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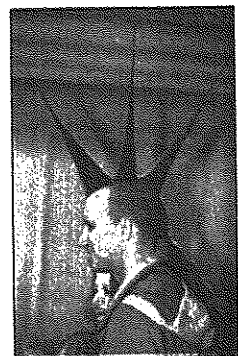
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# CANTON Observer

## Local talent

Artists and fans  
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Arts, B1



## District receives fair AYP results

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen of 15 Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, and all five middle schools, made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in MEAP scores for the 2001-02 school year.

The AYP is Michigan's response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which has produced changes in K-12 public education in the United States in an effort to make individual schools, not

just school districts, more accountable for improved test scores.

"It's a way to determine if our schools are meeting assessed standards, if they are improving," said Verna Anible, executive director of instructional services for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

In Michigan, the standard for elementary students is 47-percent efficiency in math and 38 percent in reading. For middle school students, the standard is 31-percent for both reading and math. In the 2001-02 school year,

fourth-graders were tested in reading and math, while in the middle schools reading tests were given to seventh-graders and math to eighth-grade students.

Dodson Elementary, the district's newest elementary school, was not rated because "they don't have enough statistical information yet to determine whether or not they've met the scores," said Anible. "We're quite confident that had they had time to do the same process, they would have made their AYP."

### TAKE NOTE

While all the other elementary schools passed in the first year of the AYP, six of the buildings received notations suggesting they needed improvements.

According to state statistics, Isbister Elementary would not have made adequate yearly progress in reading one of the three previous years. Allen, Field, Gallimore and Tonda would not have

PLEASE SEE AYP, A7

## Retro reality check

Canton students learn pioneer lessons at school

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

It should come as no surprise that Carol Greene's class found recess the most enjoyable part of their visit to Plymouth-Canton's one-room school house, located at Ann Arbor and Gotfredson roads.

Their break from school-work wasn't spent on modern-day play structures though, but playing games of tag, sticks and rings and cats-in-the-cradle.

"They played with 1800 period toys and games," said Greene whose combined first and second grade class from Dodson Elementary in Canton made the field trip to Geer School as part of

**'They made old-time crafts like a buzz saw toy, tin punch and a quilt square.'**

Carol Greene  
Dodson Elementary teacher



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Josh Mayberry (from left) Reid Conlon, Jonnie Russ, Samantha Wallman and Bobby Deeg participate in a spell-off during afternoon lessons.

their curriculum study of the community.

The Canton teacher said all second graders study the community and her class chose to visit the one-room school house in an effort to compare life in the 1800s in Canton to what it's like in the year 2003.

"We did about a month's worth of preparation," said Greene.

The field trip was part of a two-day

lesson that included just the second graders from Greene's split class returning to the schoolhouse for an additional day of creating pioneer arts and crafts.

"They made old-time crafts like a buzz saw toy, tin punch and a quilt square," added Greene.

The students got into the spirit of the visit by dressing like their 1800s counterparts, eating sack lunches without

the modern conveniences of lunch baggies and only brought beverages of water, lemonade and root beer to drink compared to juice boxes and cans of soda that they might find in their lunches today.

After a few minutes of play, Greene said she rang the schoolbell and the students formed two lines, "the boys on

PLEASE SEE PIONEER, A8

## Architect wears many hats

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Canton architect Dawn Zuber knew when she was 11 that she wanted to be an architect when she grew up.

"My hobby was to take (floor plans) and redraw them," said Zuber, 37 a Sandusky, Ohio native.

She recently received the Young Architect of the Year award from the Huron valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects. She also serves as president of the local AIA, and serves on the state board of AIA's Michigan chapter.

Zuber continues to redraw existing floor plans, and proudly displays her "before and after" photos of residential projects in southeast Michigan in a three-ring photo album. In a recent Ann Arbor project, her clients were a



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Canton architect Dawn Zuber recently received the Young Architect of the Year award from the Huron Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

husband and wife, and her job was to make the kitchen, formal dining room and breakfast nook a large, open area.

The only problem was, while the husband was dissatisfied with the old kitchen, the wife

PLEASE SEE ARCHITECT, A5

## Massage ordinance undergoes change

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's proposed massage ordinance underwent some therapeutic massage treatment itself after it was pulled from last week's board meeting agenda.

The ordinance would require anyone engaged in the business of massage to have a valid massage business license issued by the township. The state of Michigan does not regulate massage businesses and Canton's old massage ordinance was so restrictive that therapeutic massagists could not

legally operate within the township.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett said she pulled the proposed new ordinance after receiving complaints from some massage therapists that it was onerous and burdensome.

She said after reviewing the complaints, some of them appeared to be valid so the ordinance was revisited. A revised version was presented to the board at a Tuesday night study session.

Attorney Tim Cronin told the board that because of the con-

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## CANTON CONNECTION

### TOWN HALL MEETING

The new Wayne County executive will host a town hall meeting April 24 at Canton's Summit on the Park. Robert Ficano has scheduled the gathering so that he may answer questions on issues relating to Wayne County.

Residents are invited to the 6 p.m. town hall meeting which will include other state and county elected officials and department directors. Canton Supervisor Tom Yak has agreed to serve as moderator.

The meeting is planned for the main ballroom at the Summit. A sign-in sheet and a question form will be provided. Light snacks will be served.

For questions call the Wayne County Communications Division, (313) 224-8390.

### NOTABLE EDUCATOR

Former Gallimore and Hoben principal Joyce Reefer Deren will be honored by the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma as their 2003 Woman of Distinction. The society will present her with the honor May 7 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Prior to retirement she was in public education for over 31 years, 25 of those years as an elementary school administrator in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Earlier she was recognized as an Extra Miler by the school board of Plymouth-Canton for her many services to the students of the district. Currently she is personnel manager of the Dodworth Saxhorn Band which plays at Greenfield Village.

She is responsible for finding musicians for all the engagements.

She has been a charter member of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, located in the Plymouth-Canton area, since 1982. The organization promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

### FINE ARTS AWARD

Lauren French, a Canton High School senior, has been named the first recipient of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholar Award. The \$500 prize was established by family members in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte.

She was an artist, long-time volunteer and board member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council. This is Lauren's second PCAC award.

She was an Isbister Competition winner in the fourth grade. She has been admitted to the fine arts program at Western Michigan University and hopes to enter their very selective graphics arts program next year.

## Officer's condition critical

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

A former Canton resident who became a Phoenix, Ariz. police officer two years ago is continuing to recover in the hospital after being shot four times during a traffic stop.

Phoenix police Officer Robert Sitek, 35, is listed in critical condition at Maricopa County Hospital in Phoenix.

His father, Richard Sitek, reported Wednesday morning that doctors had taken him off the medications that were keeping him comatose in hopes that he will wake up and continue recovering.

Wednesday morning, the family reported that Sitek had opened his eyes and squeezed a nurse's hand.

"They can't believe the remarkable turnaround he's made over the past 36 hours," Richard Sitek said.

As of Monday, April 14 an Arizona TV station reported on its Web site that he had already undergone two surgeries and appeared to be improving.

The officer was shot late Saturday, April 12 when he and his partner pulled over a motorist for driving erratically. The suspect was reportedly shot and killed by Sitek's part-

ner after a foot chase, which included traversing a brick wall.

Sitek is a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate and was on the varsity track team. His parents, both of Canton, have kept a constant vigil in Phoenix — and close tabs on goings on with family members in metro Detroit and Canton, thanks to their mobile phone.

"We haven't slept since Sunday," mom Kathleen Sitek said Tuesday morning of the nightmarish drama that has unfolded since her son was gunned down. "I can't believe this happened — he never hurt anybody."

Seeing her son, a former Salem track star who still runs frequently to stay fit, lie helpless in a hospital bed has been unbearable, she said.

"I just want him to open his eyes," she said Tuesday afternoon. By Wednesday morning, Sitek had opened his eyes and had begun to show signs of alertness.

The Phoenix community has been incredibly supportive during the ordeal, according to Sitek. The city's mayor, city manager and city council personally expressed their condolences to the Siteks, and others in the community have been

very generous.

"We've had people extend their homes to us," she said.

The Canton police community also immediately lent sympathy and support to the Siteks.

"Their brotherhood extends beyond state lines," Richard Sitek said. "It's moving how they all took it so personally."

Sitek's best friend in Phoenix, Geoff Ballentine, also a police officer, was relieved of his duties and has been allowed to stay with Sitek's parents since it happened.

Ballentine said he and Sitek went through the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy together two years ago. Sitek's love of physical fitness — especially running — was evident from the start.

"If not for him, I wouldn't have made it through the academy," Ballentine said of Sitek's motivational skills. "He's always asking, 'Did you go to the gym today?' Rob is a real physical fitness guy."

Sitek also has a great sense of humor ... but tends to deliver jokes in a subtle, rather than over the top, fashion.

"He's very laid back ... he just goes with the flow."

Ballentine said that Sitek, who previously worked for



Phoenix police Officer Robert Sitek is currently hospitalized after being shot four times during a traffic stop. He was a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate and a former Canton resident. He's pictured with his mom, Kathleen Sitek of Canton.

Northwest Airlines at Detroit Metro Airport, decided to become a police officer to make a difference.

"I think he wanted to something where he felt like he was doing something for the community. He just wanted to make his parents proud."

Sitek's family has set up an account at Standard Federal Bank to assist with their son's expenses when he recovers. They asked that well-wishers donate to the fund, in Robert Sitek's name, in lieu of giving gifts and flowers.

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## Motorcycle helmet, purse taken by thieves

Police are looking for one colorful shoplifter and one wannabe shoplifter in separate incidents on April 14.

■ The manager of Home Depot said he noticed a man walking around the store with two cordless drills about 5:20 p.m. He said the man walked into the garden area of the store, threw the drills in the air and left the area.

The manager said he saw the drills over the fence in an area open to the public. The suspect then got into an old model Dodge, drove into the area and up to the drills but he left without the tools.

■ A security officer at Kohl's reported seeing a woman with

two children come into the store and go to the women's/children's section. She removed things from the racks and went into a fitting room.

When she came out of the room, the security guard said she appeared to have hidden clothes under her medical "scrubs." She was wearing a Scooby Doo top and purple pants.

She left her cart and walked out of the store. The guard determined that six pairs of pants and a yellow jacket were missing.

### HELMET STOLEN

### COP CALLS

A Westland man told Canton Police he parked his motorcycle in front of a business in the 43000 block of Michigan Avenue about midnight April 14.

He said he took a short walk to meet another person and left his helmet sitting on the bike. When he returned to the bike his yellow and black helmet was gone. It was valued at \$170.

### PURSES TAKEN

■ A Plymouth woman reported she had gone to the

movies at Cinema Six about 10:30 p.m. April 11.

When she left later and got to her car, she realized she had left her purse under the seat in the theater. When she went back inside, the purse was gone.

■ A Canton woman told police she was staying at First Step Shelter on April 11 and left her purse in the dining room.

A few hours later the purse was missing. No one saw anyone take the purse, which contained miscellaneous ID cards, pictures and 50 cents in change.

By Jack Gladden

## OBITUARIES

### Victoria Gajewski

Services for Victoria Gajewski, 82, of Canton, were held April 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Gajewski was born June 6, 1920 in Detroit and died April 11 in Canton. She was employed for a time as a

press operator.

Survivors include son, Alex Gajewski; daughter, Barbara Pikulski; sister, Bernice Switalski; brother, Anthony Szachacz; and sisters-in-law, Helen Gajewski and Sophie Gajewski.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

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# Feedback sought for Central property

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton Schools, as part of a joint venture to improve recreational facilities at Central Middle School, will be holding public forums April 29 to get public feedback on what kinds of improvements should be made to the property.

The city administration has hired LSL Planning of Royal Oak to conduct focus groups to garner ideas about the types of recreational facilities residents want, to go along with the football, softball and soccer fields.

"In the afternoon we'll have focus groups with various special interest groups, including residents from Adams Street (across from Central), athletic directors, governmental leaders and user groups," said City Manager Paul Sincoc. "In the evening we'll have an open session for the general public to give input and comment about the ideas which came out of the focus groups. This will be the basis to develop a plan for the site, which will give us the groundwork to move forward."

Ideas tossed about by a city and school district subcommittee, which met in January, include improvements to the athletic fields, constructing a walking/running track, repairing the bleachers and installing new lighting and fencing.

After getting ideas on what the master plan for Central Middle School's athletic facilities should look like, the next step will be in attempting to find money to fund the project. Sincoc said a dollar figure has yet to be determined, but he doesn't discount the possibility the price tag could reach \$1.5 million.

"The subcommittee of the city commission and school board said we have no idea where the money is coming from," said Sincoc, "but you need a plan first, and then you

can move forward."

However, invited to participate in the focus groups will be members of the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs, among others, as well as the Wilcox Foundation.

"They have an insight into what the community is looking for," said Sincoc. "And, eventually we're going to be looking for various funding sources for this project."

"It will be a great concept, but we don't have any funding sources in mind," he said. "It's going to take a lot of people to bring this to fruition."

With cuts in state revenue sharing money affecting the city's bottom line, and reductions in state foundation grant money paring the income of the school district, neither entity can afford to make the improvements to what is considered by many to be a prime tract of recreational property.

"We've had pretty good luck with Plymouth Township in refurbishing our field at Isbister (Elementary)," said Tom Wysocki, school board trustee. "Central has a lot of good potential for all sorts of things. I'm sure if we can make a good enough case, we can get community support."

LSL Planning is being paid \$5,000 from block grant funds to develop a master plan for the site. It's the same company that helped the city in developing plans for improvements to the Cultural Center and neighborhood parks.

"They'll give us a site plan, which will result in a basis for the city and schools to partner and move forward in building community support," said Sincoc. "Then we can develop grant applications to various local and national organizations to help us move forward on this project."

The general public session for submitting ideas and commenting on proposed plans will be held Tuesday, April 29, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, starting at 7 p.m.

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# New postmaster learns to juggle the demands of work and family

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Dennis Wiecezorek, new postmaster of the Plymouth Township post office, had only five words to say when beginning to talk about his 27-year career with the United States Postal Service.

"It was all hard work," the Livonia father of five said, as he began to reflect upon his route up the ladder, which included stops in Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Westland, Belleville, Dearborn, Ann Arbor and even a three-month gig in Muskegon.

"I'm very pleased and happy to be here in Plymouth," he said of his promotion to postmaster. His most recent post was as customer service manager at Livonia's Greenmead post office on Newburgh south of Eight Mile.

"The employees have made (working at the post office) a wonderful experience and I owe my success to them," Wiecezorek said.

He proudly pointed out that U.S. Postmaster General John E. Potter is, like him, 46 years old. They both started their postal careers in 1975.

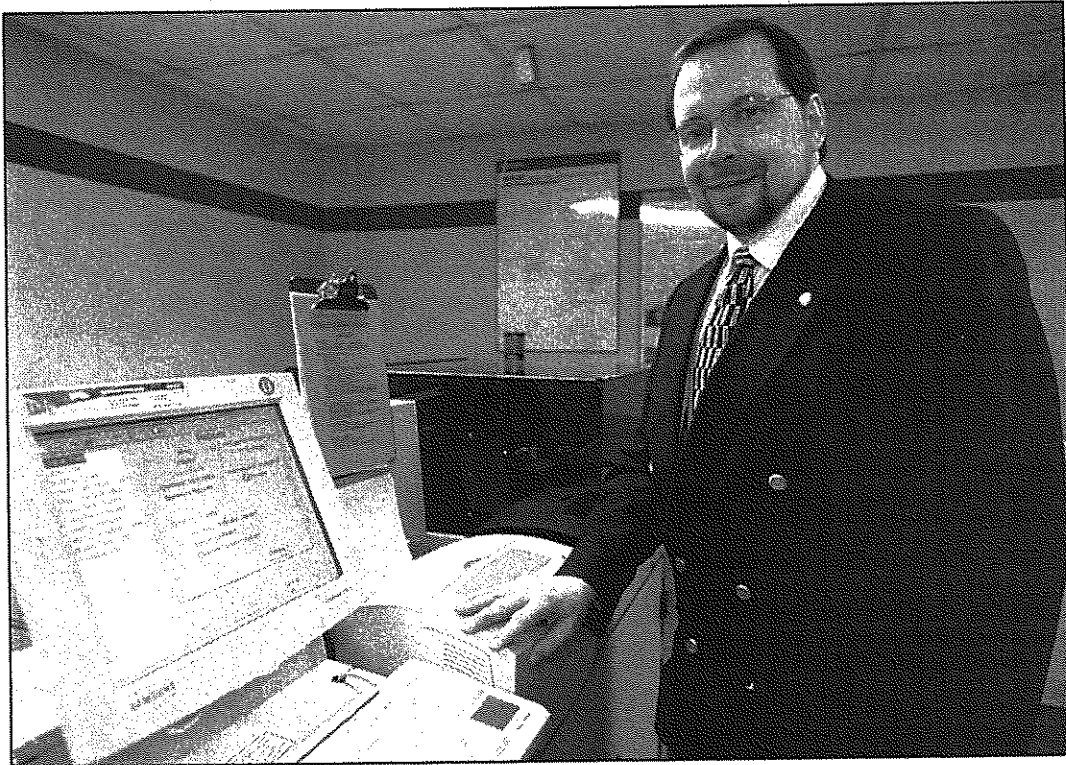
"He applied himself and worked hard," Wiecezorek said of Potter.

Wiecezorek's postal career began at age 18, when he was still a Fordson High School student. He worked afternoon shifts until 1 or 2 a.m., and attended school during the day.

He's always had more than one job, he said, and even now continues to work as a sales associate at Home Depot.

This means his work weeks can run as long as 84 hours - with 50-60 going into the post office, and up to 24 going into his Home Depot gig.

This can make spending time with children and his wife, Joni, a challenge. But



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New Plymouth Township Postmaster Dennis Wiecezorek stands with the new MERLIN machine at the Beck Road station. MERLIN stands for Mail Evaluation Readability Lookup INstrument, an automated process helping to expedite the accuracy of bulk mail for business customers.

as his family has shown, adaptation is the key. When he was assigned to work three summer months in Muskegon, he expected to come back home once a week to spend time with family. But, his family had a better idea.

"Why don't we stay with you?" his wife suggested, and thereafter packed up their five children and headed out to his extended-stay motel room.

"All seven of us crammed into the room," Wiecezorek said, smiling. "It was a special time for my family."

They made the most of the Muskegon assignment, by taking a lighthouse tour, soaking up sun on the beaches and enjoying the western Michigan coast.

When he manages to get away from work long enough, he enjoys restoring old cars, including a 1957 Jeep. He also loves taking to the woods to hunt and fish.

## ON THE JOB

One of the first duties performed by new Plymouth Township Postmaster Dennis Wiecezorek was presenting an award to a Plymouth business woman.

Melanie Miller and Pace Inc. received the award as winners of the "Real People, Real Success" contest and will be featured on United States Postal Service retail signs across the country this summer.

Late last year, the U.S.P.S. asked small businesses across the nation to describe, in 125 words or less, how postal service products have helped their businesses. Pace Inc. was one of 21 winners out of 5,000 entries and will appear on posters in 20,000 post offices nation wide this summer.

So what is his secret to juggling a hectic work life without melting down? In Wiecezorek's case, it's someone who has been there for him for 23 years.

"I have a wife that's very

good to me and takes a lot of stress off of me," he said. "She's a super outstanding person and I love her."

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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. Roulo, 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.



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# Symphony benefit well-received by music, baseball fans alike

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Target store of Canton was the event sponsor again this year for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual fund-raiser.

The POPs concert, Ballgowns & Baseball Caps, was held Friday, April 11 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. According to PSO Executive Director Angel Bakos, more than \$12,000 was raised for the orchestra and league related activities.

"We had a very nice turnout," said Bakos. "Johnny Ginger was well received and he was a lot of fun."

Bakos said Ginger, a personality from radio, television and music in the 1950s narrated "Casey at the Bat" and served as auctioneer. Ginger began his show business career with his family in the 1940s then performed solo doing impressions, vaudevillian comedy and stunts before he was hired as a comic to work with Soupy Sales on Detroit's WXYZ-TV 7. This, while appearing on several television shows, including The Rifleman, Bonanza, the Big Valley, the Real McCoys, Wagon Train and more.

Today, Ginger, who lives in Ohio, spends his time writing new material, recording and cooking.

He, his wife Elsie, and their dog, Duffy, travel about 40 weeks a year to various performances, including a five-city tour every year with buddy Soupy Sales, private parties, conventions and other shows.

Throughout the evening the PSO performed other nostalgic tunes including Damn Yankee Overture by Addler & Ross and from "Rodeo," the Saturday Night Waltz and Hoe Down by contemporary composer Aaron Copeland.

The orchestra also served to musically punctuate and enlighten Ginger's presentation of "Casey at the Bat."

On June 3, 1888, a poem by "Phin," a pseudonym used by Ernest L. Thayer, appeared on page four of the Daily Examiner of San Francisco. At the time, the poem wasn't really noticed. Later that same year, De Wolf Hopper, a comic actor, recited



Ann and Joe Sutschek of Orchard Lake place a bid on one of the auction items at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Ballgowns & Baseball Caps benefit Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

the poem on stage. The poem was a success on stage and Hopper eventually recited the poem more than 10,000 times. The poem was entitled "Casey at the Bat, A Ballad of the Republic."

## MONEY MAKER

Later in the evening Ginger stood center stage and served as auctioneer of the Plymouth Symphony League's Live Ticket Auction. Bakos said local sponsors, businesses and supporters gave generously this year to the auction. Some of the exciting items up for sale during the spirited bidding contest included:

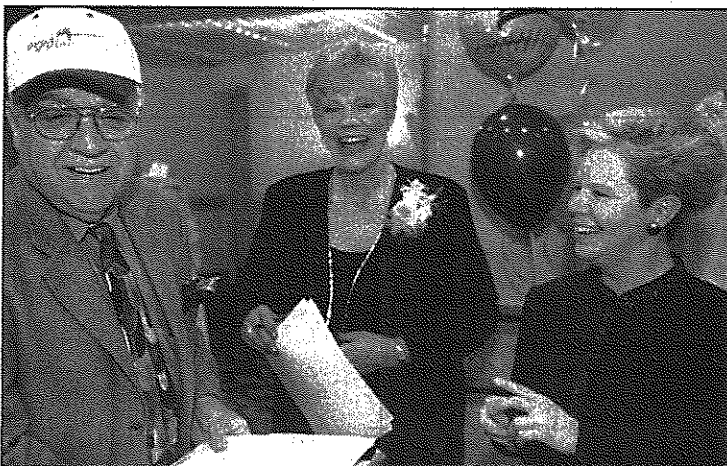
- A cruise with eight friends on the "Soakin' Wet," courtesy of Nicholas Contracting Company.

- A memorable evening of singing by the Plymouth String Trio to be used at a wedding, romantic evening at home or

celebration.

- The chance to host an old-fashioned clambake for eight at Waves Restaurant in St. Clair Shores. Menu includes snow crab legs, clams, mussels, scallops and corn on the cob.

- Showroom Elegance of



Plymouth Symphony Orchestra vice president John Lewis, from left, President Linda Alvarado and conductor Nan Washburn hold a powwow prior to the annual auction Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia.



Master of Ceremonies Johnny Ginger (left) hams it up with Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Angel Bakos at the start of the PSO's annual auction Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Ginger's fiancée Terrie Chiado sits (right) looking on.

Canton made someone want to pick up a racket and don a beautiful diamond tennis bracelet.

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- Jo Swerc, president of the Plymouth Symphony League,

wasn't wrong when she said the autographed baseballs would be a hot item and would bring some healthy competitive bidding amongst guests.

Bakos said the donation of baseball related memorabilia by Beth Stewart of the Plymouth Historical Museum helped to create a fun atmosphere and get people in the mood for the Ballgowns and Baseball Caps theme.

Items from the museum's extensive collection were displayed throughout the event room including baseballs, uniforms, photographs, etc.

"I can't say enough about the reciprocity between cultural institutions in this area," said Bakos. "The memorabilia was a big hit with people. My hats off to Beth Stewart and Stella Green for the work they do with and for us."

## DEDICATED

To assure the success of the symphony, league members go the extra mile by providing refreshments for intermission at the concerts and performing a long lists of tasks each week.

"Our office could not get by without the continual assistance of individuals who understand how much there is to do in

order to provide concerts and especially the programs created cooperatively with the Plymouth Canton Schools," said Pat Derderian, PSO office manager. An example, said Derderian, is the work Peg Heiney does to prepare the program books for each concert.

"The league historically contributes money that can be counted on to be there because of the example set by the early supporters, of whom Jo Hulce of Plymouth, was a founder-member. Hulce has suggested the symphony contact former members of the league and orchestra in anticipation of an alumni event to celebrate the forthcoming anniversary of the PSO in 2005," said Linda Alvarado, president of the symphony.

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## ARCHITECT

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was happy with status quo. Such domestic tiffs are nothing new for Zuber, who quickly learned that technical and creative skills are not the only skills an architect needs.

"Occasionally I do provide mediation services," she said jokingly of her work with married couples and families.

"Having good people skills and being a good listener is very important," Zuber said. "If you don't understand what they need, you can't design what they want."

Architecture is a profession where people can easily see the fruits of the labor - and touch them, too. Zuber's favorite architects include Frank Lloyd Wright, most famous for the Guggenheim Museum in New York, and Charles Rennie Mackintosh, a Scottish architect famous for designing the Glasgow School of Art.

Zuber said she not only wants to design what people want, but design what she wants, too.

Residential architecture has always been her specialty, but when she worked for other architectural firms, she got stuck doing commercial proj-

ects instead.

"I like having control over what projects I work on," she said.

Nearly six years ago, she decided to strike out on her own. For 5 1/2 years, Zuber, graduate of the University of Cincinnati, has owned Studio Z Architecture, and specializes in residential architecture.

She runs the business out of her home, and wears all the business' hats - bookkeeper, marketing and of course, architectural design. She occasionally hires subcontractors to help out when she is busy.

Working at home has its

advantages and disadvantages. Some advantages include wearing bedroom slippers to work, setting your own hours and being able to pet your cat when he decides to hop on top of the computer monitor.

Zuber's cat, Claude, enjoys the ambient heat from the monitor, thereby making it his favorite perch.

The down side is working out of home cuts into privacy, Zuber said.

"Sometimes clients call on weekends," she said. "I don't always answer the phone."

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Canton architect Dawn Zuber sits at the desk in her home office Monday.

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

## WRITER TO SPEAK

Award-winning novelist and historian Virginia Bailey Parker will speak at the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 30.

The Canton resident, whose novel, "The Water's Edge," won a Book of the Year award for second-place in the category of historical fiction.

She will talk about the writing and publishing of the book.

The program will be held in the library's Community Room. Registration

began Monday, April 14.

## MISS JEAN BRODIE FEATURED

April's book discussion, sponsored by Friends of the Canton Public Library the third Monday of each month, will be "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" by Muriel Spark.

The meeting will be in the Community Room of the library at 7 p.m. April 21. No registration is required.

John Irving's "The Fourth Hand" will be the selection for May.

Cops will be available at the library for book discussion participants.

## VOLUNTEER DAY

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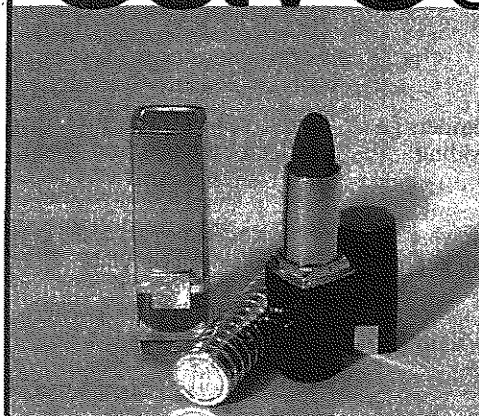
Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, the library will hold Teen Volunteer Day.

Space is limited and registration is required by Monday, April 21.

To sign up or for more information, call Kevin Canlon at (734) 397-0999.

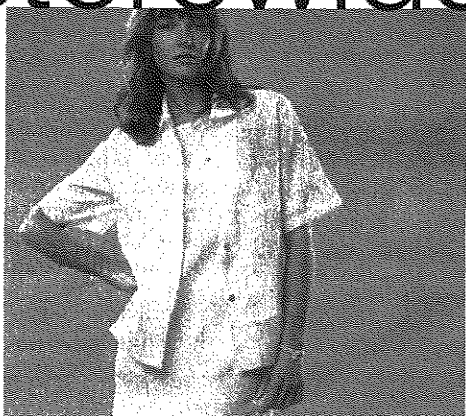
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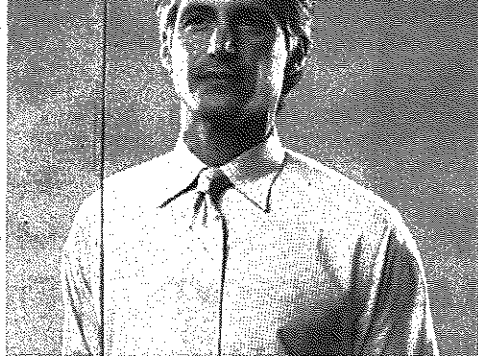
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# Massage therapists feel singled out by township, ordinance

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Massage parlors. They used to be right up there with pool halls and tattoo studios as places of, well, ill repute. "I'm going to get a massage" might be followed, in Monty Python parlance, by "wink, wink, nudge, nudge."

But today therapeutic massage is one of the fastest growing professions around. And that's why local therapeutic massagists were somewhat frustrated with Canton's proposed massage ordinance, which they called little more than an anti-prostitution ordinance.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett acknowledges that there is some truth in that. "There has to be a compromise between being able to regulate illegal massage and protect the public safety and

still allow creditable professionals to provide a service that is growing in esteem," she said.

The proposed ordinance calls for, among other things, pictures of applicants for licenses along with fingerprints, a copy of the applicant's Computerized Criminal History and other such data.

And that irritates Steve Porritt, a massage therapist who has worked as a therapeutic massagist in Canton for the past two-and-a-half years. "My particular objection is that no other health care provider is subjected to these types of requirements," he said. "The assumption is that we are criminals first."

Tim Cronin, an attorney representing the township, acknowledges it's a tricky area. "It's always a sore topic when we indicate that there are individuals, business people

and massagists who have misused the title of massagist," he said. "It's a delicate topic but the reality is it's a public health, safety and welfare issue."

Suzanne Eidson, who's been a certified therapeutic massagist for three years and an athletic trainer for 15 years, says fighting the negative image associated with massage is a constant battle.

"The whole issue of state regulation and local regulation is something I've been dealing with for both my professions for a very long time," she said.

And she says she understands the reasons for the ordinance. The state does not regulate massage businesses. "It's left up to every township and every city to regulate their own," she said. "They want to protect their citizens from the obvious. They can't regulate what they want to

protect their citizens from, so they have to regulate the legitimate therapeutic massagists. They have grounds to stand on when they get a call about something going on in a hotel, they can say 'You don't have a permit, so we can arrest you.'"

Both Eidson and Porritt are nationally certified therapeutic massagists and Porritt thinks those credentials should satisfy the township.

It's not likely a prostitute is going to go through a school to get certification and maintain that certification just to do prostitution," he said. "I think all the requirements are way overboard and I think it's causing them (the township) actually more work."

But Bennett maintains the ordinance in its new form is a good compromise. When people walk in to an

establishment and see someone has a permit from the community, that they have been certified nationally and gone through a rigid screening process in the community, they know they are practicing to a professional standard," she said.

Bennett said the ordinance also protects the legitimate practitioners.

"We're beginning to get a whole specialized profession of individuals that the state doesn't license for standards of practice that we've tried to ensure," she said. "It will continue to grow. The profession has been recognized as providing a therapeutic service often prescribed by doctors or physical therapists."

## MESSAGE

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cerns that were expressed, he had a meeting with Public Safety Director John Santomauro to discuss the points in question.

One section of the ordinance was reworded to make it clear who must be licensed. He said the original wording was confusing in that regard. The revised version reads "Applicant must separately apply for and receive a massagist's permit ... if he or she will be engaging in the practice of massage."

A section requiring three letters stating that the applicant was "of good moral character" was deleted entirely.

"In practical terms that seemed not useful to the township," Cronin said.

Another section that had come under fire was a lengthy requirement regarding washing and toilet facilities, with lockers and separate facilities for male and female clients.

"That seems tedious or onerous for the applicants," he said. "From a law enforcement perspective it was really of very limited use."

The revised version requires "Adequate washing, dressing, locker, and/or toilet facilities shall be provided for patrons."

Cronin said there was also criticism of a section requiring employees of a massage establishment to wear "clean uniforms." The word "uniforms" was changed to clothing.

Suzanne Eidson, an athletic trainer and therapeutic massagist, asked Cronin if so-called outcall massage would be permitted under the revised ordinance.

"Massage therapists go out into the community for certain events, such as the Detroit Marathon or the Avon Three-Day Walk that came through Canton last year," she said.

Cronin said as long as the massagist has a permit, outcall would not be prohibited.

"If residents want to have the treatment in their own home for privacy or under the supervision of a physician in his office, that would be allowed," he said.

Steve Porritt, a massage therapist who works out of Canton Center Chiropractic, said the popular image of "massage parlors" is an on-going problem for legitimate therapists.

"We fight this association between massage and sex on a daily basis," he said. "This tends to start off as an anti-prostitution ordinance. National certification would be a much simpler, more effective way where we have to maintain our national status every four years."

Cronin said that since the state does not license massage practitioners, local communities must find a standard to employ.

"The best world would be for the state to get involved in this particular industry if they saw fit," he said. "Unfortunately the state hasn't seen fit. National certification is the best recommendation we could make."

Porritt replied that in order to get national certification, massagists have to graduate from a minimum 500-hour accredited school.

"Why is everything else included in the ordinance?" he asked.

Cronin said the ordinance is designed for a variety of purposes.

"The need is there to manage the fact that some individuals may operate a business that they call massage, but in reality it's something different," he said. "This ordinance is an attempt to address some of those concerns."

The ordinance now goes back to the township board for a second reading.

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# Hospice preparing for annual golf outing

As spring approaches, preparations have begun for Angela Hospice's annual golf outing, offering community members the opportunity to give back to an organization that has helped many individuals in this area. Taking place at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, the outing begins with a shotgun start at noon May 12.

"The Golf Outing is one of our biggest fundraisers," said events coordinator Alice Barringer.

"It's a way for golfers to show their support and have a really enjoyable time in the process."

Now in its 15th year, the outing features many ways for golfers and non-golfers alike to participate. Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals, for \$200 a person. Golfer packages include free range balls before golf, 18 holes of golf with cart (scramble format), barbecue lunch before golf, dinner reception with open bar follow-


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## AYP

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made AYP in two of the previous three years in reading. And, Smith would not have made AYP in all three previous years.

The scores also indicated Field would not have made AYP in math in two of the previous three years.

Anible said she's not concerned about the notations that indicate the schools would not have performed favorably in previous years. Her goal is to function under a continuous improvement model.

"All of our buildings have school improvement plans," she said, "even those buildings the state says need an improvement plan. That's how we do business. That's part of who we are and what we do."

## CONSEQUENCES

The state revealed that 216 of the 2,260 schools that were evaluated throughout Michigan failed to meet adequate yearly progress. If that were to happen in Plymouth-Canton, Anible said there would be serious consequences.

"It can go from an extreme range of replacing the principal and staff, providing more staff development or providing a change in curriculum," she said.

Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli said there is so much testing in schools these days, it could become a hindrance instead of a help.

"There are about a half-dozen different tests kids take, depending on the grade," said Portelli. "We may be spending too much time getting ready for tests."

"I don't think teachers like the fact they are being evaluated on how a group of kids are being tested when they don't have control of all the variables," he added. "It's judging a (school) building on how well kids take a test."

Another concern for Portelli, and the 1,000 teachers he represents in the Plymouth-Canton school district, is the seemingly yearly changes in the MEAP tests.

"Students get proficient, and then they change the tests," said Portelli. "It's like a moving target."

Anible said she believes Plymouth-Canton's scores, which are generally high above the target scores set forth by the state, are a result of recent curriculum changes.

"We review our curriculums, we update our materials, we give professional development," said Anible. "So, we are already implementing new curriculums without the state telling us we have to do them."

"We have a new math curriculum that's in its third year at the elementary level, and second year in middle school," she said. "We think the changes that we've made are helping us be successful in making progress in math. Next year, we'll be implementing a revised curriculum in the language arts area."

The state's proficiency standards for AYP increase each year, with each school expected to reach 100 percent by 2014.

"That will be a real challenge," said Anible. "I think we should ask the state legislature ... we'll see how it evolves."

Anible said if Plymouth-Canton Schools continue to do what it has done in the past, the goals set by the state shouldn't be a concern.

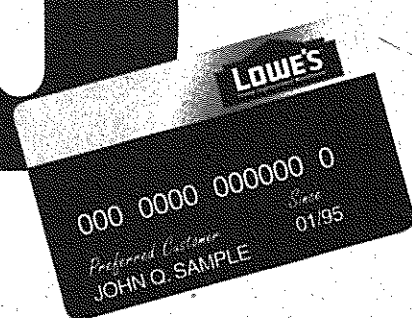
"We try to stay focused on what's good for kids, what's good for teaching and learning, and set our own goals," she said.

All, said Anible, with less money from the state.

"We have to figure out how we are going to cut \$5.5 million next year, and still try to maintain programs that will support all kids," she said. "It becomes particularly challenging when you have to reduce staff and programming."

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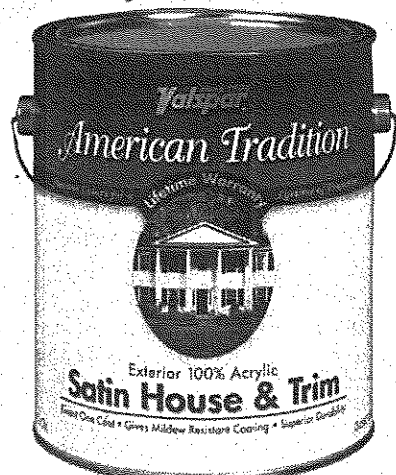
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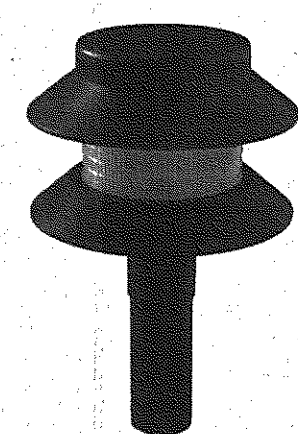
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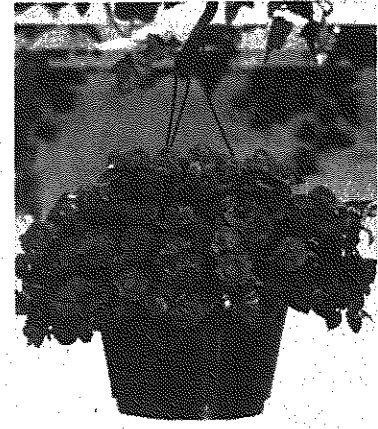
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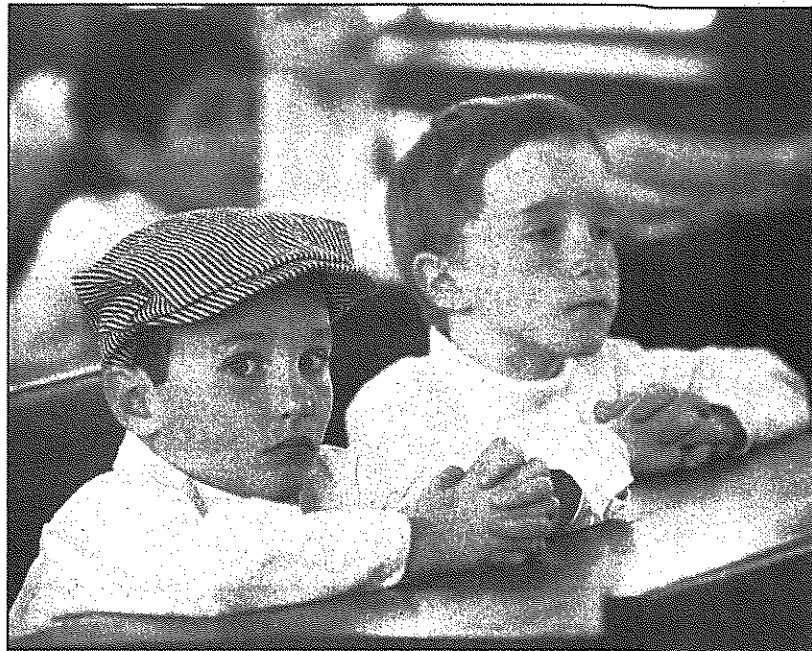
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Jonnie Russ takes notice of a visitor to the classroom as he sits with Reid Conlon.

## PIONEER

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the left and the girls on the right." Her lesson plan included reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing *America* and *Home on the Range*, writing the proverb of the day in their copy books, practicing their Roman numerals on slate boards.

Greene said the students were fascinated with the set up of the room and the exterior of the school including the book shelves, potbelly stove, crawl space and the outhouse.

Before being dismissed the elementary teacher had the students read both aloud and silently from their McGuffey Readers, complete arithmetic problems in their copy books, count the stars on the flag and practice elocution with a series of tongue twisters.

"It was a great experience," said Greene. "Now they're writing their memories of the day and creating diagrams. They learned it was definitely a different time in history compared to today."



Taylor Dalian makes a funny face during afternoon lessons at Geer School, a one-room schoolhouse in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. First and second graders, along with teacher Carol Greene spent the better part of the day Monday visiting the school in clothing of the day, reenacting lessons, drinking water from a pail, and using the somewhat modern day outhouse.



A group of girls plays Ring Around the Rosy outside during lunch. (From left) Alexandra Zang in the background, Samantha Wallman, Taylor Dalian and Paige Quinlan, just before they all fall down.



Shaylan Master, from left, Bobby Deeg and Chase Winningham riding piggy-back on Josh Mayberry play outside during lunch.



Paige Quinlan raises her hand in the one-room schoolhouse during afternoon classes.

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Beginning on April 17, 2003, and for 30 days thereafter, the Charter Township of Canton will accept public comment on the reprogramming of funds and amendments to the FY 2002 Community Development Block Grant final statement. The purpose is to reprogram funds from canceled and completed CDBG projects and to create a new project (Purchase of Lots for Affordable Housing) requiring amendment of the CDBG program. The following activities are to be canceled and the funds reprogrammed: FY 1991 Canterbury Mews Recreation, \$9,064.00; FY 1993 ADA Improvements, \$2,020.00; FY 1993 Harrison Drain, \$13,213.00; FY 1994 Nankin Transit, \$5,000.00; FY 1995 Nankin Transit, \$1,000.00; FY 1995 Family Service, \$6,000.00; FY 1996 Contingency \$667.00; FY 1996 Nankin Transit, \$960.00; FY 1997 Contingency, \$745.00; FY 1998 Salvation Army, \$13,000; FY 1998 Harrison Drain, \$31,474.57; FY 1999 Canterbury Mews Barrier-free Assessment, \$3,000.00; FY 1999 HelpSource, \$950.00; FY 1999 Salvation Army, \$9,100.00. All funds to be reprogrammed to FY 2002 Human Services Center Construction (\$25,456) and FY 2002 Affordable Housing Lots Purchase (\$70,737.57) (new project). Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194. On April 22, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, the Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing to consider the reprogramming of funds and the amendment of the FY 2002 CDBG final statement.

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# Business owner balances successful career, family

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

As a volleyball coach, Kimberly Price has had the experience that "winning just happens when you play hard."

It isn't a coincidence, then, that the Plymouth business owner has a successful printing company and was recently named one of the Top 10 Michigan Women Business Owners by the national association's greater Detroit chapter.

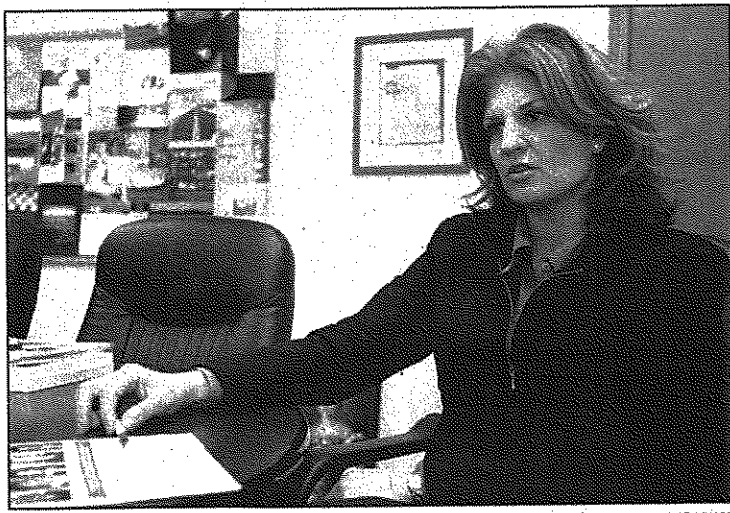
The honor was bestowed upon Price in March on the heels of celebrating her 13th anniversary at the helm of a company she bought in 1989. In less than a decade it was named one of the 100 fastest growing private companies in Michigan—an acknowledgment she received in 1998 and 1999 by then Governor John Engler.

Like the rest of the women business owners at the 9th Annual NAWBO Awards Luncheon, Price says it's her name alone on the attractive teal-colored ceramic plaque, but she knows she wouldn't have been standing there if it weren't for the countless people who stood by her and supported her along the way.

"You have to be organized and have a great support staff ... at home and from your employee's," said Price, "and a supportive spouse. There are hundreds of people who have helped me. It's more about the big picture here than just me."

The bigger picture in Price's life includes being CEO and President of Progressive Printing, the mother of four children Kyle, 15; Lauren, 14; Devin, 10; and Alex, 7; and the director of volleyball at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Plymouth.

Progressive Printing, located on Goldsmith off Sheldon Road, is a print and visual communications provider.



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Kimberly Price, owner of Progressive Printing in Plymouth, talks about being named one of Michigan's Top 10 Women Business Owners. She received the award in March from The National Association of Women Business Owners Great Detroit Chapter.

Price says what separates her business from her competition is the in-house graphic design staff that complements the print production aspect of the company.

"We are an extension of a company's marketing department. We partner with firms to produce their marketing literature for both small and large businesses."

The sixth child in a family of eight, Price was raised in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School. She received some scholarship money from Eastern Michigan University as a volleyball player but paid for the remainder of her tuition on her own. She graduated with a degree in marketing and was hired by Xerox Corporation as a seller in 1984.

After Xerox consolidated, Price was hired by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in their printing division. She achieved great success in a short period of time there but BCBSM suffered an economic blow and was banned by the Michigan Insurance Commissioner from commer-

cially selling its printing services. That proved to be the turning point for Price, who declined a position in health insurance and decided to start her own printing operation.

At the age of 27 she used personal funds and family loans to start Progressive Printing in 1989. She obtained a third mortgage on her home, secured a small line of credit and an equipment lease with personal guarantees.

In a letter to NAWBO, her husband Bruce outlined countless reasons why he felt his wife and business partner should be selected as one of the Top 10 Michigan Women Business Owners.

"Kim Price is the mother of four school-age children and CEO/majority shareholder of Progressive Printing. All of this while giving of her time to local causes, developing young girls as productive citizens and participation in various charitable groups and activities," stated Bruce Price, CPA and Progressive Printing vice president. "While leading the charge of a steady work-

force and building a strong tax base she has developed a reputation of professionalism and service second to none."

Bruce added his wife has a "tremendous ability to juggle so many things in her life."

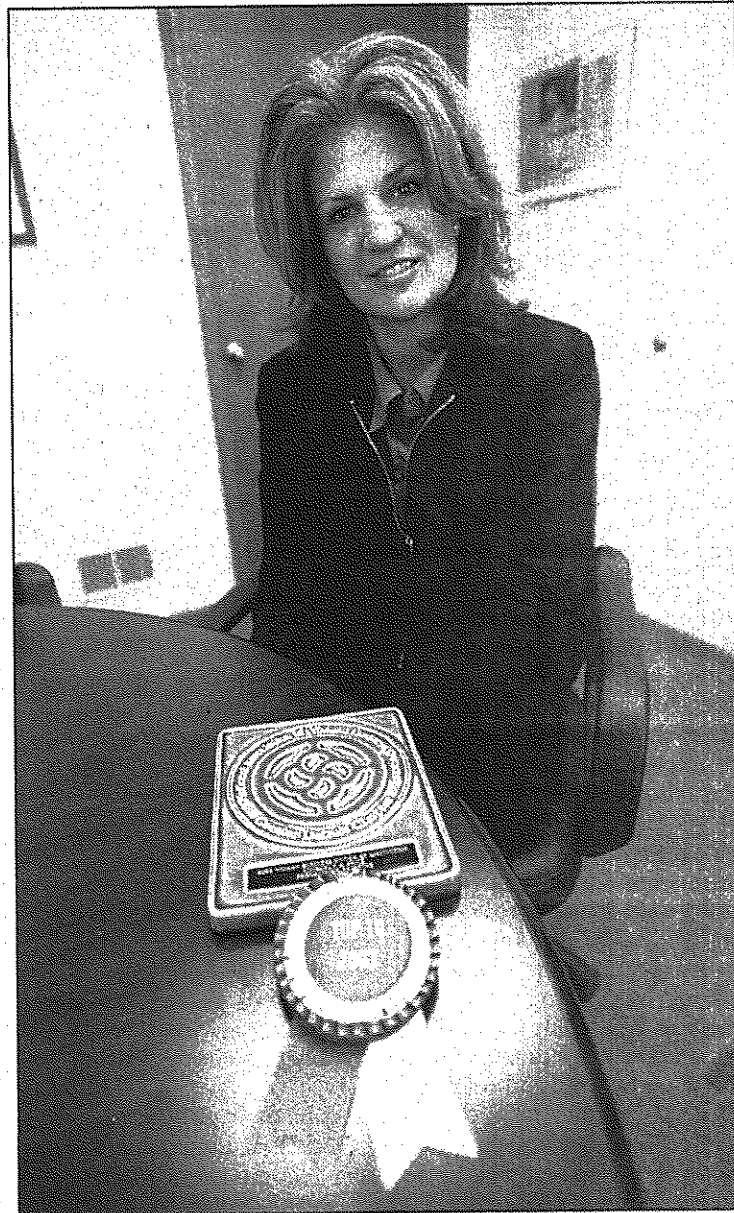
"She's able to manage a professional career while providing for her family and still being involved with the community through coaching sports and charitable obligations and clubs."

Kim said her husband came on board with the Plymouth company six years ago as vice president. She said previously he managed all of the accounting related responsibilities while working simultaneously as an accountant. He began working full-time in 1997 at Progressive when the volume of the business demanded more of his attention. His role helped Price continue to manage the 19 staff members they employ as well as allowing her to be out of the office selling — her first love.

"I have a selling background and I haven't wanted to get away from that," said Price. "Being out there helps me stay active in the market, talk the lingo, know about my competition and I like to get feedback first hand from my clients and vendors."

Since Price purchased the then struggling printing company in 1989 her business has tripled in size. They now occupy three units of the facility on Goldsmith with approximately 8,000-10,000 square feet of space where they sell, design and print marketing literature.

"She not only balances taking care of her own family but takes care of her employees who become a second family as well as the customers and vendors. There are a lot of people who come to rely on her in her position," said Bruce.



Kimberly Price poses with the ceramic tile plaque she received from NAWBO's Greater Detroit Chapter. She resides in Plymouth with her husband Bruce Price, CPA and Vice President of Progressive Printing, and her four children.

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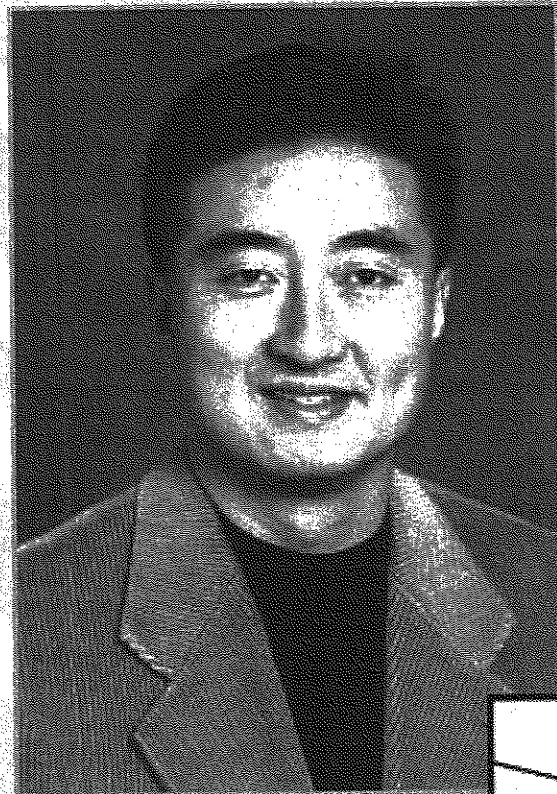
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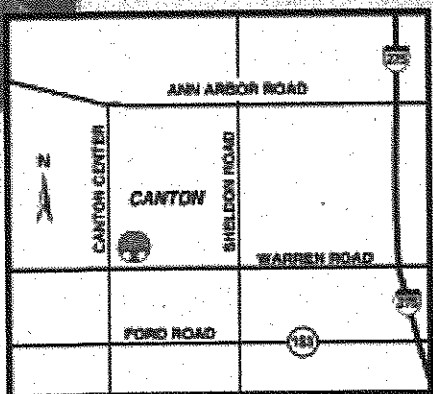
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## OUR VIEWS

### Both sides miss mark in water bill battle

There has been plenty of political hand-wringing and gnashing of the teeth in the past year over the operations of the regional water system and its governing board.

Sadly, the dispute over water rates has been reduced to name calling, charges of department incompetence and allegations that efforts to wrest control of the board away from the city of Detroit are being fueled as much by racist attitudes as unhappiness with the water delivery system.

Unfortunately, none of the political posturing has done a thing to find a meaningful compromise in the dispute, which has grown to entangle the governor's office and left homeowners confused – and misinformed – over what is actually paid for out of their water bills.

Instead of working together to improve our water delivery system, politicians on both sides of the dispute seem more interested in assessing blame.

Suburban leaders, in arguing for a new oversight board that would be controlled by the suburbs, attacked the Detroit water department as being incompetent and insensitive to their concerns. Detroit officials chose to respond by running full-page newspaper ads pointing the finger at local municipalities for spiraling cost increases instead of sitting down with their suburban counterparts to discuss meaningful reform.

Both sides have been disingenuous in their public relations campaigns and have not served their constituents well. For instance, those trying to wrestle control of the department away from the city of Detroit would have us believe that the recent price hikes would be unnecessary if the department were run more efficiently.

Similarly, the Detroit authority makes it sound like local municipalities are hiding stealth tax increases by loading up local water bills with unrelated surcharges and blaming the increases on Detroit.

As is often the case, the truth probably lies somewhere between the two allegations.

It is true that the Detroit Water Board has increased the amount it charges for water and sewerage services significantly in the past few years and likely will continue to do so for the next few years. But most of the increases are earmarked for improvements to the system for pollution abatement projects mandated as part of a federal lawsuit.

One local community breaks its water bill into six categories to help explain the charges. The bill is itemized to show the cost of water and sewage disposal which is paid to the city of Detroit, but also lists a charge for a regional water authority, a county drain charge and two city surcharges, one for local operations and another to finance future infrastructure improvements and repairs.

Getting to the bottom of this latest city-versus-suburbs fight is no easy task, but neither is delivering pure, fresh drinking water to a thirsty suburbs up to 60 miles from the source and then disposing of their waste to boot.

### Wartime hoaxes add salt to wounds

It's hard to believe some Americans get their kicks out of playing with the emotions of their fellow Americans in the midst of a war.

Just last week, we heard a story about a woman who told of getting a phone call from a man who identified himself as a Marine named Jeff. The caller claimed to be calling from Iraq and trying to reach his mother, Christine. Apparently, he had reached a wrong number and it was his only call, he claimed. He wanted the woman on the other end to contact his mother, giving a phone number that turned out to be a disconnected number.

The entire call, we found out soon after, turned out to be a hoax, after we heard from several other women who told us they'd gotten that same call during the same early morning hours that day. It was, we learned, the result of an actual Marine named Jeff losing his cell telephone at a party and having some friends use the phone for some prank calls. The phone number given was even his family's old phone number.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter put these hoaxes onto the front burner last week, introducing a bill to prohibit knowingly delivering such misinformation about a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. "I am outraged and disturbed at these abusive calls and pray none of us can fathom the perpetrators' depravity," McCotter said.

Even as America's prisoners of war and other troops begin returning home after the success in Iraq, we share the view that these type of any of these types of hoaxes are abusive and should be halted.



Canton boys swim team captains Joe Le, Scott Franke, Yuhei Uno, Meijer store manager Pat Fuller, girls swim team captains Jessica Schwartz, Colleen Chute, Krista Johnson and Kate Calille pose with a \$2,000 check that will be used to help purchase a new computer and scoring system to be used by the swim teams at the Canton High school pool. It's part of Meijer of Canton's Partnership in Education program with local high schools.

## LETTERS

### Yack whining

I read with interest the article by Jack Gladden concerning the whining letter about the railroad from Canton Charter Township Supervisor Tom Yack to Rep. McCotter.

Mr. Yack has once again provided us with another amusing "Yack Fact." Reportedly, he worries about "environmental hazards of idling cars spewing pollutants into the air while they wait" until the oncoming track clears and they can proceed.

He unfairly represents Norquick, a company that the Charter Township of Canton has duped into promising to widen Haggerty Road. The local Canton government has successfully ducked their own responsibility in this matter, and now, Mr. Yack must feel it is enough to correct matters to pass the buck to Mr. McCotter.

Concerning environmental hazards there are, I have read, brown sites and superfund sites within Canton itself. We host some of the largest garbage dumps in the county, state, region and nation ...

We now begin to see the lack of wisdom in allowing a municipal government to act outside the established law. CSX is not providing anyone any real loss but is providing Norquick with a reasonable escape clause in its ridiculous deal to widen Haggerty.

In my opinion, it is time to begin the process that will provide us with new or should I say real leadership in the Charter Township of Canton.

Alfred L. Brock  
Canton

### Article in error

I am a Canton resident and business owner of a 30-minute workout and am disappointed with the article that was written about my competitor, Contours ("New exercise center offers one-stop workout," *Canton Observer*, Sunday, April 6).

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There needs to be more truth in your articles because it has caused us to lose business. I would appreciate a more truthful representation of our hydraulics the next time an article is printed.

Lillian Schisler  
Canton

### Comments still unwarranted

I would like to thank Mr. Mackleby for so precisely proving my point. As offended by my comments Mr. Mackleby obviously was, so were those of us offended by Chuck Portelli's comments.

It is obvious that Mr. Mackleby has some economic stake here; I'm assuming he's a teacher. I'm saddened by his support of Mr. Portelli's comments.

Regardless of who made the suggestion of freezes, Mr. Portelli's comments were unwarranted and, as a "leader," should have been more careful in his wording.

That was my one and only point! And, my point still stands!

I made obvious offensive comments for people to see how absurd and offensive his comments were.

According to Mr. Mackleby's letter and teachers' responses at school, it worked.

Just to clear up a few of Mr. Mackleby's misunderstandings about me, I am perfectly aware of the role of the PCEA in our schools, along with the state MEA and national NEA, and I think their role is entirely unfortunate with some of the "agendas" they try to push in OUR schools.

I've probably attended more Board of Education meetings than most of your teachers. I also have no doubt that if our MEAP scores were stellar, Mr. Mackleby would be using them to "wield" in the other direction. And, if I ignorantly wielded MEAP scores, then please enlighten us!

I didn't create this benchmark and for now, it is exactly that, a benchmark by which our schools are measured. Just for the record, I don't agree with MEAP testing and will "opt" my children out of further MEAP, and other standardized, tests. Perhaps that is one thing we can agree on.

Robin Wilson  
Plymouth

### CSX complaints valid

The common complaints about CSX are valid, but one potential problem has not been addressed.

The long waits at railroad crossings could potentially stand between residents and much-needed rescue services. This has already happened once.

My husband woke up one morning in excruciating pain from kidney stones. I attempted to drive him to the Urgent Care Center (now closed) at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

I was stopped at the railroad tracks at Main and Theodore by not one train, but two, each traveling in opposite directions.

After being forced to wait for nearly 20 minutes, I had to call an ambulance to take my husband to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

One of these days, a CSX train will be the obstacle that stands between a resident in dire need and the emergency vehicle(s) sent to help.

Michelle Plumb  
Plymouth

### Editorial erred

In your "Our Views" (*Observer*, April 3) you said, "Far be it from us to tell the Catholic church how to run its business," but then, do just that.

As I see it, in "Our Views" you are the one who erred.

Our pastor is authorized and supported by the archdiocese and by us parishioners to do what he obviously does for the benefit of the parish and all its members, including our school children. It is his responsibility. And, if he is to be successful in his endeavor to fulfill dutifully this much demanding responsibility, he needs and has a right to have full cooperation from his aides, and their application of reasonable effort.

It is entirely in his discretion to determine from whom he gets such cooperation, and from whom he does not, just like it is in your boss' discretion whether he wants to have you continue writing the like editorials.

In my opinion, your certain suggestive comparisons in the editorial are uncalled for.

Also in my opinion, our pastor ought to be respectfully called Rev. John Sullivan,

not just Sullivan.

And the questions: Why the internal affairs of our parish are of such concern to the *Observer*? Why this intrusion of outsiders?

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### Expand Medicaid

Last November, I voted "no" on the proposal to constitutionally require that tobacco settlement money be used for health care. I voted this way because: (1) it was widely reported that the amendment would disproportionately benefit a few groups within the health care industry, and (2) such an amendment might unduly tie the hands of the governor and lawmakers.

Preserving the Merit Scholarship Program was not one of my reasons for voting "no." As I recall, early polls showed support for approval. However, as time went on and more information was made known about the limited number of groups that would benefit from the amendment, the tide changed. I suspect many people voted "no" for the same reasons that I did.

While a small portion of the Merit Scholarship Program could be retained for financially needy students, the bulk of the tobacco settlement money in question should be used to expand the number of people covered by Medicaid. This is in the interest of those who would receive Medicaid services as well as those in the greater community.

Many hard-working people have no health insurance, do not qualify for Medicaid, and simply do not earn enough to pay for health care. This was the case even before the present economic downturn. For these people, health care consists of waiting until they are very ill and then visiting a hospital emergency room where they cannot be turned away regardless of ability to pay. This is a very expensive approach to health care. Prevention of a medical crisis is much cheaper than dealing with the crisis. It is also much more humane. Wouldn't you rather be treated for high blood pressure instead of waiting until it causes a stroke?

Expanding the number of people covered by Medicaid is the right thing to do with the tobacco settlement money. The money was intended to compensate states for health care expenses incurred due to smoking. Expanding Medicaid coverage comes a lot closer to that objective than providing college scholarships.

Darice Schubatis  
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# Economy is headed up, if you can get through 2003

The war in Iraq may be going well and spring may have at last arrived, but the current news for Michigan's economy is not good. The main headline last week read: "Michigan's jobless rate is the highest in 9 years."

The details behind the headline make dismal reading. The state's unemployment rate jumped from 6.2 percent in January to 6.6 percent in February, the highest level since February, 1994. The total number of jobless people looking for work in Michigan was 336,000, up 18,000 from January.

Manufacturing accounts for about one out of every five jobs in Michigan. Hardest hit were our manufacturing jobs, down 14,000 to 737,000 from January and 30,000 less than a year ago. U.S. automakers are still losing market share to foreign competitors, while some auto parts suppliers are laying off workers and others are going out of business.

Tourism, another major sector in our economy, was hurt as well. The sector lost 5,000 jobs since January and is down 9,000 from a year ago. As

tourism expenditures are largely discretionary, the national economic slowdown has hurt Michigan's tourist business.

Air travel is off 17 percent compared to last year, according to the Air Transport Association, a casualty of the recession and fears of terrorism resulting from the war in Iraq. Northwest Airlines, Michigan's dominant air carrier, started laying off thousands of employees last year and is accelerating the trend this year. Moody's Investor Service last week downgraded the company's bond rating to B2, five levels below investment grade. And, like other airlines, Northwest is asking its unions for wage and contract concessions and threatening to go to bankruptcy court if it can't get them.

The Business Roundtable, made up of chief executive officers of the biggest U.S.-based companies last week released a survey showing its members won't be hiring new workers or investing in new factories, machinery and technology this year. Forty-five percent of the 120 CEOs surveyed said they didn't expect to hire new workers in 2003, compared with only 9 percent who expected to increase hiring.

Most business people with whom I talk have simply given up maintaining their profit margins by trying to increase sales. "We are trying, but it just isn't there," said one CEO who seemed to summarize most opinion. Instead, businesses have decided to maintain earnings by cutting costs, which usually means reducing labor and deferring any investments.

So are we facing another recession before we

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even get out of the first one? Not necessarily.

The most recent report from the University of Michigan's respected survey of consumer attitudes showed stronger improvement than expected, rising from 77.6 in March to 83.2 in April. Economists point out that consumer spending is an important component of the economy and that improving consumer expectations generally preview increases in actual consumer spending.

And the U-M's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics April forecast for the Michigan economic outlook predicted that, "the local economy snaps back during the second half of 2003, rebounding to job growth of 1.5 percent, a little above the pace of job creation over the past 25 years ... Job growth then accelerates into 2004, expanding at a rate of 2 percent in the opening quarter before edging down to average a pace of 1.8 percent during the year."

These predictions suggest our current unemployment rate of 6.6 percent will fall to 6.4 percent by the end of the year and to 6 percent by the end of 2004. The U-M economists predict inflation will remain low, an average of 2.1 percent in 2003 and 1.8 percent in 2004. Personal income is forecast to increase 3.1 percent in 2003 and jump to 5.2 percent in 2004. Real disposable income, or purchasing power, which increased 2.4 percent in 2002, will dip to 1.9 percent in 2003; 2004, however, should show a big jump of 3.8 percent, according to the Research Seminar economists.

So the bottom line seems to be: If you can get through the end of this year, things will get better in 2004. I sure hope so.

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



Phil Power

## You 'can't tell by looking' when it comes to cold-blooded killers

A well-fed fly landed on the concrete stoop, uncomfortably close to my Diet Pepsi, and I turned to brush it away. That was when I noticed the man sitting right beside me was looking at me and smiling — a wide, warm grin with gaps where four of his teeth used to be. He turned out to be a thoughtful lunch companion.

Having spent nearly all of my working hours for weeks in a courtroom in Detroit, I still hadn't grown accustomed to a babble-free zone. I hadn't spoken a word to anyone since 8:30 a.m., and I welcomed the chance to gab.

In our real lives, we never would have met. But on that first real spring day in front of the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, we found out we had been asking the same philosophical questions all day.

"How could you get so messed up in stuff that you could spend the rest of your life in prison?" he said, not necessarily to me. "He's just a baby."

The man told me, in a gravelly voice which made him sound older than his 38 years, his 21-year-old nephew was on trial, accused of shooting three people last June in a crack house in Brightmoor, a northwest Detroit neighborhood. Police said he tried to cover his tracks by setting fire to the house.

My companion knew a little about trouble himself. He'd been in jail on a few occasions. Some auto theft. A breaking and entering. He even got caught stealing some Kowalski sausages. But he had never hurt anyone, and neither did his nephew, he said.

"I don't know what happened down there, but I do know my nephew is no killer. You can tell a cold-blooded killer when you see him," said the man.

Well, maybe. Or maybe not. A jury will have to determine that.

I had heard the same thing from a mother of an accused murderer just a day earlier. Betty Smith, the mother of John Wolfenbarger, who is standing trial for the Christmastime murder of five members of the Pesce family in Livonia, told me she is just as certain her son is not guilty as the prosecutor is sure he is.

"My boy is no murderer," she said. "He's so smart. He could do anything he wanted. I just know he's not a killer."

She feels heavy-hearted for the survivors of

the murdered family, she said. But she can't get over the nagging feeling justice is not being served.

She spoke in a whisper, out of respect for members of the Pesce family who had attended the trial every day, interjecting prayers and pleas to God periodically.

"I can't blame them if they hate every one of us," she said, nodding toward the Pesce family. "I would too if I were them, but I don't think the whole truth is coming out. I just pray someone involved in this case will tell the truth."

I wondered how the two defendants — Wolfenbarger and Dennis Lincoln — wound up in court with two dozen people determining their guilt or innocence for crimes that could send them to prison for life.

Wolfenbarger, despite his mother's unshakable faith in him, has led a troubled life, and has been in and out of the criminal justice system since he was a teenager.

Lincoln comes from a middle-class family with decent parents. Lincoln was a fair student, in high school and college, and was working as a manager of a book store and from the outside seemed well on his way to getting on track after his release from prison a year ago. At the very least, he seems at first glance hardly the kind of person you'd suspect of committing one of the most heinous murder in Wayne County's history.

On the surface, any one of the people in the courtroom look like they could be my neighbors, or even my relatives, I told the man sitting with me outside the courthouse. Were it not for the tragedy that brought us there, I suspect we would all find far more similarities among us than differences.

I thought for a moment about the devastating grief of the Pesce family, but also the deep disappointment and sadness felt by the defendants' families.

"Yeah sweetheart, sometimes I guess you can't tell by looking," he said, and he offered me a bite of gyro that he bought from the outdoor lunch vendor.

I declined, even though his lunch looked better than my Polish sausage sandwich. But with the sun on my face and a warm breeze in my hair, and my biggest disappointment that choice of a sandwich, I could hardly complain about my lunch.

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## Ficano appoints Esper as county's first inspector general

David Esper has been appointed Wayne County's first inspector general by County Executive Robert Ficano.

Esper, a trial lawyer with investigative experience, will develop programs within the executive branch for the prevention and detection of fraud, waste and abuse in government activities.

Esper, 54, of Northville, will assist in finding ways to improve government efficiency by researching and helping to implement "best practices" standards for contracts and services.

A former police officer for the City of Lansing, Esper also conducted investigations involving grand juries while



Esper

serving as an assistant Wayne County prosecutor assigned to a county organized crime task force.

Esper has been a criminal and civil trial attorney for more than 20 years. As chairman for an attorney grievance panel for the Michigan State Bar Association since 1989, Esper resolves cases of ethical and legal violations by attorneys. He also is mediator in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Ficano said he has created the independent office of inspector general to instill a culture of

ethics throughout his administration and the rest of Wayne County. Since taking office, Ficano has required appointees to sign forms disclosing potential conflicts of interest and agreeing to follow a comprehensive list of ethical practices.

Esper said he will review existing ethics ordinances from around the country.

"The existing ethics ordinance in Wayne County is limited in scope and may need to be expanded," said Esper.

Esper, a U.S. Army veteran, earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and graduated cum laude from the University of Detroit School of Law. He is married with two children.

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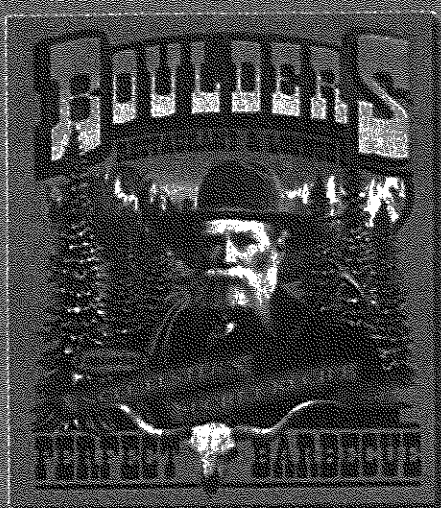
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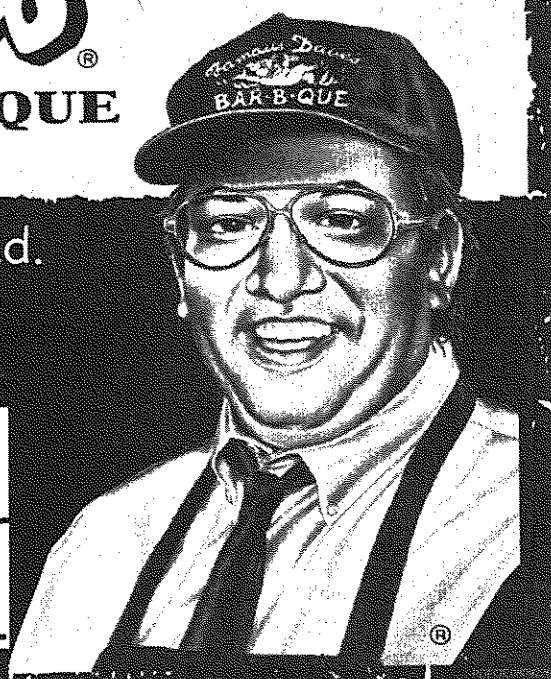
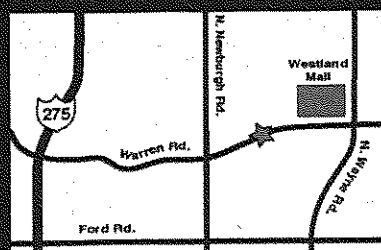
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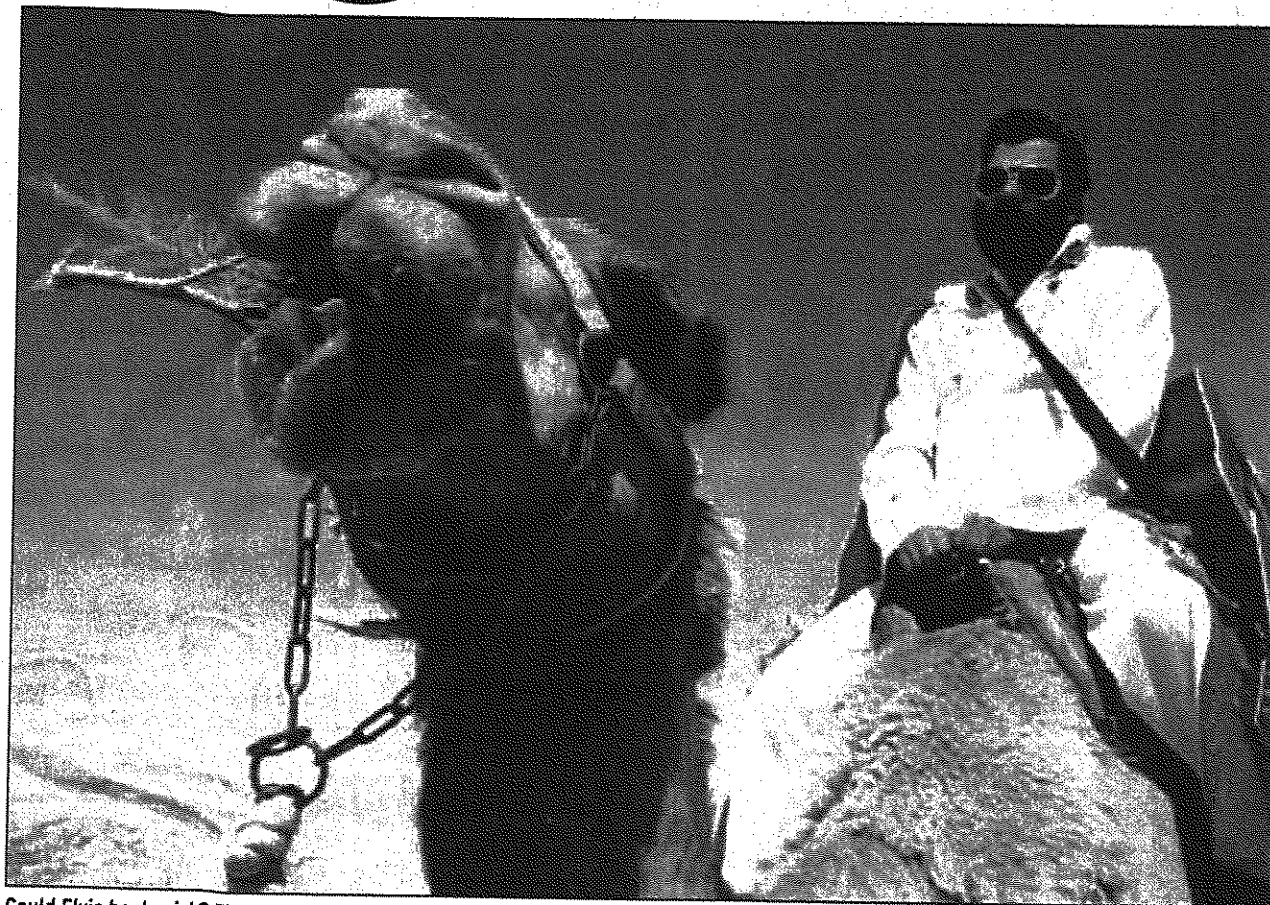
Palace Sports and Entertainment and Clear Channel will be working with bands and artists this summer to make a limited number of \$10 lawn tickets available for concerts at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston and Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. These specially-priced tickets will be on sale through The Palace box office only, with a limit of two per customer per show. Stay tuned to Arts & Entertainment for information about the upcoming summer season.

### ■ Oboe and strings

Emmy-award winning composer Joseph LoDuca will match his talents with those of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings oboe virtuoso Donald Baker in the world premiere of a work of oboe, strings and percussion 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Birmingham Unitarian Church. LoDuca, who gained fame scoring the Xena Warrior Princess TV series and a number of movies with Detroit-born movie director Sam Raimi, will present a preview on the differences between film scoring and classical composition titled Hollywood to Haydn at 6:15 p.m. before the May 4 concert. Tickets \$25, seniors and students \$19, call (248) 559-2095.

### ■ Two-band night

The Windsor-Detroit branch of the Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario will host its annual Two Band Night Saturday, April 26, at the Father O'Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall, 23663 Park St. in Dearborn. Scottish foods and an open bar will be available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12 adults, \$6 children, and \$30 for families with two or more kids. Admission at the door for adults is \$15, children \$8, and family \$40. For more information call Bill Kincaid (734) 973-1828.



Could Elvis be Jewish? Three Canadian filmmakers, and an Orthodox rabbi who impersonates Elvis, set out to trace the King's roots in the humorous documentary 'Schmelvis: Searching for the King's Jewish Roots.'

## A film for every taste

Ponder, laugh, celebrate - take your pick at the Jewish Film Festival

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

The Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival is like a museum devoted to a single artist or particular subject.

It has a distinct focus, thus excels at exploring its hub from many points of view.

Such collections, whether of paintings or films, usually mean patrons have an opportunity to partake in rarely seen, perhaps overlooked, works, as well.

The Jewish Community Center's annual film festival, from Sunday, April 27 to Thursday, May 8 with screenings at four local theaters, is no exception.

"These are films that you can't see anywhere else," said David Magidson, festival director and professor of theater at Wayne State University. "Of all the movies that we've shown over the years, maybe five of them are in video stores."

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Perhaps the best illustration of the festival's bent toward the unusual is this year's lineup of films of place.

Among them is *The Last Jewish Town*, a documentary look into northern Azerbaijan. In the 18th century, a portion of land was given to Jews to live as they pleased in the

### FILM FESTIVAL

**What:** Fifth Annual Jewish Community Center Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival featuring 32 films.

**When:** April 27-May 8, for screening schedule or brochure, call (248) 432-5577 or visit www.jccdet.org.

**Where:** 30 films shown at United Artists Theatres, 14 Mile Road at Haggerty, Commerce Township; 11 films screened at Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor; six films shown at Uptown Birmingham 8, 211 S. Old



Isabella Rossellini and Jeroen Krabbe star in 'The Sky Is Falling,' a story about a couple in a mixed marriage who live in Tuscany in 1944.

Woodward Ave., Birmingham; two films at The Palace Theatre, 300 Oullette, Windsor.

**Tickets:** General admission, \$8, seniors, \$7; festival pass \$95 (\$85 for seniors), call (248) 788-2900.



The documentary 'Israel in a Time of Terror' looks at terrorism in Israel. The film seeks to show what it means to live under and how residents cope with the threat of terrorism.

region. Today, their descendants number 6,000 and live according to Sephardic tradition in a town run by both a rabbi and a mayor.

*Salaam Shalom*, is another intriguing film of place. The documentary visits several cities in India where a minority of Jews live with roots dating back two millennia.

*The Sky Is Falling*, with Isabella Rossellini and Jeroen Krabbe playing a 1940s couple in a mixed marriage living in Italy, transports viewers to a different time and place with extraordinary artistic craftsmanship. *The Sky Is Falling* is a "beautifully filmed" fictional drama, said Magidson, adding "they're are three or four movies in this year's festival that are as good as 'The Pianist.'"

Another well crafted and good-looking film is *Gloomy Sunday*, a romance intertwined with a song said to cause people to commit suicide in 1930s eastern Europe.

PLEASE SEE FILM FESTIVAL, B6

### Artistic Expressions



Linda Chomin

## Bugs Beddow band makes you want to dance

Having a party? The Bugs Beddow band has the perfect CD to get everyone up and dancing. At least that's how I felt when I first heard *Smokin' Live*.

Recorded at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak in August 2002, the band mixes it up with driving rhythm & blues, jazz, funk and soul. It's no wonder they won Best R&B Band at the 2002 and 2003 Detroit Music Awards.

Bugs Beddow (trombone), Duffy King (guitar), James Morse (saxophones), Jim Pryor (drums) and Glenn Olds (bass) consistently produce a full rich sound that's become a hit with club crowds around town. Beddow surveyed fans of the band for their favorite songs and chose 12 for the new CD.

From the sultry Latin rhythms of Santana's *Smooth* to the funky beat of *Lowrider*, every cut makes you want to dance. But hear for yourself. Bugs and the gang heat up Bo's Brewery in Pontiac on Friday, April 18, and the Blue Martini in Birmingham on Saturday, April 19.

"The idea was if someone's having a get-together they can put it on and play it all the way through. For that hour or so, it's time to get up and go," said Beddow of Orchard Lake. "But we also wanted to introduce the current lineup with Glenn Olds on bass. He's such a dynamic bassist and singer."

Beddow's seen a few personnel changes since playing his first paying gig in 1968 at the age of 15. Beddow began playing trombone in Birmingham Public Schools in 1963. Over the years, he's played a variety of music from rock to jazz and Dixieland, and recorded with musicians like Mitch Ryder.

Beddow's first CD featured Earl Klugh in 1983. Since then he's released six other albums including *Smokin' Live* which was produced, mixed and mastered by Duffy King at DKP studios in Pleasant Ridge.

Although the latest CD consists of covers, expect the next one to put them

PLEASE SEE BUGS, B2

### BUGS BEDDOW BAND

■ 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 18; Friday-Saturday, May 30-31, Bo's Brewery, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 338-9088

■ 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 19, and Friday, May 16, Blue Martini, 201 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, (248) 258-3005

■ 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, May 17, Cavern Club, 201 S. First, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-9900

## Detroiters pack State Theatre to hail local musicians

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The crowd wasn't there for Kid Rock. Or Eminem. Or the White Stripes.

It was a good thing, too, because none of the heavy-hitters attended the Detroit Music Awards on Friday at the State Theatre. And of the three, only Eminem won an award - for his song "Lose Yourself." They were all beat for national album by the still emerging Funk Brothers.

The biggest winner of the night was singer, songwriter, guitarist Liz Larin who earned six awards. Larin praised fellow Detroit musicians in her speech in a tone that was similar to many artists that night. The theme was about coming together -

rock, hip hop, classical, gospel, electronic, and country.

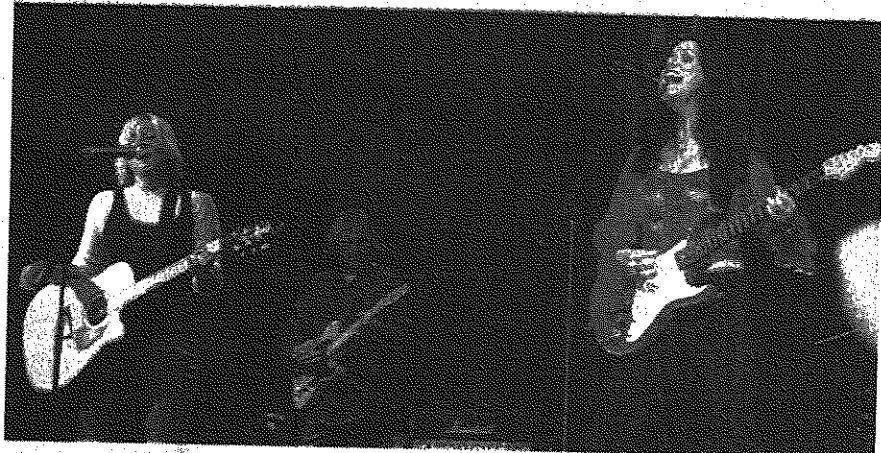
"The Detroit music scene has really changed for the better in the last few years," Larin said. "People are working together, supporting each other ... it wasn't always like that."

Fellow singer Barbara Payton, who's been in the music scene for 27 years, wasn't nominated this year, but she attended anyway to support her peers.

"There's been some amazing things that have happened musically in Detroit in the past year and everyone came together for it tonight ... there's a really good vibe here tonight," Payton said.

Some of those amazing things include, of

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TOM HIBBELN

Liz Larin (right) and Tamara Bedricky perform at the Detroit Music Awards. Larin stole the show and earned six awards.

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## BUGS

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on the charts with originals Beddow says are "cooking."

In the meantime Beddow continues to play the clubs at night and guest teach in West Bloomfield Schools during the day.

"We play trombone-driven party blues, hot danceable rock and rhythm & blues music," said Beddow, a 1970 graduate of Birmingham Groves

High School. "We have five ballads we pull out on request, but most of our music is get on your feet, feel good and start moving."

"It's funk and jazz, energized," Olds added.

The *Smokin' Live* CD is \$20 (includes shipping) and available on line at [www.bugsbeddow.com](http://www.bugsbeddow.com) or by calling the hot line at (248) 546-BUGS.

Know of an interesting story? Call *Observer & Eccentric* arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to [lchomin@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:lchomin@oe.homecomm.net).



Duffy King (from left), Bugs Beddow, Jim Pryor, James Morse and Glenn Olds recently released their 'Smokin' Live' CD. The band plays this weekend in Pontiac and Birmingham.

## Adult. offers 'Anxiety Always'

It came as little surprise to find that Nicola Kuperus and Adam Lee Miller – the creative musical duo known as Adult. – met at an art opening in 1996.

"When I met Adam I had never heard electronic music, other than some really bad techno" admitted Kuperus. "At the time I was listening to a lot of straight-edge hard core music. I had never even heard of Kraftwerk before. I had a really bad opinion of what electronic music was."

That's not a likely start for a couple who've led their own Detroit-centric electro-revolution from the comfortable confines of their Ersatz Audio label.

"She came into it really fresh," said Miller. "I know maybe too much. Nicola had piano training. I was more the electronic music in the cockpit."

Their musical relationship – like their personal one – is the sort that allows Kuperus and Miller to finish each other's sentences, and likely musical thoughts.

In addition to their own records, the band has completed 23 remixes, including songs by Ectomorph, The Faint, Bobby Conn, Fischerspooner and Felix Da Housecat. Adult. doesn't expect to continue releasing so many remixes, the duo will instead set the focus on their own material.

Adult.'s new full-length record, *Anxiety Always*, could easily be considered a first proper album. It follows the success of *Resuscitation*, which is more of a "collection of songs."

"Mentally, we were working on it for a long time," said Kuperus. But the music was completed during four steady months of isolation. Adult. released the record April 8 on their Ersatz imprint.

"We think it's really hard, dirty and different," said Miller.

Each song has its own identity, but they meld into a complementary, dark and somewhat spooky album. *Anxiety Always* includes a variety of material to keep the listener

## Street Scene

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

When it came to deciding the order of songs on *Resuscitation*, Adult. gave 10 copies to 10 friends on the inside and outside of the music industry to gather different perspectives.

interested – from instrumentals to songs heavy on vocals and bass. Songs like *Shake Your Head* and *Kick in the Shin* sound impulsive, addictive.

"We were over-ready to write an album," said Kuperus.

Part of the anxiety associated with this record came from the threat of a sophomore slump. Adult. was well aware that fans would have high expectations this time around.

The duo escaped that pressure last time. When *Resuscitation* was released it was more of a sleeper hit, picking up momentum as time passed on. Now established, Adult. has a lot to live up to.

When it came to deciding the order of songs on *Resuscitation*, Adult. gave 10 copies to 10 friends on the inside and outside of the music industry to gather different perspectives.

"We drove our friends crazy," said Miller. "With this album, we played (the songs) for no one. That added to the anxiety always too."

Another important aspect of the overall Adult. brand comes from Kuperus' own photography. Her stark, clean imagery leaves you looking curiously for more. "Her photography has

become a trademark for Adult.," Miller said.

It happened accidentally. They were looking for a photograph of a mouth to feature on the cover of *Oral-Olio* in 1998. After fishing through her work, they found one and used it. Happy with the response, they tried it again on a picture disc and it became a must-have item. The tone was set on just how Adult. would look and sound.

So when New York's Interpol contacted Kuperus to do a photograph for their album, she had to turn them down. "It's become us now," said Miller.

The two joke about when she'll have time to prepare for a solo photography show she's planning at Detroit Contemporary art gallery. "Hopefully this summer I'll get some new photos done," she said.

In the meantime Adult. is preparing for "extreme tiredness" which will inevitably accompany the upcoming North American tour – their biggest at 20 shows in 26 days.

If their first show since *Anxiety's* completion – March 21 in Miami during the Winter Music Conference – was any indication the new material will be well-received.

"It was just a really fun, hot, party place," said Miller. He relayed a story about fans literally jumping onstage and pulling off their pants.

Miller said these days their shows are more energetic and include more vocals. That doesn't mean people have stopped asking him whether he's just checking his e-mail up there.

Look for *Anxiety Always* in record stores now. And welcome Adult. home when the band performs with labelmates and openers Magas, Goudron 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at the Magic Stick, Detroit, call (313) 833-9700.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. Send e-mail to [scasola@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:scasola@oe.homecomm.net).

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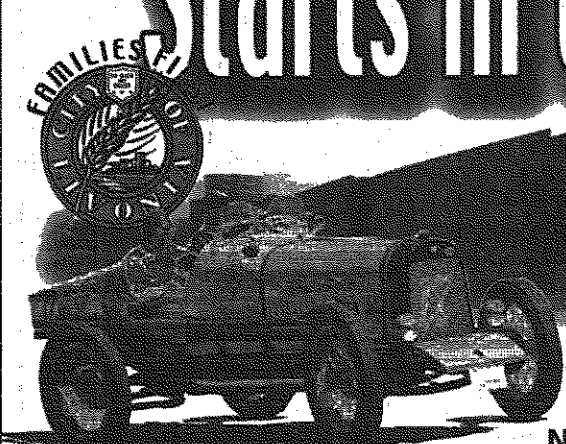
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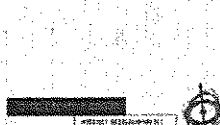
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# Discover the nature of things

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.

Farm Learning Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; Interpretive Nature Center 1-5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178.

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Highlights: farm center - barn, animals, gardens; nature center - aquarium, interactive educational displays. Nature center also is at conflux of several nature trails.

■ **Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center**, Troy Parks & Recreation, 6685 Coolidge, between Square Lake Road and South Boulevard, Troy.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. (248) 524-3567.

Highlights: Exhibit of birds and duck decoys, wildlife viewing room, library. The center is gateway to 100 acres of preserved land and nature trails.

■ **Lewis Wint Nature Center** at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, between Clarkson Road and Seymour Lake Road, Independence Township.

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (248) 625-6473. Daily parks vehicle entry fee is \$5 for county residents, \$8 for nonresidents; annual permit is \$25 for county residents, \$46 for nonresidents. No additional charge for nature center.

Highlights: Interactive exhibit on the essential ele-

ments of life relating to wildlife.

■ **Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve**, 333 N. Hill Circle, off Tienken Road between Rochester Road and Livernois, Rochester.

Nature center open 9 a.m. to noon Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Grounds open dawn to dusk daily. Free admission. (248) 656-0999.

Highlights: Working indoor beehive, some animals and maple sugar tapping exhibit. Grounds include woods, Paint Creek and nature trails.

■ **Interpretive Center at Stony Creek Metropark**, off 26 Mile Road, between Washington/Dequindre and Mound, Shelby Township.

Open 1-5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (586) 781-4242 or (800) 477-7756.

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Highlights: Display of Native American artifacts; live snakes and amphibians. Nature study area, trails adjacent.

■ **Interpretive Center at Indian Springs Metropark**, off White Lake Road between Cuthbert and Teggerdone, White Lake Township.

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Highlights: Mounted animals native to Michigan, plus live reptiles and amphibians. Nature trails nearby.

- compiled by Doug Funke

# Make plans for Easter brunch

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

Here's a sampling of restaurants that will be open for Easter brunch. Be sure to call ahead for reservations.

■ **Beaver Creek** - 1609 N. Wayne Road in Westland. (734) 722-5330. Open noon through 9 p.m. An Easter menu as well as full menu available. Menu includes blue cheese harvest salad and calamari. Also offered is ham; a traditional roasted turkey dinner; prime rib; a variety of pasta and fresh fish. Dessert is Beaver Creek's popular warm chocolate chip cookies.

■ **Sweet Georgia Brown** - 1045 Brush St. at Monroe in Greektown. (313) 965-1245. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$36.95 for adults and \$18.50 for kids 5-12, under 5 free. Carving stations with herb roasted prime rib; ham; smoked turkey breast with cornbread sage stuffing; lamb; seafood; salads, vegetables and an omelet and waffle station including chocolate waffles with berries. Diners will receive one jewelry box per person with a chance to win a diamond bracelet from Tappers Jewelry.

■ **Deadwood Bar & Grill** - 18730 Northville Road in Northville. (248) 34-RIFLE. Hours 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Full menu and brunch menu including ham; a traditional turkey dinner; hearty pastas; Black Angus steaks; fish; blueberry pancakes; eggs benedict; huevos rancheros and omelets. For dessert, the bar's famous chocolate chip cookies.

■ **Embassy Suites** - 19525 Victor Parkway,

Livonia, (734) 462-6000. Seatings at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$24.95 adults and \$14.95 ages 6-12 years. Menu includes breakfast items, assorted salads, carving station, chicken, cod, roast pork, potatoes and desserts.

■ **Hawthorne Valley Country Club** - 7300 N. Merriman, Westland, (734) 422-3440. Dinner items, served 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., include salads, fruits, beef sirloin, ham, chicken, meatballs, desserts and more. Breakfast buffet served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$15.50 adults, \$9.50 children 10 and under, no charge for children 3 and younger.

■ **Ernesto's** - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the buffet will include salads, fruit, breakfast items, chicken, turkey, pasta dishes, desserts and more. Dinner items only, including prime rib, lamb, ham and fish, 2-6 p.m. Cost for both buffets: adults \$24.95, children 6-10 \$9.95, 5 and younger free.

■ **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, smoked salmon, pasta, salads and assorted desserts are on the menu.

■ **Hellenic Cultural Center** - 36375 Joy, Westland, (734) 525-3550. Buffet served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes breakfast items, pastries, beef and ham carving station, roast pork, fettuccine Alfredo, pierogi, salad bar and more; \$22.95 adults, \$17.95 seniors, \$8.95 for children 12 years and under.

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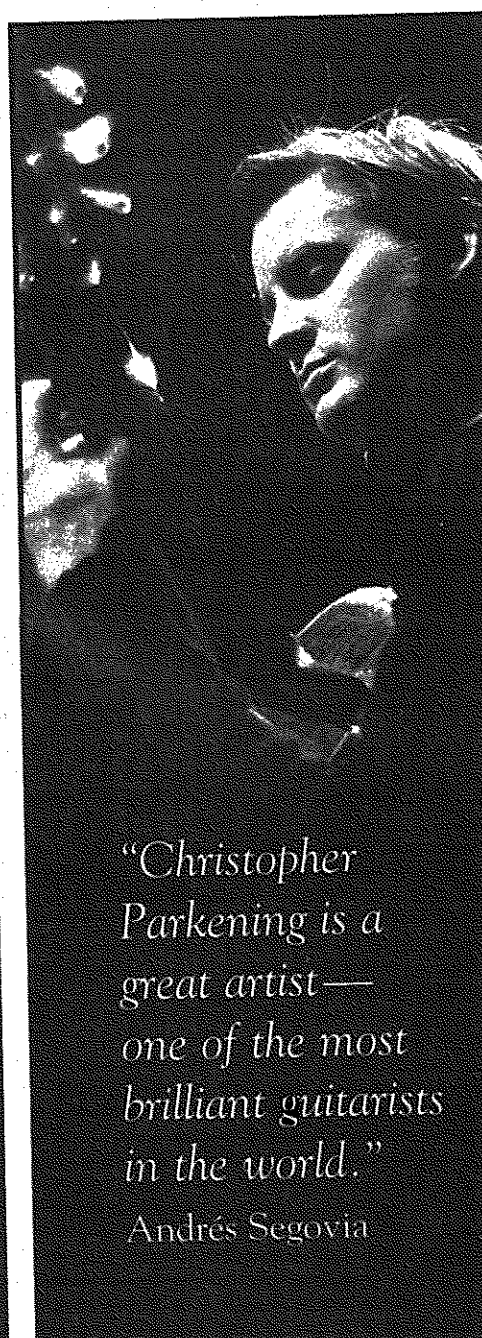
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Starry Night Gala

Gourmet dinner buffet, art exhibit and sale, silent auction, and live music for dancing, 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, April 26, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$35, \$60 per couple. (248) 473-1856

### Livonia Mall

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

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### Banjo convention

Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26, Holiday Inn Fairlane Center, 5801 Southfield Service Dr., Dearborn. Free concert 2 p.m. Saturday. Concerts 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, tickets \$5 per person, call (734) 282-6635.

## AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

### Adult Shakespeare Workshop

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### Audra McDonald and Trio

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9 p.m. Saturday, April 19 as part of Barbecue, Blues and Brew at T.C. Gators, 42559 Ford, Canton. No cover. (734) 981-0906

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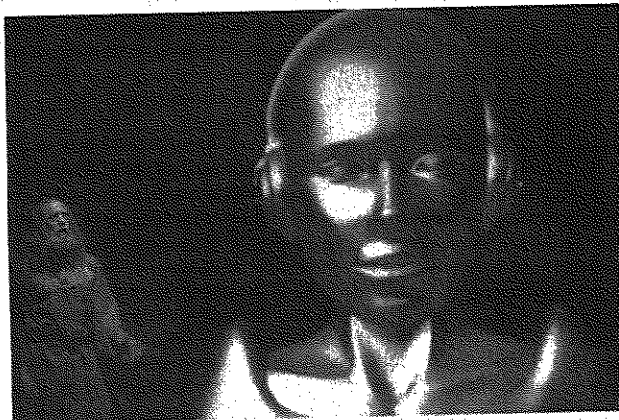
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 21, Fox & Hound, 39560 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. No cover. (248) 644-4800

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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

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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.meadowbrookhall.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



Ferndale photographer Lisa Dunlap shows her "Sacred Portraits Honoring the Journey of Motherhood" April 22 to May 12, at Borders Bookstore, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005. Dunlap photographs expectant mothers, newborns, children and families.

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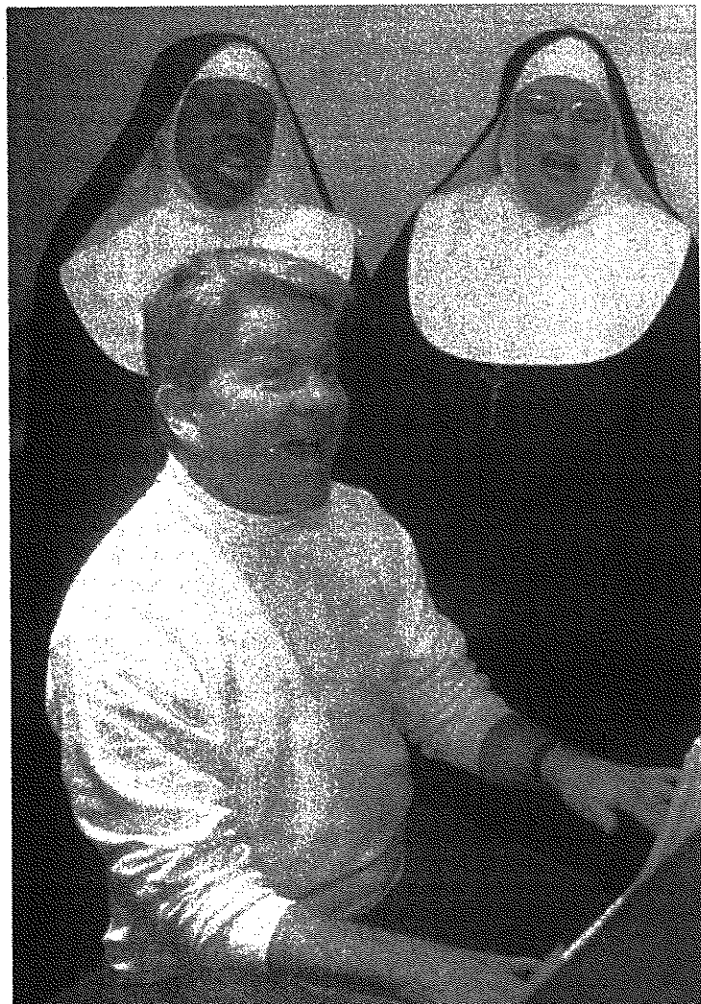
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complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, *A Lively Town*, uses more than 200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

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# Anchors away: Little band of musical nuns take to the sea



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Dan Goggin hits the first note on the piano and four talented nuns and a Jewish actor take it away. The music and choreography are infectious. It's all Goggin can do to stay seated through *Anchors Away*, the opening number of *Meshuggah-Nuns!* – the latest installment in his *Nunsense* musical series about a little band of fun-loving sisters from Hoboken, New Jersey.

It looks like Goggin has another hit bound for Broadway. After 20 years of writing the nuns into unusual situations, Goggin's come up with yet another strange plot. When all of the cast except for one fall ill on a cruise, the nuns and remaining actor, Teyve from *Fiddler on the Roof*, are called upon to put on a show. The production opens with previews Wednesday, April 23, at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills.

"There's lots of singing and dancing, over 20 songs, lots of zany humor," said Goggin, who's in town directing the production. When it opens on Saturday, April 26, Goggin will head to LA to work with Darlene Love, Kay Ballard, Mimi Harris, Lee Merriweather, and Georgia Engel on an anniversary tour of *Nunsense* coming to the Fox Theatre in March.

"A musical director suggested the idea five years ago of putting them on a cruise ship. Last year when we were in Florida doing *Nunsense Amen*, the all male version with Greg Luganis (Olympic diving champion) someone said you need to have a Jewish character. But you don't have to be

Catholic, don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the musical. You just have to have a good time. You don't have to have seen *Nunsense*. I'm amazed at the number of new fans."

Goggin's attributes the longevity of the series to society's fascination with nuns – their tunics, veils and lifestyle. Even though it's been 20 years since his first *Nunsense* musical opened at a New York City club, Goggin's elementary years at St. Mary's in Alma continue to inspire his humor. All of the characters in the original *Nunsense* were based on the Dominican Sisters.

Writing the music came just as easy. Goggin's mother talked him into taking piano lessons as a young boy so he could play organ at Mass for \$1. Before long he was playing two Masses a day and earning \$12 a week.

"It started as a joke," said Goggin. "I was doing greeting cards when we decided to promote them in card shops with an actress dressed as a nun. I started writing material for her and before I knew it we were doing a cabaret show at the Duplex in New York City. Four weekends turned into 38 weeks. After we closed I went back to work on it to build characters. We opened Off Broadway in 1985.

"I've written them to be timeless. They're played in real time, a little like reality TV."

The spontaneity of the show is what keeps Kathy Robinson coming back. In fact the actress keeps her nun's habit in the closet pressed and ready to go just in case Goggin calls. The two originally met in 1990 after Goggin saw her in a *Nunsense* production in Boston. Robinson first

## MESHUGGAH-NUNS!

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Where: Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills

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played one of the sisters in 1987 and originated a role in *Nunsense II* for Goggin in 1992.

"It's a little different with each audience," said Robinson, a singer soon to release a CD of blues rock. "It doesn't have the fourth wall so you never get tired of it. It's infectious. It's like that old hook they used in promotions – *Nunsense* is habit forming."

"It's a great show for a character woman. Like me you can start as a young nun and end up Mother Superior. It's great for someone like myself to play Mother Superior because you can be over 40 and overweight. There's not many roles like that."

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# Pianist Flavio Varani set to perform

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Brazilian-born pianist Flavio Varani's attempts to sway his audience begin well before his fingers touch the keys.

A recital must not only stir an audience with performance, but also take them on an emotional journey through music, said Varani, longtime artist-in-residence at Oakland University.

"A program is an emotional trajectory," he said.

Lucky for us, the nationally known pianist – Varani has performed at such venues as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center – takes care to assemble such a program for his annual recital at Oakland University, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

The program opens with Chopin's Etude Op. 25 nr. 7, continues with Liszt's Sonata in B minor followed by Brahms' Variations and Fugue on a

Theme by Handel, Op. 24 and selections from Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin.

For those unfamiliar with the compositions, Varani translated his trajectory: "A prayer, a big statement, variations on a theme, followed by some dancers."

The program also works to demonstrate how composers and music evolve and influence one another, particularly with Chopin and Liszt.

"They were wonderful colleagues and had parallel lives," said Varani. Yet, the composers differed tremendously. "Liszt was sort of the Elvis Presley of his time. Chopin was little more distant, but when he played people said he was the greatest."

Although Varani is a teacher, he is first a performer; lecturing and discussion aren't on the program. "My intention is to be very clear, but without having to explain."

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## VARANI RECITAL

What: Flavio Varani gives his annual recital.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

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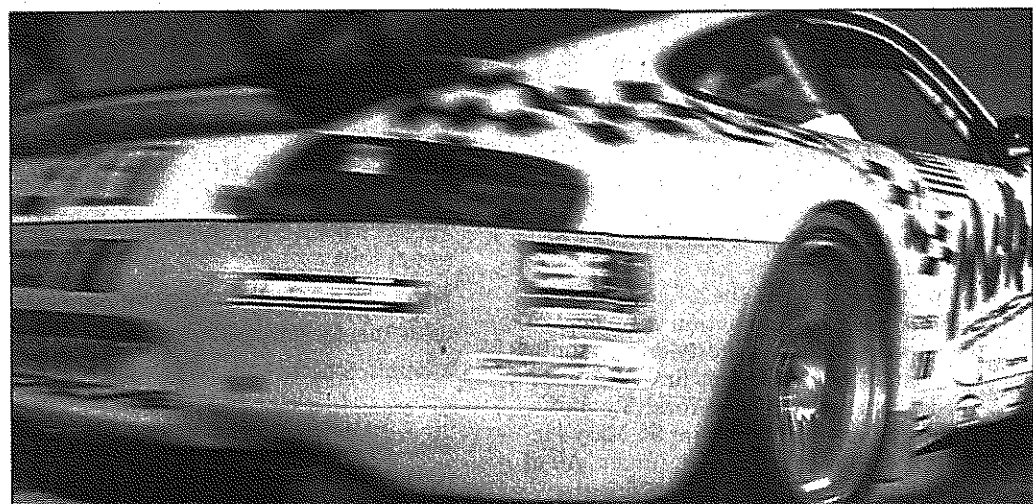
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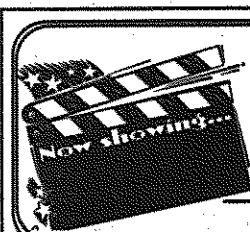
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## Thrilling

The Detroit Science Center opens MacGillivray Freeman's latest high-speed adventure film, 'Top Speed,' in the IMAX Dome Theatre Friday, April 18, 5020 John R, Detroit. A special showing for patrons will be held 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, with downhill mountain bike racer Marla Streb taking questions from the audience and signing posters. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for members. Call (313) 577-8400, Ext. 5. Tickets are \$4 plus Science Center admission \$7, \$6 seniors and children ages 2-12. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org).



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### Showcase Dearborn 1-8

Michigan & Telegraph  
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All Shows until 6 p.m.  
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N The Core (PG13)  
N Basic (R)  
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N Piglet's Big Movie (G)  
N Dreamcatcher (R)  
Bringing Down the House  
PG13  
Agent Cody Banks PG  
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Willard R

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2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of  
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CHICAGO R

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HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (PG13)  
THE HOURS (PG13)  
CHICAGO (PG13)  
LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWNS (PG13)  
PIANIST (R)

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NP HEAD OF STATE (PG13)  
NP THE CORE (PG13)  
NP BASIC (R)

## NP DREAM CATCHER (R) NP PIGLET'S BIG MOVIE (G) NP BOAT TRIP (R) NP A VIEW FROM THE TOP (PG13) CODY BANKS (PG) THE HUNTED (R) WILLARD (PG13) BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE (PG13) TEARS OF THE SUN (R) OLD SCHOOL (R) HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (PG13) CHICAGO (PG13)

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THE HUNTED (R) NV  
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## (PG13) CHICAGO (PG13)

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NARC (R)

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BIKER BOYZ (PG13)

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course, Eminem's *8 Mile* movie and the wild success of the Detroit Electronic Music Festival.

The night also was about celebrating independent music — and trashing the big guys in the music industry. Tom Ness, founder of *Jam Rag* magazine who also heads the Michigan chapter of the Green Party, earned a riotous standing ovation when he received a lifetime achievement award. Ness blamed big media outlets for not providing a venue for local music.

"Every week I receive dozens of CDs by local bands," Ness said. "And I listen to every one. Sometimes they aren't good, but many times they are. Every local musician deserves to have their CD listened all the way through at least once."

He's been listening for decades, writing about it in *Jam Rag* and the audience recognized him for it.

The absence of Detroit's biggest stars didn't seem to matter to the crowd filled with people who wanted to see and be seen — elegant socialites, hipster funk fans, trendy hip-hop teens, hardcore punk rockers, aging big-hair rockers, Bebe fashionites and musicians and their fans from every other genre. Rock band Hemigod and funk band Black Bottom Collective — the latter who won for best funk/hip-hop recording — captured attention during their performances.

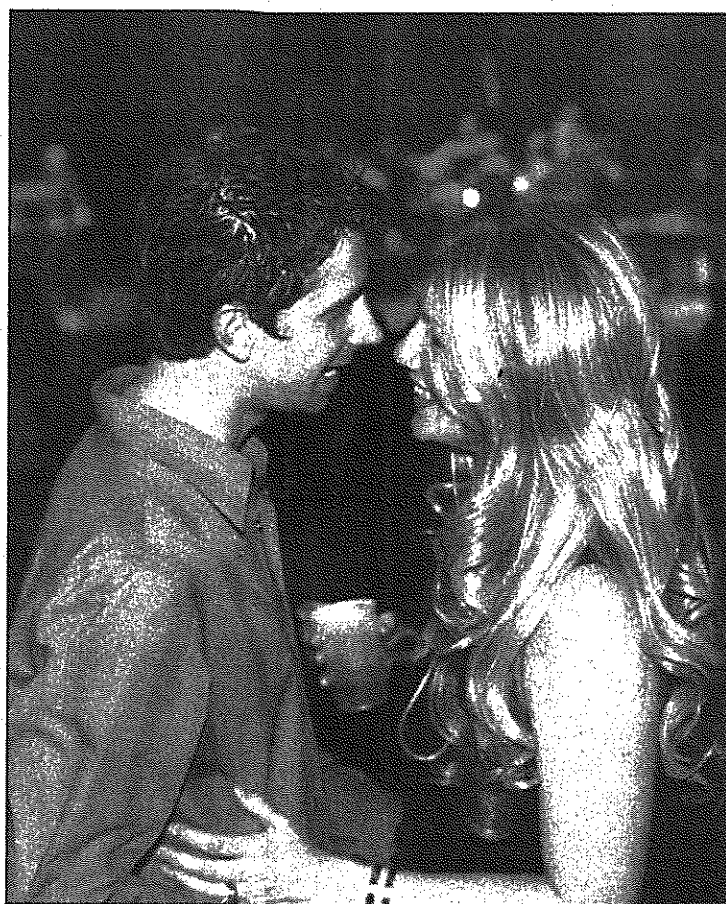
Vinnie Dombrowski of Sponge won best songwriter to the boisterous approval of the entire audience.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

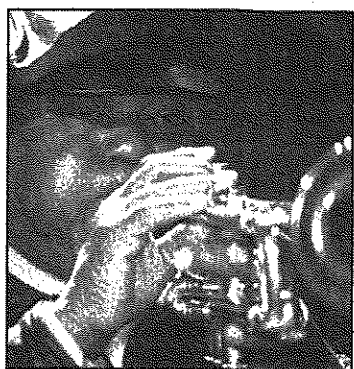
But what do the awards mean?

Different things to different people in the industry. For Howard Hertz, president of the DMA, the awards were created to let the best of the bunch shine.

For Ian Ferguson, of the steel



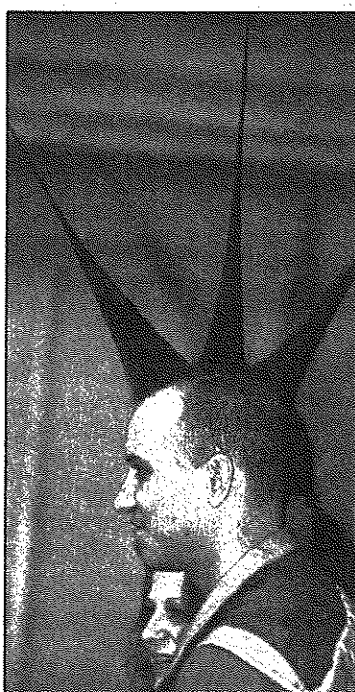
Even the fans were beautiful at the show. Brent and Shannon McKay share a peaceful moment to themselves at the energetic event.



Longtime instrumentalist Calvin Cooke on stage at the Detroit Music Awards.

drum band Uprizin', the award show is an outlet to meet, mingle and cheer on his fellow artists — and listen to live local music.

To Karen Savelly, of WCSX-FM, who won an achievement award, the awards are about a woman who simply wanted to be on the radio playing good music.



'Techno Hippy,' who was up for outstanding electronic/dance artist, waits patiently as the nominees are listed. Techno Hippy didn't place this year, but still attracted attention with the punk mohawk and hippie ponytail.



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Attracting a lot of attention at the Detroit Music Awards was hard rock band Hemigod.

## Celebrate with us and win tickets to 'Blast!'

We've been having a blast putting our new Arts & Entertainment section together. Premiering Thursday, June 5, the section will be called Filter, and include stories about music, comedy, clubs, movies and upcoming productions like *Blast!* running May 13-18 at the Fox Theatre.

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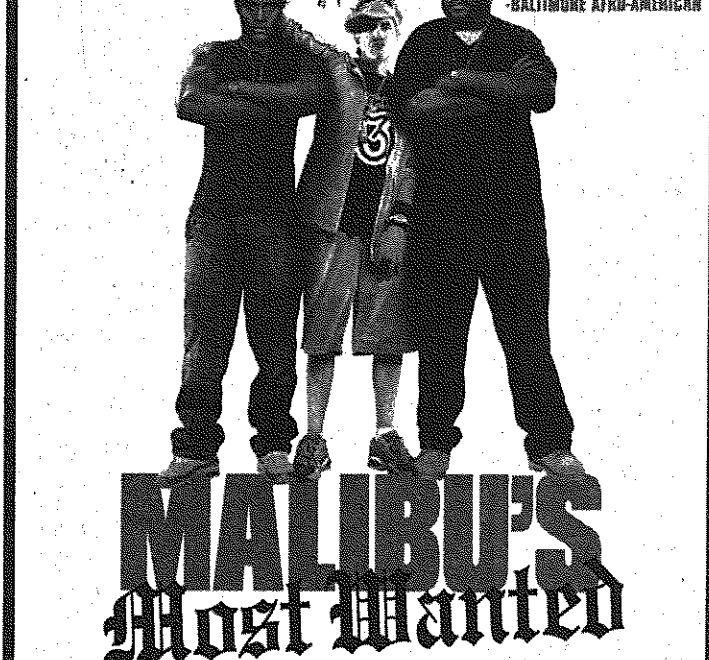
*Blast!* is a celebration of movement and music that evolved from the drum corps Star of Indiana. Musical numbers include *Bolero*, *Everyone Loves the Blues*, and *Gee, Officer Krupke*.

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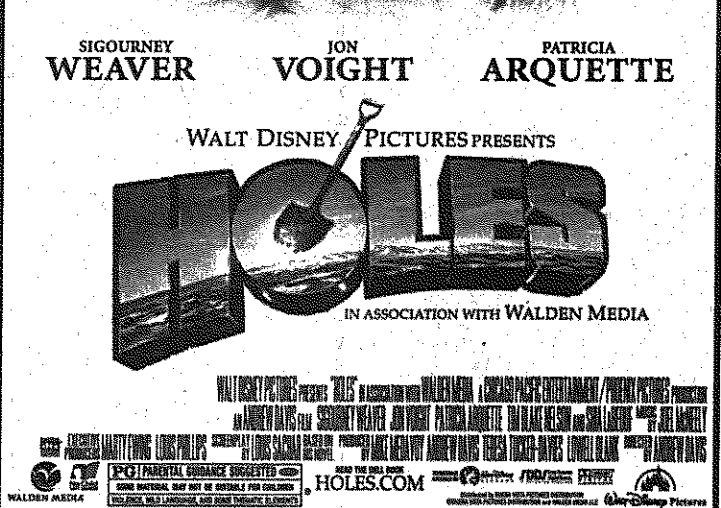
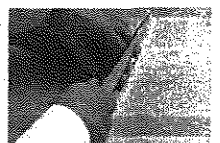
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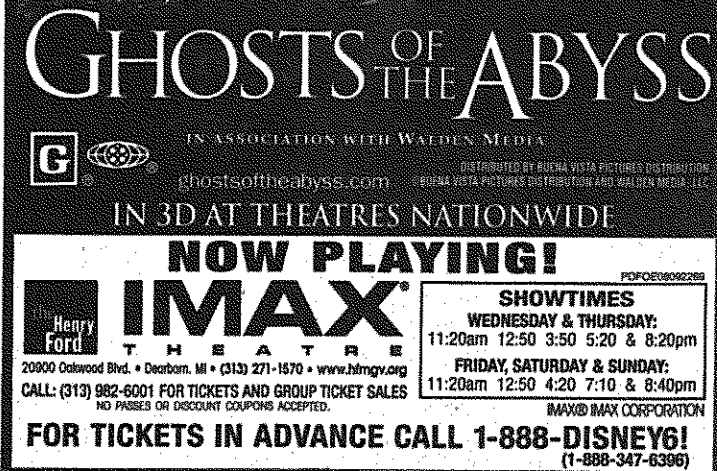
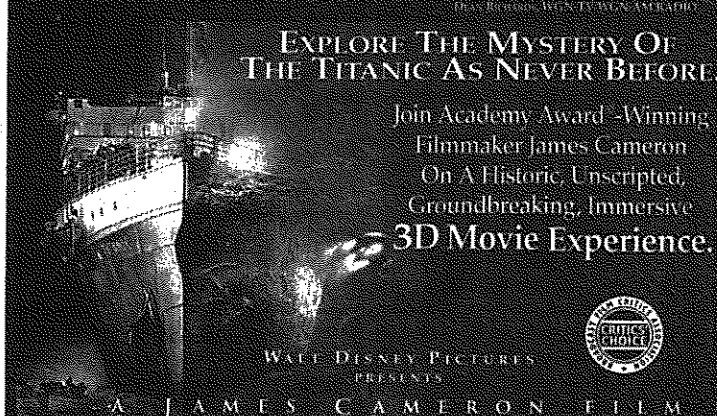
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# Small Plates makes a big hit with customers

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

Snug inside the circa 1920 Eureka Building, just across the street from the Detroit Opera House, sits one of the theater/stadium district's newest dining delights, Small Plates-Detroit.

The eatery, sporting an upscale yet comfy ambiance, opened in November 2002.

"I really liked Small Plates," said Cindy Lupo of Canton, who, with her boyfriend, Dan Latarski, recently enjoyed an early dinner at the restaurant. Lupo and Latarski are students at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Lupo ordered the Oven Roasted Turkey Baguette. The sandwich, topped with Swiss cheese and spicy mustard, is served with a side of house-made fries.

Latarski of Livonia especially liked the yummy dessert that the twosome shared.

"It was really good," he said, referring to the Chocolate Chunk Cookie Sandwich with Sanders Hot Fudge filled with a dollop of Guernsey's Butter Pecan Ice Cream.

In the mid-1980s, while working in a restaurant in Spain, Todd Stern, who is co-owner of Small Plates with Todd Stowell, noted that the tables had stacks of small white plates that customers used for their tapas. This unique dining concept intrigued Stern.

"Tapa is a Spanish appetizer representing a small or little portion of food," Stern explained.

At Small Plates customers choose from a dozen or more "small yet filling" entrees including Garlic Shrimp, a popular tapa served in Spain.

American appetizers and Pan Asian dishes, like spring rolls and a spicy stir-fry wrapped in romaine hearts, add an appealing twist to the menu.

What dishes do customers rave about?

"One favorite is the Chicken Skewers with Asian rice noodles," Stern said. Patrons love the presentation. The skewers of chicken are arranged on a small white plate in a teepee style formation and held together at the top by slivers of cucumbers.

Other favorites include the Veggie Spring Roll accompanied by a trio of dipping sauces, and, for beef lovers like Bill Chapin, the Petite Tenderloin topped with Gorgonzola and crispy onions.



KARA FULGENZI

The newest addition to Small Plates is bartender Kramer.

"I think it's a great combination," said Chapin of Grosse Pointe. The Petite Tenderloin is filling, he said, and a great bargain at \$10.

Small Plates is "more than a restaurant," Chapin said. "It's a symbol that Detroit doesn't have to be void of restaurants, and, a variety of good restaurants can exist. The owners are real trendsetters."

Pizzas are baked in a brick oven in full view of guests. Almost every table orders at least one of the brick oven pizzas, said Stern. The Quattro Fromage, sans tomato sauce, features a four-cheese blend, roasted garlic and olive oil. Other pizza choices include BBQ Chicken, Pepperoni, Garlic Shrimp and Veggie.

The Maurice is the eatery's tribute to the former J.L. Hudson Department store's lettuce salad topped with chicken, turkey and Swiss cheese. A veggie Maurice is also available.

Everything, except the bread, is made in-house in the restaurant,

including the pizza dough, barbecue sauce and the pastries.

Show-and-tell meetings are held daily with our "wonderful" staff to discuss the specials of the day, talk about new wines and/or menu changes, and, sample the food, said Stern.

Executive chef, Jeff Baker, "brings exceptional experience with the ordering for the daily food and supplies," Stern said. And, Aaron True, sous chef, a graduate of the Schoolcraft College culinary program, brings "a lot of creativity to the menu."

Any future plans for the restaurant? Yes, Stern said.

In mid-summer, the establishment plans to open a lower level, expand the seating capacity and offer live jazz sessions.

Also, said Stern, we continue to explore our options to open a Small Plates in the suburbs.

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

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## Enjoy an evening of food and wine to help the hungry

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Share Our Strength, Taste of the Nation, the largest national benefit, in which the culinary community and wine purveyors annually fight hunger and poverty with taste, will be held 7-10 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Contact Kristen Hickey at Unique Restaurant Corporation (248) 646-0370, Ext. 216.

Guests will enjoy an incredible array of foods from area restaurants such as Forte and Streetside in Birmingham; Shiraz, No. VI, Northern Lakes, Morels, Portabella and Duet in the Unique Restaurant Group; Asian-inspired Mon Jin Lau, Cafe Sushi, and Musashi; Capital Grill, Ruth's Chris and McCormick & Schmick in Troy, along with a host of other popular dining out spots.

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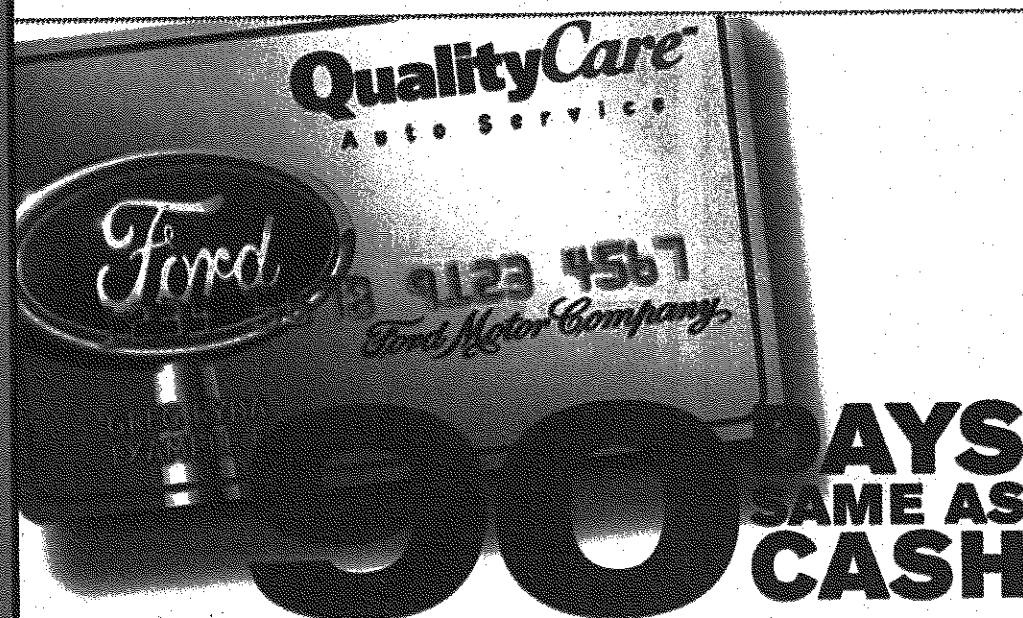
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## Bonnets

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## Accents

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### ■ Raise the flags

Many Americans have flown U.S. flags in recent weeks to show support of our troops in Iraq, but it is critical for homeowners to remember some other flags for their own personal safety.

The state's utilities and the Michigan Damage Prevention Board promote the Raise the Flag campaign in the month of April to remind residents to call MISS DIG at (800) 482-7171 before tackling that deck, fencing, sprinkler system or landscaping project in the yard.

Every year, there are nearly 10,000 "dig-in" damages to underground utility lines in the state. Homeowners who didn't follow established safe digging practices are responsible for causing about one-third of these damages. The consequences can include service interruptions, fire, property damage, personal injuries, and even death.

The MISS DIG system is Michigan's one-call source for locating underground utility lines, receiving more than 12 million requests since the one-call center opened in 1970. The vast majority of staking requests are filled within three business days without cost to the caller. The utilities will be marked with colored flags or spray paint to indicate the different service lines below.

If homeowners happen to dig or excavate near these lines, they should hand-dig to expose the lines before using power equipment. It can be difficult to accurately estimate how deep the utility lines might be buried.

The best way to expose utility lines is to create a narrow trench perpendicular to the staked direction of the buried line by removing dirt a few inches at a time, rather than plunging a shovel into the soil. Remember that a shovel edge can cut a utility line just as easy as a backhoe blade. When you expose a short portion of the utility line, you know its exact location and depth and can begin to carefully use power equipment in its vicinity.



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The addition put on the residence of John and Gail Aiken by the McGovern Building Group serves as the dining room, large enough for Gail's gourmet dinners. Among the furnishings are a cabinet designed and built by John Aiken.

## modernmission

Addition maintains house style as it expands space

John and Gail Aiken of Bloomfield Hills have special talents. John is a gifted woodworker, whose furnishings are beautiful and functional. Gail is a gourmet genius, who loves to entertain with her dinners for 14 or more guests.

But the 1,600-square-foot ranch house, where the Aikens have lived since 1978, was somewhat inhibiting these interests.

After he retired as an automotive designer from the Ford Motor Co. five years ago, John wanted to keep busy with his passion for woodworking. He built pieces in a storage room that was about 7 by 10 feet in size, with space for a pegboard and little else.

"I had always thought I might return to woodworking," John said. "That was one of my first jobs as a teenager, working at a cabinet-maker's woodwork shop."

The dining room area was too small for the type of dinners Gail liked to prepare.

"I said to my wife, 'We have two new needs: You need a master dining room and I need a woodworking shop,'" John Aiken said.

The couple decided that instead of moving, they would have an addition put on the house.

The McGovern Building Group was hired, and built a 1,200-square-foot addition onto the house last year. Now the Aikens can do woodworking projects, and serve large numbers of guests, in distinctive style.

"I love it. It makes such a big difference," Gail said.

"It just has opened up the whole thing. It was very cluttered and dark in there before."

"We have noticed a trend in the Detroit area where homeowners are adding rooms in their homes to enable them to enjoy their hobbies and interests," said Terry McGovern, president of the Bloomfield Hills firm.



The living room is contemporary in tone.

"Many of the basement remodeling projects and additions we have done included game rooms, home theaters and even home exercise rooms. When people invest a large amount in a remodeling project, they want to make sure the addition fits their lifestyle."

### STYLE MATCH

The project involved giving a brick facelift to the original cinderblock of the house, which was built in 1965. Still, the addition matches the architectural style.

"If the architect were here we believe he would be very pleased," said John, who was trained and educated in industrial design. "It looks as though the (addition) was included all along."

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Story by Mary Klemic  
Staff Writer

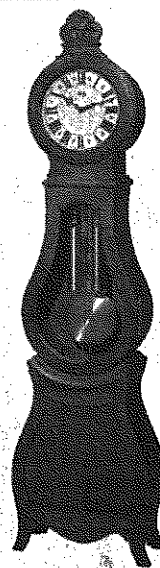
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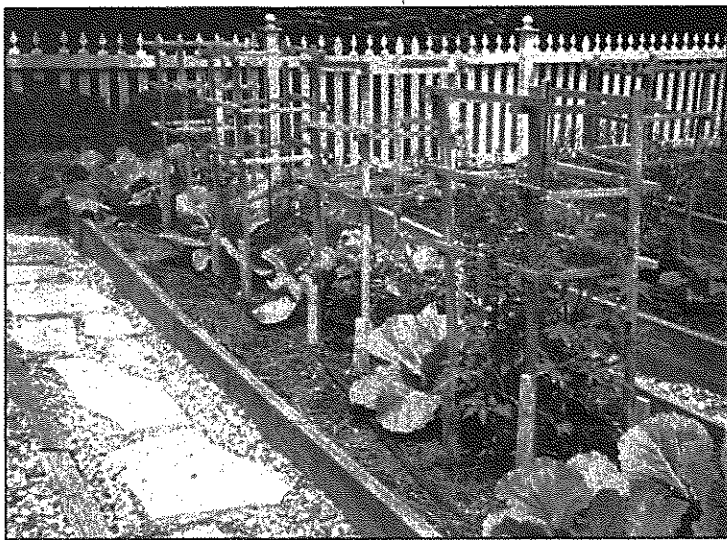
# Heads up! Cabbages can look fabulous

The Garden Writers Association commissioned a 2003 spring garden trends research study. Concerns about the economy and the war with Iraq haven't dampened the enthusiasm of gardeners.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley



MARTY FIGLEY

These cabbages make an attractive vegetable bed.

percent. I thought you may be interested in these statistics.

## A NEW LEAF

Have you ever grown cabbage? Well, there's a cabbage world out there, and this vegetable can be quite handsome in the garden.

Savoy is easily recognized by its crinkled leaves. The round, ball-shape green or red cabbages with which we are most familiar have been a staple in gardens for years.

Ornamentals with ruffled or curled leaves of coral, pink, purple, lavender and blue colors look fabulous intermixed with other textures and shades of green.

Cabbages are cool-season vegetables and can be set out when the weather and soil have warmed. Cabbages can be started from seed, but it's quicker and easier to buy plants at a local nursery.

These veggies like lots of sun and need constant moisture and lots of fertilizer. Before you set them in the garden, prepare the bed adequately so the soil is rich and drains well.

Set the seedlings 15 to 18 inches apart. Be creative and set them in any configuration you wish so that the bed is attractive. Companion plants include marigolds, zinnias and nasturtiums, which add color.

Fertilize with compost or

dried manure and mulch to conserve soil moisture and to discourage head splitting. To control insects, use Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) or use floating row covers.

Water regularly; use enough so the moisture is steady, always enough but never so much that the drainage is poor.

Harvest your crop when they look completely formed and they are firm to the touch. Cut the head free, leaving the big outer leaves.

There are many ways to prepare cabbage for eating. Experiment with different recipes and soon you'll have a favorite. *Bon appétit!*

## GOOD GARDEN TIP

Plan to attend An Afternoon with Antiques, presented by Goldner Walsh Nursery.

Expert appraisers from the Frank Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills will tell you what your treasured floral-related item is worth.

Bring one item that you can lift yourself. There is a \$5 charge. The time and date: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24.

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



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The lower level of the addition serves as John Aiken's woodworking shop. Aiken, a talented woodworker, made a wood model of the house that the McGovern firm used to help with the addition design.

## MODERN

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"It's important to me to have the integrity of the original architect."

Aiken commended Steve Zumberg of the company, lead design and project manager, for his work.

Aiken made a wood model of the house to show what it would look like with the addition he had in mind. McGovern said the company used the model to help with the design.

John Aiken coined a phrase, "modern mission style," to describe the house and the way it is furnished. He explains this as including a little bit each of Frank Lloyd Wright, mission, Arts and Crafts and contemporary elements.

Among its features are 30-degree angles, in steps, corners and where wall and ceiling meet. Tiny square inlays are decorative touches in furniture and on surfaces.

## DINING ROOM

The addition, which is now the dining room, is a modern mission showcase. It allows views of part of the 1-3/4 acres of the property on three sides.

"People have their second home up North," Aiken said. "We felt we have more nature here in our neighborhood."

In the center of the room, on an area rug and under recessed lighting, is a custom-made cherry table by an Ann Arbor craftsman. A sideboard, designed in Royal Oak, is along one side, under a row of horizontal windows.



Gail and John Aiken of Bloomfield Hills enjoy the extra room the addition provides.

At one end is a cabinet designed and built by Aiken, featuring interior lights and glass shelves.

On either side of this piece is a vertical Anderson window topped with a Frank Lloyd Wright style pattern in stained glass; small windows angled to match the slope of the ceiling are above the cabinet.

A row of large windows fills the third wall.

## WOODWORKING SHOP

The 400-square-foot woodworking shop is below the dining room.

It features special electrical outlets, noise insulation and a central vacuum system that keeps the wood dust out of other areas in the house.

"As I grew out of that little tiny space the projects grew, too," Aiken said. "I began to get orders from different

people in the family." From rocking horses, he was making such large pieces as a cherry entertainment center.

Aiken did the finish work himself.

This included installing a wall of hidden cabinets in the living room.

The ash veneer panels, which open and close with a push, hold a variety of items including books, a computer and a desk.

The living room is contemporary in tone, with furnishings from Ligne Roset in Birmingham, Roche Bobois in Chicago and other stores.

It features an arrangement of an Italian sectional sofa, table and lamp; narrow light poles; and black chairs. A small fireplace is along one wall that is covered with mirrors.

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## Maintain your central air conditioning system

The recent blast of snow and ice conditions which caused so many homeowners to lose electrical service created a surge of consumers buying new generators for emergency use. Of these approximately



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

500,000 utility customers whose lives changed overnight, most would agree that they appreciate their electricity a little more.

Whether you went through the power outage or not, take a look around the house and visualize what electricity does for you. Try reading this column in the dark or setting the alarm clock for an early morning appointment. What about watching your favorite television program or the Stanley Cup playoffs, or listening to your special radio program on weekend mornings? Without electricity, it might remind you of how tough life must have been in the old days and how we seemingly can't live comfortably without it.

There is another time of year which can be even more unbearable without the pure gift of voltage - it's the hottest days of summer.

Don't forget about the summer storms which are capable of knocking out power to many homes for several days.

It's different than in winter when you can sleep in a cold house by piling on the blankets, but you just can't get comfortable trying to sleep when it's 100 degrees in the house.

Let me get back for just a minute to the utility company who supplies the electricity to your home. That company didn't create the storm, now did they? It didn't plant the trees that broke apart and knocked down the power lines.

Do we not as homeowners

bear some responsibility when it comes to prevention or maintenance? Do you ever go outside and follow the electric lines back to the pole? Your eyes could spot a potential problem.

Many service calls will be necessary because customers don't maintain the unit. That expensive central air system for your home also means you need to show a certain amount of diligence. The condenser that sits outside (that big thing that makes all the noise) needs to be clean. If it is not, the compressor will overheat and will break or will be ruined. I can't tell you how many times a service technician informs a consumer they need to spend \$1,500 to change a compressor on a perfectly good unit. That repair person shakes his or her head and tells the customer "if you would only have kept this clean, this would not have happened."

Please follow these simple instructions. Clear the plants and bushes away from the condenser so that it has 12 inches of breathing space all around it. Take the garden hose with a nozzle and wash it down all over. Rinse it several times during the summer. Make sure that the power is off while you do this maintenance yourself.

Keep reminding yourself that the temperatures in the house and the energy efficiency of your air conditioning system are very dependent on a clean condenser outside.

Changing the filter in the furnace is another critical step in the upkeep of your system. A dirty filter can also cause a compressor to fail by not allowing proper air movement. I am not an air conditioning specialist but my methods were learned from the experts in the field.

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays. You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on weekdays. You can call him on his show at (248) 356-1270.

## Key to keeping your lawn lush is maintenance



**Landscaper's Cove**

Rick Vespa

simple tips:

■ Watering: Water only

Do you want your lawn to be the envy of the neighborhood? Are you tired of weeds, insects or disease plaguing your yard? The key to a lush, problem-free lawn is proper lawn maintenance. Follow these

when needed - about every three days - with a thorough, even watering that reaches the roots. Increase frequency in hot, dry weather or whenever the grass begins to look wilted, or has a gray tinge.

As a general guideline, apply one to two inches of water per week early in the morning to reduce susceptibility of disease and keep newly seeded lawns moist until established.

■ Fertilization: Try an easy four-step approach to fertilization with granular products specifically formulated for seasonal application. Apply

fertilizer with a crabgrass pre-emergent before the forsythias bloom, then continue the following steps at six- to eight-week intervals. For best results, use either a drop-type spreader or a broadcast spreader.

Drop-type spreaders are the most accurate and good for weed-control products, whereas broadcast spreaders are the easiest and fastest to use.

For best results, see your lawn care professional for details.

■ Mowing: Always use a sharp mower blade, as dull blades can cause bruised and

ragged leaf tips, making grass more susceptible to disease and insects. Be sure to remove only a third of the leaf blade per mowing - mowing too low can weaken grass plants.

Other helpful tips include changing direction of the mowing pattern regularly and avoiding mowing when grass is wet.

Rick Vespa is vice president of landscape design and installation for English Gardens. Vespa will be writing Landscaper's Cove once a month on landscaping for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

Pruning and Fertilizing of Roses, a hands-on demonstration, will be presented 1 p.m. Sunday, April 20, and repeated 11 a.m. Monday, April 21, in the display garden. It will also be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday, April 27, or 11 a.m. Monday, April 28. Great Lakes Roses offers more than 500 varieties of roses, and stocks the complete line of Felco pruners, books about roses, fertilizers, soil amendments and pesticides. Visit [www.GreatLakesRoses.com](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer.

#### Matthaei Gardens

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Adult Education Program offers a variety of classes. The schedule includes the two-session Small Native Trees (fee is \$50, or \$45 for members), beginning Tuesday, April 22; and the five-session Mosses and Liverworts (\$125, or \$112.50 for members), beginning Wednesday, April 23.

#### Depression Glass Club

The Great Lakes Depression Glass Club Show and Sale will feature Depression-era glass, which is all glassware made in the United States from the early 1920s until mid-1940s and a few patterns in the 1950s. The glass was a molded product, often a

giveaway item with another purchase, such as the "dish night" at the movies. The show and sale takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 26 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Building, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights (west of John R and east of Stephenson Highway). Donation is \$5. For information, call Madelyn Blair-Fisher at (586) 739-4290.

#### Gilda's Club

Visit Gilda's Club, 3517 Rochester Road, in Royal Oak, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, April 28 for a free lecture on Butterfly Gardening presented by Anton Anderssen. Anderssen, a cancer survivor, will present "Sew Seeds of Hope - Butterfly Gardening" free to the community. Learn how to devise a garden filled with flowers that attract butterflies and contain delicious scents. Anderssen will present a slide show to give dozens of ideas. Reservations required. For information call (248) 577-0800.

#### Garden clubs

The Federated Garden Club of Michigan District 1 will hold its annual spring meeting for garden club members within District 1 at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 29 at the San Marino

Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver Road, in Troy. The meeting offers a great opportunity for attendees to meet with fellow garden club members, share ideas and experiences and learn more about horticulture and floral design techniques. The business meeting will be followed by "World Gardening/Belize" presented by Chris Rochman. The afternoon will feature Toshi Shimoura presenting a Japanese floral design program, "The Language of Flowers." The day will include a luncheon. The Royal Oak Garden Club will host the event. For information, call (248) 391-6825.

#### Spring Open House

Dominique Browning, editor-in-chief of House & Garden Magazine, will be the special guest speaker at the Spring Open House at 1 p.m. Friday, May 2 at the Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road (one mile east of Telegraph) in Pontiac. Browning will be signing copies of her book, "Around the House and In the Garden." Tickets are \$24 for lunch and the book reading and signing. Books are \$24 hardcover and \$12 soft cover. Reservations are required. Call (248) 332-6430.

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# Make an easy switch from Cut back on that schedule snowblower to mower

It's April and time to switch from the snowblower to the lawn equipment. Here's a few tips on storing the snowblower and bringing out the mower.



Ask Dad  
Harry Jachym

## SNOWBLOWER STORAGE

I like to have my snowblower at ready for next fall. When that first nasty snow storm hits, all I have to do is start it. (OK, since my wife is looking over my shoulder,

I said I like to have the snowblower ready, that doesn't mean I always do. But it is warmer now than when that first snow comes.)

Change the oil on a four-cycle engine. Old oil sitting in the engine over the off-season can shorten the life of the engine. Again, it's easier to do this now than in cold weather. Be sure to properly dispose of the old oil.

A new spark plug only costs a few dollars, but will make the first start easier in the fall. While the plug is removed, spray a little foaming oil (available at most auto parts store) into the cylinder through the spark plug hole. This will keep

the cylinder and piston from corroding.

Look over the snowblower for any signs of worn or broken parts. Pay particular attention to belts, augers or paddles, wiper bars, cables and for any loose fasteners. Tighten loose nuts, bolts and screws and replace parts as needed.

Though some insist on draining gas from the tank and running the engine until dry, I prefer to use a fuel stabilizer (such as Sta-Bil) in all the gasoline I purchase for my snowblower or lawn mower. This way fuel can be left in the tank during the off-season staying reasonably fresh.

## BEFORE THE FIRST MOW

If you didn't change the oil and spark plug and do the other things you were supposed to do to your lawn mower in the fall (see above for storing snowblowers), do them first.

Look around the mower for any signs of loose or broken parts and repair as necessary.

Check the blade. If it is dull or nicked, remove it, but before removing the blade, remove the spark plug wire from the spark plug. (This disconnection will prevent the engine from starting, which can cause serious injury.) Take the blade into a lawn mower

repair shop for sharpening. While at the mower shop, pick up an extra blade. This way you can have one to use while the other is being sharpened.

Once your snowblower is ready for storage and the lawn mower is ready to use, get out and enjoy a beautiful spring day.

## A READER WRITES

After reading my column about garage door maintenance, Ken asked about noise from his garage door opener, which occurs mostly when the door is being opened. He thought the noise might be from a bad bearing in the opener unit, since it is about 15 years old.

In most cases, if there seems to be more noise coming from an opener during opening rather than closing, it is likely that the counterbalance springs need adjusting. If adjusting is in order, I can't caution you enough to leave this to a qualified person. Garage door torsion springs are under great tension and can cause serious injury if improperly adjusted.

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.

Each day is a whirlwind. There is more to do and less time to do it. I have trouble sleeping and relaxing. My house looks like a mess.



Domestic Planner  
Diana Koenig

quick cup of coffee.

As you feed the dog you realize you forgot to fill out your son's school forms that are due today. You try to clear a place on the counter to fill out the forms until the ringing of the telephone interrupts you. It is your carpool driver who has a sick child and will not be driving today. You realize you are

going to be late to the office for the third time this week.

You scramble with your three children out the door. You arrive late to work, thus setting the stage for a stressful day. You leave work early to drive carpool. Your evening consists of dance lessons, soccer, football practice, school meeting, fast food for dinner, laundry, and a feeble attempt to collect house clutter. You fall into bed late, tired, and defeated. You have just dressed yourself for stress. Here are some tips so you can dress for success instead of stress:

■ Do not pack each day to capacity. Purge your busy schedule so you are not constantly moving from one activity to another. Limit the amount of volunteer work you do. Limit the amount of extra curricular activities each child does.

■ Get up 10 minutes early so you can enjoy your cup of coffee without interruptions.

■ Before you go to bed at night start sack lunches, lay

out clothes, check notes in children's backpacks, and make a 'to do list' for the following day.

■ Give yourself a mini massage during the day on the back of your neck and the top of your head to relieve stress.

■ Laughter is great medicine. It helps your body relax. Read a funny book or go to a comedy show with a friend.

■ Spray your house with your favorite fragrance or burn scented candles in the evening before bed.

■ Listen to your favorite music at home or in the car. This should be music that relaxes and calms you.

■ Do not make mountains out of molehills. Accept the things you can not change and change the things you can.

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## EXPO

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in time. Jewelry, furniture, decorative items, memorabilia and vintage clothing will be featured at the exposition.

All the enticing memorabilia is certain to reawaken fond memories and allure a heart-felt purchase.

But how will you know the 1960s concert poster that reminds you of your first love is worth the money?

Here are some tips to keep in mind when swooning over that

'50s dinette set before you make your acquisition:

■ Do your research. If you are just beginning your journey into the intriguing antiques and collectibles world, take a little time to visit a few landmarks along the way. You can use the local library or visit the Internet. There are many Web sites that provide pictures, descriptions and even costs for a particular object. Be well-read and aware of what you are after.

■ Check out the background of the dealer. Reputable dealers are happy to talk with you and make you feel comfortable. Ask them how long they have

been a dealer, what shows they go to, whether or not they have a shop, where it is located and how long they have been in business.

■ Think about the four things most experienced collectors do. Impulse buying is fun and appropriate for many. But if you are limited to a budget and looking for a good investment, consider these four issues: What is the condition of the piece, how rare is it, how desirable is it, and what does it cost? Weighing these factors will help make the most of your investment dollars and help you enjoy collecting for years to come.

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## Does your anxiety control you?

Susan had just moved into a beautiful new home. Her 11-month old baby was just beginning to walk, and for the first time in her six years of marriage, she was able to stay home full time.

Life was good ... or was it? It was at that time when things started to change. Her adorable husband, whom she worshiped, was gaining notoriety for his "account-building" abilities at the brokerage company where he worked. His nights home were now fewer than his nights out with clients.

It began with her heightened anxiety about him. Fretting about his whereabouts, she would call his cell phone several times each night, checking in with him and finding out when he would be home. She then went on a rampage of cleaning. Day after day, she obsessed about the cleanliness of the kitchen floor and how perfect the house needed to look.

As she attempted to step out and meet the other mothers in her neighborhood, she felt herself becoming fearful about how she would appear to them - after all, now she was "just" a stay-at-home mom.

Somehow, that didn't seem to have as much clout as her former title, director of human resources. She failed to remember that all of the other mothers were "just stay-at-home moms" as well.

She became hysterical when her baby coughed in his sleep, believing that he could have croup and she might not be able to stop it. She started to believe the house wasn't secure enough and insisted that her husband sign them up with a 24-hour-a-day alarm company. When her husband commented one day that she seemed overly anxious about everything, she began thinking that she might be worrying too much. Her intellectual side knew it didn't help to dwell on her worries, but it didn't lessen the constant feelings of anxiety that lingered over her like a dark cloud.

Finally, after months of sharing her concerns with her husband, he suggested that she go to their family doctor and get a physical. She reluctantly made the appointment, wondering if she would be brave enough to tell him about her worries.

When Dr. Smith asked her how she was doing with all the new changes in her life, she sheepishly stared at the floor and replied, "Well, I have been miserable." The floodgates then opened and her inner turmoil poured out. Dr. Smith couldn't have been more helpful.

"Susan," he said calmly. "You are suffering from generalized anxiety disorder; GAD. And I'd like to share the hallmark signs of GAD anxiety. First, all of us have worries. Sometimes we have two or three things we worry about and that is quite normal. But people with GAD have a tendency to worry for protracted periods of time.

"Since you told me that the anxiety began around six months ago, when you moved, that's one of the trademarks of GAD... six months or more of anxiety. Another red flag is what a person worries about. Many of their worries are

PLEASE SEE ANXIETY, C6



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Eleanor Smith of Livonia poses in one of her favorite Easter hats and coats circa 1950. Of course, she is wearing white gloves.



*In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills up in it,  
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade.  
I'll be all in clover and when they look you over,  
I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade.  
On the avenue, Fifth Avenue, the photographers all snap us,  
And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.  
Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet,  
And of the girl I'm taking to the Easter Parade.*

Written by Irving Berlin



## Expert says every woman can wear a hat

BY RENEE SGOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Wide brim, medium brim, no brim, pillbox, sailor and beret. Flowers, feathers, ribbons and tulle.

But most of all, lots of straw, which heralds the end of winter and the advent of spring.

We're talking Easter bonnets, the crowning glory for many women until the 1960s, when hats seemed to lose their fashion sense.

But did they? Or is wearing a hat a matter of attitude?

Custom milliner Gena Conti of Wyandotte, whose handmade creations cost \$200-\$300 and more, believes a woman is not fully dressed until she puts on her hat.

She recently gave a presentation on hats to members of the Redford

Suburban League, a women's charitable organization marking its 48th anniversary.

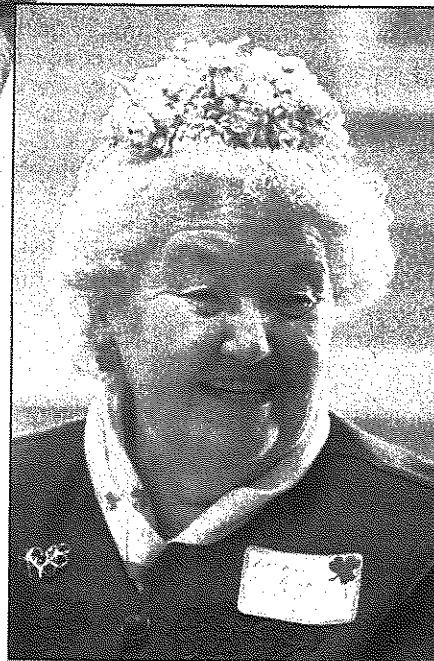
"This is my passion," said Conti, wearing a wide-brimmed hat in a multi-colored fabric (green, cream and black). "Men love women in hats... Everyone can wear a hat. It has to be the right hat. Cocktail hats are especially popular. Hats are sexy. I don't care if you're 90, sex is fun."

Lillian Malley, vice president of the Redford Suburban League, wore a wide-brimmed red straw to the luncheon.

She has a collection of 23 hats. "I love the wide brims, particularly like matching hats with complete outfits. To me, the hat is the icing on the cake," she said.

PLEASE SEE BONNETS, C6

# In your Easter bonnet



Maryanne Senkowski



Lillian Malley



Gena Conti speaks about hats while one of her creations sits on display.

## Picture this, five girls, five new Easter bonnets

BY THERESE EAVES  
CORRESPONDENT

I grew up in a Catholic family, the middle child of five children. My dad, Joe Rohatynski, was a supervisor for General Motors and my mother, Gladys, was a stay-at-home mom. We lived in Livonia.

Holidays were always a big occasion at our house. Easter was one of the biggest. Mom and Dad were up at dawn to put on the ham (which was always huge) and the kielbasa.

Homemade cabbage rolls were cooking and homemade pierogies were waiting under a clean towel, ready to be boiled. Dozens of eggs were already decorated and stored in the refrigerator, to be part of the



(From left) Mom Gladys Rohatynski, oldest sister Linda Scussel of Northville, Joanne Siefert of Plymouth, Therese Eaves of Redford, and youngest sister Karen Ward of West Branch in 1966.

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## A few good eggs take time, talent, 'pure days'



BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of years ago when an Ukrainian woman had a "pure" day - one free of gossip and marked by doing good deeds - she might have spent a few

hours in the candlelight that night decorating chicken eggs.

The intricate designs on the eggs require a clear mind. So it was on these-called pure days that women turned eggs into what is now considered art," said Sandy Ewasek of Livonia, who is herself a

"pysaky," an egg artist.

"When the beautifully designed eggs were completed, Ukrainian women back then, and to this day, gave them as gifts to beloved family and friends. Also, in times past, the decorated eggs were placed on the graves of departed loved ones."

Ewasek's interest in these exquisite eggs began when she married her half-Ukrainian husband, Richard, almost 19 years ago. She admired his parents' egg collection and decided to learn how to create

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## ANXIETY

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unrealistic and go beyond a reasonable concern about a negative outcome. For instance, I know your pediatrician has told you that your son's coughing in the middle of the night is nothing to be concerned about. But I am afraid that hasn't allayed your fears about him having a more serious illness. I suspect your fears are out of proportion for the events. Are you able to distract yourself when you want to call your husband for the third time each evening?"

She shook her head. "No, I cannot override my negative thoughts ... I just need to hear his voice."

Dr. Smith continued. "GAD affects only 2 to 5 percent of the population, and occurs in twice as many women as men. Perhaps it's because men mask anxiety through other behaviors. Often people do not get the proper treatment they need for it because they believe that no one would understand what is going on with them. So the worry and the depression only increase. My recommendation for you is for you to take an antidepressant for a short spell; but simultaneously, I want you to begin with cognitive behavior therapy with a therapist who specializes in it. The value of the therapy is that it will challenge the distorted thoughts that fuel your anxiety."

With the prescription in hand, Susan walked out of his office with a new confidence that she wasn't crazy, and that the anxiety was going to get taken care of.

Anxious to get her old self back, she drove home and could already feel her shoulders relaxing, before she even took the first pill!

Jacque Martin-Downs is a child and adolescent therapist in private practice in Livonia.

## FAMILY

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Easter baskets that were filled and hidden for all five of us.

Visits to Paris Bakery had been made for angel wings, egg bread and bubka (coffee cake).

The house had been cleaned from top to bottom in preparation for the holiday and the relatives who would be over for dinner.

My parents went all out for us kids. They bought all of us complete new outfits. Mind

you, this was no easy feat for a family with five children. My brother, Joe Jr., who was the youngest, always had a new suit and shoes. The four of us girls also received new outfits, which included dresses, shoes, gloves, coats and, of course, new Easter bonnets.

Growing up in the '60s and being a Catholic female meant that you wore a covering on your head in church. Easter was a time to celebrate and break away from the usual mantilla or scarf. It was spring once again - Alleluia, Christ had risen - and it was time for a new Easter bonnet.

Or bonnets were as individual as we were and sometimes took a couple shopping trips to find the perfect one.

## PICTURE PERFECT

Getting dressed on time Easter morning was a challenge. We shared one bathroom for five females. By the time everyone was through, there were some temper flare-ups. (Aren't you through in time yet? Hurry up!) Eventually, we were all dressed and ready for church. Now came the part we dreaded. To memorialize the

holiday, my father would assemble us on the FRONT lawn, not the back, to take our picture.

By this time, no one wanted to stand next to anyone, much less speak to each other, except my Dad, who was yelling "Be quiet! Now smile, damn it!" Neighbors would be watching with their own smiles as we all tried to pretend that we were somewhere else. I pretended that I was really an only child who had somehow gotten mixed up with this large, loud family.

Amazingly enough, our

pictures turned out looking like we actually were a happy bunch, which deep down we were.

Years later, when my son was in junior high football, his coach was a neighborhood boy I had grown up with.

Bob remembered watching the picture-taking ordeal of my family, which has turned into a precious memory, evoked when I think of my Easter bonnet.

Terese Eaves now lives in Redford. Her mother has passed away, but her father lives in Westland. Brother Joe Jr. lives in Howell.

## EGGS

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them herself. Her husband's aunt and a Ukrainian nun in Canada got her started with the basics, some equipment and a few how-to books. That introduction has resulted in the creation of more than a thousand eggs over the years, most of which are her own designs.

## THE PROCESS

Measuring the egg, which is first cleaned in white vinegar, and making equally spaced pencil marks so that the repetitive designs are symmetrical is the first step of this Ukrainian craft.

With a "kisky," a tool with a minute funnel that contains melted beeswax (it's passed over the flame of a candle to melt), Ewasek draws on the lines and designs she wants to remain white. Then the egg is dipped in yellow dye.

Again, she uses the kisky to cover the areas she wants to remain yellow. This process is repeated over and over again with the next dye color, which is orange, then red and finally black. By the time the complete design is on the egg, much of it is covered with beeswax.

"These are the traditional colors, although any color can be used. In addition to the colors mentioned above, Ukrainian eggs tend to be decorated with certain designs which are symbolic of spring (flowers), good health (wheat), prosperity (deer), being part of the universe (sun, moon and stars), as well as other blessings."

After the egg is decorated, Ewasek "blows out" its contents by making a small hole in one end.

She uses an ear syringe to shoot air into the egg to break up the yolk. The contents can then be emptied out of the egg through the hole.

To complete and preserve the egg, she removes the beeswax and gives it two coats of varnish.

"Ukrainian women (and this craft has always been primarily a 'woman thing') weren't the first to decorate eggs. This custom is centuries old and predates Christianity. It was the Ukrainians, however, who elevated it to an art."

## A PEACEFUL HOBBY

According to Ewasek, creating the eggs has been a relaxing and peaceful hobby. It's these same benefits that draw her to her other interest. She's an avid gardener and likes to take the same creativity she uses to transform eggs to the

lad. But creating eggs is the most challenging activity, especially if I use smaller eggs, such as those from quails, parrots and cockatiels." (She has a friend who raises birds and gives her the unfertilized eggs.) Ewasek's daughters, Andrea, 11, and Laurie, 10, are also egg artists. Under their mother's guidance, they began decorating eggs when they were about 5 years old.

I made them wait until I was sure that they wouldn't set their hair on fire with the candle," she said.

Her passion for decorated eggs has taken her to "egg shows" for supplies, demonstrations and the opportunity to learn more about the dignities and history of this art form. She also likes meeting other "egg ladies" and sharing ideas with them and selling her eggs.

We have a wonderful Egg Fair, held every year in Darborn. Ukrainian eggs, as well as Polish 'scratch' (the design is not put on, but scratched off), Faberge and Czech eggs are on display and available for purchase," she added.

This year's Egg Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Holiday Inn Fairlane.

For information call (586) 74-1938.

## BONNETS

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## HATS, HATS, HATS

The women attending the event wore hats that showed off a variety of attitudes - saucy, jaunty, fun and downright glamorous.

"Hats express an attitude. I think over the years it was a way for women to express themselves," said Betsy McRae of Redford, deputy clerk of Redford Township.

Lillian Papich of Farmington Hills wore a blue felt with a big red rose pinned boldly in front. She bought it from Jacobson's 20 years ago and once loaned it to her friend, Carole Rhode, who needed just the right hat for a play in which she was appearing. "She was Miss Megabucks," said Papich. "I had a royal blue dress and Lillian said, 'I have just the hat for you,'" said Rhode, who used to work for the Redford Chamber of Commerce.

Joyce Harner, a league member from Waterford, also is a member of the Red Hat Society, an organization of fun-loving women somewhere between their prime and their golden years who "dare to wear purple and spit on the sidewalk."

"There's thousands and thousands of women in it," she said. "It's strictly a fun group, no

fund-raisers, just fun."

Harner, of course, was wearing a red hat and a purple suit. The hat, she said, "symbolizes that I'm going out to have fun with a bunch of friends."

## A HAT IN THE CROWD

Mary Sidick of Canton was the only woman attending 11 a.m. Mass at St. John Neumann Church last Easter who wore a hat. People who know her didn't find it surprising.

"I'm kind of known as the lady with hats," she said. Even her husband gets in the act. "He has every color of beret under the sun."

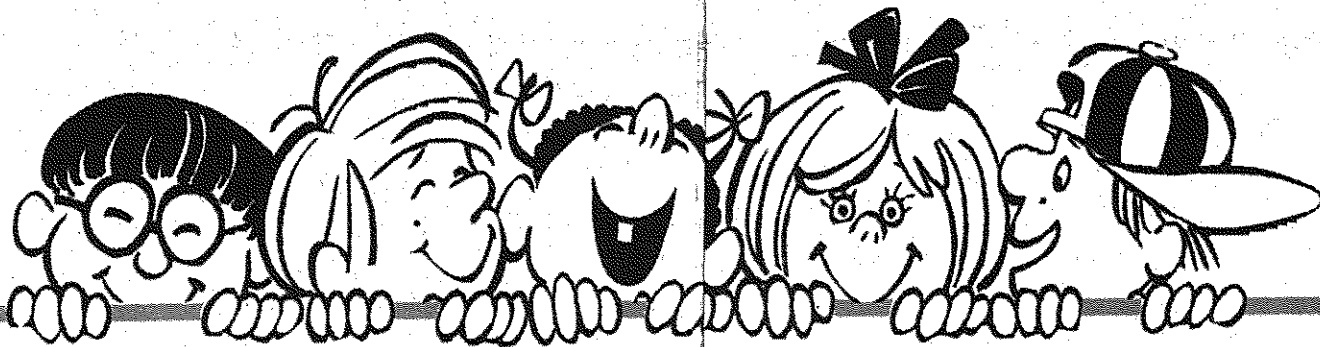
Will Sidick wear a signature hat this Easter? "Oh of course, come rain or come shine."

Eleanor Smith of Livonia has worn an Easter bonnet since she was a child.

Today, parishioners at St. Priscilla Church count on her wearing a hat on Easter Sunday. She fondly remembers a lavender, oval-brimmed hat she wore in the late 1950s with a turquoise and lavender plaid coat with three-quarter-length sleeves she made. Of course, she wore the requisite white gloves.

Smith continues to prefer wide-brimmed hats.

"I just think ladies look elegant in them," she said. "They're dressy. They just make people's heads turn when you wear them."

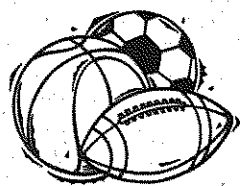


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## Classic Senior Singles

Bible Study at 10 a.m. Thursdays in Room C307. Studies are an excellent way to familiarize yourself with the Bible and grow spiritually.

## Single Parents

Wednesday evening program 7-8:15 p.m. in the Single Point Office. Join in for fellowship and interesting discussions.

## Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

## Lighthouse Cafe

Join in for an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment supplied by other Single Pointers from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 18 in Knox Hall. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, other goodies and fantastic spe-

cialty coffees are offered.

## Metropolitan Single Professionals

**Co-Ed Golf League Sign-Up Meetings**  
Any Monday at 7:30 p.m. in April at the Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, east of Drake in Farmington Hills. Last golf sign-up meeting is Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m.

## Co-Ed Summer Softball

Teams now forming for Sunday nights. Practice in April, games starting in May. Sign-Up Meetings any Monday at 7 p.m. March 31 through April 28 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

## Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

## Co-Ed Bowling League

Leagues bowl every other Sunday night. All levels of bowlers are welcome. The league will play at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills. League begins at 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$14 per week. RSVP by sending \$52 to cover the last two weeks of the season and the registration fee.

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## Single Mingle Dances

Meet new friends, dance and socialize anytime from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a top 40 D.J., Cash Bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Admission is \$5 for members/\$8 for non-members. The ballrooms are nonsmoking and attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes). On April 25 at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia, located on Six Mile at I-275.

## Euchre

From 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

## Volleyball

Due to the popularity of volleyball, Open Drop-in Co-Ed Volleyball is offered every Tuesday, now thru April, from 6:45-9:45 p.m. in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quanton Road just west of Telegraph. The cost is \$5 for members; \$6 for nonmembers.

## West Side Singles

Dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft service drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in

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Refreshments. Monthly dinners are the first Thursday of each month. Call Kathy at (734) 513-9479 for reservations. Bowling party at 2 p.m. at Oak Lanes on Middlebelt next to Rams Horn in Westland. Cost is \$12. No reservations required. Call Judy at (734) 261-5630.

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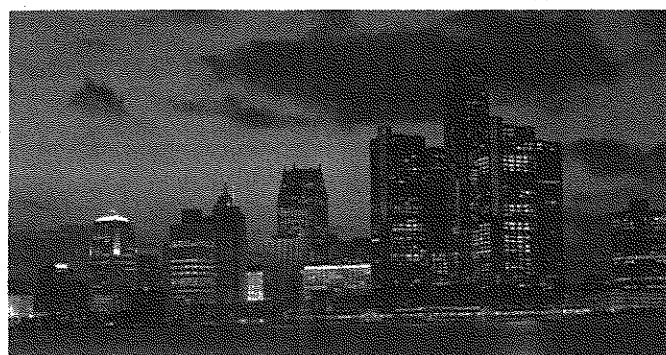
The following clinics will operate from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.:

April 19 - Howell Park, Detroit  
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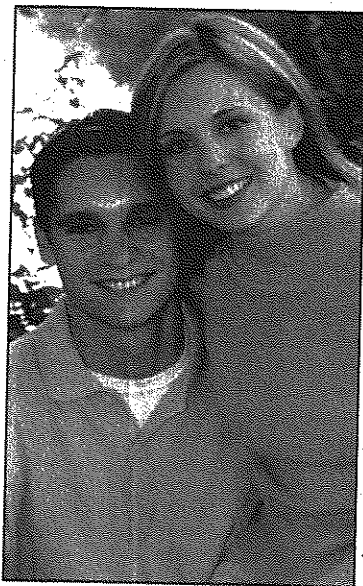
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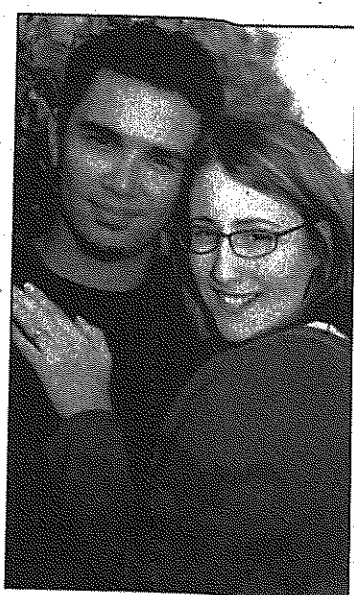
**Bartholomew-Pace**

Ron and Cheryl Bartholomew of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Kimberley, to Jason Richard Pace of Clarkston.

Kristin is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She will graduate in May from Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work.

Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Bob and Judy Lawson of Clarkston and Dennis Pace and Anne Grovert of Dimondale. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He is employed with EDS in Troy.

The couple is planning a June wedding in Transfiguration Church, Detroit. They will be making their new home in Sterling Heights.

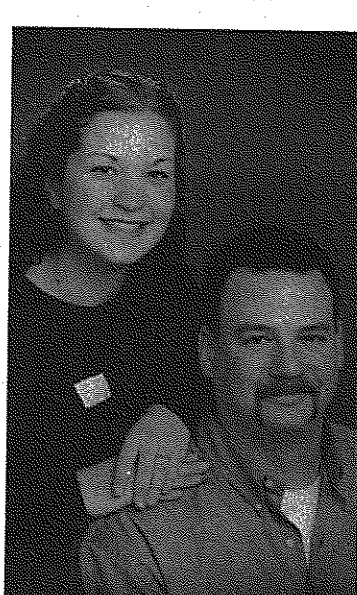
**Corliss-Underwood**

Charles and Susan Corliss of Bridgman announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan, to Anthony Underwood of Grand Rapids.

Megan is a 2001 graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. She is employed at DTS Architects and works as a freelance illustrator.

Her fiancé, Anthony, is the son of William and Yonnie Underwood of Westland. He also is a 2001 graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design. He is a web designer/multimedia designer at Ignition New Media Workshop.

The couple is planning an October wedding in Bridgman.

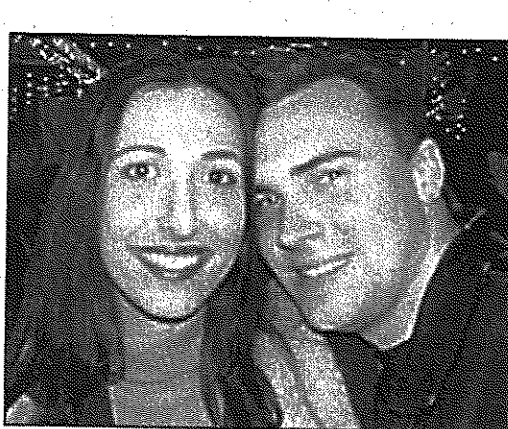
**Fry-Kitzman**

Stanley and Theresa Fry of Huron Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Michelle, to Jeffrey John Kitzman of Garden City.

Laura is a graduate of Dearborn High School. She is a nursing student at Henry Ford Community College and is working at Garden City Hospital in the emergency room.

Her fiancé, Jeffrey, is the son of Bruce and Nancy Vallimont of Garden City, and Phillip and Arliss Kitzman of Carrollton, Texas. He is a graduate of Plano Senior High School, Plano, Texas, and a graduate of Texas Tech. University. He is employed with the city of Inkster as a firefighter.

The couple is planning to wed June 2004.

**Chaudhri-Lenz**

Vijay and Carol Chaudhri of Plymouth (formerly of Livonia) announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiran Anne Chaudhri to Orin Carl Lenz of Howell.

Kiran is a 1994 graduate of Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor where she earned her bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and political science. She is currently pursuing her M.B.A. in global management. She is employed at Ford Motor Co. as a business analyst.

Her fiancé Orin, is the son of Jerry and Kathie Lenz of Hastings. He is a 1994 graduate of Hastings High School and a 1997 graduate of Kellogg's Community College with an associate's degree in drafting and design technology. He is currently working at Magna as an automotive designer.

The couple is planning a November wedding at The Hindu Temple in Canton with a reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth.

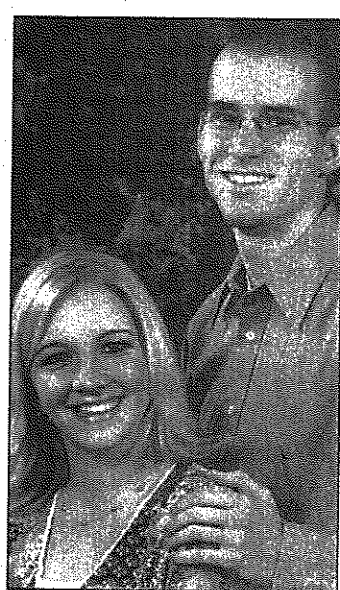
**Vann-Jackson**

Wayne and Pam Vann of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to L.D. Jackson of Reading.

Melissa is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She attends Spring Arbor University where she is a junior majoring in social work.

Her fiancé, L.D. is a 2000 graduate from Reading High School. He attends Spring Arbor University and is a junior with a business management major. He also runs track.

The couple is planning to wed August 2004, in Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City.

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44 yr old, divorced, white female, smoker, over weight, enjoys cooking, college basketball, campfires, good books and more. Looking for a single male with a sense of humor, 40 to 55, with a romantic soul for conversations and friendship. ... Ad#: 403856

**GET IN TOUCH**  
Black female, 23, 5'4", petite, brown eyes, variety of interests. Seeks fun black male who can carry a conversation and make her laugh. ... Ad#: 403845

**JUST YOU AND I**  
44-yr-old, full-figured, black female, looking for a financially secure, stable man with medium length hair. Searching for a single male who wants a LTR. ... Ad#: 403830

**FRIENDSHIP**  
Single black female, 57-yr-old, 5'8", full-figured, enjoys church, movies, candlelight dinner and more. Searching for an intelligent, honest, secure, white male for friendship. ... Ad#: 403823

**READY FOR THIS?**  
24 yr old, white mother of one, 5'2", 125 lbs, brown hair, eyes. Enjoys sports, outdoors, and more. Searching for an old fashioned, employed, honest, white male, 24 to 30. ... Ad#: 403835

**ENHANCE MY LIFE**  
61 yr old, active, petite, white female, is looking for a clean, healthy, active white gentleman, 50 to 60, who enjoys sharing good times, golf, movies and more. ... Ad#: 403832

**MULTI-MILLIONAIRE...**  
Wanted! Above average queen, elegantly classy, attractive, former model with a very nice figure. Intelligent, naturally caring, considerate. 39, single, black female, desires an above average older gentleman who wants to be treated like a king. Race unimportant! ... Ad#: 403959

**END MY SEARCH**  
Non-smoker, single female, 5'4", 130 lbs, enjoys movies, dining out, traveling, sports and more. Searching for a single male, 54 to 59, for traveling, sports, and more. ... Ad#: 403831

**CONTINUING MY QUEST**  
Divorced male, 48 yrs young, Electrician, 5'11", 185 lbs, blonde hair, athletic. Likes antiquing, golfing, dancing, aerobics and having a good time. I have a lot to share with the right female, 38 to 50, physically fit, professional, non-smoker. ... Ad#: 403649

**LOOKING FORWARD...**  
your call! Single black female, mid 40's, no dependent, employed and have my own transportation, 5'4", 145 lbs, free-spirited. Enjoys most sports and loves to travel. Seeks a single gentleman with similar interests. ... Ad#: 403643

**IT COULD HAPPEN 2 US**  
5'11", 245 lbs male with brown hair and green eyes, non-smoker. Likes travel, sports, dancing, theater. Seeks fit, honest, attractive female for a long term relationship. ... Ad#: 403698

**SHARE LIFE WITH ME**  
Male seeks 40's female, attractive, fit, successful, financially and emotionally secure, good conversationalist, trusting, friendly, educated. You'll get the same in me! Friends first, possible long term relationship. ... Ad#: 403928

**GET IN TOUCH**  
28 yr old black male, college student, good sense of humor. Loves working out, movies, sports. Seeks white or Mexican lady who likes to have fun. ... Ad#: 403913

**men seeking women**

**Call 1-900-226-9950**  
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\$2.19 per call connect fee

**TWO OF A KIND**  
35 yrs old 5'6", 170 lb, clean shaven male, non-smoker and non-drinker. Likes camping, fishing, boating, walks, movies, cooking, day trips and more. Seeks slim female, 30 to 40, for a long term relationship. ... Ad#: 403709

**ONE ON ONE RELATION**  
Single white professional male, 44, tall, slim, brown eyes and hair, easy going, artistically inclined, loves galleries, theater, cooking, the outdoors. Looking for a serious minded female, 35 to 45, open to developing a close friendship to begin with and more. ... Ad#: 403987

**DIRECTION A PLUS**  
5'11", 168 lbs, slim build, male, born under sign of Cancer. Likes bowling, water skiing, darts, pool, softball, fishing, model cars, cooking. Seeks female, 28 to 35, medium height and weight, with direction. ... Ad#: 403692

**LET'S CONNECT!**  
30 yrs old, 6'6", 280 lbs respectful, blue eyed, blonde male, likes music, movies, sports, video games. Seeks caring, intelligent female with a sense of humor. ... Ad#: 403704

**HE'S SO NICE**  
Creative, educated, retired, tall, trim male. Seeks romantic relationship with shapely, lively female, 58 to 68, for fun times, sports and travel. ... Ad#: 403705

**ME 4 U AND U 4 ME**  
6'2", 220 lb white male, likes sports, animals, cars and more. Seeks petite, attractive female, 35 to 50, with the same interests. ... Ad#: 403694

**WANTED: FULL FIGURED**  
40 yr old white male, 5'10", 220 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Seeks full figured woman, 25 to 50, any race, for fun times. ... Ad#: 403922

**A GOOD CATCH**  
56 yr old white male, 5'7", medium build, fit, brown hair, hazel eyes, neat beard, teacher. Likes outdoors, fishing, travel, dining out, museums, plays, art shows. Seeks woman, mid 40s to 50s, attractive, fit, intelligent, for long term relationship. ... Ad#: 403918

**NOTHING VENTURED...**  
...nothing gained! 50 yr old divorced white male, 6', 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, good sense of humor, down to earth, adventurous. Seeks lady, 39 to 52, petite to average build, down to earth, sensor humor. ... Ad#: 403926

**PICK UP THE PHONE**  
48 yr old male, father of one, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, good secure job, smoker, spontaneous, loves outdoors and hot rods. Seeks female around his age. ... Ad#: 403927

**NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT**  
Attractive male, from Detroit, 30, brown skin, 230 lbs, independent, seeks special woman who enjoys travel. ... Ad#: 403973

**SOUND INTERESTING?**  
Handsome black male, 6'1", cocoa complexion, employed, smart, honest, caring, good listener, smoker. Enjoys reading, cooking, beaches, music, movies, travel, shopping, dining out. Seeks strong financially secure black female, 26 to 55. ... Ad#: 403916

**WALK THIS WAY**  
40 yr old male, 6'6", 225 lbs, employed. Likes concerts, dirt biking, photography, arcades. Seeks non-smoking female, height/proportionate, 25 to 30. ... Ad#: 403893

**HOW ABOUT IT?**  
27 yr old male, likes sporting events, walking, movies, trying new things. If you are interested, give me a call. ... Ad#: 403896

**FOREVER YOUNG**  
Youthful, late 60s working professional, 5'11", 225 lbs, gray hair. Looking for a young at heart, affectionate, caring lady, 50 to 60, to share retirement and the rest of our lives. Must be attractive and unafraid to fall in love. ... Ad#: 403915

**SPRING FEVER**  
50 yr old divorced white male, 6', 185 lbs, brown/gray hair, sense of humor, wide variety of interests. In search of a lady, petite to medium build, 35 to 40, height weight proportionate, down to earth, sense of humor, no games. Children ok. ... Ad#: 403902

**I'LL TREAT YOU RIGHT**  
24 yr old black male, 200 lbs, medium build, brown skin, enigma. Likes making music, writing. Seeks beautiful woman, slim to medium build. ... Ad#: 403901

**WOULD YOU LIKE...**  
...a man who considers your wishes, takes care of your needs, recognizes the validity of your feelings and treats you special? Tall, trim, nice looking, educated, retired home owner. Seeks lady, 58 to 68, for fun times, sports, travel and romance. ... Ad#: 403898

**END MY SEARCH**  
36 yr old, single male with brown hair and eyes. Loves skiing, running, biking and more. Searching for a single white female, 28 to 43, for quiet times and more. ... Ad#: 403969

**HOW ABOUT IT?**  
Black male, enjoys sports, outdoors. Looking for an intelligent, caring woman who knows what she wants out of life. ... Ad#: 403908

**COUNTRY BOY**  
24 yr old male, 6'7", 230 lbs, former U.S. Navy. Enjoys riding horses, rodeos, nature, the beach, long walks. Seeks charming, kind, very giving female with a smile that can light up a room. ... Ad#: 403907

**PICK UP THE PHONE**  
39 yr old male, 6'2", 175 lbs, brown hair and eyes, mustache, smoker. Enjoys swimming, fishing, hiking, outdoors, camping, cooking. Seeks female, not overweight, no games. ... Ad#: 403906

**LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH**  
5'11", 180 lbs, fit, blonde hair, blue eyes. Likes golf, the beach, movies, dining out, concerts, travel, casinos, dining. Seeks nice lady, fit, clean, height weight proportionate, educated, good job, outgoing. For committed relationship. ... Ad#: 403912

**Here's Bob.**  
He's looking for an attractive woman 30-40 years old.

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Attractive SW, 5'5", Brown hair and eyes, I am very fun, outgoing and honest. Seeking SW.

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Hey Bob! Press 2 to CHAT LIVE or leave a voice message for any of them right now!

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
Sincere, financially secure, single white male, 55, 6', 180 lbs, old fashioned gentleman. Enjoys theater, fine dining, dancing. Seeks female for dating, perhaps taking dancing lessons together. ... Ad#: 403911

**TALL & GOOD LOOKING**  
46 yr old, father of two, 6'3", good looking, blonde hair, blue eyes, college degree, employed. Enjoys working out, cooking, boating, comedy, the beach, working out. If you are interested, give me a call. ... Ad#: 403909

**HOW ABOUT IT?**  
White male, 6', brown hair and eyes. Seeks white female, 21 to 40, slim build, to spend time together. ... Ad#: 403914

**SEEKS OLDER WOMAN**  
32 yr old single black male. Searching for an older woman, 40 or older. ... Ad#: 403897

**OLDER WOMAN WANTED**  
Cute single white male, 6'2", 230 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys shooting pool, beaches, photography. Seeks older woman for quiet romance. ... Ad#: 403690

**AWAITING YOUR CALL**  
37 yr old male, 5'8", 175 lbs, white/silver hair, green eyes, easy going, shy at first. Likes going out, spending time with his children. Looking for someone who knows what they want in life, no game-players. ... Ad#: 403881

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD  
PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 8, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly. Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Conklin

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda with the removal of Items C-2, C-4, G-2, and G-3. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Regular Board Minutes of March 25, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for April 8, 2003

General Fund	101	\$ 421,689.52
Fire Fund	206	87,046.05
Police Fund	207	126,886.67
Summit Operating	208	57,136.99
Street Lighting	219	15,729.93
Cable TV Fund	230	1,506.69
E-911 Utility	261	1,475.70
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	3,811.47
Auto Theft Grant	289	19,397.55
Downtown Dev Auth	294	46,564.72
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	4,337.50
Golf Fund	584	33,548.48
Water & Sewer Fund	592	596,220.02
Trust & Agency Fund	701	13,218.00
Post Empl. Benefits	736	20,667.97
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>1,449,237.26</b>

**Board Member Reports:** Trustee Zarbo passed out to the Board information regarding development.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the Canton Hockey Association to apply for a Charitable Gaming License for the purpose of conducting a raffle as per the attached application. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and adopt the Canvassing, Soliciting & Peddling Ordinance No. 50(E). This Ordinance will become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 17, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
CANVASSING, SOLICITING AND PEDDLING  
ORDINANCE NO: 50(E)

amended effective April 4, 1984; Nov. 22, 1989; Dec. 21, 1990;  
Sept. 1, 1993; Nov. 22, 1995; April 17, 2003

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CANVASSING, SOLICITING AND PEDDLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; TO FOR DEFINITIONS OF TERMS; TO PRESCRIBE AND PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS THEREBY; TO REGULATE LICENSES FOR STREET VENDORS AND PEDDLERS OPERATING IN THE TOWNSHIP; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING PROCEDURE; TO PROVIDE FOR DENIAL OF CERTAIN LICENSES AND APPEAL THEREFROM; TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF SUCH LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR SANITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STREET VENDORS; TO REGULATE THE MANNER AND THE HOURS DURING WHICH STREET VENDORS MAY OPERATE AND PLACES WHERE THEY MAY OPERATE; TO PROVIDE A METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF SAID LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF SAID LICENSES AND THE CRITERIA THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF AL ORDINANCES, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PENDING CAUSES OF ACTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

**SECTION I. 67.501 Section 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as Ordinance No. 50 as amended being the Canvassing, Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton. (ord.no.50 amend. eff. Apr. 4, 1984)

**67.502 Section 2. DEFINITIONS.** The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section.

**1. Canvassing & Soliciting.** The terms "canvassing" and/or "soliciting" shall mean the going from door to door, house to house, place to place, street to street or remaining in one place within the Township of Canton for the purpose of soliciting orders for/or canvassing occupants or residents for the sale of food products, books, magazines, goods, wears or merchandise of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, or for the purpose of soliciting orders for/or canvassing occupants or residents for the installation or servicing of any household equipment or appliances, including but not limited to, furnace or boiler repair and maintenance, repair and servicing of washing machines, clothes, dryers, dishwashers, garbage disposals and incinerators or the installations of storm windows and screens, awnings, roofing and siding of buildings or for any other services to be furnished. It shall also include persons soliciting for funds or donations of any kind. It shall also include the assisting of others in "canvassing" and/or "soliciting" as herein defined.

Newsboys and persons traveling on a regularly established route at the request, expressed or implied, of their customers, are not to be considered within the definitions of "peddler" or "canvasser" under the terms of this ordinance.

**2. Clerk.** The word "Clerk" shall mean the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton.

**3. Peddling.** The term "peddling" shall mean the going from door to door, house to house, place to place, street to street, or remaining in one place, in the Township of Canton carrying or conveying or transporting by person, wagon, motor vehicles or other type of conveyance for the purpose of offering for immediate sale, food products, including but not limited to, meat, fish, vegetables, farm produce or provisions, candy, goods, wears or merchandise of any nature and landscaping materials of all types. It shall also include the assisting of others in "peddling" as herein defined.

**4. Person.** The "person" shall mean and include any person, agent, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

**5. Handbill.** The term "handbill" shall mean any written or printed notice distributed by hand for the purpose of communication, including but not limited to any pamphlet, booklet or leaflet.

**6. Township.** The term "Township" shall mean the Charter Township of Canton. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984)

**67.503 Section 3. UNLAWFUL ACTS.** 1. Unless exempt, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in or carry-on the business of soliciting, canvassing or peddling in the Township as defined herein, without first obtaining a license in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

2. Unless exempt, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a solicitor, canvasser, or peddler without first having obtained a license for each vehicle, piece of equipment or container used in connection therewith.

3. No license shall be issued to any applicant as a solicitor, canvasser, or peddler until such applicant shall have obtained the age of eighteen (18) years, except that a person between the ages of twelve (12) and eighteen (18) years may be issued a license as a solicitor, canvasser or peddler, if such applicant is accompanied by a sponsoring adult at both the time of applying for such license and at the actual time of selling such products.

Persons under the age of twelve (12) years old shall be exempt from registering or licensing as a solicitor, canvasser or peddler. Each person under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian during all times of soliciting, canvassing or peddling.

If any soliciting, canvassing or peddling is to be carried on by a person under the age of seventeen (17) years, an approved copy of State Department of Labor, Form H52, showing the approved hours of work and the type of soliciting, canvassing or peddling to be done shall be attached to the application.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit, peddle or canvass upon any premises in the Township, if requested by anyone in control upon the premises not to do so, or if there is placed on said premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof a sign or similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of said premise do not desire to have solicitors, canvassers or peddlers call upon them. For purposes of this subsection, soliciting and peddling include religious proselytizing, political speech (anonymous or otherwise) and passing out handbills. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. Apr. 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50B amend. eff. Dec. 21, 1990)

**67.504 Section 4. LICENSING PROCEDURE.** 1. Application for licenses required by this ordinance shall be made upon forms provided by the Clerk, which shall be signed and verified under oath by the applicant of an individual, or by the authorized agent for any firm,

partnership, association, corporation, company or organization and shall, as a minimum, contain the following:

A. If an individual; the name, address and telephone number of the individual.

B. If a partnership; the name, residence and business address and telephone number of each partner.

C. If a corporation; the name, business address and telephone number of the corporation, the names of the principal officers, directors and local representatives, their residence and business address, telephone numbers, and if a foreign corporation, whether they are authorized to do business in the State of Michigan.

D. If an employee; the name, residence and telephone number of the employee together with written credentials setting forth the exact nature of his employment.

E. The length of time for which the right to do business is sought.

F. Two (2) current photographs of the applicant or the agent for the applicant who is to do the actual canvassing, soliciting or peddling. Each photograph shall be 2" by 2" showing the head and shoulders of the applicant or agent.

G. A brief description of the product or services involved.

H. For each applicant or agent or employee of an applicant under the age of seventeen (17) years, appropriate working papers shall be filed with the Clerk at the time of application.

I. A description of the vehicle or vehicles being used in the operation of the canvasser, solicitor and/or peddler along with a license plate number of each vehicle.

J. The application must include a copy of the applicant's Computerized Criminal History (CCH). The applicant may obtain his or her CCH by sending a written request together with his or her fingerprints and \$30.00 to: Michigan State Police, CJIC, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, MI 48913

(Note: the \$30.00 fee is set by the Department of State Police and subject to change.)

K. The application must include a copy of the applicant's Master Driving Record. The applicant may obtain his or her master driving record by sending a request on form BDVR-153 together with \$6.55 to: Michigan Department of State, Record Lookup Unit, 7064 Crowner Drive, Lansing, MI 48918-1540

(Note: the request form and fee are set by the Michigan Department of State are subject to change.) Form BDVR-153 may be obtained at the Michigan Department of State Internet site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

A lessee, tenant, or portable vending equipment operator vending with the permission of and within a commercial establishment and not using a motor vehicle regulated under the Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949, as amended, is exempt from the requirement to include a copy of his or her master driving record with the application, but only to the extent that the application is restricted to the vending without the use of a motor vehicle regulated under the Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act No. 300 of 1949, as amended.

2. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee to be established by resolution of the Township Board. The Township Board may, from time to time, modify the established fee schedule. The application fee is separate from the license fee described in Section 6.

3. Upon receipt of the application for a license, the Clerk shall forward the same to the Director of the Department of Public Safety, or his designated representative, for a review of the same. Upon receipt by the Director or his designated representative, the Director or designated representative shall cause an investigation to ensure that the applicant meets all requirements set forth in Subsection 3 below. After said investigation, the Director of Public Safety, or his designated representative, shall certify to the Clerk that the application is complete and that the information contained therein and other information known to the Department of Public Safety does not reasonably lead to the conclusion that the applicant, or the activity to be licensed, constitutes an apparent danger to the health, safety and welfare to the people of the Township.

4. The Clerk may refuse to issue a license to:

A. A person whose license, under this ordinance, has been revoked within the last year.

B. A person unless the application is fully and completely filed.

C. A person who materially misrepresents any facts or statements on his/her license application.

D. A person who has been convicted of a felony or any crime related to or involving larceny, fraud, receiving and concealing stolen property, embezzlement, robbery, home invasion, breaking and entering, theft, dishonesty, false statement or fraudulent scheme, trick or device.

E. A person whose master driving record indicates that his or her use of a motor vehicle in association with a requested license may present an unreasonable threat to persons or property within the Township by such use of a motor vehicle. This subsection does not apply to persons exempt from including a copy of his or her master driving record as described in subsection I-K of this Section.

F. If the applicant or activity license constitutes an apparent danger to the health, safety and welfare to the people of the Township.

5. Any person whose license application has been denied shall have the right to petition the Board of Trustees of the Township for an appeal. The Township Board shall grant a public hearing on this appeal, and the applicant shall have the right to appear and present evidence on his/her behalf. Following such hearing, the Board shall submit to the applicant a written statement of its findings and determinations. The Board's determination shall be based upon competent, material and substantial evidence to show satisfactory compliance with the requirements of Section 4 of this Ordinance. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50 amend. eff. Dec. 2, 1987; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50C amend. eff. Sept. 1, 1993)

**67.505 Section 5. EXEMPTION OF RELIGIOUS PROSELYTIZING; POLITICAL SPEECH AND DELIVERY OF HANDBILLS.** Persons involved in religious proselytizing, political speech (anonymous or otherwise) and/or delivery of handbills are hereby exempt from the licensing requirements of this ordinance.

**67.506 Section 6. LICENSE FEES.** A license fee for soliciting, canvassing and peddling shall be established by resolution of the Township Board. The Township Board may, from time to time, modify the established fee schedule. This fee is separate from the application fee described in Section 4. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984)

**67.507 Section 7. FEE EXEMPTIONS; FARMERS, SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS, AND PERSONS OR ENTITIES FROM OTHER STATES ENGAGED IN SOLICITING ORDERS IN THIS STATE.**

1. No license fee shall be charged to any person: selling produce which he has raised himself; who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years; or who shows evidence of being an honorably discharged military veteran and/or to any person or entity engaged in the solicitation of orders or delivery of goods from a business located in another state where the business contacts with this state are limited exclusively to soliciting orders from and/or delivering goods to consumers in this state.

2. At the time that any of the above-named persons claim such exemption from the license fee, such person shall swear by affidavit stating the facts which entitle him to such exemptions and such affidavit shall be filed with the Clerk. All of the above exempt persons shall be issued a license or identification card as provided for in Sections 4 (67.504) and 5 (67.505) of this ordinance.

3. Any person who has obtained a peddler's license from the State of Michigan pursuant to Public Act 359 of 1921, as amended, on account of said person being honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States of America, shall be exempt from the licensing provisions of this ordinance.

**67.508 Section 8. EXPIRATION DATE OF LICENSES AND REGISTRATION.** Each license and registration issued pursuant to this ordinance shall expire on midnight on the last day of December of each year, unless previously terminated pursuant to this ordinance. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989)

**67.509 Section 9. DISPLAY OF LICENSE ON PERSONS, VEHICLES, CONVEYANCE AND CONTAINERS.** 1. Unless exempt, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a peddler, canvasser, or solicitor without displaying on the outer clothing the license issued by the Township provided for in Section 4 of this ordinance. Unless exempt, each vehicle, conveyance and container must have a license attached to it so it can be seen from the outside of such vehicle, conveyance or container.

2. Peddlers, solicitors and canvassers are required to exhibit their license at the request of any citizen or public official. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50B amend. eff.)

**67.510 Section 10. USE AND RESTRICTION OF STOPS, SCALES, BELLS, HORNS, ETC.** 1. No person shall use any scales which do not have a valid approval by the State of Michigan, Bureau of Weights and Measures or the City of Detroit Department of Weights and Measures. No person shall stop in any one place longer than is necessary to make a sale, stop on private property without the consent of the property owner, and/or stop for a period of longer than thirty (30) minutes at any time. No person shall stop for the purposes of selling or offering to sell any food products within a distance of three-hundred (300) feet from any public, private or parochial school building, or the lands on which such buildings are located in the Township on any day during which school is in session. No person operating as a solicitor, canvasser or peddler shall interfere with traffic or cause or permit large numbers of persons, especially children, to congregate upon the public streets.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to call-out or make any noise of any kind whatsoever, or to use a bell, horn or other noise making device with the purpose of attracting persons to buy goods said licensee has for sale. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984)

**67.511 Section 11. VEHICLES, SANITATION; NOISE PROHIBITED.** 1. All vehicles used in the sale of food products must be kept in clean and sanitary conditions at all times, and when containing loads or parts of loads of food products they must be kept only in places and operated in a manner which, in the opinion of the Health Officer for the Wayne County Department of Health and the Michigan Department of Agriculture, are sanitary and wholesome.

2. All vehicles used for the purpose of selling or transportation of meat, milk, pastry, ice-cream and all other food products for human consumption in the Township shall be inspected and have in possession a current valid approval by the Wayne County Board of Health, or the Michigan Department of Agriculture before a license is granted. The holder of a license under which a food vending vehicle is operated shall be the person responsible for all the conditions and requirements of this ordinance.

3. Failure to maintain the standards and requirements of the Wayne County Board of Health or the Michigan Department of Agriculture for the sale or transportation of food will constitute cause for revocation of the license under which such vehicles are operated. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984)

**67.512 Section 12. HOURS OF SOLICITATION, CANVASSING AND PEDDLING.** It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct, or attempt to conduct, any canvassing, soliciting or peddling before the hours of 9:00 a.m. and after the hours of 9:00 p.m., according to the official time followed by the Township, at any location within the Township. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50 amend. eff. Dec. 27, 1987)

**67.513 Section 13. TRANSFER.** No license, badge or identification issued under the provisions of this section shall be used or worn at any time by any person other than the one to whom it was issued and only when engaged in the activities for which the license of I.D. card was issued. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984)

**67.514 Section 14. REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND REGISTRATION.** A. Before a license or registration can be revoked, the Township Board shall serve the license holder or registered applicant, by first class mail, mailed not less than four (4) days prior to the hearing with a notice of hearing, which notice shall contain the following: (1) Notice of proposed action; (2) Reason for the proposed action; (3) Date, time and place of hearing; (4) A statement that licensee may present evidence and testimony and confront adverse witnesses. Following the hearing, the Township Board shall submit to said person a written statement of its findings and determination.

B. Township Board shall revoke a license by registration issued hereunder upon determination by it that based upon competent, material and substantial evidence presented at the hearing, either of the following exists: (1) A violation of any of the prohibitions set forth in this ordinance; (2) Said person, entity or organization is engaged or has engaged in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick in any place in the Township to obtain money or other valuable things, or is aiding or abetting any person engaged in such scheme, device or trick. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989)

**67.515 Section 15. NONAPPLICABILITY, APPEALS.** This ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto; provided however, that where any inconsistency conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provision shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this ordinance, the Township Board may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent, in such appealed instance. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984)

**67.516 Section 16. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of this ordinance or any of the regulations adopted and pursuant thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50C amend. eff. Sept. 1, 1993)

**67.517 Section 17. REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. The balance of Ordinance 50, 50(A) and 50(B) of the Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, except as herein modified, shall remain in full force and effect. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50B amend. eff. Dec. 21, 1990; ord. no. 50C amend. eff. Sept. 1, 1993)

**67.518 Section 18. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, sub-section, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50B amend. eff. Dec. 21, 1990; ord. no. 50C amend. eff. Sept. 1, 1993)

**67.519 Section 19. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** The repeal or amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance as amended. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50B amend. eff. Dec. 21, 1990; ord. no. 50C amend. eff. Sept. 1, 1993)

**67.520 Section 20. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication. (ord. no. 50 amend. eff. April 4, 1984; ord. no. 50A amend. eff. Nov. 22, 1989; ord. no. 50B amend. eff. Dec. 21, 1990; ord. no. 50C amend. eff. Sept. 1, 1993)

**67.521 Section 21. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the attached Detroit Edison sidewalk easement for parcel No. 059-99-0002-702. Motion carried by all members present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the site plan for the proposed Performing Arts Center and Liner Buildings, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize Wade-Trim Associates to continue providing GIS Services for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve a thirty-six month lease agreement in the amount of \$13,693.42, with National Equipment Leasing Corporation for three Precor treadmills provided by All-Pro Exercise. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the sale of 4.49 acres split from parcel 098-99-0028-001 for approximately \$586,753.20 to J.B. Donaldson Company. The purchase price for the property shall be paid on the closing date in accordance with Section 10 of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve sending Officer Mark Gajeski to Los Angeles, California for the Tactical Explosive Breaching Course on May 5-16, 2003, for a cost of \$3,800. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of six Golden Eagle Dual K.A. Antennas with equipment and extended warranties from Kustom Signals, Inc., under Michigan State Contract for a total not to exceed \$10,435.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of one UPG12NIBP automatic blood pressure monitor and four UFGSP02 pulse oxygen sensors from Medtronic Physio-Control, a sole source provider, for the cost of \$7,044.40. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid for printing the monthly Focus Newsletter with National Wholesale Printing, Corp. for a twelve month period for \$18,000 with a ten percent contingency of \$1,800 for a total price of \$19,800, and further, that pursuant to the bid specifications, the bid may be extended for an additional two year period upon mutual agreement of National Wholesale Printing Corp. and Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid with Exelon Services/Bumler Mechanical, Inc. for purchase and installation of a new HVAC system for the Cable Television Studio for \$25,706 and a ten percent contingency of \$2,570 for a total amount of \$28,276. And further move to transfer \$28,276 from the Fund Balance budget appropriation account #230-250-999-0000 to Cable TV Capital Outlay Account #230-250-977-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Supervisor Yack reminded the Board that next Tuesday, April 15, 2003 there will be a study session with the Planning Commission.

Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.  
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk



If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## EVENTS

## School applications

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Levene, Redford, is now accepting application for grades pre-kindergarten to 8th for the 2003-2004 school year. Limited space available. Call (313) 937-2233.

## Blood drive

St. Thomas a Becket, 555 S. Lilley (south of Cherry Hill), Canton, will host an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 18. Call Peggy at (734) 397-8495 or Patti (734) 459-9704.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us at St. Matthew Lutheran Church 10 a.m. April 19 for an Easter Egg Hunt. Meet in the gym where children will be separated by age groups. We are located at 5885 Venoy Road, one block north of Ford Road in Westland. Call (734) 425-0260.

## Warsaw Ghetto remembrance

Michigan District of Workmen's Circle-Arbeter Ring will hold its 60th annual public commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a pivotal event in the history of Jewish resistance to Nazi tyranny during which 60,000 Jews, with little ammunition or training, bravely held off the Germans for three weeks. The ceremonial program

of music, readings and a principal speaker will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Workmen's Circle Educational Center, 26341 Coolidge Road in Oak Park. Founded in 1900, Workmen's Circle fosters Jewish identity and participation in Jewish life among its members through Jewish, especially Yiddish, culture and education, friendship, mutual aid and the pursuit of social and economic justice.

For reservations or information, contact Workmen's Circle at (248) 545-0985.

## Senior care

Kathryn Bartz of Botsford Continuing Health Care will present "Choosing Appropriate Living Options For Seniors" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 25700 W. Six Mile, Redford. Bartz will discuss the financial and legal concerns that accompany the type of care needed. Free, but donations accepted. Call the church rector at (313) 534-9000.

## Live simulcast

Women's Ministries at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, will present Beth Moore in a live simulcast presentation titled "Beloved Disciple" 1-6 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Women from all over the country will get together for a day of Bible study. Tickets are \$15. To register or for more information, call (734) 332-9054.

## Health fair

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth will sponsor "Spring into Good Health," a health fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Booths on physical fitness, fire safety, child safety, heart disease

and diabetes. Hearing evaluations, cholesterol testing and smoking cessation information. Massages available. Call (734) 414-7777, ext. 225.

## Biker blessing

Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, will host a "Blessing of the Bikers" for the upcoming riding season 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Bikes can be brought to the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The actual blessing takes place at 2 p.m. Food, live music, a bike show, vendors, contests and lots of activities. Call Pastor Miles Book at (313) 255-2222, ext. 306.

## Rummage sale

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road) in Garden City will have their annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (734) 421-8628.

## Prayer luncheon

A prayer luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon April 30 at the Livonia Sweden House, 29477 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt. Cost is \$6.75. Guest speaker will be Sister Loretta Mellon, O.P. Call Kathleen (734) 427-4371 or Mary Ellen (734) 427-0002 for reservations.

## Mother/Daughter banquet

Bring your favorite doll to Wayne First United Methodist's mother and daughter banquet, "My Dolly and Me," 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the church's Fellowship Hall, 3 Town Square, Wayne.

Enjoy "Dolls are Forever," a presentation by Joyce Murch, a local doll maker. Adults, \$7; children 3-12, \$3; under 3, \$1. Ticket deadline: Sunday, April 27. Call (734) 721-4801.

## Rummage sale

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (5885 Venoy Road) will host their annual rummage sale Monday April 28-May 3. Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday is bag day. Bring your own bag and fill it for \$5.

## Church hats

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit will host "Women with Hatitudes" a brunch and fashion show 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3, at Neiman Marcus Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling Neddy/Worldwide Public Relations at (313) 567-6333.

## Hospice/loss workshop

Madonna University's hospice education department will offer its third annual Grief and Loss Summer Institute May 8-10. The three individual workshops will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics include Assisting Children and Teens in Grief; When Families Grieve; and a Bereavement Coordinators Workshop. Cost is \$85 for each workshop. Call Dr. Jack LoCicero (734) 432-5471 or e-mail jloccicero@madonna.edu

## Vacation Bible school

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church,

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (just north of I-96), Livonia, welcomes all youth who have completed 4th-7th grades to participate in the Faith Factor Day Camp Monday, June 23-Friday, June 27. The camp will be held at Salem Lutheran Camp in Howell, Mich. Cost is \$75, which includes T-shirt, daily lunch, activities (fishing, archery, games, swimming, Bible study and more), transportation and cook-out dinner on Friday night for the whole family. Contact Sarah Grivas or Rich Parron at (734) 522-6830.

## LENT

## Fish dinner

St. Valentine Church, at the corner of Beech Daly and Hope Street in Redford, hosts Lenten dinners 4:30-7 p.m. on Friday April 18, featuring fried or baked cod, pierogi, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and drinks. Adults pay \$6.50; senior citizens pay \$5; children 12 and under, \$3.50.

## Good Friday

St. Michael Lutheran Church will offer Good Friday services from noon to 8 p.m. April 18, 3003 Hannan Road, Wayne.

## Lenten lunch

St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will host a simple Lenten lunch of homemade soups, bread and beverage noon to 1 p.m. during the Fridays in Lent. Cost is \$3 per person. Call (734) 425-4421.

## Holy week

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold Maundy Thursday service April 17 at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church or 7 p.m. at Rice Memorial United Methodist, 20601 Beech Daly. Good Friday, April 18, will have joint worship at noon at Holy Spirit Episcopal (9083 Newburgh) or 7 p.m. at Trinity Covenant, 14800 Middlebelt. Easter Sunday begins with breakfast from 9-10 a.m. in the St. John's fellowship hall. Festival worship follows at 10:30 a.m. with special music and Holy communion.

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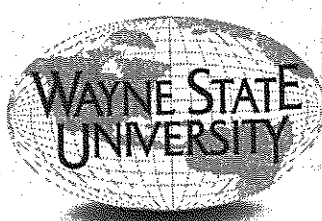
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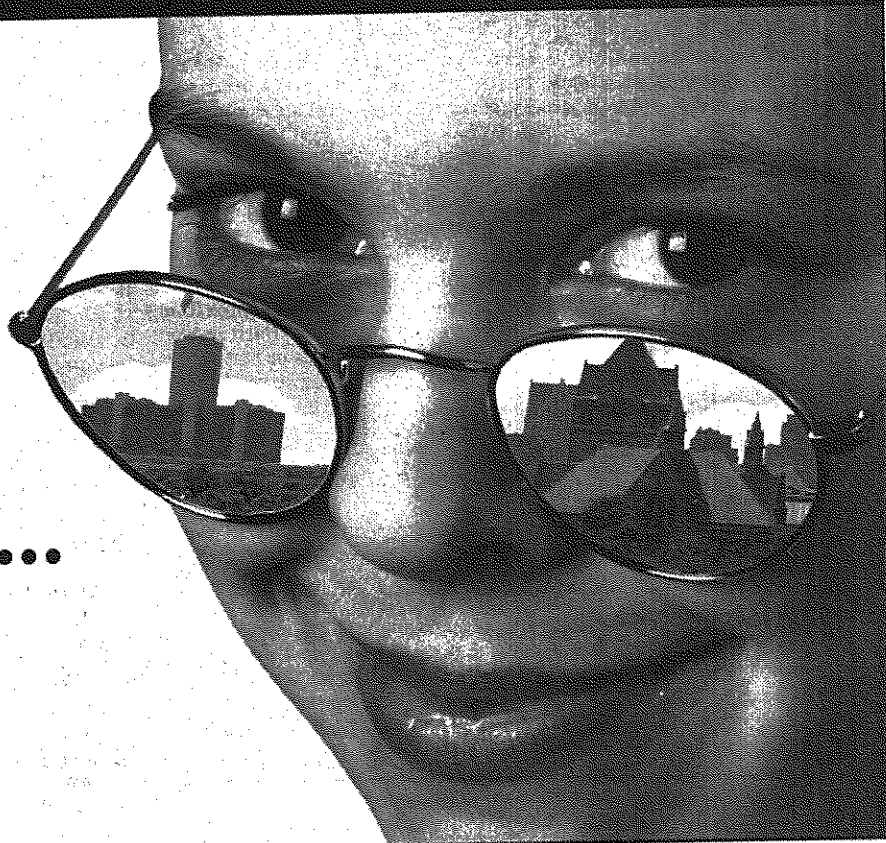
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### Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

## Association can levy assessments

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You have a multitude of questions regarding the governing of the association, many which are dependent upon what your condominium documents provide. Most documents allow the board some flexibility in levying assessments to make repairs and/or replacements of the common elements as opposed to requiring approval from the co-owners if capital improvements are undertaken. As to the actions of the management company and the board, you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium lawyer who can advise you as to whether or not there are abuses by the management company and/or the board since you have various rights as a co-owner, both under the condominium documents, the nonprofit corporation act, and the condominium statutes, including the right to inspect the books, records and contracts of the association unless they are privileged.

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@nich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## STILL FARMING

Land active in agriculture by county. Figure is acres - 43,560 square feet or an area 209 ft. by 208 ft.

Location	2000	1990	Change
Monroe	224,900	241,000	-7%
St. Clair	238,300	284,500	-10%
Livingston	112,100	125,300	-11%
Washtenaw	191,000	221,300	-14%
Macomb	87,100	104,800	-17%
Oakland	53,900	71,300	-24%
Wayne	26,600	46,600	-43%

Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

## Realtors find many rewards

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Some Realtors love the work for its unlimited income potential, others for the ability to set their own schedules.

Most enjoy meeting and sharing in the happiness of clients, others socializing with colleagues.

Some home sales professionals relish walking through beautiful homes, others the challenge of putting together deals.

For many, it's a combination of reasons.

"I guess it's because it's so people intensive and so diverse," said Janice Grupido, broker/owner of Countryside GMAC offices in Rochester and Troy. "It's not the same job Monday through Friday. It's change, challenge and constant learning."

"And the pure pleasure of helping people," Grupido added. "If you don't have that, you're in the wrong business."

Grupido obtained her real estate license in 1977 after she and her husband literally built their own home. "I thought it was a logical progression," she said.

Big money, Grupido said, doesn't come easy.

"It takes a lot of stamina, a lot of hard work," she said. "There's a huge learning curve and the matter of sticking with it."

### STAYING ACTIVE

Nancy Sielaff, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Bloomfield Hills, is 74 years old and has been in the business for 13 years.

"It serves to get me up in the morning, to get moving, to go to the office and relate to people and not feel out of the mainstream of life," she said.

"My customers become my friends, they really do," Sielaff added. "That's pretty nice at my age - to have increasing friendships."

Sandy Norman, associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham, has been matching sellers and buyers for 22 years.

"It's the ability to be rewarded for quality work - financially and personal satisfaction," he said. "Having people know that my name is associated with quality service."

"I've had repeated \$20 million-plus sales years and over \$250 million in career sales," Norman added. "I consider the value and repeated success I've had probably puts me in the top two or three agents in Oakland County."

Putting together deals gives Curt Carson, a broker with RE/MAX Encore in Clarkston, a big rush.

"You have to deal with all the different issues that come up with particular parties, take care of problems," he said.

"Recently, I had an issue where clients were in an expensive house, the economy changed and they needed to sell. Initially, they had the house listed too high. It was on the market for two years. Someone referred the sellers to me."

"The house was in foreclosure and we ended up selling the house two weeks before the end of the redemption period, but we couldn't close in time because the bank said it wouldn't do the deal."

"I took it to court, the bank capitulated. The key was taking care of these people. The bank got what it needed, the buyers got a home they wanted and the sellers got out clean."

"We're in business to make a profit to feed our families," Carson said. "We truly are interested in helping our clients, protecting them."



Mary Keoleian, affiliated with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield, enjoys finding a house for somebody and seeing that they're excited and pleased about it.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### HOW TO JOIN RANKS

Prospective real estate agents in Michigan must be at least 18 years of age.

Before embarking on a sales career, agents must complete a pre-licensing class of 40 hours with instruction in such areas as real estate law, financial responsibilities, agency, fair housing and ethics.

Private companies, some larger real estate franchises and community colleges offer the class on a regular basis. Cost ranges from about \$195 to \$225.

Then, there's the matter of passing the state licensing exam (\$46).

Agents generally affiliate with an office, work as independent contractors and are paid on a commission basis. They set their own schedules. Agents usually are responsible for their own business plans and expenses including but not limited to paying taxes, health care costs and retirement contributions from commissions. Business expenses are tax deductible.

trates almost all of those points.

"We went to a home together. They called us about a mailing we had done. It was a couple from India. They wanted to sell on their own. They got a value for the house. In two weeks they called back and said, 'Please list our house.'"

"When we listed it, I went down to Florida to pick up a car and Bev sold it," he continued. "We've sold seven houses through that family. When someone decides to sell, you have 10 to 15 adults sitting around asking questions. It's kind of a unique experience on culture."

"I know that family now wouldn't call anyone but us," he said. "Business is like a tree. Every customer is a branch. Whether you're a small branch or a large branch, you're going to get the same care. Money comes on its own."

### ON THE HUNT

Mary Keoleian, affiliated with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield, appreciates the hunting aspect of the work.

"The thing I probably enjoy most is finding a house for somebody, seeing that they're excited and pleased about it. That gives me a lot of satisfaction," she said.

It's especially rewarding when clients bring repeat business.

"I sold a couple a home in West Bloomfield. It was my listing," Keoleian said. "The buyers were transferred the next year and I sold the house again."

"They were in Germany 2-1/2 years and when they returned, the guy asked his wife, 'Who do you want to work with?' She said she wanted to go with me, and I found them a house in Novi."

"You get to be close to some of these people," Keoleian said. "There's a lot of emotion involved in moving. They were so happy, so grateful. It was so nice working with them."

Sandy Doner, associate broker with Remerica Hometown III, Canton, would seem to speak for most colleagues with her summation.

"The people I meet, it's so versatile ... the different personalities," said the 23-year veteran.

"Being part of one of the most important decisions people make in their lifetimes," Doner added. "That's why it's so challenging. Every transaction is different, no repetition. Everything is new and exciting."

"Also, flexibility, being able to make your own schedule, your own hours," she said.

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### HAPPY TOGETHER

Phil and Bev Anderlie, a husband-wife team, have been affiliated with Clark & Fron in Livonia for 13 and six years, respectively.

That's the big kick for Phil.

"It's absolutely wonderful we get to spend so much time together," he said. "As for other things, I enjoy meeting different people, different cultures you talk to. You meet all walks of life," he said.

"Also, when you find ... the perfect house, whether it's first-time buyer, second-time buyer or third-time buyer that matches up ... when they light up, that's cool."

Phil Anderlie shares a story that illus-

### Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



## Do your mortgage homework

Spring has finally sprung and the warming real estate market is showing its annual sprouts - "Home for Sale" signs popping up around every corner. You can increase the chance of success during this house hunting season - and perhaps even avert disaster - by doing a little mortgage homework first.

Researching your mortgage possibilities does not mean merely phoning a dozen lenders to price out 30-year loans. This tack will likely get you 12 lavish promises designed to lure you into the door.

Before selecting a lender to fund your family's largest purchase, consider other important factors besides interest rate.

First, your best "quoted" interest rate is totally worthless if your loan officer can't deliver as promised. Every experienced Realtor will tell you that almost every failed real estate deal is due to botched financing. You need a lender who is capable of getting your money to the closing table professionally and on time.

Some mortgage lenders show up for business when the market is hot, then close up shop during the off-season. Fair weather lenders may not be your best choice. Would you select a part-time or "discount" heart surgeon to operate on a family member, or an "e-attorney" to handle your family's estate?

Choosing a competent and ethical loan officer is no easy task as they are scattered throughout the industry. No single bank or mortgage company has cornered the market on top talent. You are as likely to find a "Schlep" loan officer in a well-advertised mortgage company or bank as in a smaller Mom-and-Pop shop.

A safe bet for choosing a winning mortgage loan officer is "word-of-mouth." Beware: This is not a movie, so make sure you use a strong, credible referral source.

Finally, tech savvy lenders can make your life much easier. Many now have access to Automated Underwriting that allows them to get loan approvals very quickly. Underwriting speed can sometimes be as important as price, sometimes more. A loan officer who has invested in time-saving technologies is more apt to have his or her mind on the details of your transaction.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him at (734) 451-8267, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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## HOME Of The WEEK

This lovely colonial, in the City of Bloomfield Hills, was totally rebuilt & renovated. It's located in a wonderful family neighborhood near Cranbrook Schools. There's a large inviting foyer, a custom quality kitchen & spacious family room on the 1st floor. A front & back staircase lead up to a 2nd floor family room w/built-ins, a fabulous master bedroom w/luxurious bath, & 3 additional bedrooms w/their own bath. \$1,850,000

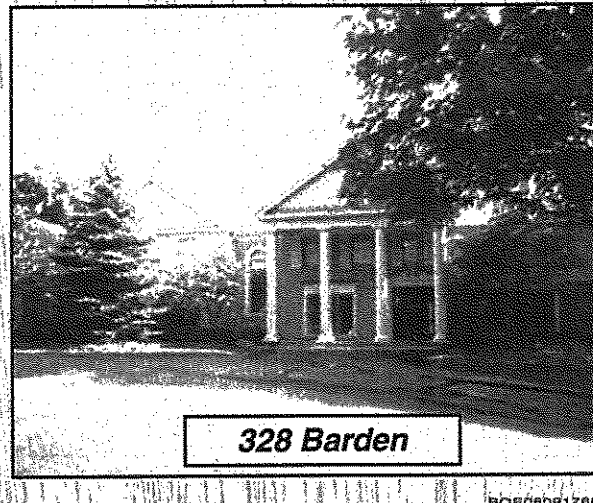
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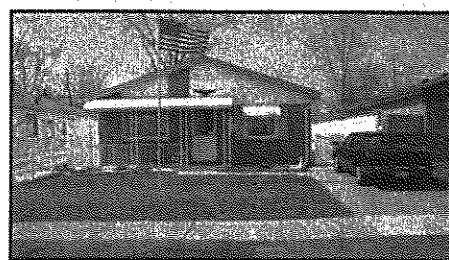
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## TAYLOR

Feels like home! Clean, well kept three bedroom, one bath home, large front porch and two car garage and newer privacy fenced yard. Great starter home and investment. \$103,000 (10BEE) 734-455-6000



## DEARBORN

Located in the prestigious gated TPC golf course community, this detached condo offers exceptional views of the 7th fairway from both the great room and master suite. Contemporary and neutral with upscale amenities... \$546,000 (14TUR) 734-455-6000



## NORTHFIELD

Relaxed and refined. Nestled away from the rush of the city. Minutes to Whitmore Lake for those sunset strolls. Meticulous three bedroom Cape Cod has it all! Hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, loft/study, decking, basement, two car attached garage and tastefully decorated. Look no further. \$215,000 (59SUN) 734-455-6000.



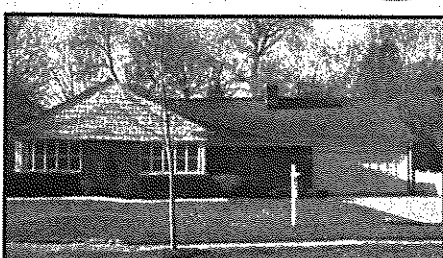
## DEARBORN

Stop renting! Downtown Dearborn condo with one bedroom, one bath. Updated and lovely with loads of appeal and close to everything. Guests enter through secure lobby. \$89,900 (73GAR) 734-455-6000



## WAYNE

Growing family need more room? Don't miss this 1600 square foot four bedroom, three full bath Cape Cod with two car garage and tons of updates. Super clean and well maintained. Nice Wayne neighborhood. \$146,000 (62FOU) 734-455-6000



## PLYMOUTH

Charming 1950-built ranch in Hough Park! This 3 bedroom home offers three baths, spacious living room, family room, light filled kitchen, with spacious breakfast eating area, finished lower level complete w/bedroom, bath, kitchen and recreation room, and 2 car attached garage. The deck and patio provide great areas for outdoor entertaining. \$438,000 (37MAP)



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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

**Richard F. Corona Jr.** joins Skanska USA Building Michigan Division, Farmington Hills, as project manager. He brings 30 years of construction experience, most recently as an estimator with Michielutti Brothers. Corona has a master's degree in education from Western Michigan

University and a bachelor's degree in education from Villanova (Philadelphia) University. He lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

**The Washtenaw Contractors Association** announces the winners of its sixth annual Pyramid Awards. They're presented for cooperation

between owner, architect and contractor that results in improvement in some critical aspect of a project and innovation in the industry.

**Albert Kahn Associates**, (architect) Detroit, **The Christman Co.**, (contractor) Lansing and the **State of Michigan** (owner) won for best team project in the state completed by a member.

Their entry was the Michigan Hall of Justice, Lansing.

The six-story, 280,000-square-foot building joins under one roof the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, administrative offices and a new Public Learning Center.

**DeMaria Building**, (contractor) Novi, **Angelini & Associates Architects**, Ann Arbor, and **Eastern Michigan University**, (owner) combined to win for best team project in Washtenaw County under \$3 million. Their entry was Crossroads Marketplace, 6,000 square feet of renovations of the dining commons at the Hoyt Conference Center.

**Phoenix Contractors**, **Bowers & Rein**, (architect) and the **Michigan Antique Fire Equipment Preservation Group**, (owner) Ypsilanti, teamed to win for best team project in Washtenaw County over \$3 million.

Their entry was a renovation and addition totaling 12,000 square feet for a museum dedicated to firefighting.

**David Esau**, vice president of Cornerstone Design, Ann Arbor, received the association's Vander Hyden Award for accomplishment and advocacy/service to the industry.

Also, **Safe2Work**, an Internet-based system that tracks safety awareness training and drug screening status of Michigan's unionized construction population, was recognized as the best innovation.

The program began as a collaboration among the Great Lakes Construction Alliance, Management and Unions Serving Together and Coastal Training Technologies Corp.

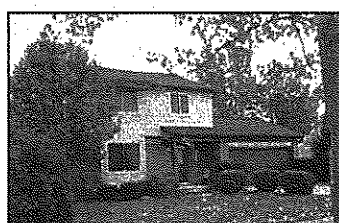
**Grubb & Ellis**, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, recently was involved in a couple of major transactions.

**Mickey Rist**, of the firm's investment group, represented the seller and found the buyer for Woodland Square Shopping Center in Livonia.

Also, **Geoff Hill**, **Chuck Ginster** and **Mike Vaughn** represented both the owner and the tenant, American Eagle Corp., in the leasing of industrial space in Troy.

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**DETROIT** \$134,900  
Wow! Desirable brick bungalow home. This home offers 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Dining room, living room has beautiful hardwood floors. Too many updates to list. 1yr. home warranty. (BGSLY00SAN) 888-870-9131



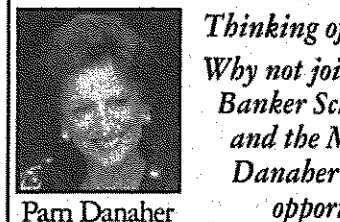
**SOUTH LYON** \$209,900  
Anxious owner needs family for gracious 3 BD colonial in great neighborhood. Home sparkles! Updates galore. Enjoy summer nights sitting on tiered deck. Make an offer today! (BGSLY86BRO) 888-870-9131



**SALEM** \$179,900  
New construction ranch.. Built by local small town builder. Quality work w/many little extras. 3 beds/ 1 1/2 bath. Basement - two car garage. Estimated completion Aug. 03. (BGSLY80FRE) 888-870-9131



**WAYNE** \$119,900  
Bungalow with all the updates.. Siding, roof, kitchen, carpet, paint, elec., plumbing - All done! New Wallside windows. Fireplace in basement. Owner says bring any offer! Immediate occup. (BGSLY12CURI) 888-870-9131



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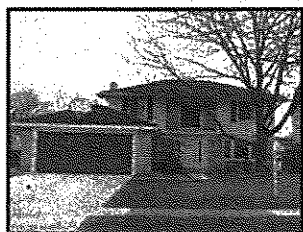
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**CANTON** \$447,900  
Hallmark of Elegance! Magnificent Cape Cod w/prof. finished bsmt featuring wetbar w/all the bells & rec rm & full bath. 3 car garage, hwdw flrs, 2 way frpl. (BGN61STO) 888-870-9123



**CANTON** \$249,900  
They Don't Come Any Nicer! Phenomenal 4BR, 2.5 BA Colonial completely updated. Incredible custom kitchen. FR w/gas FP. Finished bsmt. Maint free ext. You will love the "Assemany" inground pool BGP-92Dur 888-870-9127



**DEARBORN HTS.** \$139,900  
Brick bungalow with 4 bedroom dormer and 2 bedrooms on entry level. Will be ready for showings by May 1st. Spacious corner lot w/fenced yard and 2 1/2 car detached garage. (BGL96POW) 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$469,900  
3546 sq ft ran & bl-iv home on 2.78 acre wooded lot w/creek. Apprx. 1400 sq ft out bldg w/fp, heat, C/A, & 2nd gar. Massive decking & built in pool. Newer kit w/maple cabs & fp in nook area. 2nd kit & fp in lw lv. (BGL60MYR) 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$199,900  
Classic Brick Ranch On .37 Acre! 3br, 1.5 ba, 2 car garage, finished basement! Open floor plan great for entertaining. Brick fireplace. Newer furnace & C/A, windows, hwh. (BGN62HOY) 888-870-9123



**PLYMOUTH** \$328,000  
Classic home offers old world charm w/mldr conveniences. LR has 9 ft. ceilings & lots of windows, restored pine moldings, banister, updated kitche, huge DR, bath & lav updates, tear off roof, C/A. (BGL17STA) 888-870-9105



**PLYMOUTH** \$214,900  
Quality & Pride Throughout. 3BR, 2BA ranch w/2 car gar. Gourmet kit w/lots of cupboards & pantry space. Formal DR. w/built-ins opens to LR w/cath ceiling. Brick FP & 3 season room. Large fenced yard. BGP-24Mor 888-870-9127



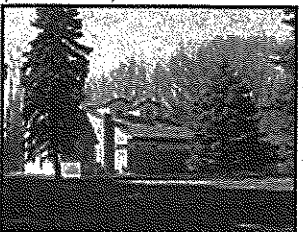
**CANTON** \$424,900  
Immaculate on Cul-De-Sac! 4 BR concerted to 3 w/grand master suite. Gourmet kitchen w/islnd. window treatments w/matching spreads. Multi-tiered deck w/Hot tub and grill. (BGN00CRO) 888-870-9123



**CANTON** \$249,900  
Price Reduced on New Construction! 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/1st flr. mstr. LR & FR have soaring ceilings & lots of windows. End unit w/gas FP & full basement. 2 car att. garage. BGP-32Gla 888-870-9127



**DETROIT** \$119,900  
Spacious 3 bedroom colonial with new windows, kitchen cabinets, & glass block windows. Huge FR with natural fireplace. Partially finished basement with 1/2 bath. New siding and fenced yard with a large patio. (BGL90COU) 888-870-9105



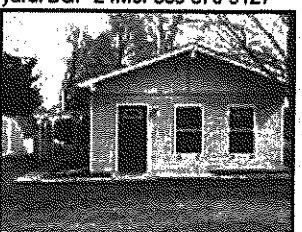
**LIVONIA** \$350,000  
Big Family? Read On! 6br, 4 full baths, 2 kitchens, finished basement, almost 1 acre w/deer. many updates: furnace, AC, roof, windows, 2 hwh. Need rooms. Two year home warranty. (BGN45MAY) 888-870-9123



**LIVONIA** \$249,900  
A touch of "Greenfield Village." 3 bdrm, 1.5 ba col. on 1/2 acre lot. LR w/fp. Country kit w/oak cabs, fam rm. w/cath ceilings & doorwall, 20x20 lib/den or bonus rm. 1st fl laundry rm. Fin. bsmt w/glass block wndws. 2 car att gar. (BGL25MEL) 888-870-9123



**PLYMOUTH** \$279,900  
All Dressed Up & Ready For The New Owner! Attn to detail & a design flair make this home stand above the crowd. Many recent imp inc vinyl win, updt kit, baths, roof, deck, fence, indscp, gar door & HWH. BGP-61Aub 888-870-9127



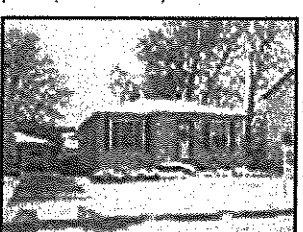
**PLYMOUTH** \$145,000  
Going, Going, Gone! Better than new Ranch, formal living/dining room, new kitchen, new bath, first floor laundry, shed for extra storage, patio, mature trees & much more! (BGN84FER) 888-870-9123



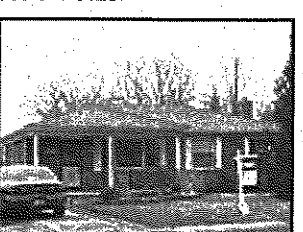
**CANTON** \$269,900  
Hurry! Hard To Find 3 Bdrm Ranch! In popular Sunflower Subdivision. Great room w/fireplace, dbl doors to beautiful deck, 1 st flr laundry, huge kitchen w/bay window. (BGN20HAN) 888-870-9123



**DEARBORN** \$138,800  
Well maintained 3 bdrm brick ranch in family neighborhood. Updates include kit, vinyl windows, furnace, C/A, roof & more. Hw floors in 3 bdrms. City certs. completed. Full basement w/full bath. (BGL35LIN) 888-870-9105



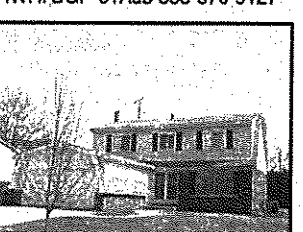
**GARDEN CITY** \$149,900  
Move right in! Updates: remod kit, oak cabs, hwd fl t/o (exc. kit), newer siding & gutters, new doors. Fin. bsmt w/wet bar, ceramic tile & carpeting, 1/2 ba & glass block wndws. 2.5 car gar. w/opener. A/C. (BGL12SHE) 888-870-9105



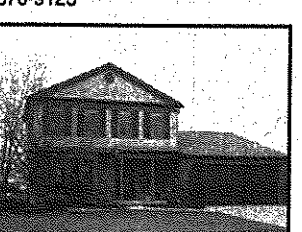
**LIVONIA** \$225,000  
Start Packing! This super ranch style home is full of updates. Marble foyer & bath. Oak kitchen w/Granite counter top. Huge great room w/fireplace. Professionally fin. basement. (BGN85SUN) 888-870-9123



**PLYMOUTH** \$499,900  
Prestigious Woodlore South.. 4BR, 3.1BA colonial. Lrg master BR w/walk-in closet & vanity. Ceiling fans in bedrooms, powder rm on 1st floor. Island in kit. Dual staircases. Finished basement. BGP-83Tan 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$249,900  
Extraordinary Turnkey 4br, 2.5 bath Colonial! Newer central, furnace, windows, hwdw flooring, tile baths, carpeting, electrical, copper plumbing, kitchen, sprinklers, landscaping. (BGN95MAR) 888-870-9123



**WAYNE** \$234,800  
Premium Court Location! Spacious lot in north Canton. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with dining room, big family room. Sidewalks. Quick occupancy. Clean and neat. Hurry! BGP-30Twi 888-870-9127



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Canton		
885 Burlington	\$247,000	
721 Comet Ct	\$180,000	
44265 Cranberry	\$235,000	
7022 E Spring	\$238,000	
47513 Glengarry	\$320,000	
45183 Indian Creek	\$205,000	
8622 Mannington	\$255,000	
1553 Manton	\$222,000	
696 Merrimac	\$177,000	
48180 Royal Pointe	\$422,000	
42496 Saltz	\$194,000	
136 Sheffield	\$217,000	
896 Wildwood	\$223,000	
2608 Woodmont	\$227,000	
Garden City		
509 Arcola	\$142,000	
31706 Barton	\$137,000	
30155 Bock	\$152,000	
32703 Bock	\$187,000	
33448 Bock	\$140,000	
32592 Dover	\$145,000	
6026 Helen	\$132,000	
29931 Leona	\$135,000	
28625 Leona	\$140,000	
28030 Sheridan	\$75,000	
29554 Sheridan	\$142,000	
Livonia		
30152 Acacia	\$198,000	
34023 Ann Arbor	\$163,000	
38208 Ann Arbor	\$88,000	
14021 Arcola	\$179,000	
14160 Arcola	\$177,000	
14222 Arcola	\$181,000	
9830 Berwick	\$172,000	
36849 Bristol	\$280,000	
Plymouth		
11326 Brookfield	\$156,000	
11531 Cardwell	\$135,000	
14737 Country Club	\$185,000	
33992 Coventry	\$165,000	
17456 Fairway	\$234,000	
8886 Floral	\$188,000	
11755 Haller	\$100,000	
10028 Hartel	\$172,000	
13970 Hillcrest	\$165,000	
14357 Hix	\$212,000	
9427 Houghton	\$212,000	
14086 Hubbard	\$228,000	
32838 Indiana	\$180,000	
30443 Industrial	\$330,000	
14280 Katie	\$85,000	
31243 Kendall	\$170,000	
37450 Kingsbury	\$300,000	
36544 Kingsbury	\$230,000	
36540 Ladywood	\$220,000	
9403 Lamont	\$178,000	
19315 Lathers	\$258,000	
14644 Merriman	\$93,000	
28947 Minton	\$155,000	
30789 Minton	\$155,000	
37860 N Laurel Park	\$222,000	
14397 Norman	\$197,000	
19856 Norwich	\$295,000	
15335 Norwich	\$196,000	
17341 Stamwich	\$214,000	
11628 Stark	\$161,000	
34142 Trillium	\$110,000	
34190 Trillium	\$105,000	
34238 Trillium	\$320,000	
34255 Trillium	\$309,000	
17897 University Park	\$153,000	
18325 University Park	\$145,000	
27475 Vargo	\$163,000	
15425 W Blue Skies	\$260,000	
32210 W Chicago	\$195,000	
17685 Westbrook	\$256,000	
32449 Wisconsin	\$160,000	
14219 Woodside	\$198,000	
Redford		
13628 Berkshire	\$156,000	
11675 Butternut	\$135,000	
11157 Chestnut	\$185,000	
41600 Lindsay	\$165,000	
130 S Evergreen	\$234,000	
11823 Sycamore	\$188,000	
46597 W Ann Arbor	\$100,000	
8810 Woodlore South	\$172,000	
1046 York	\$165,000	
Westland		
11403 Arnold	\$212,000	
9911 Brady	\$228,000	
9101 Columbia	\$180,000	
13426 Crosley	\$330,000	
9390 Dale	\$85,000	
9336 Dixie	\$170,000	
19925 Five Points	\$300,000	
18298 Fox	\$230,000	
15265 Garfield	\$220,000	
17615 Glenmore	\$178,000	
15634 Kinloch	\$258,000	
17166 Kinloch	\$93,000	
18661 Kinloch	\$155,000	
19474 Lennane	\$155,000	
8842 Marion	\$222,000	
11364 Marion	\$197,000	
23350 Meadow Park	\$295,000	
12681 Mercedes	\$196,000	
19452 Negaunee	\$214,000	
17446 Norborne	\$161,000	
15899 Pomona	\$110,000	
15744 Ryland	\$105,000	
148,000	\$320,000	
9167 Seminole	\$309,000	
12025 Tecumseh	\$153,000	
12025 Tecumseh	\$145,000	
26924 W Davison	\$163,000	
19350 Wakenden	\$260,000	
Westland		
30512 Avondale	\$133,000	
30758 Avondale	\$113,000	
33729 Beechnut	\$168,000	
32564 Benson	\$140,000	
8542 Berwick	\$140,000	

## BRIEFS

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## CAREER SEMINAR

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.

## NEW HOME SALES

The Sales & Marketing Council, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, sponsors a class, "New Home Sales Management, Strategies & Training," 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday, April 23-24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Cost is \$349 for sales and marketing council members, \$399 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$499 for non-members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

## 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. Tuesdays, April 22-May 13, in his offices, Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms.

Cost is \$95. To register, contact Oakland Community College, (248) 522-3618, or Meisner's office, (248) 644-4433.

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## CANTON

MEADOWS OF CANTON COLONIAL. Newer 2001 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, first floor laundry, 2,345 square feet with 3-way fireplace. Large kitchen, 9 foot ceilings and 3 car garage. (P60BRO) \$309,900



## GARDEN CITY

CHARMING GARDEN CITY BUNGALOW. This 3 bedroom Garden City Bungalow is a 10+. Many, many updates plus extra-large garage and a big fenced yard with deck. Hurry, only \$134,500. (PDEE) \$134,500



## PLYMOUTH

RIDGEWOOD HILLS SUB #2. Professionally decorated 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Gorgeous Florida room. Gutted bath, new windows, roof & wood floors. Fireplace in family room. Pro-finished basement, first floor laundry. Featured in Parade of Homes. (P50PIN) \$429,900

CANTON  
BETTER THAN NEW CANTON CONDO! Beautiful gas fireplace in great room and first floor laundry are only 2 of the features of this 2 bedroom home. (P91HUN) \$169,900

GARDEN CITY  
THIS IS A "10". Perfect 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick Ranch. Finished basement with bath. Many, many updates, big 2 car garage. Newer appliances stay. Must see! Only \$147,000 (P50LAT)

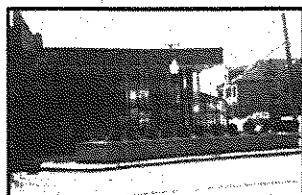
PLYMOUTH  
PLYMOUTH CROSSING SUB. Spectacular 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Crown molding, freshly painted. New kitchen with island & granite counter tops, new baths, furnace, air conditioning & roof. Huge 2-tier deck with gazebo. (P01PLY) \$334,900

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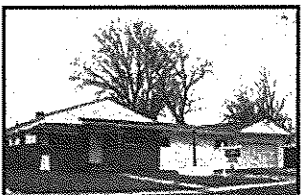
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BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY LOT - Hurry on this 3 bedroom ranch situated on a huge treed lot with perennials and updated & formal dining room too. Attached garage, large kitchen, full finished basement and 1 1/2 baths. Tons of updates. \$106,900 (649HA)



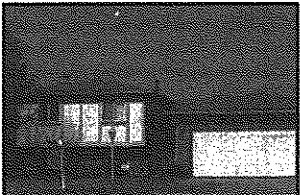
LIKE A NEW HOME - Triple lot & gorgeous 3 bedroom brick ranch totally updated & formal dining room too. Attached garage, large kitchen, full finished basement and 1 1/2 baths. Tons of updates. \$106,900 (649HA)



STUNNING CAPE COD - Open floor plan in this 3 bedroom cape cod in Canton. Great room, master suite, dining room & kitchen with golf course view. Fireplace in great room with vaulted ceilings. Master bath and first floor laundry. Absolutely fabulous home. \$379,900 (797SA)



ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT MAKE FOR REAL COMFORT! - Tantalizing, updated ranch with easy-care landscape. Big, "room-to-run" yard, 2 car garage, spacious living room with bay window. Updated eating-space kitchen with all appliances. Finished basement with rec room, full bath & bedroom. Central air, ceiling fans, fully fenced, new vinyl siding & newer windows. \$168,300 (290NO)



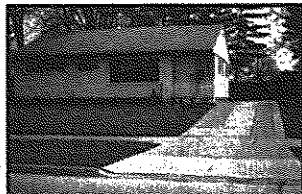
UNDER \$197,000 IN NORTH CANTON - With many updates - this beautifully-kept home is affordably priced. Open floor plan, neutral decor, oak kitchen with ceramic tile and remodeled bath. Awesome fireplace in family room and bay window in living room. Extra large yard backs up to commons area. Very nice home! \$196,900 (556SA)



SOUTHERN EXPOSURE - Soft and inviting with slight contemporary flair. Three bedroom, 2 story. Backs to open area. Wonderful master. Fabulous basement. Neutral. \$289,000 (384ST)



CANTON COLONIAL - Sunflower Village - move-in condition. Clean & bright, neutral decor. Four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Master suite with jettied tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Large room sizes, 2 story foyer has hardwood floors, baths have ceramic tile, professionally landscaped, finished basement with extra storage and more. \$312,900 (881CA)



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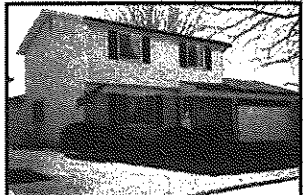
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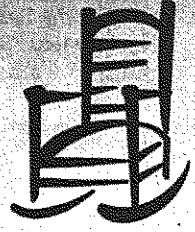
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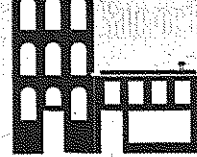
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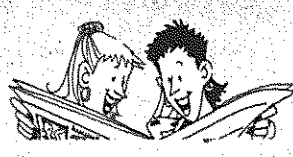
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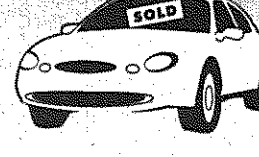
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**DEARBORN** 2 bedroom upper flat w/den, private basement, \$650/mo. Includes water, fire, gas, etc. 734-462-4057

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**Homes For Rent 4050**

**BIRMINGHAM** 3 bedroom remodeled ranch, attached garage. \$1350. No pets. Non smoking. 248-643-9079

**BIRMINGHAM** - 1085 Bird. 2 bedroom, bungalow, hardwood floors, basement, 1 car garage, great location. \$995/mo. 248-618-8486

**BIRMINGHAM** - Near Downtown, Sharp 3 bedroom, new kitchen, fireplace, basement, 1.5 garage. New paint and hardwood floors, central air & more. \$1800/month plus security. Pager (313) 940-0989 or Call (734) 283-2262

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**BIRMINGHAM** - 2 bedroom ranch, air, hardwoods, pets neg. \$750/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-373-RENT

**BIRMINGHAM** - Charming, newly updated in-town 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Air, alarm, appliances, family room, deck, garage, fireplace. \$1950. (248) 646-2000 ext. 11

**BIRMINGHAM** 3 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Walk to town, basement, updated, \$995. 248-203-2977 248-225-2977

**BIRMINGHAM** In town, bright 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, sun porch, appliances, wood floors. \$1150. 248-647-5473

**BIRMINGHAM** Very nice inside 2 bedroom 1 bath, washer, dryer, lawn service. \$48 Smith. \$1100/mo. 248-723-2278

**Bloomfield** - 3 bedroom, basement, fireplace, all appliances, ca, attached garage. \$1300. (248) 853-5717

**Bloomfield Hills** 4 bedroom updated colonial. Vacant, \$2350/mo. (including swim & tennis club). (248) 641-1887

**BRIGHTON** 2 bedroom, 2 baths, appliances, C/A, hardwoods \$795/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

**CANTON** - large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, fireplace, walk-out lower level. \$1100 a month. 248-887-6102

**CANTON** - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial, 2 car garage. \$1,775. 248-348-8189 #702. RICHTER & ASSOC. www.richterasoc.com

**Homes For Rent 4050**

**CANTON - 4-5 BEDROOMS**  
2800 sq. ft. colonial, 2 1/2 baths. 2 car garage, \$2100/mo. 734-847-2694

**CANTON** 3 bedroom colonial, 1.5 bath, full basement, appliances. \$850 + 1.5 security, avail. 5-1. 734-459-0853

**CANTON** 3 bedroom ranch, 1600 sq. ft., beautiful country home on 1 acre. Brick fireplace, full finished basement. 2 car attached garage, appliances included. \$1700/mo. 734-397-1195.

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**Canton** 3 bedroom colonial, 1800sq.ft., appliances, air, 2 car, basement. \$1800/mo. D&H Properties 248-737-4002 www.dhproperty.com

**CLARKSTON** - Remodeled, C/A, deck, fee reimbursement home, \$900/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 248-373-RENT

**CLARKSTON** Convenient location, 1400 sq. ft. New construction, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, C/A, 2 car attached garage, \$1500/mo. (248) 620-9920. mwledemann@rossmortgage.com

**COMMERCIAL**  
Clean 3 bedroom, 2 car garage, lake view. \$1050/mo. Call Todd Smith Re/Max Classic 248-449-6263

**DEARBORN** - Spacious 2 bedroom, C/A, basement, appliances, \$650/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 734-513-RENT

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - 3 bedroom bungalow, 1 bath, \$700/mo. Rent or Rent to Own. 734-713-0021

**DEARBORN HGTS** - 3 bedroom brick, newly remodeled, patio, \$750/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 734-513-RENT

**DEARBORN HGTS.** - Option to buy 3 bedroom ranch, 2 baths. \$1000/mo. + deposit. 2 bedrooms, \$700/mo. 734-421-1928

**DETROIT** Near Southfield/Warren. 3 bedroom, basement, garage, option, \$650. 248-788-1823

**FARMINGTON HILLS (North)** 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial. 3556 Argandale. \$1550/mo. (248)661-8501, Agent

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 2 bedroom, appliances, garage, buy option. \$750/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 2100 sq ft, 3 bedroom ranch, 2 baths, c/a, full basement, 2-car garage, large lot, above ground pool. \$1600. 248-932-7515

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Attractive 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, C/A, nice neighborhood & extras. \$995. 248-960-1538

**FERDALE** - Charming 2 bedroom doll house in great area. Wood floors, c/a, washer & dryer, garage, fenced yard. Many special features. A MUST SEE! \$950/utilities. (248) 548-5946

**FERDALE** Avail. 5/1. 3 bedroom bungalow. New bath & kitchen, all appliances, C/A. New paint & carpet. Nice yard, garage. Smoke-free, no pets. \$1000+ sec. 248-705-3831

**FERDALE** charming 2 bedroom, garage, air cond., freshly painted, nice, laundry, \$825/mo. (586) 445-7911

**GARDEN CITY** Ford/Middlebelt area. 2 bedroom, garage, and fenced yard. \$750 + security deposit. No pets. 313 278-5365

**GARDEN CITY** - 3 bedroom ranch, 1 bath, \$700/mo. Rent or Rent to Own. 734-405-2413

**GARDEN CITY** - 3 bedroom Tri-Level: \$1075/mo. plus utilities. 1 1/2 mo. security deposit. One year lease. No pets. Available end of April. Call 248-442-8850

**INKSTER** - Remodeled 3 bedroom, basement, garage. Immediate occupancy. Option. \$550. 248-788-1823

**KEEGO HARBOR** - 1700 sq. ft., basement, garage, pets neg! \$800/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 248-373-RENT

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**LATHRUP VILLAGE** Executive rental. Beautiful newer construction (2000) 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2825 sq. ft. colonial. \$3,200/mo. SKBK, ask for Kathy Haack. 248-644-7000

**LIVONIA** - 3 bedroom, 2 story, basement, appliances, \$1100/mo. First mo. & security. No pets. 248-478-3380

**LIVONIA** - 3 bedroom, basement, appliances, garage, \$900/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

**LIVONIA** - 3 bedroom, garage, fenced for pets, water paid. \$650/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 734-513-RENT

**LIVONIA** 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 car garage, Livonia schools. \$1200/mo + security. (248) 442-9769

**LIVONIA** 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, basement, air, appliances, 2 car, updated, immaculate. \$1150/mo. (586) 817-1846

**Homes For Rent 4050**

**LIVONIA** Ranch, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 car garage, appliances. C/A, finished basement. \$1300/mo. 734-422-0861

**LIVONIA - NORTHWEST** Rent w/ option to buy. Spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch. \$1300/mo. For more details. RED CARPET KEVIN 248-476-0540

**Livonia** updated 3 bedroom ranch, basement, oak floors, 2 car. \$192,000 or \$1500/mo. D&H Properties 248-737-4002 www.dhproperty.com

**NOVI SCHOOL** district, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2000sq.ft., 2 car garage. \$1700/mo. For rent or sale. 248-891-9976

**NOVI** - Northville Schools, 4 bedroom, 2750 sq. ft., basement, deck, hot tub. \$2500/m D&H Properties 248-737-4002 www.dhproperty.com

**NOVI-4** bedroom brick colonial, 2800 sq. ft., alarm, appliances, basement. \$2500/m. D&H Properties 248-737-4002 www.dhproperty.com

**OK PARK** - 3 bedroom bungalow with full basement, newly updated. \$950/mo plus security. 248-822-6058

**OK PARK** Remodeled 3 bedroom ranch. Dining room, garage, A/C. Option available. \$750. 248-788-1823

**PLYMOUTH** - 3 bedroom Bungalow in charming downtown. Walk to town. Meticulously maintained. Hardwood floors, c/a, new windows, huge deck, new appliances, washer/dryer. Fenced in yard. Some pets OK. \$1275/mo. 734-832-8470

**PLYMOUTH** - C/A, basement, garage, appliances, fenced. \$725/mo. Small charge RENTAL PROS 734-513-RENT

**PLYMOUTH** - Immaculate 3 bedroom ranch, newly remodeled, repainted, new carpet, appliances, much more. \$1050/mo. 248-585-2649

**Plymouth Salem Twp.** - Historical home in lovely country setting on spacious grounds. Well maintained, 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths, kitchen appliances, huge country kitchen, family room w/gas fireplace, private guest suite, 3 car garage, Plymouth/Canton schools. \$2000/mo. (734) 453-7272

**PLYMOUTH** - Large, quiet 2 bedroom, in-town, air, big deck, basement. \$875/mo. 734-591-6530/455-7653

**REDFORD** - 3 bedroom ranch, 1 bath, \$700/mo. Rent or Rent to Own. 734-713-0021



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**PLYMOUTH** - Downtown Plymouth End Unit. Hardwood floor in 2 story foyer & .5 bath. FP w/marble surround, doorwall to private enclosed deck, some appliances, 2nd floor laundry, att garage, partially finished basement w/possible 3rd bdrm or office. Home Warranty. \$177,000 (04ANN) 734-455-5600



**YPSILANTI** - Beautiful Ranch. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/2 car attached garage, full basement, maintenance free exterior, brick paver patio, CA, appliances, 6 panel doors, beautiful kitchen. Great home for entertaining. Better than building new. \$194,900 (08HOM) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Awesome Rivergate Condo! Excellent 2 story, 2 bedroom condo w/basement & garage. Livonia schools. Beautifully decorated & extremely clean. In an excellent location near expressways & shopping. \$159,977 (07RIV) 248-280-3947



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Beat the rent race & invest in your future. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit w/separate entrance & in-unit laundry w/extra storage. Private deck overlooking scenic wooded ravine. All appliances included. Carport w/extra guest parking. Farmington schools. \$89,000 (34MID) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Treat Yourself & Your Family. Stunning newer 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car garage. Kitchen opens to dining room & FR for great entertaining. Large master suite w/jetted tub & WI closet. Partly finished lower level. Landscaped yard w/sprinklers & 2-tiered deck. \$324,900 (59SAV) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Desirable 2 BR Ranch Unit. Great location. Newer windows, roof & carpet. Neutral throughout. Freshly painted. Pets allowed. Children's play area. Spacious LR with a lot of windows. Why rent when you could own. Plymouth Canton schools. \$103,900 (38ORC) 248-349-5600



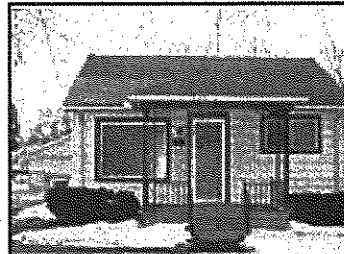
**NOVI** - Exquisite Style, Decor & Location. Architectural Int. detail make this home stand out. 4 bdrm, 3.5 baths w/Northville schools, cath ceil in foyer, lib, formal DR, kit has hwd flr, double oven & island, breakfast room opens to GR & tiered deck, finished walk-out, 3 car garage & paver patio. \$559,900 (40BAR) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful Townhouse. Shows like a model. 2 bedrooms, bath & lav, marble surround gas fireplace, dining area w/doorwall to deck. Kitchen w/oak cabinets & spice rack, 1st floor laundry, full private basement & attached garage. \$169,900 (50HUN) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN HGTS.** - Brick Ranch. 3 bedroom home offers CA, newer windows, hardwood floors, partially finished basement w/full bath, glass block windows. Appliances included, 1.5 car garage. \$144,500 (55RIV) 734-455-5600



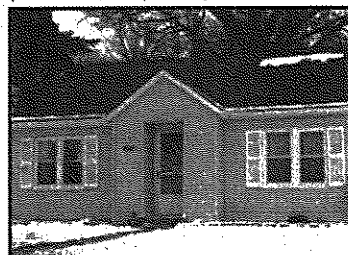
**ROSEVILLE** - Mechanics Dream Garage. This ranch home is perfect for a 1st time buyer or rental. It offers a 4 car garage w/power and heat. Updated kitchen w/stainless appliances, ceramic foyer & newer cabs. Newer concrete drive, vinyl siding & fenced yard. \$94,900 (36FLO) 248-349-5600



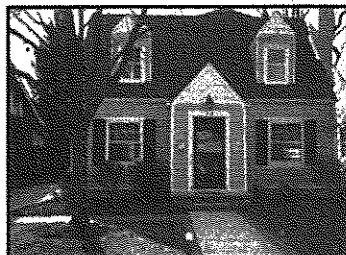
**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Green Hill Commons. Pride of ownership 1/2 this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Fresh paint, decor & plenty of updates w/o. Formal DR, FFL, FR w/frplc, large basement, sprinkler system, deck & oversized garage too. Great location. \$324,900 (85PAR) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Outstanding Value in this Livonia ranch. Meticulously maintained inside & out. This 3 bedroom home has an updated bath & most windows replaced. Newer roof shingles, hot water heater, decor & more. All appliances. 1 year home protection plan & quick occupancy too. \$147,500 (42AUB) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Ready For You to Move Into! Lots of maintenance. Free updates - roof, windows, siding, new kitchen cabinets in '02, in this great 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on a quiet street. \$120,000 (60DEE) 734-455-5600



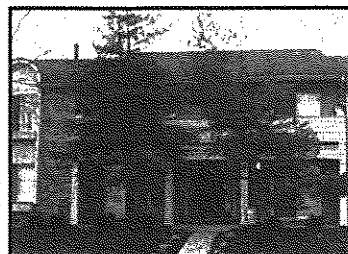
**PLYMOUTH** - Positively Plymouth! 1941 cape cod w/lots of curb appeal! LR w/FP & built-in cabs! Refurbished hardwood floors in LR, DR, library & 2 bedrooms. Archway to DR w/wood shutters. Sunny kitchen has pegwood floor & white cabinets. Large family room, finished LL, 2.5 car garage & deck. \$345,000 (19IRV) 734-455-5600



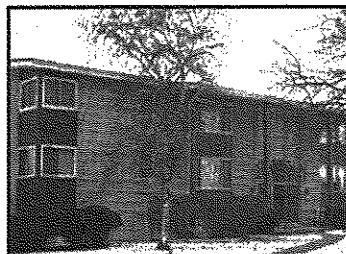
**PLYMOUTH**  
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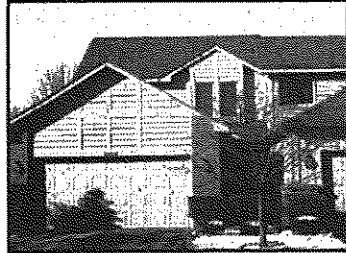
**CANTON** - Updated 2 Bedroom Condo. Great location facing serene courtyard. Open flowing floor plan, new oak kitchen & bath, spacious living room w/new carpet & door to balcony. Master bedroom w/walk-in closet. \$111,900 (35FRA) 734-455-5600



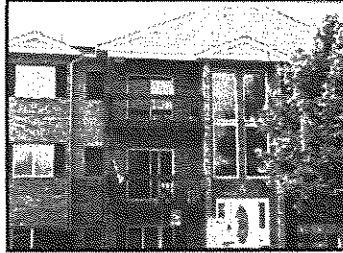
**FARMINGTON** - Easy Peaceful Living. Walk to town from this clean, comfortable 1st floor ranch. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, nice Florida room, spacious living areas, no maintenance, hardwood floors under carpet, 1 car garage. Stove, refrigerator included. It's all here and affordable. \$74,900 (53KIN) 734-455-5600



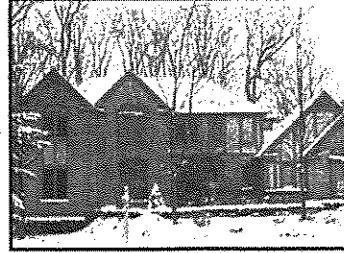
**WESTLAND** - Country Living in the City! 2 acres, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, deck, full basement, newer roof, hot water heater, ceramic baths. Splittable land. \$335,000 (60GRA) 734-455-5600



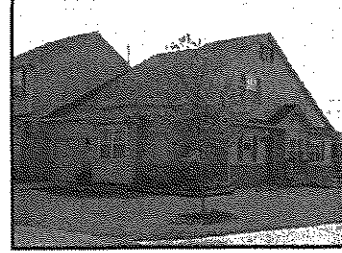
**LIVONIA** - Classy Colonial Condo. Don't miss this sharp well maintained 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath end unit w/2 car attached garage, full basement, walk-in closets, light oak cabinets in kitchen. Very private deck. Home Warranty offered. \$193,900 (27MER) 734-455-5600



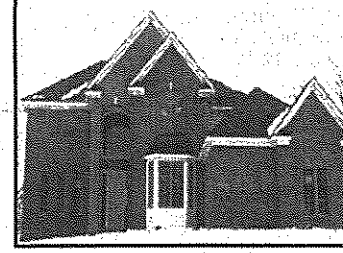
**WESTLAND** - Roomy & Clean. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo offers newer carpet thru-out, neutral tones, baths w/beautiful ceramic, also ceramic foyer, unit offers carport, doorwall to deck, all appliances w/new fridge & home warranty. \$114,850 (67SHO) 734-455-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Prestigious Timber Ridge. Gorgeous 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath tudor on premium lot in cul-de-sac. Awesome view that is wooded & private w/babbling brook. Fresh paint, personality & curb appeal galore. Kitchen in lower level. Perfect for guest suite w/private bath. Won't last long. \$548,000 (72SCE) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - Sit and relax. It's a NO-NO. No painting, no fixing, no yard work in this condo community. 3 BR/loft, 3 BA 2 story end unit w/attached garage on cul-de-sac setting. 1st floor master w/ WIC. Large deck off back w/view of 8th fairway. Breathing room w/office & living quarters. \$224,900 (17PRI) 248-349-5600



**MILFORD** - 2002 New Construction. Custom 2 story home on walk-out LL on a 1+ acre cul-de-sac wooded lot. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths w/granite & maple, dual fireplace, stylish master suite w/large Jacuzzi tub. Many updates. \$529,950 (83RAV) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Sunflower Sub 4 Bedroom Colonial. Move in condition. Lovely home in popular sub w/comm. pool, tennis cts & clubhouse. Professionally finished basement w/bdrm & rec area w/wet bar, 2 tier deck, fenced yard, nicely landscaped, open floor plan, fireplace in family room. \$299,900 (30GUN) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Great Starter Under 95K. Updates, updates & more. Newer/updated roof shingles, furnace, windows, hot water heater, driveway, walk, paint, carpet & more. Just turn the key & move in. \$94,900 (51NOR) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Quality Thru-Out. Gorgeous oak kitchen, cust hwd flrs in kitchen, DR, hall & foyer. Oak 6 panel doors, huge FR w/wet bar & FP, master bedroom w/master bath w/jetted tub & walk-in closet. All in this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage & partially finished basement. \$249,900 (03WED) 734-455-5600



**WIXOM** - Spacious Colonial. This immaculate home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Great room w/vaulted ceilings, dining room and a master suite w/cathedral ceilings. Neutral decor. Close to nature preserve and Walled Lake schools. Sub has approx. 10 acres of woodland commons area. \$309,900 (76TRA) 248-349-5600



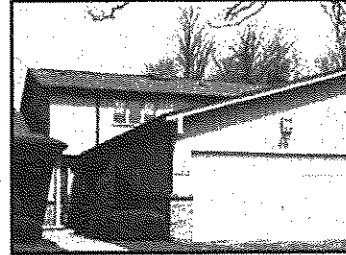
**REDFORD** - Sharp Updated Ranch. Clean & well maintained 3 BR, 2 BA home. Freshly painted '03, wndws, siding '02, newer doors & storms, roof & gutters '98, turn & AC '97. fin bsmt & newer blinds, living room, updated kit, ceramic floor, countertop & ceiling fan. All hardwood floors. \$138,900 (24TEC) 248-349-5600



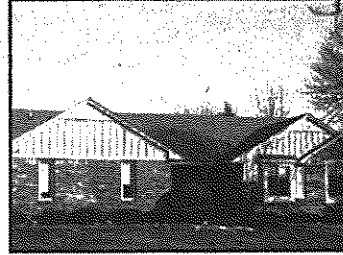
**WARREN** - Perfect Brick Starter. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch has two car gar w/newer gar door & electronic opener, newer furn, hot water heater, dishwasher, kit & bathroom sink. Two full baths, partially finished basement, copper plumbing, all hardwood floors & cement patio in backyard. \$125,900 (62POP) 248-349-5600



**ALLEN PARK** - Clean Brick Ranch. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2.5 car garage w/opener, finished basement w/sauna & bath, updated windows, beautiful Florida room off master bedroom, large closets, plenty of storage, appliances included. 1 year home warranty. \$136,900 (27HAR) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Exceptional Condo in Plymouth. Updated. Located on serene wooded lot. 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car att gar, rec room w/sauna & exer. rm. Open flowing floor plan, 2 doorwalls to large deck, DR, lib/den, FP w/marble surround, 6 panel wood doors w/o. Walk to downtown Ply. \$259,900 (14PIN) 734-455-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Outstanding Northville Ranch! 3 BRs, 3 BAs! Ceramic foyer, newer hwd fls in 2 BRs, GR w/full brick FP, vaulted ceiling w/wood beams. Kit has solid oak cabs, sunny breakfast room opens to deck, profess. fin. LL, MBR opens to private deck. Home Protection Plan! \$319,900 (24WEA) 734-455-5600



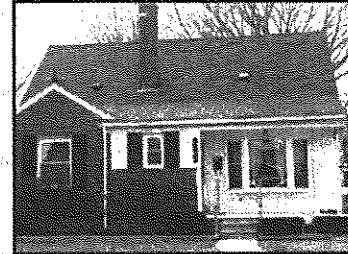
**NORTHVILLE** - Walk to Downtown from this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Relaxing 1st floor MBR w/his/her bath, separate shower & roman tub. Newly refinished hwd floors in entry hall, kitchen & nook. Newer carpeting w/o. First floor laundry, French doors to deck overlooking beautiful yard. \$299,900 (21STL) 248-349-5600



**REDFORD** - What a great buy. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with finished basement. Many updates. 2.5 car garage. Heated breezeway. One year home warranty included. \$173,000 (07SAR) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Lexington Commons North! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, family room w/natural fireplace, hwd kitchen, dining room, living room, first floor laundry, 2 car att garage. Invisible fence, brick paver walk & patio. Finished bsmt, super curb location. Close to downtown. All kitchen appls stay. \$304,900 (81MOR) 248-349-5600



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - Don't Miss Out On This! Newer kitchen, windows, furnace, CA & elec. Master bedroom w/master bath, finished basement, most hardwood floors on 1st floor & great covered patio & garage in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick bungalow. \$139,900 (33HAZ) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Sprawling Ranch! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/great curb appeal, large lot & car attached garage, updated kitchen w/loads of counters & cabinets, both baths, furnace ('03), windows, entry doors & garage door + appliances. \$197,500 (21QUI) 734-455-5600



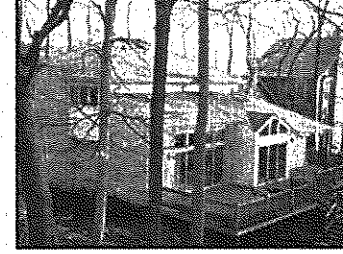
**PLYMOUTH** - Custom Contemporary Home. Exquisite thru-out! 3 story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, GR w/frplc opens to sunroom, kit w/newer granite counters, for DR w/hardwood floors. Library or music room, MS has FP, jetted tub, fin LL walk-out to inground pool. \$685,800 (77WES) 734-455-5600



**SOUTH LYON** - Welcome Home. Move in and enjoy golf course living. First floor master. Oak kitchen w/walk-in pantry. Finished basement. Spacious dining room, 2 story great room w/2-way fireplace, 2 story breakfast room. Beautifully landscaped. Cedar deck. Great views. \$489,900 (80SPY) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Warm & Inviting. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Victorian home was totally rebuilt from the ground up. Beautiful details. Quality materials. All on a quiet street w/sidewalks only & short walk from the main street shops. Immaculately presented. \$499,000 (13ROU) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Custom Northville Home. Gorgeous 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths w/family room, DR, living room, heated sunroom & full bsmt. Antique leaded glass wall. Walk to school & town. Gas frplc, AC, California closets, wet bar, 2x6 construction. All appls & window treatments. \$499,900 (20HIG) 248-349-5600

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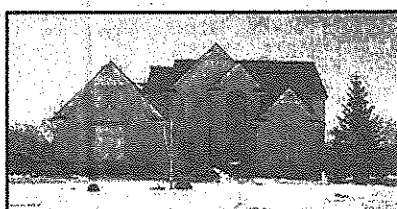
**NORTHVILLE** \$1,250,000  
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite. Magnificent mstr ste, fin'd w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities!(54W002)

248-348-6430



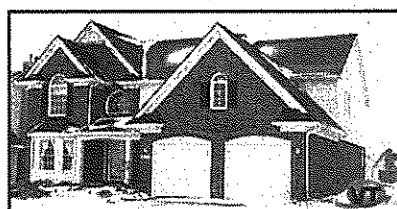
**BRIGHTON** \$724,900  
THIS HOME STANDS ABOVE THE REST! Custom 4 BR, on wooded hilltop lot overlooking private lake! 2-story GR, cozy hearth rm, 1st flr mstr w/lavish bath, library, 3 frpls, 4-car garage & bonus rm.(14BEA2)

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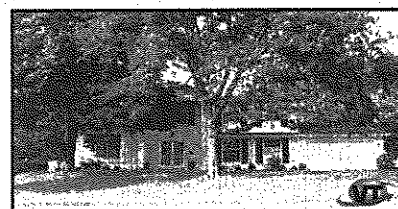
**PLYMOUTH** \$499,900  
BEAUTIFUL PLYMOUTH HOME! Open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Oak kit w/istand. Master suite offers 2nd fireplace. Finished basement w/10' ceilings, professional dark rm & full bath.(23H48269)

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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)

734-591-9200



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** \$384,900  
BEST OF BLOOMFIELD! Flowing centr entrance, large rooms, large property wraps pool, Bloomfield Hills schools, location-location! Priced to sell! Blue chip!(64RID2)

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**CANTON** \$339,900  
SCOTTY, BEAM ME HOME to this lovely 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial in Plymouth/Canton school district. Beautifully decorated Baybrooke. Maintained to perfection. Call for an appointment!(23S45389)

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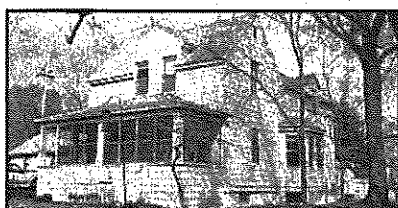
**CANTON** \$339,000  
BIG HOUSE, BIG POSSIBILITIES! New owners needed! One of the largest homes in a small sub in the center of Canton. Great buy! Needs some work. Make it a showplace!(32BAY2)

248-348-6430



**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)

248-348-6430



**PLYMOUTH** \$299,900  
YOU MUST SEE THIS HOME! Spacious downtown 2 story, 2,071 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Updated electric & plumbing. Renovated kitchen with cherry & granite. Delightful!(23A750)

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**LIVONIA** \$294,900  
3 BR, 3.5 BA, GREAT FLOOR PLAN! 1st flr mstr ste w/jetted tub, sep shower, & bay wndw, 2nd flr w/lg BR, full BA, & flex loft, 3 skylts, central vac, hrdwd flrs, deck off brkfst rm, fin LL.(N33359)

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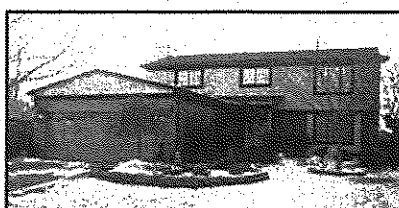
**FARMINGTON** \$279,900  
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM! 4 BR, 3 BA, 2200 sq ft brk ranch. Remodeled.(S36267)

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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 & rf.(S46639)

734-591-9200



**CANTON** \$259,900  
IF FAMILY MATTERS, THIS HOME IS FOR YOU! Over 2162 square feet with 4 large bedrooms. Family room is 23x13 w/ fireplace. Built in 1988! Great Canton location.(K1107)

PC 070782 734-591-9200



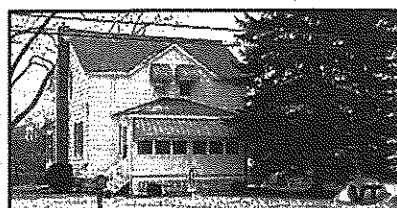
**CANTON** \$234,900  
DREAM MAKER! Perfect wooded setting.(23J44431)

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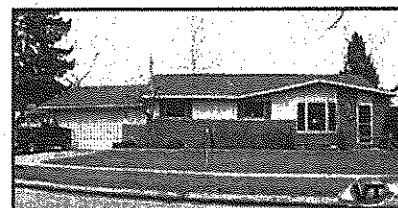
**NORTHVILLE** \$199,900  
NORTHVILLE'S BEST CONDOMINIUM VALUE! Walk to town from this terrific 3 BR Lexington condo w/view of meandering stream. Fin'd walkout LL w/huge FR. Neutral decor, 2-car garage & immed occupancy!(62YOR2)

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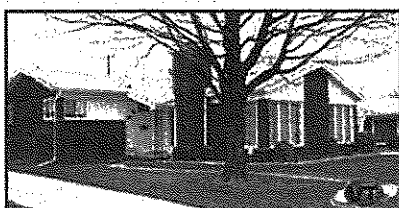
**FARMINGTON** \$199,900  
COMFORTABLE 3 BR HOME ON LG LOT! Just over 1400 SF, mostly hardwood floors, new kitchen cabinets & floor, all appliances included, newer furnace & siding, mstr with WIC. Farmington schools!(04GIL2)

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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 att'd gar, West Livonia location. FR w/wood stove.(C8906)

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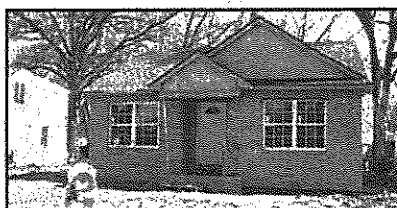
**LIVONIA** \$179,900  
AN ENTERTAINER'S DREAM! Must see to appreciate this 4 lg BR, 2 BA ranch with lg LR w/FP & hrdwd flrs, finished bsmt w/ bar & sep rec rm, 2.5 car gar, and private fenced yd. 1450 sq ft!(114089)

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**WESTLAND** \$174,900  
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS, WELL MAINTAINED Tri-level. Anderson Windows throughout, 2 car att. Garage w/door to backyard. Florida room off dining room overlooking backyard & wooded area. A must see!(S400)

734-326-2000



**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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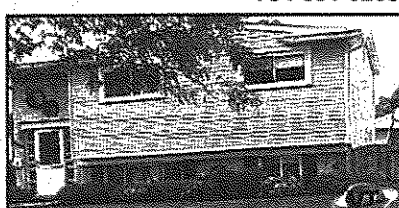
**NORTHVILLE** \$163,900  
GREAT NORTHVILLE CONDO! Award winning Northville schools! 3 BR, formal DR, rec room, sunken LR w/FP. Enjoy 3 lakes, pool, clubhouse & tennis courts!(09 DAR2)

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**LIVONIA** \$162,900  
EXCELLENT CONDITION RANCH completely finished bsmt, newer wndws, updated bath & ceramic tile, refinished hrdwd flrs, updated rf, siding, trim. 3 BR, 2 BA.(G18513)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$159,900  
VERY VERY CLEAN HOME & NICELY DECORATED! Ideal family home w/lots of great & unique storage. Fam rm, liv rm, & den all in one home. Kit remodeled w/oak cabs & beautiful flr. Newer windows & furnace.(F291)

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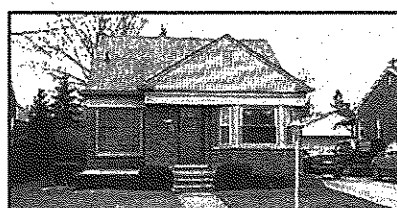
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$154,000  
RANCH WITH OVER 90' ACROSS FRONT OF LOT! Beautiful Dearborn Hgts home w/2 full top of the line baths, built-in appliances, new kitchen, roof, brick, windows, floor, everything new. 1 yr home warranty.(R442)

PC 220332 734-326-2000



**BELLEVILLE** \$149,900  
HERE IS A HOT ONE!! Older Belleville bungalow. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with full basement, large 219 foot deep lot, 2 1/2 car garage. Kitchen and baths remodeled. Walk to town.(E130)

734-326-2000



**LIVONIA** \$149,000  
VERY CUTE & CLEAN! Many updates in this 3 BR, 1,220 SF home. Refinished hwd flrs, new ceramic flrs & sharp fin'd bsmt w/ wet bar. Drive has turn-around.(15INK2)

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**REDFORD** \$144,000  
ROOMY RANCH ON TRIPLE LOT with 2.5 car att'd gar w/shop & 2nd gar w/10 ft dr for your RV! New furn, a/c, elec, carpet & paint, updated kit & bath. Come see for yourself!(P19910)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$137,900  
JUST WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR! Move right into this sharp 3 bedroom ranch w/finished bsmt and 2+ car garage. Updated windows, roof, furnace & CA, hardwood floors, maint. free exterior.(B296)

734-326-2000



**REDFORD** \$134,900  
NICE 3 BR BRK RANCH, READY TO MOVE IN! Neutral decor, updated kitchen, full basement, fenced yard, and garage. FHA terms.(F20372)

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**REDFORD** \$129,900  
BE YOUR OWN LANDLORD in this 3 bedroom brick Redford ranch with full finished basement, 2 baths, central air & 2 car garage, large fenced lot and more.(O204)

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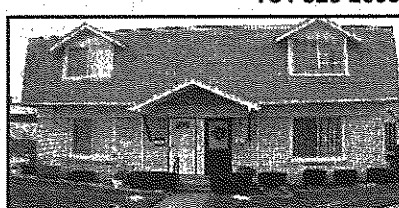
**GARDEN CITY** \$127,900  
EASY LIVING in this well maintained 3 bedroom bungalow with full basement and 2 1/2 car garage. Enc porch to deck with hot tub. C/A. Newer carpeting, furnace & electrical.(L575)

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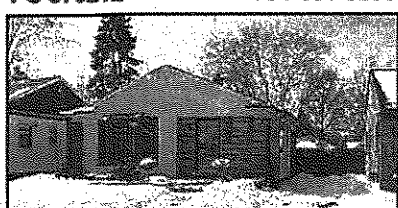
**WESTLAND** \$125,000  
NICE STARTER HOME! 3 bedroom solid starter home. Needs a special touch. Bonus to buyer's agent & up to \$3K with accepted offer. Large lot, 2+ car garage, full basement, fenced.(23H33100)

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**WESTLAND** \$124,900  
MINT CONDITION WESTLAND CONDO! 2 BR, 1.5 bath condo has oak kitchen, new carpet, vinyl flooring & freshly painted, vinyl windows, ceramic foyer & huge mstr w/walk-in-closet.(92CAR2)

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**DETROIT** \$124,900  
JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING BBQ every night on your custom deck/fenced in back yard. 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath, finished basement w/knotty pine, recessed lighting & dry bar.(A202)

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**REDFORD** \$118,500  
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Tree lined street, solid brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, basement, family room, fenced, newer tear off roof, brick carport.(L20407)

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**TAYLOR** \$99,900  
INVESTORS TAKE NOTE! Quiet residential setting for nice income property! 3 BR, 1 bth ranch plus 1 BR, 1 bath apt over 2-car garage. New furnace in apt/ HWH in house in 2002. Lg yard!(62MAY2)

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**WESTLAND** \$73,900  
AFFORDABLE LIVING! Sharp 2 bedroom, brick condo with full basement, new furnace, cent. A/C, Berber carpet and more! Won't last.(S246)

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**FARMINGTON**  
NOT A DRIVE-BY! MUST SEE! Farmington 4 BR, 2.5 bath ranch! FR w/frpl, full bsmt, some hwd flrs, over 1,500 SF, 20 foot covered patio, 2-car attached garage & gorgeous private backyard!(02MAP2)  
\$229,500

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**LIVONIA**  
BEAUTIFUL NEWER RANCH ON 1/2 ACRE SITE Neutral decor, pride of ownership thru-out, nice finished bsmt w/rec rm, lg deck overlooks wooded lot w/park like setting. 3 BR, 2 BA, open flr pin, all appl.(M20490)  
\$226,500

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**CANTON**  
BEAUTIFUL RANCH SHOWS PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP. 3 BR, 2 BA, neutral decor, newer wndws, furn, a/c, rf. Complete tear off, 3 season snrm, newer brk paver, newer kit w/recessed lts, crown moldings, warranty.(R5998)  
\$219,900

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**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
LITTLE CHARMER WITH FARMINGTON SCHOOLS! Immaculate with many updates including: furnace, water heater, carpet, flooring & paint. Perfect starter home with 2 BR, 1 bath!(91ALB2)  
\$130,000

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Plymouth, MI 48170  
Phone: 734-416-0000  
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Blue Dot Services of Michigan, a national provider of HVAC, plumbing, & electrical services is currently seeking a licensed electrician to work in our fast paced residential installation department. Excellent compensation/benefits package await the right candidate. If you want to work for a winning team please fax your resume to Jill at (734) 522-2801 or apply in person at 30633 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, EOE

**FIGURE SKATING SUPERVISOR**  
The City of Wayne is currently accepting applications for a part-time Figure Skating Supervisor to work for the Department of Parks & Recreation. Hourly wage ranging from \$14.43-\$17.51, contingent upon experience. Will be responsible for the total administration of the figure skating program, whether it be S.I., U.S.F.S.A. or both. Must be able to keep an open line of communication with parents, community, business, and governing bodies about skating to benefit the program. Also responsible for hiring skating professionals and the supervision of same. Should be mindful of new ideas and approaches to keep the skating program fresh and exciting.

Applicants must have a high school diploma and have extensive knowledge in the field of figure skating. It is imperative to have up-to-date knowledge on all changes in S.I. and U.S.F.S.A. Applications are available in the Personnel Department, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or at our web site: www.ci.wayne.mi.us/personnel.html. Completed applications must be turned into the Personnel Department by 4:30/2003. Resumes without completed applications will not be accepted.

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Responsible experienced people needed at a warm and friendly senior apartment community for housekeeping/caregiving duties. Experience with seniors a must. Afternoon, weekday and weekend shifts available. Please apply in person at: 42600 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton, MI 48187

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**INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**  
For Operations Management International. Valid drivers license required. Pay commensurate with exp. Waste water exp. a plus. OMI is an EOE. Call Jack: (734) 397-9280

**INSURANCE**  
Our company has an immediate opening for a commercial customer service representative. Full or part time. Experience is required. We offer fully paid health, dental, vision, and disability insurance. Salary negotiable with experience. Please fax resume to: R. Neal, 313-535-8472

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Growing, established professional landscape company located in Livonia looking for exp., self-motivated, dedicated Irrigation Technician for design and installation & Crew Foreman for landscape maintenance. Excellent pay and benefits package. Please forward resume by fax at 734-421-5410 or email at Jen@JRServices.com

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Looking for someone familiar with blueprints, calipers, and micrometers to learn a process called "Photochemical Machining". Process used to manufacture small experimental and prototype metal parts. Roseville location. Please send resumes to: 0560 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

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**GENERAL MAINTENANCE/ PART TIME** for plastic injection molding company located in Rochester Hills. Ideal candidate will have a mechanical aptitude and background. Janitorial exp a plus. Must have a valid drivers license and reliable transportation. Willing to train right person. Apply in person at Millennium Technologies, 2120 Austin Ave. E.O.E.

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Responsible, reliable & hard-working person to perform various duties. Novi area. 248-374-9404

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Mowing crew needed. \$9-\$12 to start. Experience preferred. 313-336-0411

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Flex hours, flex pay. 42827 5 Mile Rd. at Northville Rd. Call Cathy: 734-420-3540.

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High volume service and installation company with steady growth. Experienced. Send resume to: Suite 110, #187, 9864 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116

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Miracle Man Plumbing, a Pete Wood Company and a growing leader in the industry, seeks apprentice and experienced Plumbers and Sprinkler Technicians to join our team. We are proud to offer our employees a fantastic compensation and benefits package. If you are a quality-driven professional we want to talk to you about the opportunities that await you. Interview with us today, it may change your life tomorrow. Call (248) 888-7777 to schedule your interview. EOE.

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for Northville single family property management co. Challenging responsible position. Attractive compensation. Customer service exp. Real estate license needed. Computer exp. a MUST. 248-348-5100, ext. 123

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wanted for tile industry. \$30,000+ a year. Benefit package included. Please fax resume to: 734-422-3381. Email: ascc7@cs.com

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of machine shop equipment. Must have experience. Benefits, full-time, day shift. Apply by mail or in person. 33100 Capitol, Livonia, MI 48150 (734)427-8550

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Exp. to build attached condominiums. Computer literate. Email resume to: Windmill Group: stuartmichaelson@ameritech.net or fax 248-538-7010

## ROOFERS &amp; LABORERS

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## EOE M/F/V/D

## SUMMER HELP

The City of Auburn Hills is accepting applications for temporary summer help, with the Department of Public Services. Job duties include, but are not limited to, general maintenance of city ground and buildings. Qualified candidates must have a valid drivers license and be 18 years of age or older. Candidates will be subject to physicals and drug testing. The position will run from approximately May 1, 2003 through Labor Day. The compensation is \$9.00 to \$9.75 per hour. Normal working hours are M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., subject to change. Interested candidates can obtain an application from the Department of Public Services located at 1500 Brown Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

## TEACHER

Northville Christian school seeking candidates for Sept. 2003. 248-348-9031

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## TOOL ROOM SUPERVISOR

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## JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Organize daily activities in a progressive die tool room. Provide production support and leadership support to all tool and die makers. TPM for tooling. Deviation/AD implementation and closure. Work within strict manpower budget parameters.

The qualified candidate will have 7+ years experience in tool room, with at least 4 years of supervision. Prefer Journeyman Status and recommend bachelors degree.

## Please send resume to:

Human Resources  
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## Required: Class A CDL, 1

## year OTR Experience: Clean

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## Warehouse Help

Cherokee Carpet in Novi is looking for a warehouse person. Carpet & Hi-Lo experience a must. (248) 735-8405

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looking for enthusiastic, fitness minded females. Motivated, honest & dependable. Full time, part time, afternoon, eve, & weekends available. No exp. necessary. \$8/hr + commission. Call Michelle at 248-342-6233

## Office Clerical 5020

## Accounting/Payroll Assistant

Accounting/Payroll Assistant needed for fast paced Mfg. Company. Ideal candidate should possess a minimum of 2 years Accounting and Payroll experience. be proficient in Word & Excel, and have good organizational skills. We offer challenging work environment, a competitive salary and full benefits package. E.O.E. Mail or fax resume: hwi@cnlaw.com

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## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Southfield property management firm is looking for a responsible full-time Accounts Payable individual to fill a fast paced, multiple task position in the Finance Department. Must have A/P and computer experience (CAMS software knowledge a plus) and good organizational skills. Challenging work environment offering a competitive salary and full benefits package.

## Interested applicants

e-mail your resume to HUNTLLC@aol.com or fax to 248-356-3509

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

An immediate opening for a dependable, professional team player with a minimum of 2 years experience to work in our Plymouth office. Excellent phone manners and extensive knowledge of Windows 2000 and Microsoft Office is a must. We offer an outstanding benefits package including paid health insurance, tuition reimbursement, and 401k matching. Send your resume with salary requirements to: jobs@pcsmi.com

## Administrative Assistant

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## COLLECTIONS/ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

person needed. Exp. Req. Duties include cash appl. and collection calls. Contact with collection agency/attorney req. strong communication skills. Send resume to: Attn: Credit PO Box 930508, Wixom, MI 48393

## CUSTOMER SERVICE Rep

P & C, and/or life & health license. Insurance license required. Experience preferred. Fax resume to 248-380-6448 or mail to 24285 Novi Rd., Novi, 48375

## CUSTOMER SERVICE/SCHEDULER/OFFICE ASST.

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Small Southfield law firm seeks experienced, full time legal secretary. Probate experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 248-559-2180 or email: shousey@sbcglobal.net

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Southfield personal injury firm seeks minimum 2 yrs. exp. WordPerfect. Salary commensurate with exp. Fax resume to: Office Manager, 248-592-0376

## LEGAL SECRETARY

Experienced with WordPerfect. Defense litigation. Small office. Southfield. Fax resume 248-258-0759

## LEGAL SECRETARY

needed full-time for plaintiff medical malpractice firm. 2+ yrs. experience preferred. Microsoft Word & Windows 98. Send resume to: Turner & Turner PC 26000 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48034 or fax to 248-355-5674

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wanted for full time position with small Bloomfield Hills firm. Experience in litigation, real estate and corporate law. Offers good benefit package. Strong organizational and typing experience required. Please email resume with salary requirements to: camflaw@yahoo.com

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

wanted for full time position with small Bloomfield Hills law firm. Must have previous accounting experience and excellent computer skills. Degree in business preferred. Offers good benefit package. Please email resume with salary requirements to: hwi@cnlaw.com

## OFFICE ASSISTANT - ACCOUNTING

For office in Livonia. Entry level. Part-time. \$10.50/hr. Require prior Excel experience. Submit application at 32231 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 200. Call 734-458-8140.

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Experience needed, must have strong accounting skills. Fax resume to: 248-676-0448

## RECEPTIONIST

Senior apartment community in Canton seeking to fill part time receptionist position. Individual should be organized, responsible and dependable. Applicants must have computer skills and have the ability to work well with the public. E.E.O. Apply in person at

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## Office Clerical 5020

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For Environmental co., to answer phones, do light filing & typing. Please fax resume to 734-522-6654 or email detroit@viservices.com

## RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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## SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Farmington Hills law firm seeks full-time secretary/receptionist answering phones, typing, filing. Please Fax resumes to: 248-855-0209

## SECRETARY/CLERK

Mature person needed. Section 8 housing knowledge. Typing & Windows 98 exp. desired. Good personnel skills & the ability to work with seniors a must. Benefits, paid vacation, excellent working conditions in Detroit suburbs. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to: (734) 326-6980

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degree in mechanical engineering. Mechanical Desktop a must. Background in manufacturing is helpful. We are a progressive company expanding our engineering department. Excellent pay / benefits / working conditions. Livonia area. Send resume to: willow@pegasus.com or call 313-937-0770, Ext. 126

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## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Southfield dental team is looking for experienced part time dental assistant. Phone 248-557-5557 Fax 248-557-9304

## Dental Assistant (experienced)

for Tues., 9-5, Sat., 9-1. Call (313) 563-3300

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Experienced for Westland office. Mon, Tues, Thurs 8-6. Call 734-722-0509

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Exp. preferred for preventative office in Westland 6470 area. Call: 734-522-6470 Fax: 734-522-6937

## DENTAL HYGIENIST

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## Medical Assistant

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Experienced. Busy doctors. Farmington Hills area. Please call 734-261-3650

## Dental 5040

## ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT/ FINANCIAL PATIENT COORDINATOR

Our practice is looking for an exceptional individual to complete our motivated and professional orthodontic team. The ideal candidate must possess the following qualities:

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great office to work at Full-time. Dental & computer exp. necessary. Livonia. 734-425-4206

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## CHIROPRACTIC ASST. REDFORD

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orthodontic office looking for part time Sterilization/Lab person, 3 days/week, Mon,Tues, Thurs. Approx 21 hours/week. Will train right person. Please Call 734-261-8880

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## 2003 Jeep Liberty Offers Off-Road Freedom

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

With Jeep Liberty, what you see is what you get: A reasonably priced SUV that screams off-road capability – and delivers on expectations. Unlike some competitors, however, Liberty's aggressive stance isn't hiding the capacity for a silky on-pavement performance as well: This model proves rather ordinary once it gets onto roads.

Liberty was a great stroke for DaimlerChrysler when the company introduced the compact SUV model two years ago, replacing its outmoded Cherokee, which had been in production for nearly two decades. And this vehicle's two most outstanding features are paying dividends for Jeep and its customers.

At a suggested retail price of \$24,295, the Liberty Sport model I tested illustrates reliability and flair at an affordable level for most consumers. Competing in a crowded category with the likes of Honda CR-V, Ford Escape, Toyota RAV4 and Mazda Tribute, Liberty offers an adequate cost-benefit argument and has sold well for DaimlerChrysler.

No doubt a major reason for the common appeal of Liberty is its second most significant feature: styling. In a segment that is filled with me-too's, Liberty boldly harkens back to the look of its blood-line ancestor, the original Jeep Willys, which helped to liberate Europe during World War II. The trademark Jeep grille, with seven vertical rectangles, is joined by retro round headlamps.

Other design notes include short front and rear overhangs, a high roofline, rear-mounted spare tire and 16-inch alloy wheels below pronounced wheel flares. Liberty thereby asserts a certain amount of automotive athleticism, yet its design is "cute" enough to appeal to the broad cross section of affordable-SUV buyers.

Jeep makes much of Liberty's off-road capability. While I didn't test it per se in the midst of a Michigan winter, I can describe it. At about 4,000



The 2003 Jeep Liberty Screams Off-Road Capability

pounds, Liberty clearly is rugged for its size. Its Command-Trac four-wheel-drive system is legendary as a feature of all recent Jeeps, with a set-and-forget feature governing all-wheel drive. The lowering of the ride height by one inch from 2002 models helps improve stability; yet Liberty still has a full eight inches of suspension travel. It easily gobbles up obstacles such as good-sized potholes and road ruts. With the 3.7-liter PowerTech V6, 210-horsepower engine that is standard with any automatic transmission in Liberty, there's plenty of pickup (and hauling of up to 5,000 pounds, tops among compact SUVs).

But on smooth pavement, where even Liberty gets most of its use, the vehicle has made some compromises that mark it down in comparison with more car-like competitors. Liberty's ride is too truck-like for my taste, its handling a little too loose, its steering rather heavy. At 17 miles per gallon in the city and 21 on the highway, its fuel efficiency also is a bit on the lean side for how it's positioned and marketed.

Yet, of great interest to all drivers, wherever they make take Liberty: The 2003 vehicle has been given the federal government's highest rating in three separate categories. Head-protecting curtain side airbags and anti-lock brakes are optional.

Inside, Liberty offers ample room for four people,

and five could comfortably make short trips. There also is adequate cargo room behind the side-opening rear door: 29 cubic feet behind the 35/65-split folding rear seat, and 69 cubic feet when that seat is folded down.

The Sport edition is pretty bare-bones, with the standard package limited to amenities such as an auxiliary 12-volt power outlet and AM/FM stereo with cassette. The Sport version that I tested also included air conditioning, power locks and windows and mirrors, keyless and illuminated entry, six premium speakers and a leather-wrapped steering wheel, among other features.

One step up, the Renegade offers features including a new overhead console with customer-programmable features, including which doors unlock with the first press of the remote-keyless-entry unlock button, miles driven between service intervals and the amount of time that headlights remain on when exiting the vehicle. The top-of-the-line Limited edition ratchets up the amenities to include 17-inch chrome wheels and heated seats.

Overall, Liberty ends up being consistent with the promise of its styling and market positioning: some exciting capabilities for those who don't mind a bit of an elemental SUV experience. And a good value for the money.

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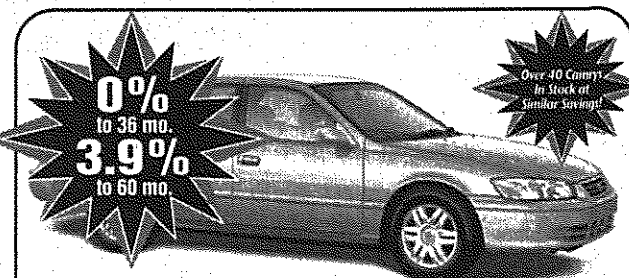
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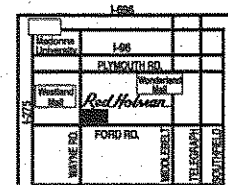
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■ **Top pitcher**

Steve Gordon, a junior at Albion College from Plymouth and a Salem HS graduate, was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association pitcher of the week after tossing a three-hit shutout in the Britons' 4-0 win over Kalamazoo College. Gordon did not walk a batter and struck out eight as Albion improved to 9-13 overall, 4-2 in the MIAA.

For the season, Gordon was 2-3 with a 4.93 earned-run average. He led Albion with 34 1/3 innings pitched (through last weekend) and was tied for the team lead in strikeouts with 27.

Also in the Britons' three-game sweep of Kalamazoo, sophomore right fielder Chris Trott collected three hits and four runs batted in.

One of his hits was his third home run of the season. Trott is batting .373 with seven doubles, three homers and a team-best 18 RBI.

■ **Best of meet**

Andy Rossow, competing for Canton HS at the Pinckney 9/10 grade Pirate Relays last Saturday, was named the Field Athlete of the Meet after a four-event performance that resulted in three firsts and a second.

Rossow teamed with Rodney Preston to win both the high jump and long jump. Rossow cleared 5-foot, 10-inches in the high jump and went 18-6 1/2 in the long jump; both were the best in the eight-team meet.

He also teamed with Preston, Tony Hytko and Dave Calille to win the 4x200-meter relay and, with Jacob Langdon, Derek Reeves and Calille for a second in the 4x100 relay. The Chiefs placed second in the team standings.

■ **Hole in One**

Bill Broucek of Canton didn't wait long to take advantage of decent golfing weather. Playing Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton on April 11, Broucek aced the 175-yard 23rd hole with a five iron.

For the round, he shot a 40. In his 12 years of golfing, it was his first hole-in-one.

■ **Final Four**

The Canton Crossfire U-17 premier boys soccer team reached the semifinals in the U-18 (elite) division, the highest division, at the Northern Ohio Cup held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Team members are Peter Bierzynski (Catholic Central), Iain Bryant (Southfield Christian), Philip Calleja (Livonia Franklin), Dan Curmi (CC), Andrew Davis (Livonia Stevenson), Jake deVries (Lutheran West), Greg Ekmeian (Wayne Memorial), Stephen Gizicki (Salem), Aaron Helisek (Farmington), Joe Hess (Canton), Sam Kocsis (Garden City), Jeff Kusch (Detroit Country Day), Ross Maltby (Canton), Michael Newton (Salem), Brandon Noble (Lutheran West), Roger Saks (Stevenson) and Matt Tomasso (Canton).

The team is coached by Jim deVries and Pete Alexander.

# Whalers rally, win series opener with Rangers

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

If exhaustion was a problem for the Plymouth Whalers, it didn't surface Wednesday when they played at Kitchener in the opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's best-of-seven Western Conference final.

After one period, the Whalers — who didn't clinch their berth until Monday, when they defeated London in Game Seven — found themselves

trailing 1-0. But they rallied in the second period with goals from Sean Thompson and Chris Thorburn, and held off the host Rangers the rest of the way to post a 3-1 victory.

Game Two will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, with Game Three at 7 p.m. Sunday at Kitchener.

The Whalers put together a strong offensive performance against the Rangers, surprising considering their emotionally, physically draining series

with London.

"They're probably our biggest rivalry, since Pete (DeBoer) left here," said Karl Stewart of Kitchener, moments after the win over London.

"The two teams match up so well."

DeBoer was coach and general manager of the Whalers until unexpectedly leaving for the Kitchener job two years ago. Stewart is one of several Whalers who played for him, but DeBoer has certainly done a superb job with the Rangers.

They posted the top record in the OHL's Western Conference this season and finished first in the Midwest Division.

On Monday, Andre Benoit gave Kitchener a 1-0 lead with a shorthanded goal at 11:43 of the opening period. Derek Roy and Marcus Smith assisted.

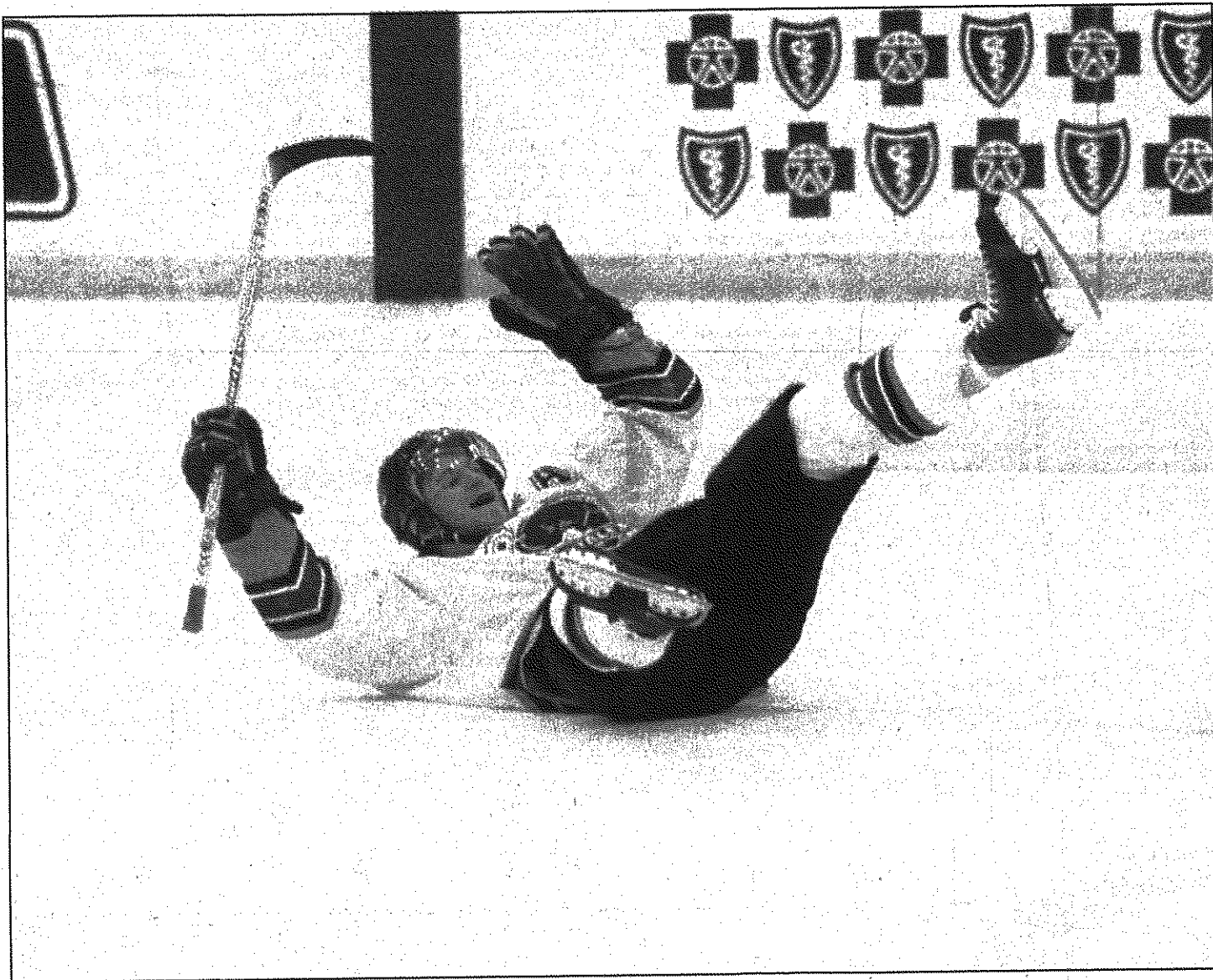
The Whalers tied it at 2:40 of the second period on Thompson's goal, with Tim Sestito and John Mitchell assisting. Thorburn scored what proved to be the game-winner with 1:14 left in the

second period, Mitchell getting his second assist together with John Vigilante.

It remained that way until James Wisniewski scored unassisted into an empty net with :54 left in the third period.

Shots on goal showed how the Whalers dominated: They enjoyed a 41-24 advantage. Paul Drew stopped 23 shots for Plymouth, while Scott Dickie had 38 saves for Kitchener.

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The Whalers' Karl Stewart celebrates moments after scoring the clincher into an empty net in Game Seven against London.

## Strong finish boosts Whalers

Late goal wins it

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Gotta make the plays. It's the only path to a championship. When the situation presents itself, a player has to find a way. On Monday in Game Seven of their Ontario Hockey League series against the London Knights, the Plymouth Whalers found their way in front of 3,115 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, beating 4-2 a team that was a borderline nemesis.

The victory ended a 10-day journey for the Whalers against a London team that possessed less talent and a

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## Late rally lifts PCA to triumph

Plymouth Christian Academy rallied from four runs down, tying its game against Taylor Baptist Park Monday with four runs in the sixth and winning it with a run in the seventh in a 7-6 victory at home.

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PCA scored single runs in the first two innings, but the Wildcats answered with single runs in the second, fourth and fifth combined with a three-run third.

The Eagles' four-run sixth started with a Drew Gallagher single. Three walks followed to force in one run; a Clay Welton fielder's choice scored another. Bob Lorian then came through with a two-run double to tie it at 6-all.

With two out in the seventh and the bases loaded, Welton came through with a run-scoring, game-winning single. He finished with two hits and two RBI in the game; Blake Weldon also had two hits, and he scored the game-winner.

Andrew Shumaker, who singled in a run for PCA in the first, started on the mound but was lifted after giving up five runs (just one earned) in 3 2/3 innings.

Welton worked the final 3 1/3 and got the win, giving up one unearned run.

Last Friday, PCA was beaten by Southfield Christian, 10-0.

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## Canton's Ross outduels Western's ace

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

What a way to start the Western Lakes Activities Association softball season.

In an epic pitcher's duel, Canton's Renee Ross got the better of Walled Lake Western ace Lauren Talbot as the Chiefs edged the Warriors 1-0 in nine innings Monday at Canton.

The victory gave the Chiefs a 5-1 overall record, 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Western is 4-3 overall, 0-1 in the division.

"She was totally focused on the mound," said Canton

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coach Jim Arnold of Ross. "She played like a player on a mission. She went out there to prove a point, that she's just as good."

On Monday, Ross was. She pitched all nine innings, giving up just three hits and not walking a batter while striking out five.

Talbot was working on a no-hitter with one out in the sixth when Lisa Sprankle doubled. Talbot ended up tossing a five-hitter, walking two and fanning five in 8 2/3 innings.

The game's only run scored happened when there were already two out in the ninth, and Ross was the one who started the game-winning rally with a double. She moved to third on a wild pitch and, after Molly Conlon walked, Colleen O'Brien came through with a run-scoring single.

Sprankle led the Chiefs' attack with two doubles, but the defense was also exceptional with just one error. Arnold was particularly pleased with the play third baseman Serena Gorney ("She played exceptionally well.") and catcher Jonelle

Brown ("She threw out two runners trying to steal.")

Combined with Saturday's 4-1 showing at the Taylor Tournament, the Chiefs are off to a promising start. Indeed, even though they lost six players to graduation from last season's 16-15 team — utility player Danielle Weber, second baseman Megan Coultas, third baseman Pam Hudson, first baseman Maggie O'Connell and outfielders Leslie Galarneau and Laura Ulmer — Arnold is confident this team could be even better.

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## Chiefs crush Zebras, 9-0; Rocks reign

Welcome to the WLAA, Zebras.

It wasn't a very pleasant hello Canton delivered to Wayne Memorial in the Chiefs' Western Lakes Activities Association soccer opener Monday at Canton. Eight players accounted for goals as the Chiefs blitzed the Zebras, 9-0.

Canton is 2-2 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA. Wayne is 3-2-1 overall, 0-2 in the conference.

Kelli McKee led the Chiefs' assault with two goals. Erica Ahrens contributed a goal and two assists, while Kara Marsh, Rachel Perry and Danielle Shepard each collected a goal and an assist. Christine Tople, Bailey Fagan

and Molly Priebe also had goals for the Chiefs.

Briana Wolcott was in goal for the shutout.

On Saturday, Troy Athens got two goals from Mary Parker in beating the Chiefs, 3-2 at Canton. Rachel Stesney also had a goal for the Red Hawks.

Perry scored both of the Chiefs' goals, with assists from Ahrens and Katie Raker.

Salem 1, Saline 0: This is becoming a habit.

On Tuesday in a non-conference match against Saline, Salem played impenetrable defense and then, with just one minute remaining, got a goal from Marissa Sarkesian

to earn the victory.

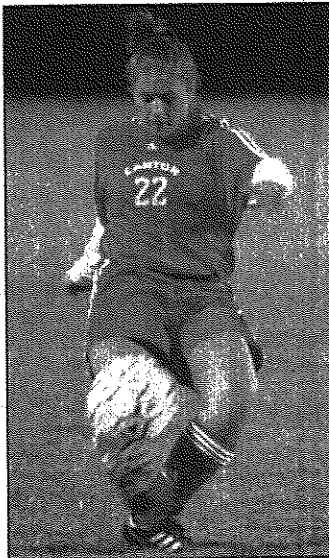
It was Sarkesian's second game-winning goal in the waning moments in as many matches, and in as many days. She beat Livonia Franklin Monday with a late goal.

Tara Duncan got the assist on Sarkesian's game-winner against Saline.

Last Saturday, Jordan Falcusan scored (on an assist from Sarkesian) with just :32 remaining to beat Rochester.

"It's nice to see we have that determination to get that goal," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We don't panic. We always feel we can get that goal."

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Canton's Molly Priebe (22) accounted for one of the nine goals scored against Wayne Memorial Monday.

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## Madonna splits twinbill with Cardinals

After a strong start to the season, Madonna University's softball team has been struggling to stay even in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference over the last week.

On Tuesday against visiting Concordia University, a team that entered the double-header without a conference win, the Crusaders had to settle for a split, getting blanked in the opener 4-0 before recording a 15-0 five-inning mercy in the second.

Madonna was 23-8 overall, 10-5 in the WHAC following the split; the Crusaders were 3-5 since in their four double-headers played since Saturday. The Cardinals were 7-26-1 overall through Tuesday, 1-17 in the conference.

The first game was scoreless until the fourth inning, when Concordia struck for two runs. The Cardinals added two more in the fifth.

Jenny Tenyer was the losing pitcher, giving up two unearned runs on four hits in four innings; she struck out three. Her record fell to 12-5.

Mary Warchuck had two of the Crusaders' four hits in the game.

In the nightcap, Krystle Shina (from Farmington Mercy) had a double and a home run, driving in five runs as Madonna leveled Concordia.

Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) added a double and a single, driving in two runs and scoring two, and Sarah Golob collected two singles and three RBI. Arin Fowler and Stacey Sexsmith contributed two hits apiece, Sexsmith scoring three times and Fowler twice.

Golob got the pitching win, improving her record to 10-3. She allowed four hits and three walks in four innings.

**Cornerstone 6-4, Madonna 2-3:** The Golden Eagles swept a pair from Madonna and, with it, swept past the Crusaders in the WHAC standings Monday in Grand Rapids. Cornerstone improved to 11-3 in the conference, 18-8 overall.

In the 6-2 opening victory, Cornerstone's Tracy Patterson had two hits, including a double, with an RBI while tossing a two-hitter at the Crusaders. Patterson walked five and

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struck out four while improving her record to 8-3.

Jenny Tenyer took the loss for Madonna, giving up six runs (three earned) on eight hits; she did not walk a batter and struck out three. Tenyer and Emily Cunningham each had run-scoring doubles, while Erin Bailey and Brooke Brown each had two-run doubles and Kendra Beckman had two hits for the Golden Eagles.

In the second game, Cornerstone's Moe Moran singled in Kathy Betts with the game-winning run with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning. Betts was running for Emily Knudson, who opened the ninth by reaching base on Stacey Sexsmith's error at second base.

Madonna's Sarah Golob surrendered four runs (two earned) on six hits and two walks, with six strikeouts, in 8 2/3 innings. The win went to Mary Mauro (now 5-2), who allowed three runs (one earned) on eight hits and no walks, fanning six in nine innings.

Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) and Krystle Shina (Farmington Mercy) each had two hits for the Crusaders, Shina doubling and driving in a run. Cunningham also had a single and an RBI. Barb Korpi had two hits and a drove in a run and Knudson had a double and two RBI for Cornerstone.

**Madonna 2-5, Indiana Tech 3-4:** In the opener of Sunday's WHAC double-header at Indiana Tech's Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, the Crusaders were handicapped by pitcher Crystal Ybarra, who allowed two unearned runs on just two hits and two walks, striking out three. The loss went to Jenny Tenyer, who gave up three runs on five hits, fanning two in six innings.

Kathy Day had a single and an RBI for Madonna. Heather Washington collected two hits, including a double, and three RBI for Tech, and ALana Washington finished with two hits and two runs scored.

In the second game, Sarah Golob withstood a late Warrior comeback attempt to lead

Madonna to the win. Golob gave up four runs (three earned) on nine hits and two walks, striking out eight in seven innings. The loss went to Denise Muir, who allowed five runs (two earned) on six hits and three walks.

Krystle Shina had two hits and an RBI for the Crusaders, while Mary Warchuck and Day each had a hit and a run batted in. ALana Washington and Heather Washington each got three hits for Tech, Heather driving in three runs and ALana knocking in one and scoring two.

A three-run fifth by the Warriors left Madonna trailing 3-2, but the Crusaders recaptured the lead with a two-run sixth. A single run in the seventh put them up 5-3.

Tech was 4-10 in the conference, 6-24 overall through the weekend.

**Madonna 1-4, Spring Arbor 9-1:** Six errors in the first game doomed Madonna Saturday at Spring Arbor, but the Crusaders bounced back in the second game behind Golob's strong pitching to earn a split in this WHAC double-header. Through the weekend, the Cougars were 16-16 overall, 6-10 in the WHAC.

In the opener, the Crusaders' Jenny Tenyer was tagged for eight runs (six earned) on 12 hits in four innings. The win went to Holly Davidson; she gave up one run on six hits in five innings. The game was stopped after five by the eight-run mercy rule.

Golob had two hits and drove in the only run for Madonna. Shina also had two hits. For the Cougars, Leah Woldyk got three hits and three RBI and Holly Davidson had three hits, an RBI and scored twice.

In Game Two, Golob gave up one unearned run on five hits and two walks, striking out six in seven innings. The loss went to Woldyk, who surrendered four runs (three earned) on five hits and one walk in five innings.

Golob also led Madonna's hitting attack with two. Shina and Warchuck each had a hit and an RBI.

The Crusaders broke a 1-1 tie with a three-run sixth inning.

## Crusaders blank Aquinas to earn 1st WHAC victory

Finally.

After 12-straight losses, 11 of them in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Madonna University's baseball team managed to break through in the win column Tuesday, and the Crusaders did it against the team atop the conference standings.

After getting blitzed 12-4 in the first game — Madonna had as many errors as it had hits (four) — the Crusaders rallied behind a superb performance by Sterling Mintzer to record a 3-0 victory in a double-header played at Livonia's Ford Field.

Madonna is 14-19 overall, 1-11 in the WHAC. Aquinas is 22-8 overall, 11-3 in the conference.

Mintzer got the win in the second game, stopping the Saints on just one hit and two walks in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out six. Mark Cole (Farmington/Catholic Central) and Joel Halliday (Redford Union) combined to pitch the final 1 1/3 innings, giving up just one hit and one walk. Halliday got the save.

Patrick Kleinfelt took the pitching loss for Aquinas.

Madonna scored all three of its runs in the third, two of them on a home run by Chris Woodruff (Livonia/CC). Mario D'Herin had a single and an RBI.

In the first game, the Crusaders scored four runs in the third inning and led 4-2 going into the fourth. But Aquinas scored three in that inning, got a single run in the fifth, then added five more in the sixth to open up an 11-4 lead.

Joe Greene started and took

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the loss for Madonna, giving up five runs (two earned) on four hits and three walks in four innings.

The Crusaders got just four hits in the game, with Mintzer getting a single and an RBI. Jason Hilaski had two hits and two RBI for Aquinas, and John Mocerri contributed a triple and four RBI.

**Oakland 8, Madonna 1:** That's 11 and counting.

Madonna University lost its 11th-consecutive game Sunday, a non-league affair at Oakland University. The Crusaders committed four errors and surrendered five unearned runs; the Grizzlies had three-run innings in the second and the fifth.

Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) took the loss; he pitched the first five innings, giving up seven runs (two earned) on nine hits and two walks, striking out four. He's now 3-2. The win went to Steve Kniebbe (2-0); he pitched the first six innings, allowing one run on five hits and three walks, with six strikeouts.

Chris Woodruff (Livonia/Catholic Central) drove in Madonna's only run with a solo home run, his second of the season, in the sixth. Garry Dufour was 4-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored for the Grizzlies, who improved to 13-15 overall.

**Aquinas 10-6, Madonna 0-5:** The Crusaders remained winless in the WHAC with a double-

header defeat at Aquinas College's Kimble Stadium Saturday. Through Sunday, the Saints were 21-7 overall, 10-2 (and in first place) in the WHAC.

The opener lasted six innings. Madonna managed just five singles (and two walks) off Saints' starter Paul Gillett, who remained unbeaten at 5-0. The loss went to Chris Behrns (1-2), who gave up eight runs on nine hits and three walks in 2 2/3 innings.

Aquinas scored three runs in the second and five more in the third. A two-run sixth invoked the 10-run mercy rule.

Kyle Kracht led the Saints with two doubles and five RBI.

In the second game, Madonna took a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning, with Mark Cole (Farmington/CC) taking over on the mound for Joel Halliday (Redford Union). It wasn't a good move; Cole gave up five runs (four earned) on four hits and two walks in his only inning of work, taking the loss (he's 3-4).

Halliday allowed one run on two hits and four walks, striking out three in four innings. The win went to Kyle Finch in relief of starter Dustin Gless; Finch pitched 3 2/3 innings and did not allow a run on three hits and a walk.

Sterling Mintzer had two hits, including his fourth homer, and drove in three runs to lead Madonna. Rabe and Brian Williams (Livonia/CC) had two hits apiece, Williams driving in a run. Aquinas' Matt Bocian had two hits and D.J. Neumann had a two-run single in the fifth.

### TRACK RESULTS

#### CANTON 84 NORTHVILLE 53

April 10 at Northville

Shot put: 1. Mike Cornelius (N), 43-feet, 11 1/4-inches; 2. Chris Snider (C) 43-5 1/2; 3. Bryan Frawley (C) 42-2.

Discus: 1. Frawley (C), 126-2; 3. Brad Waldmann (C), 116-7.

High jump: 1. Schnowski (N), 6-2; 2. Waldmann (C), 6-0.

Long jump: 1. Cornelius (N), 20-5; 2. Dan Driscoll (C), 18-11.

Pole vault: 1. Driscoll (C), 11-6; 2. Rich Hensel (C), 10-6.

3200-meter relay: 1. Northville, 9:06.9.

110 hurdles: 1. Steve Kilijanczyk (C), 15.6; 2. Waldmann (C), 16.2.

100: 1. Corey Walser (C), 11.2; 2. Brandon Reeves (C), 11.4.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Driscoll, Andy Rossow, Jesse Williams, Devin Thomas), 1:34.0.

1600: 1. Aaron Lanning (C), 4:34.9.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Driscoll, Reeves, Rossow, Walser), 45.2.

400: 1. Brian Soash (C), 51.1; 3. Williams (C), 53.2.

300 hurdles: 1. Kilijanczyk (C), 43.2.

800: 1. Dalton (N), 2:06.0; 2. Aaron Lanning (C), 2:09.5; 3. Al Lanning (C), 2:16.8.

200: 1. Thomas (C), 22.9; 2. Reeves (C), 23.9; 3. Walser (C), 24.7.

3200: 1. Aaron Lanning (C), 10:12.3.

1,600 relay: Northville, 3:39.7.

#### PINCKNEY PIRATE 9/10 RELAYS

April 12 at Pinckney HS

Team standings: 1. Pinckney, 90 points; 2. Canton, 84; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 63; 4. Adrian, 58; 5. Grand Ledge, 57; 6. Saline, 41; 7. Plymouth, 18; 8. Walled Lake Central, 15.

High jump relay: 1. Canton (Andy Rossow, Rodney Preston), 11-feet, 2-inches.

Long jump relay: 1. Canton (Rossow, Preston), 36-7.

Shot put relay: 2. Canton (Joe Zugaj, Eric Kilijanczyk), 68-7.

Discus relay: 3. Canton (Zugaj, Kilijanczyk), 177-6.

Pole vault relay: 3. Canton (Derek Reeves, Alex Holowicki), 9-0.

4x1,600-meters relay: 4. Canton (Al

Lanning, Dave Otting, Phaltiel Whitlock, Scott Riedsma, cross country scoring).

4x100: 2. Canton (Rossow, Jacob Langdon, Dan Reeves, Dave Calille), 47.5.

Distance medley relay: 5. Canton (Cyrus Azizi, Nick Johnson, D. Otting, Al Lanning), 12:49.0.

4x200 relay: 1. Canton (Rossow, Preston, Tony Hyiko, Calille), 1:37.7.

Shuttle hurdles: 2. Canton (Matt McClellan, Jacob Langdon, D. Reeves, Preston), 1:12.2.

4x400: 1. Canton (Johnson, Hyiko, Whitlock, Cyrus Azizi), 3:51.2.

Coed sprint medley: 5. Canton (Van Esley, D. Reeves, Nyberg, Calille), 3:06.2.

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April 12 at Northern

Pole vault: 1. Amy Oulimbar (P), 6-feet, 6-inches.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Julie Miller (P), 19.68.

1,600: 1. Tiffany Burns (P), 6:34.0.

400: 1. Janet Hanchett (P), 1:05.01.

3,200: 1. Amy Ostrowski (P), 16:07.0.



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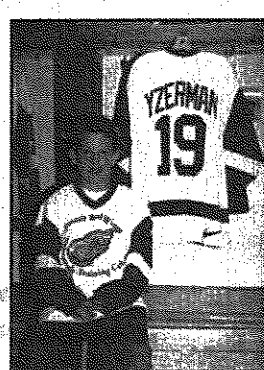
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## Whalers fall flat, lose Game 6 to Knights

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worse record during the Ontario Hockey League's regular season, a team that has bedeviled them in recent seasons.

In two previous playoff losses to the Knights, in 1999 and 2002, it seemed it was more a matter of the Whalers finding ways to lose than making the necessary plays to win. On Monday at Compuware, the chance to reverse that before it could be labeled a trend was there.

The erupting cheers could be clearly heard down the hall from the Whalers' locker room afterward. "That," explained Whaler Karl Stewart, "is just two years of frustration coming out."

It had all come down to this, a one-game showdown, the winner advancing to play Kitchener for the OHL's Western Conference title. It proved to be a game very similar to the first four games of the series, all decided by one goal.

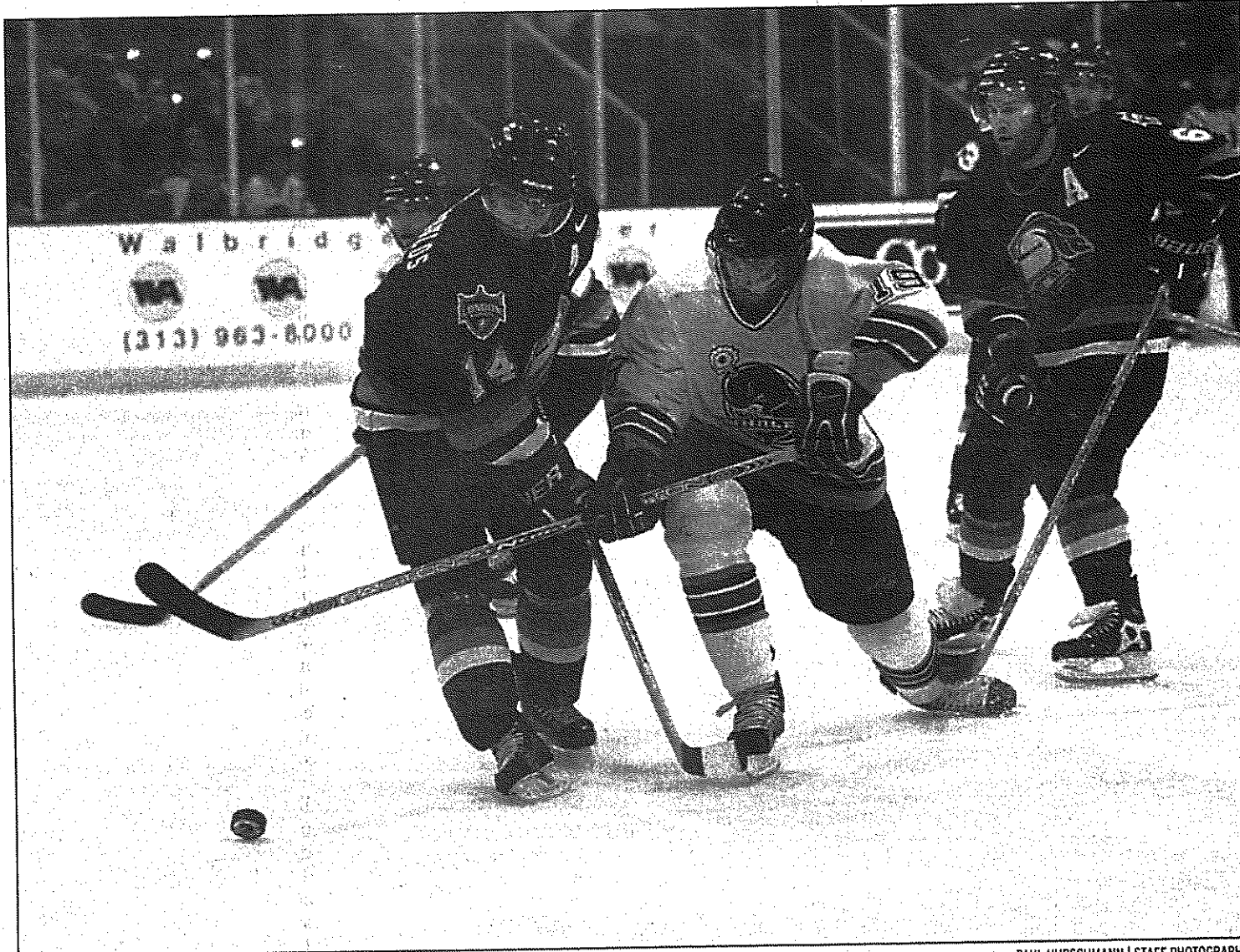
The first two periods decided nothing; the teams were knotted at 2-all. Ten minutes of the third period went by — no change. After 12, it was still the same.

With less than eight minutes remaining, the Whalers' Chris Thorburn got a good chance. He got a couple of them, but they missed.

Then with under seven minutes to go, on an innocuous-looking play from just inside the Knights' blue line, John Vigilante drifted from right to left until he was positioned right in front of the London net. He fired a long, hard, low shot through a gathering crowd in front.

And London goalie Chris Houle missed it. It went past him on his right. Vigilante's unassisted goal gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead.

More big-play opportunities became available. Whaler goalie Paul Drew drew a mysterious roughing minor penalty with 1:49 left; when the Knights pulled Houle for



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Whalers' Chris Thorburn (white jersey) battles London's Mike Stathopoulos (14) and Dennis Wideman for puck possession.

**'These guys were motivated from the get-go. One thing London taught us: You've got to work every shift. Talent won't (win) it for you.'**

Mike Vellucci  
Whaler's coach

another attacker, they had a two-man advantage.

On a face-off outside the Whaler zone, Stewart lost the draw but did not give up on the play. He lunged at the loose puck, just trying to get his stick on it.

"All I was thinking was pres-

sure, pressure," he said. His effort was rewarded; he nudged the puck, tipping it past the London defenseman and into the Knights' zone. No one could stop him. Stewart put the game away with his empty-net, unassisted goal, scored with :35 left.

"These guys were motivated from the get-go," said Whalers' Coach Mike Vellucci. "One thing London taught us: You've got to work every shift. Talent won't (win) it for you."

In the first six games of the series, the team that scored first won. In Game 7, the Knights' Kyle Quincey slid a shot toward goal that Danny Bois tipped past Drew, allowing London to draw first blood 8:57 into the first period.

The Whalers showed they

would not be outworked, however. Playing shorthanded, Sean Thompson and Chad LaRose disrupted the Knights' play at center-ice, LaRose gaining possession and carrying the puck into the London zone. His initial shot was wide of the net, but the rebound came off the boards back in front.

He shoveled it past Houle and, with 2:03 left in the first period, the game was tied at 1-all.

However, the Whalers' character would be tested again when their play broke down in the closing seconds of the period, allowing Dylan Hunter to score as the buzzer sounded for a 2-1 London lead. Corey Perry and Ryan Hare assisted.

LaRose, who missed three

games in the series on a suspension from a high-stick penalty, proved just how valuable he was when took a pass from Cole Jarrett to the left of the Knights' net and dished it to Stewart coming down the slot.

Stewart scored with 16:26 left in the second period and the game was tied at 2-all, setting the stage for a third period that would decide the series.

"Both teams worked hard," said London coach Dale Hunter. "That's all I ask, that they work hard. They did their best."

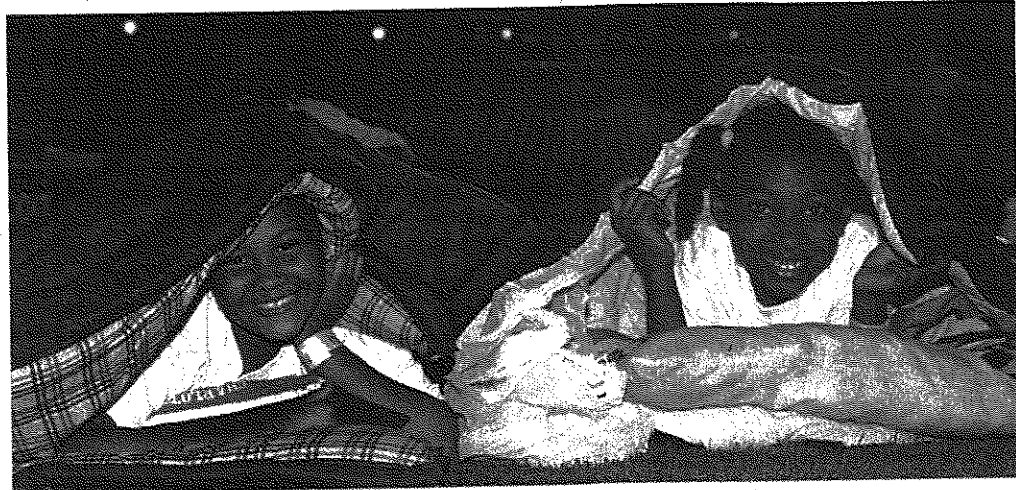
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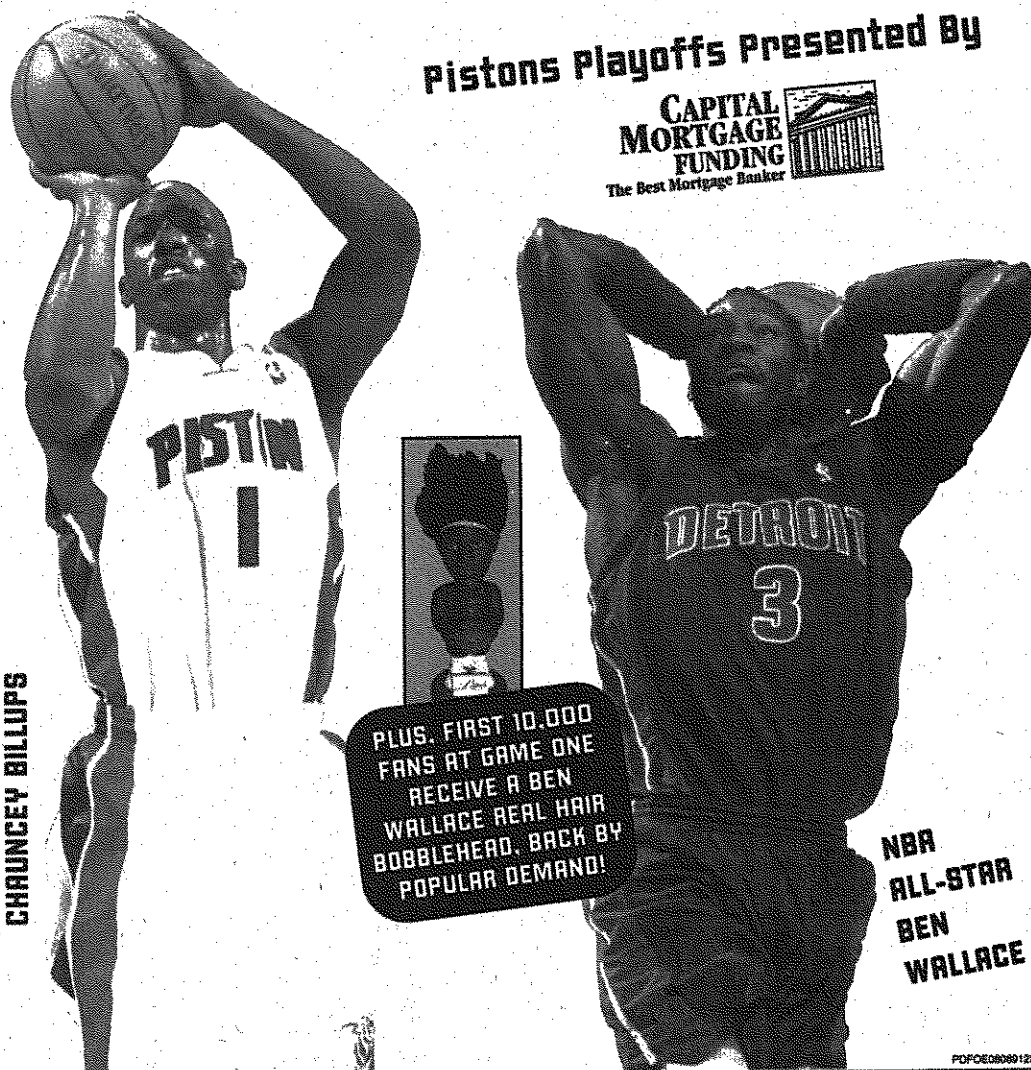
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# CC takes 3 of 5 in three-day stretch

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

If there was any baseball team that felt the effects of last week's sloppy weather, it was Catholic Central.

CC had a Saturday doubleheader scheduled with Brother Rice and a Monday single game with Taylor Light and Life as it was. But poor weather forced the Shamrocks into a Sunday doubleheader with Brother Rice, giving them five games in three days.

## BASEBALL

The Shamrocks came out of it in decent shape, dropping both games to Rice on Saturday, but winning their next three games to improve to 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

"That's a lot of games and a lot of innings on a pitching staff early in the year," said CC coach John Salter. "It's not always easy."

Actually, CC was getting thumped on Monday by Light and Life, trailing 9-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning. But the Shamrocks exploded for nine runs - helped by Ryan Gallagher's grand slam - in the bottom of the frame to earn the win.

"It was another case of us coming from behind," said Salter. "Our hitting has been good other than Saturday, but even when we were shut out twice by Rice, we still hit the ball hard."

Greg Marrone (1-0) earned the win for CC, while Jason Gingell got the save. Caleb Ramey took the loss for Light and Life - a Division 4 finalist last year.

The bats were going strong on Sunday for the Shamrocks as they swept the Cubs - 11-1 in the opener and 20-5 in the nightcap after a 13-run fourth inning. Kyle Crepeau was 5-for-6 in the doubleheader with two doubles and two RBI, Jeff Schulz was 3-for-6 with an RBI double, Gallagher had a pair of hits, a walk, was hit by a pitch and scored three times,

and Eric Vojtkofsky was 2-for-2 with a pair of runs scored.

Mike Monterey (2-0) won the opener, with seven strikeouts, three hits and no walks in five innings. Pat Green got the win in the second game in relief of Marrone.

On Sunday, the bats weren't exactly silent but the Shamrocks had no answer for Mike Kirchenheider and Matt Petry. Crepeau, Gallagher and Gingell all singled off Kirchenheider in the opener and Derek Brooks tripled, but none of them could score.

Schulz did throw well, striking out 11 hitters, but a bad hop ball in a bases-loaded situation in the third inning let Rice open the door.

In the second game, Petry threw a three-hitter as Schulz and Crepeau singled and Monterey doubled. Drew Amble took the loss for CC, giving up five hits led by a two-run triple and a double by Doug Pickens.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### DEVON-AIRE SOFTBALL

Registration for Devon-Aire softball has been extended to Wednesday, April 9. Leagues include Junior Boys (ages 7-12), Junior Girls (7-12) and Seniors Co-Ed (13-18). Ages must be as of June 1, 2001. Cost is \$35 for one child, and \$30 for each additional child in the same family. For more information, call Tony Perez at (734) 525-2884.

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■ The Dearborn Heights Knights travel baseball team will be scheduling tryouts for 10-year-old division.

For more information, call Rich Grucz at 1-800-949-9834.

■ The 14-year-old Livonia Travel Bulldogs will be staging tryouts for the 2003 baseball season. Several roster spots are open.

The Bulldogs have scheduled 35-40 games, including Little Caesars playoffs and tourneys. For more information, call Scott Rozek at (734) 591-6935 or Gary Niemczak at (734) 464-8709.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### OHL PLAYOFFS

Western Conference Final  
Friday, April 18  
Kitchener vs. Plymouth  
7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena  
Sunday, April 20  
Plymouth vs. Kitchener  
7 p.m. at Kitchener  
Tuesday, April 22  
Kitchener vs. Plymouth  
7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena  
Thursday, April 24  
Plymouth vs. Kitchener (if necessary)  
7 p.m. at Kitchener  
Saturday, April 26  
Kitchener vs. Plymouth (if necessary)  
7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena  
Monday, April 28  
Plymouth vs. Kitchener (if necessary)  
7 p.m. at Kitchener  
PREP BASEBALL  
Thursday, April 17  
Business Tech at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
A.A. Greenhills vs. Canton Agape,  
4 p.m. at Griffin Park No. 1  
John Glenn at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 19  
(all double-headers)  
Canton at Salem, noon  
Salem at Canton, 2 p.m.  
Cranbrook at John Glenn, 11 a.m.  
PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL  
Thursday, April 17  
A.A. Greenhills vs. Canton Agape,

4:30 p.m. at Griffin Park No. 2  
Redford Union at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

### PREP BOYS TRACK

Saturday, April 19  
EMU Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
Dearborn Elks Relays, TBA.  
PREP GIRLS TRACK  
Saturday, April 19  
EMU Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
PREP GIRLS SOCCER  
Thursday, April 17  
Canton at Birmingham Seaholm, 7 p.m.  
Zoe Christian at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

### PREP BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, April 17  
Franklin at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, April 19

Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 8 a.m.  
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL  
Friday, April 18  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech (Ford Field), 3 p.m.  
Saturday, April 19  
(double-header)  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech (Ford Field), 1 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)  
Thursday, April 17  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.  
Friday, April 18  
Madonna at Aquinas College, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 19  
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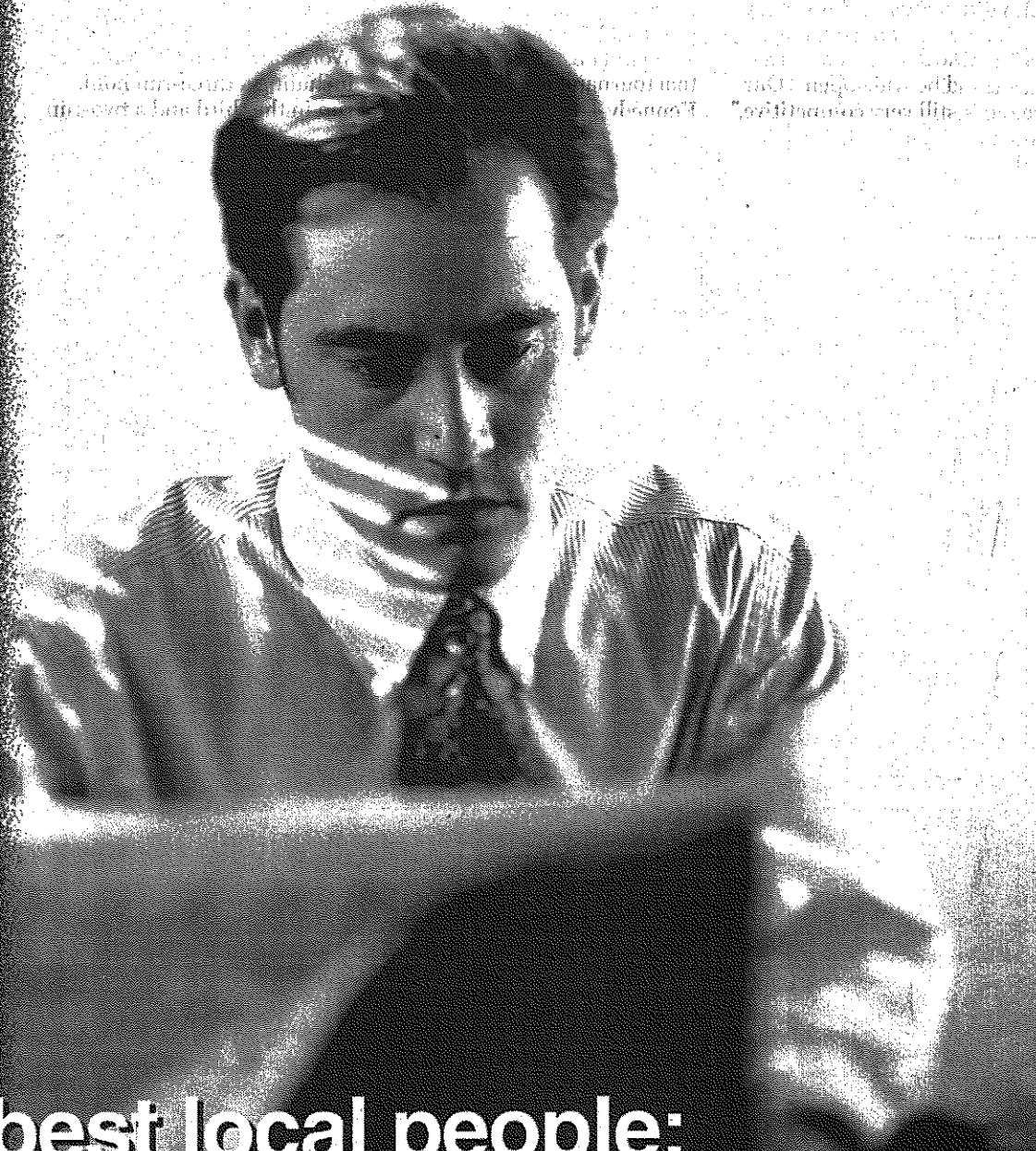
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## SOFTBALL

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It starts with the battery, seniors Ross and Brown. Ross emerged as Canton's top pitcher a year ago, and Brown, in her fourth year as a starter, was an all-division selection at catcher.

Then there's O'Brien, another senior who was all-WLAA last season.

Other top returnees are seniors Caitlin McNicholas, a shortstop and team captain (together with Brown); Gorney, a third baseman/left fielder; Kim Diedrich, a second baseman/outfielder who has been hampered by injury thus far; Sprinkle, who will start in left field; and Michelle Roelofs and Kristina Turczyn, two more of the promising arms on Arnold's exceptionally deep pitching staff.

Five juniors will also make an impact on the squad: outfielders Amber Pilot, Jackie Perino and Anne Rosales (who also plays shortstop), first baseman Kelly Baker and catcher/third baseman Heather Richardson. Rachel Wade, a freshman, has made enough of an impression to earn a starter's spot at second base, and Conlon, a sophomore, is yet another pitcher who plays first base, too.

"A lot of people think I was crazy keeping four pitchers," said Arnold. "But we've been able to use them and change up against opponents."

Ross remains his staff ace, but that doesn't mean he would hesitate to call on any of the others. "Not at all," he said, pointing to Saturday's tournament, during which Ross got two wins, Conlon and Roelofs got one apiece and Turczyn earned a save. The Chiefs shut out both Garden City and Wyandotte Roosevelt by 2-0 margins, outslugged Dearborn Crestwood 9-3, and edged Salem 4-3. They lost to Kennedy in the title game, 2-1.

But it isn't just his team's pitching that has impressed him. "I'm extremely pleased with the defense they've played," Arnold said. "And when you get five hits off of one of the best pitchers in the area (Talbot), you're doing all right."

With the three Farmington schools having left the WLAA — North and Harrison played for the title last season — the race could be wide open. "Our league is still very competitive," he said. "Their leaving won't

change anything."

Western, Walled Lake Central and Salem figure to be very tough; new coaches at two Livonia schools make their abilities more difficult to predict.

But certainly Canton plans to be in that hunt, too. "Our goal for this year is to improve on that," he said, noting last season's record.

The way the Chiefs have started, that seems reachable, to be sure.

## Salem sweeps Pioneer

Michelle Jurcak got wins in both games Monday as Salem swept past Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1-0 and 11-3, in a non-conference double-header at Pioneer.

In the first game, Jurcak came on in relief of starter Kelli Szczepanski, who pitched just one inning. Jurcak surrendered just one hit, walking one and striking out one.

The game's only run scored after Courtney Edwards reached base on a passed ball after striking out. Jess Bonello sacrificed her to second and Mandy Bradley followed with a solid base hit that scored Edwards.

Zoe Helm took the loss for the Pioneers, giving up just two hits and one walk while striking out 17.

"The girls came out strong right away and held their ground the entire game," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "My defense was outstanding. Jurcak had a great outing and really stepped up when we needed her."

"Zoe is a very good pitcher who throws a mean rise ball, one of the best I've seen so far this year."

The second game was a bit different. Jurcak got the win, but she gave up 10 hits and one walk, striking out three. Maggie Tudor led the Rocks' attack with a home run, a double and a single and four runs batted in.

Edwards added three hits and an RBI, Mandy Bradley had two hits and two RBI, Emily Maletic had two hits and an RBI and Alycia Murawski got two hits.

Salem is now 6-2 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA and 1-0 in the Lakes Division. Pioneer dropped to 4-2 with the two losses to Salem.

Last Saturday at the Taylor Tournament, the Rocks went 3-2, beating Romulus 19-1, Wayne Memorial 7-0 and Taylor Truman 11-3. They lost to eventual tournament champ Taylor Kennedy 4-0 and to tourney runner-up Canton 4-3.

**CANTON 4**  
**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 4**  
**April 14 at Central**  
No. 1 singles: Brian Keesey (C) def. Chris Price 6-3, 6-3.  
No. 2: Mike Mgrianti (WLC) def. Steve West 6-2, 6-1.  
No. 3: Zach Hoernschmeyer (C) def. Fudi Sanhari 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.  
No. 4: Duke Kapelanski (C) def. Nick Mallane 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).  
No. 1 doubles: Josh Rotengerg-J.R. Berry (WLC) def. Sam Hargis-Alex Marinica 6-4, 6-1.  
No. 2: Pat Muller-Brennan Willos (WLC) def. Sam Kaufman-Vic Mata 6-2, 6-4.  
No. 3: Dan Meltigh-Jordan Schwartz (WLC) def. Jon-Eric Cornellier-Mike Keesey 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.  
No. 4: Matt Curd-Alex Fabiszewski (C) def. Avi Friedman-Ahi Fuhuta 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.  
Dual-meet record: Canton, 1-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 2-0-1 overall.

**CANTON 6**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 2**  
**April 11 at Canton**  
No. 1 singles: Brian Keesey (C) def. Simeon Rowland 6-2, 6-2.  
No. 2: Steve West (C) def. Paul

## BASEBALL

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**Baptist Park 11, Canton Agape 8:** Errors continue to plague Canton Agape Christian. On Tuesday at Griffin Park, the Wolverines allowed six runs in the second and three more in the fourth, more than they could overcome.

The loss left them at 1-3. Mike Bommarito took the pitching loss; he gave up eight earned runs on 10 hits and four walks, striking out 10. Johnny Estrada led Agape with two hits, including a double, and three RBI. Bommarito had two hits and an RBI, Nick Seeley got two hits and Gabe Molnar had a two-run double in the fourth.

On Monday at Griffin Park, Agape got its first win of the season, edging Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 16-15 in 11 innings.

The game-winning rally started with a double by Kyle Miller leading off the 11th. David Donaldson walked and Estrada singled to lead the bases. With Bommarito at the plate, a passed ball scored Miller with the winning run.

Bommarito led the Wolverines with four hits, including a three-run home run in the third and a two-run triple in the first. He scored

Giordano 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3: Andrew Lewis (WM) def. Alex Marinica 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.  
No. 4: Rob Bolish (WM) def. Duke Kapelanski 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Sam Kaufman-Vic Mata (C) def. Jeremy Bowling-Tim Hammer 6-2, 6-3.

No. 2: Jon-Eric Cornellier-Mike Keesey (C) def. Erik Moro-Rex Fugaban 6-0, 6-3.

No. 3: Matt Curd-Alex Fabiszewski (C) def. Brett Burns-Wilder Christopherson 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Matt Shichtman-Sankalp Bhatnager (C) def. Steve Frost-Richie Popham 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

**SALEM 6**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2**  
**April 14 at Salem**

No. 1 singles: Jerry Murray (LC) def. Mike Ware, 6-1, 6-1.  
No. 2: Pat Shaw (PS) def. Glen Wozniak, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 3: Chris Treadwell (PS) def. Trevor Kogut, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 4: Samer Dohadwala (PS) def. Mike Ligeski, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Pat Tokarski-Rob Wallen (PS) def. Evan Be-Mike Lane, 7-6,

four runs and knocked in six.

Miller had three hits, including a double, and two RBI; Donaldson got two hits, scored two runs and drove in two more; Estrada had two hits and scored three times; and Ryan Barber had a two-run homer in the fourth.

Bommarito got the win in relief of Donaldson, who pitched the first 10 innings and gave up 10 earned runs on 15 hits, five walks and three hit batsmen. He struck out 20. Bommarito pitched one scoreless inning.

**Arthur Hill 3, Salem 2:** Dylan Tobin turned in a solid pitching performance Saturday, but it wasn't enough as Salem lost

6-1.

No. 2: Jason Masters-Jason Lewis (PS) def. Casey Greene-Phil Sulegarni, 6-2, 7-6.

No. 3: Nan Li-Mike Han (LC) def. Scott Lytle-Craig Lytle, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

No. 4: Sean Wilkins-Ross Heidenreich (PS) def. Pete Schrader-Morgan Truscott, 6-1, 6-3.

SALEM 7

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 11 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Ryan Kingsbury (LF) defeated Mike Ware, Jr., 6-3, 6-1.

No. 2: Pat Shaw (S) def. Vim Shukla, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 3: Chris Treadwell (S) def. Corey Clearman, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

No. 4: Sameer Dohadwala (S) def. Dave Kosmalksi, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Pat Tokarski-Rob Wallen (S) def. Dave Stempien-Matt Vicini, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 2: Jason Masters-Jason Lewis (S) def. Steve Vert-Mo Morris, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 3: Scott Lytle-Craig Lytle (S) def. Corey Stram-Ryan Monarch, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 4: Sean Williams-Ross Heidenreich (S) def. Joel Domke-Alex Witte, 6-0, 6-2.

to Saginaw Arthur Hill in the first of two games played at Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central.

Salem fell to 1-2 for the season.

Tobin pitched five strong innings, giving up all three runs (only one earned), but he took the loss. Arthur Hill had just four hits, but Salem had only three.

In the second game against Nouvel, the Rocks surrendered 12 runs in the first four innings and suffered a 12-2 loss in a five-inning mercy. Salem had five hits and committed five errors in the game.

Dave Pawlukiewicz started and took the loss for the Rocks.

## SOCCER

FROM PAGE D1

The win boosted the Rocks' record to 4-0-1 overall. Heather Jones was in goal for the shutout; she made 12 saves. "She was phenomenal," said Nora. "She made big save after big save."

**Salem 1, Livonia Franklin 0:** On Monday, WLAA foe Livonia Franklin was the victim of another late game-winning goal by Salem.

Marissa Sarkesian got the goal, finishing a pass from Jordan Falcusan with six minutes left in a conference match played at Franklin.

Kristen O'Beirne was in goal for the shutout. The victory gave Salem a 1-0 record in the WLAA. The Patriots are 0-4 overall, 0-2 in the conference.

On Saturday at Rochester, the finish was even more dramatic. Falcusan got the game-winning goal this time, converting a pass from Megan McCarthy with just :32 remaining.

"It was a pretty good game, back and forth," said Rocks' coach Joe Nora. "It was pretty exciting to get the win there at the end."

Heather Jones was in goal for the shutout. She stopped seven shots.

**PCA 2, Bethesda Christian 2:** A strong wind made a major difference Tuesday at Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian.

All four goals were scored into the same goal.

Plymouth Christian Academy trailed 2-0 at halftime. Katie MacDougall trimmed the deficit to a goal for the Eagles, and Katie Polera knotted it at 2-all.

Rachel Rudzisz was in goal for PCA. She had 12 saves.

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Practices and games will be at Heritage Park. For more information, check the web site at www.eteamz.com/cantonlax, or contact Ann-Marie Caravellah 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.

Children must be born between July 1993 and July 1995. A birth certificate is required. The season runs from June 21-Aug 9 (no games July 5).

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or check the web at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

## Where U.S. military goes, bowling follows

On a daily basis, we are watching as history is being made in the battle of Iraq.

As a noteworthy item, bowling



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Marine bases. Selfridge is a good example of how our military forces were able to go bowling in their off-duty hours.

Those bowling lanes still exist, and there are several active leagues still using the facility. As we went through battles in Europe, our British allies were able to provide areas to build more bases and of course, more bowling facilities sprung up before and after the war.

As our operations became more global, GIs, sailors, Marines and airmen got their first of the sport of bowling while serving in the military in such action as Korea, Vietnam and now a second time in the Middle East.

If our troops have a lengthy stay in Iraq, there could be bowling lanes built there as well. Bowling is flourishing in such places as Japan, Australia, Germany and elsewhere that we have had a lengthy presence.

One of the few places without any bowling are Russia and the nations of the former Soviet Union, as we had no bases in that area.

Some domestic bases became obsolete and were sold off to the private sector for civilian use. One that I had occasion to visit recently was the Presidio in San Francisco. It was originally built in the mid-1800s, prior to the Civil War and has a long and fabled history.

The old barracks are now upscale condos, and Presidio Bowling Center is flourishing in the shadow of the Golden Gate bridge as a privately owned business, purchased recently from Uncle Sam.

Keep up with your favorite sport. The slick cover magazine, *Bowling Digest*, is loaded with the latest information on equipment, bowling tips from John Jowdy, interviews with top performers on the pro tour, monthly tips from Kim Adler, humor from Chuck Pezzano, "Bowling Clinic" by Bill Spigner, letters from readers, ads for bowling balls and other items of interest and personality profiles from various bowlers.

The magazine is not to be confused with out local tabloid,

*Bowler's Digest*. It is published monthly but not widely distributed on newsstands.

The address is *Bowling Digest*, 990 Grove St., Evanston, IL 60201-4370 or phone (847) 491-6440, www.centurysports.net or e-mail: cs@centurysports.net.

It's worthwhile reading for bowlers and enthusiasts.

Keep in mind the Women's U.S. Open coming soon to Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. It begins with the pro-am squads starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 24, and ends with the live TV finals on Sunday, June 1. Qualifying rounds begin on May 26 followed by match-play leading up to the finals.

For those who enjoy bowling in the pro-ams, the entry fee is only \$60 and they get to bowl as doubles partners with some of the great lady bowlers on the pro tour. For more information or entry forms, call Gary Zarick at (586) 264-2700.

In the local lanes, Paul "Gump" Gadowski fired his first-ever 300 game in his first season in the Wonderland Classic at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia. His wife, Diane, works just down the road at Woodland Lanes.

Earlier, Barry Schlusell had a 298 in the same league.

At Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, Don Parks of the Sunday Morning Hangovers league rolled a perfect game on his way to an 804 series.

Meanwhile, Pat Agius of the Waterford Men rolled his first 800 series with exactly 800 right on the button.

Plaza manager Roy Biggs announced that on May 14, the Wednesday Sweepers will offer a top prize of \$1,000 guaranteed. This is scratch bowling on sport condition lanes, so whoever wins the big one will really have earned it.

Garden Lanes in Garden City had some hot shooters highlighted by Dave Hazelrigg ringing up a perfect game in the Suburban Merchants League.

Dan Ramos of the Vinco Wednesday League rolled his second 300 in the space of three weeks with a 777 series. Todd Wilson of the Dearborn Heights Men's League pitched a perfect game as well.

Woodland Lanes in Livonia had some impressive scores as Brent Pond dealt out a 298 in the Livonia Elks, while Vic Lewandowski delivered his first-ever 300 game in the Thursday Night Men's league.

Also, Daryl Wludyka shot his 300 in the Thursday Night Men's and Coy Cordone delivered his 290 in the Catholic Central League.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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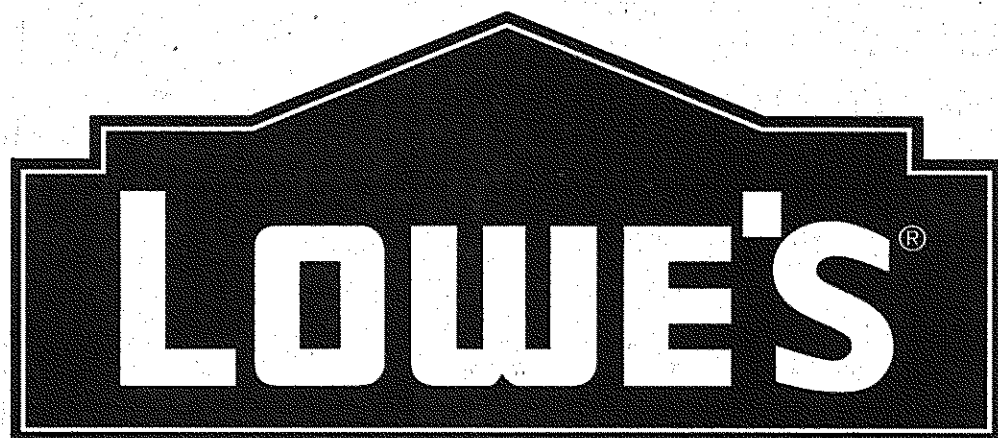
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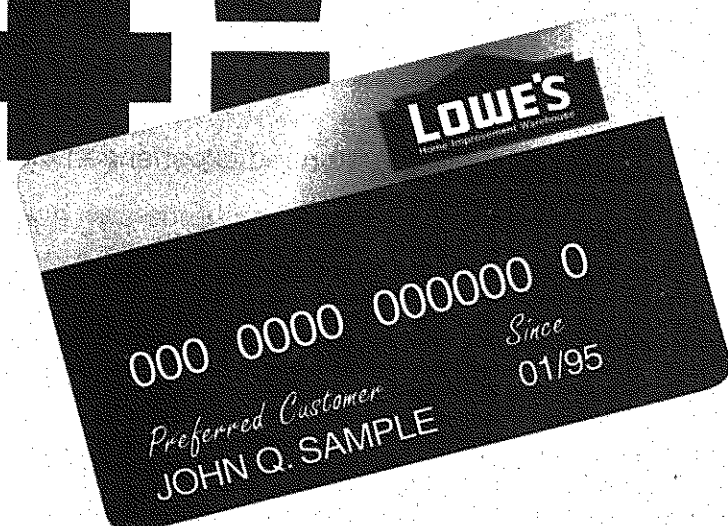
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# Hughes leaves after 26 seasons

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

There will be a changing of the guard for Livonia Churchill girls volleyball next season.

Mike Hughes, one of the area's most successful prep coaches, turned in his resignation to athletic director Marc Hage last week, signaling the end of an era.

Hughes, who also plans to retire from teaching from the Livonia Public Schools in June, leaves with an overall record of 765-254-81.

His 1991 team finished 47-1-1 and captured the state Class A title. He also led the Chargers to the 1979 state final and a state quarterfinal berth in 1979.

Under Hughes, Churchill won 12 conference titles, including the 2003 Western Lakes Activities Association championship, along with 11 divisional crowns.

In his final season, Hughes led Churchill to the Class A regional final and a 49-8-3 record.

"It's going to be hard to duplicate what Mike did," Hage said. "He'll sorely be missed. I'll miss him like crazy."

"He had a real good run and he's going out totally on his terms. With all his experience, nobody had a higher energy level. He was a go-go guy all the time and a top-notch coach."

Hage said the job will be posted Monday with JV coach Mark Grenier possibly as the leading candidate.

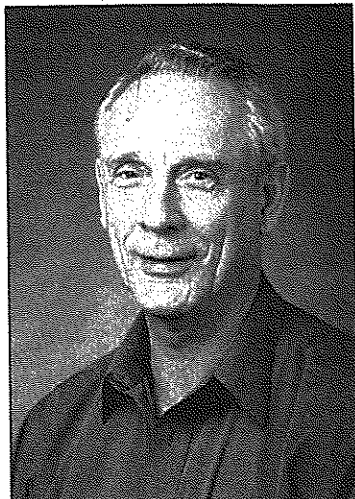
The Chargers return several key players next year.

"It's a very attractive position," Hage said. "I'm sure we'll get interest from all over."

Hughes, a department chair in history and social studies at Churchill, felt the time was right to retire.

"I still enjoy it and still enjoy the kids," he said. "But it's a decision I thought about a long time and it heavily weighed on my mind."

"This coincides with my retirement from teaching. I have a firm belief, if possible and whenever possible, that



Mike Hughes

the coach needs to be in the building. When you're in the building it's so much easier."

Hughes, who ranks among the state's top ten winningest volleyball coaches, believes the program will remain in good hands.

"It's a good program with solid kids and solid coaches, I'm not baling out," he said. "I still feel Churchill can be competitive and have solid success."

After winning the 2002 WLAA tournament, Churchill was forced to forfeit five of its six playoff wins and its championship trophy after Hughes self-reported himself when he discovered a rules violation.

He had used two JV players called up for the varsity tournament in their 19th regular season date, one over the maximum allowable MHSAA limit.

But Hughes never flinched about doing the honorable thing, blaming only himself, for the mistake. He said he couldn't have lived with himself had he let it go.

"I was not cognizant of the situation," he told the *Observer* in February of 2002. "I just didn't think. It was not a question of being ignorant. I should have known. It was my mistake. It hit me like a ton of bricks when I realized it. There's no excuse."

Hughes also believes players win games, not coaches.

"You set excellence as a goal and the kids will buy into that," he said. "It's not the same as winning, but you try and play

**'He had a real good run and he's going out totally on his terms. With all his experience, nobody had a higher energy level. He was a go-go guy all the time and a top-notch coach.'**

Marc Hage  
athletic director

as well as you can. And it's enjoyable to play when it happens.

"You talk about improving and you try to get better in terms of practice. You find one aspect of the game to get better at. There's always something to shoot at. But it's never perfection because we're people."

Hughes' philosophy of coaching volleyball went beyond wins and losses.

"The games are student-player oriented," he said. "Practice is coach-oriented. You win because of the leadership of the kids."

In '91, Hughes enjoyed a special season.

Although unranked the entire year, Churchill relied on precision passing and stellar defense resulting in the school's second state championship, a 15-13, 15-7 victory over Temperance Bedford in the finals.

"We knew we were a lot better than people thought, but once we won the Schoolcraft tournament, against some of the finest teams in the state, we felt we had a chance," Hughes said.

"But our only goal that year was to play our best during the year and play better than the game before."

It was a philosophy that certainly worked well for Hughes, who had only one losing season in 26 years.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### MU VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will host a series of summer volleyball camps.

Cost is \$120 (\$90 for youth camp).

Morning sessions will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon — June 29-July 2 (Elite); July 7-10 (Setters); July 13-16 (Hitters).

Afternoon sessions will be from 1-4 — June 29-July 2 (General Players); July 7-10 (Youth); July 13-16 (Defensive

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For more information and registration, call MU head volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham evenings at (734) 254-0698 or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

### SPRING BREAK CAMP

Total Baseball will stage a spring break baseball and softball camp (ages 7-17), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, April 21-23, at

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For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or visit [www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball](http://www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball). You can also email [totalballwixom@aol.com](mailto:totalballwixom@aol.com).

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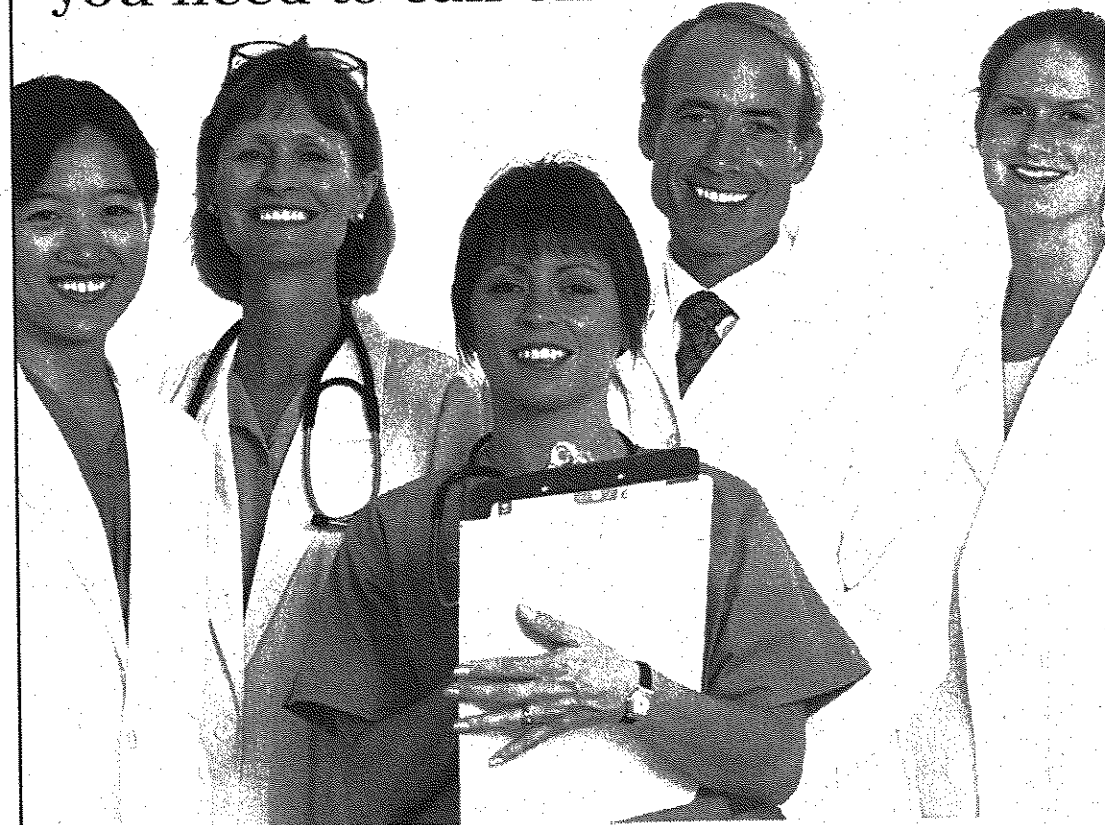
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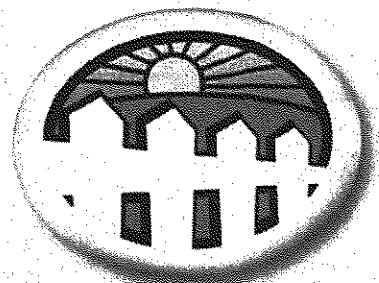
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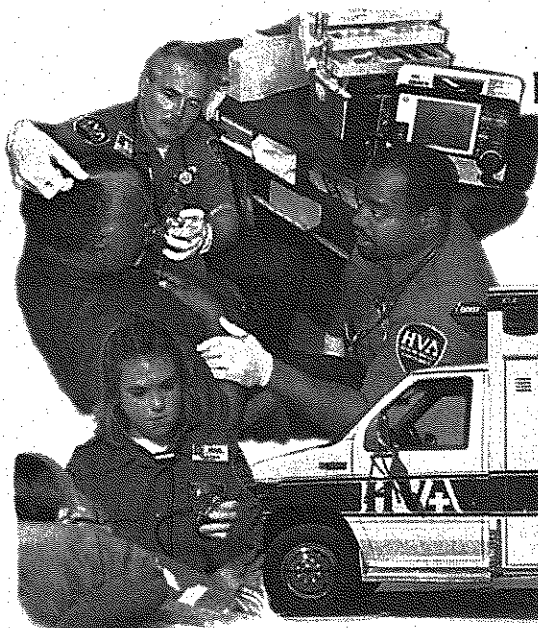
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