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NIE Winners

Students' winning entries in the Newspapers in Education contest can be viewed on pages C4 and 8.

Good Samaritan

Many wives say their husbands are good people. Paula McKenna can prove it. "He's rescued baby birds that have fallen out of nests. He has picked up turtles out of the middle of the road. He's helped baby ducks - three that fell into a drain hole," said Tim McKenna's wife. That heart of gold went to the rescue again recently in the Forestbrook neighborhood. As he delivered the mail, he noticed a pine tree on fire. As he got closer, he saw a bunny hutch, also on fire, under the tree. Immediately, McKenna roused the homeowners - a mother and baby home at the time - and urged her to turn on the outside water line so he could douse the fire with the garden hose. The water still didn't come out of the hose. Meanwhile, the Canton Fire Department had been called. There was nothing McKenna could do. "This time it just really got to him," Paula said. "All they could do was watch the rabbits burn." Lt. Tom Battistone confirmed the fire, which damaged the side of the house. "The mother and child were safe." The bunnies were not. It appears that heat lamps set fire to straw in the bunny hutches, he said. "The rabbit hutches were sitting right under the tree," Battistone said. "Pine trees are quick to go up."

Cookie support

You're invited to help Brownie Troop No. 267 support troops of the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry, Company A, serving in Egypt. Buy a box of cookies for your family and one to send to the troops in Egypt. Visit the girls at Classic Gold Jewelry, 42017 Ford Road, just east of Lilley, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6.

Angry parishioners defend priest



Kelly Jr.

About 1,000 parishioners, most of them angry, almost all wearing green ribbons, showed up for a Tuesday night liturgy at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

They were seeking answers, or just information, as to why their priest, the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr.,

has been placed on administrative leave following an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor 33 years ago.

Auxiliary Bishop Walter A. Hurley fielded questions and comments from parishioners following the Mass. But many were not satisfied

with the meeting.

"We didn't learn anymore than what we already knew," said Nancy Spencer, a member of the Parish Council.

But Mike Gerou, 35th District Court judge, a lawyer, a lifelong Catholic and a friend of Kelly for years, was even more outspoken.

Gerou was the first to address the meeting and questioned the legality of the proceedings against Kelly.

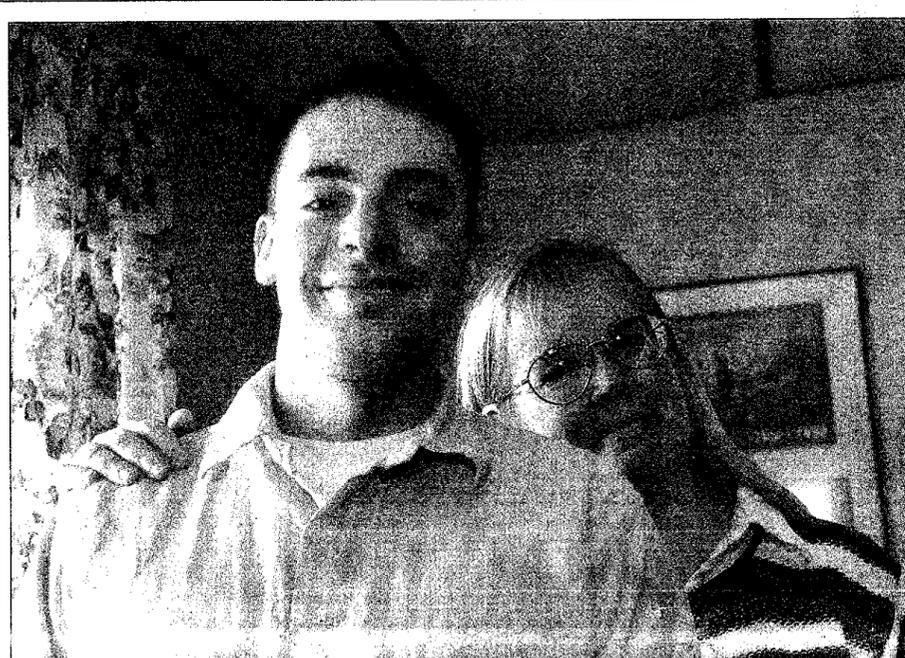
"To publicly remove someone without any finding of guilt or fault or assessment that he is a risk to anyone is unjust," Gerou said.

And Spencer echoed that sentiment.

"Supposedly in America you're innocent until proven guilty," she said.

Kelly was relieved of his duties Feb. 26 and the congregation was officially

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Rob Gutersohn is happy to be back from combat duty in Iraq, but maybe not as much as his mom, Janet.

Paratrooper back from Iraq has no regrets

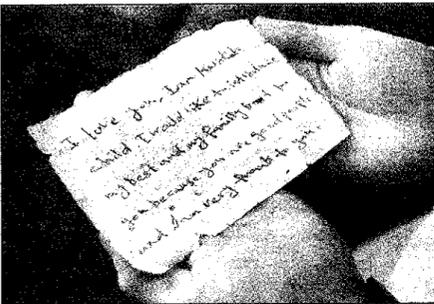
Robert Gutersohn of Canton was a senior at Agape Christian Academy when the World Trade Center was attacked Sept. 11, 2001.

"I was going to go to college and go through ROTC," he said. "But after Sept. 11, I just couldn't stand by and see

my country get attacked and not do anything about it."

Gutersohn decided to join the Army, but he was only 17 at the time and needed his parents' permission to enlist. His parents, Rick and Janet,

PLEASE SEE IRAQ, A3



A Kurdish girl handed Rob Gutersohn a note saying that she loved American soldiers and is very thankful.

Is the Big Boy a sign or a 1936 American icon?

Poor little Big Boy. He's in trouble again.

The owners of the restaurant on Ford Road east of Canton Center, Tony and Rona Matar, have been ticketed by Canton Township, which says the Big Boy statue violates the township's sign ordinance.

It's the second time the restaurant has been ticketed over the statue.

"We just want to take a deep breath," Rana Matar said this week. "It's a big joke. It's absurd. It's the craziest thing I ever heard."

But Canton Supervisor Tom Yack says it's simply a matter of enforcing the ordinance.

"This is really something pretty insignificant that's happening within the community," he said.

Insignificant or not, Yack said he's received lots of telephone calls and e-mails regarding the issue.

And Matar said it's more like "an uprising."

"My customers are furious," she said. "They are hurt and mad. I've had people calling from Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, even Canada, saying you have to fight this."

And that's exactly what the Matars plan to do. They have a hearing scheduled April 13 in 35th District Court.

"I don't want to go to court," she said. "I'm a Canton resident and my tax dollars will go to pay for this, which is absurd. The Big Boy statue is an American icon since 1936. We don't consider it a sign."

But the township does and therein, according to Yack, lies the problem. In addition to the statue near the front door, the restaurant has a small ground sign near the street. And that's too much signage, according to the ordinance.

The statue made news last spring when it was stolen. It was later recovered, with a few injuries, after a 17-year-old youth admitted that he and three friends had taken it as a prank.

Collect books for your school and win a party

The *Observer Newspapers*, in cooperation with the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP), Edy's Ice Cream and Boscos, is sponsoring a book collection contest for elementary and middle schools in our circulation area. All public, parochial and private schools are invited to participate in "Pass It Along - Share the Gift of Reading."

The winning school will receive a pizza and ice cream party, courtesy of Boscos and Edy's Ice Cream.

"Pass It Along - Share the Gift of Reading" challenges elementary and middle schools in

the *Observer* circulation area to collect gently-used and/or new books for disadvantaged youngsters in Detroit.

Donations will go to Bridgepointe, a nonprofit organization which aids Neinas Elementary School in Detroit. Neinas has approximately 530 students in grades K-5 and 80 percent are living below the poverty level. There are few books in the school library and Neinas students have failed standardized tests in reading the last four years, according to a Bridgepointe.

"Bridgepointe believes in bridging communities together

to help make a difference in our own backyards," said Sue Simcox, the organization's director.

"Bridgepointe is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty. There is no quick fix or easy answers. What we do know is that we are making a difference in the lives of these very special children. With your help, we can do more to create an environment of learning."

Participating schools must sign up in advance by phone, fax or email to: Street Marketing, (248) 347-4350, fax (248) 347-4985 or jodi@streetmktg.com

Include the name of your school and school district, address of school, phone number, principal's name and book drive contact name and daytime phone number. Also include how many students attend your school.

Schools can start collecting books Monday, March 8. The drive will end Monday, April 26. The winning school will be announced in the Sunday, May 9, edition of your hometown *Observer*.

The winning school can schedule the pizza and ice cream party sometime before school ends in June.

When the contest ends, representatives from MESP and Edy's will collect and count the books from each participating school.

All participating schools will be honored in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"Access to books is such an important part of childhood. The ability to use your imagination, travel to far away places and meet all kinds of people helps lay the ground work for a child's future," said Bruce Scheinhaus from the Michigan Education Savings Program, a partner in the book drive program.

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Board of Review to hear assessment appeals

The Canton Board of Review to allow property owners appeal their 2004 property assessments - will meet for three days in the coming week. The first session will begin 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 6.

This session is for walk-ins. The second will run 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday, March 8, for which you will need an appointment. The third session, which you will also need an appointment, is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. and 6-9

p.m. Tuesday, March 9. All sessions are in the assessor's office on the first floor of Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. To make an appointment or for information, call the assessor's office at (734) 394-5111.

If you are appealing your assessment or filing hardship, you must fill out a form, which may be obtained at the assessor's office, or you may go early to your appointment and fill it out before meeting with the board of review.

Ooops! Check return address on water bills

About 1,500 Canton residents may have received water bills last week with the incorrect return payment envelope enclosed.

John Spencer, budget and water billing manager for Canton, said the township contracted with an outside company to print and mail the water bills. "It has come to our attention

that an error was made at the bill processing center when the Feb. 1, 2004, water and sewer bills were mailed last Thursday."

He said based on phone calls that have been received, he estimates that about 1,500 of the 9,000 bills contained the wrong payment envelope.

Most of the affected bills are in the 48188 ZIP code area south of Cherry Hill.

He said the Canton envelopes are window envelopes into which the bill payment coupon is inserted. The incorrect ones are not window envelopes and are addressed to Waterford Township Water and Sewer.

Anyone receiving one of those envelopes should discard it and send their payment to Canton Township Water & Sewer, P.O. Box 33087, Detroit,

MI 48232-5087. "If you have already mailed your payment and are not quite sure what was on the envelope, we have made arrangements with the Waterford Township Water and Sewer Department to forward your payment check to our process center," Spencer said. "We apologize for the inconvenience."

Care packages



Brownie Troop 267, under the direction of co-leaders Charisse Dore' Nilles and Terri Johns, are preparing its second care package to be sent to troops from the 1st Battalion 125th Infantry Regiment

Company A. These troops are National Guards from the Metro Detroit area that have been called to active duty and deployed to Egypt. Community Service projects play an important role in being a Girl Scout. The first care package was sent to the troops when they were training in Indiana. They received the package only days before their deployment to Egypt. Included were handmade 20 handmade cards and six boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

Annual home expo opens Saturday

Canton's third annual Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes is coming this weekend 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Summit on the Park.

This year's expo has doubled in size with more than 100 local home improvement businesses hosting display booths staffed by experts in the field, including interior design, landscaping, flooring, lighting, painting and decks. Murray Gula, host of Home Improvement on WJR 760 AM, will be on hand. The following workshops are scheduled:

Handy Pro Handyman Service
 ■ Noon - Natural light fixtures to brighten your home by Mechanical Energy Systems
 ■ 1 p.m. - Swing into spring by Interiors by Decorating Den
 ■ 2 p.m. - Trouble shooting for roof repairs by Bear Residential Restoration
 ■ 3 p.m. - How to install a laminate floor, faux finish your walls and install ceramic floors by Home Depot

The Parade of Home will run concurrently with the Expo and will include model homes in the following subdivisions:

■ Abbey Woods, Charing Cross, Chatterton Square, Chatterton Village, Chelsea Square, Cherry Grove, Cherry Hill Village, Deer Creek, Grand Oaks, Hampton Ridge North.

■ Links of Fellows Creek, Meadowood Townhomes, Pheasant Ridge, Ravines, Summit Creek Apartments, Tottenham, The Traditions Condominiums, Turnbury Park Apartments, Vintage Valley, Vistas II of Central Park, Vistas III of Central Park, Westchester, Wyndchase Townhomes.

Maps will be available at the Expo to help locate the subdivisions. Signs also will be posted on the roads.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6:

- 10 a.m. - How to install ceramic floors by Home Depot
- 11 a.m. - How to faux finish your walls by Home Depot
- Noon - Ask the inspector by Canton Building & Inspection Services
- 1 p.m. - How to install a laminate floor by Home Depot
- 2 p.m. - New products for decks by Mans Lumber and Millwork
- 3 p.m. - Landscaping ideas by Done Rite Landscaping
- 4 p.m. - Kitchen and bath design by KSI Canton

SUNDAY, MARCH 7:

- 11 a.m. - Drywall repair by

@ THE LIBRARY

DID YOU KNOW?

■ The next "Lunch and a Book" discussion at the library will be Crow Lake by Mary Lawson? Bring your lunch and join us for lively conversation at noon on March 11.

■ The library is hosting a chess tournament for teens at noon March 13? Players of all levels are invited to test their skills against Canton's best. Registration begins March 6 in person or by phone at (734) 397-0999.

■ The library's new Internet Class, "Getting from Here to There: Travel Information and the Internet," can help you learn how to plan a trip using popular travel Web sites? Sign up now for the class 9:30-11 a.m. March 13.

WEB WATCH

Check out these new Web sites:

- www.crochetpatterncentral.com
- www.gadgetopia.com
- www.wiredsafety.org
- www.sky-writing.com

NEW ADULT BOOKS

- "Children of God Go Bowling" - Shannon Olson (fiction)
- "Would I Lie to You" - Trisha R. Thomas (fiction)
- "Love in the Driest Season" - Neely Tucker (non-fiction)
- "Call of the Mall" - Paco Underhill (nonfiction)

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- "Pants" - Giles Andreae (picture book)
- "The Warhorse" - Dan Bolognese (fiction)
- "Good Night Sam" - Marie-Louise Gay (picture book)

■ "Stop the Train!" - Geraldine McCaughrean (fiction)

NEW AUDIO BOOKS

- "The Lady and the Unicorn" - Tracy Chevalier (fiction, cassette)
- "Paranoia" - Joseph Finder (fiction, cassette)
- "Anatomy of Hope" - Jerome Groopman (nonfiction, cassette)
- "Absolute Friends" - John Le Carre (fiction, cassette)

NEW CD-ROMS

- "Catz 5" (Ages 4+)

NEW CDS

- "See If I Care" - Gary Allen
- "Australia" - Howie Day
- "Ghosts of the Great Highway" - Sun Kil Moon
- "Once In a Lifetime: The Best of Talking Heads"

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Are your gardens in need of a pick-me-up?

Just in time for spring, the Canton Garden Club and the library are teaming up to offer "Ideas for Entrance Gardens," a special program to help you make your entry gardens truly grand. At 7 p.m. March 16, garden designer Janet Macunovich will show you beautiful entryways, side passages and courtyards and explain how the techniques can easily translate to your front door.

Registration begins March 9 by calling (734) 397-0999.

@The Canton Public Library is compiled by Rebecca Baumgold, marketing and communications manager. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl.org.

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notified of the action at Sunday Masses.

A statement released by the Archdiocese of Detroit read in part: "The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed substantive an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor

involving Kelly dating back to the early years of his ministry in the Detroit archdiocese.

"Information about the allegation was received by civil authorities, who shared the information with the archdiocese late last year. The civil authorities chose, because of the passage of time, not to investigate the allegation further."

Kelly was relieved of his pastoral duties under what has

become known as the "zero tolerance policy" toward priests accused of sexual misconduct.

Hurley told the parishioners that a "credible accusation" is defined as "an accusation that a reasonable person might believe."

Gerou took issue with that concept.

"In a criminal case you have to prove guilt beyond all reasonable doubt," he said. "In a civil case it's by a preponderance of the evidence. There's a reason we have a statute of limitations. There's no proof to my mind that a crime was committed. Now he has to prove that something didn't

happen 33 years ago."

Gerou said Catholics have a duty and responsibility to stand up for what's right and to rectify wrongs.

"What's being done to Father Kelly is absolutely wrong," he said.

Hurley addressed one question about a rumor circulating that Kelly's unidentified accuser had been undergoing repressed memory therapy.

While saying he could not discuss details of the case while it was under investigation, Hurley said that recovered memory is not considered by the church to be credible.

Physical Therapy UPDATE

Hands On Center

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Many find that walking the ankle, wrist, and hand briskly for thirty minutes daily is a pleasant way to fill their quota for aerobic exercise. To boost the aerobic benefit of this exercise, walkers might try adding weight in the form of weighted belts or vests. These add-ons distribute weight evenly over the upper body. Strapping on ankle/wrist weights or carrying hand weights while walking, however, are not recommended. These types of weights can increase the risk of injury to the joints because they concentrate weight on only one part of the body. They may also compromise the overall mechanics of the walk, potentially slowing the walker down. Better to save

P.S. To maximize the effect of walking on the leg and gluteal muscles, try "lunge walking."



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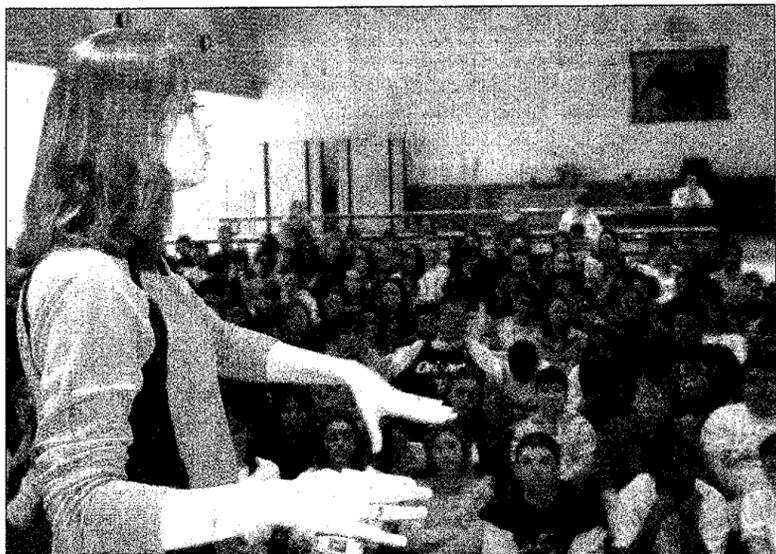
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Children's author Laurie Halsey Anderson talks about her books with eighth-graders at Canton's Discovery Middle School Monday.

A good book, a good author can inspire teens to read

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

How do you get teenagers to read?

Give them a good book and an equally interesting author and good things happen. Enter children's author, Laurie Halsey Anderson and her story of yellow fever in 1700-Philadelphia.

"They were absolutely captivated," said Kevin Scanlon, teen librarian. "It was a great sight to see."

Scanlon arranged for the author of *Fever 1793* to talk at all of the Plymouth-Canton middle schools. The story is about a teenager who contracted yellow fever. "It is a more realistic fiction. It takes on the themes of everyday life and it dealt with a real event," Scanlon said.

He first contacted teachers in the middle schools and had them read the book. They were as equally taken with the work as he was. With a grant from the Canton Community Foundation, Scanlon was able to bring in the author.

"This is just something I had wanted to do since I arrived. It is a program to

'This is just something I had wanted to do since I arrived. It is a program to enrich the lives of teenagers.'

Kevin Scanlon
teen librarian

enrich the lives of teenagers."

Clearly Anderson appealed to students, Scanlon said, because she showed how as a teen she was not that different than who they are. She talked to them about being a writer and of being a C student in school. She attended a community college and then something just clicked. "She discovered reading and a desire to learn," Scanlon said.

That desire took her to Georgetown University and a career as an author. But she is also the mother of teenagers. "She talked about how when she was a teenager she hated reading because she had a learning disability as does one of her kids,"

Scanlon said.

"She tried to send a message that she may be an author today but she wasn't a straight A student in school," Scanlon said.

Anderson also talked to students about what inspired her to write *Fever 1793*. Her book talks about the Free Africa Society and how in the late 1700s, it was believed that African Americans could not contract yellow fever.

They then became the designated who went into homes and care for patients, or remove the bodies of those who died from the illness.

"She really does connect well with teens," Scanlon said. "Meeting an author can be a life changing event."

Scanlon hopes that this can be an annual event. He urges teens not only to read, but to critique what they read. Just because a book is published doesn't mean you have to think it's good. But know why you don't think it's good.

"I want to inspire them to read more," he added.

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said no.

Robert waited until he was 18 and signed up anyway.

"When he told us, my first reaction was, 'Where did that come from?'" Janet said. "My dad was in the military. I'm an Army brat myself. I thought why now? But we backed him 100 percent."

That was a year-and-a-half ago. He entered basic training Aug. 8, 2002, and was sent to Fort Benning, Ga. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and went through airborne school (read that "paratrooper training").

"The first jump wasn't the hardest," he said. "It was the easiest. The second was the hardest because you knew what to expect. I didn't realize how hard the landing would be."

He said one of the scare tactics the instructors used when the recruits weren't performing up to par was to tell them they were going to be sent to Iraq.

"We thought it was just a tactic," he said. "I guess I should have believed them."

On March 12 of last year, Guttersohn's unit was deployed to another country in the Middle East.

"From there we were scheduled to jump into Baghdad International Airport to liberate it," he said. "But there was a change in plans."

They were sent to liberate Assamawah, a city in southern Iraq.

"We landed in Iraq on March 22 and were convoyed to the city," he said. "We ended up in a four-hour fire fight. Our company had no casualties, but we were told it was the most intense battle the 82nd had seen since World War II. We had no artillery and no air support."

They had to pull out of that



Rob Guttersohn picked up a few souvenirs overseas, including a partially burned Iraqi flag.

battle, but they went back in April 4 and, after more fierce fighting, they managed to take the city.

He's home on leave now, but Guttersohn brought back some souvenirs, one a gold silhouette of Saddam Hussein that was part of a border in one of his palaces.

But his most cherished souvenir is a hand-written note from a girl of about 8 whom he had been talking to in the streets.

"She was studying English at school and one day she handed me this note," he said.

The note, in broken English, reads: "I love you. I am Kurdish child. I would like to introduce myself and my family best to you because you are good people and I am very thank to you."

It was one of many positive reactions he saw from the Iraqi people.

"I was in Baghdad when they got Saddam," Guttersohn said. "We had a TV set up in the operations area. My team leader came in and said I think they got him. Our Iraqi interpreter had tears in his eyes, tears of joy. Down the road they were holding a pro U.S. rally. You don't hear about that much in the media."

Guttersohn has been in for



In Iraq, Guttersohn found a small medal of Jesus Christ which he attached to his Army dog tags.

1 1/2 years of a four-year enlistment. Once his leave is up he'll go to Fort Bragg, then in September to Fort Polk, La., for jungle training.

Next year, he'll probably go to Afghanistan for four months.

He says he has no regrets about his decision to join the Army and might even re-enlist if he could get into something like Special Forces.

But that's a maybe for the future.

As for his parents, they're just glad he's home for now.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

NEW LAW FIRM OPENED

Focused on absorbing the growing demand for mediation services in southeastern Michigan, two West Bloomfield residents opened Chudnof & Eder, PLC, a full service, general practice law firm in Canton.

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Residents: Burned-out house is a 'threat'

It sounds like a script for a bad horror movie: The air around a mysterious house is making neighbors sick. But that's just what a Canton woman said happened to her mother, and she may have medical and scientific evidence to support her theory. Jeanna Hunter-English told the Westland City Council on Monday that her 63-year-old mother, Geraldine Hunter, became gravely ill from a disease that can be contracted when spores from bird and bat

droppings are disturbed in soil and become airborne. Hunter-English told city officials that her mother was hospitalized nearly two months with the disease, histoplasmosis. She believes the problem started when large numbers of birds took up residence at an abandoned, neighboring house on Middlebelt, south of Annapolis. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, histoplasmosis is a disease caused by a fungus that prima-

rily affects the lungs, although it can spread to other organs. If left untreated, it can be fatal. Hunter-English questioned why the city didn't move to board up the house and secure it after it was damaged last May by fire. She called the problem "a serious threat to the neighborhood," and several south-end residents accompanied her to Monday's meeting to show their concern. Amid fears of further health problems, Hunter-English said her mother has been staying

with her at her Canton home. Her mother continues to receive visits from a nurse for health problems that first placed her in a hospital in November. While infection can be common, the disease of histoplasmosis is rare. Those at higher risk include infants, young children, the elderly and anyone who has a weakened immune system due to other diseases, such as cancer and AIDS. Although some city officials conceded that they weren't

familiar with histoplasmosis, they appear to be taking the situation seriously. They had difficulty finding the house's owner, but they've now initiated court action to raze the house. "We're still proceeding with our Wayne County Circuit Court action to demolish the house," Assistant City Attorney Mark McConnell said. A ruling could come as early as Friday on a motion that, if granted, would let the city take down the house, McConnell

said. Building Director Sue Dodson said Monday that an inspector visited the house last week and found that it was secure. The owner has done some work on the house. But, Hunter-English cited remaining problems, such as an open garage and a dangling electrical cord that she said could be hazardous for children who may wander onto the property. Dodson pledged to have an inspector visit the property again.

FOR THE RECORD

BIRTHS

J
Landon Jordon Camden Jacobs
Jacobs, son of Tamara Jacobs of West Bloomfield, was born on Jan. 1.

DEATHS

B
Raymond L. Broeder
Broeder, 78, of Chesterfield Township, died Feb. 13.

G
Roberta E. Gietzen
Gietzen, 74, of Northville, died Feb. 29.

Loren "Bud" Gould
Gould, 82, of Plymouth, died Feb. 16.

Bernice Grabowski
Grabowski, 72, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 29.

David Lee Grubbs
Grubbs, 50, of Southfield, died Feb. 29.

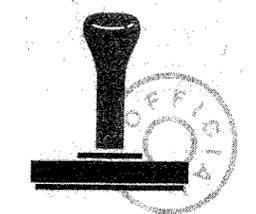
H
Alex Herman Jr.
Herman, 7, of Sanford, died Feb. 24.

K
Grace C. Kabel
Kabel, 70, of Plymouth, died Feb. 21.

L
Richard Carl Lishinski
Lishinski, 85, of South Lyon and formerly of Livonia, died March 1.

M
Sister Mary Lucy McDonald
McDonald, RSM, 92, died Feb. 28.

S
Hope L. Shoaff
Shoaff, 85, of Southfield, died Feb. 29.



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to Canton police that she parked her 1995 Ford Explorer in a parking spot in the 1700 block of Christopher between 7:10-9:15 p.m. March 1. When she returned the rear window was broken out.

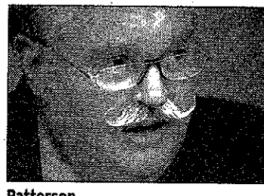
■ A resident of the 47000 block of Southgate Drive reported that someone shot a BB gun or slingshot at his front door, breaking the glass pane.

■ A Westland resident said he left his car parked on the street in the 42000 block of Woodwind Lane while he was out of town. When he returned the driver's side front window was broken.

Money taken
An employee of the aquatic center at Summit on the Park told police some took money from the purses of four employees which were in the pool office. A total of about \$60 was taken.

Senator: Utility deregulation isn't working as planned

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER



Patterson

While in its advertisements, DTE claims "the wolves are at the door," state Sen. Bruce Patterson urges electrical consumers to contact their legislators or Gov. Jennifer Granholm to change deregulation laws. Deregulation passed by the Michigan Legislature in 2002 was designed to prompt competition. But Patterson, R-Canton, now has doubts. "I'm not sure what we have is competition," he said. "I think what we have is something other than competition." The 2000 Michigan Electric Choice Program, also known as Public Act 141, has allowed large commercial and industrial customers to seek electrical service from companies other than DTE Energy, leaving retail customers — homeowners and small businesses — to face potential 20- to 30-percent rate increases when the existing rate cap disappears Jan. 1, 2006. "Right now, residents are paying 70 to 80 percent of the costs at the most," said Patterson, chairman of the state Senate Committee on Technology and Energy. With fewer of the larger customers paying the costs, especially for the expensive infrastructure, those costs will fall on retail customers. "Residents really don't have the chance to buy electricity at a lower price," Patterson said.

informed the Legislature - and we are very aware of the problems - that we believe we have the tools to address the concerns," said Gary Kitts, chief administration officer for the MPSC. According to Jim Padgett, director of regulatory policy at DTE, the interim ruling provides the requested immediate relief while the MPSC continues its study of the utility's case. Once complete, the MPSC can either leave the increase as is, choose to increase it or tell DTE is has to give a refund. According to the MPSC, rate cases are the appropriate method of addressing issues and concerns, rather than legislating additional reform. DTE CEO Anthony Earley sees it differently. In a letter to customers, Earley wrote: "It is important for legislators to hear directly from people who will be affected by the unintended consequences of how PA 141 has been implemented." He also wrote: "Michigan's Electric Choice Program demands immediate attention. If left unattended, it will lead to a California-like energy crisis. I am referring specifically to rate increases of 20 percent to 30 percent for residential and small commercial customers, a financially crippled Detroit Edison, potential job losses in Michigan's electric industry and service and reliability problems." According to Leslie Rich, a

senior analyst for Bank of America Capital Management, who testified before the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology, utilities in Michigan are "in limbo" between a regulated and deregulated model. She also said the current business model under which Detroit Edison is forced to operate under PA 141 isn't a good one, especially with the utility's Wall Street standing diminishing. Those customers who went to use alternate suppliers and who later wish to return to Detroit Edison may cause a problem, forcing the utility to buy additional power at a higher price, Patterson said. This is just one of the issues Patterson believes need to be addressed. Another is the use of nuclear power. "We have market segmentation, not competition," he said. Consumers need to ask their legislators an important question, Patterson said: "Have you thought of a fix yet? 2006 is looming and it is not too far away?" DTE Energy is a Detroit-based energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Its largest operating companies are Detroit Edison, an electric utility serving 2.1 million customers in southeast Michigan, and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., a natural gas utility serving 1.2 million customers in Michigan. jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net

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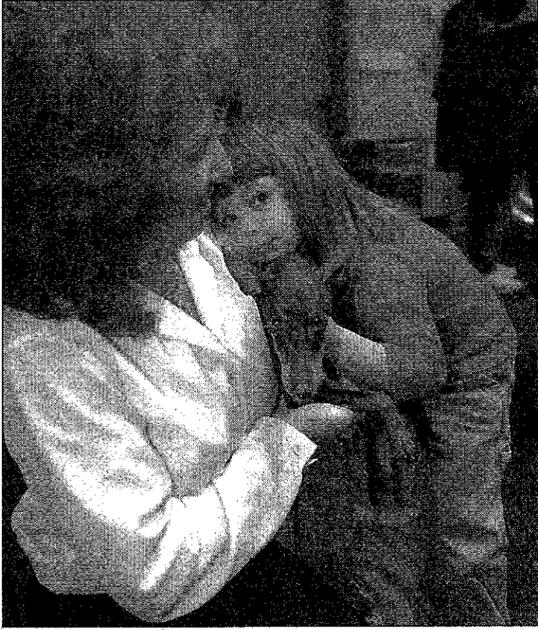
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Dr. Judi Fleischaker's Manchester terrier, Arrow, met with kids, such as Sarah Weier, 4, who couldn't resist giving hugs, at the Seusstacular program during a celebration of 'Read Across America' at the Canton Public Library Tuesday.

Green Eggs and Ham to all as Dr. Seuss honored

Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss! More than 170 children and their families honored the 100th birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss, as the Canton Public Library celebrated "Read Across America Day Tuesday."

"Read Across America Day," is celebrated annually in March and was founded by the National Education Association to encourage adults to spend more quality

time reading to the children in their lives.

To celebrate Dr. Seuss at the Seusstacular program, local celebrities read aloud from their favorite tales. Canton police officer Nikole Eaton read *Green Eggs and Ham*, firefighter Jamie Strassner read *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut*, and veterinarian Marc Alsager, along with his pet pooch, read *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?*

3 charged in resale of stolen drugs

Three men have been charged with racketeering over the theft and resale of some surprising goods — Nicorette, Senekot, diabetic testing strips and other over-the-counter medications.

The charges are that a group of shoplifters stole specific items, which also included razors and cigarettes, that were then sold to Chapel Market at Fenkell and Outer Drive in Detroit. The items were then repackaged and shipped out of state for resale by the pallet full.

The items were stolen from stores in suburban communities, including Livonia, Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville Township.

Arrested in Detroit's 36th District Court last week were store owner Zeki Butris, 54, and his son, Bernard Butris 24, both of West Bloomfield and Karim Seiba, 25, of Sterling Heights. Each is charged with one charge of racketeering, a 20-year felony, with numerous other charges, such as operating a continuing criminal enterprise.

All three are currently free on bond and scheduled for preliminary examination today (Thursday).

"They were all employees of the store. Our investigation indicates they were all active participants in receiving and repackaging stolen goods from boosters (shoplifters)," said Northville Township Police Lt. John Sherman, team leader for the multi-jurisdictional Western Wayne Community Response Team, which conducted the investigation.

Up to as many as 25 shoplifters, most addicted to heroin or another drug, would receive specific instructions on what items were being sought, Sherman said.

"It was very specific on what types of over-the-counter medications and expiration dates," Sherman said. "The items would be brought to the store and the boosters would be paid pennies on the dollar for the items."

The targeted items would be more expensive products, such as diabetic test strips which might retail for \$45-48 per box, Sherman said.

The investigation found that one shoplifter took items from more than 60 stores within one month, Sherman said, receiving hundreds of dollars each week for the stolen items. Those same items brought millions in revenues, when repackaged and shipped for resale to at least three other non-bordering states where another man acted as the wholesaler.

"We established that this has been going on since 1997 at least and probably longer," Sherman said. "There were 20-25 shoplifters we know of. My feeling is that number is probably on the low side."

The shoplifting occurred at stores including Farmer Jack, CVS Pharmacy, Meijer and Hiller's Market in communities surrounding Detroit.

"An arrest was made in Northville Township which led the investigation to the Chapel Market," Sherman said. "When they (Northville Township officers) saw how many were involved in this,

they asked us to take the case."

As part of their investigation, which began in the fall of 2002, Western Wayne CRT officers began conducting surveillance on some of the shoplifters, which led to more arrests.

"We watched them steal stuff in the Rite Aid at Ford and Wayne in Westland. We tried to arrest them in the parking lot and they fled east on Ford," Sherman said. "They ended up in Garden City and were stopped by Garden City Police."

The unit was also able to get an undercover officer into the store and sold what were purported to be stolen items that had actually been provided by Target.

"We began delivering product to the store. It was incredibly helpful. Target supplied thousands of dollars worth of products for us to use," Sherman said. "We would have had to come up with that. It would have been an extreme cost for us."

Since the charges in this case have been brought under Michigan law, no charges have been filed locally against the wholesaler reselling the stolen items in other states.

"Anytime you go over state lines (in the commission of a crime) you'll be facing federal charges," Sherman said.

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OUR VIEWS

It's your turn to speak up

The notion behind the old saying that everyone complains about the weather but no one does anything about it could hold true for Ford Road — at least the desire and attempts to improve Canton's major traffic and retail corridor.

In this case, however, it is not those who have the power to make change happen. That group is trying everything it can. But when that group opened the doors in search of comments and ideas from residents and business leaders in the community, their requests fell to seeming disinterest.

The fact that only about 10 residents and business people showed up for the first of a planned series of public workshops is appalling. That's especially true when township officials, such as Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development Authority coordinator, went to the nth degree to get the word out and send 500 invitations. She also approached the Canton Chamber of Commerce, inviting business owners to give their thoughts.

The purpose of this first workshop last Wednesday — for a traffic and access management study funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation — was to hear what people had to say about Ford Road.

It is no secret that Ford Road draws major complaints. Residents, motorists, shoppers and township officials have long been plagued by the congestion, by the difficulty in determining what shopping is along the corridor, and just plain concerned about safety.

At long last, a study such as the one conducted by The Corradino Group comes along with ample opportunity for public participation. Thankfully, The Corradino Group has already interviewed about some three dozen business operators. Already, the study group has determined a need for better traffic signals, more turn lanes, additional right-of-way and better left-turn access.

The time has come for putting effort before criticism. The public meetings associated with the study are a perfect way for residents and business people to make their thoughts count. Why not take advantage?

Without input, which means taking an effort to make things better in the community, there's little room for complaint. All have been given a chance to get involved. There's still time with the next public meeting scheduled later in March.

More women needed to seek public office

There's a lot of talk about Hillary Clinton in this election year, but the first woman to run for president did so even before women won the right to vote.

Victoria Woodhull, a stockbroker and publisher, ran for the nation's highest office on the Equal Rights Party ticket in 1872. The obstacles she faced were typical of any political campaign: fund-raising and organization. They didn't stop her, and they shouldn't stop any woman with political aspirations.

The rise of Michigan's first woman governor, Jennifer Granholm, shows some progress has been made. In 1979, only 12 women served in Michigan state government, all in the House of Representatives. Today, about three times as many women legislators hold office, but women are still vastly under-represented in Lansing.

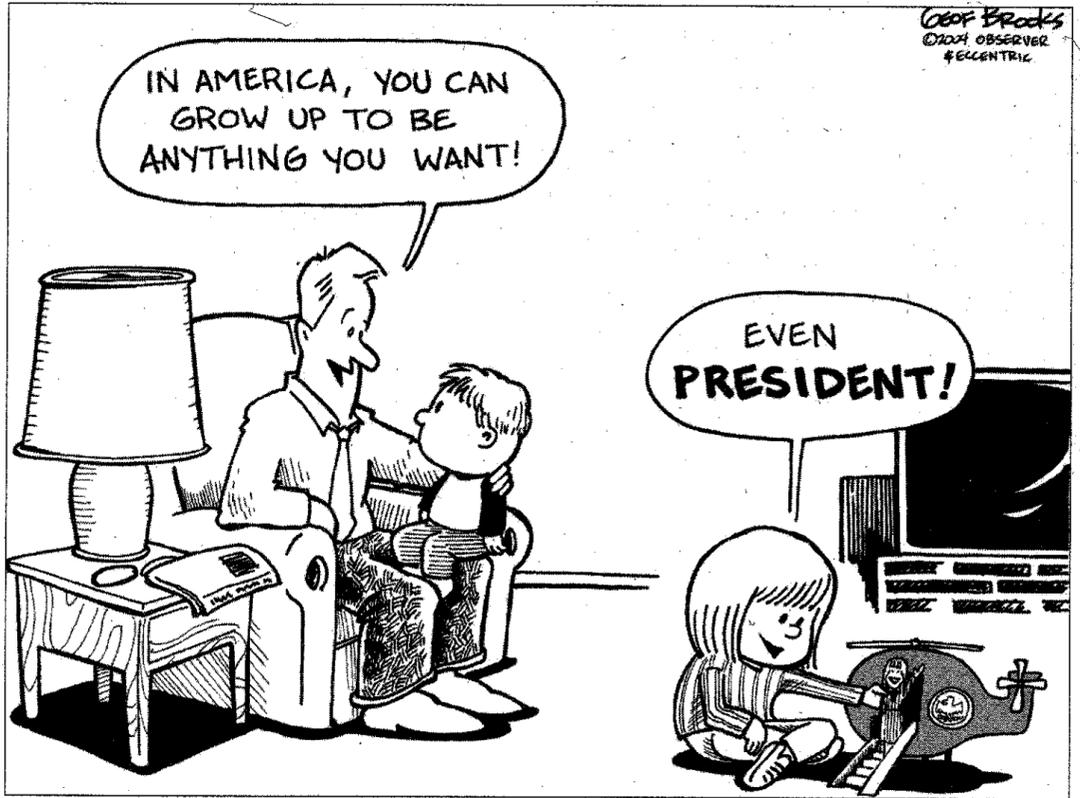
At the local level, women are better represented (about 40 percent) on local school boards and township boards. However, at the city and county level, women occupy less than 30 percent of elected posts.

The problem isn't necessarily that people don't vote for women. According to a recent study by political scientists at Brown University and Union College, women are less likely than men to even consider seeking public office.

Only 2 percent of the women, as opposed to 43 percent of the men, said they were encouraged to run for office by someone else. And even though all surveyed had achieved a high level of career success, men were more likely than women to think they were qualified to run. Women who said they had a greater responsibility for tasks at home were less likely to think about running.

Women may face different obstacles when it comes to running for office, but they also bring a greatly needed perspective to the table. They're more likely to be consensus builders, a quality sorely needed.

On March 6, the Women Officials' Network will host a panel discussion featuring some of the area's best role models. It has a fitting title, "Me? Run for Political Office???" We hope many women will attend — and answer that question in the affirmative.



LETTERS

Tired of fighting traffic

The Thursday, Feb. 19, issue regarding Ford Road traffic snarls has prompted this response:

I moved from Canton to Westland a little over two years ago.

I can't tell you how glad I am that when I get off the freeway I don't have to go west any longer, nor do I make it a point to go that way if I don't have to. I much prefer to shop in Westland than fight Ford Road traffic in Canton.

It doesn't matter what time of day or night, never good, and if you have to turn left onto Ford Road (turn east from north side of Ford) forget it. Many times I would turn right and go around the block or something because there is no way you get a clear shot to turn left in less than five minutes. Five minutes means a lot to me. I get older every day!

Anyway, couldn't help putting my 2 cents in. Thanks for the article!

Julie Moutray
former Canton resident

History?

In reading the article "Church uses movie to connect people with God," about the Mel Gibson movie *The Passion of the Christ* in the *Canton Observer*, I was struck by the line, "The Moores agree the movie is an accurate portrayal of history."

Historians tell us that there are no historical eye-witness accounts about the last days of Jesus. There are no historical accounts about Jesus, period.

The gospels in the Christian canon are based on oral tradition passed from generation to generation, and therefore, are considered problematic when it comes to actual history. The actual writing of the gospels occurred many years after the events they describe and in a language foreign to the Aramaic-speaking followers of Jesus.

Mel Gibson's movie is a fictitious account of the last hours of Jesus' life as imagined by Mel Gibson and should not be construed as depicting actual historic events.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Gone wild?

Can you say government gone wild? What's the matter, is Canton is not getting enough revenue with these ugly new houses being built? I'm ashamed of growing up in Canton my whole life and now living in Westland... oh wait, maybe not...

Obviously the morons in the Canton government have a little too much time in their hands. Like Bush, maybe its time for a change, REALLY QUICK!

Michael Lavander

Protecting wetlands?

Unfortunately, protecting wetlands is not happening. Even though a wetland is supposed to be protected, the developers will build as close as "legally" possible to the wetland. But the land surrounding

the wetland is drastically changed. The wetland is dependent on this surrounding land. Nature is unforgiving. When one wetland dries up, it causes a chain reaction. Even the non-organic fertilizers and pesticides, which are in abundant use, are also a major cause of wetland and wildlife destruction.

Many people don't care and many people do care. We all need to care about protecting our environment and water supply. Water cannot be created. The water we use is the same water our ancestors used. Even pollution on the other side of the world is destroying our water. And pollution on this side of the world is destroying the water on the other side of the world. I care about the environment. I wish everybody did.

Linda Whiteaker
Canton

People so easily led

Evidently the "proud signer" doesn't read newspapers or watch the news. There were two different articles in both Detroit papers and on the news — TV and radio — that the church panel doing research has evidence the abuse is more widespread and has been going on before the '50s and into 2002.

It was not the good priests doing the evil cover-up — it was the bishops, the cardinals and the pope. In the southwest, the church owns and funds a retreat to help their monster priests. They moved them from parish to parish or let them retire or resign their priesthood, not known as a child molester, but free to kill another child's innocence.

It saddens my heart that Catholic women and men are so easily led. The cardinal gives a heart-rending speech that says it's your job to halt late abortion or all for that matter and then promises there will never be anymore children molested.

You sit and bobble heads — nodding away — pens in hand, ready to sign for the cardinal — who is as guilty as the monster priests and more so, he lied — protected his monster priests, and now he's telling you to save an unborn child's right to life and the pope's press release asking for charity and prays for his monster priests, who he knew about — and did nothing to stop.

Where is your anger? These innocent children are your children and you sit there still, and rush to sign what ever the very people who covered up and lied about everything horrible that was done to your children.

If these poor battered in body and mind men at long last find peace they still have to go to court, relive out loud the horrible acts again and be called a liar, who just wants money.

How can parents be so busy picketing clinics, pushing their nose into others sexual practices and ignoring and denying what was happening to your children? So sign what the cardinal tells you, protect others — and do nothing to protect your children.

Janet Mercier

Cigarette tax unfair

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is calling for a

75-cent per pack increase in the state's cigarette tax. Unfortunately, she is treading on the already paper thin skins of the constituents. The cigarette tax itself should be repealed and replaced with a tax that would be considered fair for all and placed across the board, instead of targeting the poor, the working class and minorities. She is particularly targeting Detroit residents, according to statistics obtained by cross-referencing the 2000 Census data with smoking statistics gathered by the CDC, whom are already treated unfairly and pay for more than their share of taxes in many situations. The citizens of Wayne County, as well as the rest of the state, should be concerned with the tactics that this Republican acting Democrat has been taking. Her political actions speak much more loudly than her feigned concern.

Many smokers have sat back so far and taken the abuse of government entities because they have been forced to be ashamed of their addictions. Smoking is a drug addiction. Drug addictions are disabilities. Persons with disabilities are supposed to be protected by the law, not taken advantage of by it. There are those who smoke still because they do get some pleasure from it. Think about those who are still smoking according to the statistics. They aren't able to afford many other perks in their lives. What a great idea, let's take advantage of these people.

... The Pursuit of Happiness, as long as you are not interfering with others, you have the right to seek happiness in your own way.

Justice, all people should be treated fairly in both the benefits and obligations of society. No individual or group should be favored over another person or group.

Equality, everyone has the right to the same treatment regardless of race, sex, religion, heritage or economic status. You cannot in this society pick and choose whom you wish to treat unfairly. The cigarette tax is no more democratic than any other tax that has been imposed upon the people by government when the politicians decide to practice prejudice.

Marie M. Easley-Cook

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QUOTABLE

"We became aware of the situation because residents in the household brought it to our attention. We obtained the computer and sent it to the Wayne County Computer Crimes Unit for analysis. They found numerous sexually explicit images."

— Canton Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler, on the arrest of resident Lary Howard, charged with possession of child sexually abusive material

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Rhetoric obscures reality when it comes to education

These days, they're really shakin' and bakin' in the usually staid world of education.

Consider:

U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige last week called the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization" because it opposes some parts of the No Child Left Behind Act. The National Education Association called for Paige's resignation, after which the secretary sort of said he was sorry — "for the insensitive choice of words, I express my deepest regrets" — but said he still believed the NEA was obstructionist.

Last month, Michigan Republican Party Chairman Betsy DeVos called on state School Supt. Tom Watkins to resign "for failing to do what he has been hired to do — make schools accountable." Wayne State University Gov. Paul Massaron, a union official and a Democrat, called for DeVos' resignation. Both are still in their jobs.

Republicans in both houses of the Michigan Legislature introduced a joint resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to eliminate the State Board of Education's authority to appoint the state superintendent. Not to be outdone, *The Detroit News* called for the abolition of the entire state board. So far, however, no one is calling for the abolition of *The Detroit News*.

Plymouth philanthropist Robert Thompson last week put his \$200 million for Detroit public schools back on the table. Thompson last year offered to build 15 charter schools in Detroit, but Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the Detroit Federation of Teachers eventually nixed the deal for all the wrong reasons.

Steamy rhetoric usually obscures simple fundamentals.

First fundamental: Most public schools in Michigan are pretty good and gradually getting better. The districts that are in trouble are mostly in urban areas like Detroit, where poverty, unemployment, dysfunctional family structures, monopolistic and aggressive teachers unions and bizarre school board politics swirl evilly together. The bad districts get most of the press coverage, but most of the others are quietly getting on with their job of teaching kids.

In her attack on Watkins, DeVos called Michigan school graduation rates "frightening" and applied the same adjective to dropout rates. However, the graduation rate as reported by Michigan Center for Education Performance and Information has steadily increased from 83.8 percent in 1997 to 88.5 percent in 2002. According to Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services, the average state dropout rate has declined every year, from 4.5 percent in 1997 to 3.2 percent in 2002. This is hardly sufficient evidence to call for Watkins' resignation.

Sadly, however, some good school districts have been hard hit in the years following passage of Proposal A. The original deal was to increase support for weaker districts, but "hold harmless" the richer and better ones. Over the years, however, funding for the better districts has been capped while their expenses have risen with inflation. It's perverse that a consequence of the biggest school reform in Michigan history should be the systematic erosion of those few schools of high quality.

Second fundamental: The logic behind school reform is simple: Define what kids are supposed to learn, test what they are actually learning, use the results to improve the bad schools. I served for a decade on the board of the leading advocate for reform, the National Center for Education and the Economy, and we worked hard to persuade Presidents Bush I, Clinton and Bush II that this approach made sense. Indeed, this newspaper has over many years advocated public release of the MEAP test results for every individual school in the district on the grounds that information will help schools improve.

So some of us were enthused at the prospect of rigorous testing being placed at the heart of the No Child Left Behind Act. But as the legislation moved through Congress, however, the old adage that "two things you really don't want to watch being made are sausage and legislation" turned out to be all too true. The No Child Left Behind Act turned into a bureaucratic nightmare, replete with inflexible requirements producing no less than 50 ways whereby a school can be determined not to have made "adequate yearly progress." The testing required by NCLB has produced odd results in which schools rated exemplary in one year were downgraded as inadequate the next.

The No Child Left Behind Act offers federal money to American schools totaling about 7 percent of their collective budgets, yet the act also imposes performance requirements and testing methods for all schools at a cost often disproportionate to the federal contribution. A fair number of states are now considering rejecting the money from the feds.

Third fundamental: Our schools may be making progress, but the rest of the world is moving faster than we. Incremental improvement may not be enough to help our kids compete in a suddenly global world where kids in European and Asian schools score far better than ours in math and science. I'd love to see the state board demand a quantum improvement.

Fourth fundamental: It is very bad manners to scorn a gift sincerely offered. Kilpatrick and the Detroit Federation of Teachers were given a second chance by Thompson. I cannot believe they will be so stupid and self-destructive this time around.

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Phil Power

'Passion' shines light on brutality, casts Jesus' message in shadow

In all honesty, I'm not going to see *The Passion of the Christ* for one main reason: I'm a wuss.

Gory, violent movies have always left me with permanently disturbing memories. I even had to stop watching *ER* because the increasingly bloody treatment and operating room scenes turned my stomach.

But there's more to my avoidance than any concern about the effect of flayed flesh and pools of dark red human blood. More to it even than having married a man who is Jewish, although the interfaith implications here are enormous.

Rabbi Daniel Nevins of Adat Shalom has gone on record saying this movie could damage progress made in Christian/Jewish relationships. Even some Catholic leaders say director/producer Mel Gibson's project violates many long-established guidelines for portraying the Passion of Christ.

Christians who've seen the movie say they've come away with a new and deeper understanding of what Christ suffered and sacrificed for their sins. For them, *The Passion of the Christ* demonstrates how we all put Christ on that cross.

Here's my question: Is *The Passion of the Christ* how people really want to remember such a loving and gentle soul?

Historically speaking, Jesus was different from the political rebels of his time. Many made attempts to overthrow the blood-thirsty Romans who crucified hundreds. Jesus was feared largely because he and his

followers were different. They didn't seek political power; rather, they sparked an enormous base of support with a message of love, forgiveness and a beneficent Father who longed to bless his children.

Look at the Gospels, each of which relates a slightly different version of the Passion. Jesus didn't call attention to his suffering and pain, but went off to pray just hours before his death. This is consistent with the story of how he began his ministry, wandering alone in the desert.

Gibson's movie — consistent with his cinematic style — shines a glaring light on brutality and blood-lust, casting in darkness the love and compassion Jesus shared with everyone he met.

Those cherished gifts are what I want to remember about Jesus, whose teachings have been a part of my life since I was old enough to mimic a nighttime prayer. I can no more focus on his death than that of my father, whose dying took nearly three months and caused the kind of pain drugs do little to relieve.

Once, Dad asked his pastor if it was a sin to pray for death. But with his family, he maintained a quiet strength and mustered enough energy to still share his deep Christian faith and show us we were loved.

It took me years to let go of those last three months. Only then could I enjoy my father's memory, without grief and sadness.

Mel Gibson's epic film has touched lives and moved people to tears. But Jesus of Nazareth has been dead for 2,000 years.

Isn't it time to move past the darkness of his death and fully embrace the light of his life?

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Joni Hubred-Golden

LETTERS

Soft hands

Enough is enough. I'm sick and tired of hearing people describe the "Vietnam era" National Guard as though it were a "safe haven" for the sons of politicians, connected folks and the occasional professional athlete.

Let me tell you, there was peril involved! I would defy anyone to look at the X-ray of Dan Quayle's tennis elbow and tell me "that didn't hurt."

Now we have these scurrilous rumors intimating that President George W. Bush was MIA for a year during his Air National Guard duty. HOGWASH! The man showed his pay stubs and his honorable discharge. End of discussion!

Let me ask you this Mr. tie-dyed protester and Ms. Jane Fonda wannabe. If in 1970 the Viet Cong had attempted to invade this country via Mexico, would you have been there to protect our southern border? I think NOT!

Instead, like at the Alamo, it would have been George W. and his fellow "fortunate sons" hacking and slashing at "Charlie" with 9-irons and tennis rackets and whatever else they could get their soft hands on.

Bless those boys!

William McCleverty

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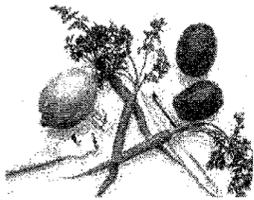
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Brighton eliminates Salem in state regional - again

The outcome was still very much in doubt.

Salem had chances in its first-round state regional hockey game against Brighton Monday at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The Rocks trailed 2-0 after one period and 3-0 before the second period was four minutes old, but a minute later Salem's Buddy Musa put a shot past Bulldog goalie Aaron Gidcomb and the momentum swung back to the Rocks.

Unfortunately, they couldn't capitalize on it. Brighton just waited for its chance — which came in the final 94 seconds of the second period. The Bulldogs scored three goals in 69 seconds, effectively

ruining any comeback hopes Salem entertained and ultimately ending the Rocks' season with a 7-3 loss.

Salem finishes at 12-10-3. "It just wasn't bouncing our way," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "I thought we outplayed them totally in the second period. We just didn't outluck them."

"But I was proud of these guys. They never quit." Eric Swiatek scored three goals for the Bulldogs, two of them in their four-goal second period. Mike Hautamski finished with a goal and two assists, Jeff Wiley had a goal and an assist, John Kivisto and Zachary Hitch each scored

goals; and team captain Todd Pietila collected four assists. Thomas Murphy and Davey Mika added two assists apiece.

For Salem, Musa scored two goals and assisted on another. Mike Barr got a goal early in the third period to make it a 6-2 game (assisted by Musa and John Peterson), but Swiatek's third goal of the game (unassisted) restored Brighton's five-goal advantage. Musa scored late, with assists from Brooks Belhart and Ryan Jones.

Belhart and Craigen Bauldry assisted on Musa's second-period goal. Brandon DeMars started in goal for

Salem, allowing six goals and making 12 saves in the first two periods. Joe Moore replaced DeMars in the third period and had 12 stops and gave up one goal. Gidcomb had 12 saves for Brighton.

The Bulldogs eliminated Salem last season in the regional final, also by a 7-3 score.

That Brighton team was ranked third in the state at the time.

"This is a better skating team than last year's," said Feiler of the current Bulldogs. "They're very disciplined — they wait for you to make a mistake."

And then they pounce. That strategy worked well Monday.

Sidelines

Rocks get win

In a state tournament tune-up Saturday at Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, Salem's hockey team got two goals apiece from Tom Cooper and John Maurer in a dominating 7-2 win.

The Rocks led 4-0 before St. Mary's CC got on the board. Other Salem goal-scorers were Kyle Emmons (he also had an assist), Dan Crockett (he had two assists) and Mike Barr.

Brandon DeMars was in goal for Salem. Andrew Compean was in the Falcons' goal.

Ocelots fall

Despite limiting Grand Rapids CC to just 27.4 percent shooting from the floor, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team couldn't take advantage, losing in the MCCA state semifinals 65-56 Feb. 25 in Grand Rapids.

The loss left the Ocelots at 21-7 going into the NJCAA District H Tournament Wednesday at Owens Tech. Grand Rapids improved to 18-9. SC led 24-19 at the half, with the Raiders making just 6-of-37 shots (16.2 percent). In the second half, however, the Ocelots were outscored 46-32.

Grand Rapids won with defense, forcing 20 turnovers while committing just 12; rebounding (a 54-48 advantage, including a 22-12 edge in offensive boards); and free-throw shooting (the Raiders were 19-of-29, 65.5 percent, to SC's 11-of-15, 73.3 percent).

India Monteiro topped SC with 24 points and nine rebounds. Tara Charles had 12 points.

Grand Rapids got 23 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots from Autumn Kuhl. Stacey Jenema contributed 12 points and three steals, and Cara Flanders got eight points and 10 rebounds.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27 and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem HS gym.

Three hours of baseball instruction from the Salem varsity players and coaches, for players ages 7-15, is included. Lunch is provided as well; registration fee is \$20.

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

Road rally

The Canton Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball organization is hosting its second-annual Road Rally on March 13. Space is limited; early registration is suggested.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes meal, prizes and music. For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or on the Web at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.



Canton's Matt Oliver (middle) waits for the puck as Huron's Jeff Marley (right) tries to push out away from goalie Brian Commiskey in the third period.

Coming so very close

Canton can't quite pull off Huron upset

BY DAVE REGNIER
STAFF WRITER

With time running out in the game and the season, Canton hockey coach Jim Wheaton pulled his goalie and held his breath. But despite a sixth man on the ice for Canton, Ann Arbor Huron dug its heels in and got the 5-4 win Tuesday night in a state regional game at Ann Arbor's Ice Cube Arena.

"With this team, the only thing that comes to mind is they give 100 percent," said Canton coach Jim Wheaton of his team, which went 8-14-2 on the season. "We're two very similar teams that matched up well. Unfortunately tonight, they scored last and won the game."

It was a tight game from the first drop of the puck to the final sound of the horn ending the third, with neither side able to gain more than a

PLEASE SEE HURON, B2

Ocelots falter in Region 12 vs. Vincennes

For the first time in four years, Schoolcraft College won't be making the trip to the NJCAA Division I men's basketball tournament.

In the Region 12 opener Wednesday night, host Vincennes University (Ind.) pulled away in the second half to oust the Ocelots, 88-70.

Vincennes, 27-4 overall and ranked No. 7 in the NJCAA national poll, led 39-32 at halftime and outscored the Ocelots 47-30 over the final 13 minutes to put the game away.

Tyrone Young, a 6-foot-4 forward, led the Trailblazers with a game-high 25 points. Carl Landry, a 6-8, 240-pound center headed to Purdue, chipped in with 24, while 6-foot guard Dale Parsons added 18.

"We did not play well against their 'Big Three,'" said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose team had beaten Vincennes three straight years to earn the trip to Hutchinson, Kan. "Landry killed us. We also could have done a better job of controlling the tempo in the second half. They had too much depth for us."

Guards Ryan Baumgartner and Ray Metcalf scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, for the Ocelots, who bowed out at 27-4 overall.

Vincennes hit 25-of-34 free throws (73.5 percent) compared with 12-of-21 for Schoolcraft (57.1 percent).

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 18, played without two starters due to disciplinary reasons, 6-7 forward Anton Palmer (averaging 14 points) and point-guard Ricky Morgan (averaging nine).

"I thought we had a good year winning both the (Eastern) conference and the state (MCCA) tournament," Briggs said. "We could have been tough to beat if we had been a little more focused off the court. But the kids who went down there competed, no doubt."

Vincennes meets Kirtland (17-12), which received a first-round bye, tonight for the Region 12 title. The winner goes on to inter-district play.

Madonna opens with 5-straight wins

It was glorious while it lasted. The winning streak for Madonna University's baseball team ended after five games when College of St. Thomas scored four runs in the second inning en route to a 9-2 victory Tuesday in Homestead, Fla.

Jeff Savage (0-1) was tagged with the loss for the Crusaders (5-1), giving up just four hits, but eight runs — six of them after allowing six walks. Savage, Ron Williams and Bobby Houchins (Farmington) teamed to strike out seven but walk 10 for the Crusaders.

Nestor Argote scattered five hits in getting the win for St. Thomas. Preston Picard (Farmington) had two of the hits for Madonna, while Tony Kern was 2-for-4 with two runs batted in.

The Crusaders started their trip with consecutive wins over Northwood University, 15-6, and Point Park, 5-2, on Saturday; Northwood, 2-1, on Sunday; and Point Park, 5-1 and 10-0, on Monday.

Leading the Madonna offense in those five wins were Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Harrison) with nine hits, a .600 batting average, one double, one home run and six RBI; Picard with 11 hits (.500), two doubles, a triple and four RBI; Jason Barbeau, with seven hits (.500) and four runs scored; Ben Galus, with seven hits (.500), three doubles, five runs scored and six RBI; and Joe Greene, with seven hits (.467), five runs scored and four RBI.

On the mound, Dan Duffey (Farmington Hills/Catholic Central),

Derek Dufrane, Mike Hand (North Farmington), Doug Brooks and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) were all 1-0. Duffey, Dufrane and Hand had each pitched at least six innings without surrendering an earned run. Indeed, they only allowed five hits combined in 18 2/3 innings, and the team earned run average was 1.80.

If there were any negatives for Madonna, it was the walks allowed (a total of 16 in 35 innings) and errors (nine in five games).

Although, considering it was the spring trip, such mistakes are acceptable — especially when the Crusaders are batting .388 as a team, while opponents are hitting just .123.

Rocks' big day leads to a title

Everything came together for Salem's volleyball team at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament Saturday at Walled Lake Central.

And once things started to go the Rocks' way, they just kept building on it — in such a dominating fashion that they never did lose a game, beating regular-season champ Livonia Churchill 15-12, 15-10 in the final.

As impressive as that victory was, the other five matches Salem won were even more so. In fact, no opponent scored enough points in their two games combined against the Rocks to win a single game.

"The key was our defense, serving and consistency," said Salem coach Tom Teeters, his team now 48-8-5 overall. "Against Churchill, we had to scratch and fight for every point."

"But our defense and serve receive was so strong, we just didn't let many balls drop."

Throughout the tournament, the Rocks dominated.

In pool play, they defeated Northville 15-7, 15-3; Walled Lake Western 15-7, 15-3; Livonia Franklin 15-7, 15-4; and Livonia Stevenson 15-5, 15-4; and in the WLAA semifinals, they handled Westland John Glenn

15-4, 15-9. Going into the tournament, Salem and Churchill had divided their four previous meetings, each winning twice. The Chargers finished ahead of the Rocks in the conference standings by virtue of their 15-9, 12-15, 15-8 win Jan. 28 at Churchill.

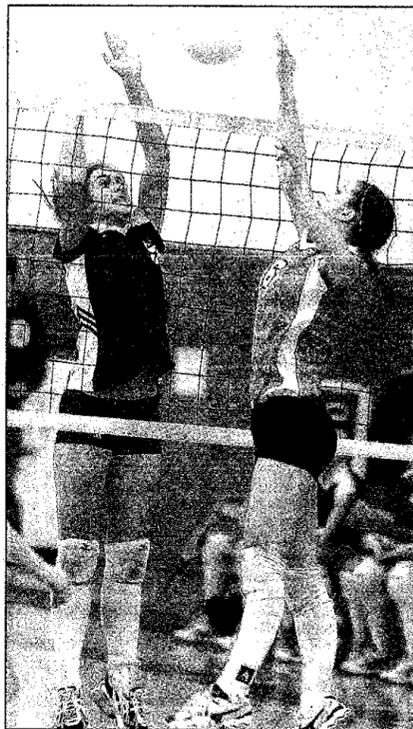
That equality continued at the WLAA Tournament. Like the Rocks, Churchill did not lose a single set until the championship match. The Chargers beat John Glenn 15-2, 15-8; Wayne 15-5, 15-3; Canton 15-5, 15-11; and Walled Lake Central 15-7, 15-9 in pool play, then topped Stevenson 15-13, 15-3 in the semifinals.

The final was a different story, however.

Salem outlasted Churchill in the first match to get a three-point win, but it seemed the Chargers would rebound in the second set.

"We put the first four balls into the net in the second game, but even with that we were very competitive," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, his team now 46-7-2.

Indeed, the next eight points went to the Chargers, who found themselves ahead 8-4. That's when the



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Salem's Ellen Canale (left) had 13 kills in the WLAA championship match against Livonia Churchill.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B3

3rd period lifts Whalers CC routs Redford

Two third-period goals did the trick for the Plymouth Whalers Saturday in front of a sold-out crowd at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, carrying them to a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa 67's.

The win gave the Whalers a 29-22-9-3 record, solidifying their second-place position in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. They have 70 points in 63 games, trailing Sarnia (78 points in 62 games) but leading third-place Sault Ste. Marie by 10 points.

Ottawa is 26-26-6-4 (62 points), third in the OHL's East Division. What proved to be the game-winning goal came on the power play from John Vigilante, his 30th of the season, with assists from John Mitchell and James Wisniewski, at 5:43 of the third period. For Mitchell, it capped a superb perform-

ance; it was his third assist of the game.

Vaclav Meidl provided some cushion with a goal at the 9:20 mark of the third period (assisted by Brent Mahon).

The Whalers had to overcome Ottawa leads in both the first and second periods. The 67's took a 1-0 lead on a score by Mark Mancari at 9:06 of the first, but Plymouth tied it just 1:21 later with a goal by Gino Pisellini (assisted by Mitchell and Vigilante).

Ottawa went ahead again with a goal by Corey Locke at 5:44 of the second. The Whalers tied it again with a Jonas Fiedler score (assisted by Mitchell and Richard Power).

Paul Drew stopped 18 of 20 shots on goal for Plymouth. Lukas Mensator faced 52 shots on net for the 67's, stopping 48.

Five-time defending Division I state hockey champion Redford Catholic Central (16-6-3) opened its defense with a lopsided 10-1 regional victory Monday over Redford Unified (12-12-1) at the Dearborn Indoor Skating Center.

Redford Unified's Eddie Brown struck first, but CC answered with 10 unanswered goals, one in the first period, four more in the second period and five in the third.

Harrison Niemann had two goals and one assist, while Kevin Horal added a goal and three assists.

Jason Lewarne and Jimmy Burns each contributed a goal and one assist.

Other CC goal scorers included Drew Kahle (short-handed), David McGrorty, Mike Oakleaf and Dan Barczuk.

Billy Makela collected two assists, while Lewarne, Tim Buttery, T.J. Quattlander, Pete Pfeffer and Chris New added one each.

Redford Unified netminder Chris Donahue made 42 saves, while CC counterpart John Garza faced just 10 shots.

NURON

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one-goal lead.

Despite difficulties winning face-offs and getting outshot 26-18, Canton gave the seventh-ranked River Rats (12-7-5 for the season) a run for their money as the two teams traded goals.

Huron started first with an unassisted goal by Steven Wasik at the 11:56 mark of the first period.

Canton's junior forward Garret Hyman tied it when he scored on a breakaway, set up by Matt Oliver and Ben Lauren at 3:03 in the second. Huron recaptured the lead with an unassisted goal by Phil Coron with 2:43 remaining in the second.

Twenty-one seconds later the Chiefs answered with a goal from Matt Oliver, assisted by Kyle Tollison and Reece McCabe. Canton defenseman Pat Davison then surprised the River Rat defense, scoring on a seemingly harmless-looking shot from the corner.

Davison's goal, scored with 1:10 remaining in the second and assisted by Oliver and Lauren, gave the Chiefs a 3-2 lead going into the third peri-

od. Rob DeMuro put Huron back on top, scoring twice in a 29-second span to make it 4-3. The first came on the power play, with Jeff Marley and Noah Bradley assisting at 4:23. The second came on a tip-in of a Tim Nowling slap-shot at 4:52.

The Chiefs evened it up at the 6:40 mark with Oliver's second goal of the game, assisted by Mike Stewart. With the game tied at 4-all DeMuro struck again for Huron, getting possession of the puck in the Canton zone, beating a defenseman and then circling behind the net until he found Coron, who one-timed DeMuro's pass to beat Canton goalie Chris Garrett for the game-winner.

"Our guys fought back in the third," said Huron coach Dave Debol. "Our problem all year has been our inability to put teams away."

"We need to play to get the next goal, to put the nail in the coffin. Our plan was to force them on the forecheck and just play our game. Give Canton credit, they had some great chances."

Huron looks to continue its season Thursday against Howell in the regional semifinals.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 24, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chairperson in Supervisor Yack's absence. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, Zarbo Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda including Item G-9, Authorization to Purchase State-Owned Mineral and Allied Rights for four (4) Acres/Haggerty Road, by J.B. Donaldson. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 10, 2004. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Board Study Meeting of February 17, 2004. Motion carried by all members present.

Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for February 24, 2004

General Fund	101	\$ 341,577.23
Fire Fund	206	124,625.40
Police Fund	207	154,645.54
Summit Operating	208	68,959.89
Cable TV Fund	230	5,933.32
Twp Improvement	246	30,114.92
E-111 Utility	261	2,160.42
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	600.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	8,667.94
Auto Theft Grant	289	26,631.77
Downtown Dev. Authority	294	1,035.00
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	2,172,721.02
Golf Fund	584	13,047.68
Water & Sewer Fund	592	724,848.97
Post Employ. Benefits	736	24,133.11
Total - All Funds		3,699,702.01

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo passed out three written articles related to future Ford Road Corridor development.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. General Fund Budget Amendment - Emergency Preparedness. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the purchase of generators and equipment to use for power outages for Emergency Preparedness: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$6,500

Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Emergency Preparedness #101-426-970-0000 \$6,500 This budget amendment increases the Emergency Preparedness Division budget from \$138,050 to \$144,150, and the General Fund Budget from \$24,174,805 to \$24,180,905. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Reappointment to the Tax Board of Review. (Supervisor) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to move that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the reappointment of Nick Kulka, Jr. to the Canton Tax Board of Review, for a two year term to expire March 2, 2006. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Approve DNR Emerald Ash Borer Grant Application. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Michigan DNR, in the amount of \$20,000, for tree replacement due to the ash borer infestation. I further move to authorize a match in the amount of \$20,000, split between line items #101-270-818-0000 (Park Budget) and #584-756-971-0000, (Pheasant Run Land Improvements). Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Site Plan for White Castle Rebuild. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for White Castle Rebuild

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Joseph Barts, has requested site plan approval for the White Castle Rebuild to be located on Ford Road between Haggerty Road and I-275 (Tax ID #060-99-0009-001); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Joseph Barts, to approve the site plan for the proposed White Castle Rebuild, 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 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 2. Consider Amendment #8 to the Cherry Hill PUD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Amendment #8 to the Cherry Hill PUD

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested an amendment to the Cherry Hill Planned Unit Development agreement, located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Morton-Taylor Roads; (Tax ID #'s 085-99-0001-001, 085-99-0002-704 and 085-99-0003-000); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the amendment made and a recommendation to APPROVE the request to approve the amendment as proposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Don Marhofer, to approve Amendment #8 to the Cherry Hill Planned Unit Development agreement, 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 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 3. Consider modification to section 6.04.F of the Forest Preservation Ordinance for the Hamptons Condominiums (part of the Cherry Hill PUD). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant the appeal by Mr. Don Marhofer, project sponsor for the Hamptons, of the Forest Preservation Ordinance No. 124, Section 6.04.f, that requires all replacement trees to be located on the same parcel of land on which tree removal occurs. An equivalent of sixty-four (64) of the replacement trees required for The Hamptons project will be allowed to be planted on the adjacent Cherry Grove property in order to supplement the existing plantings along the common property line. The appeal is granted with the following conditions: The project sponsor will provide the Township with a \$24,000 cash bond, equivalent to the planting of 64 replacement trees. This bond will be to the benefit of the Cherry Grove Homeowner's Association. The Association will assume all responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the trees. Trees may be planted along the east Cherry Grove property line only. At least 64 trees must be planted. Shade trees must be a minimum of 2" caliper, measured 12-inches above grade and evergreen trees must have a minimum height of 8". Arborvitae may not be used as

evergreen trees. All trees must be warranted for two-years. Additional trees may be planted. However, the Township will reimburse the Association for not more than \$24,000. As specified in the Forest Preservation Ordinance, such monies are to be used only for the planting of trees. Therefore, reimbursement cannot be provided for landscape design services, irrigation, grading, removal of dead trees or other vegetation from the planting area or similar activities. After the trees are planted, Planning Services will inspect the trees to determine compliance with Ordinance requirements. After the trees are inspected and approved, and upon submission of an itemized invoice from the supplier for the trees, including planting and a two-year warranty, the cost of the trees, not to exceed \$24,000, will be refunded to the Cherry Grove Homeowner's Association. Any remaining monies will be returned to the project sponsor. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Consider site plan approval for the Hamptons Condominiums (Part of the Cherry Hill PUD). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for The Hamptons Condominiums

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested site plan approval for The Hamptons, to be located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Morton-Taylor Roads; (Tax ID #085-99-0001-001, 085-99-0002-704 and 085-99-0003-000); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan, and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees on February 24, 2004 approved a resolution to grant an appeal of the Forest Preservation Ordinance and allow the project sponsor to provide the Township with a \$24,000 cash bond, equivalent to the planting of 64 replacement trees for the benefit of the Cherry Grove Homeowner's Association, which will assume responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the said trees and;

WHEREAS, in addition to the project sponsor will place a temporary construction fence along the westerly property line running north to south,

following clearing and grubbing activity on the subject property. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Don Marhofer, to approve the site plan for The Hamptons, 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 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 5. Consider Site Plan for Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV (Part of Cherry Hill PUD). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV

WHEREAS the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested site plan approval for Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Lilley and Sheldon Roads, identified as Tax EDP #085-99-0002-704 and 085-99-0003-000; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Don Marhofer, to approve the site plan for the proposed Cherry Grove Condominiums Phase IV 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 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 6. Consider Authorizing Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. to Perform Property Surveys for the Lotz Road Right-of-Way. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., to perform the property surveys and legal descriptions for the right-of-way for the Lotz Road SAD in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. (#403-506-818-000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Consider Approval for Two Engineering Services Staff to Attend A SewerCAD Training Workshop in Minneapolis, MN, May 3-5, 2004. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize Bob Belair and Bill Serchak, Engineering Services Staff to attend a SewerCAD training workshop in Minneapolis, MN, May 3-5, 2004. The not-to-exceed budget of \$4,000.00 would be paid from Engineering Services, Conference and Seminars, line item 592-441-951-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Approve the Purchase of Microsoft Office 2003 for Township Wide Deployment on Computer Systems. (FDB) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the amended motion to purchase 400 workstation licenses, totaling \$99,000, which was approved in the 2004 budget, of Microsoft Office 2003, from Microsoft, Inc. 655 Fairfield Court, Ann Arbor 48108. (#101-258-755-0000) Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. Authorization to Purchase State-Owned Mineral and Allied Rights for four (4) Acres/Haggerty Road, by J.B. Donaldson Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk, on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton, to sign the Application to Purchase State-Owned Mineral and Allied Rights for the parcel of property described as part of parcel, tax ID #71-098-0028-001, and described by the following: Part of the South _ of the West _ of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 2 South, Range 8 East. Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 of said Section 25; thence along a line being parallel with the East-West 1/4 line at Section 25 as monumented, North 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East, 58.17 feet to the West line of Haggerty Road (120 feet wide); thence continuing North 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East, 150.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 32 seconds West, 320.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds East, 587.61 feet to the Westerly line of Interstate 275 (variable row) said Westerly line being 197 feet Westerly of the Northbound construction centerline, thence along said Westerly line 73.21 feet along a curve to the left with a radius of 5926.58 feet and chord that bears South 04 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds East 73.19 feet, thence continuing along the Westerly line of Interstate 275 South 04 degrees 33 minutes 32 seconds East, 247.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds West, 611.84 feet along a line parallel with the East West 1/4 line of Section 25 as monumented, to the point of beginning. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Study Session, March 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Public Art **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes 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 after Board approval.

Publish: March 4, 2004

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CANTON POLICE DEPT. 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004 AT 10:00 AM. THE AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185

PLEASE NOTE: THE BIDDING WILL START AT THE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES.

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Plymouth Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of two-lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the westerly right-of-way line of Beck Road and proceeds along Amherst Court to the northerly right-of-way line of Powell Road. The project also includes Nicholas Lane in its entirety.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Amherst Court and Nicholas Lane consists of Lots 1 through 46 of the Plymouth Hills Subdivision, as well as parcels 990003001, 990003002, and 990003003, located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$332,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 453-3840

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Ocelots beat Grand Rapids, win MCCA title

When push came to shove, Schoolcraft College was not going to be denied in its bid for a fourth straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's basketball title.

The Ocelots, who led by as many as 17 points in the second half, withstood a three-point barrage from Grand Rapids to pull out a hard-fought 87-82 victory at Flint Mott.

Schoolcraft, which improved to 28-3 overall, got a lift off the bench from 6-foot-7, 260-pound reserve center Darien Bynum. The second-year player from Redford Bishop Borgess scored all 11 of his points in the second half.

Five other Ocelots scored in double figures led by Ryan Baumgartner with 17, Ray Metcalf and Marcus

Johnson, 16 apiece; Tyrone Scott, 13; and Derrick Ponder, 10.

Johnson, a 6-8, 225-pound forward from Dearborn Heights Robichaud, had a huge weekend on the boards. He grabbed 16 in the win over Grand Rapids and had 21 in a semifinal victory Friday over Wayne County CC.

Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, who suspended two starters for disciplinary reasons prior to Friday's semifinal, was elated with the outcome.

"It shows how hard our kids work in practice and about how hard our coaches work, too," Briggs said. "Even without two starters, it says a lot about the program. We had a limited rotation of guys, but they didn't quit despite all the distractions we had

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this week. They were able to keep their focus and concentration."

Schoolcraft led 45-32 at halftime thanks to a 14-0 run sparked by the play of Metcalf, Ponder, Baumgartner, Scott and Johnson.

Schoolcraft hit 15-of-30 first-half shots.

"We're best when we're scoring off our defense," Briggs said. "During that time we were able to get into transition and get some easy baskets."

After Baumgartner's second three-pointer put the Ocelots ahead 51-34 with 18:20 left in the game, Grand Rapids responded by going on a three-point binge of its own.

The Raiders (23-5) nailed 10 three-pointers in the second half and pulled to within five twice, including a triple by Quennel Young with 11:04 left and another try from leading scorer Brad Pompey with 8:46 remaining to make it 61-56.

But Bynum, who has been plagued by knee problems the past two years, came to the rescue by coming off the bench to score six straight points.

Grand Rapids never got closer than six as the Ocelots held them off by shooting 33-of-44 for the game from the foul line.

"We talked at halftime that we need another guy with bulk in there because Lamont (Arrington, Schoolcraft's 7-footer) was getting pushed around," Briggs said. "Darien came in and played well."

Bynum, ironically, did not play in the opening half, but logged 15 valuable minutes in the second half.

"I just had to get rebounds, put-backs and box out on the defensive end," said Bynum, who was 3-of-4 from the field and 5-of-6 from the foul line to go along with four rebounds. "Coach (Gary) Mazza kept telling me to be ready."

"This year, I've just tried to keep a good attitude and pray. I'm about 85 percent back. It (the knee surgery) has limited my jumping ability and I'm about 15 pounds overweight."

In addition to Pompey, Grand Rapids got a lift from forward Curtis Ludtke, who finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Jamie Brown and Stuart Mayes each added 12 points, while Young finished with 11.

Shamrocks are no match for OLSM

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Brandon Cassise was hot enough to burn Catholic Central right out of the Detroit Catholic League Central-AA championship game.

Cassise equaled the fourth-most points scored in a championship game - 30 - Sunday at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall that paced Orchard Lake St. Mary's to a tougher-than-it-looked 69-56 victory over CC.

"I knew had to make shots," said Cassise, who burned the Shamrocks for 29 points when they met in the first game of

the season, a 64-52 Eaglets' victory. "We've been playing good lately (14-game winning streak) and we knew they are a good team."

"We knew Andre Ratliff and Cassise were the guys to stop," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "I don't know what Ratliff had (12 points) but Cassise torched us. He absolutely torched us. He's solid."

St. Mary's jumped out to an early 9-4 lead and kept fending off CC challenges. The Shamrocks were only able to lead once, 25-24, on a Dan Waterstradt jam with 3:22 left in the half.

But the Eaglets scored the

next six points, closing the half with a 9-2 run to take a 33-27 lead into the third quarter. CC fought back again, closing to 48-45 after three periods and scored the first basket of the fourth to make it 48-47.

But Cassise, who transferred to St. Mary's from Walled Lake Central, scored 13 of his points in the final period as the Eaglets made their first five shots to take a 59-52 lead.

Overall, OLSM went 9-for-11 from the field in the last eight minutes - and the two shots it missed were blocked.

"That guy was hitting some shots," OLSM coach George Porritt said of Cassise. "A big

key for us was rebounding. We didn't give them many second shots. And Chris McLaurin made a couple of big put-backs."

McLaurin also scored a dozen points for St. Mary's (15-4) while CC (15-4) got 21 points from Waterstradt, 14 from Jim Cash and eight from Kyle Smith.

"They just made shots," Coratti said. "Some were contested. What are you going to do? Then we started missing. We were pushing the ball up the floor and rushed our shots. It seemed like we could never get in a good rhythm in the game."

ROCKS

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pivotal moment in the match surfaced, according to Teeters.

Jordan Falcusan, Salem's senior setter, stepped in to serve and ignited a five-point run. Following a Churchill timeout, the Rocks lost the serve, but not the momentum. They were ahead 9-8, and would never again face anything more than a one-point deficit.

"That was a big momentum change for us," said Teeters.

Added Grenier: "We made a

lot of unforced errors. It was a disappointing match because we did not play too well. It hurts the ego.

"Hopefully, we'll be real motivated for the districts."

Against Churchill, Salem's Ellen Canale had 13 kills, Teresa Coppiellie had 12 kills, Lauren Price had six kills and two service aces, Courtney Edwards had three aces, and Falcusan finished with 28 set assists, two kills and two aces.

In the semifinal win over Glenn, the Rocks got eight kills from Canale, six kills and six digs from Coppiellie, two aces from Edwards and 16 set assists

and three aces from Falcusan.

For the tournament, Churchill's attack was paced by Kelsey Mack with 36 kills, Jacqui Gatt with 35 kills and Jenna Kirby with 25 kills. Gatt also had 64 digs and a 95.6 serve reception rate, while Mack totaled 41 digs, five aces and a 92.6 serve reception rate. Kirby got 14 digs; Ashley Cecil finished with 49 set assists and 17 digs; Kristyna Archer had 39 digs and 50 digs; and Stephanie Gorte had 32 digs and five aces.

Churchill could have one more meeting with Salem, if both advance to the Class A district final Friday at Churchill.

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Newspaper-in-Education Activity Column

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March is American Red Cross Month. Watch your newspaper for articles this month about the work of the Red Cross in your community - including Blood Drives. Create a two minute news report describing all of the services of the American Red Cross.

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Canton man is Observer & Eccentric trivia contest winner

Canton's Steve Bergmans was the grand prize winner in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers / ShowSpan Fishing, Trivia Contest* Feb. 20.

"I went out to dinner after we called and won the tickets," Bergmans said. "When I got home, I heard the news that I had won (the grand prize) and thought it was great. I'll definitely put it to good use."

The first 20 callers with the correct answer to our trivia question won a pair of tickets to the 21st Annual Michigan

Boat, Sport and Fishing Show, Wednesday through Sunday at Ford Field. Bergmans' name was drawn randomly from the pool of correct answers.

In addition to a pair of tickets to the show, he also won an Abu Garcia 6-foot, one piece, medium light action spinning rod & reel combo and a Luhr Jensen Little Chief electric smoker.

The trivia question was: Many Great Lakes trout and salmon are marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin located on a fish? The correct answer is: On the back of the fish behind the dorsal fin.

The Boat, Sport and Fishing Show runs through Sunday at Ford Field and features an

assortment of new fishing and hunting gear, continental seminars by some of Michigan's top sportsmen and much more. Show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. today; noon-9:30 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$8 adult, \$4 children ages 6-15, and children age 5 and under are admitted free.

FLY FISHING EXPO ON TAP

For the past 25 years the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo has been held at the Southfield Civic Center. But the popularity of the show has caused expo organizer Kevin Lipp to move the show this year to the Macomb Community College's Expo Center in Warren.

"The expo has grown so much through the years that it was becoming impossible to keep up with the demand for booth space and still have enough room for demonstrations, semi-

nars and space for people to walk," Lipp said in a release.

So the show has moved to a new home. Floor space for this year's show has been expanded from about 28,000 at the Southfield venue to 65,000 at MCC. That means this year's show will be even bigger and better than before.

The Midwest Fly Fishing Expo, sponsored and Michigan Fly Fishing Club, features over 200 booths, a casting pond and an all-star lineup of speakers. The show will be held March 13-14, beginning at 10 a.m. each day.

For more information visit the Michigan Fly Fishing Club's web site at www.mffc.org.

Spring turkey drawing Results of the 2004 spring turkey license drawing are posted on the DNR web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr. Click on hunting, then click on wild turkeys, then click on drawing results and type in your ID

number (drivers license number). If you did not receive the hunt you applied for don't despair, left-over license — over 42,000 — go on sale over the counter at 10 a.m. Monday. However, only individuals who applied but were not selected can purchase a left-over license.

Michigan's spring turkey season runs April 19-May 31. If you applied but are not contacted by Friday should call (517) 373-3904 for assistance.

CAMPGROUND HOSTS WANTED

If spending the summer camping — free of charge — sounds like a winning plan it may be time to consider volunteering to serve as a campground host in a state park or state forest campground.

Each year, the Parks Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources puts out a call for volunteers to work in its Campground Host Program. CHP allows individuals to camp in state parks and state forest campgrounds free for one month. In exchange, the camper must help out around the park by providing assistance to other campers.

"Campground hosts play vital roles in helping other campers understand the features of state parks and state forests," said Jerry Bukoski, head of the Parks and Recreation Bureau's visitor service unit. "They share their expertise and knowledge and help build camaraderie in the campground."

Duties of a campground host are pretty simple. They greet campers and answer questions about the park, and arrange activities like coffee hours, kids fishing derbies and campfire sing-a-longs.

Volunteer campground hosts are not required to take law enforcement measures, but do observe and notify park staff of problems.

Hosts must be at least 18 years old and provide service for five days/30 hours each week, including holidays and weekends. The hosts are responsible for providing their own camping equipment. For more information visit the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., March 18th, 2004 for the following:

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., March 18th, 2004 for the following:

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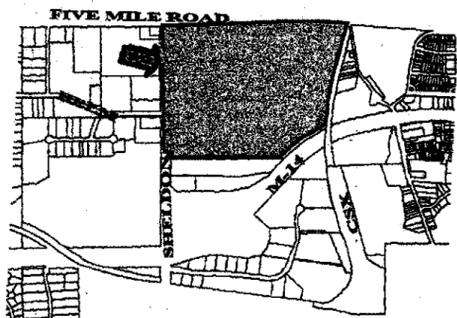
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Requested Approval of the Planned Unit Development Option
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, March 17, 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting the approval of the **Planned Unit Development Option** pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The subject property is located on the south side of Five Mile Road between Sheldon Road and Northville Road. Tax ID Nos. R78-013-01-0001-003, R78-013-99-0001-001, R78-013-03-0075-001. Application 1828/0204. Applicant, Archdiocese of Detroit.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI., during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes, and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 734-453-3840. Michigan Relay Service, 1-800-649-3777.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED NEW ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT

ACTION: CONSIDER A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT TO REPLACE THE TEXT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 83, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, March 31, 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Michigan Public Act 184 of 1943, as amended, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, for the purpose of considering a comprehensive revision of the zoning ordinance text for the entire Charter Township of Plymouth. The new zoning ordinance text will replace the current Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 83, in its entirety. Revisions to the zoning map for the Township will be considered at a separate Planning Commission public hearing on April 7, 2004.

The public hearing will be held to explain the proposed Zoning Ordinance text to the public. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed new zoning ordinance text may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application 1677. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may be recommended approval to the Township Board of Trustees of the new zoning ordinance text as proposed, or as may be amended.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Mann and Trustees Arnold, Griffith and Munfakh were present. Excused were Clerk Massengill, Treasurer Edwards and Trustee Curmi. Also present was Deputy Clerk Bridgman.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Agenda for the February 24, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 10, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Keith Cleveland, a resident of Plymouth Hills Subdivision, asked which point of procedure was being followed regarding the matter on the agenda concerning the Paving Special Assessment District for Plymouth Hills Subdivision.

Mr. Jim Anulewicz, Director of Public Service, indicated the Board would only be setting the date for the Public Hearing. Notices will be mailed to residents prior to the March 9 hearing date.

Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, and Jim Anulewicz, Public Services Director, addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. regarding the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Allocation.

Township resident Arlene Karell asked whether all seniors in the Township have been polled as to their wishes for allocation of the Block Grant funds.

Mr. Anulewicz and Mr. Mann explained that the multi-year improvement program at the Friendship Center was already approved by the Board last year. This year's approval is a reaffirmation of that program, and, once completed, a survey of all seniors could be taken.

Mr. Mann closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the expenditure of the 2004 Community Block Grant funds as follows:

\$ 8,900	Plymouth Council on Aging
24,800	Senior Transportation Program
12,100	Administration
Previously approved**	
76,100	Multi-year Senior Center Improvements
\$121,900	TOTAL

**The multi-year project was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application No. 1815/1003 for rezoning from R-1-E, Single Family Residential, to TAR, Technology and Research District, as described on the attached amended zoning map. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all. A copy of the amended zoning map is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Munfakh moved to set the date for the Public Hearing of Necessity to March 9, 2004, and add this item to the agenda for that meeting. Further, he moved to approve Resolution 04-02-24-06, scheduling Hearing of Necessity for the Plymouth Hills Subdivision Road Paving S.A.D. for March 9, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Annual Permit "C" for Street Sweeping, addendum Permit "C" and MDOT Permit and approve the Performance and Indemnification Resolution, allowing the Charter Township of Plymouth to work within the right-of-way of roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Wayne and State of Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved that March 23, 2004, be established for Public

Hearing on the request from Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed in their existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved that March 23, 2004, be established for Public Hearing on the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company's request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for rehabilitation of their existing facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved that March 23, 2004, be established for Public Hearing on the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company's request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for an expansion to their existing facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Phase 11, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to adopt Resolution 04-02-24-07, authorizing Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-41250 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 243, and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all by roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04-02-24-08 to allow residents of the Charter Township of Plymouth to participate in the DNR Canada Goose Nest Destruction and Relocation programs. Parties wishing to participate must still apply for the appropriate MDNR permit and follow its procedures and requirements. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold announced the birth of her grandson.

Mr. Lewis updated Mr. Munfakh on the progress of the Township Hall Committee, stating 21 or 22 RFP's had been issued for architectural services. The bid opening date is scheduled for March 5.

Mr. Lewis also updated Mr. Munfakh on the progress of the house being constructed on Ann Arbor Road. He said he'd taken a walk-through with the homeowner and the first floor is now essentially dry-walled and parts have been painted. They are moving along.

Resident Jim Karell asked if it was an oversight that "Set date for Public Hearing" was not included as part of Agenda Item J.1, Special Assessment District for Plymouth Hills Subdivision Road Paving. He felt many residents in the area came out to the meeting, not realizing that this would be the only action taken.

Mr. Mann noted he would check with Clerk Massengill when she returns.

Mr. Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all. Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Joseph Bridgman, Deputy Clerk Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on February 24, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on March 9, 2004.

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Wayne's 'little man' is too big for Salem

It wasn't a big problem for Salem. Only about 5-foot-2, which, in the world of boys high school basketball, isn't very much.

Unless, of course, that "problem" is Geno Safford.

Wayne Memorial's diminutive senior point guard was nearly unstoppable Tuesday in what was the biggest game of the season thus far for both Wayne and Salem. With the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division title — and a berth in the WLA championship opposite Northville on Friday — at stake, Safford struck for a career-high 32 points, including six three-pointers, to lift the Zebras to a 73-60 victory at Wayne.

Salem, which slipped to 8-11 overall and 5-3 in the division, hosts Canton in a WLA crossover at 7 p.m. tonight. Wayne, 14-5 overall and 6-2 in the division, will entertain Northville for the title at 7 p.m. Friday.

"Good players rise to the occasion, and he did that," said Salem coach Bob Brodie of Safford's performance.

It wasn't just his outside shooting that frustrated the Rocks, either. One of his three-

pointers came the old-fashioned way, on a drive to the basket.

And in the final seconds of the first half, after Salem's Chris Haar had scored on a drive, was fouled and converted a three-point play, Safford took an inbounds pass in the corner with just 1.59 seconds left and knocked down a triple, doubling the Zebras advantage to 28-22.

That gave him 16 points in the first two quarters and gave Salem a challenge for the second half. Because if the Rocks were going to win, they had to stop Safford.

They didn't. He scored 16 more in the second half, and he did it in the clutch. He got another last-second basket to end the third quarter, this one a drive up the middle after dribbling 1:22 off the clock, pushing Wayne's lead to 52-37.

In the fourth quarter, after the Zebras increased their lead to 60-39 with 6:20 left, Salem got something going. A foul by Safford, followed by a technical called against him for slamming the ball to the floor, resulted in three free throws by Brian Bradley that ignited a 13-2 Rock run. Bradley had 11 of those points.

What had seemed an insur-

mountable lead just two minutes earlier was now in jeopardy, the Rocks within 10 with 4:04 left. They would not get any closer, however, thanks in part to Safford's free-throw shooting: He was 9-for-9 from the line, including 4-for-4 in the game's final minute.

Oh, by the way. He also had eight assists in the game.

"He stepped up and that was nice to see," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard of Safford's performance. Particularly impressive was his long-distance three-pointer to end the half. "That was big, to go from a three-point lead to six."

As good as he was, it took more than Safford to sink the Rocks. "I knew they were going to scrap," said Woodard. "It would have made their season if they could beat us and play for the championship."

Brodie knew that as well, and he made certain his players knew it, too. "We got to Game 19 of the season and were playing for the division championship," he said. "That's important."

And the Rocks got some standout play from several players, including Dominique Washington, who struck for 23 points; Haar, who had 14; and

Bradley, who finished with 13.

But Wayne had too many weapons. In the second half, the Zebras were 17-of-23 from the floor in the second half (74 percent); in addition to Safford, Gene Nix had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Danny Walsh scored 14 points.

"If they shoot like that, we're not going to beat 'em," said Brodie. "They're too quick. We were scrambling to catch up."

They never could.

Agape 63, Light and Life 60: Canton Agape Christian repelled a Taylor Light and Life second-half comeback attempt, scoring the game's final four points to gain the victory Tuesday.

The Wolverines finished their regular season at 15-5. Light and Life is 6-14.

Agape led 20-11 after one quarter and 36-25 at halftime. But the Crusaders battled back in the second half, eventually catching and — with a minute left — passing the Wolverines, 60-59.

With :40 left, Agape's Charlie Henry was fouled. He hit both ends of a one-and-one opportunity to put the Wolverines back in front. Defense did the rest for Agape, that and Jordan Napier's

rebound and putback with :15 to go that made it a three-point lead. Henry finished with 32 points, including six three-pointers, and four steals. Napier had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Wendell Claxton led Light and Life with 29 points.

Ply. Christian 59, Baptist Park 52: Plymouth Christian Academy slugged it out with Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday, pulling away with a 22-13 final quarter to get the win at Baptist Park.

The Eagles improved to 12-7. Baptist Park is 10-9.

PCA got off to a slow start, trailing 16-11 after one quarter. The deficit was still four (24-20) at the half and two (39-37) after three quarters. A 12-of-16 performance at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter aided the Eagles.

"We got tough and got the job done in the second half," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We gutted out the win with desire and hustle."

Aaron Ciborowski led the Eagles with 14 points and nine rebounds. Daniel Carty contributed 11 points, five steals and four assists; Lew Tripp had 11

points and nine boards; and Ben Balogh had 10 points.

For Baptist Park, Derrick Bourlier scored 21 points, including four three-pointers.

Agape 63, Oakland Christian 56: On Monday, Agape made its trip to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian a successful one, pulling away with a 25-18 fourth quarter to earn the victory.

The Wolverines finished their first-ever season in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 7-3 mark. The Lancers were 9-9 overall, 5-5 in the MIAC.

Agape's one-two punch of Jordan Napier and Charlie Henry proved unbeatable. Napier finished with 30 points and seven rebounds, while Henry scored 22 points, dished out seven assists and had six steals. Kevin Hall led Oakland Christian with 17 points. Matt Dion and Jamie Morrow each scored 10. Agape trailed 17-11 after one quarter, but narrowed that to 25-24 by halftime. The game was tied at 38-all entering the fourth quarter, when Henry's three-pointer gave the Wolverines the lead for good.



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Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis
3:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2004
 Regular meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
 Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann
 Agenda — adopted as presented.
 Minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2004 — approved.
 Schedule of disbursements totaling \$703,971.18 — approved.
 Operations & Maintenance Report for January 2004 — received and filed.
 Acting Director's Report for February 2004 — received and filed.
 Financial Statements For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003 — received and filed.
 Yard Waste Composting; 2003 Annual Report — received and filed.
 Election of Officers — Chair, Thomas Yack; Vice-Chair/Secretary, Mark Abbo; Treasurer, Steve Mann; Assistant Secretary, Robert Biga.
 Cafeteria and Vision Plan Options — approval to prepare a separate vision plan for employees.
 Downstream Control Structure Design; Engineering Services Contract — tabled to discuss further at the next regular meeting.
 WTUA Checking Account Signature Cards Update — approval to add Robert Biga to the checking account signature card.
 Appointment of 401(a) and 457 Plans Trustee — approval to appoint Robert Biga as Trustee of both the WTUA 401(a) Pension Plan and Trust and the Eligible 457 Plan.
 401(a) Pension Plan — Self-Direct — approved.
 457 Eligible Plan — Self-Direct — approved.
 2004 SSOM Work Plan Update — received and filed.
 YCUA Plant Expansion Update — received and filed.
 Director of Operations Contract — approved.
 The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.
 Chairperson Alternate
TERRY BENNETT
 This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (or) by visiting our website at www.wtua.org.
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Stevenson ends Salem's reign

Salem's 11-year stranglehold on the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swimming and diving championships came to an abrupt halt Saturday when Livonia Stevenson garnered its first title since 1992.

The Spartans, who won their fifth WLAA crown since 1982, celebrated by throwing coach Jeff Shoemaker into the Salem pool after scoring team-high 567 points.

Canton was runner-up with 453.5 points, just ahead of third-place Northville with 439. Salem settled for fourth in the 12-school field with 360. See complete results.

"The very first meeting we had this year, the league was all we talked about," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "If we put in the time as far as workouts, I told them it was going to pay off at the end. Nothing during the season means anything until you win the league meet. That's when it all comes into play."

"From top to bottom, we swam well all the way through."

Stevenson swept all three relay events and racked up 65 points thanks a one-two-three sweep in the 100-yard butterfly led by junior Garrett Baringhaus, who clocked a 54.24 followed by teammates Steve Bruestle (54.36) and Steve Helewski (55.63).

"They all swam lifetime bests," Shoemaker said of the butterfly. "I did not think we could have three flyers go around 54."

Stevenson started the off the meet with a bang by winning the 200 medley relay as Baringhaus, David Gosdzinski, Bruestle and Matt Massman combined for a time of 1:40.62.

The foursome of Helewski, Travis Hatt, Massman and Brendan Cummings then captured the 200 freestyle relay in 1:32.76.

Stevenson capped off the meet by edging Northville in the 400 freestyle relay as Andrew Schoff, Cummings,



Canton's Steve Reasor placed seventh in the 200-yard individual medley and ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke at the WLAA finals.

Baringhaus and Hatt won in 3:20.11. Northville's time was 3:20.29.

Hatt, a freshman, had a strong meet, taking part in two first-place relays and winning the 500 freestyle in 4:48.51. Hatt was also runner-up to Salem's Nick Dixon, who finished in 2:00.07 to repeat as league champion in the 200 individual medley. (Hatt's time was 2:01.29.)

"We stepped up in the 100 freestyle with Cummings and Schoff finishing third and fourth, and also in the 500 freestyle," Shoemaker said. "And winning all three relays was huge."

"Travis going 4:48 in the 500 (freestyle) was exceptional. We expect a lot from him in the future. If he fine-tunes a few things, he'll be powerful."

In diving, Livonia Franklin's Dan Ravis, who also excels as a club gymnast, took the title with 384.70 points, while Stevenson's Cody Stafford placed second with 335.80.

The meet's only individual double winner was Canton senior Joe Le, who repeated as champion in both the 50- and

100 freestyles with times of 22.38 and 48.85, respectively.

"We were happy with Joe Le's performance," Canton coach Ed Webber said. "We're happy for James Sattler, he made the cut in the 200 free (by .001 in fourth place). We're happy with everything. We had the most drops of anyone at the meet. We did what we wanted as far as swimming fast."

"Stevenson swam very fast. They had very strong relays and we couldn't match that." Even though Salem's 11-year reign came to an end, coach Chuck Olson saw some positives overall from the meet.

"A lot of people didn't expect it to be as fast as it was," he said. "We knew what they (Stevenson) were getting in with Hatt, Helewski (transfer from Walled Lake Western) and Schoff (transfer from Livonia Churchill). I thought we did great. I'm very pleased. We already had our relays qualify (for the state meet), so we really did what we needed to do."

"We swam better today than we did on Thursday (in the prelims)."

WLAA SWIM RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SWIMMING

Feb. 28 at Salem HS

Team results: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 567 points; 2. Canton, 453.5; 3. Northville, 439.5; 4. Salem, 360; 5. Walled Lake Central, 260; 6. Walled Lake Western, 208; 7. Wayne Memorial, 206; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 140; 9. Livonia Churchill, 135; 10. Livonia Franklin, 104; 11. Plymouth, 92; 12. Westland John Glenn, 68.

Individual results
200-yard medley relay: Championship final - 1. Stevenson (Garrett Baringhaus, David Gosdzinski, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman), 1:40.62; 2. Northville, 1:41.88; 3. Salem, 1:41.98; 4. W.L. Central, 1:43.38; 5. Canton, 1:44.80; 6. W.L. Western, 1:45.36.
B final - 7. Wayne, 1:49.11; 8. Churchill, 1:49.39; 9. W.L. Northern, 1:56.60; 10. John Glenn, 1:59.05; 11. Plymouth, 1:59.94; 12. Franklin, 2:03.35.

200 freestyle: Championship final - 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:47.21; 2. Brad Farris (N), 1:48.26; 3. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:50.01; 4. James Sattler (C), 1:50.38; 5. Andrew Schoff (LS), 1:50.64; 6. Chris Culklin (N), 1:54.97.
B final - 7. Andy Grant (LC), 1:52.64; 8. Brendan Cummings (LS), 1:53.08; 9. Jeff Pauza (LS), 1:54.04; 10. Sam Manees (C), 1:55.75; 11. Aaron Flohr (N), 1:56.83; 12. Jason Savage (WLW), 2:00.85.
C final - 13. Aaron Van Proyen (C), 1:55.95; 14. Jeff O'Donnell (WLC), 1:56.48; 15. Salvatore Loria (LS), 1:56.95; 16. Nick Landis (C), 1:57.22; 17. Jordan Champagne (C), 1:58.53; 18. Billy Horgan (S), 1:58.71.

200 individual medley: Championship final - 1. Nick Dixon (S), 2:00.07; 2. Travis Hatt (LS), 2:01.29; 3. Will Blicke (N), 2:01.72; 4. Ryan Booms (WLC), 2:03.65; 5. Hunter Schwartz (N), 2:11.22; 6. Penn Chou (C), 2:12.06.
B final - 7. Steve Reasor (C), 2:08.35; 8. Andrew Drennan (WM), 2:10.04; 9. Gosdzinski (LS), 2:10.35; 10. Weston Laabs (N), 2:11.07; 11. Phil Watkins (WLC), 2:11.22; 12. Matt Carlson (C), 2:13.53.

C final - 13. Andy Knisley (P), 2:11.50; 14. Jason Anderson (LS), 2:12.83; 15. Chris Brown (LS), 2:13.00; 16. Shogo Uno (C), 2:14.10; 17. Jared Averbuch (WLC), 2:14.94; 18. Greg Scully (LC), 2:15.54.
50 freestyle: Championship final - 1. Joe Le (C), 22.38; 2. Joel Rinkevich (WLN), 22.7; 3. Ben Jyikka (WLW), 22.92; 4. Massman (LS), 23.21; 5. Joe Horgan

(N), 23.36; 6. John Faraoni (C), 23.42.
B final - 7. Steve Helewski (LS), 23.13; 8. Matthew Feamster (WM), 23.42; 9. Nick White (S), 23.92; 10. Dan Lynam (WLC), 23.96; 11. Dennis Hermatz (WM), 24.08; 12. Bruestle (LS), 24.22.
C final - 13. Mike Higgs (S), 23.35; 14. Jack Temple (N), 24.06; 15. Neal Brunner (C), 24.26; 16. Jon Templeton (C), 24.68; 17. Joe Bashara (LC), 24.72; 18. Jason Williams (S), 24.84.

Diving: Championship final - 1. Dan Rais (LF), 384.70 points; 2. Cody Stafford (LS), 335.80; 3. Travis Kneale (WLN), 329.40; 4. Andrew Murawski (S), 323.65; 5. Brad Lempe (N), 315.60; 6. Kevin Carafelli (C), 302.70; 7. Ed Moore (LF), 271.75; 8. James Ouesada (WLW), 257.95; 9. Jarett Machovec (WM), 239.50; 10. Matt Williams (LC), 236.45; 11. Nate Lindman (LS), 236.30; 12. John Lundy (S), 230.30; 13. Justin MacGill (P), 225.60; 14. Steve Smith (LS), 223.20; 15. Mike Hodde (WLW), 216.10; 16. Jon Whitt (JG), 212.35; 17. Kevin Youngpeter (JG), 204.20; 18. Chad Mahakian (WLW), 190.20.

100 butterfly: Championship final - 1. Baringhaus (LS), 54.24; 2. Bruestle (LS), 54.36; 3. Helewski (LS), 55.63; 4. Faraoni (C), 55.75; 5. Watkins (WLC), 56.58; 6. Uno (C), 56.77.
B final - 7. Kyle Mlinek (N), 59.14; 8. (tie) Champagne (C), Casey Johnson (S), 59.61; 10. Patrick Sautural (S), 1:00.14; 11. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:00.20; 12. Horgan (S), 1:00.89.

C final - 13. Chris Folas (N), 1:00.77; 14. Calus Boboescu (LS), 1:01.13; 15. Andrew Hall (WLW), 1:02.42; 16. Eric Budai (WLW), 1:02.54; 17. John Kline (S), 1:03.45; 18. Jon Wejroch (JG), 1:05.03.

100 freestyle: Championship final - 1. Le (C), 48.85; 2. Rinkevich (WLN), 49.82; 3. Cummings (LS), 51.02; 4. Schoff (LS), 51.16; 5. Chou (S), 51.47; 6. Hermatz (WM), 52.70.
B final - 7. Grant (LC), 50.78; 8. Jyikka (WLW), 51.21; 9. Feamster (WM), 52.12; 10. Horgan (N), 52.27; 11. Massman (LS), 52.37; 12. Manees (C), 53.04.
C final - 13. Higgs (S), 52.19; 14. Oliver (WLC), 52.50; 15. Adam Whalen (LS), 52.74; 16. Brunner (C), 53.21; 17. Ken Belrose (WLN), 53.31; 18. Mark Stuber (N), 53.67.

500 freestyle: Championship final - 1. Hatt (LS), 4:48.51; 2. Blicke (N), 4:48.90; 3. Keady (N), 4:51.56; 4. Dixon (S), 4:56.40; 5. Garinghaus (LS), 5:01.24; 6. Sattler (C), 5:02.81.

B final - 7. Culklin (N), 5:02.61; 8. Brown (LS), 5:08.87; 9. Landis (C), 5:13.15; 10. Van Proyen (C), 5:15.36; 11. O'Donnell (WLC), 5:20.76; 12. Flohr (N), 5:22.23.

C final - 13. Matt Underhill (S), 5:21.08; 14. Loria (LS), 5:22.05; 15. Robert Blasser (C), 5:30.06; 16. Ben Eberlein (C), 5:31.31; 17. Erik Foudis (LC), 5:36.00; 18. Harry Moroz (N), 5:37.71.

200 freestyle relay: Championship final - 1. Stevenson (Helewski, Hatt, Massman, Cummings), 1:32.76; 2. Salem, 1:33.67; 3. Wayne, 1:33.96; 4. Canton, 1:34.04; 5. Northville, 1:34.30; 6. W.L. Central, 1:34.75.

B final - 7. W.L. Northern, 1:36.96; 8. W.L. Western, 1:37.05; 9. Churchill, 1:41.97; 10. John Glenn, 1:42.49; 11. Franklin, 1:46.18; 12. Plymouth, 2:05.60.

100 backstroke: Championship final - 1. Savage (WLW), 56.21; 2. Farris (N), 56.98; 3. (tie) Schwartz (N), Jurcak (S), 57.02; 5. Oliver (WLC), 57.60; 6. Pauza (LS), 59.05.

B final - 7. Whalen (LS), 59.00; 8. Phillips (C), 1:00.19; 9. Scully (LC), 1:01.60; 10. Calabrese (C), 1:02.96; 11. Blasser (C), 1:03.78; 12. Brian Gurta (WLC), 1:04.02.

C final - 13. Kline (S), 1:02.96; 14. Sam Warren (WLW), 1:03.01; 15. Alex Marinica (C), 1:03.48; 16. Jarett Machovec (WM), 1:03.97; 17. Folas (N), 1:04.71; 18. David Kong (P), 1:05.72.

100 breaststroke: Championship final - 1. Booms (WLC), 1:02.99; 2. Gosdzinski (LS), 1:03.38; 3. Drennan (WM), 1:03.63; 4. Anderson (LS), 1:05.62; 5. Johnson (S), 1:05.63; 6. Knisley (P), 1:05.74.

B final - 7. Laabs (N), 1:06.41; 8. Jeff Kotowski (WLC), 1:07.21; 9. Reasor (C), 1:08.00; 10. (tie) Matt Carlson (C), Josh Ritchey (WLW), 1:09.13; 12. Geoff Wrobel (WLC), 1:09.34.

C final - 13. Silva (LF), 1:09.12; 14. Averbuch (WLC), 1:09.77; 15. (tie) Andrew Hall (WLW), Dan Anthony (C), 1:11.68; 17. Jerard Welch (WLW), 1:12.22; 18. Kevin Burek (LC), 1:12.62.

400 freestyle relay: Championship final - 1. Stevenson (Schoff, Cummings, Baringhaus, Hatt), 3:20.11; 2. Northville, 3:20.29; 3. Canton, 3:21.89; 4. Salem, 3:22.43; 5. Wayne, 3:27.80; 6. W.L. Western, 3:29.22.

B final - 7. W.L. Central, 3:33.85; 8. Churchill, 3:34.50; 9. W.L. Northern, 3:50.45; 10. Plymouth, 4:01.22; 11. Franklin, 4:05.48; 12. John Glenn, 4:11.11.

THE WEEK AHEAD

DIVISION I at LIVONIA CHURCHILL

First round: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Canton, 4 p.m.

Semifinals: Salem vs. South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.

Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Chelsea vs. Ypsilanti-Lincoln district champion.)

CLASS B at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Ladywood vs. (D) Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 4:30 p.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.

Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Notre Dame Prep district champion.)

CLASS D at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
First round: (A) Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner vs. (B) Saline Washtenaw Christian, 10 a.m.; (C) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. (D) Novi Franklin Road Christian, 11 a.m.

Semifinals: Plymouth Christian vs. A-B winner, noon; Canton Agape Christian vs. C-D winner, 1 p.m.

Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 6 at Adrian Lenawee Christian vs. Litchfield district champion.)

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, March 4
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
 (Operation-Friendship at U-D Mercy's Callahan Hall)
 Redford CC vs. Det. Denby, 1 p.m.
 Renaissance vs. O.L. St. Mary, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY STATE PLAYOFFS (First Round)
 at NOVI ICE ARENA Saturday, March 6
 W.L. Unified vs. Pt. Huron Unified, 5:30 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Bloomfield Hills, 6 p.m.
 Liggett vs. Ply.-Canton-Salem, 7:15 p.m.
 Mercy vs. Northville, 7:45 p.m.
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Garret Johnson, director of government relations, The Nature Conservancy-Michigan Chapter, will speak on Restoring Michigan's Leadership in Land Protection.

Admission is free. The public may attend. RSVPs are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call Oakland Land Conservancy at (248) 601-2816 or e-mail executive director Donna Folland at folland@wwnet.net.

The schedule is: 6-7:30 p.m. - light supper, board elections, Conservation Priorities for 2004 report, awards and recognition; 7:30-8:15 p.m. - featured speaker; 8:15 p.m. - raffle for Detroit Pistons basketball and other prizes.

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has initiated a public awareness effort consisting of an ad campaign from the Ad Council showing how booster seats save children's lives. The campaign also will include a new Web site, www.boosterseat.gov, that provides information and helpful tools such as a guide to choosing the right restraint for children, as well as a teacher's guide and educational outreach on booster seats.

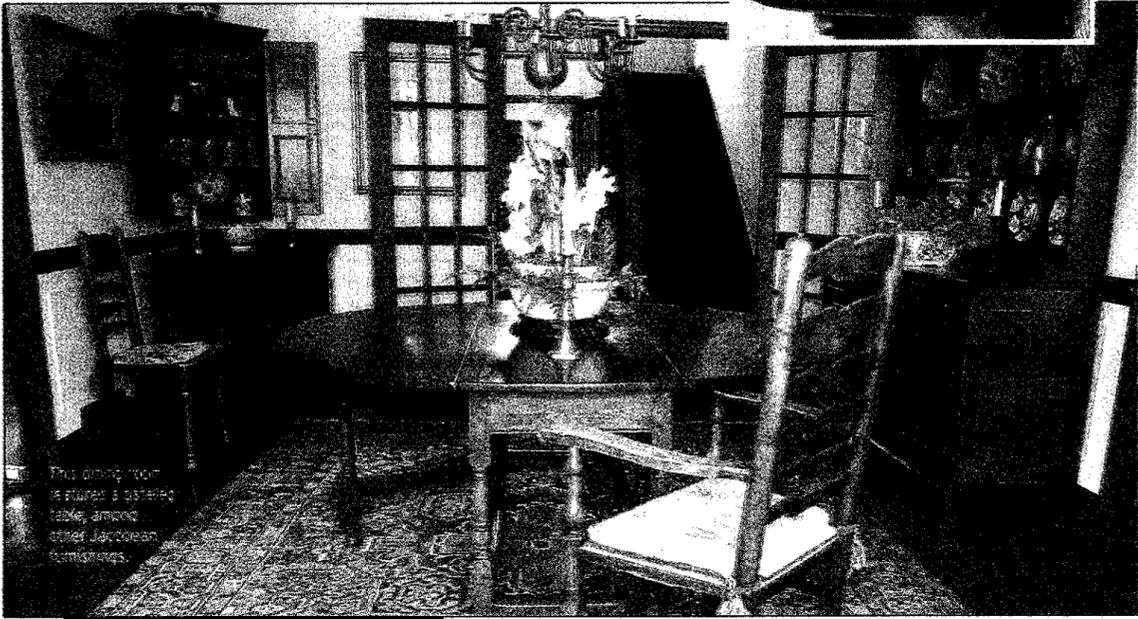
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Living WITH History



ANGIE WILKIE
Members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc. demonstrate creative flair in their presentations at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome. This display is from last year, with the theme of Women of the World.

Garden clubs stage 'Broadway'

There may not be curtains parting or an orchestra striking up an overture, but the excitement of Broadway will be in the air at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome.

At the event, members of District I of the Federated

'It's always interesting to see how creative people can be.'

Angie Wilkie
general chairman

Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc. will present Broadway: A Standard Flower Show. Depicting the Joys, Sorrows, Music and Triumphs of the Broadway Stage.

"It's always interesting to see how creative people can be," said District I member Angie Wilkie of Livonia, general chairman.

"If anyone loves creativity they will love this."

District I encompasses communities from Port Huron to Trenton, and west to South Lyon and Canton. It consists of about 48 garden clubs in five areas, including the Western Area (Farmington, Livonia and Dearborn) and North Area (Rochester and North Oakland).

Among members' activities are meetings, flower shows, garden walks and community projects. There are two district meetings a year, a state convention and schools on flower shows, garden culture, landscape design and environmental issues.

Plant materials are the stars of this "Broadway." Artificial flowers, fruit or foliage, and cut fruit and/or vegetables, aren't permitted.

The event will feature arrangements that interpret familiar Broadway shows. The designs are in 13 classes.

For example, in a class eligible for the Designer's Choice Award, the *South Pacific* and *Show Boat* displays will be staged in niches; while *Funny Girl* will be placed on a 24-inch cube. *La Cage Aux Folles* will hang in a frame; *The Phantom of the Opera* will incorporate black light.

"The *Phantom of the Opera* (arrangement) should be very interesting," said district member Gloria Minnebo of Commerce Township.

In a class eligible for the Petite Award, each staged in a box measuring 8 inches high, 8 inches wide and 4 inches deep, *Cats* will feature some fresh plant material. *Mame* will use all

PLEASE SEE SHOW, C3

If these walls could talk" is the usual phrase. But in a Birmingham home it's the furnishings that appear to have tales to tell.

They are the beautiful and intriguing antiques — furniture and accents — that fill Ed and Jan's residence. (The couple asked that their last names be withheld.)

Many of the pieces were bought at the Community House Antiques Festival in Birmingham. Now in its 14th year, the event will take place next week. (See related article inside.)

"They have so much character," said Jan, who

chaired the festival for two consecutive years in the past.

This house doesn't have a "hands off" rule or "hold your breath" feeling about the antiques, some of which are from the 17th century. They are used and enjoyed.

"We live with 'em," Jan said.

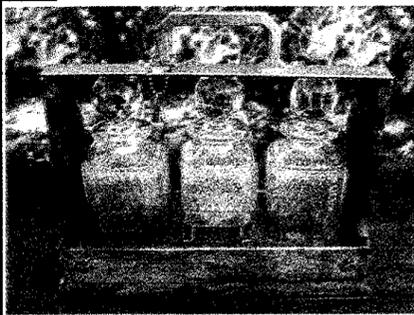
The mix of antique forms warm arrangements throughout the rooms. While the Jacobean pieces seem made for the English style house with its wooden floors, items from other eras and lands smoothly blend in, as in the imari plates that have similar colors of the area rugs.

A stately furnishing Jan calls a "chest on chest" stands in the living room. Nearby is a "gossip" chair, and a compact "davenport desk" that wheels easily around. The beautiful wood of the latter is the setting for a display that includes antique eyeglasses, a blotter and a letter holder.

Other unusual items are in the room: Among them a coal shutter and a fender near or in the fireplace, and a tandalus — a set of decanters in a carrier that could be kept locked — on a table.

In the center of the dining

PLEASE SEE ANTIQUES, C2



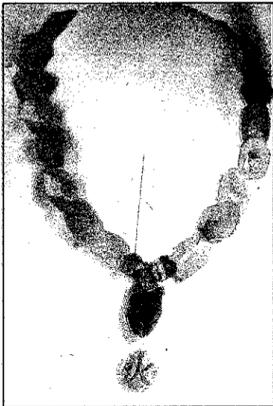
A tandalus, which could be locked, is one of the unusual antiques in the living room. At right, a carving of a woman is featured on each leg of a chair. On top, this davenport desk wheels easily around. Other antiques are arranged on its top.



MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

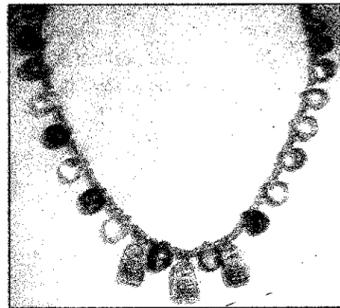


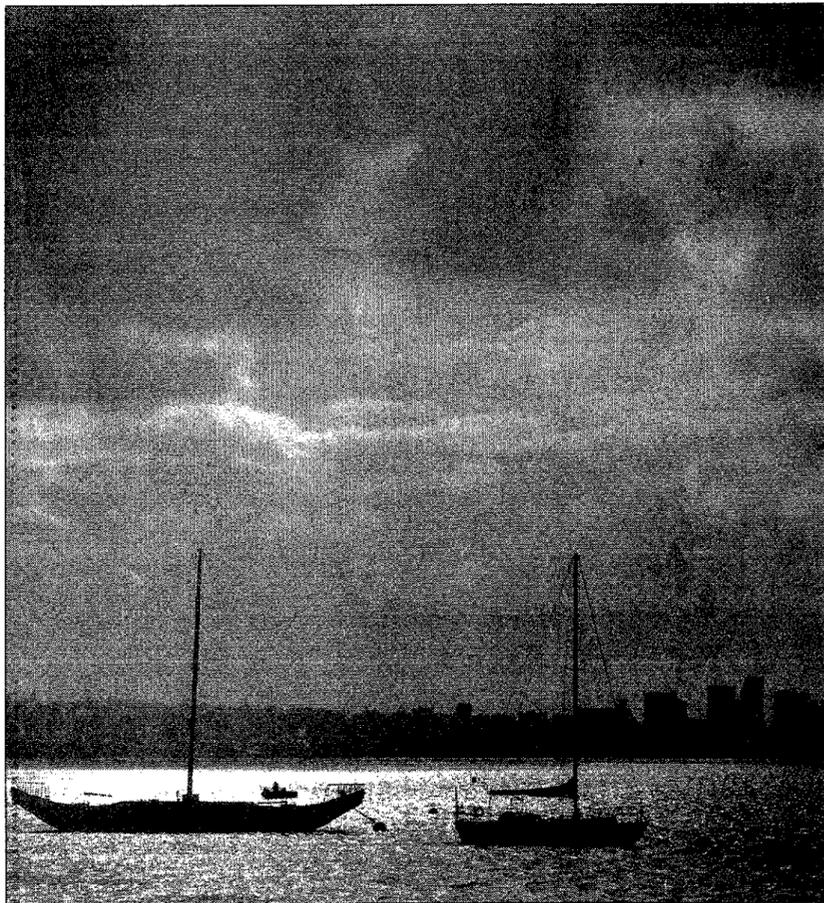
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Monte Nagler prefers film cameras. This sunrise was taken just outside of San Diego.

You can decide between digital or film cameras

The digital era has descended upon us in full force. It is evidenced in increasing ways in our day-to-day lives. We can't go through a day without being impacted in some way by digital devices.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Photography, too, has exploded around us with so many digital choices that change on an almost daily basis. It's become mind-boggling.

Digital cameras are improving, features are abundant, printers

and printing quality are getting better. There are more options than ever.

Photography has reached a crossroads. For many, it's time to sit down and decide on a course of action. Do I switch to digital, stay with film or perhaps do both?

Many wedding and portrait photographers I know have switched to digital... and for good reason. Instant feedback, fast results and the ability to digitally manipulate in order to optimize a finished print. Not just the pros, but the amateur with some computer savvy can combine numerous images into one, alter backgrounds, remove unwanted objects and utilize special programs that can make a photograph even

look like it's not even a photograph.

But to me, there's something to be said about what we've learned over the years... film cameras. It's sticking with basics. There's a special magic in film and darkroom work is truly exciting. Producing a fine art print in my darkroom is a welcome challenge that gives me the opportunity to fully express myself through my photography. And because each print is done one at a time, no two are exactly the same. Whatever your choice, digital or film, the basic fundamentals are still with us... good composition, good exposure and, most important, the ability to see a good picture and share it with others.

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

ANTIQUES

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room is a gateleg table. Pewter and imari are exhibited on a sideboard. A corner cabinet houses glassware and part of Jan's Staffordshire ceramic dog collection. Along one wall is a potboard, originally used to store pots and now another type of sideboard. A dough bin, made as a place for dough to rise, now serves as a mini bar in another room. The front of this piece features a carving of a woman with wheat; nearby stands a chair with a carved figure of a woman on each front leg. On top of the dough bin is a biscuit jar that is now an ice bucket.

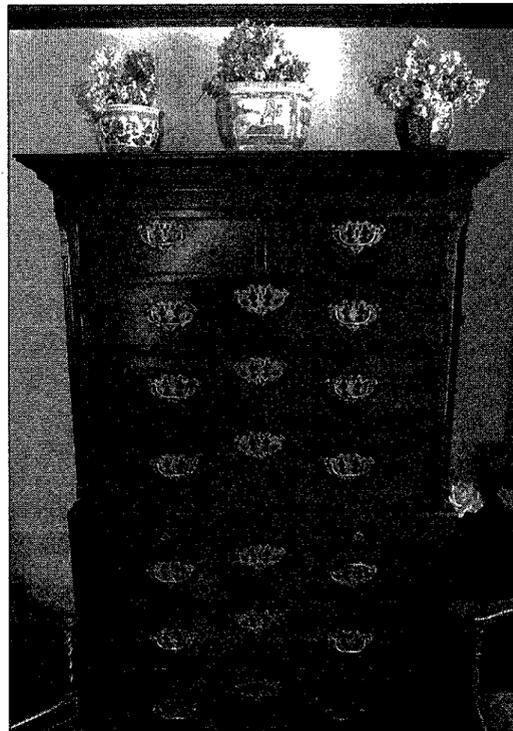
Jan encourages visitors to feel comfortable at the antiques festival.

"The nice thing about the show is the wonderful dealers, and they have a lot of interesting items," she said.

"You can add to collections. You can start collections."

Ed and Jan's house is a living example of how to live comfortably with antiques.

"Just enjoy them," she said.



A "chest on chest" stands in the living room. While many of the pieces seem made for Ed and Jan's English style house, items from other eras are used in smooth, warm arrangements.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE ANTIQUES FESTIVAL

WHEN: Friday-Sunday, March 12-14.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 12-13; noon to 5 p.m. March 14.

WHERE: The Community House, 380 S. Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham.

ADMISSION: \$10.

FEATURES: The festival will present more than 40 booths showcasing everything from English furniture and porcelain to American silver collections and early glass.

During festival hours, Boutiques and Blooms will sell silk and dried floral arrangements as well as other fine gifts for the home and garden.

The Antiques Festival Cafe will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 12-13, and from noon to 3 p.m. March 14. It will offer sandwiches, salads, soups, coffees and desserts.

■ A Preview Party will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at The Community House, including a strolling supper and a silent auction.

Preview Party attendees will have the opportunity to buy antiques prior to the festival opening.

For the preview, Patron tickets are \$125 with admission at 6 p.m.; Friend tickets are \$55 with admission at 7 p.m.

■ Show attendees March 12 and 13 can begin their day 9-10:15 a.m. with Croissants and Quimper. Former HB Henriot Quimper president Paul Janssens, currently the sole importer of HB Henriot Quimper in the United States, will present a lecture, The History of Quimper: There's More to Quimper Than Little Men and Women.

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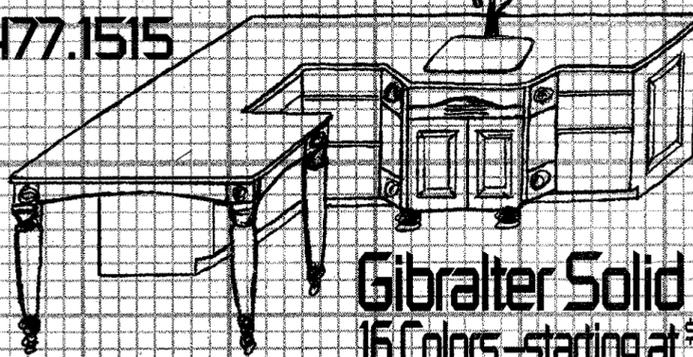
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HOME CALENDAR

Home decor
Birmingham Community Education presents a variety of home decor classes. Call (248) 203-3800 for information. The schedule includes Venetian Plaster and Stucco, Tuesday, March 9. In this class, learn a plaster finishing system that can develop a highly polished, marble-like appearance. The fee is \$25.

Bookmarks
In honor of National Reading Month in March, guests are invited to pick up a complimentary Reading is Fun bookmark from Art Van Furniture Sunday, March 7, while supplies last. The bookmarks will be available at all Art Van stores Sunday.

Room organization
A program, Teen Organize Your Room, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Southfield Public Library. Organizing expert Beverly Rogers will lead teens and their parents through a brainstorming session that will have them creating their own exciting plans to transform their rooms from "blah" to "brilliant!" Registration is required. For more information, call (248) 796-4200. The Southfield Public Library is in the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26300 Evergreen. Visit the library's Home Page at www.sflidlib.org.

Sheer quilts
The CAMEO Quilt Guild will present

Sheer Quilts, a lecture by Jill Ault, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the UAW International Hall, 1640 Stephenson Highway in Troy. The presentation will show an unusual technique for special effects in fabric art. A short business meeting will take place before the lecture. Guest fee \$5. Call (248) 689-8189 for more information.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

SHOW

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fresh plant material, and *Evita* will feature all dried plant material.

In a class eligible for the Table Artistry Award, *Hello, Dolly!* will be staged on a buffet table for six, and *Teahouse of the August Moon* will be presented on a table for two.

The artistic crafts exhibits will consist of a decorated fan (*My Fair Lady*), a decorated program and a corsage.

District I members also made masks decorating the entry level and other areas throughout the garden show.

In addition, the show will feature youth exhibits (up to age 18), a horticultural display and educational exhibits.

The horticultural display will include floor plants, house

THE MICHIGAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW

A show featuring Broadway, an exhibit by members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. The Michigan Home & Garden Show also features displays, seminars and events related to the home and garden.

When: Thursday-Sunday, March 4-7. Hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday, noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The Pontiac Silverdome. Take I-75 to M-59, go west on M-59 to the first exit, Opdyke Road. The Silverdome is on the corner of M-59 and Opdyke Road.

Admission: \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-14, free for ages 5 and under.

For information: Visit www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com.

plants, hanging plants, forced bulbs, potted herbs, dish gardens, orchids, cacti and succulents, topiaries and evergreen branches.

Among the educational exhibits will be displays from the African Violet Society and

the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, and an exhibit of Japanese flower arranging.

"We love doing it," Minnebo said. "It's always interesting to see what the different interpretations are going to be."

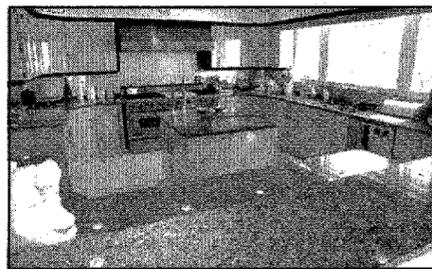
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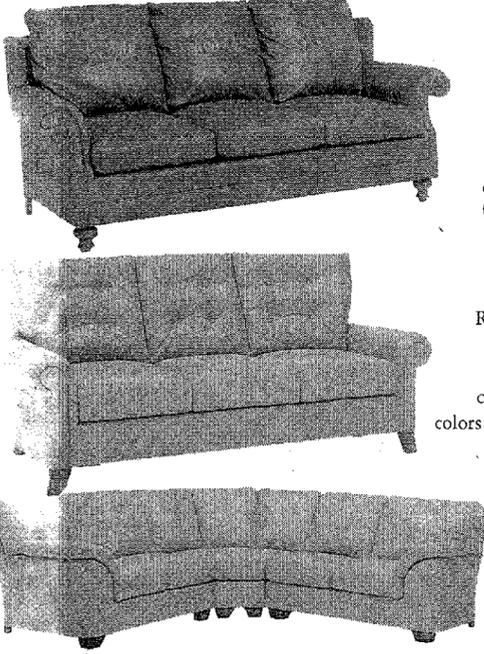
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Tips help with installing wall paneling

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

In the 1960s and '70s, home centers had an abundant supply of wall paneling. Retailers had to keep the shelves stocked to meet the ferocious demand of consumers looking for an easy-to-install and affordable means of dressing up barren walls.

During that era, hardwood flooring, short-pile carpeting and plaster or wallboard walls were out, and wall-to-wall shag carpeting and paneling were the rage.

Across the land, folks were covering stark walls with rich-looking wall paneling of varying wood species, styles and shades. Decorating trends changed from paint to wood paneling of walnut, oak, pine and birch - to name a few.

And, there were decisions other than species. Should the paneling be grooved, and if so, which pattern? What shade of stain, or should you use a natural finish?

For some, finishing the paneling defeated their reason for choosing wall paneling in the first place.

This "set it and forget it" mentality fueled the synthetic "photo finish vinyl" counterpart to natural wood veneer paneling.

What consumers have discovered (as they have with vinyl siding) is that nothing is totally maintenance-free, and when tastes and trends change, the vinyl finish cannot be successfully painted or papered over.

Before minivans and SUVs, the back end of the family station wagon or bed of a pickup truck served to transport sheets of wall paneling from the home center to the home.

There, do-it-yourselfers undertook an interior facelift that would change the look of their homes - that is until the '80s and '90s, when they grew tired of raking their avocado green shag carpet and discovered that their paneling absorbed natural light, making the home dark and unpleasant.

Thus, home-improvement retailers experienced a drop in wall paneling sales. However, the cash register was ringing in the paint and wallpaper

department, as do-it-yourselfers sought ways to brighten their homes without removing the paneling.

Consumers traded hammers and panel adhesive for detergent and a scrub brush - materials necessary to degloss the paneling and then cover it with paint or wallpaper.

CHANGES

What comes around goes around. Hardwood floor is more popular than ever, variegated shag carpeting is back, wallpaper is increasingly in use and homeowners again are singing the praises of natural wood finishes - wall paneling included.

What's different today? It's not all about one finish or the other. Rather it's about a blend of finishes throughout the home. Some hardwood here, wall-to-wall carpeting there, and a clever combination of paint, wallpaper and paneling can go a long way to create the ideal space.

TIPS

Now that it's back in good graces among do-it-yourselfers, we offer the following wall paneling installation tips to make your paneling project easier.

A partial sheet of plywood or a couple of studs draped across a couple of sawhorses offers solid support and makes the job of sawing the paneling easier and safer.

To prevent the material from splintering, use a fine-tool hand saw or circular-saw blade when trimming paneling.

If the paneling will run from floor to ceiling, leave a half-inch gap between the bottom of the paneling and the floor to allow for movement and expansion.

There are two means of fastening paneling - paneling nails and/or adhesive. Use one or both. Though an adhesive-installed paneling job (without nails) can be more attractive - since no nail heads are exposed - be prepared for substantial wallboard repair should you ever decide to remove the paneling.

Begin hanging the paneling in a corner and work your way

around the room.

Establish a vertical or plumb line about 47 inches (a standard sheet is 48 inches wide) out from the corner, which will allow you to "scribe" the material to the shape of the corner. Trim it using a saw.

Matching trim can be installed at corners, the floor and ceiling to conceal less-than-perfect joints.

When using panel adhesive, squeeze a generous amount in a serpentine pattern on the wall where the paneling will be installed. Hold the adhesive back a few inches from the perimeter so that it doesn't ooze into the joints. Allow the adhesive to sit for a few minutes until it becomes tacky.

Put the first sheet of paneling into place, carefully aligning it with the plumb line. Press the entire sheet against the wall, firmly embedding it into the adhesive. Drive a couple of paneling nails at either corner of the two top corners to prevent the sheet from slipping. Drive additional nails at 6-inch centers along the top and bottom edge of the paneling.

If you will also be nailing the paneling in the field, now would be the time to do it - before the adhesive sets up.

With the first sheet of paneling firmly in place, butt the next sheet up against the first (leaving about a dime's width between panels for expansion) and repeat the process with each successive sheet. Install corner trim and baseboard using a miter saw and panel nails.

Hint: Use a dark paint on the walls behind the joints to make the connections less obvious.

Make cutting out for electrical outlets and switches an easy job by ruling the edges of the box with chalk, and press the back of the panel against it before applying the adhesive.

Drill a pilot hole and use a jigsaw to make cutouts for outlets. Use a utility knife with a sharp blade to score the line before cutting. This prevents splintering.

For more home-improvement tips and information, visit our Web site at www.onthehouse.com.

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- 1 p.m. - How to Install a Laminate Floor
- 2 p.m. - New Products for Decks
- 3 p.m. - Landscaping Ideas
- 4 p.m. - Kitchen and Bath Design

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- 12 p.m. - Natural Light Fixtures to Brighten Your Home
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In 2004 the exciting new flower is expected to be the Orange Meadowbrite Coneflower - Echinacea "Art's

Pride," developed by the Chicagoland Grows program.

I saw this beauty while attending the Garden Writers annual meeting in August, and it was the "Belle of the Ball," with everyone wanting to pose with it. If you want this plant you might be lucky if you order early, even though distribution is generally in the Chicago area. Wayside Gardens ((800) 213-0379) and White Flower Farm ((800) 503-9624) are two sources.

You'll find great information and photos in the February 2004 issue of *Garden Gate* magazine and the supplement issue that lists more than 200 new plants for the year. For subscriptions, or questions, write to Customer Service at 2200 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312, or call (800) 341-4769, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT or visit their Web site www.GardenGateMagazine.com.

As promised in an earlier column, here's the scoop on how to keep your poinsettia going: Stop watering when it drops its leaves; move to a semi-shaded window and

water once a month. In late March or early April; cut stems back to 4 inches, then place in a warm, shady spot. In summer, repot in new soil: combine 2 parts all-purpose loam, 2 parts sand and 2 parts peat moss (look at the Pro-Mix products). Place in a sunny window and water sparingly. After the last frost, set poinsettia outdoors in full sun. Prune to prevent legginess and keep evenly moist. Bring it back indoors in September; place in a dark spot, like a closet, for at least 14 hours a day through October. When new growth sprouts, water and feed once a week. Good luck!

Last February we had the pleasure of sailing through the Panama Canal and visited several countries along the way. We always learn something interesting when we travel and this trip was no exception.

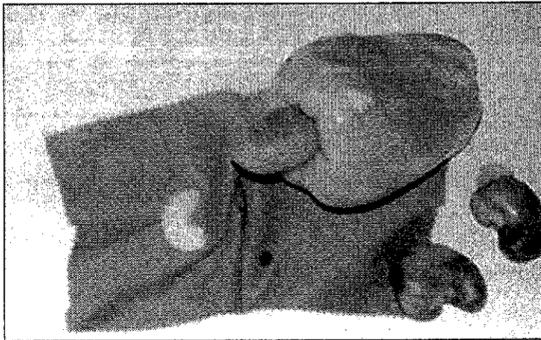
In Puntarenas, Costa Rica, we saw cashew fruit that resembled a yellow/orange sweet pepper. (It had been one of the exotic fruits on the buffet table on the ship). The fla-

vor was rather bland; the skin had a slightly bitter taste.

Why am I telling you this? The stem of the fruit of this plant encloses the actual cashew nut with which we are all familiar! We learned this at a roadside market where they put the nuts in narrow sleeves of plastic and sell them. By golly, they're real thing!

The Perennial Plant Association has named Athyrium niponicum "Pictum" the 2004 Perennial Plant of the Year. This low-maintenance Japanese painted fern is one of the showiest ferns for shade gardens. It's hardy in zones 3 to 8, grows 18 inches tall, and as it multiplies can make a clump more than 2 feet wide. The 18-inch fronds are a soft shade of metallic silver-gray with hints of red and blue. It makes an outstanding combination plant that contrasts well with other shade-lovers such as hosta, bleeding heart, columbine, astilbe and coral bells, Tiarella (foam flower), and others.

"Pictum" needs a well-



The fruit of the cashew resembles sweet pepper. The nut (to the left) is what we eat.

drained, compost-rich soil and flourishes where moisture and humidity abounds. It has the best color in light shade. Add 2-3 inches of compost or peat moss to the beds each spring or fall.

Watch for a new gardening show on public TV this month when *Smart Gardening* will debut. Host Asha Blake will entertain guests who are avid gardeners. Proven Winners, a leading brand of flowering plants, is the sponsor. Check your local station for time.

The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village invite you to a

special program. Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty Centuries will be presented by Scott Kunst, landscape historian, preservationist and owner of Old House Gardens. Don't miss his exciting program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 15. There is no charge for the program, which will be held at the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. More info: Susan, (248) 443-1703 evenings/weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

Horticultural conference set

The Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association will have its 26th annual conference, Horticultural Therapy: Connecting People and Plants, Friday-Saturday, March 12-13. In conjunction with Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week at Michigan State University, the conference will take place on campus in the Plant and Soil Sciences Building.

Returning as keynote speaker, Mitchell Hewson will present *Developing Innovative Horticultural Therapy Programs*.

Hewson will explore ways of creating more enriching and stimulating horticultural therapy programs. He will share the dynamics of using horticulture as a therapeutic tool with a variety of specialized populations.

Author of *Horticulture as Therapy*, and a respected international consultant, Hewson has 30 years of experience as a horticultural therapist at the Homewood Health Centre in Guelph, Ontario.

The MHTA conference will take place 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 12, featuring a variety of breakout sessions, including *Memory Gardens; People, Plants and Prisons; Therapeutic Garden Design; Horticulture and Humor and Plant Propagation*.

Also featured will be hands-on craft workshops (botanical prints, decorative flower pots, hanging baskets), displays, refreshments, book sales, door prizes, the 12th annual Seedy Character contest, a visit to the MSU Indoor

Children's Garden and lunch in the Conservatory.

This day of learning and networking is useful for master gardeners, garden club members, teachers, landscapers, activity directors, long-term care facilities, hospices, therapeutic recreation programs and others. Attendees receive AHTA accreditation certificates. The March 12 conference fee is \$35 for MHTA members, \$45 for non-members, if postmarked by Friday, March 5. Annual membership is \$15 and open to all. After March 5, fees will be \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

A box lunch, with vegetarian option, will be available for \$6.

Three concurrent events will take place 9 a.m. to noon March 13.

Brent Labatut will present *People, Plants, and Prisons: Cultivating Humanity*, and David Houseman will present *Horticulture and Humor*.

Registration is \$25 for each (\$35 after March 5).

Labatut is a horticulturalist at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Houseman is the "inventor" of the Seedy Character Contest and *Strange Herbs in the Night*.

For more information or a brochure, visit www.mhtachapter.org, or contact Cathy Leavey at (517) 655-4969 (evenings) or leavey123@aol.com; David Houseman at (517) 627-3907 (days/evenings) or creative@acd.net; or John Murphy at (269) 345-6039 (evenings).

GARDEN CALENDAR

Ken Druse

Ken Druse, author of *A Passion for Gardening*, will be the next speaker in Goldner Walsh Nursery's Cabin Fever Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Cost is \$30 per person. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For information or reservations, call (248) 332-6430. The lecture series is designed to bring in nationally known garden celebrities who entertain with a gardening lecture, a slide presentation with a question-and-answer session, and a book signing.

Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R in Troy. The church is just south of Wattles, on the west side of the street. Janet Macunovich, professional perennial gardener and author, will speak on *Myths and Realities of Perennial Gardening*. She will give gardeners information that will help them avoid committing to perennials that won't work in Michigan, and advise us on ways to make the most of the winners that do well in our climate. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation, \$3. Visitors are welcome. For reservations and more information, call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

Heirloom bulbs

Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty Centuries, a presentation by landscape historian and preservationist Scott Kunst, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. The free program is offered by the Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village. After a whirlwind history of bulbs from prehistory through the 1950s, Kunst's lively slide lecture will focus on a season-by-season encyclopedia of antique varieties that are still available to gardeners today - including

wild hyacinths and lilies, Aztec tuberoses, colonial daffodils, Victorian tulips and cannas, and Jazz Age dahlias.

Kunst is the owner of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, the country's only mail-order source devoted to heirloom flower bulbs. Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.). Refreshments and a raffle drawing for gardening gifts will also be featured. For more information, call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings and weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

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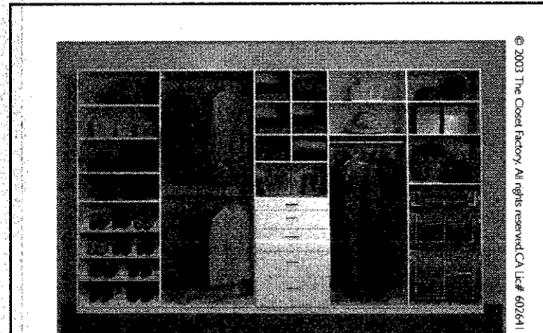
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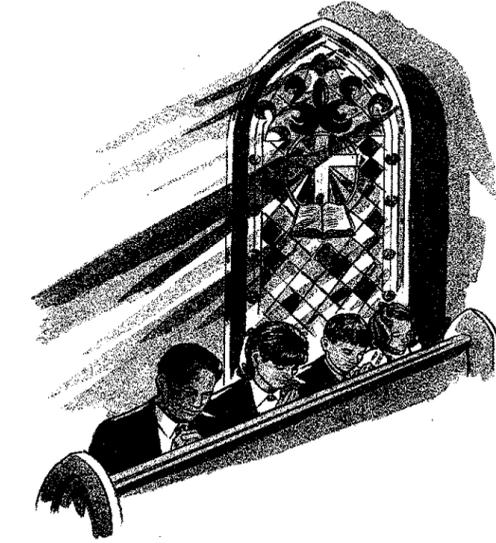
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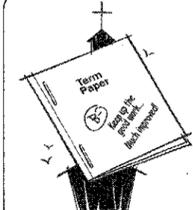
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The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

Organize your sewing, craft supplies

How do you organize sewing supplies? My threads are tangled, it is hard to find needles and I hunt for scissors in every room in my house.



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

Whether you are a professional seamstress or you simply need to mend a small tear in a pocket, you must be able to find a needle, thread and a pair of scissors. Keep your sewing supplies organized so you can spend time on projects instead of sorting through sewing materials. Some people have sewing rooms and others have sewing areas or use a box with sewing supplies. Whatever your circumstances make sure you have a system that enables you to find what you need. I have a sewing area and future dreams of a sewing room. Right now all my potential sewing rooms are filled with children. My future room will have a lot of light and many shelves. I will make it a combination sewing/ironing room. My present sewing area is in a space between my bedroom and my walk-in closet. It is a small area but well lit and not visible when entering my bedroom. I keep my sewing sup-

plies in my walk-in-closet and on a shelf in my basement.

I have been sewing and doing crafts for 30 years so I have accumulated a lot of supplies.

I developed a system to organize supplies no matter what the quantity. You should purchase several different sized plastic containers to organize materials. Use the system of dividing into categories.

I keep all of my patterns in two containers. One container has patterns for crafts and the other container is for clothing projects. File the crafts alphabetically, couch covers, dolls, pot holders, and so on. File clothing patterns into types (children's and adults) and by size.

I have several boxes of material from previous sewing projects as well as larger pieces I have purchased for future use. I have a box filled with Christmas scraps, one with calico, one with lace, silk and satin, one with corduroy, wool, felt and other scraps, and one with new material I have purchased.

Put yarn, ribbon and lace trim in a separate container. Buttons can be separated by colors, types and sizes in glass jars. Group thread by colors in a plastic container created for spoils.

I spent many years doing counted cross-stitch. Thread can be wrapped around cardboard, separated by color and

placed in a container. File pattern books alphabetically. Store cross-stitch material in a separate container. I work on several projects at once so each project is in a separate container with the patterns, cross-stitch material and thread colors needed for the specific project.

It is very important to use the right tools when sewing. I have a pair of scissors, a rotary cutter and pinking sheers for cutting material. I keep smaller scissors for cutting thread and a special pair for cross-stitch. All of these are used exclusively for sewing and nothing else.

Store miscellaneous sewing supplies in a sewing box divided by compartments. This box would include things like elastic, pins, needles, tape measure, seam ripper and scissors. In your sewing machine keep bobbins, pins, needles, and scissors.

Sewing projects create mini messes. It is important to return items where they belong when you have completed a project.

TODAY'S REFRIGERATOR

BULLETIN:

"Spend time sewing, not hunting for supplies!"

Send your questions and success stories: **Diana Koenig**, P.O. Box 1702 Manchester, MO 63011. Email dianakoening@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com.

Check the dishwasher's drain hose

Bruce wrote me with questions about his dishwasher. Bruce owns a 16-year-old White-Westinghouse dishwasher. After it fills for a wash cycle, it pumps a portion of the water back out immediately. Bruce wondered whether that was normal.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"Is there something simple to check or should I be shopping because I've certainly gotten good life out of this machine?" Bruce asked.

Most dishwashers, even those built back 16 years ago, have a "pump-out" cycle when you initially turn it on. This process has to do with safety and washing performance.

If any water remains in the bottom from a spilled container from the last time you unloaded clean dishes, you don't want to use the old water for the current wash, so it pumps it out the minute you turn on the timer. (This lasts for a very short period. You can hear the water coming out if you put your ear near

the sink drain.)

The next sound you should hear is the valve opening and water filling the bottom of the dishwasher. Next should be a slight "thump" sound as the fill valve closes and then the motor starts to work. During the time of the wash cycle, there should not be any water running out of dishwasher into the sink or drain. If there is, it's time to check the drain hose.

To check the drain hose, remove the lower front kick panel by removing the retaining screws. You can observe the rubber drain hose which leads to either the drain line or to the side of the garbage disposer. The drain line is supposed to be elevated or looped so it sits higher than its connection. If it does not, you will have a gravity drain condition.

You can create a siphon by sucking the air out of the hose to get it going and then gravity takes over similar to siphoning gas from a vehicle. (You can also use a handheld siphon pump from a hardware store.) If you break the flow by lifting the hose even for a second, you have to start the procedure all over again. (For those like myself who used to spend 20 cents for a gallon of gas back in the 1950s, we are very versed on this procedure.)

Judging from the circumstances you describe, the drain hose problem is quite common.

The wash arm in the bottom of the dishwasher will not spin if there is not enough water in the bottom of the dishwasher and your dishes won't get clean. I'll bet that if you added a couple of big pots of hot water to the bottom, the wash arm would spin during the wash cycle.

Remember the quick tips I have so often written about: Always let the hot water run at the faucet for a few minutes before turning on the dishwasher. Make sure the hot water coming out of the faucet gets up to 140° F or more for proper cleaning and sanitizing of dishes.

Use the proper amount of powdered detergent in the container (2 teaspoons total when using a water softener system in your home and 7 teaspoons when on city water. When on well water, fill the container to the top.) Rounded bowls will prevent the spray from hitting other dishes and decrease efficiency. Glasses and cups should be placed at an angle to prevent them from holding water in the beveled areas. Give a Tang treatment twice a year and call me if you haven't heard that one before.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

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CLELAND

Robert Douglas, died on February 28th, 2004 near his home in Pentwater, MI. Born on November 3rd, 1932 in Buffalo, NY. He grew up in Cincinnati, OH and lived most of his working life in Rochester, MI. He retired from General Motors Corporation after 42 years of dedicated service and was also a proud Veteran of the Korean War. Bob shared his passion for hunting ducks with many friends and family members until his death at the age of 71. "The Duck Hunter" also enjoyed Chris Craft. He was a very competitive and enthusiastic golfer who maintained a low handicap into his latter years. Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 pm (Visitation 11 am - 1 pm) at Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester, MI on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2004. Funeral Services will be held at Tate Funeral Home in Hart, MI on Friday, March 5th, 2004 at 2 pm (Visitation 1 - 2 pm). Surviving are his daughter, Brenda Lee Warden and husband, Gregory Scott Warden of Davisburg, MI; son, Douglas Charles Cleland and wife Jessica Anne Cleland of Metamora, MI; and six grandchildren, Carly Elizabeth Warden, Molly Amanda Warden, Griffin Scott Warden, Emily Anne Cleland, Grace Katherine Cleland and Keaton Charles Cleland. Also survived by brother Brent Nelson Cleland and wife Bonnie Sue Cleland, of Rochester Hills, MI; sister Diana Beth Cleland-Boyle and husband Arthur Boyle of Portland, OR. Charitable contributions can be made to the American Heart Association at 24445 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

DuVall

Clair, 96, of Pompano Beach, Florida, originally from Birmingham, died February 4, 2004. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie. Loving father of Debbie and Dave Parker. Owen and Anne DuVall, grandfather of Melissa (Kirk) Bunnell, Bruce (Marsha) Parker, Lindsay and Michael DuVall & great-grandfather of Olivia Bunnell. Clair was a well-known painting and decorating contractor in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area and very active in the community and church. He was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Moslem Temple of Detroit and a Life Member of Birmingham Lodge 44. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the Congregational Church of Birmingham (of which he was a founding member), 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

GIETZEN

Roberta E., Feb 29, 2004, age 74 of Northville, formerly of Wayne. Beloved wife of Joseph P., dear mother of Kareer (Jack) Gietzen-Stewart, Kathryn (Steven) Card, Kaye (Bill) Philip & Carol (Bob) Williams. Also survived by 9 grandchildren. Instate at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer Rd., Westland, Fri. 9am until time of service at 10am. Friends may visit at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Wed. 3-9pm & Thur. 12-8pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

JEWHRST

Dorothy S., Age: 83, of Farmington Hills, passed away on March 1. Survived by a loving daughter and granddaughter. She assisted her husband in running their music school and store. Visitation with family Sunday, March 7 from 1pm-3pm. Memorials to Brian Injury Association of MI, 8619 W. Grand River, Suite 1, Brighton, MI 48116. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home, 248-541-8325

LEWIS

Freda. Born in Houtzdale, Pennsylvania on August 7, 1907; died February 27, 2004 at home in Farmington Hills, MI at the age of 96. Beloved Wife of the late Chester F. for 54 years. Dearest Mother of Josephine L. Jones of Buckeye, AZ, Ronald G. (Judy) Lewis of Plymouth Twp., MI., Gary D. (Clara) Lewis of Littleton, CO, Marion C. (Roy) Severs of Farmington Hills, MI & Sharon P. Ott of Redford, MI. Loving Grandmother to 10, Great-Grandmother to 17 and Great-Great-Grandmother to 3. Born to Lebanese American parents, George and Mary Elias, Freda had to give up her schooling at the age of 12 after her father died. She always missed school, so she returned to study at the Farmington Community School and received a High School Diploma at the age of 85. However, this endeavor was not unusual for her. She was always learning and in turn, teaching her five children about how to live life fully. Although she loved her job as a homemaker, in later years she became active in the Eastern Stars, and as an Avon representative. She was a devoted member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Troy where she satisfied her passion for cooking by working on bake sales. Her culinary skills were well known by her family and friends. She worked as a companion to invalids until her heart attack at age 89. She touched so many lives with her gentleness and spirit. She will be deeply missed, especially by her children to whom she gave the gift of love and laughter. Funeral services were held March 1st at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Troy. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple Road, Troy MI 48063 or Make a Wish Foundation of MI, 3390 Pinetree Road, Suite 20, Lansing, MI 48911-4212. ARRANGEMENTS BY Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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Sister Mary Lucy McDonald, RSM

Sister of Mercy, Teacher, Librarian, Archivist

Sister Mary Lucy McDonald, a Sister of Mercy for 71 years, died on February 28, 2004 at the age of 92. She was born to Charles and Leona (Bowles) McDonald on April 9, 1911 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and given the name, Lucille, at her baptism in St. Frances Xavier Parish. After graduating from Mt. Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids in 1929, she joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1932 at Mt. St. Agnes in Dubuque, Iowa and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1938 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sister Mary Lucy held a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit and Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She pursued additional courses at Notre Dame University, Fordham University and the Catholic University of America. Her 45 years in education included ten years an elementary school teacher followed by a longer term in secondary education. She served in Catholic schools in Early and Independence, Iowa as well as Michigan schools in Midland, Grand Haven, Ada, Bay City, Saginaw, Pinconning, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Cheboygan and Farmington Hills. Sister Mary Lucy specialized in the teaching of Latin, English and journalism and often served as faculty advisor for the high school yearbook. She readily acquainted her students with academic discipline, insisting that they do things right the first time, but always with great understanding & support. Sister Mary Lucy also served as a school librarian. She became the archivist for the Sisters of Mercy, Regional Community of Detroit in 1980 and authored "By Her Fruits..." a biography of Mother Mary Joseph Lynch, founder of the Sisters of Mercy in Grand Rapids. Sister Mary Lucy retired to McAuley Center in 1993. She is remembered as a devoted scholar, teacher & member of the religious community. She is survived by her sister, Marguerite Meyers of Petoskey, several nieces and nephews, many friends & the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center on March 2, 2004 at 3 pm, followed by a scripture vigil at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on March 3, 2004 at 10 am in the Sacred Heart Chapel, McAuley Center. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Arrangements are under the direction of the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331-1405.

WEST

Joan E. Beloved mother of Craig (Marcia) West and Kari (Gregg) Mihalik. Loving grandmother of Shane, Chelsea, Hunter and Gunnar. Will also be missed by many relatives and friends. Memorial Mass Friday 10:30am at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi. In lieu of flowers memorial donation to American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home 248-541-8325

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MARCH

St. Hilary Parish Mission
50 Years - A Time to Recall, Renew & Celebrate 7 p.m. through Thursday, March 4, a program honoring the 50th anniversary of St. Hilary of Redford, 23901 Elmira. For more information, call (313) 533-1560.

Lenten Retreat
Madonna University will hold a Lenten Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall on the campus at I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. This year's theme is "Weeding Our Soul During Lent." The day-long event for alumni, friends, students and their families includes Morning Prayer, Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament; three Lenten conferences; time for confessions; and the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows and Stations of the Cross led by students. The day concludes with evening Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent. Leading the day's activities is Rev. Paul Czarnota, associate pastor, Our Lady of Victory, Northville. The cost of the retreat is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Students, faculty and staff are \$10. Advanced reservations are required for meal purposes. For more information or to register, call (734) 432-5419, (734) 432-5427, or send e-mail to campusministry@madonna.edu.

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Birmingham-First Concert Series
Presents Brahms' "Requiem" 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. A Meet-the-Artists Reception follows the concert. No charge. Freewill offerings are collected to support future concert series events. Featured guests are the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church and soloists Paul Tipton and Kimberley Dolanski. Orchestration includes four-hand piano by Charles Kennedy and Rob Abbott, joined by strings and timpani. A vocal quartet will offer excerpts from the "Liederslieder Waitzes."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other takes place March 12-14, April 16-18 and May 14-16, at St. John's Family Life Center, 4401 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe.

Crazy Hat Luncheon
All ladies in the community are invited to attend an afternoon of comedy, music and fun 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Covenant Community Church on Beech Daly, one block north of Five Mile, Redford. A salad lunch will be provided. Wear your "Best Hat" or no hat if you don't have one and just enjoy looking at the sea of hats. Prizes will be awarded for the most original, oldest, ugliest, etc. Dress is casual. Child care will not be provided. If you plan to attend, call (313) 592-8945 to register.

Irish Sing-along
As part of St. Hilary Parish's 50th anniversary there will be an Irish-sing-along, corned beef sandwiches, soda bread, nibbles, door prizes, and entertainment by The Pub People 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at 23901 Elmira, Redford. Donation is \$12. Limited seating. For reservations, call Dorothy at (313) 533-5698 or Betty at (313) 533-8239.

Celtic Concert
Michelle Nelson, flute; Dave and Bob Hawkins, trumpets; Dave Corliss, harp; Ann Buland, Organ; the Trinity Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells, handbell ensemble Bellabration, youth hand-chime ensemble, and Caroler's Children's Choir perform 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The performers will present beautiful arrangements of Celtic hymns including "Amazing Grace," "Brother James' Air," "The Summons," "O Christ the Same (Danny Boy)," and other familiar tunes. The Rev. Rodney Buland will serve as narrator and trace the history of the Christian

church in Ireland and the role of St. Patrick, missionary to the Irish. Nine-year old Irish step dancer Megan Holton will perform a soft shoe reel and hard shoe jig. For more information, call (734) 464-0211.

Cantor's Concert
An evening of Ladino and Yiddish music celebrating the vast spectrum of Jewish choral repertoire 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14, features Cantor Earl Berris, The Zamir Choral of Metro Detroit, Cantorial soloist Zach Mondrow, and The Klezmatiks (B'nai Moshe Klezmer Band), at Congregation B'Nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield. General unre-

served seating. Refreshments and light refreshments follow the concert. All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 788-0600.

Organ/flute concert
Mark Rich, organist at St. John Lutheran Church, will present an hour for Music for Flute and Organ, assisted by flutists Cam Kureth and Susan Brackett 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Light refreshments follow the concert.

Rhythm Rhymes and Java
An even of poetry, music and art 8

p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Friday, March 19, at First Baptist Institutional Church, 17101 W. Seven Mile, between Greenfield and Southfield, Detroit. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (248) 563-4493 or (313) 533-6442.

Apocalypse conference
David Dark, author of "Everyday Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead, The Simpsons and other Pop Culture Icons" presents the conference "Apocalyptic for the People: How The Simpsons and Radiohead (and other Pop Culture Icons) Might Save Your Life" 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Advance tickets are \$15, \$12 Evangelical Covenant Church members and students. Tickets at the door will be an additional \$3. For more information, call (734) 425-2800 or send e-mail to TrinCovCh@aol.com.

In the book he challenges a removed definition of apocalypse, calling his readers back to the root of the word, which is "revelation." Dark calls us to imagine apocalypse as a more "watchful way of being" in the world. He draws on the wisdom of popular culture, including The Simpsons, Beck and Coen brothers' films, to expose the "moral bankruptcy of our imaginations."

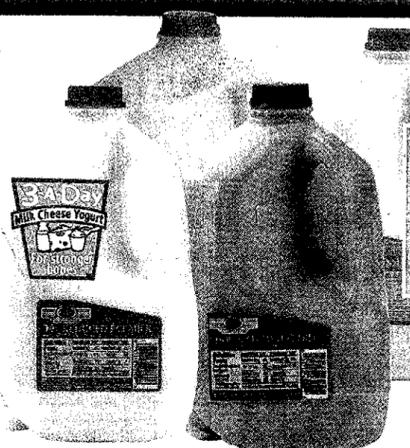


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Campbell will prepare chocolate-covered profiteroles with vanilla sauce, tropical trifle with coconut rum, chocolate cups with hazelnut chocolate mousse and vanilla cheesecake tartlets with vanilla-vodka berries.

Campbell will be working with students from GRCC's Hospitality Department. Before his move to GRCC in 1991, Campbell lived in the Bahamas for four years, where he did culinary training in the Caribbean Islands. Campbell achieved a master craftsman status in his native Scotland, the highest level in culinary arts.

Campbell's television show, *Cooking With Angus Campbell*, airs on the local college channel and has been picked up by several other channels statewide.

His Web site is

www.chefangus.tv

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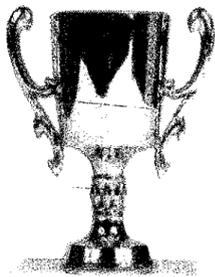
Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. today; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$7, \$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free.

Advance tickets, including a free parking pass, are available online at www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com. For more information, call (800) 328-6550.

Winners

Sasha Johnson, 6, of Redford and Erika Yelder, 7, of Auburn Hills were two of four runners-up in



the Big Boy Restaurants Annie Color and Win coloring contest for children 12 and under.

Hundreds of contestants entered coloring sheets available on the Big Boy and Nederlander Web sites.

The runners-up won family four packs of tickets to a showing of *Annie*, while the grand prize winner, Tyler Gardiner of Warren, won six VIP tickets to a matinee performance of *Annie* at Masonic Temple Theatre.

Tyler and his guests also had an opportunity to meet with the star of *Annie* during a special "meet and greet" after the show. He also won \$50 in Big Boy certificates.



Lamb is a popular meat in France. Here large shanks are slow-cooked with tomato sauce.

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The results were stunning. The analysis showed that the feast, which may have

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Lynn Alley
from the book

cresol indicated that the meat had been grilled before it was cut off the bone and placed in the cauldron. Other acids suggest that olives or olive oil, wine and honey, and protein indicating lentils, were all included in the single pot.

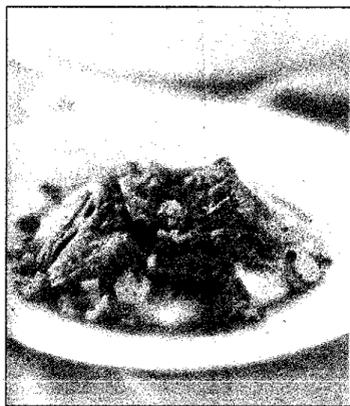
That history, highlighted in *The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World* by Lynn Alley, TenSpeedPress, \$18.95, shows that one-pot meals have existed with many cultures for hundreds and hundreds of years.

belonged to the King Midas of legend and prepared in about 800 B.C., consisted of stew simmered in a bronze cauldron.

Fatty acids and triglycerides indicate that the main ingredient was lamb or goat, while phenanthrene and



Potato, cheddar and chive soup is one of the American dishes highlighted in *The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World* by Lynn Alley.



Pot roast is a big favorite throughout northern Italy.



Spinach, carrots and celery add different textures and flavors to this bean soup.

PLEASE SEE MEALS, D2

Rich cabernet tradition maintained at Martini

In 2002, the Gallo family purchased the Louis M. Martini winery and vineyards in St. Helena, Calif. "We now have the resources to carry the Martini name into the marketplace and the future," winemaker Michael Martini said.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Renovation of the historic Louis Martini winery is nearly complete. It only took money. But what a smart buy for Gallo. It now has a showcase for its wines on Highway 29 in the heart of Napa Valley.

Historically, Gallo's home has been Modesto, Calif., and more recently, Sonoma County, where it farms more than 2,000 acres of grapes and is making some of Sonoma's best wines.

Gallo's infusion of money and talent can already be seen in the wines of Louis M. Martini winery. "We're

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going to focus on making the most delicious cabernet sauvignon you can find anywhere, at any price," Michael Martini said. "I now have the freedom to experiment with new blends, new ideas and new ways to let the land speak through the wine."

FROM THE BEGINNING

Louis M. Martini (Michael's grandfather) arrived in San Francisco from Genoa, Italy, in 1899 at 12 years of age. He worked in his father's

fresh fish business and made wine with his father in their backyard.

At 19, Louis returned to Italy to study winemaking, but after graduation, settled in California to apply his knowledge. In San Francisco, he continued to help his father during the day and made wine at night. The wine was sold from the same wagon used for delivering fish in the city.

Even before the repeal of Prohibition, Louis anticipated the demand for California and especially Napa Valley wine. With financial backing in 1922, he produced sacramental wine as well as grape juice and concentrate for home winemakers. By 1933 and the end of Prohibition, he began building his new winery in Napa Valley and continued to invest in vineyards in Napa, Sonoma and Carneros.

Louis M.'s son, Louis P. Martini, carried on the tradition established by his father and became a winemaker in 1954. "He could really size up good vineyard land," Michael said. "His acquisitions in Carneros, the Russian River Valley, Chiles Valley, Pope Valley and Lake County made him a pioneer in vineyard development."

BACK TO THE FUTURE

After graduating from the University of California-Davis in 1977, with a degree in fermentation science, Michael took the reins as third-generation winemaker. He has traveled in France with legendary cabernet winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff, studying winemaking techniques in Bordeaux and Burgundy.

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MEALS

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And Alley highlights them, taking readers worldwide from Mexico to Great Britain, from the United States to India. Alley upgrades the traditional one-pot recipes, emphasizing freshness while maintaining the integrity of the dish's ethnicity.

"My goal with these recipes was to present fresh ideas a cut above the kind of food usually associated with slow cookers," Alley writes.

"I wanted to try a more gourmet approach, for people who appreciate simple meals, but don't want to sacrifice flavor and complexity."

Slow cookers have undergone a revival of sorts. Betty Crocker Kitchens found that 80 percent of U.S. households own a slow cooker in a study in June 2002.

The book contains 56 recipes.

Alley visits Mexico with chicken mole and pork stew with tomatillo sauce, then readers are transported to France with Provencal beef stew and split pea soup.

Greek dishes make an appearance with lamb shanks in tomato sauce and baked eggplant.

From the United States, there's chicken and dumplings, Boston baked beans and potato, cheddar and chive soup.

Alley also gives wine suggestions for her recipes and a few tips for the slow cooker:

■ Place ingredients that take longer to cook, such as larger pieces of meat, carrots or potatoes, near the bottom of the slow cooker.

■ Speed up your slow cooking. Most of the recipes in this book call for an initial sauteing of ingredients to impart some caramelization and flavor, but that isn't always necessary. "In many cases, the outcome of the dish would not be adversely affected if you skipped this step and simply combined all the ingredients in the slow cooker at once," Alley writes.

■ Browning the meat in a saute pan before slow cooking can jump-start the heating

process and kill any bacteria on the meat's surface.

"If you are particularly concerned about health risks, follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recommendation of cooking such recipes on high for the first hour, and then decreasing the heat for the balance of cooking," she said.

Alley added that most slow cooker cookbooks caution against lifting the lid, because the food will take longer to cook.

"But I think that lifting the lid, smelling the food and poking it around is half the fun of cooking. I highly recommend it," she said.

And, of course, it's always better the next day.

ONE-POT RECIPES

POTATO, CHEDDAR, AND CHIVE SOUP

The combination of potatoes and cheese just can't be beat, especially here, in this rich, filling soup.

- 6 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock, plus more as needed
- 1 large clove garlic
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese, or a mixture of sharp Cheddar and smoked Gouda
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh chives salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream, half-and-half or sour cream (optional)
- 1/2 cup crumbled sharp Cheddar cheese, for garnish

Place the potatoes and 1 cup of the stock in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 2 hours, or until the potatoes are just tender.

Transfer two-thirds of the potatoes to a food processor or blender, along with the cooking liquid. Add the garlic. Blend to the desired consistency: a blender will yield a smooth texture, a food processor a rough, rustic consistency.

Return the potato purée to the slow cooker and stir in the shredded cheese, the remaining 1/2 cup stock, and the chives. Cover and cook on low for 30 minutes, or until the soup is well heated. Add extra stock or water if the soup is too thick. Break up the whole potato slices with a fork to

achieve a texture that suits you. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the cream just before serving.

Ladle into soup bowls, sprinkle with the crumbled cheese, and serve immediately.

Southwestern Potato-Cheddar Soup: For a Southwestern version of this soup, use cilantro instead of chives, and add 1 can (4 ounces) chopped roasted green chiles and 1 teaspoon each ground cumin and coriander. Serves 4 to 6.

ITALIAN POT ROAST

Pot roast is a big favorite throughout northern Italy, just as it is in the United States: a cut of beef stewed in a hearty red wine and tomato sauce. The longer you cook it, the better it gets, as the meat begins to fall away from the bone and meld into the sauce. This dish is traditionally cooked in an earthenware casserole, glazed on the inside.

- 1 cinnamon stick, broken into pieces
- 4 whole cloves
- 3 allspice berries
- 6 black peppercorns
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 1/2 pounds beef pot roast, trimmed of excess fat
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup hearty dry red wine
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes salt

chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Combine the cinnamon, cloves, allspice, and peppercorns in a mortar or coffee grinder and grind to a fine powder.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. Add the meat and cook, turning, for 10 to 15 minutes, until browned on all sides.

Using tongs, transfer to the slow cooker.

Add the onion to the sauté pan and sauté, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the garlic, celery, and carrots and sauté for 3 to 4 minutes, until lightly browned. Add the spice mixture and cook for 2 minutes. Add the red wine and cook for about 10 minutes, until reduced by about one-third. Stir in the crushed tomatoes and salt to taste. Pour the sauce over the meat in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for about 8 hours, until the meat falls away from the bone.

Transfer to a warmed serving dish and garnish with the parsley. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

LAMB SHANKS IN TOMATO SAUCE

Lamb is unquestionably the most popular meat in Greece. Kapama usually refers to any dish cooked in a tomato sauce flavored with cinnamon and cloves, but the work also refers to the traditional glazed earthenware casserole dish with a conical lid in which these stews are cooked. This dish goes well with noodles or roasted, grilled, or baked small potatoes, and a salad of spring greens.

Lamb shanks, even when well trimmed, contain a lot of fat. If you prefer a leaner dish, make this one day ahead of time, refrigerate it, then remove the congealed fat. Or, buy a butterflied leg of lamb, trim it of all fat, and cut the meat into 1 1/2 inch cubes.

- 1 cinnamon stick, broken into pieces
- 4 whole cloves
- 8 allspice berries
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 lamb shanks, trimmed
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup Metaxa (Greek brandy) or other brandy
- 2 cups peeled and coarsely chopped fresh tomatoes, or 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can crushed tomatoes salt and freshly ground black pepper

Combine the cinnamon, cloves, and allspice in a mortar or coffee grinder and grind to a fine powder.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. Add the lamb and cook, turn-

ing, for 7 to 10 minutes, until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer the lamb to the slow cooker.

Add the onion to the sauté pan and cook, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the spice mixture and brandy to the onion and stir for 2 to 3 minutes to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the tomatoes and stir well. Pour over the lamb shanks in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the meat is very tender and easily comes away from the bone. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Divide the lamb and sauce among dinner plates and serve immediately. Serves 4.

BEAN SOUP

The Greeks have a saying: "Beans are life." Although bean soup is popular throughout Greece, it is especially so in the northern parts of the country, where the climate is cold and damp.

- 2 cups dried white beans
- 6 to 8 cups water or chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and finely diced
- 3 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ham bone (optional)
- 3 large ripe tomatoes, peeled and diced, or 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- Leaves from 2 sprigs oregano, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup packed spinach leaves, young dandelion greens, or arugula
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Rinse and sort through the beans. Place them in the slow cooker and add enough of the water to cover. Cover and cook on high for about 2 hours, until the beans begin to soften. Or, soak the beans with water to cover overnight, then drain, rinse, and transfer to the slow cooker. Add the water to cover.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. Add the onion, carrots, celery, and garlic and sauté, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the vegetables and ham bone to the beans in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the beans are tender. (At this point, you can purée some of the beans for a thicker consistency if you like.)

A few minutes before serving, stir in the tomatoes, oregano, spinach, and salt. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with the parsley. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

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Ever since the first Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest, past contestants have offered would-be entrants scores of great tips and tricks for creating an unbeatable dish.

But the simplest tip is the one many often forget: Enter. With the 41st Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest now accepting entries for the June 26-29 finals in Hollywood, Calif., creative cooks who are interested in vying for the contest's \$1 million grand prize should start working on their recipe entries today.

Deadline for Bake-Off entries is March 10, and consumers can enter online or print a copy of the entry form by visiting the contest Web site at www.pillsbury.com/bakeoff. Entry forms also are available by sending your name and address to Pillsbury Bake-Off Entry Form Request, P.O. Box 7200, Melville, NY 11775-7200.

Maria Baldwin of Mesa, Ariz., a winner of a set of GE Profile kitchen appliances in the 40th Bake-Off Contest in 2002, nearly ignored the important piece of advice about entering. Even though Baldwin had dreamed of someday going to the Bake-Off Contest, the day before the entry deadline she had no recipe to submit.

"I wasn't even thinking about it, really," she said. Eating lunch at a local restaurant that day inspired her to create her own version of a menu item, flavorful Spicy Asian Lettuce Wraps. When her recipe won a standing ovation from her two teenage daughters, Baldwin quickly jumped up from the dinner table and logged onto the contest Web site. She finalized and submitted her entry about

three minutes before the deadline.

As Baldwin learned, great Bake-Off recipes don't have to come from years of experience or research, but often spring from a single moment of inspiration and the simple belief that you too can be a winner. "If you try," she says, "you can eventually come up with something." Created using Green Giant Create a Meal meal starter, Baldwin's recipe is an example of the kind of entry that could be selected in the Weekends Made Special category for the current Bake-Off Contest.

Another Bake-Off finalist in 2002, Misty Waltman of Lyons, Ind., had been cooking "since she could reach the stove," but her job as a touring country and western singer didn't leave much time for preparing elaborate meals. "I am a busy person, but I want to serve nutritious, good-tasting food," she said. Her love of seafood prompted her to begin inventing original seafood recipes in her spare time, and much to her (and her family's) delight, Waltman created her very own chart-topper: Seafood Appetizers.

After some encouragement from her family, Waltman entered her recipe in the appetizers category. Made with Pillsbury crescent rolls, these easy-to-make treats pack loads of seafood flavor into just seven ingredients.

When Waltman learned she was a finalist, she immediately called her family and friends. "I was astonished. I couldn't believe it was really happening. I was so excited." But not nearly as excited as when her first entry into competitive cooking won \$2,000. In this year's Bake-Off Contest, a recipe like

Waltman's would fit into the Fast Snacks & Appetizers category. Her recipe also uses a total of 1-1/2 cups of two varieties of American-made cow's milk cheese, so it's also an example of the kind of recipe that could win a new prize, America's Greatest Cheese Recipe Awards. Sponsored by American Dairy Association, this Award will give four \$5,000 prizes to the best recipes made with cheese.

Finalist Phil Capaldi of Souderstown, R.I., discovered that necessity truly is the mother of invention when he devised his 40th Bake-Off recipe.

Looking for a warm pick-me-up while painting his house on a cool September day, Capaldi created a fast and tasty new twist on the classic club sandwich that was perfect for holding in one hand while tending his young sons.

The secret of Pat Murphy's prize-winning entry wasn't so much what he added as what he was forced to leave out. Murphy, a postal worker from Modesto, Calif., was just about to prepare chicken wings for his son when he realized he was nearly out of cooking oil. "I didn't feel like going back out for oil, so I rummaged through what I had." The result of that last-minute improvisation was a recipe that earned \$10,000 in the 40th Bake-Off Contest.

These accounts are just a small portion of the stories that come from every Bake-Off Contest. To inspire potential Bake-Off entrants for the 41st contest, the Pillsbury Editors have created a new magazine that pays tribute to years of amazing recipes and finalists.

Real People, Everyday Recipes is a special edition

Bake-Off magazine that provides a collection of recipes and personal profiles celebrating the people and recipes that make the contest great.

It includes recipes from throughout the Bake-Off Contest's history, such as Crab Cakes Italiano, Crafty Crescent Lasagna, Honey-Nut Snap Peas and Magic Marshmallow Crescent Puffs.

In addition to great recipes, *Real People, Everyday Recipes* includes personal stories from 14 past finalists.

Would-be finalists will also find a helpful preview of the upcoming 41st Bake-Off Contest in Hollywood, Calif., as well as a 2004 entry form. The 96-page, digest-sized magazine is available for \$3.99 and is on sale at supermarket and discount store checkouts nationwide.

Four recipe categories define the kinds of recipes consumers should submit for the Bake-Off competition.

New this year is the Breakfast Favorites category, which is for casual brunch or on-the-go breakfast recipes. The Weekends Made Special category reinforces consumers' interest in taking a bit more time on the weekend to prepare meals and desserts that bring people together. The Dinner Made Easy category is for easy-to-make main dish recipes, such as one-dish meals, casseroles or skillet meals. The fourth category, Fast Snacks & Appetizers, focuses on quick-to-fix savory snack, appetizer or mini-meal recipes requiring minimal ingredients. Three of the categories have limits on preparation time or ingredients to reflect consumers' interest in quick and easy cooking and baking.

Bakeoff finalist shares recipe

SPICY ASIAN LETTUCE WRAPS

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 (1 pound 5 ounces) package Green Giant Create a Meal Frozen Stir-Fry Lo Mein Meal Starter
- 2 tablespoons purchased chili-garlic sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons water
- 8 large leaves Bibb lettuce
- 1-1/2 cups grated carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro, if desired



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Maria Baldwin of Mesa, Ariz., was a 2002 finalist in the Pillsbury Bake-Off with these Asian lettuce wraps.

noodles and vegetables from meal starter; cook 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring frequently.

To flatten each chicken breast half, place boned side up between 2 pieces of plastic wrap or waxed paper. Working from center, gently pound chicken with flat side of meat mallet or rolling pin until about 1/4 inch thick; remove wrap.

Place frozen sauce from meal starter in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 15-30 seconds or until thawed. Add chili-garlic sauce and soy sauce; mix well. In medium bowl, combine chicken, 1/4 cup soy sauce mixture and 2 tablespoons of the oil.

Heat 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken mixture; cook 5 to 6 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center, turning occasionally. Remove chicken from skillet; cut into 1-inch pieces. Cover to keep warm.

Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add 3 tablespoons soy sauce mixture, garlic, and frozen

nutrition information per serving: Serving size, 1/2 of recipe; calories 270; calories from fat, 115; total fat, 13 g; saturated, 2 g; cholesterol, 35 mg; sodium, 680 mg; total carbohydrate, 20 g; dietary fiber, 3 g; sugars, 8 g; protein, 18 g.

Exchanges: 1 starch, 1 vegetable, 2 very lean meat, 2 fat, 1 carbohydrate choice.

Recipe created by Maria Baldwin of Mesa, Ariz.

WINE

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reflect their differences in terroir," he said. "Days are cooler in Sonoma with warmer nights, while Napa days are warmer with cooler nights.

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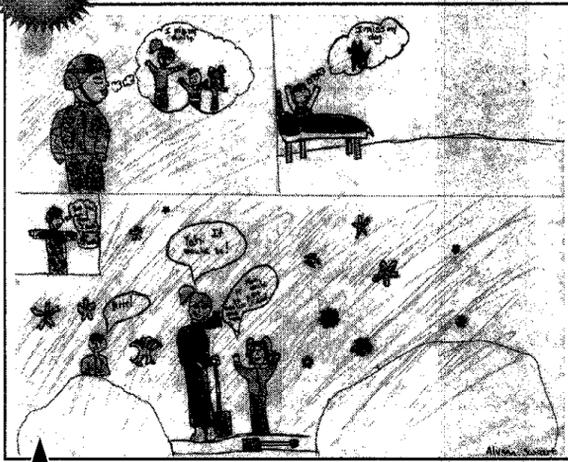
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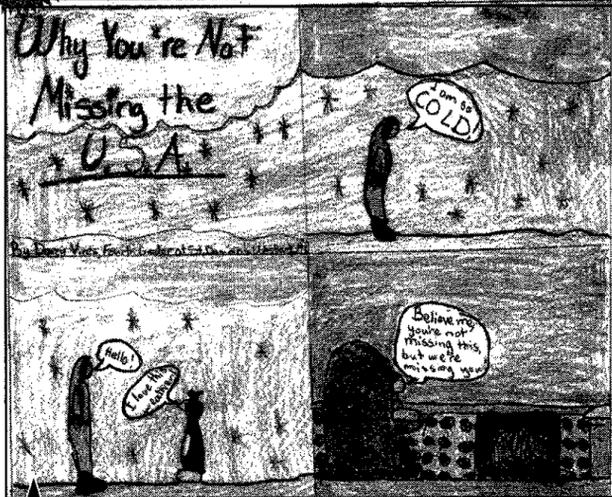
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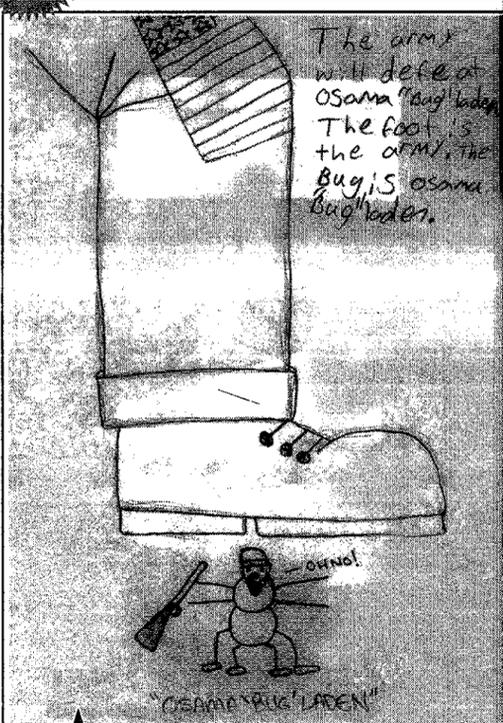
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Saint Damian School, Westland
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Marshall Middle School, Inkster
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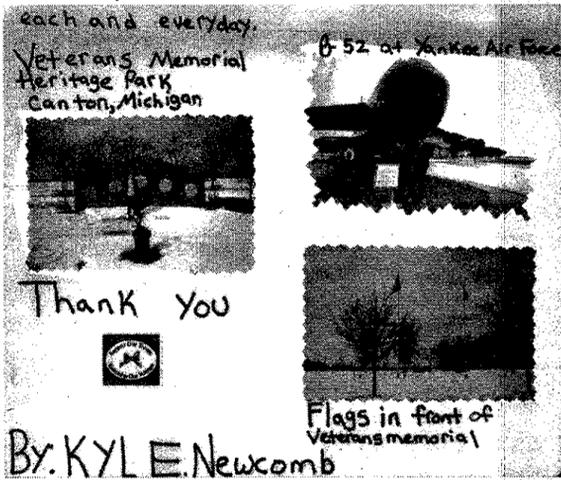
Cameron Lewis,
Novi High School, Novi

CATEGORY 2 WINNERS — CARTOON

Take a picture of something that is being displayed in your home or school that shows the troops are being remembered locally.

FIRST PLACE - 4th - 6th GRADE

For those who have served,
We owe a great debt.
For those who serve,
We will never forget.
The price of freedom that you
willingly pay. You are in our hearts



Kyle Newcomb,
Discovery Middle School, Canton
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Jennie Rokakis,
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CATEGORY 3 WINNERS —EDITORIAL

Write a brief editorial about how much you appreciate what the troops are doing and why you agree or disagree with the reasons we sent the troops to Iraq.

FIRST PLACE - 2nd to 3rd GRADE

Ian J. McCracken

Saint Damian School, Livonia

IRAQ Agree with the troops: I think that the troops should be in Iraq because they are helping the people take back their country. The Iraqi people are happy that our soldiers captured Saddam Hussein. After the government is working and the country is put back together, then our troops can come home. The Iraqi people are grateful for all that the United States has done for them.

Honorable Mention

Amy Stefanovski, Saint Damian School, Livonia

TIE

FIRST PLACE - 7th to 9th GRADE

Ryan Staniszewski

Emerson School, Livonia

I think the troops in Iraq are doing a good job. I appreciate what the troops are doing. My opinion, though, is that the war was a bad idea.

This is how I support my position. We lost too many soldiers because our president lied to the U.S.A. We still haven't found any weapons of mass destruction and the country of Iraq didn't attack our country directly before. In addition, we have alienated the UN (United Nations).

There are some reasons why I agree with what we did and what we are doing. Saddam was a big threat because he had ties to terrorist organizations. After what happened on 9/11, the president probably wouldn't tolerate any more terrorism. Also, the people of Iraq didn't have many rights or freedom, but I still disagree with the war in Iraq.

In conclusion, we should make sure the statements of the president are true so this doesn't happen again. Why did our president lie to the country? I just hope our troops stay alive.

Vishnu Pemmaraju

Boulan Park Middle School, Troy

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Honorable Mention

Andrea Masters, Boulan Park Middle School, Troy

James and Jennifer entered two very good cartoons and we wanted to share them with you:



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Grapefruit, oranges, lemons, limes and kumquats can brighten salads, make a tasty drink, be a wonderful snack or used as a bright beautiful garnish. They can be a key ingredient in many dishes or make a colorful table centerpiece.

Citrus is the primary source of Vitamin C, which needs to be replenished

everyday. Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) has valuable health benefits; it promotes wound healing, fights infection and helps the body absorb iron from fruits, vegetables and grains.

Eating citrus provides the added benefit of pectin, a soluble fiber that helps lower blood cholesterol levels. They also contain folacin, calcium, potassium, thiamin, niacin and magnesium. Citrus is a "super" vitamin in a natural form.

Kumquats are very small, round or oval shaped, they can be orange or yellow in color. Kumquats are mild in flavor and have an edible rind. They are great as a garnish, mixed in a salad or eaten as a snack.

Grapefruit are the largest fruit of the citrus family. Varieties are white, Red Ruby and Star Ruby. The Red Ruby and Star Ruby are the sweetest of all grapefruits.

With lemons, the juice can be used numerous ways in drinks or cooking. Don't forget to use the colored outer layer for zest.

Limes can be used for

drinks, cooking or for zest. The color ranges from dark to lighter green or yellow-green.

Oranges basically come in three groups, regular, navel and blood. Navel and Valencia are the most popular. Valencia oranges are the most versatile; they make good juice and can easily be eaten out of hand. They have thin skins and have only a few seeds. The navel orange is seedless and is really considered an eating orange.

Mandarin is really a class of small oranges that have loose, easy to peel, "zipper" like skin. These are tangerines, clementines, Temple and Tangelos. A Temple is a cross between a tangerine and an orange and resembles an overgrown juicy tangerine with seeds. A Tangelo is a cross between a tangerine and a grapefruit and have a taste all their own.

Tangerine juice mixed with strawberries or raspberries, peaches, bananas, pineapple or cranberry juice in a blender makes a wonderful breakfast drink.

When buying oranges, look for firmness, heaviness and even shapes. Rule of thumb, the thin-skinned oranges are juicier than thick-skinned and small- to medium-sized fruits are sweeter than the larger ones. Mandarins will feel soft and puffy compared to an orange but still should feel heavy for their size.

Don't try to freeze whole oranges or other citrus fruits. Very cold storage makes brown spots on the skin but won't hurt the taste.

Most oranges are sold in bags that have holes so they can breathe.

Freshly squeezed orange juice can be frozen up to four months.

Oranges can be kept at room

temperature for one to two weeks, or refrigerated for longer storage. Tangerines will stay nice for one week at room temperature, but refrigeration is the best for them. The skin protects the vitamin C, so after you peel the orange, eat it.

Room temperature oranges yield the most juice, especially if you roll them on the counter or microwave for 20-30 seconds before juicing. The citrus shells can be frozen for use later. They make beautiful serving containers for salads, desserts and sauces.

Warm maple flavored syrup and orange slices or make a great tasting topping for French toast, waffles or pancakes. Marinate meat, fish or poultry in orange juice. Cook white or brown rice in orange juice and water with a pinch of zest to serve with chicken.

Slice peeled oranges, sprinkle with shredded coconut and powdered sugar and top with a little white wine or orange liqueur.

Orange slices can also be added to tossed green or cabbage salads.

Add a little grated orange or lemon peel to your favorite sandwich spread.

Grated orange rind can flavor custards, creams, dough, stews, pastries and cookies. Oranges and all citrus bring the feeling of sunshine and freshness into a dull winter diet.

If you're not able to visit Florida, California or Texas this winter to pick your own citrus fruits, visit the local grocery store and buy some fresh to brighten your day.

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AGE 10
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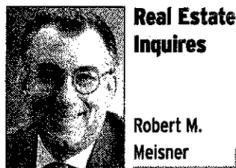
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More than likely, you have a claim for a nuisance and/or trespass which basis was confirmed by a Tennessee Supreme Court decision which allowed the suit and damages.

We have a co-owner who is threatening a sexual harassment case against the association. Have any courts ruled that housing providers can violate the Fair Housing Act by permitting a hostile sexual environment to exist?

There are a number of cases from around the country where courts have ruled that housing providers can violate the Fair Housing Act by permitting a hostile sexual environment to exist. Some courts have extended that to board members who have been involved in discrimination. You are best advised to consult with your association attorney in regard to potential liability of the association and its Board of Directors.

Our condominium association is experiencing substantial increases of insurance premiums. We have not amended our documents. Do you have any suggestions?

Yes. Most of our association clients are being advised to upgrade their condominium documents to limit the exposure of the association for insurance claims by, among other things, limiting the responsibility of the association to insure only common elements. It will also be necessary to modify the repair responsibilities of the condominium bylaws as well as certain other provisions regarding payment of deductibles by negligent co-owners. Every association should reconsider reviewing its condominium documents to protect it from unreasonable claims being filed against it and to limit its exposure because of the increase in insurance premiums.

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Marlene Kinney in master bedroom of a home she 'staged' for sale in Clarkston.

Expert helps sellers set stage for new owners

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Want to sell your house? Beware of the Chachka Syndrome.

Chachka is Yiddish for "inexpensive showy trinket," from the Polish czaczka. Homes flowing with chachkas and other "visually distracting" objects, furnishings, and whatever are giving momentum to a specialized activity in home-selling called staging.

On Broadway, staging means putting on a show and that's just what it means when a staging expert comes through your front door and starts pointing to stuff that has to go or be moved to another spot.

The expert, generally a person with experience in interior design, will explain the goal is to depersonalize and declutter your home so it might be easier for buyers to imagine it being theirs.

Marlene Kinney will tell you that's the purpose of her work. She's a 30-year veteran of interior design work and runs a company called Room Solutions Inc., from her home office in Commerce.

WARM AND INVITING

"It's about making homes more sellable," Kinney said. "It's about aesthetics, décor,



Patti Gilman and Marlene Kinney in the family room of a home for sale in Clarkston. Kinney removed clutter from the room to make it appear larger and more appealing to potential buyers.

furnishings, accessories. Sometimes the colors aren't sellable. If you're a buyer when you come in you think that this is what it would look like when it's your house.

"People are visually motivated. Color is a big thing. It sets their mood. Good colors are earth tones, warm and inviting."

With a staging designer, Kinney said the real estate agent can step back and not get yelled at as they have been by some homeowners over the years. It's not new, Kinney said, for the seller to be told to make the house more presentable; even make it smell better.

"It has to do with getting rid of their clutter. Sometimes moving a sofa six inches makes

the room appear so much larger. Move a picture from one room to another and it looks better," said Kinney.

At \$60 an hour, she'll come to the house you want to sell and tell you if you need a new shower curtain or if grandpa's easy chair ought to be hidden in the basement. "Usually the agent pays," Kinney said. "If it's paint, the agent usually has the homeowner pay."

Sometimes, she said, the problem is "inappropriate-size furniture or too much furniture in a room. Let the room appear less crowded and more pleasing to the eye. I want the buyer to be able to envision living in this home."

Kinney said she's careful to

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not talk to the homeowners as if criticizing their taste. The problems she might face are universal across the home-price spectrum. "There's no relationship between taste and the value of the home," she said.

But there is a relationship between the appearance of a house and the price it might bring, Patti Gilman said.

Gilman, a sales consultant with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston, said she knows of a house where the seller avoided \$10,000 or more in price reductions with a \$3,500 painting job recommended by a staging designer.

Gilman regularly uses Kinney's services to enhance the appearance of the houses she offers. "Buyers today," said Gilman, "expect perfection."

Designer offers tip on conquering the Chachka Syndrome

Gail Freid has been an interior designer for 15 years and now runs First Impression Staging and Design Consultants from her Oak Park home office. She offered insight to her approach to staging:

■ Many people have a lot of small items around. Very decorative. Lots of small pictures or lots of little objects. The Chachka Syndrome. All of those should be put away. I take owners to the front door and ask them to look at the house from the point of view of a buyer walking in. Many people have a lot of photos of fam-

ily on the wall. I suggest those all come down. Buyers want to think of the house as theirs.

■ Any kind of cultural or ethnic pictures or art should come down. Create a neutral environment so buyers don't connect with someone else. Nothing that defines the occupants. Yes, take away the menorah or the crucifix.

■ You want buyers to say, "what a beautiful room," not "What a beautiful couch or table." That magnificent table inlaid with marble - put a cloth over it. But the homeowner says, "This is my pride and joy," and I say, "Do you

want people looking at the dining room table or at the dining room?"

■ The problems can be in every room. Closets stuffed to the gills and disorganized. Pack away out-of-season clothes and things not used regularly. Rent a storage facility and physically remove from the house what you're going to pack anyway. Start now. Use tough love and get rid of all your extras.

■ In the bedroom, take family pictures off of the walls. Let the bed be the focal point with fresh, neutral, fluffy bedding. Make the room look comfortable and inviting. A place

where the buyers can imagine themselves sleeping.

■ The bathroom probably isn't clean enough and there's a lot of stuff around. Clear off the counters and place one small piece of statuary or a pot of flowers. Put in fresh new towels in colors that go with the room.

■ The kitchen table sometimes isn't the right size or shape. I like a small round table in the breakfast room, set for breakfast. They'll think, "what a lovely place to have coffee." Everything off the kitchen counters except three canisters or something else in threes. No dirty towels or oven mitts.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



When failure's not an option

Just about anybody can sell a home. Just like anybody can hit a baseball, pull a tooth, write a will, fly an airplane, cook a meal, or perform heart surgery. However, two questions persist: What is the true value of a job well done? And what happens if there's a glitch?

I absolutely love working with true full-time professionals, and I enjoy paying them fairly for their work. Why? If all goes well, the result is usually fantastic. If there's a hiccup, a real professional coolly brings the issue to a satisfactory resolution - sometimes without you even knowing there was a problem.

My all-time favorite movie quote came from *Apollo 13* when Gene Kranz, the NASA flight director at Mission Control, said, "Failure, gentlemen, is not an option." For true professionals, failure is truly beyond comprehension. It's an anomaly.

All-star hockey players expect to score. Commercial pilots take off fully expecting to land safely. Professional Realtors expect to sell every property they list. And mortgage professionals get real estate money to the table every time.

REAL PROS

True professionals get paid well because failure in their industries is more costly than the wage they demand. Real pros will not scalp you, nor will they scalp themselves.

Professionals deserve to be paid based on their ability to serve you. If you expect five-star service at a fast food restaurant, you will go hungry.

As handy as I am around my home, there are certain tasks - like hard-wiring new electrical service and cutting down 200-foot tree - that I leave to professionals. Why? I cannot deal with the "down side risk" of a goof-up.

Any property buyer or seller who has had a transaction go bad will tell you, in retrospect, that they got burned by trying to cut corners. They used the brother-in-law who is new in the mortgage business, or the Realtor who is a friend-of-a-friend.

If you have the expertise required to sell your own home, go for it! If you don't, then don't short yourself by skimping on experience and expertise. When failure is not an option, hire a professional.

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30-year mortgage rates steady, others mixed

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages held steady at a seven-month low this week, while rates for other types of mortgages were mixed.

The average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages was 5.58 percent, unchanged from the previous week, which had marked the lowest rate since 5.52 percent for the week ending July 11, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Feb. 26 in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages sank to 5.21 percent in the middle of June, the lowest level in more than four decades. Since then rates have bounced up and down.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates rose to 4.89 percent this week, up from 4.87 percent last week.

ADJUSTABLE RATES

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, meanwhile, decreased to 3.50 percent, compared with 3.53 percent last week.

"There was very little movement either way this week," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "And it looks like consumers are taking advantage of the low level of mortgage rates as applications for home purchases and refinancing are up for the last two weeks."

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its gauge tracking mortgage loan applications for home purchases and refinancings increased by 2.1 percent last week from the previous week.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan earlier this week questioned consumers' preference for fixed-rate mortgage loans.

"American homeowners clearly like the certainty of

fixed-mortgage payments," he said. That stands in sharp contrast with homeowners in other countries, who prefer adjustable-rate mortgages, he noted.

"American consumers might benefit if lenders provided greater mortgage product alternatives to the traditional fixed-rate mortgage," Greenspan said.

"To the degree that households are driven by fears of payment shocks but are willing to manage their own interest rate risks, the traditional fixed-rate mortgage may be an expensive method of financing a home," he said.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.79 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.14 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.83 percent.

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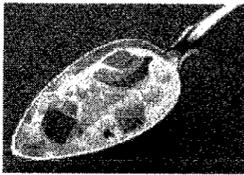
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UPDATED PLYMOUTH HOME BACKS TO WOODS. Beautiful four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial features Pella patio door to sunroom, Andersen windows, oak kitchen, family room with gas fireplace, ceramic foyer, hardwood floors. Nicely landscaped with sprinklers. Premium lot backing to county park. (P28PAR) \$226,900

PLYMOUTH
RIDGWOOD HILLS COLONIAL. Featured in Parade of Homes! Professional décor inside & out. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, four-season room, master suite with new master bath, built-in glassed bookcases surround fireplace. (50RED) \$419,900

WESTLAND
END UNIT CONDO. Sharp, affordable two bedroom with all appliances. Neutral décor, large master with walk-in closet. Laundry with added cabinets. Close to shopping! Immediate occupancy. \$91,900 (P90MAN)

WESTLAND
BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT! Great location and most updates done. Updates are windows, doors, roof, furnace, central air, hot water heater, electrical, bath. Close to school and park. \$119,900 (P98ROS)

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Oct. 20-24 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price	
7358 Admiralty	\$238,000	7094 Foxcreek	\$290,000	1459 Tradition	\$150,000	16996 Farmington	\$210,000	292 Pacific	\$245,000	19131 Olympia	\$50,000
4775 Adria	\$100,000	497 Georgetown	\$194,000	48561 Warwick	\$469,000	37947 Five Mile	\$159,000	241 Pinewood	\$137,000	9930 Riverdale	\$57,000
2400 Amber	\$244,000	45769 Henley	\$342,000	821 Wildwood	\$253,000	17140 Francavilla	\$288,000	9967 Riverdale	\$127,000	26656 Southwestern	\$118,000
47153 Bartlett	\$255,000	47075 Hidden River	\$338,000	6142 Winter	\$204,000	8930 Frederick	\$197,000	14881 Aubrey	\$108,000	20476 Wakenden	\$115,000
40460 Bay Harbor	\$177,000	46596 Hidden River	\$410,000			19630 Gary	\$380,000	18260 Brady	\$102,000	15949 Winston	\$81,000
40465 Bay Harbor	\$169,000	7783 Hillsboro	\$237,000			18617 Gillman	\$148,000	16667 Centralia	\$141,000	9705 Woodbine	\$129,000
40489 Bay Harbor	\$188,000	7382 Irongate	\$215,000			30553 Grandon	\$194,000	11392 Columbia	\$115,000		
45832 Baywood	\$323,000	46481 Killarney	\$220,000			34245 Grove	\$223,000	19576 Crosley	\$194,000		
40818 Bluesprings	\$35,000	1069 Kings	\$235,000			9984 Hartel	\$176,000	19490 Dalby	\$190,000		
6800 Bridgemont	\$295,000	6781 Kings Mill	\$394,000			12029 Inkster	\$110,000	20450 Dalby	\$104,000		
1777 Brookdale	\$310,000	45223 Lemont	\$210,000			1407 Melrose	\$209,000	20482 Delaware	\$84,000		
1981 Brookline	\$181,000	42495 Lilley Pointe	\$131,000			11027 Merriman	\$151,000	9192 Dixie	\$144,000		
865 Chelsea	\$345,000	42974 Lombardy	\$225,000			28816 Minton	\$180,000	26055 Dover	\$168,000		
595 Cherry Orchard	\$228,000	45483 Muirfield	\$430,000			30291 Minton	\$173,000	16639 Five Points	\$85,000		
569 Cherry Orchard	\$219,000	680 N. Beck	\$200,000			18329 Norwich	\$195,000	17189 Five Points	\$80,000		
1597 E. Lakeview	\$184,000	8355 N. Ridge	\$900,000			18361 Norwich	\$175,000	17621 Five Points	\$116,000		
2337 E Roundtable	\$225,000	45691 N. Stonewood	\$229,000			20223 Saint Francis	\$115,000	20384 Fox	\$128,000		
49195 Founders	\$183,000	45707 N. Stonewood	\$199,000			34630 Saint Martins	\$289,000	15956 Garfield	\$117,000		
45530 Fountain View	\$360,000	44441 Newburyport	\$104,000			27928 Western Golf	\$296,000	16695 Glenmore	\$140,000		
		7177 Orchard	\$128,000			30601 Westfield	\$167,000	18418 Glenmore	\$91,000		
		7224 Peachtree	\$252,000			14483 Yale	\$210,000	26284 Graham	\$311,000		
		44215 Postmill	\$190,000					26009 Hope	\$190,000		
		2000 Preserve	\$225,000					9230 Kinloch	\$195,000		
		1404 Prestbury	\$197,000					19213 Kinloch	\$100,000		
		16620 Country Club	\$216,000					9675 Lenore	\$125,000		
		38842 Donald	\$195,000					11442 Lucerne	\$131,000		
		10011 E. Clements	\$142,000					15512 Macarthur	\$145,000		
		9829 Fairfield	\$373,000					9956 Mercedes	\$148,000		
		16876 Farmington	\$184,000					10060 Mercedes	\$139,000		
		16990 Farmington	\$230,000					19434 Negaunee	\$90,000		
								2361 W. Rhead	\$173,000		

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Pro-active selling
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council will present Pro-active Selling Techniques - No Lose Presentations, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road. Joe Colletti, president of Marietta, Ga.-based Colletti & Associates, will conduct this seminar. Participants will learn proper techniques to develop and implement a presentation. Cost, including dinner, is \$69 for SMC members, \$89 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$109 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Homebuyer workshop
Learn how to avoid the biggest mistakes you can make when buying a home, how to choose a buyer's agent, about new government loan programs, financing, and other related topics Tuesdays, March 16 and April 20, at 1st Michigan Title, Six Mile Road at I-275 in Livonia. No charge, but seating is limited. Call (734) 420-9600 for information/reservations.

Wild game dinner
The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan will host a wild game dinner 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Builders and associate members will view table-top displays and receive an update of the BIA's upcoming activities. Cost is \$75, call (248) 862-1033 to register and for more information.



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BRIGHTON. TENNIS ANYONE? Regulation tennis court & pool accompany this mini-estate on eight acres. Home offers four bedrooms, three baths, two 1/2 baths, spacious kitchen, formal finished walkout + three car garage. HURRY! \$599,900 (L01Hus)

FARMINGTON. DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING... this Farmington charmer is PERFECT! You'll love the new ceramic bath & exquisite kitchen w/abundance of counters, cabinets, plus a 3x7 walk-in pantry. Updated windows, roof, A/C, furnace, siding, carpet, plumbing, etc., etc. All this and awarding - winning landscaping too! \$149,900 (L09Vio)

REDFORD. UNBEATABLE VALUE! This spacious well-maintained three bedroom brick ranch is located in S. Redford's most desirable area! Neutral décor & well appointed. Newer windows, furnace, C/A & interior doors + finished basement w/ wet bar, 4th bedroom/office, workshop, etc. Enjoy the large Florida room! CLEAN! \$159,900 (L405em)

DETROIT. LOVE & CARE are the hallmarks of this spotless home in Detroit. There have been many updates including: bathroom, kitchen, windows, C/A, and hardwood floors! There's a door off the bedroom leading to a patio and fenced yard! This home is IMMACULATE and affordable at \$89,900! (L80Fau)

ROYAL OAK. OLD WORLD CHARM only begins to describe this 3 BR bungalow! Come see the gas fireplace with mantle in the living room, hardwood floors, wet plaster, 16x10 heated sun room overlooking 8 ft. inground pool & dbl lot, fin bsmt w/half BA & office or 4th BR w/ W/C. Lots of updates! \$210,900 (L10Ale)

REDFORD. NEED SPACE? 1550 sq. ft. bungalow is on a quiet tree lined street w/ a 200 ft. deep fenced lot. Features include MBR up w/half BA & sitting room (study), lg LR, DR, beautiful Florida rm, KIT w/table space + a full, part. fin bsmt. Great home for the \$\$! \$148,900 (L85Nor)

REDFORD. GREAT STARTER HOME 3 bedroom brick bungalow with many updates. Nicely landscaped with a park like yard. Huge basement with a full bath, ideal for a family room or home office. Master with walk in closet and courtyard. All appliances remain. sitting area. 2.5 car garage. \$154,000 (186PO)

CHARMING RANCH CONDO Ground floor end unit that is ready to move into! 2 bedrooms and 2 baths with new carpet and a freshly painted interior. Open floor plan with a great view of the courtyard. All appliances remain. \$122,900 (551L)

POPULAR LIVONIA SUB Brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and a 2.5 car garage. New Pergo floor in the neutral kitchen. Updated full bath with ceramic tile & a jetted tub. All appliances included. Full basement, a Florida room & a nice sized corner lot. Call for details. \$184,500 (949PI)

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STUNNING! New oak kitchen with breakfast bar & porcelain floors, new carpet, new plumbing, new deck, and a fantastic lower level with glass block. Take a look, you wont be disappointed. \$174,500 (600FL)



IMMACULATE BRICK RANCH 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths with an oak kitchen, updated bath, hardwood floors, vinyl windows, maintenance free exterior, sprinkler system, central air and more. Immediate occupancy. \$222,500 (841W)



LAKE ACCESS Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch that is walking distance to Sand Shore Lake. New carpeting, new roof, furnace, and windows. Finished basement with a bar and half bath. Sun porch w/hot tub! \$299,900 (842EM)



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OLD WORLD CHARM Dearborn colonial situated on a double lot with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and a 2 car garage. Newer vinyl windows, heated and enclosed front porch, formal dining, full basement, and a huge 23x12 master bedroom. Fenced yard & more. Call today. \$188,900 (232CO)



BRICK END UNIT With a carport in a prime location. Neutral décor, new carpet, and finished basement with Berber carpeting. Updated windows, furnace and central air. 55 and over community with numerous activities. \$142,900 (425NE)



IN THE BEST OF TASTE Engaging 4 bedroom colonial w/ gracious formal living & dining areas, a private study, and a family room w/nat. fireplace & wet bar. Hardwood floors & Berber carpet add charm & warmth. A large kitchen w/ nook & first class master suite complete the package. \$269,900 (668BA)



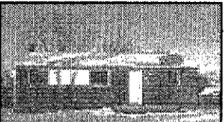
ABSOLUTE DREAM HOME First class 4 bedroom home in prestigious Plymouth's Hough Park. Looks like a Homes and Gardens model. Custom kit w/ granite, skylights, heated sunroom, luxury master, top of the line everything. French doors to paver patio. \$465,000 (635MC)



SUNFLOWER VILLAGE RANCH Come and see this well kept 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch! Attached 2 car garage, oak kitchen with bay window, hardwood floors, natural fireplace and more. Amenities galore. \$269,900 (538MA)



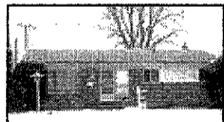
PLYMOUTH INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Walk to downtown Plymouth - great investment for 2 bedroom ranch with 1st floor laundry; newer roof and carpeting; central air; furnace - 2002. Ready to move in or expand. \$145,900 (032FI)



WHERE DO I START? This one is like a new home! 3 bedroom ranch with a new roof, gutters, vinyl siding, front porch, windows, electrical, paint carpet, furnace, central air, remodeled kitchen & bath. The list goes on and on! Must see to appreciate. \$124,900 (548LE)



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! Perfect opportunity for a first time buyer to own this 3 bedroom ranch with all the major updates already done for you! New furnace, A/C, windows, roof, insulation, circuit breakers, new carpet, oak doors, sined and more! \$90,000 (236BE)



ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES in this great looking 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch located on a low traffic, dead end street. Ideal for families with small children. Fenced yard, 2 car garage, and a basement. Call for details. \$129,900 (154NE)



THREE BEDROOM RANCH in a desirable location in Westland. Large kitchen open to the great room with cathedral ceiling. Freshly painted interior, convenient 1st floor laundry, and an attached 2 car garage. Nice open floor plan. \$169,900 (754TU)



GREAT LOCATION 7005 Foxcreek Dr. - 3-bedroom, 2.5 bath brick Colonial backing to a wooded park like commons. Formal living & dining, vaulted ceilings, skylights, fireplace, open kitchen with hardwood floor & eating area. Doorwall to the cedar deck. Enter S. off Warren to Foxcreek Blvd. \$284,900 (005FO)



SURE TO PLEASE Even the fussiest buyer will love this beautiful ranch with 3 beds & 2 baths. Updated furnace, C/A, roof, driveway, vinyl siding & gutters. Master w/whirlpool tub. Newer carpet & fresh paint. Brand new 2.5 car garage, basement, floor plan, 1st floor laundry, and a deck, & home warranty. \$178,899 large lot! \$136,900 (400FL) (142GU)



LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Great home in a nice area with 3 bedrooms and 1140 square feet of living space. Remodeled kitchen with Pergo floor, new hot water heater and dishwasher, freshly painted interior with neutral décor, open new 2.5 car garage, basement, floor plan, 1st floor laundry, and a large lot! \$136,900 (400FL)



JUST MOVE IN! Walking distance to shopping area. 2 bedroom vinyl sided home with newer Wallside windows, roof and furnace. Large 60x309 lot. Great for starters or retirees. \$109,500 (616GL)



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CANTON \$548,750
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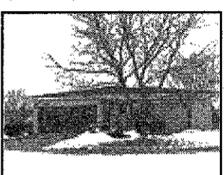
CANTON \$379,900
Fabulous Home on Awesome Lot! Backing to wooded commons. 3 Season room w/skylights to enjoy the seasons. Open floor plan, 1st fl den & laundry. Huge master suite w/dual fireplace. (BGN54WOO) 888-870-9123



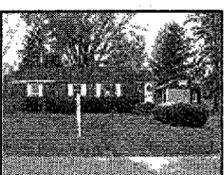
CANTON \$349,997
Too many upgrades to mention. Gorgeous home overlooking 26th tee. Oak flooring in foyer and kitchen, 1st floor master, crown molding, large eat in kitchen professionally finished lower. (BGSly51VIS) 888-870-9131



CANTON \$264,900
A Great North Canton 3brdm Ranch! In Sunflower sub. 2 full bath's, full basement, large great room, huge deck, 2 car attached garage & much more. Priced right. (BGN20HAN) 888-870-9123



CANTON \$199,900
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COMMERCE TWP \$159,900
Cozy cedar shake ranch. Within walking distance to all sports lake! 3 br, basement & garage. Large country kitchen w/franch doors to lovely private fenced yard. Wood burning stove. (BGSly93STA) 888-870-9131



FARMINGTON \$250,000
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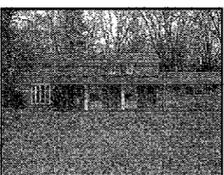
FARMINGTON HILLS \$399,900
Absolutely Stunning! 2 Story Foyer w/9' Ceilings. Entry W/wood Firs That Flow to Kitchen W/maple Cabinets & Butlers Pantry. Fam Rm. w/FP& Surround System. Master Suite W/cathedral Ceiling & Bay Window. OEL08WIN 888-870-9105



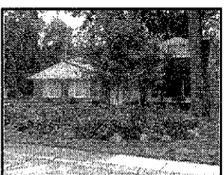
FARMINGTON HILLS \$374,900
Sharp Farmington Hills Condo! Quick occupancy, first floor master, private study, finished lower level w/rec rm & 2nd kitchen, deck, & updated landscaping. (BGN01RUS) 888-870-9123



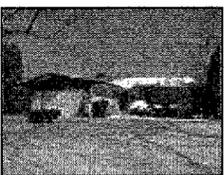
LINDEN \$189,900
Hard to find newer california style brick ranch. 3 br, 2 ba, full finished basement, heated 2 car garage. Cathedral ceiling & gas fireplace in greatroom. Hardwood floors in kitchen. (BGSly46VAL) 888-870-9131



LIVONIA \$409,900
2.4 Acres In NW Livonia, Country Living In City, 3-4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 1st Fir Laundry. Updates Include: Windows, electrical, kitchen W/oak Cabinets,all Appliances, new Carpet t/o,2.5 Car Garage & Cement Slab(15x20) OEL51LAU 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$266,900
Woodcreek Farms Subl 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Updated Kitchen W/ceramic Tile, Fin Bsmnt & Newer Wins. DR W/doorwall To Deck, Cement Patio W/Pond, Open Floor Plan & Oak Hdwd Floors T/O. Extensive Landscaping & Sprink Sys. OEL69WOO 888-870-9105



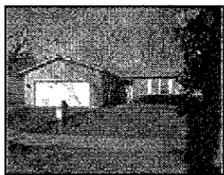
LIVONIA \$204,900
Move in Condition. Updated 3 bdrms, 1 bath 1,300 sq. ft. brick colonial in NW Liv. Updated kit w/oak cabs, counters and all appliances. FR w/frpl, full fin. Bsmnt. MANY updates. OEL33YAL 888-870-91058



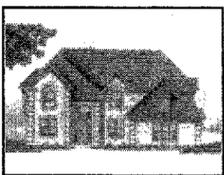
LIVONIA \$188,000
Well Maintained Home! This well maintained home has 3br, 1.5 baths, a 3-season rm, finished bsmt & 2.5 car garage. Close to schools, parks & shopping. Home warranty provided. (BGN21BRE) 888-870-9123



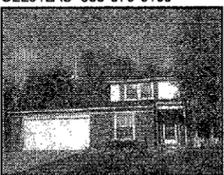
LIVONIA \$185,000
Run, Don't Walk! Fabulous updated ranch w/spectacular family rm w/frpl, kitchen w/custom cabinets, updated bath, 2.5 car garage, finished lower level! One word: WOW! (BGN12MIC) 888-870-9123



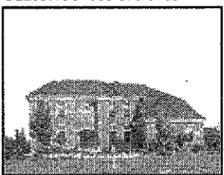
MILFORD \$189,000
Super open floor plan on this ranch in Milford. All appl. stay. 1st fl laundry, 3rd bdrms in finished lower level. Lrg fenced backyard w/deck. Finished basement has rec rm 24X18 & office. C/A & two car garage. (BGSly15OAK) 888-870-9131



NORTHVILLE \$694,900
"Peninsula at Stonewater" Colonial. 4BR, 3.1BA home on prem site w/lake view. 2 pc crown molding in parlor, DR,FR,upper hall & foyer. Brazilian cherry firs on 1st fl. Kit w/granite tops, island, pantry. OEP-77Man 888-870-9127



NORTHVILLE \$319,500
Photo #5147432 Freshly Decorated 4br! W/updated shingles, windows, doorwall, heat & air. Baths & lavs. Breakfast bay overlooks wooded parklike yard. Family room, den. Home warranty. (BGN84STE) 888-870-9123



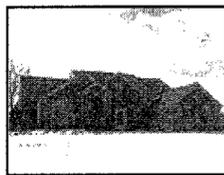
NOVI \$739,900
Truly Elegant! A home you deserve! 4 BR, 3.1 BA colonial. Dual staircase. Granite cntropts, w/i pantry & cherry cbnts. 19 x 9 Sun Room off kitchen. Hdwd firs in kitchen, nook & DR. OEP-30Abe 888-870-9127



PINCKNEY \$39,900
Priced below SEV! Nice built site 1 block from golf course. Deeded access on Rush Lake. Private lake with beaches. Land contract available. (BGSlyVLCOU) 888-870-9131



PLYMOUTH \$799,900
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PLYMOUTH \$674,900
Executive Style! 4 BR, 3.5 BA cape cod on an oversized setting w/a walkout lower level. 1st floor master. True gourmet kit w/sitting area. Dramatic great room w/gas FP. 4 car garage. OEP-39Ply 888-870-9127



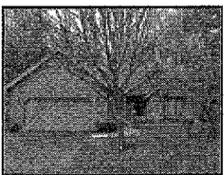
PLYMOUTH \$529,900
Beacon Meadows Sub. 4BR, 3.1BA Colonial. Spac kit w/nook, lg island w/smooth cooktop. MBR w/FP, jetted tub. Tiled foyer w/oak staircase. DW to lg deck. Fin bsmt w/full bath & wet bar. OEP-31Wes 888-870-9127



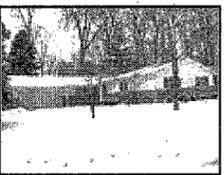
PLYMOUTH \$497,500
New const on small lake w/ stonecast FP, cherry cbnt, granite cntros. Custom mids & trim. Brazilian hdwd firs. Ceramic BA & laundry. 4BR, 2.5BA, daylight bsmt. OEP-78lro 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$419,900
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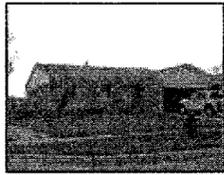
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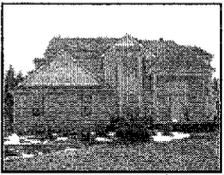
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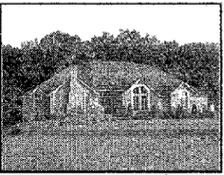
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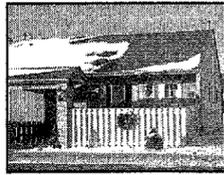
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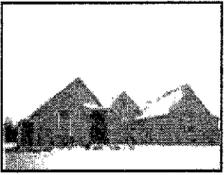
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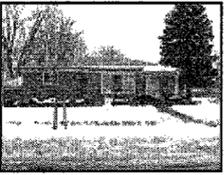
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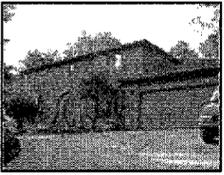
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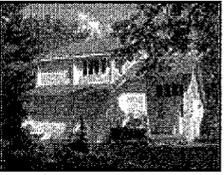
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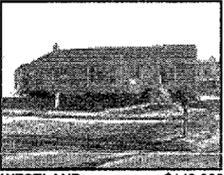
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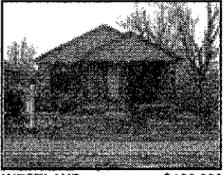
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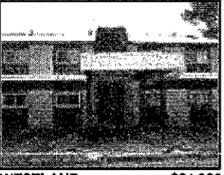
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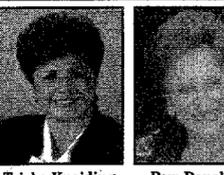
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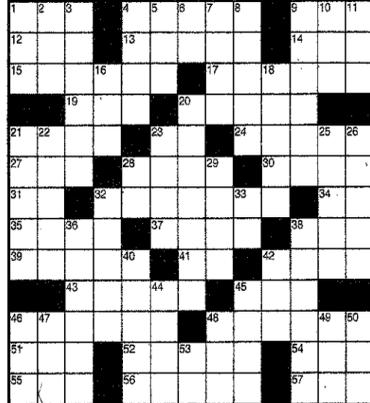
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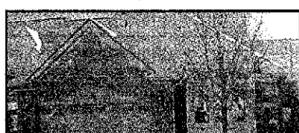
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NORTHVILLE Large Family Home
Spacious 4 BR, 2 BA quad on large tree lot. Roomy family room with fireplace. Dining room, eat-in kitchen and library.
(E42RIP) 248-349-5600 \$286,900



CANTON Impeccable Voted #1
Exceptional cherry kitchen, Corian counters, designer appis, hwdw flrs, 2.5 baths, FR, gas frpic, pond setting, Kohler fixtures custom t/o, deck, SS, basement, 2 car attached garage, 2 tone paint. Robertson built lot.
(E79HOG) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



BROWNSTOWN 4 Bedroom Colonial
2.5 bath home, family room w/fireplace, large kitchen, large deck, master bedroom w/his & hers closets & sitting room.
(E61BUC) 734-455-5600 \$217,000



NORTHVILLE One Of A Kind
Sprawling 4 BR, 2.5 BA ranch. Have your own resort right in your own backyard. In-ground pool and Jacuzzi. Too many updates to mention. Bring your fustiest buyers. Home warranty included.
(E64BEA) 248-349-5600 \$390,000



NORTHVILLE Walk To Town
From this 2 bedroom premium end unit with many updates. They include: newer kitchen, bath, carpet, lighting, 6 panel doors & vertical blinds.
(E25FAI) 248-349-5600 \$128,900



WATERFORD Welcome Home
Awesome best describes this home on a wooded lot. 2 story GR w/marble fireplace, FF master bedroom, full laundry. Incredible finished LL w/marble floors, full bath, 4th BR, FR & daylight windows.
(E83SAL) 248-349-5600 \$347,900



PLYMOUTH Cape Cod On Premium Lot
1st flr mstr w/WIC, close to pool & tennis ct, FFL, den, x-deep bsmt w/walkout, gas frpic in GR, island in kit, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, for dining area, CA, hwdw flrs in kit & hall, garden tub, all appis incl. Deck + 2 car att gar.
(E57NOR) 734-455-5600 \$372,500



NOVI Beautiful 3 Bedroom Colonial
Premium elevation w/pos 4th BR/study in prof fin bsmt. Loaded w/updates, custom touches! 2.5 baths, kitchen w/island counter opens to family room w/gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings in master suite & family rm.
(E29BUT) 734-455-5600 \$299,900



NORTHVILLE Mint Colonial
Move-in perfection. Custom built home w/4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 car garage, finished LL. Prof decorated inside out. Extensive crown molding. Gourmet kit w/island, FR w/gas frpic. Oak paneled den/library. Impressive.
(E43BRO) 248-349-5600 \$582,900



WESTLAND Updated Ranch
3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/newer roof, windows, deck, furnace & AC. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage w/newer door & electric. Opener. Finished LL makes nice FR. Fenced yard & highly sought after Livonia schools.
(E60SAN) 248-349-5600 \$162,900



CANTON Friendly Canton Sub
This is it. Nice brick colonial w/hwdw flrs, FR, natural frpic, LR, 3 BR, updated baths, kitchen, att 2.5 car gar, large covered porch, yard, partially fin bsmt. Appis included. 1 year home warranty. Walk to township park.
(E4BRO) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



DEARBORN Spectacular & Tranquil
Best describes the view of the 9th fairway from the soaring 2 story window, spacious living room, open floor plan, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen & family room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage, bsmt & appis.
(E99TUR) 734-455-5600 \$479,000



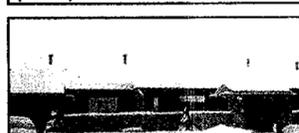
PLYMOUTH Previous Builders Model
Large 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 w/3 car attached garage, finished basement, great room w/gas fireplace, library w/bay window. Sitting on a large corner lot.
(E81CHA) 734-455-5600 \$549,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Updated & Affordable
3 BR, 1.5 bath home w/remodeled kitchen & bath. Refinished hardwood floors. Newer carpeting in LL. Tiled entry. Large fenced yard.
(E00BRO) 248-349-5600 \$194,000



PLYMOUTH Charming Saltbox
4 BR, 2.5 BA saltbox colonial in Beacon Estates. 3 season sunroom off updated kitchen. Two fireplaces. Gracious living room & dining room. Handsome family room. Detail molding inside & out. Exceptional home.
(E85GLE) 248-349-5600 \$379,800



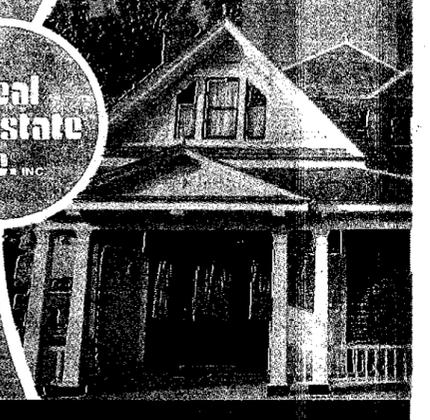
SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
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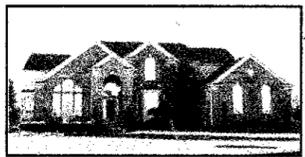
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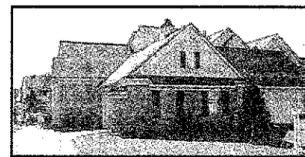
PLYMOUTH \$658,900
A TRANSFEREE'S DREAM! 3 Bdrm, 3.5 bath Cape Cod. Kit w/cherry cbrts, island, pantry, appls. 3 Car gar w/wider driveway. Deck backing to serene pond. Community pool/tennis court. (23M50311)

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NOVI \$629,000
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NORTHVILLE \$447,000
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2BR/2.5 baths. Numerous upgrades incl: granite, lighting, carpet & cabinets. Extra crown mldg. Luxury mstr bath. (80LYO2)

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BEVERLY HILLS \$445,000
HANDSOME GEORGETOWN COLONIAL! Spacious traditional Beverly Hills residence with a court location and an excellent floor plan. Finished basement, large private yard and immediate occupancy. (80SHA2)

248-349-6200



NOVI \$358,500
SPACIOUS AND OPEN FLOOR PLAN Formal LR & DR, family size brkfst area & kit that opens to lg FR w/cathedral ceiling & frpl, perfect lib w/ built 1 bookcases & great fin'd basement. (82POR2)

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NOVI \$339,900
4 BDRM, 2.5 BATH DUNBARTON PINES BEAUTY! Well maintained and neutral T/O. HDWD flrs in foyer, nook, hall & powder rm. Crown molding in foyer, hall, FR & baths/ Extra deep BSMT. Extra wide driveway. (24FOR2)

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LIVONIA \$339,000
LOVELY HOME WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Sprawling 4 bedroom quad on 1/2 acre cul-de-sac. Florida room, walk-out, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, sprinklers. New A/C, neutral decor. (23B31861)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$315,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond. 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! (90COU2)

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CANTON \$287,900
WISH NO MORE! BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL! Newer 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,339 sq ft. Formal LR & DR, Vaulted FR w/gas fireplace, large kitchen w/breakfast area. Part fin basement. Plymouth/Canton schools. (23F8916)

734-455-7000



BRIGHTON \$274,900
EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION Beautiful home on lg cul-de-sac. Great rm w/oath ceiling & gas fireplace. 2nd floor loft, 2 bdrms & full bath. 1st flr master ste. Prof. finished bsmt. Many upgrades. (25AIR2)

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NOVI \$269,000
OVER 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI! Almost 2000 SF, 2001 bit, 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR, den, FR, open flr plan & Novi schools. Must see! (36CLA2)

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SUPERIOR TWP \$259,900
LOTS OF PRIVACY Large ranch w/nice open floor plan on 5 acres. 3 Bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, fabulous new oak kitchen, newer roof shingles, fireplace, super family & game rm, pole barn. (R165)

734-326-2000



MANISTEE \$259,000
BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT VIEWS! Lg 4 bdrm ranch on Canfield Lk. Enjoy sunsets & campfires by your own fire pit. 1/2 hr from Manistee Golf & Country Club, MI beaches, snow skiing, state parks. (23C739)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$250,000
CHARMING RANCH CONDO Lovely condo w/ 2 bdrms & 2 full ba. Eat in kit. Main flr laundry. Well located w/priv, backyard & deck. Incl. appls. Very sharp & neutral. Close to downtown Farmington. (56LAR2)

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CANTON \$239,900
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 2 Bdrm 2 1/2 bth, master w/sitting area, ceramic bath. Hrdwd flrs in kit, foyer. 1st flr laundry, full bsmt, 12x12 deck, 2 car att gar. Close to downtown Plymouth. (C876)

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NORTHVILLE \$234,000
AFFORDABLE IN DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE! Hard to find home for this price. Property, charm & potential. Where renovating is key in area. Great for young couple or single with vision. Make offer. (25NOV2)

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WESTLAND \$214,900
PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME! Located on a dead end str, on almost a half acre wooded lot. Bilt in '93 w/new wndws, berber crpt. 2 Full updated baths. Mstr ste has a Jacuzzi. Fin bsmt & more! (23M37744)

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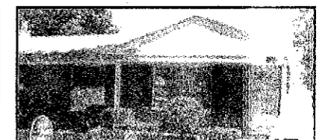
GARDEN CITY \$204,900
BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION! Wow! Builder built this one in Livonia last, and it sold before we could finish it! Mstr 1st flr, vaulted GR ceilings. 2 car att'd, 70x145 lot. (H1731)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$201,900
A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH! Walking distance from downtown, limited traffic sub. 1236 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 bath, low maintenance in & out. Brk FP in FR. 2 Car gar, newer wndws, furn, HWH, & more! (A42520)

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PLYMOUTH \$199,900
UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem. school or walk to Hines Park either way this charming ranch has location all over it. Full base, 2 car det. FR w/a FP & tons of updates. (H11520)

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YPSILANTI \$199,900
BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY RANCH Great 3 bdr, 3 bath home built in 94. HWD floor in foyer. GR w/cozy p, 1st flr laun, fin bsmt w/FR, den and 3rd bath, 2 car att gar. Lg deck off great room. (13IND2)

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INKSTER \$177,500
BE THE FIRST OWNER This 3 Bdrm, 2 bath beauty has all the amenities. Sit in front of the fireplace or grill out on the back porch. Full basement you can finish how you want it. (H452)

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ROYAL OAK \$175,000
THIS HOME IS A PERFECT 10! Everything is new & updated. No work to be done. Fresh paint, new kitchen, new bath, carpet, roof, windows. Doors & floors! New! (D713)

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LIVONIA \$174,990
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch, cathedral ceilings thru-out, 3 BR, 1.5 baths on main flr, newer wndws, elec, & plumb, c/a, bsmt has wet bar, 2+ car garage. Hurry, won't last!! (O19184)

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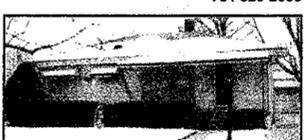
WAYNE \$169,999
GREAT BRICK RANCH 4 bedroom, 2 baths offers big rooms. Bay window in living rm, bow in kitchen. Newer doors, roof, windows, blinds. Hardwood floors, day light windows in bsmt. (T321)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
NEW PRICE! 3 BR ranch. Beautiful new birch cabs, new fr, appl stay, patio, full bsmt, oversized 2 car gar, tear off fr in 10/03, newer furn, a/c, window. A great home! (M304)

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GARDEN CITY \$164,900
CLEAN AS IT CAN BE Over 1,300 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 full bath w/ oak kit cabs, pantry & snack bar, lg dining area, FR with deck, C/A, finished bsmt. 2 Car garage w/ electric door & opener. (G814)

734-326-2000



DEARBORN \$157,500
DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bedroom brick bungalow is waiting for you. Finished basement, 2.5 car garage. Seller says, "Bring me an offer!" (29A2130)

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SOUTHFIELD \$150,499
HURRY HURRY!!! This beauty will not last long. Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch condo. In much sought after area. Many updates. End unit, 2 carports. (F265)

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NORTHVILLE \$150,000
DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE BUSINESS! This card shop has it all: cards, stationary, gift wrap, shadow supplies, balloons. Computer & card generating software. Complete w/ fixtures, cash register, etc. (15MAI2)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$149,900
HEATHORNE HILLS SUB 3 BR, 1.5 BA, finished bsmt, 10x14 Florida rm, 2 car side entry garage. All new items: rf, wndws, furn w/ac, hwh, kit, all appliances stay. (B8600)

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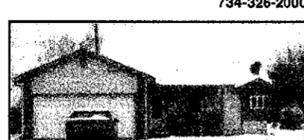
REDFORD \$149,900
UNIQUE & ROOMY! Walk out bsmt is fin in dry-wall. All updates are done. Home has open flr plan w/tasteful neutral decor. Doorwalk in lower level walks out to patio & nice yd. (B14148)

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REDFORD \$139,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes. Within a block of Lawson Field - offers tennis, basketball, & play area. Nice floor plan with finished basement. (L19158)

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WAYNE \$139,900
BEAUTY, WARMTH, VALUE Flowing open floor plan in this 1996 3 bdrm, 2 bath with great room, lovely oak kitchen, decks front & rear. Neutral colors. 2 car garage. Shows well. (A324)

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REDFORD \$131,711
EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! Full brick! Three BRs! Fin bsmt, 24x24 block garage, newer windows, rf, shingles, electrical, copper plumbing, & carpet. Remodeled white kit, privacy fenced yd. (I20455)

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REDFORD \$129,900
WELL MAINTAINED BROADFRONT BUNGALOW 3 BR, fin bsmt w/bar, new kitchen counter/top, new glass blk wndws, newer carpet thru-out, bay window, fenced yd, 1.5 car att'd garage. Lg pie shaped lot & more! (L19507)

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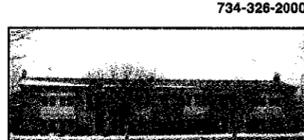
REDFORD \$117,500
STYLISH & CHARMING HOME has been artfully decorated with many updates including both baths, kit, vinyl siding, newer rf. You won't believe how cute this is inside & out. (S20091)

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REDFORD \$111,900
GREAT STARTER HOME! New kitchen with brand new stove and refrigerator. Nice backyard, hardwood floors. Move right in and make it your home! (P19775)

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PLYMOUTH \$78,900
LOCATION IS EVERYTHING! Ground floor 1 bedroom condo. Central air, private basement, all appliances included. Great "commons view". Lowest price lowered. (23S1199)

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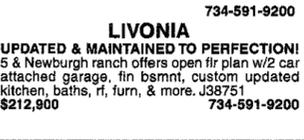
SOUTHFIELD \$60,000
WOW, WHAT A PRICE 1 Bdrm overlooking pool & above the clubhouse. Private entry, with lots of storage - Perfect investment, or place to start. very quiet area, well maintained. (H217)

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PINCKNEY \$250,000
BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS PINCKNEY COLONIAL! Newer corian kit w/ stainless appliances! 3 br, 2.5 ba, lg gr rm w/fr, formal dr w/bay window, mast bath w/jacuzzi, fin bsmt, 3 car gar, great deck, backs, to commons! 87VIN2

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LIVONIA \$212,900
UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION! 5 & Newburgh ranch offers open flr plan w/2 car attached garage, fin bsmt, custom updated kitchen, baths, rf, furn, & more. J38751

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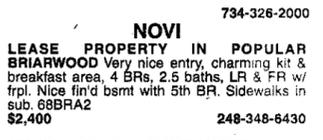
LIVONIA \$147,900
THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER offers huge living rm w/newer carpeting, formal DR, newer kit, elec, wndws, shingles, 1st flr laundry, 2 car garage, beautiful landscape. L27901

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DETROIT \$80,000
WELCOME YOUR FAMILY into this 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath bungalow. Security doors, newer wndws, new pedestal sink & toilet in bath. Fnsht bsmt w/glass block wndws, newer roof, furnace & HWH. 23R19453

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It isn't even summer yet, but some cars give you that feeling year-round. And Ford Focus is one of them.

Well, alright, this is a very personal sentiment, not universally shared. But zipping around recently in Ford's very worthy entry in the fast-dwindling, American-made small-car segment, I couldn't help but be impressed by what a great little ride the Focus gives. And it made me wistful for the days when, as a college freshman, I bought my first car, a manual-transmission Chevrolet Chevette. Now, that car gave first cars a bad name.

But Focus is an entirely different proposition. It's still great to look at, even a few years after its cheeky styling debuted. It's appealing both to men and women, to girls and boys, as indicated by the thousands of teenage males who are wont to soup up this vehicle. Focus is not just spritely but downright zippy in its performance, yet it yields 25 mpg in city driving and 33 mpg on the highway. It's got an appealing interior with more than adequate amenities for an entry-level vehicle.

And at a suggested retail price of just \$18,760 even for the ZX5 Premium version I drove, it's plenty affordable for many people as a first vehicle — and even, dare I say, appropriate for all sorts of twentysomethings?

Did I say I like this car?

Focus's styling remains fresh even a few years after it supplanted Escort as Ford's economy-car stalwart. And, in fact, it's possible to argue that the styling influenced many other small vehicles that came afterward, some of them much pricier — such as Ford's groundbreaking "jelly-bean" design of Taurus clearly did in 1986.

Focus's large and downswept windshield, sweeping arcs, large pie-section headlamps, crisp creases, robust wedginess and eye-high taillights blend very nicely into a distinct design statement: clean, effi-



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cient, even hip, yet substantial. The roofline is highly arched, which particularly makes Focus stand out when it's parked next to other vehicles. Lower bodyside PVC coating provides protection from stone dings on all models. ZX3 and LX versions have black rather than body-color bodyside protective molding, which is offset in the ZX3 by black rocker panels.

I'm hearing that the 130-horsepower, two-liter engine that comes in most Focus models is plenty adequate, starting instantly and providing a smooth, quiet ride. But I was very happy to have been driving the ZX5, which comes pumped up with a 2.3-liter, dual-overhead-cam engine paired with a five-speed manual transaxle. Driving this car was just a load of fun. For one thing, it proceeded crisply through the gears, much more smoothly than many a vehicle I've driven that cost twice as much as Focus.

Focus was very responsive, providing plenty of power in every driving situation and not seeming to strain a bit. I especially enjoyed the car's handling, which was taut but not overly sensitive, smooth in cornering and stopping, and simply pleasant to pilot overall. Missing was the usual noise, vibration and harshness that four-cylinder

engines often issue, and I couldn't even get much wind noise going at way past the speed limit on the freeway.

Neither does Focus disappoint when it comes to the interior. The front seats were plenty roomy, and so were the rear. The only area where I noticed a pinch was the cargo area in the rear — but you can't have everything. Suffice it to say that there's plenty of room with the rear seats folded down for whatever a couple would need to stash in the car for a weekend trip or even a week-long vacation trek.

Nice touches abound in the ZX5. They include a power moonroof with a moonshade. I also liked the simple layout of the climate controls and nifty little discoveries such as a wedge-shaped coin tray just to the right of the instrument panel. Design-wise, too, I appreciated the interior, especially the upswept design of the dashboard.

This is a vehicle that makes a great statement not only about Ford but about what U.S. carmakers still are able to do in the long-woebegone small-car marketplace. Long live Focus.

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