seller knew of a scheduled showing during work hours, is too far away to get back and forth conveniently and didn't want to cage a dog for an extended time period.

"If you have extremely unusual things, snakes or reptiles, that would make people a little more nervous, I would get them out," Williamson said.

GONE, NOT FORGOTTEN

Indications of a pet living on the premises may be more offensive than the animal itself, she added.

"First and foremost, clean up so there's no smells or offensive sights. So many people have allergies today," Williamson said.

"Let's make sure the litter box is clean," Haggerty said.

Felix Rudberg, Realtor with Century 21 Chalet, Livonia, concurs.

"Obviously, the cleaner the house the better," he said. "If they have multiple pets, a good cleaning can go a long way."

Pets can complicate a Realtor's life, too. "I've cleaned up cat puke in a back bedroom of one of my own listings," Haggerty said. "I recall chasing a pet dog around the lot trying to get it back into the house."

And speaking of offensive – even though it doesn't have to do directly with pets – place taxidermied animals and deer heads in storage when putting a home on the market, Williamson advises.

Again, no sense putting off any prospective purchasers, especially in a buyer's market.

Other things to consider:

■ Some Realtors regularly carry doggie treats for when they meet up with an animal that may need some special attention.

■ Recruit a neighbor to baby-sit a pet at their house when unexpected showings arise.

■ Don't forget to keep the yard clear of pet mess, especially now that warmer weather has arrived.

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Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Recovery could raise interest rates

Many of my readers have asked me what mortgage interest rates will do in the coming months. I can answer hundreds of questions, but this is not one of them. If I could accurately predict the future, I would be sipping a cool cola right now at some balmy seaside resort.

Though we are solidly in a recession, our country historically recovers from recessions. The question of economic recovery is not a matter of "if" but "when." Thankfully, the Bush administration and the Federal Reserve Board have adjusted monetary and taxation policies to optimize the chances of a robust economic recovery when it does occur.

It seems that all we need now is a "spark" that will ignite a sustained "bull market" rally. The mini-rally we saw in late March seems to have been fueled by good news in the war at that time. Intuitively, a positive overall outcome to "Operation Iraqi Freedom" may be just the catalyst to launch our economic recovery.

The inevitable market upswing may begin in the wake of fantastic news regarding the war. The resulting swell of patriotism and postwar elation will hopefully lead to an optimism that will affect every aspect of our American lives. People will celebrate, they will have renewed confidence, and they will resume their pre-recession spending.

In turn, daily stocks prices will again rise steadily in sustained, heavy trading. Investors, then, will pull money out of bonds and mortgage-backed securities. Demand and prices for those commodities will drop and their yields will rise. Mortgage rates will begin to rise again at that time.

Please note that Mr. Greenspan is a "nonfactor" until our economic recovery is well under way. Mortgage interest rates will probably rise well in advance of any Federal Reserve action. If you wait for Greenspan, you will have waited too long.

Today's mortgage interest rates are still wonderful, but those days may be numbered. If you are going to make a move or refinance, sooner is better than later. Choose a reliable lender who will get the job done quickly and correctly to capture good rates while they remain.

Timothy 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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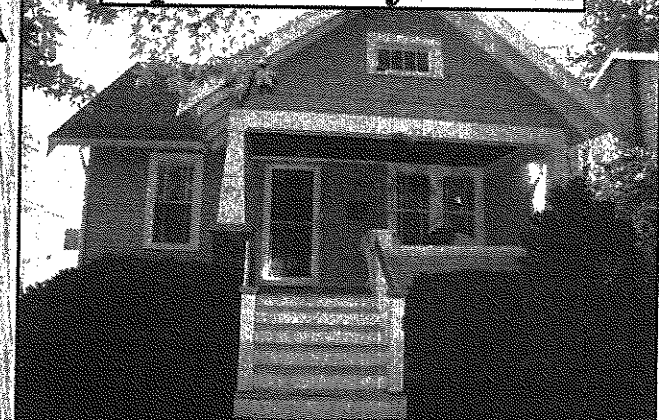
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FAIR HOUSING

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 Tuesday, April 15. For applications and information, contact Marie Miesik at (248) 398-1200 Ext. 207 or MMIESIK@DETROITDOOR.com

FACILITIES MANAGERS

The International Facilities Management Association Southeastern Michigan Chapter presents a seminar, "Using Technology to Improve the Performance of Your Facilities," 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Arvin/Meritor, 2135 W. Maple, Troy.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and program, is \$75 for members, \$100 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 988-0606.

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Keller Williams Realty-Livonia offers a free, no-obligation class on how to get into real estate sales and what you can expect 10 a.m. Friday, April 18, and noon Saturday, April 26, at its offices, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman.

To register, call (734) 266-9000.

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.

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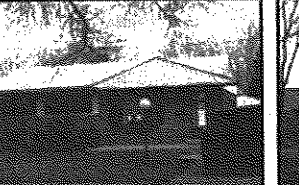
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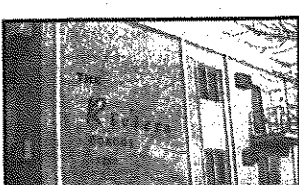
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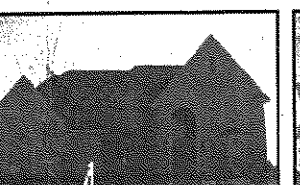
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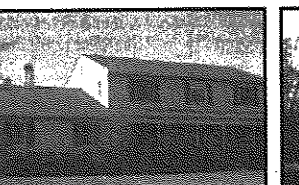
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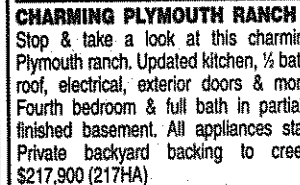
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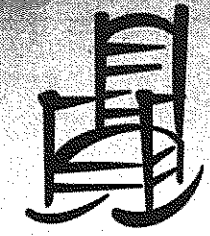
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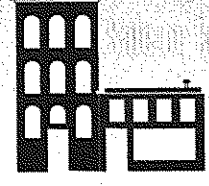
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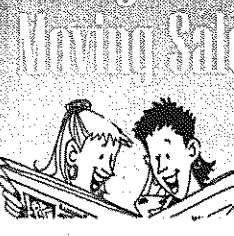
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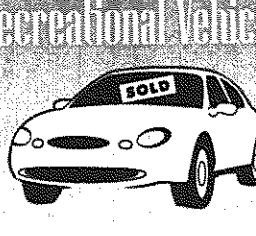
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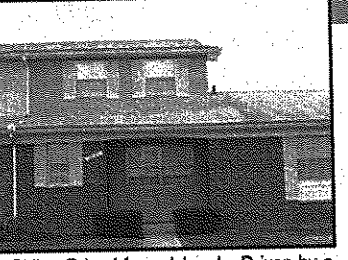
WESTLAND - Livonia schools! 3 BR ranch offers family room & kitchen combined w/FP, doorwall to huge fenced backyard, some appliances, + 3 car attached garage. \$159,900 (74ANN) 734-455-5600



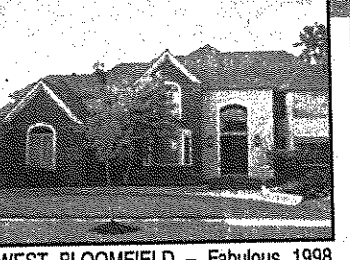
DEARBORN - Great income property. Brick 2 family home w/2 BRs on each floor, separate furnaces and utilities, newer roof and siding, dining room, full BSMT, 2 car garage, fenced yard. Great investment. \$139,900 (05KIN) 734-455-5600



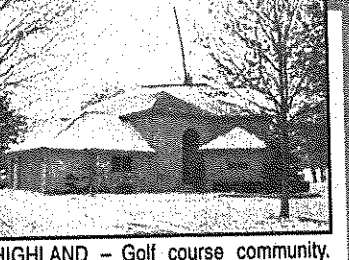
FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity. Large 3 BR ranch on good size lot. Roof and C/A (02), some windows and furnace (01), vinyl siding (00). Large foyer w/bay window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the majors are done. \$99,500 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



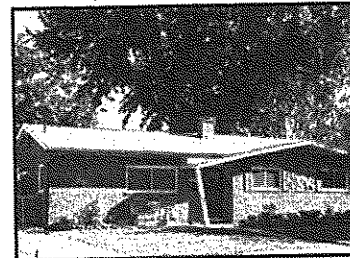
NOVI - Priced for quick sale. Driven by a little old lady only on Sunday's. 2 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-story condo w/full basement. Large LR. Spacious KIT & dining area with doorwall leading to private patio. Well located close to malls and x-ways. \$129,900 (85OLD) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Fabulous 1998 built 4 BR home. Built w/imports from around the world. Gourmet commercial kitchen. 3 full & 2 half baths. Master suite w/2 way FP, steam shower, Marble, granite & rosewood. Great lot. \$949,900 (01DOB) 248-349-5600



HIGHLAND - Golf course community. Custom built home on an approx. .7 acre lot in Prestwick Village. Soaring ceilings in GR & media room. Large island kitchen. Hardwood foyer & solid oak circular stairway. Master suite w/2 WIC, jacuzzi tub, custom blinds & recessed lights. \$459,900 (37CAR) 248-349-5600



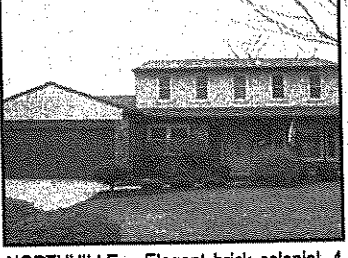
WESTLANDS FINEST! 3 BR, 1 BA brick ranch w/newer roof & furnace, brand new Wallside windows, new doorwall, heated Florida room, remodeled bath w/ceramic tub surround. Nicely landscaped. \$127,000 (70AVO) 734-455-5600



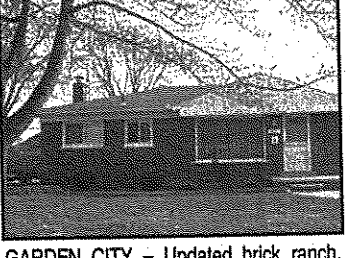
FARMINGTON - Easy peaceful living. Walk to town from this clean, comfortable 1st floor ranch. 1 BR, 1 BA, nice Florida room, spacious living areas, no maintenance, HDWD floor under carpet. 1 car garage. Stove, fridge included. It's all here and affordable. \$74,900 (53KIN) 734-455-5600



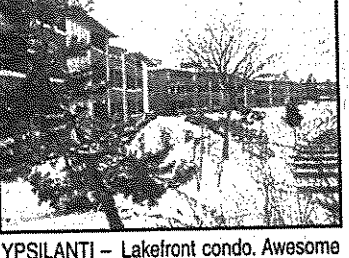
NORTHVILLE - Old Victorian Farmhouse. This 3 BR, 2 bath farmhouse sitting on a 1.5 acre lot offers updated siding, C/A, copper plumbing, elec., roof, crown molding & hardwood floors. \$329,900 (00SEV) 734-455-5600



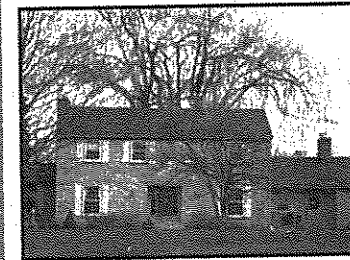
NORTHVILLE - Elegant brick colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 BA. Updated home on cul-de-sac. Features include: newer roof, siding, windows, oak floors and more. Large bedrooms, private den, formal LR & DR. FFL. Finished BSMT. Beautiful. \$349,900 (01CRO) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Updated brick ranch. Absolute move-in condition. 3 spacious BRs & 2 full baths. Huge master bedroom addition. Hardwood floors. Many updates include: roof, windows, entry doors & porch. Beautifully landscaped. Full finished BSMT w/BA. 2 car garage. \$154,900 (41ALV) 248-349-5600



YPSILANTI - Lakefront condo. Awesome 2 BR, 1.5 BA 3 story unit with beautiful scenic view of an all sports lake. Boat & dock facility available. Fireplace in living room. Large working kitchen. \$119,900 (93CLI) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Full of character! 4 BR, 2.5 BA. New England colonial on 2 acres. HDWD floors, crown moldings, LR w/FP & FR doors. Spa room, hearth room w/10' brick FP. Deck, gardens, pond, tennis court & gazebo! \$475,000 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



BELLEVILLE - Country living. Large 3 BR, 2 BA colonial sitting on 1 acre w/large family room & master bedroom upstairs. Newer furnace, bath, windows, roof, entry doors, carpet in LR, + garage and driveway. \$214,900 (50LEN) 734-455-5600



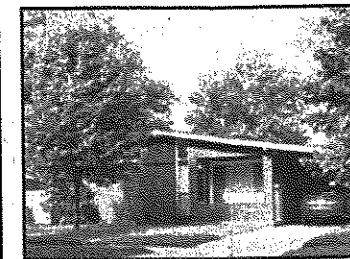
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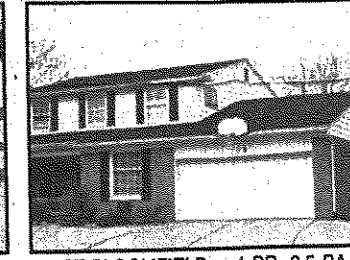
FARMINGTON HILLS - Regal rural ranch. Lovely 3 BR, 3 bath brick ranch w/oversized 2 car attached garage, sitting on almost .5 acre. BSMT, new roof in 2000, built by master carpenter, country KIT w/dark oak cabinets & loads of counter space. \$274,900 (13EDG) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Immaculate! 3 BR brick ranch w/many updates! Newer KIT w/white washed oak cabinets, Corian counter & Tiffany lamp. Newer furnace & HWH. Newer windows. Cathedral ceiling, newer carpet. \$134,900 (48NAN) 734-455-5600



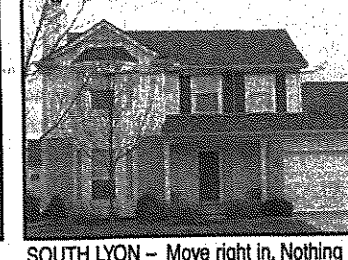
PLYMOUTH - Wonderful location. 3 bedroom, 2.5 BA condo in Plymouth. Spacious kit w/eating area, formal dining room, great room w/FP & doorwall leading to private courtyard. Deck off master suite, open staircase to BSMT, attached garage + lots of storage. \$159,000 (41ERI) 734-455-5600



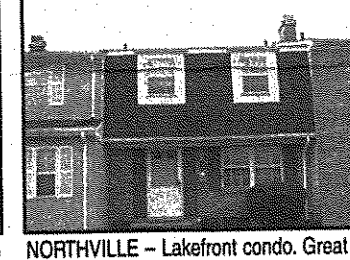
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 4 BR, 2.5 BA in West Bloomfield offers 2 car att. garage, BSMT, FR w/FP, dining room & library. Pella windows thru-out (02), newer roof, gutters, sump pump, drain lines & circuit breakers (00). 1st floor laundry. All in great sub. \$272,000 (27NOR) 734-455-5600



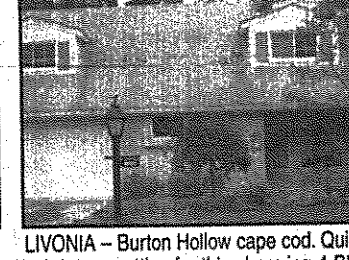
DEARBORN - Great starter home. 3 BR, 1 bath brick ranch. Coved ceilings, HDWD floors in LR, & BRs, + BSMT. Close to Oakwood Hospital & expressways. \$100,000 (20SOU) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Move right in. Nothing to do. Shows like a model. Custom white cabinets & island in kitchen. Master suite w/soaking tub. Custom mini blinds on all windows. Lots of upgrades. 1st floor laundry. Paver patio, deck & professional landscaping. \$272,000 (62CHE) 248-349-5600



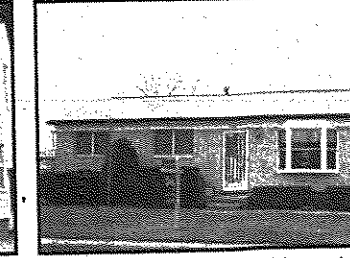
NORTHVILLE - Lakefront condo. Great 2 story townhouse in Highland Lakes. Oak kitchen & sunken living room. Bath has been updated with tub, sink, cabinet & toilet. Stove and refrigerator stay. Good value for the price, plus one year home warranty. Northville schools. \$159,900 (17LAG) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Burton Hollow cape cod. Quiet cul-de-sac setting for this charming 4 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod. Hardwood floors under most carpets. Walking distance to swim club and Cass Elementary school. Appliances included. \$304,900 (95FAL) 248-349-5600



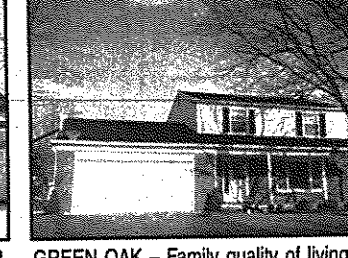
DEARBORN - Charm & value! 3 BR bungalow w/all the major updates! Newer roofs on garage & home! Newer furnace, C/A and landscaping. Circuit breakers. Pella windows. Finished BSMT. FR off KIT. \$149,900 (35GRI) 734-455-5600



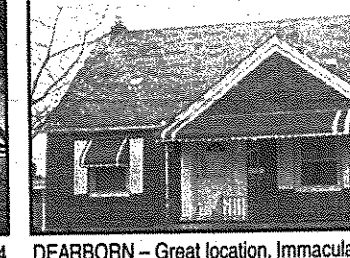
FARMINGTON HILLS - Brick ranch in Farmington. Great location, close to everything. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, full BSMT, 2.5 car oversized garage, fenced yard, Andersen windows, newer roof, furnace, siding and C/A. Family room/living room combo. Farmington schools. \$174,900 (65PUR) 734-455-5600



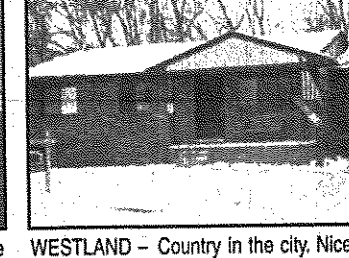
WESTLAND - Clean, cozy & updated. Well cared home. 3 BR ranch, neutral decor, 2 car garage, remodeled kitchen. Newer roof, C/A, furnace, HWH, windows, carpet, + kitchen & laundry room floors. \$124,900 (44WAL) 734-455-5600



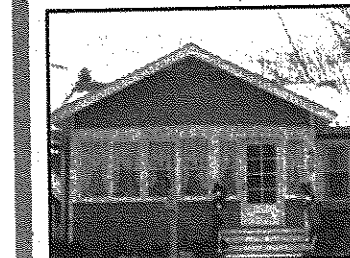
GREEN OAK - Family quality of living. 4 BR colonial in a park-like setting with association pond, swimming, fishing, canoeing on approx. 1/2 acre. Remodeled BA (03), tear-off roof (02), kitchen counter (00), dishwasher (00). FR w/FP w/newer sliding door to outside patio. Gas grill. \$242,900 (29PON) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Great location. Immaculate 3 BR home. Master w/2 walk-in closets. Newer carpeting & insulated storage. Beautiful finished BSMT w/cedar closet & Barber carpeting. Newer oak kitchen & hardwood floors throughout. Brick paver patio. \$157,900 (25WIL) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Country in the city. Nice 3 bedroom ranch located on just under 1 acre of beautiful land that is part wetlands with a stream running through it. 2 car heated garage. Large basement. 1 year old water heater. \$179,900 (55HUF) 248-349-5600



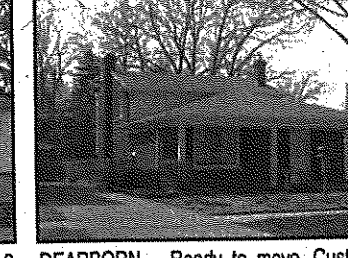
PLYMOUTH - Downtown Plymouth charm! Beautiful home w/enclosed porch, refinished HDWD floors, spacious LR & DR. Gorgeous remodeled bath w/marble floor & clawfoot tub, partially fin. BSMT, newer driveway, C/A, fenced yard, 2 car garage. Must see! \$209,900 (09HAR) 734-455-5600



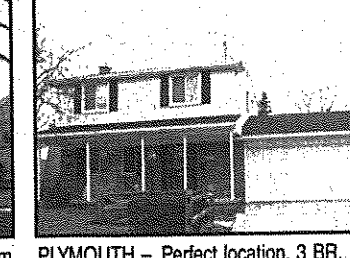
CANTON - Must see! Delightful 4 BR, 2 BA, 2.5 car garage. Many updates, KIT, floor, bath, windows, AC, roof, insulation, banister railing. Formal dining room & family room w/fireplace. \$214,700 (43ROB) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Spacious living. Charming 3 BR, 2 BA ranch sitting on .5 acre lot w/3 tiered deck, cherry kitchen. Ready to move into. \$164,900 (70WAY) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Ready to move. Custom built 3 BR, 1.5 bath tri-level in excellent condition. New cabinets, carpet & roof - 3 years & flooring - 4 yrs. Newer A/C & furnace. Neutral, clean & loads of new additions. \$173,000 (30BUR) 248-349-5600



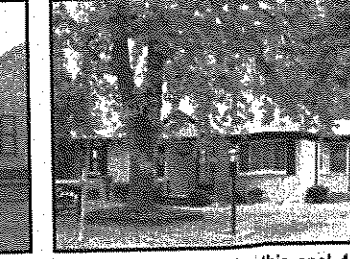
PLYMOUTH - Perfect location. 3 BR, 1.5 BA colonial. Cozy family room w/brick fireplace wall & gas logs. Updated kitchen and lav. Neutral colors. Newer carpet throughout. 2 car attached garage w/newer opener. Close to everything. \$224,950 (82PIN) 248-349-5600



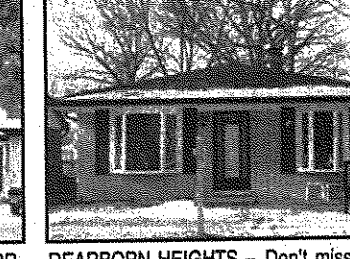
WHITMORE LAKE - Horses welcome. Enjoy country living in this 3 BR, 1.5 BA bungalow w/possible 4th BR. Hardwood floors, walkout BSMT, pole barn on approximately 5 acres. Newer roof, well pump and furnace. \$212,500 (03KEA) 248-349-5600



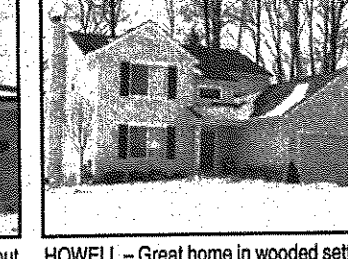
CANTON - Beautiful & neutral. 2 BR, 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet thru-out, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds, & gas fireplace in living room. \$199,900 (89HOR) 734-455-5600



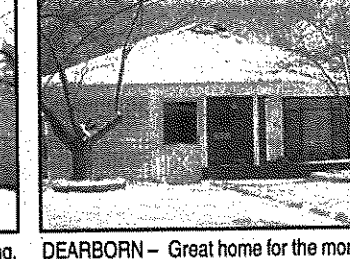
REDFORD - Don't miss this one! 4 BR, 2.5 BA huge ranch w/2 car attached garage w/attic. Wet plaster w/coved ceilings, gigantic country KIT, rec room w/FP. 1/2 acre lot, newer windows & C/A. \$183,900 (68RYL) 734-455-5600



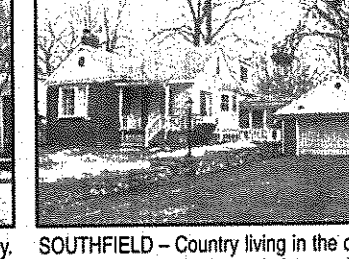
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Don't miss out on this! Great home. Original owner. Kitchen, bath, roof, windows, elec., furnace, C/A, neutral paint and carpet. Large closets. This one you don't want to miss. \$119,900 (76WED) 734-455-5600



HOWELL - Great home in wooded setting. 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Large KIT w/island. Large master bedroom w/double closets. LR, FR w/FP. Short walk to Lake Chemung. Large deck, sprinkler system, daylight windows in BSMT. Nicely decorated. Move in condition. \$268,800 (08SHA) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Great home for the money. 3 BRs, 1 bath ranch with open floor plan and newer flooring. Large fenced-in yard & 1 car garage. 1 year home warranty. Priced to sell quickly. \$134,900 (62BUR) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Country living in the city! On approx. 1 acre of wooded tranquility, this 3 BR home features hardwood, GR w/FP, updated KIT & finished basement w/family room. 2-tier deck w/tub. 2+ car garage & updates thru-out. \$172,000 (50SHE) 248-349-5600

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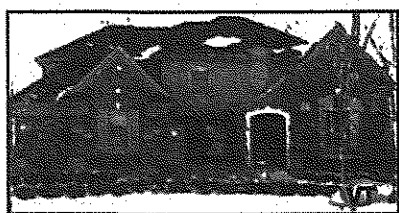
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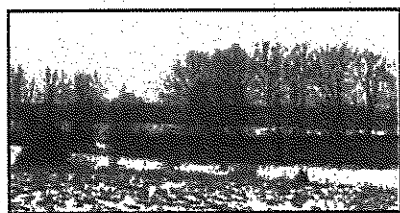
NORTHVILLE \$1,150,000
ELEGANT 1920'S REPRODUCTION COUNTRY HOME with garden house. Incredible detail and quality! Downtown Northville on half an acre! For those with exquisite taste!(90MA12)

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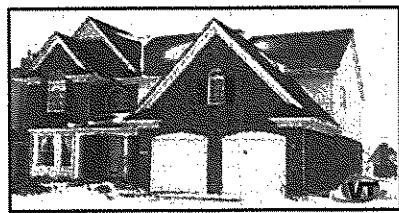
NORTHVILLE \$799,999
PRESTIGIOUS GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY! Spectacular home w/nearly 4,200 SF! GR w/soaring ceiling, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, dual staircase, butler's pantry & custom upgrades t/o. (87MER2)

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SYLVAN TWP \$515,000
LAKE FRONT ACRES! Sylvan Township & Chelsea schools. Beautiful rolling terrain with 500 ft of lake frontage. Minutes from I-94 & Ann Arbor. Perfect for building your dream home!(23C0)

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PLYMOUTH \$389,900
BUILT 2000 W/3120 SQUARE FEET this impressive 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial is simply the best deal in Plymouth. Offers great layout w/huge kitchen, 2 FP, 3 car garage, & more!!(W51159)

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NORTHVILLE \$375,000
BREATHTAKING VIEWS ON 1.3 ACRES! Spectacular views bring the outdoors in! Spacious 4 BR, 3 bath ranch w/huge DR w/FP. Oversized LR, full fin'd w/o bsmt. Perfect setting for entertaining.(53MA12)

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PLYMOUTH \$329,900
1/2 ACRE WOODED LOT! Highly upgraded classic home in Woodlore. 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, home office, new maple kitchen, finished basement. Hardwoods, fresh carpet & paint (neutral).(23S47125)

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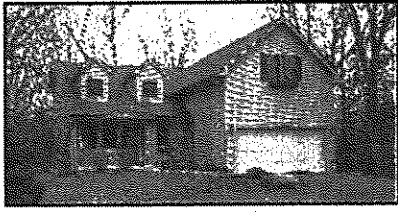
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PLYMOUTH \$314,900
CUSTOM CAPE COD! Country setting & close to park. Beautiful location! Custom built, 4 bedrooms with first floor master. Great rm with fieldstone fireplace & finished basement.(23N14370)

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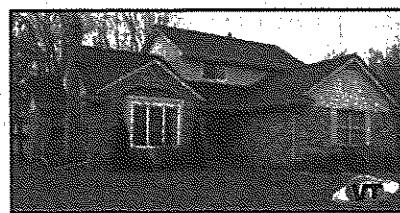
PLYMOUTH \$309,900
LIGHT & BRIGHT OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Wonderful 3 BR, 2.5 bath home with unbelievable price! Neutral, tasteful decor, 1st floor mstr, 2-story GR w/gas FP & lg deck, perfect for entertaining.(74WEN2)

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FARMINGTON \$279,900
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM 4 BR, 3 BA, 2200 sq ft brk ranch. Remodeled.(S36267)

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CANTON \$259,900
BEAUTIFUL MASTER 1ST FLR CAPE COD. 2 lg rms up plus a loft area for poss FR or office. Prof fin bsmt w/2 BR and a full BA, 3.5 BA total. 1st flr laundry, GR w/FP & cath ceilings. Newer wndws & r!(S46639)

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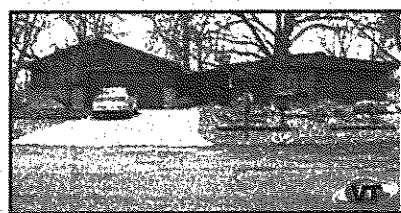
FARMINGTON \$257,900
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO DOWNTOWN! Mint, 2 BR condo in Farmington. Great room w/frpl, all appliances, master suite w/WIC & 2-person whirlpool tub. Deck, 2-car garage & bsmt. Don't wait!(91FA2)

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CANTON \$249,900
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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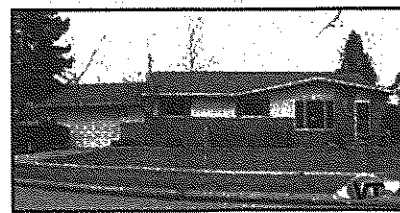
LIVONIA \$224,900
WARM & WONDERFUL BRK RANCH 3 BR, 2 full BA, attd heated gar w/worksp, newer hickory kit cabs & Bruce hrdwd flrs, sauna, hot tub on gazebo, brk paver w/fire pit, lg mstr ste w/prvt BA.(B18775)

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WESTLAND \$204,000
YOU WON'T WANT TO LEAVE Lovely 3 BR, 2 bath ranch, w/newer carpet & paint, roof shingles, privacy fence, landscaping, gorgeous sun rm, sprinklers, plant box window, 2 car gar & more!(R368)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
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 attd gar. West Livonia location. FR w/wood stove.(C3906)

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GARDEN CITY \$189,900
BEST KEPT SECRET INTOWN Has all the I wants. Totally updated including windows, roof shingles, super oak kit, (lg) bar fireplace, 4 car garage, huge porch, 2 driveways & privacy fence.(B319)

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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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CANTON \$188,000
YOUR PERFECT CHOICE! Wonderful quad-level. Oak eat-in kitchen w/new hard wood floors. Huge deck (41x16). Family room with natural fireplace. Newer windows, paint, carpeting & HWH.(23H1205)

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FARMINGTON \$184,900
CLEAN & COZY 3 BR, 2 BATH BRICK RANCH! Updates include; kitchen, windows, roof, c/a, deck & fin'd bsmt. Walk to downtown Farmington! (25POW2)

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WESTLAND \$179,900
TRADITIONAL BROWNSTONE LIVING 3 stories of living comfort. Clean, red, decorated, ready to move in. Many upgrades include hardwood floors, white kitchen, open railing and more.(C675)

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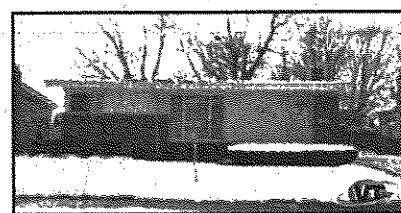
LIVONIA \$179,900
MINT CONDITION RANCH! Many updates in this 3 BR, 2 bath home. 1,008 SF, newer neutral carpet, LL has BR, full bath & FR. Newer furnace, roof & windows. Must see!(29MIN2)

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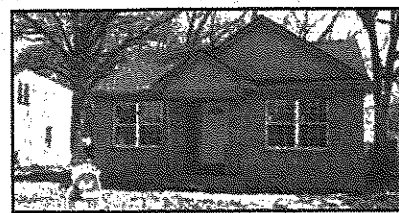
LIVONIA \$174,900
QUALITY BUILT UPDATED RANCH tucked away on quiet tree lined street. 2.5 car attd garage, wide fenced lot, & lg eat in kit. Clean, neutral, move right in!(L35458)

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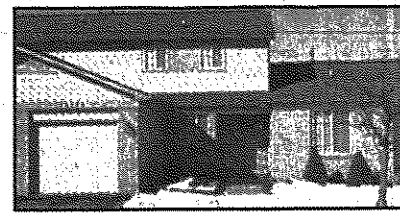
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$169,900
BUY A DREAM! With this 3 bed brick & vinyl ranch in North Dearborn Hts. Full fin base, 2 1/2 baths, C/A, remodel kit & baths, newer carpeting, furn, copper plumbing and more.(C750)

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LIVONIA \$169,900
BRAND NEW 2003 BRICK RANCH! 3 BR, mstr w/lg WIC, great layout, 5x6 foyer, full basement. Livonia with Livonia schools. For under \$170,000 dare to compare! Elementary school end of street.(D9048)

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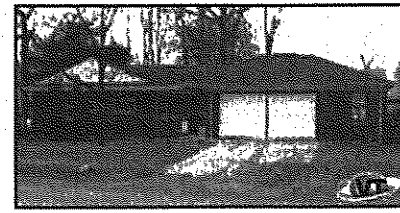
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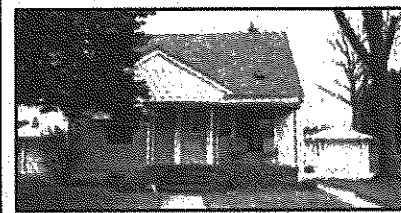
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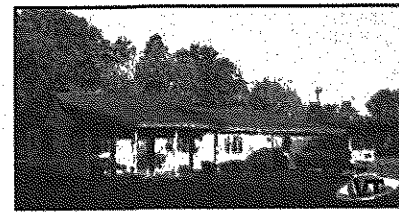
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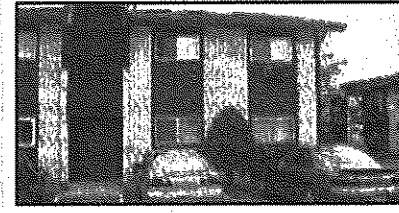
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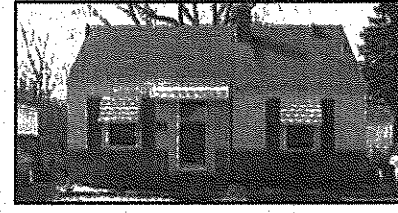
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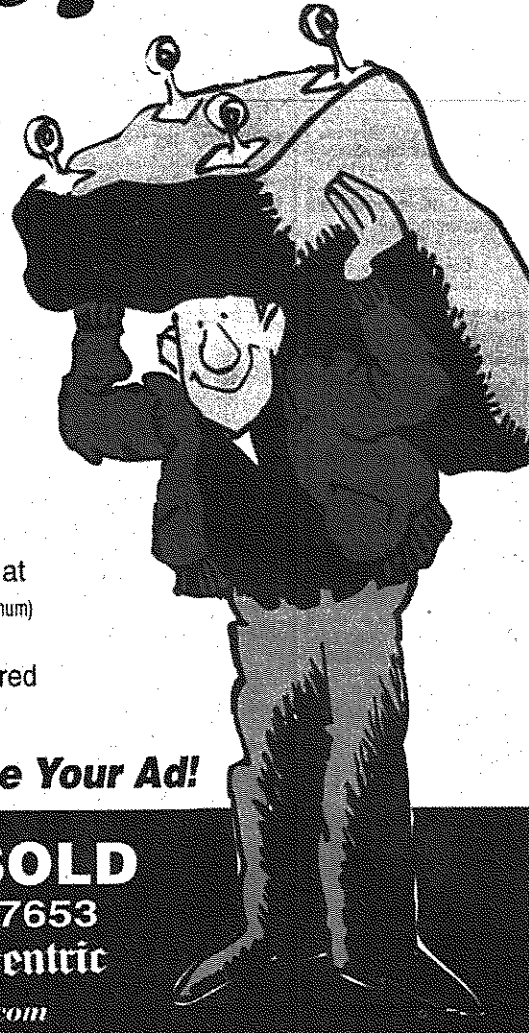
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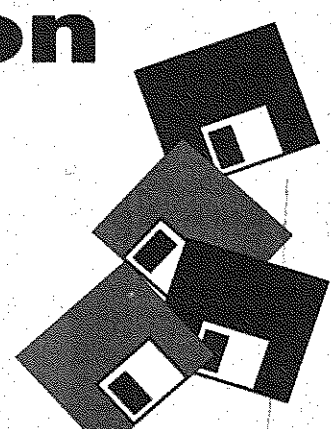
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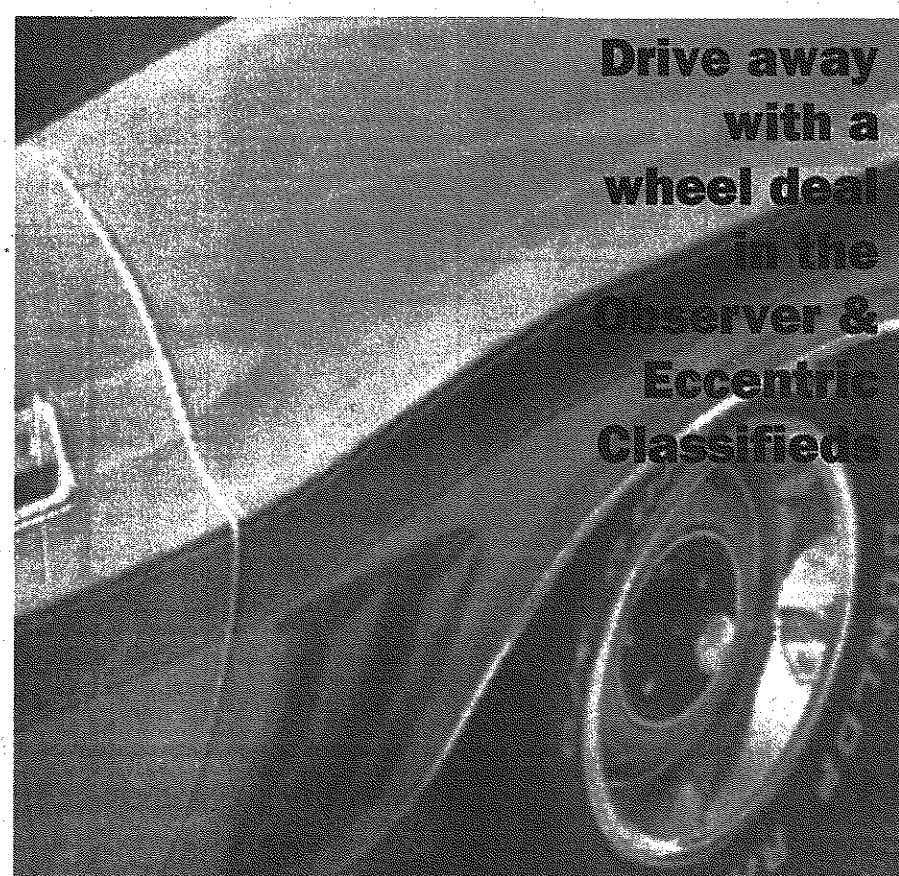
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2003 Honda Pilot is a Winner

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BY DALE BUSS

Honda has taken its time getting serious about mounting an offering for the mid-priced SUV market. But forgive its delay as just about every other major manufacturer entered the family-sized sport-ute market ahead of it: In the 2003 Pilot, Honda has produced yet another striking winner.

Pilot displays the locomotive punch and effortless, predictable handling that you've come to expect from Honda. The model offers encouragingly high fuel efficiency at a time that SUV buyers more and more are taking that into consideration. It also supplies enough room to pack eight seats into an overall package that is shorter than most other mid-size SUVs. And the eight-passenger Pilot includes amenities that more than justify the \$32,480 suggested retail price for the fully outfitted EX model I tested.

Styling suggests Honda's smaller, and much sportier-looking, CR-V sport-utility. The grill and headlights, for example, simply enlarge the CR-V's large, wraparound face. And Pilot's body-side moldings give it a somewhat upscale look. But I still found Pilot too redolent of Honda's usual bland styling. It makes no real statement on the outside.

Fortunately, just the opposite is true of the Pilot's innards. All versions feature Honda's VTM-4, electronically controlled, full-wheel-drive system, a 240-horsepower V-6 engine, and a five-speed automatic transmission. Pilot shares the same basic platform with Honda's Acura MDX sport-utility and with the Odyssey minivan, and the way it behaves on the road handsomely reflects that heritage.

Acceleration performance, is excellently smooth with all that horsepower and Honda's peerless engine design. The automatic transmission shifts effortlessly and precisely even under hard acceleration. Handling is equally a joy, and Pilot rolls over winter potholes with the most rugged of SUV competitors. The all-wheel-drive system came in handy



The 2003 Honda Pilot has plenty of space.

and proved reliable dealing with the last gasps of a Michigan winter. Road noise is noticeably louder than in some other competitors in the segment, however.

Pilot also echoes the spacious interior of the Odyssey. Yet the vehicle's overall package is so short that the Environmental Protection Agency considers Pilot a compact SUV even though its competition is midsize SUVs such as the Toyota Highlander and Ford Explorer. Pilot has more cargo space than either.

There's plenty of room in the front, with two comfortable bucket seats (leather in my version) and a versatile center console. It includes a fold-out cell-phone holder with a power outlet. The only problem was that the cell-phone holder completely blocked the two cupholders mounted in front of it in the console.

On the instrument panel, Honda's patented simplicity reigned, and it was welcome. One of the niftiest touches, new to Pilot, is that the largest dial in the center of the instrument panel is the switch to shift audio controls from front- to rear-seat audio. This is a nod to parents of all children who are old enough to start exerting their aural independence in the back seat, a condition that requires constant attention to the status of rear-seat audio. Fortunately, second-row passengers can operate the rear climate controls and headliner-mounted DVD screen all by themselves.

The foldable third-row seat is suitable mainly for young children or short trips. Both rows of rear seats split 60/40 to fold, a nice bit of cargo-compartment flexibility. Passive safety features include dual-stage / dual-threshold front airbags, and front side-impact airbags with occupant position sensing on the passenger side.

Fuel economy has always been an important issue to Honda. And increasingly, it seems to be a consideration for American SUV shoppers, perhaps sensitive to the political incorrectness of driving one of these vehicles — or suddenly more wary of recent spikes in gasoline prices. Pilot offers 17 miles per gallon in city driving and an impressive 22 mpg on the highway.

Unfortunately, I guess I'll never get used to Honda's decision to continue to get weight gains in its vehicles at the expense of sturdy-seeming doors. Its doors just seem tinnier and less substantial than those of other Japanese makes that have learned their lesson, such as Toyota. Sure enough, Pilot's rear side doors seem wimpy. And while the hatch door, to my gratitude, opens rather easily, the one on my Pilot rose balkily, often not going high enough to clear the head of a person of average height.

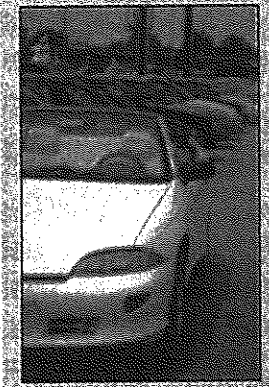
But that's just a nit. And when that's about all there is to prompt a complaint, that makes Pilot a pick.

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Dark shadow gray cc, dark charcoal cloth, rear spoiler, single wing, power driver's seat, spd control, ABS, traction control, air, 6 CD changer radio w/track, wheels, 16" bright alloy, 3.8L EFI engine, auto O/D trans, P225/55R16 94T BSW all season (Stock #30481) **WAS \$20,760**

\$14,925^{36*}

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36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	\$175/mo	\$143/mo	Mustang Available

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Exc AM/FM ster/disc cass/clk, remote keyless entry, air, lugg rack, enhanced steering grp, 2nd/3rd row priv glass, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, four speed automatic O/D trans, P215/70R-15 BSW (Stock #32173) **WAS \$26,740**

\$19,931^{68*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER			
A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	152
36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	\$325/mo	\$299/mo	Windstar's Available

2003 RANGER EDGE 4x2



Tchmt MP3 aud plyr, fog lmps, 4-wl ABS, 3.0L EFI V6, 5 spd auto O/D trans, P235 OWL all-trm tires, 4.10 ratio reg axle, flareside box, 4700 GVWR, sliding rr wndw, priv glass, spd ctrl/tilt, ck grph, edge plus grp, AM/FM in-dash 6 disc CD chng, whls, silver alum 15", air (Stock #33131) **WAS \$19,465**

\$13,460^{32*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER			
A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	144
48 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	\$179/mo	\$145/mo	Ranger's Available

2003 EXPLORER XLS

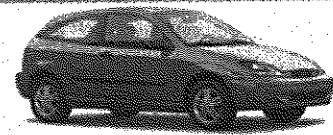


True blue cc, graphite cloth capt chairs, key standard equip., prem cassette/CD radio, optrl equip: 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng, 5-speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R-16 AS BSW tires, 3.73 LS axle (Stock #32328) **WAS \$27,220**

\$19,867^{57*}

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2003 FOCUS ZX3

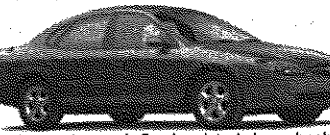


CD silver clearcoat met, dk charcoal cloth, integrated fog lmps, tilt, speed control, split rear seat, air, 1-disc w/MP3/clock, 2.0L DOHC 16v Zetec engine, auto trans, P205/50R16 BSW tires (Stock #32075) **WAS \$15,505**

\$12,036^{60*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER			
A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	178
36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	\$215/mo	\$169/mo	Focus Available

2003 TAURUS SE



SE value package, air, 5-spk painted alum wheels, spd ctrl, remote keyless entry, dual pwr mirror/perim light, AM/FM stereo cass, 3.0L 2v 6-cyl flex fuel engine, auto overdrive transmission (Stock #33044) **WAS \$21,325**

\$15,193^{90*}

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2003 ESCAPE XLS 4x2

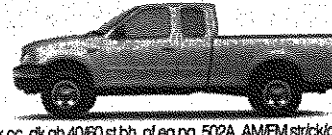


Air, pwr mirrors w/mrl ldd, rem kyless entry, pwr side wndws, 3.0L duratec V6 eng, 4-spd auto OD trans, P225/70R15 AS BSW tires, step bars-black, fl rck w/2 crossbars, 15" cast alum whls, spd control, perim alarm (Stock #33012) **WAS \$22,165**

\$18,162^{84*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER			
A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	68
36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	\$271/mo	\$227/mo	Escapes Available

2003 F150 S/C 4x2 XL



Bk cc, ck gh 40/80 st bh, fl eq pg, 502A, AM/FM ster/cass, 4.2L EFI V6, el 4-s at OD, 3.55 r/r sp al, 6050# GVWR pg, XL sp gp, P255/70R-16 OWL als, tor, mli cr-kd ms, 4 pl al ws, 4.000 spt spl bh st, ovd csd, cl/tlt, lty, air (Stock #32930) **WAS \$24,665**

\$16,905^{08*}

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER			
A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	453
36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	\$248/mo	\$200/mo	F-Series Available

2003 EXPEDITION XLT 4x2



Bk cc, Flint gry capt chr cloth, 3.73 r/r l/rm slp axle, r/rng brds, aux heater/air, prm stereo in-dsh 6 CD/cass w/crk, fog lmps, 3rd row seat, 4.6L EFI V8, 4-spd auto trans, P255/70R-17 OWL all-ssn (Stock #32348) **WAS \$34,875**

\$25,495^{08*}

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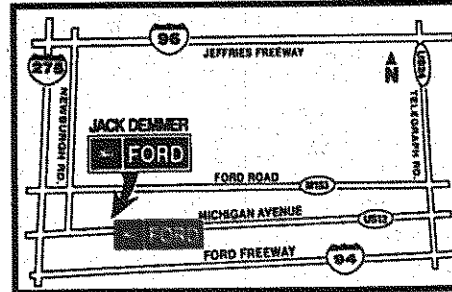
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