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Cuts eyed in athletics and staffing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

More than three dozen layoffs, less extensive cleaning of school buildings and cuts in middle and high school athletics are among the list of budget cuts and reductions being discussed by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to balance a projected \$8.6 million budget deficit for the next school year.

The administration believes an earlier projected deficit of \$9.2 million will be reduced by \$650,000 as the state indicates it won't change the formula for funding student enrollment. However, Supt. Jim Ryan said it's still difficult to

find cuts and reductions totaling more than \$2.6 million that won't have a dramatic impact on the district, employees and students.

On March 30, Ryan presented the board with \$2.2 million in reductions that include 40 layoffs, including 16 custodians, four high school nurses and the security director at the high school complex.

According to Ryan's figures, the district could save more than \$480,000 by performing what he termed "modified cleaning" in the district's buildings.

Ryan is looking at another \$200,000 cut from the athletic department budget, which could be addressed in a number of ways.

"We've asked the middle schools to look at the restructuring of sports ... and to see if there is a pay-to-participate opportunity there," Ryan said.

High school athletes currently pay a \$125 fee to participate in as many sports as they choose. "Some people have suggested that students pay per sport, rather than a one-time fee," he said. "They've also discussed ticket price increases at athletic events as a possibility for more revenue."

Ryan is also looking at reorganization of high school athletics, and has put all three high school athletic directors on notice for possible layoff.

Slashing the jobs of four of the five district nurses would save \$300,000.

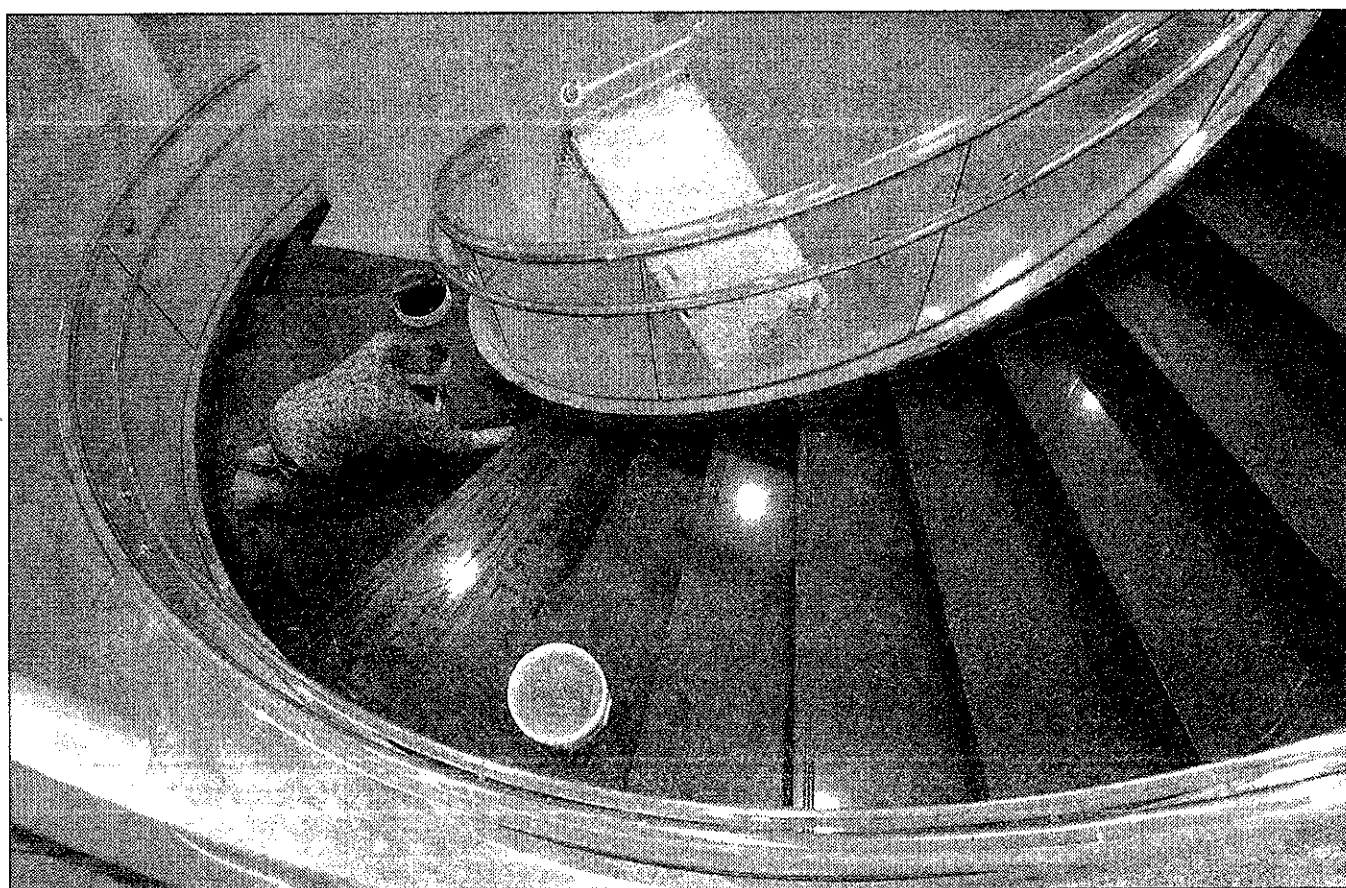
However, George Shea, whose daughter is a junior, said he is opposed.

"I know all the cuts are difficult, but as a father I want my kids to be safe ... and I want someone there to take care of them," he said. "I strongly urge you to keep nurses."

The list of cuts also includes limiting the number of hours the media centers in elementary school buildings are open, saving the district an estimated \$225,000.

Ryan is also recommending the district use \$6 million of its \$15 million fund balance to help balance next year's budget.

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As a final touch, Jennifer Bird cleans the new stairs. She works for Architectural Southwest Stone.

Sometimes, it's just plain confusing as work continues on township hall

In some areas it's like a maze, in others a construction site (which it is) and in others a state of the art office building (which it also is).

As work progresses on Canton Township's new and expanded \$14 million administration building, office moves are underway and, sometimes, confusion is the order of the day.

The new entrance/atrium is now open on the southeast corner of the building and the former "rear" entrance is closed while work continues on that part of the building.

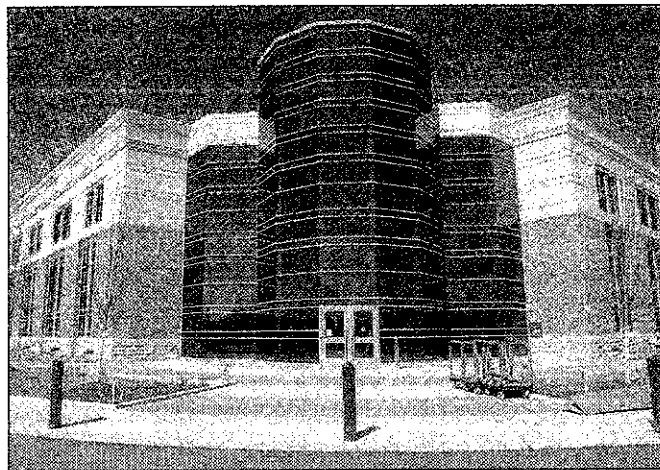
If you're looking for services, here's where you'll find some of them:

The Clerk's and Treasurer's offices are on the main floor of the new building, just as you walk through the main doors.

The Assessor's office is on the first floor of the existing building. Water billing is temporarily housed in the clerk's office.

Planning and engineering departments are still housed in their old quarters on the second floor of the old building. Offices of the supervisor and budget/finance are in new offices on the third floor of the new building.

The new entrance to the Public Safety annex is also open on the east side of the building. Between April 7-12



Little by little, staff is moving into completed portions of the addition to Canton's administration building on Canton Center Road.

the Records Bureau will be moving and limited service will be available until April 13 when full operations will be restored.

Judge mulls challenge to minor in possession ordinances

Is it a "Catch-22" as one courtroom observer said, a "Hobson's choice" - taking what is offered or nothing at all - as 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe called it at one point or an unconstitutional ordinance?

That was the question being debated in 35th District Court recently over the minor in possession (of alcohol) ordinances in Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

Attorney Greg Demopoulos, representing a number of clients from the different communities, brought a challenge to the ordinances based on a case out of Bay City in which a federal judge held that a similar ordinance was unconstitutional.

In that case, Jamie Spencer vs. City of Bay City, Spencer, a 19-year-old Bay City resident, was in a park with some other friends about 11:30 p.m. when police were called on a report of a disturbance.

After police smelled what they believed to be alcohol, Spencer and the others were asked to take field breath tests under Bay City's minor in possession ordinance.

Although she tested negative for alcohol, she filed suit against Bay City alleging that the ordinance, that allows police officers upon reasonable suspicion to demand that a person under 21 take a breath test without first obtaining a search warrant, was unconstitutional.

Federal Judge David M. Lawson of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan agreed and wrote that "to the extent that Section 10-57(e) of the Bay City Code of Ordinances authorizes warrantless searches in all cases, it is unconstitutional."

Based on that ruling, Demopoulos brought his cases to court, saying that the MIP ordinances in the five local communities virtually mirror the Bay City ordinance, which is based on state law.

The "Catch-22" refers to a subsection in the local ordinances that says if minors

PLEASE SEE LAW, A5

Radio gig a dream job for station manager

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Sitting behind his desk in the offices of WSDP Radio on the second floor of Salem High School, station manager Bill Keith revels in having the job he's wanted since the days he spun records and broadcast news at the student-run station.

"When I was a student, I always enjoyed working here, and I often told the station manager that I hoped to have his job someday," said Keith, who graduated from Salem in 1985.

As luck would have it, after graduating from Michigan State University in 1990, and spending a year in sales at a Grayling



Keith

radio station, Keith got his big break.

"I just happened to get in touch with the folks here to see how things were going, and they said they were looking for an assistant manager," he said. "It only paid \$4.75 an hour, but I wanted to get

out of sales really bad, and I decided this was the opportunity."

Just months after Keith took that job, the station manager decided to leave, and Keith interviewed for the position.

"I was sweating bullets because I really wanted this job," he said. "People talk about

dream jobs. This was mine.

Keith, 36, is in his 13th year as station manager. While many broadcasters want to become anchors and reporters in major radio markets such as Detroit, Keith likes the idea of community-oriented radio.

"Commercial stations are so rigid. There's no room for experimentation," he said. "If you take a chance, and make a mistake, you're fired."

"Here, you're more focused on serving a small community," added Keith. "We're able to do whatever we want. We try to do things that appeal to the community, but also things they can't get elsewhere."

PLEASE SEE KEITH, A7

Coming Thursday in
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Filter

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Community mourns Stein

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Howard "Bud" Stein of Stein's Florist, now Keller & Stein of Canton, died Wednesday at age 78.

Mr. Stein, a Wayne resident, was born on Oct. 30, 1925, in Ypsilanti and died Wednesday, March 31, in Wayne. The business is on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Visitation will be noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road, Westland. The funeral home phone number is (734) 721-8555.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, at First Congregational Church of Wayne.

"He was a wonderful man, always had a smile. Just a great, great gentleman. Had a

big heart," said Margaret Harlow of Harlow Tire in Westland.

Mr. Stein and his wife, Phyllis, loved to travel and had visited many countries, Harlow said.

"He always patted you on the back and made you feel so comfortable," she added.

Don Douglass of Canton also knew Stein through his role as a John Glenn High assistant principal and neighbor.

"Bud was really a great person, a compassionate kind of person," Douglass said, adding Phyllis Stein taught in Wayne-Westland.

"They always attended John Glenn High School basketball games," Douglass said.

Mr. Stein is survived by his wife and sons Mark Stein,

Scott (Patricia) Stein and Todd Stein; sister Audrey Baber; grandson Blake Stein and granddaughter Amy Stein.

He was preceded in death by father Howard Stein; mother Irene Quackenbush Stein and brother Peter Stein.

The Rev. Rob Joy will officiate. Cremation rights were accorded.

Mr. Stein was a member of Wayne Jaycees, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Rotary, Wayne Zoning Appeals Board and Planning Commission, Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Wayne Public Library, and the Wayne-Westland YMCA.

The family suggests memorial gifts to The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square, Wayne, MI 48184.

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■ "Dude, Where's my Country?" - Michael Moore (nonfiction, cassette and CD)

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Festival will run June 17-20

This year Canton Liberty Fest will run Thursday, June 17 through Sunday, June 20.

Planning for the 13th annual festival is underway with highlights such as the Car Show, the Arts and Crafts Show, Canton Celebrates Its People and the fireworks display.

New and expanded events will be featured including a larger parade and new teen activities. The parade route, which previously began at Summit Parkway and ended in front of the Canton Public Library, will be extended to Canton Center Road. The parade will begin at Ford and Canton Center roads and end at Civic Center Drive.

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Olivia Sundberg, 6, (sitting front, from left) and Alivia Cragg, 5, along with parents Karen Sundberg (sitting behind, from left) Nancy and Sean Cragg, holding Keegan, 7 months, watch the Bentley spring musical.



Jacob Nichols (left) as the puppy and Kelsey Wiley as the kitten perform.

Children learn a lesson from the world of dogs and cats

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Learning how to accept each other and make friends hit home with Bentley Elementary School students when the third grade recently performed *The Unity Tree* - a musical about dogs and cats.

In this Teresa Jennings production, two worlds exist: one of cats, the other of dogs. Felines and canines in each world learn in a very hard way that problems and the differences between each are easier solved by learning to become friends. Cooperation and acceptance are better than dispute.

"It was fiction, obviously, but the point was that even the younger children in kindergarten understood the message," said Carole Brooks, third-grade teacher.

For the past six or seven years, Brooks has teamed up with music teacher John Hiemstr to present a musical



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amanda Rodgers, one of the cats from *Catville*, recites her lines during the Bentley Elementary spring production of *The Unity Tree*.

by the third grades, four in all.

Between the four classes, 100 third-graders performed in the production. They were divided into either cats or dogs, as well narrators and picketers.

"Everybody was involved," Brooks said. "It was a lot of fun. What is really nice is that all the kids got a chance to shine."

The story is about a kitten and a puppy, who don't care

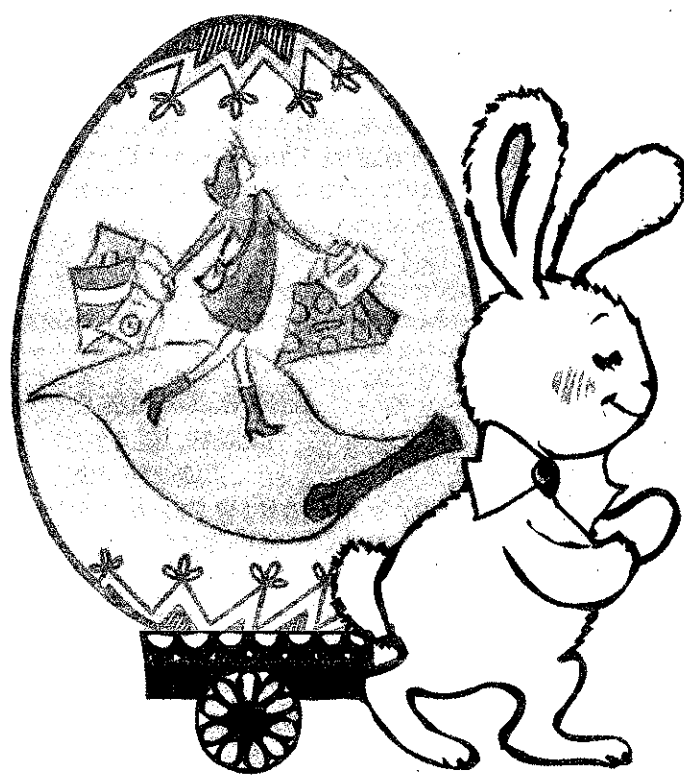
about the differences between them, but their separate worlds tug at them and try to tear them apart. "The puppy and the kitten tell them they are friends and that they get along," Brooks said.

The worlds of the dogs and the cats have only one response: "It's always been that way," Brooks said.

As *The Unity Tree* unfolds, students sang of learning about each other - starting with *It's Raining Cats and Dogs* to a bump in relationships sung in *You'll Be Sorry*. Understanding improves with *I'd Rather Be Your Friend* and finally, the musical concludes with as dogs and cats come together in *United We Stand* and *The Perfect Combination*.

"The music was upbeat, lively and active," Brooks said. "It had such a good message about diversity."

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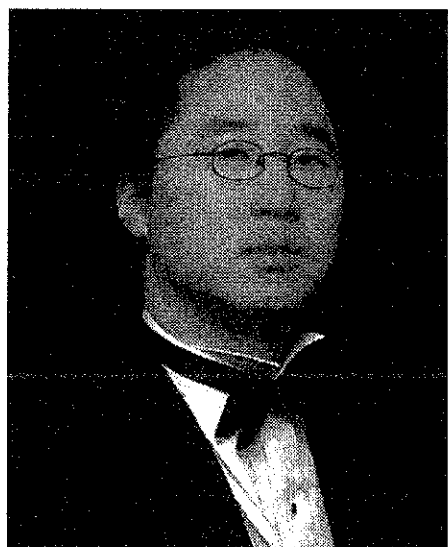
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Concert pianist Andrew Song of Canton wowed audiences Saturday night as he launched his national tour of Songs of Faith & Devotion at Madonna University. Many of the songs were Song's own arrangements of traditional hymns.

State Senate moves to get money for elections

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has announced passage of a key bill bringing Michigan in line with the Help America Vote (HAVA), which makes the state eligible to receive \$80 million in federal grant money.

HAVA is a federal law that seeks to strengthen the election process by improving voting systems and making it easier for disabled Americans and military personnel to vote. SB 432 goes to the state House for concurrence.

"As chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee, I am encouraged by what new innovations will bring to our election systems," Patterson said. "I'm please that Michigan will continue moving forward to ensure secure, accurate elections."

Senate Bill 432:

■ Provides for provisional balloting in elections, allowing voters not listed on

voter registries to cast a ballot.

■ Allows photo identification requests to verify information regarding a voter's registration.

■ Requires all jurisdictions to have voter accessible machines for the disabled by 2006.

■ Eliminates double reporting of nominee names by state parties to locals and the Secretary of State.

■ Provides for the expedited canvass of presidential returns.

■ Clarifies second-chance voting requirements at central count locations.

President George W. Bush signed HAVA into law in response to Florida's 2000 presidential election. The law provides money to states to improve their election processes by updating old voting systems, providing greater access for disabled Americans and making it easier for military personnel to vote.

LAW

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refuse to take the breath test (which could incriminate them for consumption) they will be issued a civil infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.

"That does sound like a Hobson's choice," Lowe said as he listened to the arguments.

While attorneys from the various communities argue that the problem could be solved by removing the PBT (breath test) from the ordinance, Demopoulos argued that was not a remedy because the test is integral in assessing whether there has been consumption.

He said that police officers should be required to get a search warrant before administering the tests.

After listening to his arguments and those from attorneys representing the five communities, Lowe said he would take the case under advisement and issue a ruling on April 5.

Orange cones are on the way for Canton drivers

Take a deep breath, leave home a little bit early and expect delays.

That's not a message from Metro Airport; it's a message from Canton Township. Roadwork season is here and the orange cones are on the way.

Several major projects are scheduled to begin as early as April 15, according to Todd Zilincik, township engineer.

"Reconstruction of Michigan Avenue from Denton to Belleville roads is set to begin April 15," he said. "While work is under way, that stretch of Michigan will be down to one lane in both directions."

New concrete pavement will be laid in both directions on Michigan.

Within a week, Zilincik said, work will begin on paving

1,600 feet of Lotz Road south of Michigan Avenue. That's a project that's been in the works for about five years involving a special assessment district.

"And we hope to pave Lotz north of Ford to Warren," he said. "It's out for bids right now and we're hoping to hear from Wayne County soon."

That could get under way within the next couple of months.

By the beginning of May, work should begin on widening Cherry Hill from Denton to Ridge, which also includes a portion of North Ridge.

Also scheduled for this spring is the paving of Saltz Road from Canton Center to Beck and Beck to Ridge (two separate projects).

And a major project, the

extension of Denton Road north of Cherry Hill, is also on the spring agenda.

Under the original plan, Zilincik said, Denton would be realigned north of Cherry Hill to tie into the Ridge and Saltz intersection.

"But Wayne County had concerns about congestion in that future corridor," he said. "So they decided to look at a roundabout instead of a traditional intersection."

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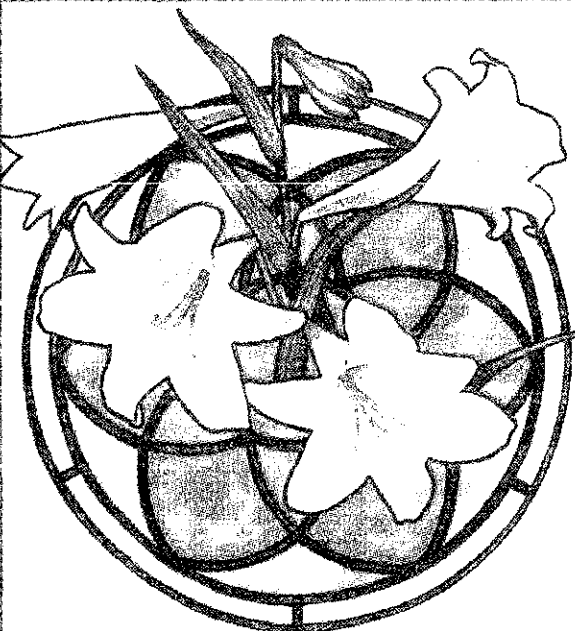
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KEITH

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STUDENT DAYS

Keith said he knew from his experience as the student general manager of a campus radio station at MSU that he liked the educational aspect of working with students.

"I like working with high school students, they have such a passion," he said. "Even if they don't go into broadcasting, they get the benefits, like the experience of public speaking, writing, interpersonal communication and leadership opportunities."

"They're ultimately in charge of different departments, keeping the station running on a day-to-day basis," Keith said.

Former WSDP news director John Sturk currently works for State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, in his Lansing office.

"When I was a sophomore, I wanted to do a jazz program so bad that it was my sole focus," said Sturk. "But, when I took Close Up (a government and civics class), I was able to put that effort into news and become news director."

"As a senior, I did a number of political stories and made contacts, which helped me be able to intern in the state Senate and the U.S. House of Representative, before getting my current job," he said.

"Bill is an amazing teacher," added Sturk. "He's able to guide you and help you decide what works best for you."

Salem Principal Jerry Ostoin knew Keith as a student, and was on the committee that interviewed him for the station manager's job.

"The kids love him," said Ostoin. "He graduates kids out of his program who go into radio and become active members of society. You can tell his style works because he's always getting the top award for the best student station in the state."

STATION KUDOS

In fact, WSDP recently received the 2004 Michigan



Bill Keith, 36, is in his 13th year as station manager. While many broadcasters want to become anchors and reporters in major radio markets such as Detroit, Keith likes the idea of community-oriented radio.

Association of Broadcasters High School Station of the Year Award, the third time in four years the station has received the honor.

"It's based on the number of individual student awards, so the students are directly responsible for that," said Keith. "They put in a lot of hard work."

Keith originally thought his career might be in the newspaper business, where his grandfather worked. But, after working on the student newspaper, his teacher helped steer him to radio.

"My senior year they asked me to leave ... basically they kicked me off the staff," Keith said with a smile. "So, I walked from Canton High School, where the newspaper was, to Salem and over to the radio

station. I got involved here, and I knew that broadcasting was what I wanted."

Keith still can be heard on WSDP from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays playing various kinds of music.

As for his future, Keith wants to stay until it's time to leave, whenever that may be. The district is facing potential layoffs.

"I'd like to retire from here, if the situation allowed," he said. "I could be here for another 30 years and have them tell me it's time to go."

"This is truly a dream job for me."

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LaJoy pushes to give break on trees

Anyone driving around Canton the last couple of weeks has seen them — dead ash trees lying along the street, victims of now infamous emerald ash borer.

The sound of chain saws can be heard in yards as residents try to get rid of the trees they've been forced to cut down.

Since the summer of 2002, the ash borer has killed more than six million trees in southeast Michigan. Western Wayne County has been particularly hard hit.

Now, State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, is trying to offer affected homeowners at least some partial relief.

He introduced a bill last week that would give Michigan homeowners a \$100 state tax credit toward the cost of removing and replacing ash

trees killed by the borer.

"A hundred dollars is not a lot," he said. "But it might help people get rid of their dead trees or get replacement trees. It might help a family trying to cut up those trees."

He said the Canton area is the "ground zero" of the ash tree problem.

Residents throughout the area are being saddled with the high cost of removing and replacing their trees," he said.

Last April, LaJoy introduced a House resolution asking the U.S. Congress to provide financial assistance to help combat emerald ash borer infestation.

He also is advocating for the creation of a public-private alliance to save Michigan property owners and local governments thousands of dollars by reducing costs of ash tree

removal and replanting.

The Emerald Ash Borer Alliance would be a partnership between residential, commercial and municipal property owners to decrease costs of tree removal and the eventual replanting of other species.

"We've got to fight the ash borer at several different angles," LaJoy said. "There is no quick fix for this problem. Working together, we can minimize the damaging effects of the beetle and restore our streets and neighborhoods."

LaJoy's measure, House Bill 5711, is part of a three-bill package. Other bills provide businesses with a small business tax credit if they remove affected ash trees and nursery owners with a similar SBT credit if they sell replacement trees under cost to municipalities.

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The greater Plymouth Community stepped up to show its support for the arts last month and raised more than \$50,000 for the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

This year's annual event — "An Evening in Paris" — attracted more than 400 auction-goers to Schoolcraft's new VisTaTech Center. Patrons dined on wild mushroom bisque and veal loin prepared by the college's culinary staff. A dessert buffet featuring flans, torts, tarts and petit fours kept the crowd in a sweet mood for bidding on art, sports memorabilia, vacation getaways and jewelry.

Event co-chairs Susan Motley and Sandy Stephan, both Plymouth residents, worked with PCAC staff, volunteers and board members to over the last year to plan the event. They had so much fun they've signed on to head up next year's event March 19, 2005 at VisTaTech.

"We worked more than full-time the last six to eight weeks and become best buddies," said Motley, who praised the PCAC staff and executive director Stella Greene for their support in organizing the group's major fund-raiser.

Patrons bid often and high to take home some prize items such as a wine tasting party for 50 courtesy by Beaubien Vineyards, University of Michigan football season tickets and a condo on the beach in Puerto Vallarta.

Money raised at the dinner auction helps promote appreciation for the arts through programs and events in the center at 774 N. Sheldon Road and for students in Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

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Patrons bidding during the silent auction at the Plymouth Community Arts Council auction helped raise some \$50,000 for the PCAC.



Judge Ron Lowe and his wife, Jeanine, of Canton, with Mike and Linda Diebolt of Northville, attended the Plymouth Community Arts Council auction. Lowe donned a kilt for the evening.

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Debbie Dingell a political dynamo for Democrats

Everyone knows that Gov. Jennifer Granholm is the most powerful female politician in the state. But who is the most politically potent Michigan woman who has never been elected to anything?

Logically, you might guess Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan. Not even close, political insiders say. The right answer: Debbie Dingell, a tiny, intense blonde dynamo who runs campaigns, does good deeds for General Motors, and is first, always, and most of all the protector, champion and guardian of the interests of her husband, U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-DeARBORN).



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"She is the most politically powerful non-elected official in Michigan," said Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, state party chair, carefully searching for the right words.

He likes her. But not everyone does. When you ask some politicians for a comment, they roll their eyes. Uh-uh. Some plainly don't care for her because, as the party chairman said, "She is no shrinking violet."

"Sometimes you have to have somebody who is willing to knock heads together," he said. That was the case four years ago, when she was put in charge of the Democrats' somewhat muddled presidential campaign in Michigan. She ran it like George Patton and, in the end, Al Gore won a surprisingly easy victory in the hotly contested state.

When the governor's mansion was in need of renovation and repair last year, and the state budget was strapped, Debbie took the lead and managed to raise a few million without much muss, fuss or bother.

Nobody disputes her skills. But some complain — always off the record — that she has the influence she does only because of who her husband is.

That wounds her. Privately, Deborah Insley Dingell is surprisingly sensitive. "Discrimination still exists. ... A man can be tough and effective. A woman who shows the same qualities is a b-----," she shrugs.

That goes with the territory. "I still care about what people think, but you can't be effective and let how people think impact your dealing with the problem," she said, in what sounded partly like an attempt to convince herself.

Her devotion to her husband is unquestioned. But she was not at his side the day he was first sworn in as a congressman, taking over a seat held for decades by his father, who died in office. Debbie was not there largely because she was only 2 years old.

John Dingell had been divorced for some time

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when he met her on an airplane in the mid-'70s. Anybody who assumes she was a gold digger looking for a rich and powerful husband is way off. He had only his salary and custody of four small children. She, on the other hand, was descended from the Fisher brothers of General Motors fame. She was a Republican and hated guns.

He is a staunch New Deal Democrat and loves blowing away large animals. On some issues, they agree to disagree. They had fierce arguments while dating, and resolved them only by getting married in 1981.

Neither has seemingly had a regret since. "I adore him. There is no reason that we are together except that God wanted it to be," she said. "But I do believe that. We are each other's other hand. We have different strengths, but we make each other whole. He has allowed me to be who I am, to grow and develop ... I worry about him non-stop."

Listening to her talk in their Dearborn townhouse, John Dingell grins. "I am married to a beautiful woman. I don't have any problems."

He has, however, had a few health problems, including two heart procedures last year. This November, he will roll over some token Republican opponent and be elected to Congress for the 25th time. If his health holds and he stays in Congress until March 2009, he will become the longest-serving member in history. Should Democrats take the lower house back, Big John will be, once again, the immensely powerful chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

But nothing is forever. What both Dingells also know is that he will be 78 this summer; Deborah is 50. When the time comes, will she try to succeed him?

"I do not know what my future holds," she says, measuring her words. "This is what I know right now. I know that as long as the people of this district want John Dingell and he is in good health, that is what he should do."

And after that? "I don't know. I would like to be in public service of some kind," she says. There has been a Dingell in that congressional seat ever since 1932. I wouldn't bet on that changing soon.

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Lyn Banks bows out of politics, but don't expect her to retire

In spring 2001, I took Lyn Banks' magical history tour down Hines Drive.

She had been ensnaring everyone she could to come along on bus tours or VIP personal car journeys through the park we all drive along without really seeing or understanding.

As always, the county commissioner was bursting with enthusiasm. The park was history, ecology, recreation and tourism all rolled into one. It was Henry Ford, Native Americans and the emerging role of women as represented by the Phoenix Mill, which had been an all-women factory.

Where others saw the same old park, Banks saw a bustling heart for the county, a place where everything that was good about Wayne County came together.

When Lyn Banks latches on to something, she does it with her whole heart and soul. Hines Park became her "baby" and she became a dynamic booster.

She has brought that same tenacity and spirit to her role as a somewhat maverick political figure. As the only Republican on the

Wayne County Commission, she is nominally the odd person out. But she works well with the opposition and as a Livonia resident she has ties with the current county executive, Bob Ficano, and his predecessor, Ed McNamara.

When she was in the state House, Banks wore her conservative Republican label but often took the moderate road to compromise.

Which may be a factor in the latest turn in her career.

She's taking a "hiatus" from politics.

But while she may be stepping back from elective office, it's a good bet that Banks will not be shrinking away from public life.

She announced last week that she would not seek re-election to the commission in the face of opposition from Laura Cox, wife of Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox. It didn't take Banks' considerable political savvy to realize that the lineup of Republican party leaders behind Cox would make it difficult if not impossible for Banks to beat her. The district encompasses the Plymouth and Northville communities and a section of Livonia.

Banks lost a bruising Livonia mayoral election last year to Jack Engbretson, following her long 24-year career of political victories to the county commission and state House.

Banks had built a small army of senior

supporters, who seemed to idolize their plucky legislator. She never faced serious opposition in her runs for county commissioner.

The mayor's race was different. She survived a nasty primary against two well-known council members, making effective use of that support system and support from the downtown newspapers, which don't closely cover local politics.

In typical Banks style, she came into the campaign with a flurry of ideas — new concepts to develop an urban center for the model suburb, advisory boards of the best and brightest to lead Livonia into the 21st century. She was good at what the first George Bush called "the vision thing."

Unfortunately for Banks, she was running against a well-liked, honorable man who had the support of his predecessor and a history on the local council. Sadly, the campaign took a turn to the negative.

Political analyst Bill Ballenger suggests that Banks' moderate politics is behind the effort to unseat her on the county commission.

"Lyn is a progressive Republican, but maybe she got an image that she was too liberal for the Republican mainstream," Ballenger said.

However, it is more likely that Banks' campaign for mayor against the established figures made her vulnerable. It didn't take long for Laura Cox to line up an impressive list of supporters. Cox insists that she is running on her own merits and not her husband's name and she has the legal background to support that claim.

It is hard to see that Cox will make a big difference on the all-but-one Democratic commission, though she may bring back some of the old Thaddeus McCotter-Bruce Patterson blunderbuss of conservative opposition.

Banks, on the other hand, will be missed for her ability to "play well with others" and attempt to reach some middle ground. In recent years, the politics on the commission were rarely about Democratic or Republican principles but rather about who held the most power, the commission or the executive. So far, the executive has always won.

I don't expect Banks' "hiatus" to last long. She is too energetic, too full of good ideas and too civic-minded to retire to a rocking chair.

Meanwhile, she still has those buses running. Step up for the history tour!

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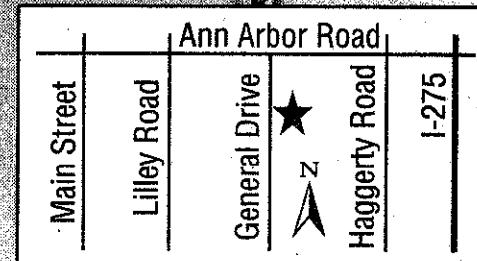
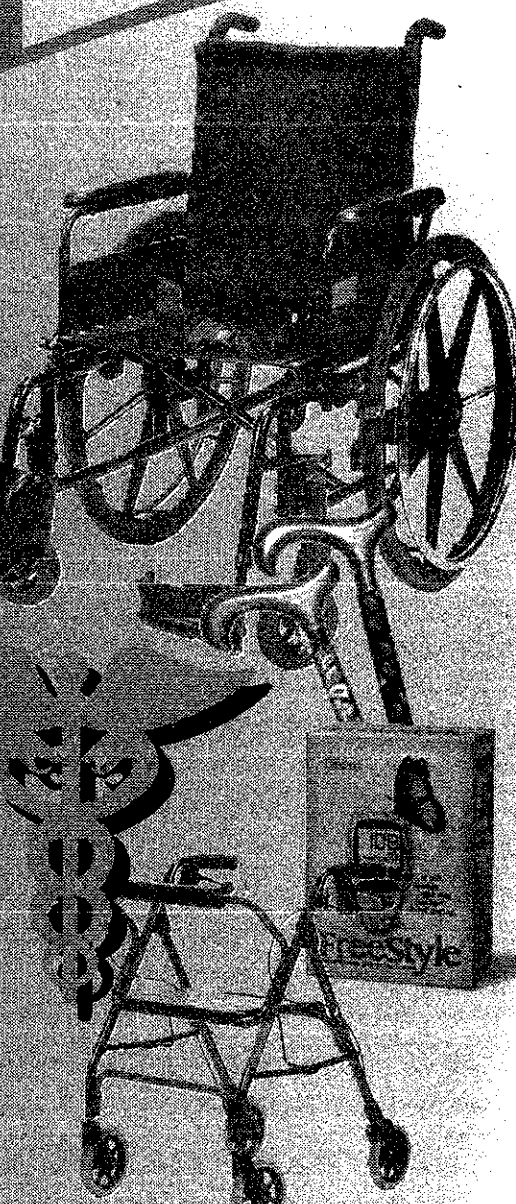
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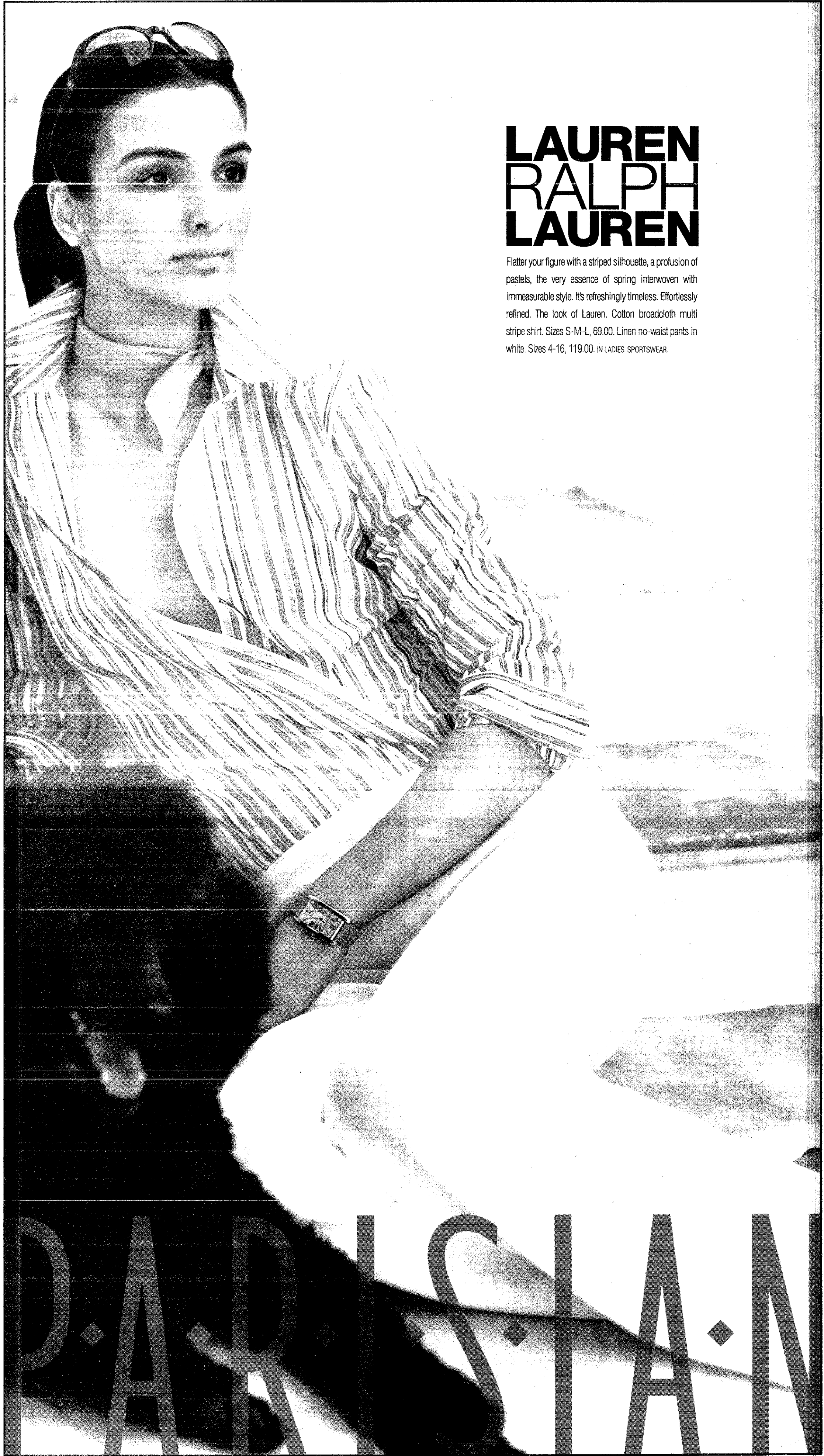
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Goalie Ryan Nie stopped 27 of the 30 shots he faced, but his Whaler teammates could generate no offense in losing 4-0 to Guelph Friday.

Storm blank Whalers in opener

Face it: The Plymouth Whalers' first series of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs was a mere warm-up. The Whalers dispatched defending league and Memorial Cup champ Kitchener in five games — almost too easy, as it turned out, with shutouts in the last two games. Plymouth's second series, against a Guelph team that had the second-best regular-season record in the OHL, will be far more challenging. The Whalers found that out Friday night, when they opened the series with a 4-0 loss in Guelph. The series resumed Saturday night at Plymouth's Compuware Arena; Game Three will be Monday in Guelph and Game Four will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Compuware. "We didn't have a lot of jump," said Plymouth coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "I thought our forwards were a

little slow. We had some pressure on them in the second period and then we gave up that short-handed goal, and that killed us." Special teams again proved pivotal, and it was the Storm who got the best of them. At 13:30 of the opening period, Brett Trudell scored a power-play goal to give Guelph a 1-0 lead; Kevin Klein and Martin St. Pierre assisted. The game-breaker, as far as the Whalers were concerned, came with 2:15 left in the second period. Ryan Callahan forced a Plymouth turnover and turned it into a short-handed goal that boosted the Storm's lead to 2-0. Guelph added third-period goals by Matt Ryan with 11:40 left to play (assists to Daniel Paille and Ryan Kitchen) and Paille with three minutes to go (from Ryan), the latter scored into an empty net.

It was more than enough support for Guelph goalie Adam Dennis, who turned away all 19 Plymouth shots to get the shutout. Ryan Nie stopped 27 of the 30 shots he faced in goal for the Whalers. "With the long layoff, I knew we wanted to play hard, but we also knew if we made one mistake it will cost us," said Vellucci. He also knew this team is more formidable than Kitchener. "They've got a lot more offense than Kitchener has," said Vellucci. "We just didn't put enough pressure on them. We didn't finish our checks." Special teams will again be of utmost importance. "Definitely," agreed Vellucci. "Take those two goals they scored (on special teams) and it's a different game. It's critical in games like this." It certainly was in Game One.

Rocks look solid again

Aim to defend title

Four key starters from last season's championship team are gone, and considering their stature that should make any coach contemplate using the "R" word (rebuilding) when describing her chances. But Bonnie Southerland, Salem's softball coach, isn't about to do that. Doesn't have to. Not when she has her pitching ace from a year ago, all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection Kelli Szczepanski, back for her third year on the varsity. Behind Szczepanski's pitching, the Rocks posted a 27-8 overall record,



winning the WLAA with a 12-2 record and the Lakes Division with a 7-1 mark. They outscored their opponents 242-84, with Szczepanski — now a senior and a team co-captain — posting a 1.19 earned run average. "I couldn't ask for a harder-working pitcher," said Southerland. "She is throwing five pitches convincingly, and is a great fielding pitcher as well. "Kelli is by far one of the best pitchers I have coached." Also back is the other side of the battery, senior catcher Alycia Murawski. Now in her third varsity season, Murawski "is a very aggressive catcher and is a strong leader on the field," said Southerland. "Alycia knows the game well, has great speed and great range with her arm." Last season Murawski earned the team's golden glove award and also led them with 31 runs scored. A third returnee is senior Cortney Edwards, who played second base last year and earned all-division honors at that position. Edwards will move to shortstop this season to help cover for the loss of all-conference shortstop Maggie Tudor, who's now playing for Bowling Green State. "Cortney is quick on her feet and can cover all the trouble spots," said Southerland. "I think Cortney learned a lot and is ready to fill (Tudor's) shoes." Other returnees are senior Brook Posler, who will start once again at first base; senior Sarah Amann, who

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Sidelines

Splitz scores

A pair of gymnasts from Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton scored high marks at the Level 8 State Meet in Kalamazoo last Sunday. Kristie Savage, competing in the 14-15 age division, was outstanding. She scored 9.35 on the uneven parallel bars and a 9.45 on floor exercise to earn state champion accolades. Her 36.625 all-around score was also best in the state in her division. Savage was also eighth on balance beam (9.025) and 10th on vault (8.80). Traci Jo Korte, also in the 14-15 age division, was second in vault (9.25), fourth in floor (9.325) and sixth in bars (9.125). Her all-around total (36.05) earned her a sixth. Both gymnasts qualified for the regionals, scheduled for April 17-18 in Naperville, Ill.

Stewart shines

Laura Stewart, a senior playing softball at Western Michigan University and a Canton HS graduate, tossed a no-hitter at Oakland University Tuesday as the Broncos posted a 3-0 victory. Stewart allowed just two baserunners in the seven-inning victory, the first reaching base on an error in the second inning and the second on a seventh-inning walk. She posted nine strikeouts. The victory improved her record to 9-7 for the season with a 1.90 earned-run average. She has struck out 120 in 121 innings pitched, giving up 93 hits and 36 walks.

Officials honored

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 24 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel. Awards will be presented to those who have been officiating for 20, 30 and 40 years. Among those being honored are, for 30 years of service, John Merritt of Plymouth, Dennis Bostwick of Canton, and Robert Green of Canton; and for 20 years of service, Janice Holda of Plymouth. The banquet will also feature the announcement of the 2004 recipient of the Vern L. Norris Award. Named after the former MHSAA executive director, the award is presented to an official with more than 20 years of experience who has been active in their local official's association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education. Tickets for the banquet are available to the public and are priced at \$15. They will not be sold at the door. For more information, contact Faye Verellen at (517) 332-5046.

Schools' athletic directors facing an uncertain future

In this uncertain economy, no one's job is secure. Four years ago, Tom Willette was deciding whether to leave his job with the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department and accept the athletic director's position at his alma mater, Salem High School. "That's what's so funny about all this," Willette recalled with more than a touch of irony. "Some friends told me, 'You'll be set (at Salem). You never have to worry about the schools laying people off.'" That changed last month when the Plymouth-Canton school board, facing a \$9.4 million deficit, issued layoff notices to all three athletic directors at the high schools. According to their contract, the ADs had to be notified 90 days in advance. "They have to give administrators 90 days notice," said Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman, who has worked in the district

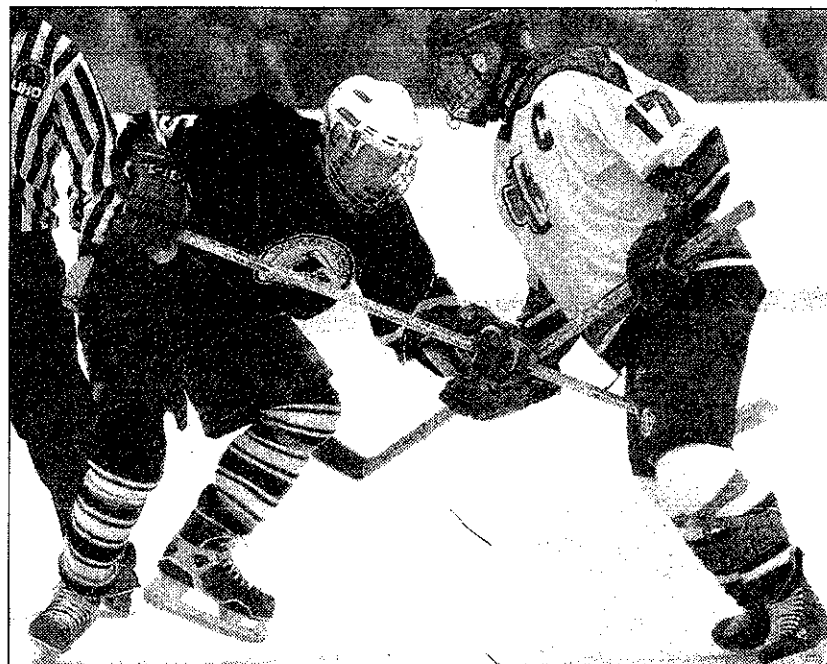
for 10 years. "That's why we got our notices two weeks ago." Time runs out for Heinzman, Willette and Plymouth AD Terry Sawchuk at the end of June. None of them have anything in the works job-wise, but then again, they can't be certain what lies ahead, either. The school district has laid them off with the apparent intention of "restructuring the athletic departments." Just how and what is intended is uncertain. "There's a lot of talk going around," Heinzman said. "Talk of going back to the former set-up, of having just one AD. There's all sorts of rumors flying around. "We definitely are in limbo until they tell us what restructuring they're going to do." That figures to come at the April 27

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Big inning leads CC to easy win

A 12-run inning paved the way for Redford Catholic Central on Thursday as the Shamrocks opened their baseball season with an easy 17-1 win over visiting Wyandotte. "I thought we hit well today, but they gave us a few runs with some errors in the third inning," said CC coach John Salter of his team's 12-run frame. "It was a good start in that respect and for sophomore Brian Kirkendall, who got his first win. Overall, it was a good way to start the season." Mike Monterey led the hitting attack by going 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Drew Amble added a double and three-run homer, Nate Rzeppa was 2-for-3 with an RBI, Eric Simcox and Ryan Gallagher dou-

bled and Eric Vojtkofsky scored three runs. Dave Toboy and Nate Anderson singled for Wyandotte. Kirkendall got the win, giving up two hits and two walks and a strikeout in three innings, while Matt Walters walked two and struck out one in two innings. Ian Keene took the loss for Wyandotte (0-2). **Ply. Christian 6, Zoe Christian 2:** Plymouth Christian Academy opened its season with a victory as Andrew Shumaker handcuffed Taylor Zoe Christian on three hits in six innings Thursday. The Eagles got all the runs they would need from Aaron Ciborowski in the first inning. The junior slugged a three-run home run, later adding two walks.



Canton's Reece McCabe (right) was named to the all-Observer second team after leading the Chiefs in goals scored with 21 and points with 35.

CC coach earns honors

By his own admission, Todd Johnson wasn't the best player on the team when he played for Redford Catholic Central. Far from it, actually. But he always felt he had a knack for coaching. Nine years ago, Gordie St. John hired him as an assistant for CC. Bit by bit, St. John gave Johnson more responsibility until they became co-coaches four years ago. This season, St. John stepped down and Johnson became the head coach by himself. After a 3-4-1 start, it might have looked like a mistake. But the Shamrocks righted their ship and returned to their No. 1 ranking during the season. And even though Marquette snapped CC's string of

five state titles with a 3-2 win in the Division 1 championship game, the turnaround was strong enough to help make Johnson the Observerland hockey coach of the year. "While I wasn't good in playing the game, I always felt I had a good understanding of the game," said Johnson, a 1987-CC grad and owner of a 65-16-6 record in the four years he's been head coach or co-coach. "Gordie gave me a shot to coach in the program and gave me leeway and latitude for five years until we became co-coaches. This year, we made a smooth transition from being co-coaches to me being the head coach." Three of his players are on the All-Observer first team, joined by three more from Livonia schools. To find out who else made it, please see page B3.



Todd Johnson
Coach - CC

The last one standing will win interesting tourney

If you are out and about today, you may want to stop in at Oak Lanes in Westland.

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■ The Michigan State

Bowling Association has been running its state tournament for several weeks, with the team events at the Monroe Sports Center.

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Attention: Bowling center managers.

Please get the names of the league champs and I will get them from you over the next few weeks. The winners should be rewarded with some public notice and I can do that.

I just need your cooperation. If it does not get in print, I never received it.

■ Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the oldest of them all?

At the tender age of 103 (that's right) Jeralean Talley of Inkster takes the honor.

She is the captain of her team in the Detroit Suburban league at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Talley also happens to be the oldest member of the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC), an organization that didn't even exist yet when she was an infant in 1899.

Many thanks to my friend, Larry Paladino, for the whole story about her in the Aug. 2003 issue of Bowling Digest.

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Shamrocks open season with wins

Redford Catholic Central overwhelmed a young Novi tennis team on Wednesday with a 7-1 win over the Wildcats.

"It was our first opportunity to see the guys outdoors and I thought they played well," said CC coach Joe Stafford after his team improved to 2-0.

"The guys persevered through a lot of cold and a lot of wind. Our captains (Kevin Bender at No. 3 singles and Ryan Gardner and Kevin Snyder at No. 2 doubles) really led us.

"Kevin won 6-3, 6-2, and the doubles team won 6-4, 7-5. They really played aggressive in spite of the weather."

Last Tuesday, CC opened its season a day late, but it didn't matter as the Shamrocks shut down Northville on 7-1 at the Redford YWCA.

"It was a good match for us," said Stafford, who got his first win as CC's coach. "The guys have been chomping at the bit to play. Northville had eight seniors and four juniors, so they're a solid team."

"But our No. 1 and 2 singles players along with our No. 1 doubles team looked good. And our two freshmen won their first two matches."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 7, NORTHVILLE 1
March 30 at Redford YWCA

No. 1 singles: Britton Steele (CC) d. Jason Spruit, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Andrew Lulek (CC) d. Jon Lee, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Kevin Bender (CC) d. Brian Benette, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Chris Irvine (N) d. Gabe Diaz, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Jayson Beydoun and Nick Carroll (CC) d. Matt Lewicki and Jackson Knoll, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Kevin Gardner and Ryan Snyder (CC) d. Jeremy Reisman and Collin

Ackerman, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Ali Daneshar and Chris Atallah (CC) d. Lance Dehne and Nate Mehili, 7-5, 7-5; No. 4: Manuel Bartolo and Victor Ansara (CC) d. Brett Eathorne and Ashtyn Saltz, 6-3, 6-0.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 7, NOVI 1
March 31 at Novi

No. 1 singles: Britton Steele (CC) d. Suraj Ramachandran, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Andrew Lulek (CC) d. Prasanna Benugopal, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Kevin Bender (CC) d. Roshon Ramachandran, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Gabe Diaz (CC) d. Kyle Goodman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Beydoun and Nick Carroll (CC) d. Drew Doster and Solomon Zheng, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Ryan Snyder and Kevin Gardner (CC) d. Kevin Lai and Eric McQueen, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Richie Fetters and Jeff Korby (N) d. Ali Daneshvar and Chris Atallah, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Victor Ansara and Manuel Bartolo (CC) d. Ryan Heffeman and Justin Namm, 6-1, 6-1.

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 5
Redford CC at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Taylor Kennedy at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 6
Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at B.H. Lahser, 4 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
G.P. Liggett at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
S'gate Anderson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit (2), 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 8
Thurston at Franklin, 4 p.m.
New Boston Huron at Canton (2), 4 p.m.
Salem at St. Clair Shores, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 10
Salem at Sag. Arthur Hill (2), noon
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 5
Canton at A.A. Pioneer (2), 4 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Redford Union, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 6
Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Dearborn, 4:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
A.A. Huron at Canton (2), 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Harrison, 4 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wyandotte at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Franklin at A.A. Huron (2), 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS TRACK
Tuesday, April 6
Wayne at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian, Roeper, S'field Christian at Lutheran High Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Canton, Plymouth, Salem city meet, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 8
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer Indoor, 11 a.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Tuesday, April 6
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Blazer Invitational at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian, Roeper, S'field Christian at Lutheran High Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Canton, Plymouth, Salem city meet, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 10
A.A. Pioneer Relays, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 5
John Glenn at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
Troy at Canton, 7 p.m.
G.P. South at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 6
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
Thurston at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Canton at G.P. North, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Harrison, 7 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, April 5
A.A. Huron vs. Salem (Northville), 3 p.m.
Glenn vs. Thurston (Warren Valley), 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Fox Creek, 2:45 p.m.
Glenn vs. Belleville (Fellows Ck.), 3 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE
Sunday, April 4
Dublin (Ohio) Scioto at Redford CC, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 6
Redford CC at Novi, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)
Tuesday, April 6
Madonna at Ohio Dominican, 1 p.m.
Thursday, April 8
Aquinas at Madonna, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 10
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
Sunday, April 4
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 6
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 4 p.m.
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Rochester College at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 9
Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 10
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.
OHL PLAYOFFS
Monday, April 5
Plymouth at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7
Guelph at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 9 (if necessary)
Plymouth at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 10 (if necessary)
Guelph at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Public Notice County Taxpayers
2001 Unpaid Property Tax Deadline
Extended to April 20, 2004

A request by Wayne County Treasurer, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, to Wayne Circuit Court to extend the deadline date for payment of delinquent 2001 Wayne County real property taxes from the statutory prescribed date of March 31, 2004, has been granted. The new date is April 30, 2004 for taxpayers to either pay their taxes or file an application for financial hardship. Anyone who has delinquent taxes, questions or concerns are encouraged to contact our office as soon as possible for assistance.

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CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE REGULAR ELECTION of the School District will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. Two members of the Board of Education will be elected for a term of four (4) years (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2008).

Nominating petitions for candidates seeking election to the Board of Education are available in the Board office at 20210 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Petitions must be filed in the Board Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2004.

MS. JENIFER CARBONNEAU,
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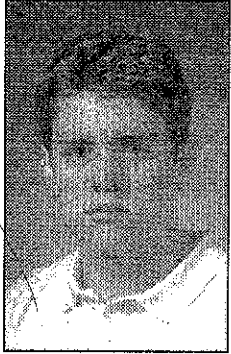
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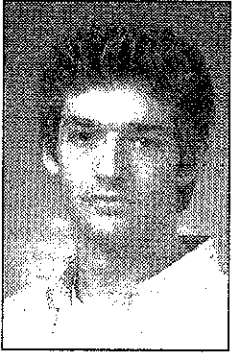
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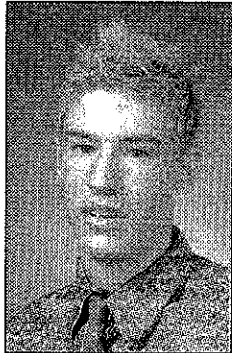
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Bill Makela
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Matt Fortier
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FIRST TEAM

G - Justin Bolla, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior netminder finished with a 16-5-4 record in 24 games including four shutouts with a 2.0 goals-against average for the Western Lakes Activities Association championships. Bolla was 14-0-2 in WLAA play with a goals-against average of 1.27.

He made first-team All-State (Division I) and All-Western Lakes.

"Justin had an incredible year," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He allowed us to take chances because we knew he'd be back there to bail us out if he had to."

D - Mike Dziewit, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior and two-year captain made both All-Western Lakes and first-team All-State (Division I). In 26 games, Dziewit had nine goals and 17 assists for 26 points, along with a plus-36 rating.

"Mike was a great offensive threat, as well as a solid defender," Mazzoni said. "He played in every situation for us and took as much ice time as he could handle."

D - Mike Monterey, Sr., Redford CC: Monterey could have ridden out the season and committed to play baseball at Eastern Michigan. Instead, he kept his options open, decided to play hockey and would up with a fine season - earning all Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League honors and was an all-state honorable mention pick.

The defenseman had four goals and 15 assists in helping the Shamrocks to the Division I state title game.

"He'd like to go to Michigan or Michigan State and keep his options open for junior hockey," said CC coach Todd Johnson. "He's just a big, strong physical defenseman who plays with skill. He's the kind of player that every coach is looking for."

F - Adam Stoner, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior left winger finished the year with 19 goals and 22 assists in 25 games.

He led the WLAA with 36 points on 15 goals and 21 assists. Stoner was a unanimous All-Western Lakes selection.

"I'm partial, but Adam is probably the most complete player I saw all year," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "He has great speed, great skills and a feel for the game. When he's on the ice, good things happen. I became as much a fan of Adam than I was as his coach. He's a very explosive player. He had at least eight 3-point or better games."

F - Pete Pfeffer, Sr., Redford CC: Pfeffer wasn't even on the team last year. But the senior wound up as a first team MIHL selection and an honorable mention all-stater.

"He was a late developer athletically and coming into the season, asked where he would fit in so he knew if he was going to play Midget AAA or high school," said Johnson. "He wanted to make sure he wouldn't be down in the pecking order because he had no years into the program. But he worked hard, threw up great numbers and will play junior hockey. He had a very consistent season. He was the best defensive center we had."

Pfeffer had 11 goals and 23 assists in 30 games.

F - Jimmy Burns, Sr., Redford CC: For a golfer, Burns proved himself to be a pretty solid hockey player. The senior helped lead the Shamrock to a state golf title and will play next year at Hillsdale, but might have saved his best showing on the ice.

"Last year he was the 13th forward and probably only played about 10 games," said Johnson. "And after a tough (3-4-1) start this year, he could have said 'forget it, I'm concentrating on golf.' Instead, he put the team on his shoulders and helped lead them to the championship game."

Burns was a first team MIHL selection and first team all-state pick, scoring 19 goals and 18 assists in 30 games.

SECOND TEAM

D - Matt Fortier, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior defenseman served as the Spartans' captain, finishing with eight goals and 12 assists. Fortier was also an All-Lakes Division selection in the WLAA.

"Matt was our leader on and off the ice," Humitz said. "I knew what I'd get every game with Matt. He was very consistent and played the big games very well."

D - Bill Makela, Sr., Redford CC: Makela is another two-sport athlete, who will attend

DePaul on a track scholarship. But he was just as fast on the ice, where he earned first team all-state and second team all-MIHL honors. The three-year player and team captain finished with three goals and 10 assists.

"Billy did a great job from a leadership standpoint because he led by example," said Makela. "He's tough to beat 1-on-1 because he has quick feet and a low center of gravity. He was incredible on and off the ice. This team desperately needed role models this year and he was one."

F - Jim Nawrocki, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior left winger and All-Lakes Division pick ended the year with 19 goals and 12 assists.

"Jimmy is a very complete hockey player," Humitz said. "He can play both the physical and the skill game. He was a power-play specialist and was effective with the one-timer. He didn't let us down."

F - Reece McCabe, Jr., Canton: What made McCabe so solid were his various skills. He ended up leading the Chiefs in scoring with 21 goals and 14 assists for 35 points, numbers which helped earn him a spot on the all-WLAA first team.

"He does have the ability to be very versatile," said Canton coach Jim Wheaton. "He played on several different line combinations. He's a very strong centerman, and he's

good at winning the draw. He always took the important face-offs.

"He's a key player on the power play and he's good at killing penalties, too. He's a kid who really matured, had a lot of growth this year."

F - Chris Barczuk, Sr., Liv. Churchill: In 25 games, the senior scored a total of 18 goals to go along with nine assists for 27 points.

He had a plus-21 rating and was selected first-team All-State in Division I by the MHS-CA.

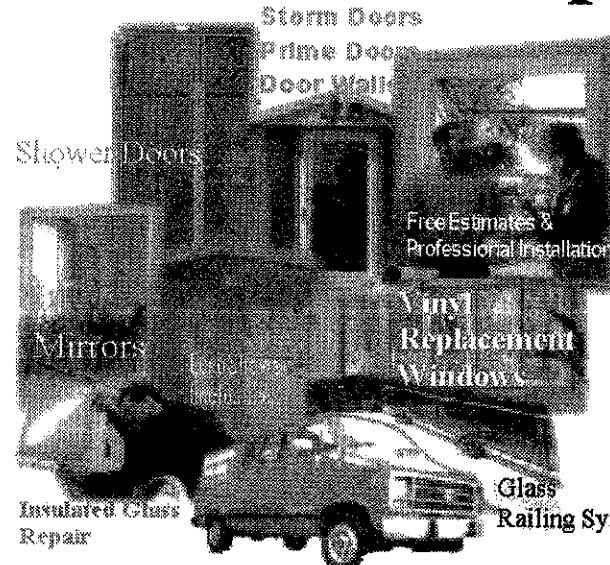
"Chris is the classic power forward," Mazzoni said. "He has unbelievably soft hands, the total package with size, speed and physical strength. He was the player other teams paid attention to when he was on the ice."

F - Dave McCall, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior winger capped his three-year career with 105 points on 44 goals and 61 assists.

During his senior year, McCall finished with 23 goals and 25 assists for 48 points. He was selected first-team All-Western Lakes after finishing third in the league in scoring with 16 goals and 15 assists.

"Dave is a kid who gives everything he has, every game," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "He'll be impossible to replace. This kid has tremendous heart and drive."

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THIRD TEAM

G - Andrew Godoshian, Sr., Redford CC
G - John Garza, Sr., Redford CC
D - David Hillson, Sr., Redford Unified
D - Tim Buttery, Sr., Redford CC
D/F - Andy Thackaberry, Sr., Salem
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Todd Johnson, Redford CC

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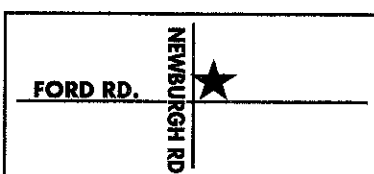
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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Electrical Improvements for Farrand Elementary School, Hoben Elementary School, Canton High School, and Tanger Center.** Specifications and bid forms will be available for viewing on or after March 29, 2004 at the office of the District's architects, TMP Associates, located at 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; the McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room in Southfield, MI; the Reed Construction Data Plan Room in Novi, MI; or the Construction Association of Michigan, in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Sealed bids are due on or before 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 2004 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Electrical Improvements Bid, PCCS E.J. McClelland Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject, all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, April 13, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

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Case No. 04-CV-00095

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Plymouth, Michigan 48170

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN: To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff Trostel, Ltd. has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within forty-five (45) days after Sunday, March 28, 2004, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is 100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53202 and to plaintiff's attorney, Howard, Solocheck, & Weber, S.C., whose address is 324 East Wisconsin Avenue, #1100, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help you to represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty-five (45) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 24th day of March, 2004.

HOWARD, SOLOCHEK, & WEBER, S.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: Jonathan H. Dudley
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
PERMISSION TO RELOCATE
THE MAIN OFFICE OF NEW LIBERTY BANK
AND ESTABLISH A BRANCH OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that New Liberty Bank, currently located 245 N. Main St. Plymouth, Michigan 48170 has made application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to relocate the Main Office and attendant banking facilities of New Liberty Bank, from 245 N. Main St. Plymouth, Michigan 48170 to a new location at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Notice is further given that New Liberty Bank has made application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to maintain the Bank's current banking facility located at 245 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170, as a branch office of New Liberty Bank.

Any person or persons wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director, Division of Supervision (DOS) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office:

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Division of Supervision
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
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The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the regional office noted above and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

The public comment period shall commence on Monday March 29, 2004 and close April 19, 2004

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Knights knocked out of Tier II tournament

The Livonia Knights ran into an unbeaten team on Friday, or more aptly, were run into by them, in their third game of play in the USA Hockey 2004 Youth Tier II 12 & under National Championships at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Alliance Bulldogs (Dallas, Texas), scored three goals in each 15-minute period to shut out the Knights 9-0.

With the loss, Livonia (1-2) was eliminated from the tournament.

The Bulldogs took on the Affton (Mo.) Americans in the quarter finals on Saturday.

The Knights were outshot 30-17 and finished an abysmal 0-for-7 on the power play. The only category Livonia led was penalties, finishing the game

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with 10, including a 10-minute game misconduct.

Christopher Boe and Blake Coleman each had two goals, while goalie Jonathan Clutton got the win for Alliance, stop-

ping 17 shots on goal.

Livonia split its goaltenders as both Ruel Galang and Lou Ronayne shared equal minutes. Livonia's point leader in the tournament was Tyler Barnes with three goals. He finished with four points in three games.

Matthew McKinney led Alliance with seven goals, including 11 points in three games.

KNIGHTS 7, PVHC BEARS 4: On Thursday, the Livonia Knights regrouped following an 8-0 blowout by the Philadelphia Junior Phantoms to defeat the PVHC Bears 7-4.

The second game of championship play for the Knights saw them get on the boards with Joe Melton's goal 1:53 into the first period.

The Bears, out of Orono, Maine, tied the game on a goal from Brandon Paul, then Tyler Barnes of the Knights scored the first of his three first-period goals.

In the second period, with the score 4-2 in favor of the Knights, Daniel Bostick would score a power-play goal and the game winner at 3:39. Bostick scored his second goal two minutes into the third period and Drew Mossioan would add another goal for Livonia.

Livonia made a goaltending change from the first game bringing in Lou Ronayne, who stopped 16 of 20 shots to get the win for the Knights.

Livonia was three-for-six on the power play, including two power-play goals by Bostick.

PHANTOMS 8, KNIGHTS 0: On the first day of play, the Livonia Knights were blanked by the visiting Philadelphia Junior Phantoms.

The Livonia Knights are two-time 12 & under champions, winning in 1996 and 2000.

Wednesday's game remained scoreless until the second period goal by Tyler Maugeri opened up the scoring for the Junior Phantoms, then went on to score a hat trick in the game.

The Knights were outshot 33-13 by the Phantoms.

Goaltender Ruel Galang made 25 saves for Livonia.

TOURNAMENT SCORES

2004 USA HOCKEY
YOUTH TIER II 12-AND-UNDER
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
RESULTS-SCHEDULE
March 31-April 4 at Edgar Arena
Wednesday, March 31

American Conference: Michigan Devils 10, Long Island (N.Y.) Rebels 0; Affton (Mo.) Americans 4, Winchester (Mass.) Sachems 1; Orlando (Fla.) Stars 6, Spokane (Wash.) Americans 1.

National Conference: Toledo (Ohio) Thunderstorm 14, PVHC Bears (Orono, Maine) 1; Alliance (Texas) Bulldogs 7, Anchorage (Alaska) All Stars 1; Philadelphia (Pa.) Junior Phantoms 8, Livonia Knights 0.

Thursday, April 1
American Conference: Orlando Stars 3, Winchester Sachems 2; Michigan Devils 7, Spokane Americans 0; Affton Americans 7, Long Island Rebels 3.

National Conference: Philadelphia Jr. Phantoms 13, Alaska All Stars 1; Livonia

Knights 7, PVHC Bears 4; Alliance Bulldogs 5, Toledo Thunderstorm 4.

Friday, April 2
American Conference: Spokane Americans 3, Affton Americans 2; Orlando Stars 4, Long Island Rebels 1; Michigan Devils 4, Winchester Sachems 0.

National Conference: Alliance Bulldogs 9, Livonia Knights 0; Philadelphia Jr. Phantoms 5, Toledo Thunderstorm 2; PVHC Bears 7, Alaska All Stars 4.

Saturday, April 3
Quarterfinals: Michigan Devils (3-0) vs. PVHC Bears (1-2); Alliance Bulldogs (3-0) vs. Affton Americans (2-1); Philadelphia Jr. Phantoms (3-0) vs. Spokane Americans (1-2); Orlando Stars (3-0) vs. Toledo Thunderstorm (1-2).

Semifinals: Devils-Bears winner vs. Bulldogs-Affton American winners, 4 p.m.; Phantom-Spokane winner vs. Stars-Thunderstorm winner, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 4
Championship final, 11 a.m.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE STATE ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

SHARON COLLINS,) No. FC 2004-001527
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Petitioner,)
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)
vs.) **PETITION FOR**
) **TEMPORARY AND**
) **PERMANENT CUSTODY**
) **DETERMINATION**
) **PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 25-415**
ANDREW RICHARD COLLINS,)
AMBER MARIA SAVAGE,)
)
Respondents.)

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Sharon Collins, by and through counsel undersigned, and for her Petition for an Order for Custody, both Temporarily and Permanently, of her grandchildren, Andrew Richard Collins and Jasmin Marie Collins, alleges as follows:

I.

That she is the paternal grandmother of Andrew Richard Collins Date of Birth September 19, 1997 and Jasmin Marie Collins, Date of Birth November 1, 1999. That the legal/natural parents of the children are Amber Maria Savage and Andrew Richard Collins. The parents were never married.

II.

That the children have been in her care continuously since December, 1997, as to Andrew and since July, 2002 as to Jasmin. Because of the length of time the children have lived with Petitioner/grandmother, she has formed a meaningful relationship with the children who treat her as a parent.

III.

Because of these facts, the Petitioner stand "in loco parentis" to these children and, therefore, is able to file this Petition pursuant to A.R.S. 25-415.

IV.

That she should be awarded the temporary custody of the children until the Court hearing date for permanent custody.

V.

That it would be significantly detrimental to the children to be placed in the custody of either natural parent. The children's mother, Amber Maria Savage, lives in Michigan and has not had any contact with either child for almost two (2) years.

The father, Andrew Richard Collins, lives in Michigan and does not have the financial and housing capacity to take care of the children at this time. Father, Andrew Richard Collins, agrees that his mother, Petitioner Sharon Collins, should be awarded the custody of these children both temporary and permanently.

VI.

That a Court of competent jurisdiction has not entered or approved an order concerning the custody of these children within one year before the Petitioner filed this Petition.

VII.

That it is in the children's best interest to remain with the Petitioner, both temporarily and permanently.

VIII.

That neither the mother or father has the ability to pay child support currently and Petitioner, therefore, requests no child support Order be entered at this time.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter the following orders after a full evidentiary hearing:

1) Award custody of the children, Andrew Richard Collins and Jasmin Marie Collins, to the Petitioner, both temporarily and permanently;

2) Award parenting time to the mother and father in length and frequently that the court or the grandmother determines is in the best interest of the children;

3) Order Petitioner to provide medical insurance for the benefit of the children;

4) Order neither parent to pay child support because, at the present time, neither parent is capable of paying.

5) Enter such other orders as the Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of February, 2004.

MARY C. McDONALD
Attorney for Petitioner

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Maricopa)

SHARON COLLINS, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states that she is the Petitioner named in the foregoing cause of action; that she has read the foregoing Petition for Custody Determination Pursuant to A.R.S. 25-415 and the facts stated therein are true and correct according to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

SHARON COLLINS
Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO, before me this 11th day of February, 2004.

ANNIE L. MICKELS
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:
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Petitioner,)
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vs.) **NOTICE OF HEARING**
ANDREW RICHARD COLLINS,)
AMBER MARIA SAVAGE,)
)
Respondents.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for Custody Determination Pursuant to A.R.S. 25-415 has been filed in the above-named Court.

Hearing has been set to consider any objections to the petition that may be filed by Mother on the 20th day of May, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Robert Budoff, Maricopa County Courthouse, Central Court Building, 201 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2004.

MARY C. McDONALD
Attorney for Grandmother

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SIGNED AND SEALED this date:
MICHAEL JEANES, CLERK OF COURT

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BOOSTER MEETING

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. All parents of current Plymouth football players, or parents of new Plymouth HS players, are encouraged to attend.

WALKING CLUB

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or they can blaze their own trail. There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m.; the evening start time is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

DEK, ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports (HVS) of Canton is now accepting registrations from individuals and teams for the spring roller hockey session. The season runs April 12-July 18; registration deadline is March 29. Individuals that sign up without a team pay \$135 per player plus a \$20 jersey fee. The team fee is \$1,000 for teams that pay in full by March 29, \$1,200 for teams that pay by their first game. The fees include 10 games plus playoffs. A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline

skates) is available for 4-6 year olds. The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once. All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the game. The fee is \$65 per player.

Dek (floor) hockey is also offered for adults. The season and deadlines are the same as the above-listed roller hockey dates, however the team fee is \$800 if paid by March 29 or \$1,000 by the team's first game. The individual fee is \$85 per player.

For the more seasoned roller hockey player, HVS offers a Cub league for 5-7 year olds. This league is for children that can already skate and are ready to play in league games.

HVS also offers youth roller hockey leagues for Atom (8-and-under), Mite (10-and-under), Squirt (12-and-under), PeeWee (14-and-under), and Midget (17-and-under) players.

The adult roller hockey leagues include Copper (recreational), Bronze (intermediate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues. For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available. Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available. Check www.hvsports.com for updated days, times and fees.

For more information on roller or dek (floor) hockey at HVS, or to register, please visit us at www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

- The Motor City Cobras 11-

and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904.

■ The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

■ The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

Thunderbird Softball Inc. (TSI) will be registering and holding tryouts for all area girls interested in playing fastpitch softball, ages eight and under through 19 and over.

Openings are available in both the recreation leagues (which guarantee playing time) and for the more competitive travel and tournament teams.

Please call coach Bruce at (734) 981-1796 or email at: playfastpitch@hotmail.com for tryout locations and times and to register at the Canton Softball Center. Tryout applications are also available on our webpage thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

The Thunderbirds are not affiliated with the CCJBFA or its subsidiary, Pride Fastpitch. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit group offers ASA-certified coaches and fun fund-raising opportunities. Girls seeking community service work should also call coach Bruce.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

Total Baseball in Wixom is featuring its Spring Baseball/Softball Camps, with instruction from Aaron Knieper, formerly of the Montreal Expos; Lee Bjerke, Michigan HS Coaches Hall of Fame member; and Jess Milosek, Bowling Green University softball.

Hitting, pitching, fielding, base-running and more will be covered in this camp on fundamentals. Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm speed.

The camp runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12-14 at the Total Baseball Fields.

Cost is \$135 per player, with a \$10 discount for the second child. Ages are 7-17 years. Space is limited.

Please call (248) 668-0166, or email them at totalbball-wixom@aol.com or check the website at www.total-baseball.com.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River

Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective

resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries.

Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.

For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE LAND

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools solicits all interested and qualified persons to submit offers for the Board's sale of approximately 15.2 acres of land located on the South side of Warren Road, East of Ridge Road in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. It is located 1 mile North of M-153 (Ford Road) and 1 1/4 miles East of the County line. The parcel number for this land is 71-030-99-0001-002. The property is currently zoned with a Rural Agricultural District (RA) classification, however, special conditions could allow for residential or other uses.

The land is described as: "Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 8, thence S 0° 15' 03" E, 1,896.65 feet, thence S 89° 47' 20" W, 642.83 feet, thence N 0° 10' 37" W, 948.19 feet, thence N 89° 46' 35" E, 581.57 feet, thence N 0° 15' 0" W, 948.31 feet, thence N 89° 45' 50" E, 60 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 15.2 acres more or less and is subject to any and all restrictions, easements and rights of way of record.

Any interested persons may contact Mr. Kenneth Jacobs, Director of Support Services, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at (734) 416-3156 for additional information. Offers to Purchase are due to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2004. Offers must be in clearly marked "Offer to Purchase Land" and attention to Daniel Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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DIRECTORS

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school board meeting. Until then, the ADs are in the dark regarding their jobs. "It's a little unnerving," said Willette, who graduated from Salem in 1975. "I think we'll be coming back. I mean, how do you get by without an athletic director?" "Sue and I both have 700-plus student athletes. They have flawed thinking if they think . . . it's not like we're in a system completely different than everyone else's in the league."

The set-up for most schools is an athletic director for each high school. The job entails putting playing schedules together and then handling many of the other details, like arranging buses to away games, scheduling practice times for various teams, etc.

There are some school districts, like Farmington, that have one AD for the district and then building athletic coordinators for each high school. Prior to the opening of Plymouth HS, Brian Wolcott served as the Plymouth-Canton school district athletic administrator, with Heinzman the Canton AD and Willette the Salem AD.

The district has since gone to the more traditional one-AD-per-building structure. Now that is in question as the district searches for ways to tackle a deficit problem faced by schools around the state.

Trimming the athletic staff would hurt the programs — that was the opinion shared by all three ADs. "We've got pretty strong programs here," said Sawchuk. "I think they'll suffer if they cut the staff."

As low man on the staff, Sawchuk knows he'd be the first to go if someone was let go. Like his colleagues, he wants to believe whatever restructuring the school board decides upon won't cost him his job.

"I'm just going to keep doing my job every day," Sawchuk said. "And we'll see what happens."

ROCKS

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like Posler is in her third year on the varsity and will start in the outfield; senior Natalie Szawara, who will take over at second base for Edwards; senior Emily Maletic, who will slide into a starter's position in the outfield; and junior Alison Proodian, who will start at third base but could play anywhere.

Indeed, Proodian "was one of our most versatile players from last year," said Southerland, who appreciated her strong hitting abilities as well. "I could put her anywhere. She has a cannon for an arm, great movement and is just a tough girl. She is very athletic and it shows on the field."

"She knows how to play above anything."

Newcomers to the team are juniors Sarah Sledobnick, a versatile player who will fill in any-

where but catcher, Amy Caves, who will catch and play outfield, and Tina Sniogowski, who will play infield and outfield; sophomores Courtney Davis, a pitcher, and Maureen Bohr, a catcher; and freshman Kaitlin McKinley, who can play infield and outfield.

They'll have big guns to replace. Besides Tudor, also gone from last season's team are outfielder Jessica Bonello and Susan Woodard and third baseman Amanda Bradley.

"I have some tremendous senior leadership," said Southerland, now in her 10th season as Salem's varsity coach. "These girls have been playing together since they were little, and it shows in their game."

"They have a love for the game. They have a common goal, they want to do the best they can. They are competitors. This is the group I was bragging about three years ago. It's their time and they want to prove it."

As Southerland noted, the Rocks will have the bulls'-eye on their collective backs this season as the rest of the WLAA guns for them.

"We have our work cut out for us this year," their coach said. "We are the team to beat in the WLAA. Do I think we can have a repeat?"

"There is no reason why we can't with our 2004 team."

Hopes are high for Salem softball, and there's talent enough to see them through.

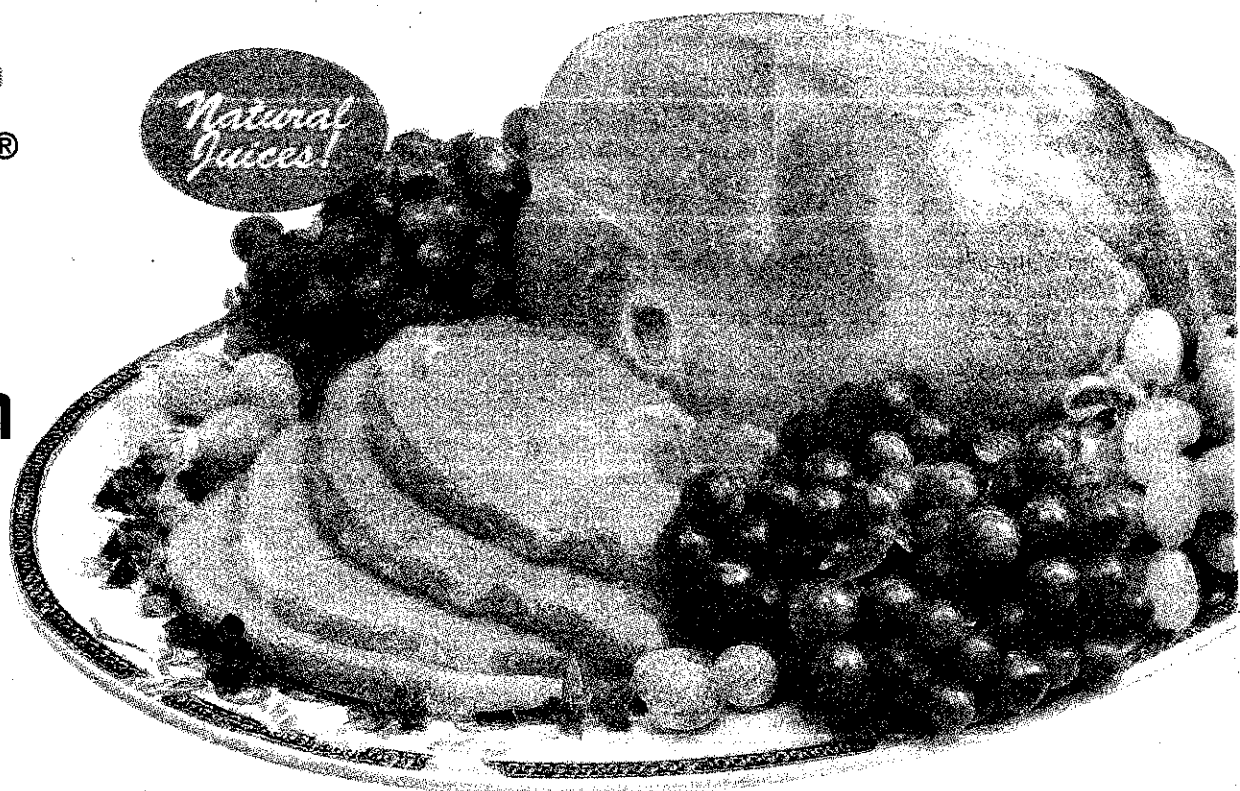


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The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to riveratl22@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502.

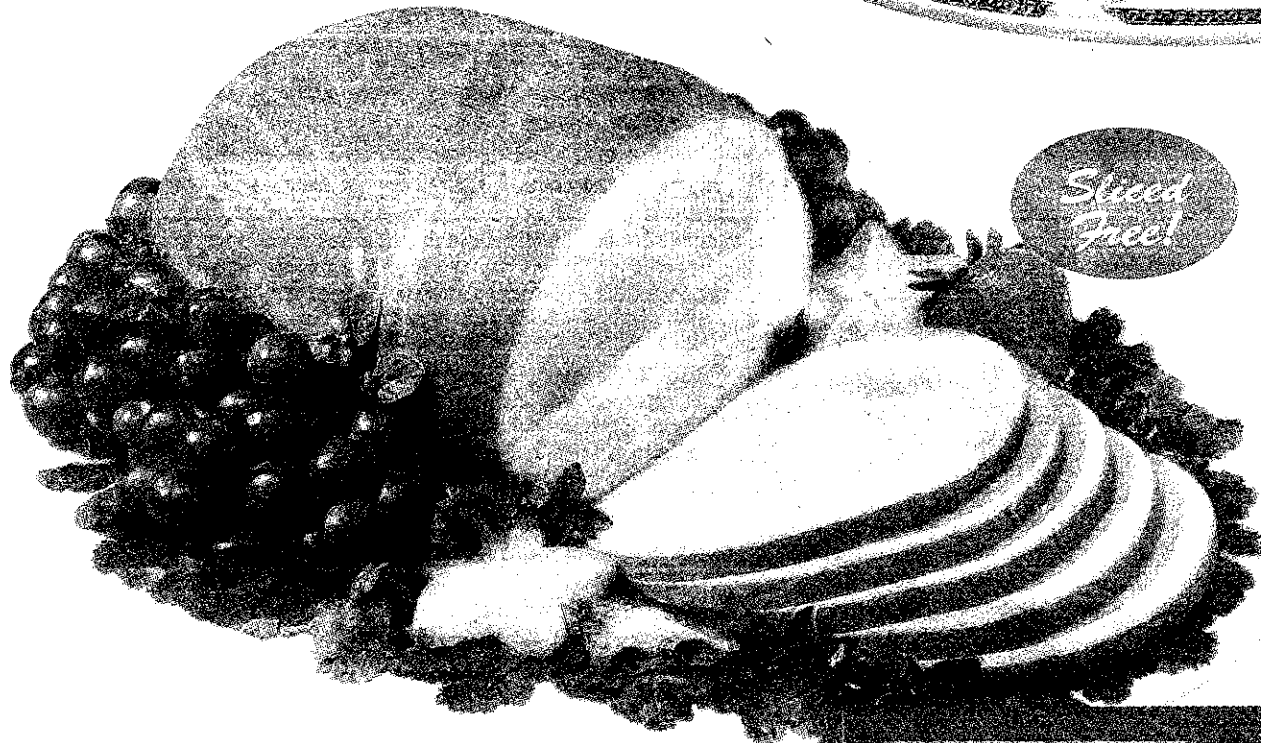
MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. Call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishing-club@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.



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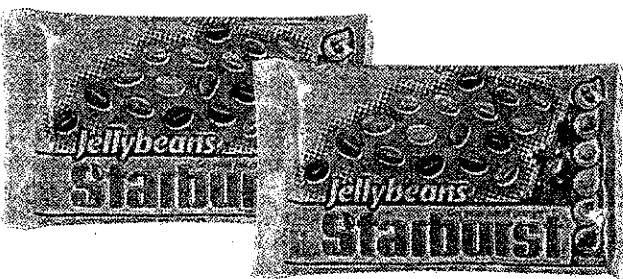
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Cathy Standish

Moments in life's journey

It was in February that I was sitting in the study, when the phone rang. It was my husband, calling from the office. He started the conversation slowly ... "Just had a call from human resources," he said. I waited, not anticipating what was to come next. "They offered me a new position in the company." I came back with my standard reply, "How much?" He laughed, "How did I know that was coming? There is a catch to this new position, though." His words began to come slower, seemed a little more guarded.

"We will have to move to Los Angeles."

So it began. In that morning of a second cup of coffee, life turned on a dime. The colors of my familiar home suddenly changed. Now I noticed every crack, every flaw, every little job we had put away until tomorrow. Traffic outside my window seemed to slow, and as I traveled my well-worn paths running errands through our beloved town of Plymouth.

My husband accepted the job. As the spring becomes summer, as the seasons change and turn, we will pack our bags, sell our house, and move to the warm and sunny land of fruit and nuts. (No pejorative intended)

I now stand in my daughter's dance studio, taking in the moments with her beloved dance teachers. Miss Dorrie and Miss Ginny were always there for Taylor with a hug and a smile when times were hard. Angels on Earth who gave her back her confidence. To Tania, Peter and Vesco, gymnastics coaches who gave her back her joy when others sucked it dry.

Moments with my son's friends, to Mike and Justin, who stood behind Andrew when he really needed a friend. Andrew's moments with baseball coach Frank Finch, who taught his players that even when the season isn't a winning one, the love of the game always saves you from losing. This unselfish gift of time helped to shape the heart of our son.

To Mrs. Dersey and Mr. Richardson, who gave Justin the influence, guidance and perspective so badly needed. To soccer coach Kevin Robey, for sticking with the kids even when work and family demands became great, for his positive attitude, for showing Justin how to be a sportsman even when the opponent was not.

Moments remembered with my precious friends. Moments with Amy, Suzi, Beth and Bernice, moments with our beloved neighbors, Jack and Jackie. My husband's moments spent out on the patio with Jack, moments of him wandering over when the "beer" light would turn on. Moments I have spent with my lunch group, Kim, Karen, Sandy and Anna. We cherish them all.

Moments of working with Brad, who gave me a chance when I most needed it.

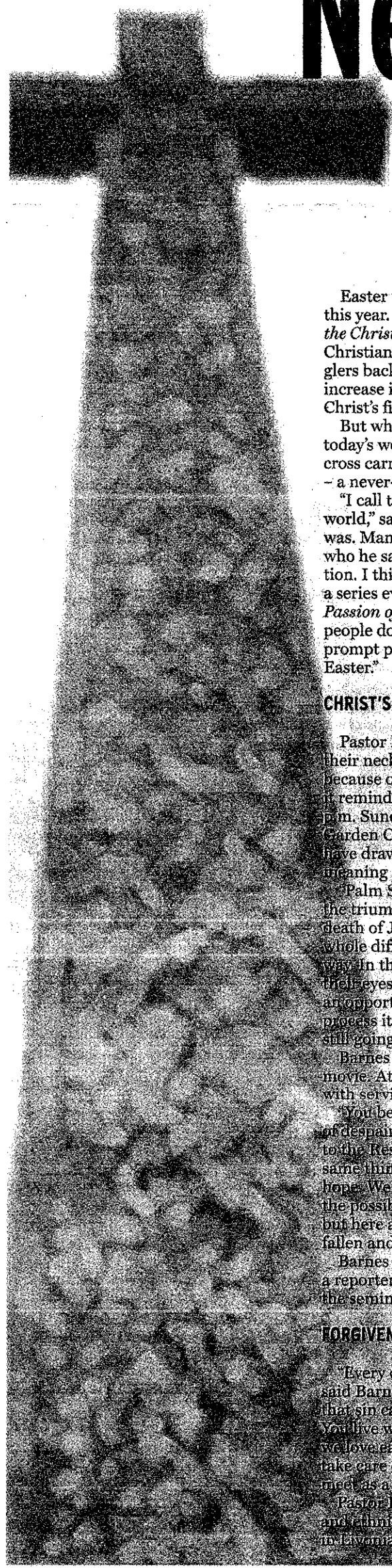
New moments to be made in California, finding new friends, new faces, new coaches, new teachers.

Life turns on a dime. Though we are moving several time zones away, our moments of living in Plymouth will stay with us forever; times that will never be forgotten. To all of you, thank you for taking the time to read my words, thank you for your moments.

As I fold my column, I blow a kiss goodbye.

I guess it is so, life truly is a journey. So enjoy the ride ... dudes!

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident. She can be reached at cate1956@aol.com.



Never-ending love

Pastors agree on meaning of Resurrection

Easter is a time of celebration and reflection – especially this year. At the very least Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* is provoking soul searching in viewers. At Tri-City Christian Center, pastor Rocky Barra says it's bringing stragglers back to the Canton church. He's seen a "marked increase in attendance" since the graphic depiction of Christ's final 12 hours arrived in theaters.

But what was the Resurrection and what does it mean in today's world? Pastors in the area agree Christ's death on the cross carries as powerful a message as it did 2,000 years ago – a never-ending love that brings hope.

"I call the Resurrection the most important event of the world," said Barra. "It validates Christ's claims about who he was. Many have claimed to be the Messiah but Jesus proved who he said he was. The movie is a powerful visual depiction. I think it's causing people to ask questions. We're doing a series every Sunday morning through Easter on *The Passion of the Christ* trying to respond to the claims. Even if people don't go to church after seeing the movie it will prompt people's hearts to think of the real meaning of Easter."

CHRIST'S PAIN

Pastor Lisa Barnes says many people wear a cross around their necks without realizing the pain Christ suffered because of it. She thinks the movie is "worth seeing" because it reminds us. Barnes leads a discussion on the film 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. For several weeks now, pastors across the area have drawn their congregations together to discuss the meaning of the movie.

"Palm Sunday is the perfect day for this discussion with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem that ends with the death of Jesus," said Barnes. "The film puts Holy Week in a whole different light. For myself I will look at it in a different way. In the theater there were a whole lot of folks closing their eyes. We know crucifixion was a violent death. This is an opportunity for us and anyone who has seen the movie to process it. I've personally had mixed feelings about it and am still going through what I thought."

Barnes hopes people attend worship after seeing the movie. At Good Hope Lutheran Church, Holy Week ends with services on Easter Sunday.

"You begin this whole journey to bring us out of the depths of despair, from joy to the tragedy and pain of the crucifixion to the Resurrection," said Barnes. "I think in essence it's the same thing it meant 2,000 years ago, it's the message of hope. We live in a fallen, broken world. It's all about hope, the possibility of new life which means life in the kingdom, but here and now it means life in a world that's broken and fallen and filled with much promise."

Barnes believes in the message so much she left her job as a reporter for a small newspaper in Pennsylvania to attend the seminary.

FORGIVENESS

"Every day of my life I mess up, every day I'm going to sin," said Barnes. "The promise and hope of the Resurrection is that sin can be forgiven. Death does not have the final word. You live with the reality that God loves you much and in turn we love each other that much. We're called to be like Jesus to take care of my brother and sister. I treat every person I meet as a brother and sister in Christ."

Pastor Larry Hoxey welcomes all races, sexual orientations and ethnic backgrounds to Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia. According to Hoxey, the progressive denomina-

SPECIAL MORNING CALLED 'EASTER'

Easter has come to mean HOPE. The Gospels speak of Jesus spending time with, talking with and even preparing a meal of roasted fish for those who had seen him die. His gift to those who had followed him was that not even death would stop him from being with them, loving them or giving them life. That might be the most powerful message of Easter ... love has the power to give life and renew it. The experience of those who met Jesus at the tomb, on the road to Emmaus and at the sea shore had to leave them with this ... Death is not an ending and Love has the power to bring life.

Written by Brother Vincent Reyes, pastoral director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

tion is simply following the teachings of Jesus.

"The Resurrection is especially important in today's world when we get caught up in what separates us instead of what unites us," said Hoxey, who graduated from Harvard University with a master of divinity degree and holds a broad-based contemporary view of spirituality and religion. He teaches Islam, Buddhism and other religions at Spring Arbor University in Troy and Dearborn. "Easter is an annual renewal of our spiritual hope that coincides with spring. When things are blossoming outside we're reminded we have a living faith, a loving God."

This Easter season, churches are uniting in the belief their faith is alive. Hoxey joins with an ecumenical group composed of a dozen Livonia ministers for a service noon Good Friday, April 9, at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church.

Aldersgate United Methodist in Redford is joining together with Rice and Lola Valley United Methodist churches and Trinity Church of the Brethren to present a 7:30 p.m. service featuring combined vocal and bell choirs on Good Friday. Aldersgate pastor Diana Goudie suggests seeing Gibson's movie earlier in the day then attending the service during which women members portray the mothers of Jesus, Judas and Barabbas in the play *Have You Seen My Son?* On Maundy Thursday, Aldersgate members re-enact the Last Supper in the drama *Is It I, Lord?* On Easter Sunday church youth present a play and the men serve breakfast between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

"I was moved by the movie," said Goudie. "You realized in such a vivid way the suffering of Jesus. I wish it would have a little more Resurrection in it to stress the Passion of the crucifixion. I've had people say their daughter saw it and was thinking about going back to church but I haven't seen that happen yet."

Pastor Luther Werth can't recommend seeing the movie because he hasn't seen it himself. He's planning on delivering his traditional message at Christ Our Savior Lutheran in Livonia this Holy Week.

"Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead thereby guaranteeing forgiveness and life eternal for all those that turn to him," said Werth. "The emphasis should be that Christ rose for us so we could spend eternity with him. That's a long time. We can't even comprehend that. Our life on earth is a practice."

Beadmaking classes growing in popularity

Don Miller's beadmaking classes fill up fast at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The next dates haven't been announced but prospective students are already deluging the Livonia instructor with pleas to let them know soon.

The classes are an especially hot topic with Carol Cizek who's showing off beads she's made during the last five years. The Plymouth resident is so excited about the medium she's turning students at Edsel Ford High School onto the fun of working over an open flame.

At least a half dozen of Miller's students have now taken beadmaking into their classrooms.

"Kids make their own beads," said Cizek of Plymouth. "They get real creative and have a lot of fun. They're learning science, math, logical thinking and they don't realize this. It stays with them a lifetime. They need the ability to channel their energy in a creative way."

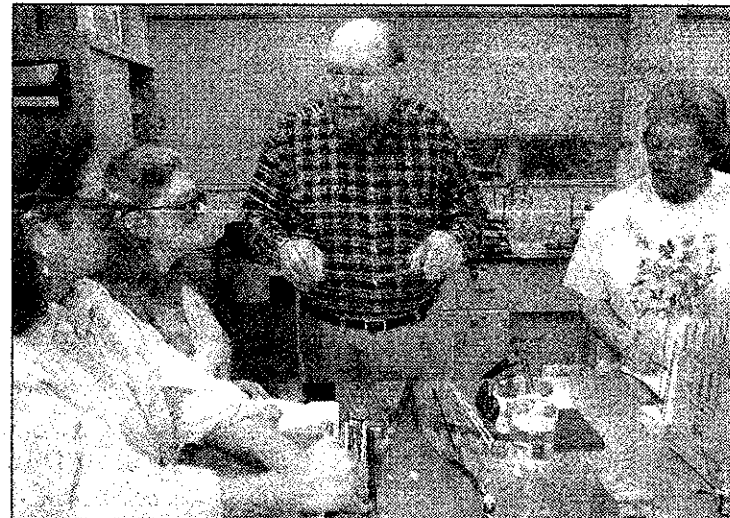
It's obvious Cizek isn't into beadmaking to sell. She "lives to teach."



Rita Stucke (background) of Dearborn Heights gets a helping hand from Carol Cizek of Plymouth while caning a piece of glass, a technique used to stretch and twist glass.

"It's therapy for me. Fun when I take it back to the kids," said Cizek. "I even inspired our principal to try it. There's no age limit – young or old."

"Beads have a universal appeal no matter what they're made out of," added Don Miller. "They've been around 2,000 years. Once they see someone making beads they



Instructor Don Miller explains to students Patty Chavarria of Troy (left), Sue Leon of Farmington Hills and Toni Knechtges of Plymouth how to apply dichroic glass to a bead.

get excited about doing it too. You don't need a furnace just a torch set up. For about \$1,000 you can set up a studio in your house."

Miller's own fascination with the molten material began when he took blown glass workshops at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center in 1991. From there

studies took him to the Toledo Museum of Art. A workshop with internationally recognized glass artist Fred Birkhill inspired him to make beads. Now Miller's passing on his enthusiasm for the miniature sculptures in classes at the museum once a week. Two years ago Miller helped Leonard Marty set up a pro-

gram at the Toledo Museum of Art where they're building a glass pavilion to house the glass collection and studios for hot glass,ameworking, stained glass, fusing and slumping, and cold work.

Miller and Richard Potts founded theameworking program at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1992 to bring in guest artists. Miller added beadmaking classes five years later.

"Beadmaking has taken off on its own from a class once a year in winter to three times a year on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings," said Miller, who teaches science for nonscience majors, an evolution course, and marble making in summer. "What we're seeing here is going hand in hand with what's going on nationwide. Glass beadmaking has been growing by leaps and bounds because it's great fun."

For more information on the beadmaking class to begin the third week of April, call (313) 593-5262 or send e-mail to drmillar@umd.umich.edu.

Children's book author to visit Livonia library

Children's book author, Rhonda Gowler Greene will visit the Livonia Civic Center Library 10 a.m. Monday, April 5, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Greene is the author of "Barnyard Song," recently chosen as the Michigan Reads! Preschool Book of the Year. The book tells the delightful story of what happens when a bad case of flu strikes the farm and the familiar barnyard chorus of moos, neighs, oinks, and cock-a-doodle-dos is replaced with coughs and sneezes.

Michigan Reads! One State, One Preschool Book program is a new statewide project developed by the Library of Michigan to highlight the importance of reading and sharing books with young children, to encourage family bonding through reading, and to increase awareness of Michigan's public libraries and their services to families.

During her visit to Livonia, Greene will tell stories and read her books and invite the children to participate through music and puppets. Greene's books will be available for purchase and will be autographed.

To register for this special program for preschoolers and kindergartners, call 734-466-2493.

This program is funded by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, (734) 453-0750.

Fiction

1. "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
2. "The Last Juror," John Grisham
3. "The Five People You Meet In Heaven," Mitch Albom
4. "3rd Degree," James Patterson
5. "Ransom," Danielle Steele

Nonfiction

1. "Deliver Us from Evil," Sean Hannity

2. "The Passion: A Collection of Still Photographs taken on location during the Mel Gibson movie, 'The Passion of the Christ'"
3. "American Dynasty," Kevin Phillips
4. "The Price of Loyalty," Ron Suskind
5. "Give Me a Break," John Stossel

Parents' Choice New Children's Poetry Books

1. "More Than Meets the Eye," Bob Racza
2. "The Song of Hiawatha," ill. by Margaret Early
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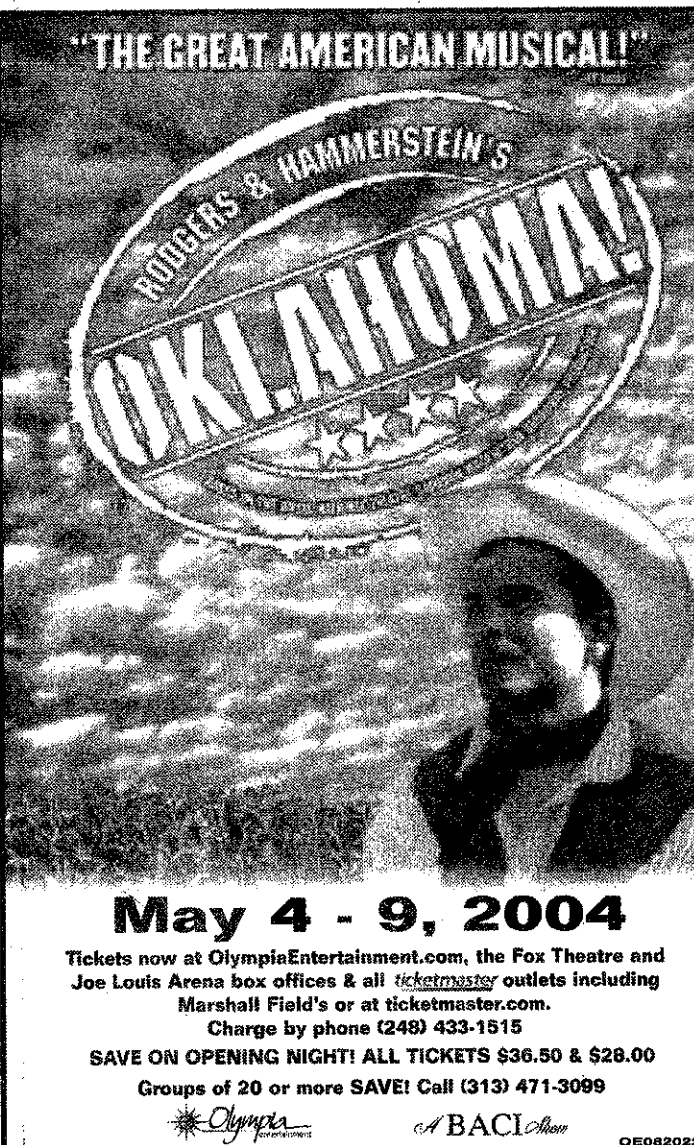
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MILITARY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

Kyle Ollar, son of Jim Ollar and Kim Ollar of Canton, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima to begin classes in the May session, where he will major in automotive technology. Kyle attends Salem High School.

MSU STUDY ABROAD

Kimberly Weaver, the daughter of Kirk and Ginny Weaver of Canton, will take part in the Michigan State University Study Abroad program, multi-disciplinary studies at Friedrich Schiller University in Germany, from April-August 2004. Among her activities at MSU are Tau Beat Pi (Engineering Honors Society), Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computer Science Honors Society), Genre Evolution Project and the MSU Handbell Choir.

SPRING ARBOR

Several local students made the Dean's List at Spring Arbor University:

■ **Iain Bryant** of Plymouth, a freshman in business administration, son of Barton and Corrairie Bryant.

■ **Elizabeth Cox** of Plymouth, a junior in mathematics, the daughter of William and Kathy Cox.

■ **Genevieve Hott** of Plymouth, a freshman biology

student, daughter of Robert and Karen Hott.

■ **Hannah Riddell** of Canton, a sophomore in communications, daughter of Mark and Cindy Riddell.

KETTERING UNIVERSITY

Micela Magat (bachelor's in industrial engineering) and **Paul Russette** (bachelor's in mechanical engineering), both of Canton, were among graduates of Kettering University in Flint.

George Selby of Canton earned a master's degree in manufacturing management.

HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL

Cadet **Mark Lewallen**, a 10th grader and the son of Anita and Steven Lewallen of Plymouth, made the Headmaster's List at Howe (Ind.) Military School by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Cadet Lewallen has been a Howe student since July 2002.

KENYON COLLEGE

Taryn Myers, daughter of Douglas and Geraldine Myers of Canton, has been named to the Merit List at Kenyon College in Ohio for the first semester of the 2003-2004 academic year. A graduate of Greenhills School, Myers is a senior majoring in psychology.

CAMPUS NEWS

■ **Marine Corps Sgt. Tuan Vogle**, son of Kim T. Vogle of Plymouth, recently participated in the seizure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, homebased in Camp Pendleton, Calif. Vogle is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and joined the Marines in April 1998.

He also recently returned from a routine, scheduled deployment on board the USS Peleliu, homeported in San Diego, while assigned to the 13th MEU.

■ **Marine Corps Pfc. Casey Maloney**, son of Lisa and John Maloney of Canton, recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Maloney joined the Marines Corps Reserve in June 2003.

■ **Marine Corps Pvt. Jeremy Tolhurst**, stepson of Elana Slusarczyk and son of Mark Tolhurst of Detroit and nephew of Mike Tolhurst of

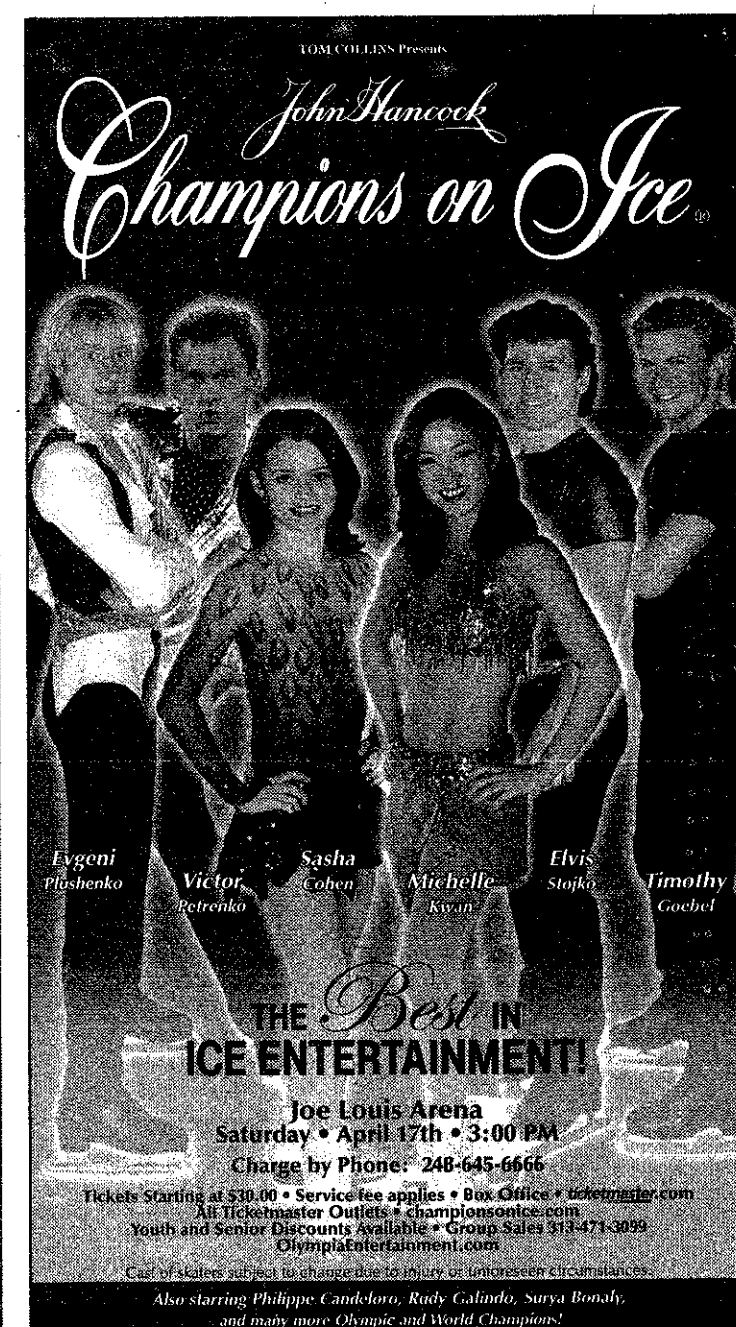
Plymouth, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Tolhurst is a 2003 graduate of Western International High School in Detroit.

■ **Marine Corps Pvt. Aaron Eichel**, son of Kimberly and John Kiefer of Canton, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

■ **Marine Corps Pvt. Derek Howe**, a 2003 graduate of Canton High School, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

■ **Marine Corps Pvt. Brian Bass**, son of Marcie and Patrick Bass of Canton, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Bass is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

■ **Marine Corps Pvt. Hassan Saeidifar**, son of Angela Mims of Southfield and Rhomone Richie of Canton, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Saeidifar is a 2002 graduate of Southfield High School.



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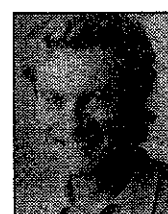
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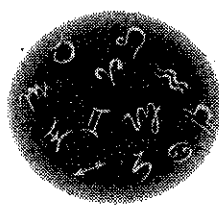
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

As long as you know where you're going, there is very little to stop you from getting there. The Sun in your birth sign now will improve your prospects and self-esteem as the month progresses. Even so, there remain some thoughts that are best kept to oneself.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You will be in a dreamy mood this week and unable, or unwilling, to make important decisions - which is not like you at all. But even a Bull is entitled to daydream once in a while and this is one of those times. So don't think badly of yourself because of it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Between Monday's Full Moon and the approaching Mars-Jupiter arm-wrestle, you would be wise to get your finances in order, because if your debts get much bigger, you'll be heading for a fall. Join forces with like-minded people this week. Teamwork is a must!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It would be foolish to blame others' failings or transgressions when there is little you could have done to prevent them. Planet Mercury retrogrades Tuesday, so a joint project will need all your attention if you expect it to bear fruit. Practice patience and be sure to dot all "i's."

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

You'll encounter some opposition this week, and that's good, because you need something to challenge you. You also need to watch how you spend Wednesday through the rest of April. No matter how wronged you may feel, you mustn't let your emotions get the best of you.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Unperky planetary activity in the work area of your chart may be making you think that you're not appreciated. While you may not be getting the flattery you deserve, that doesn't mean others don't value what you do. Keep the faith and spend some cash!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

It's love that makes the world go 'round, not money, status or possessions. Something will happen this week that reminds you what life is really about, and it'll amaze you that you had somehow forgotten. Make it your mission to wake up those who are still asleep.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Even if you are one of those Scorps who dislikes letting their feelings show, you must open up this week and let biz partners as well as loved ones know how much you care. Even if they know already, it won't hurt to emphasize the point. Let down your barriers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A change of scenery will do you good, so if fate points you in a new direction or into a new crowd this week, don't be afraid to march into the unknown. If you're going to take risks, now is the time when they are most likely to pay off - or be fun, at least!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Your ruling planet Saturn, the orb of limitation, demands that you give up aspects of your lifestyle that are no longer good for you - if they ever were. The sooner you come to terms with reality, the sooner you'll be able to replace bad habits with good ones. Then your dreams will come true.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

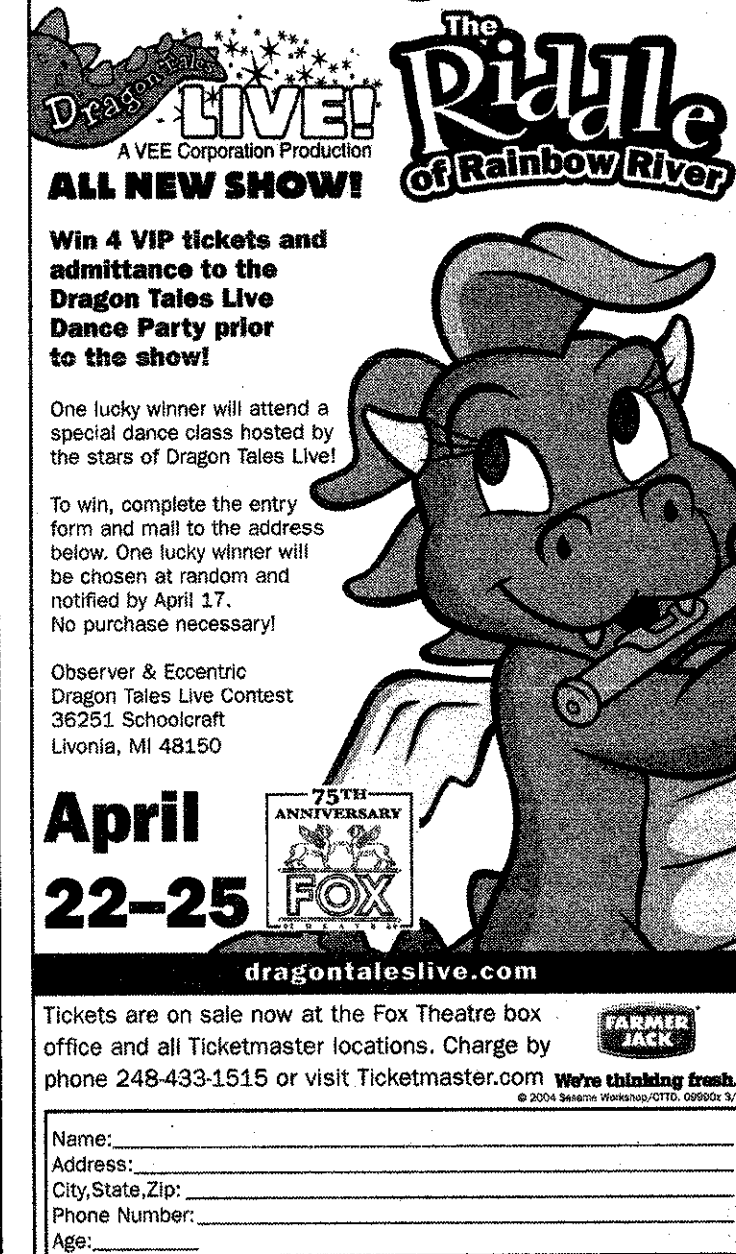
Group activities, especially causes that are close to your heart, will bring you joy this week, and for the rest of the month as well. Don't get involved in something just because you think it's expected of you, get involved because it's what you believe in.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You may be of two minds as to whether to move on to new pastures or to stay where you are and hope things work out for the best. There is, however, a third way, and that is to stay and MAKE things work out for the best of all concerned.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. Call 1 (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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'Music Man' brings 76 trombones to HFCC stage

Feet are falling into place and Diane Mancinelli couldn't be happier. The artistic director of Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company began choreographing steps for the cast of *Music Man* in October.

Con artist turned conductor Harold Hill is in town, and for months Mancinelli's had "trouble, right here" on campus. Some of the actors had never danced before.

"It wasn't easy because we had a variety of dancers at different levels. Last fall I spent many hours with each piece pouring over the music and grasping the structure," said Mancinelli, a Livonia resident who's taught dance full time at the college since 1987, part time since 1981. "Each of the dances have their own flavor. It's very lighthearted, fun, upbeat kind of choreography."

Set in 1912, *Music Man* follows the escapades of Hill in a fun musical that plays April 16 to May 2 at Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on Henry Ford Community College's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$12, \$6 for high school students and under. For reservations, call (313) 845-6475.

Members of the award-winning HFCC Big Band provide music for the show under the direction of G. Kevin Dewey, HFCC's director of vocal music. Jayne Strickland of Westland is the hair and wig designer and also acts in the production.

"My favorite is 76 *Trombones*," said Mancinelli. "Harold Hill tries to tell his captive audience to start this



Livonia residents Diane Mancinelli (left) and daughter Daniela Mancinelli Kalota are having fun working together on the Henry Ford Community College production.

boys band and wants to get the parents and community excited about this. We do a parade thing throughout, an Irish jig, a cakewalk. Musically and stylistically, I went with the music. It's set in 1912 so I'm teaching them to do a dance, pre-Charleston.

"The biggest challenge is helping students understand technique of the movement,

and the intention behind the movement, and doing that with beginners."

Jennifer Nakhleh plays one of the high society ladies who think they have the ability to dance, but don't. That wasn't hard for Nakhleh, who like her character, had never been trained. The Canton resident does have a degree in vocal performance from Calvary



Daniela Mancinelli Kalota plays Eulalie, one of the high-society gossips in the production.

Bible College in Missouri and has always enjoyed being expressive and using her gifts of music and acting. For the last five summers she traveled on musical missions with Continental Singers, presenting the gospel through music in Romania, Israel and the U.S. She also spreads the message of Christ every November with the Michigan-Ohio

Concert Choir who give nearly a dozen concerts in 8 different cities in two states.

"Diane's taken some non-dancers and taught us to dance," said Nakhleh, 43. "She's been very patient and gracious and fun to work with. I'm enjoying it. I'm just a person in the community who loves musical theater."

"The *Music Man* is the mes-

sage of triumph — that even though the guy is a sly character, the kids in the band are able to play a little bit. The town triumphs over stubbornness and selfish thoughts by realizing that they drew together in spite of being swindled. Harold Hill still brought the best out in people."

According to the show's director, Gerry Dzuiblinksi, *Music Man* is a family show that demonstrates the power of love and inspiration to transform lives.

Mancinelli and daughter Daniela Mancinelli Kalota say it's a dream to be sharing their lives on and off stage. Kalota, a theater, liberal arts and religion student at HFCC, plays Eulalie.

Kalota has been involved with theater since age 4 when her mother gave her a small part in a production. She continued acting all the way through Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and plans to study drama at Columbia College in Chicago after leaving HFCC.

"It's a blast," said Kalota, an 18-year old Livonia resident. "I love roles like these. Musicals are so fun and lighthearted. I can be a big ham. Eulalie, the mayor's wife of River City, Iowa, is the queen of gossip. She has her little group who follow her everywhere. In the song *Pick-a-Little* they parallel them to hens because they're always pecking."

"Each of the characters are so unique. Each has their own little world, own personality and think the entire world revolves around them, so you can develop the role in a unique way. It's a blast to watch."

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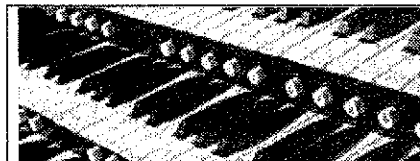
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11:00 a.m. - Children and Worship Program
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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004

7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service of Worship

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April 8 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. - Communion Service

April 9 - Good Friday
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Good Friday Services

April 11 - Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
7:45 a.m. Breakfast
(reservations required)
8:45 a.m. Easter Morning Service
11:15 a.m. "The Quest"
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
6:00 p.m. Easter Evening Service

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HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8

7:30 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION -

"SQUEAKY CLEAN"

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9

12:30 - 1:30 P.M. COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

7:30 P.M. SERVICE OF TENEBRAE -

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.

Holy Week Services of Worship

Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.

"Two Swords and a Purse" - Dr. William A. Ritter

Good Friday Ecumenical Services 12:00-3:00 P.M.

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Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

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THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Service "Tenebrae"

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

9:00 a.m. - Easter

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11:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Worship

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Holy Week Liturgies

Holy Thursday, April 8

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 9

*Stations of the Cross: 12:30 p.m.

*Liturgy and Cross Veneration: 1:30 p.m.

*Tenebrae Service: 7:30 p.m.

Easter Liturgies

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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Family Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.

TRIDUUM

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Holy Thursday:

8:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration

11:45 P.M. Night Prayer (Fr. Shield's Club Rm)

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

1:00 P.M. Passion of Our Lord • 8:30 P.M. Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

11:00 A.M. Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 P.M. Easter Vigil

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Holy Thursday - April 8th

7:30 P.M. Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday - April 9th • 12:00 P.M. Prayer

12:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross • 1:30 P.M. Liturgy

Holy Saturday - April 10th • 1:30 P.M. Blessing of Food

Easter Sunday - April 11th

5:30 A.M. Easter Sunrise Mass • 9:00 A.M. and 11 A.M. Masses

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LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Sunday, April 4th @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM
9:45 AM Sunday Schools for 3 yrs. - 12 Grade
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Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 8th @ 7:30 AM
Communion Served

Good Friday Services
Friday, April 9th / 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Continuous Worship

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 11th @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM
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Holy Week Services at First Presbyterian Church
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MAUNDY THURSDAY • APRIL 8
8:00 PM Communion Service

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EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 11
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Maundy Thursday service at 8:00 p.m.
Good Friday service at 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday sunrise service at 7:00 a.m.

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at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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Easter Sunday, April 11
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11:00am Sunday School - Nursery through 12th grade

MAUNDY THURSDAY-The Night of Christ's betrayal in Gethsemane
7:30am Service of Remembrance
Sacrament of Communion around tables with bread and cup
passed around the table.
The Adult Chancel Choir will provide appropriate music.

GOOD FRIDAY-The Day of Crucifixion
12:00 Noon Ecumenical Service at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church - Livonia

7:30 Tenebrae Service of Shadows in our chapel with readings and music. Commemorating the day of Crucifixion.

EASTER SUNDAY-The Day of Resurrection
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Good Friday, April 9

12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

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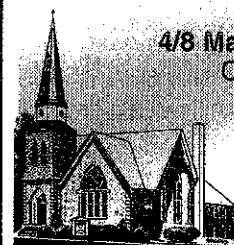
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Schedule For Holy Week 2004

MAUNDY THURSDAY Communion - Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY Community Services - 12:15 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY -
The Celebration of the Resurrection

7:00 a.m. Lakeside Sunrise Worship - Breakfast
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Sunday School

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Holy Week Service Schedule:

April 8 - 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Service of Holy Communion and Choral Tenebrae

April 11 - 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

8:45 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Continental breakfast will be served between services.



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Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion and Tenebrae

Good Friday Men's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Knox Auditorium

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of The Lord

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter (with incense)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 am Sunrise Service

Resurrection and Saint Dunstan's Chapels

8:45 & 10:45 am - Easter Prelude

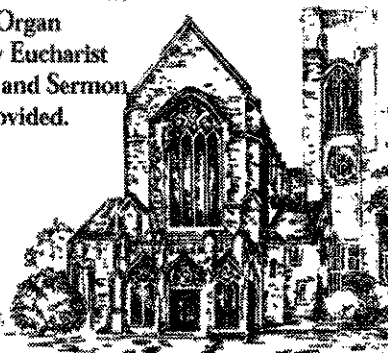
with Brass Instruments,

Choir and Organ

9:15 & 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist

with Choir and Sermon

Nursery provided.



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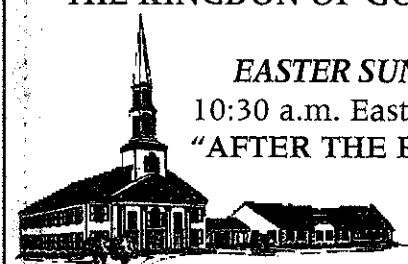
7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND"

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11

10:30 a.m. Easter Family Worship

"AFTER THE RESURRECTION"



Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen Sr. Minister
Rev. Mary E. Biedron, Associate Minister

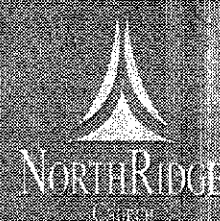
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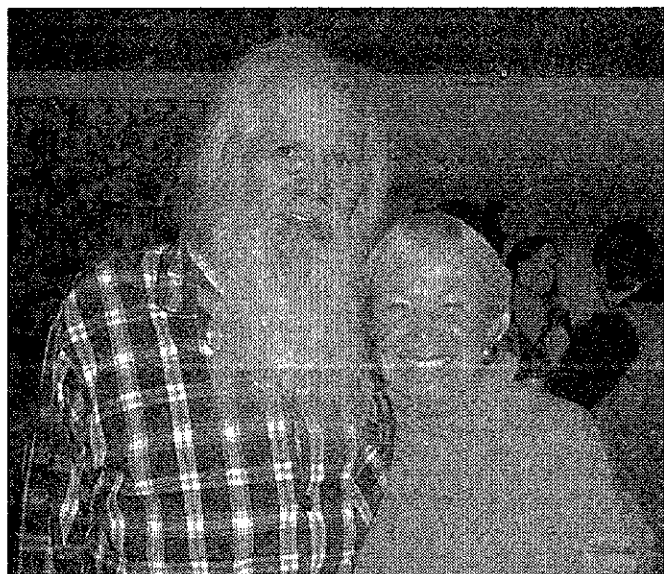
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Tashi Georgoff of Dearborn, the actor who played "Marvin," poses here with Angela Hospice volunteer Dort Burtch of Northville.



Nancy Valentini of Livonia (left) played the lead role of "Bessie." Pictured with Valentini are Bruce Kearns (Dearborn Heights) and Angela Hospice volunteer Debby Kearns.

Play 'Marvin' benefits Angela Hospice

The Players Guild of Dearborn presented a special performance of the play "Marvin's Room" to benefit Angela Hospice in Livonia. The group donated 100-percent of the tickets sales from their March 18 performance to the hospice which is a non-profit organization that provides care for incurably ill adults and children.

According to Jeff Ostrowski, director of Marvin's Room, the group was happy to have the opportunity to support such a worthy cause.

"Marvin's Room is rooted in some of the very same values and principles as Angela Hospice," said Ostrowski. "It focuses on life. It emphasizes the importance of love, family and a personal dignity."

SINGLES

Widowed Friends Retreat

Widowed men and women of all ages are welcome to attend a weekend retreat titled, "Healing - Mind, Body and Spirit." Speakers dealing with topics on spiritual and emotional growth. Discussion and fellowship. The retreat will be held at St. John Center in Plymouth Township April 23-25. Must register before April 17. For more information, call Sue at (248) 851-4508 or Elaine at (248) 926-5147.

Single Point Ministries

Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Single adults meet for fellowship, encouragement, and coffee and doughnuts. For more

information, call SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

For the month of April, Single Point Ministries presents:

Walking Club - 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet in the Single Point office. Open to all fitness levels.

Single Parents - 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the Single Point Office. Fellowship and interesting discussions. Family dinner prior to class at 5:45-7 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person or \$6 maximum per family. Child care provided.

Bridge Group -

7-11 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. Party rules apply. For more information, call Bob Randal at

the SPM office, (248) 374-5920.

Metropolitan Singles

Euchre

6:30-9:30 every Monday through April. Main lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. \$5/members and \$6/non-members. Beach Party & Dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 9 and April 30, at Marriott Hotel, Six Mile at I-275, Livonia.

Dining

Every Thursday, Meet 6-7:30 in the lounge of Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth or Bahama Breeze in Livonia. Social hour with dinner afterward.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Birmingham High School

Class of 1954
A reunion is planned for Oct. 22-24, 2004, at the Troy Marriott. For more information, call Joan Gassaway Berndt at (248) 335-7160 or joangobue@AOL.com.

Brighton High School

Class of 1984
The class of 1984 is planning the 20-year reunion on Aug. 7, 2004. For more information, call Sally Rector-Langley at (517) 505-4970.

Cabrini High School

Class of 1984
If you're interested in working on the 20-year reunion, please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737-9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makawewicz at (734) 981-7263.

Center Line High School

Class of 1974
Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30-year reunion takes place Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes appetizers, strolling supper, open bar, entertainment and valet parking. For more information, call Karen Hudak Miller at (248) 569-7739 or e-mail her at Karel56@aol.com

Canton and Salem

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information, call Julie at (810) 227-4671 or e-mail

Pcep1994@yahoo.com.

Cody High School

Classes of 1950-1959
The class of 1957 has invited other interested friends from all the 1950s classes. Being held at 7 p.m. Oct. 9, 2004, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth. Cost is \$75 per person which includes sit down dinner, open bar, music, and many surprises. Call for more info on golf and reservations at the Hilton Garden Suites. For further info, call Loretta (Muciek) Nedwick at (800) 859-9502 or Leania (Nizio) Rourke at sarge51060@aol.com or (248) 486-7333.

Class of 1963 and 1964

A 40-year reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-2000. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. \$60 per person includes: dinner/dancing, memory book, cash bar. Send check or money order to Cody Class Reunion, c/o Phil Varlone, 22911 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI 48128-2801. For more information, e-mail the reunion committee at: 63-64Comets@comcast.net.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion/golf outing is planned for July 24, 2004. For more information e-mail crestwood1984@netscape.net.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1954
A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004. For information, call Helen Kramer Turchan at (313) 565-4816 or Sally Hicks Williams at (734) 464-8263.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Please pass the word. Contact Ann

Kennedy Hutchins at (734) 591-6866.

Franklin High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is being held from 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, July 31, at Burton Manor in Livonia. E-mail franklinhs1984@yahoo.com or call Darcy at (313) 531-7443 or John at (734) 421-0852 with any information on classmates.

Garden City High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 2004 at the Livonia Holiday Inn-West. More information on classmates.com or e-mail Michelle (Pietryka) Taylor at misidrew@comcast.net.
Class of 1994
The 10-year reunion is scheduled for Nov. 27 at the Hellenic Cultural Center. E-mail: GCHS94reunion@yahoo.com for more information.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1984
A 20-year class reunion is being held Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, contact April (Greig) Santori, e-mail: april.santori@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1964

A 40-year reunion is planned for July 31. For more information, call (734) 416-5993 or (517) 431-3431.

Mt. Carmel High School

Class of 1979
A 25-year class reunion is planned for Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at the Riverside Banquet Center in Wyandotte. A Mass will be celebrated by fellow classmate, the Rev. Walter Plak, now pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Saturday, Sept. 18. For more information call Sharon Maloney Edwards at (734) 522-7431; Cindy Antolczyk Hopman at hopmanc@comcast.net; or Don Bezzo at bezzo4@wyann.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel-Detroit

All classes through 1979; being held Saturday, Oct. 30, at Rivercrest Banquet Center, Rochester Hills. For information and tickets, e-mail pmc@mccpub.com or call Pat van der Lee at (248) 601-1925.

Our Lady of Good Counsel-Plymouth

Class of 1978
Planning a reunion and looking to contact all classmates. Contact Cletus Karamon at (313) 399-7875 or e-mail ckaramon@aol.com.

Plymouth Canton/Salem

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information www.plymouth-canton-salem-1984.org, or call (313) 533-2599.

Redford Thurston High School

Class of 1964
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 2, 2004, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Barb Smith (734) 427-1123.
Class of 1993
Looking for classmates to assist in planning reunion. Contact Daune Koester at either (517) 432-3949 or e-mail dkoester@msu.edu.

Redford Union

Class of 1959
A reunion is planned for Sept. 11, 2004, at Sandtraps on Five Mile in Livonia. Activities are planned for Sept. 10 and 12. Cost \$45 per person. For more information, call Linda (Moehle) Brenner at (313) 535-6884 or e-mail: lsbrenn@juno.com.

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1979
A 25-year reunion is planned for Aug. 14, 2004, at Burton Manor, Livonia. 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Cost is \$55 per person and includes dinner, open bar and DJ. Payment due by May 15, to J.G.H.S. Class of 79, P.O. Box 73, Birmingham, MI 48012-0073. For more information, call Terry O'Neill (248) 486-4918 or e-mail Binlone@aol.com.

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April 8th - Maundy Thursday Worship
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April 9th - Good Friday Worship
- 7:00 p.m.
April 11th - Easter Sunday Worship
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Easter Breakfast - 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
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Worship w/Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.*
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Maundy Thursday, April 8th
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Worship with Foot Washing and
Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 9th
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship service
Easter Sunday, April 11th
Easter Breakfast at 8:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship
w/Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.*
*A staffed nursery is available

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248-626-7906
E-Mail: antiochELCA@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.antiochELCA.org
Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday - April 8
1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - April 9
7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.
The Resurrection of our Lord
Sunday, April 11
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place..." - Luke 2:15
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
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To submit an item for the Plymouth-Canton community calendar, mail it to 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170; e-mail it to bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or fax it to (734) 459-4224.

AROUND TOWN

Artwork critique

Farmington Hills artist Jeri Fellwock will display some of her own work and critique others' work during an appearance for the Three Cities Art Club from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 5 at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Building, located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 262-9711.

Mazurka Dancers

The Mazurka Dancers present "Polish Heaven," at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Riverside Middle School, 25900 W. Warren (at the corner of Beech Daly) in Dearborn Heights. Tickets are available at the door for a \$5 donation.

Fibromyalgia Workshop

A local authority appears at the Carl Sanburg Library for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, that talks about what can be causing Fibromyalgia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited, early reservations are recommended.

Mia Mahalo Workshop

The next event in the Mia Mahalo Workshop series is "The Art of Organizing: Time and Stress-Saving Secrets," scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at Mia Mahalo, 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. Julie Sikora, owner of Metro-Tasks Professional Organizing Services and a member of the National Association for Professional Organizers, presents an interactive workshop to learn organizing secrets. Admission is free. Call (248) 546-1900 for more information.

Marshmallow drop

Wayne County hosts its annual Marshmallow Drop in two locations April 9, at 9 a.m. in Elizabeth Park in Trenton and at 11 a.m. in the Hines Park-Nankin Mills area. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped, and kids can turn them in for prizes.

Bowling party

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake 2004 bowling party takes place from 1-3 and 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Colonial Lanes, 1950 South Industrial Lane, in Ann Arbor. This "I Love the 80's" themed celebration is one of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County's most important annual fundraisers and all proceeds go directly to matching children in need with a responsible caring adult mentor. For more information, to register, or to contribute please visit us at www.bfks.kintera.org/washtenaw or (734) 973-1900.

Adoption information

Adoption Associates, Inc. of Farmington Hills hosts a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala) adoption information meeting from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-5566. There is no charge for this event.

Women business owners

Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at the Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 West Ellsworth in Ann Arbor (1.5 miles south of I-94 and Ann Arbor-Saline Road). Speaker this month is Maggie Bayless of Zingerman's, who will dis-

cuss "The Art of Giving Great Service." Free to members, \$10 guest fee at the door. For more information or to register, go to www.wbo-mich.org or call (734) 332-9300.

Ski travel show

The Metro Detroit Ski Council hosts the 2004-2005 Ski Travel Show from 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, followed by a spring ski dance with live entertainment from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free, the public is invited.

Spring break art camp

The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a week-long spring break camp for children ages 6-12 from April 12-16. Participants may register for both morning (9 a.m.-noon) and afternoon (1 p.m.-4 p.m.) sessions, or just one. Activities will include glazing a piece of pottery, drawing, painting, and more! Cost is \$86 for members and \$95 for non-members, with a lab fee of \$15 for both. To register or for more information on spring break camp offered at the Ann Arbor Art Center, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101, check out the Web site at www.annarborartcenter.org or drop by 117 West Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Tilt comedy

Tilt Improv Group of Ann Arbor performs two shows in April (April 10 and April 24) at the Civic Theatre Rehearsal Studio, 322 W. Ann, two blocks west of Main. The first show is "short form" comedic improvisation, the second is "long form" where the cast takes suggestions from the audience. Tickets are \$5 and reservations are suggested. For more information, call (734) 669-6241.

Golden anniversary

The River Park Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (formerly PSI) will be celebrating their 50th anniversary June 17. The group is looking for past/present members and guests to join in a celebration at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center on Northline in Southgate. The event starts at 6:15 p.m.; cost is \$20 for dinner. For additional information please contact Karol Polaczky at kpaczky@hayes-lemmerz.com or by calling (734) 737-5283, or Angela Devoy at adevoy@sme.org or by phone at (313) 425-3131.

Junior gardeners

Washtenaw County MSU Extension hosts a Junior Master Gardener Class for children ages 9-11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from May 6-June 10 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. In this hands-on program, participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere. Cost for the class is \$35. For application and deadline information, or for additional details, call (734) 997-1678.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor, is looking for caring, dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, (734) 973-1145, for more information.

Plymouth Optimists

Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring

Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help.

Entertainment books

Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

CLUBS

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

LBN

Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Friday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information.

Kiwanis Evening Club

Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

Exchange Club of Canton

Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton at 6 p.m. Areas of activity are Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and the Prevention of Child Abuse.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m.. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site www.geocities.com/tedenright/PlymouthCantonVVA528.html.

BNI Plymouth II

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

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

BPW

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

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski, (734) 844-7174.

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's,

41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information, e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and more. For more information, contact Wendy at (734) 394-2542.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good

causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 11th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-5845.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (888) 209-6424.

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth I Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

Mothers of Multiples

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Carolyn Marie Starling nee Dunstan, Age 63, of Troy, died Monday, March 29, 2004 at her home. She was born October 3, 1940 in Trimountain, Michigan. Mrs. Starling earned an Associates Degree from Wayne State University and was a flight attendant for Delta Airlines. She later became a travel agent and was the executive travel agent for Deloitte & Touche. She enjoyed golfing, world travel, classical music and family. Surviving are her husband David; parents James (Marie) Dunstan of Royal Oak, Daniel (Shalom) Kibby of Coloma, Tracy (Bill) Randazzo of Buda, TX, Craig (Deborah) Starling of Clinton Twp., Kristin Starling of Sterling Hts; siblings, Thomas (Kathy) Dunstan of Bloomfield Hills, Jay (Patty) Dunstan of Sterling Hts.; grandchildren, Dylan, Gabrielle, Marissa, Devon, Braedon, Caleb, Ciara, and Sarah. Her sister Sandra Curtis is deceased. Arrangements by Kinsey-Garrett Funeral Home. Burial, Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorial contributions suggested to the Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont Hospital in lieu of Flowers.
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DOROTHY B. BEMESDERFER
Age 90, of Ypsilanti, died April 2, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Clarence H. Dear mother of Jeffrey (Brenda) Bemederfer. Loving grandmother of 5. She is also survived by several brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by her son William P. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646.

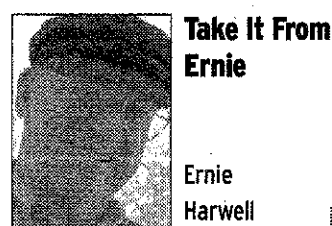
JOY WANG
Age 81, passed away on March 31, 2004. Beloved mother of Joseph (Terry) Tseng, Irene Tseng (Kenneth Morse), Nancy (Robert) Chapman and Peter (Both) Tseng. Dear grandmother of Lauren, Katherine, Sarah, Alex, Ashton, Magalie, Alison, Emily and Amy. Services were held Saturday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia.

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So next time you sit down for a meal, forfeit your membership in the "Clean Plate Club." You might find that it's just the trick to help you take a few extra inches off the waistline.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled *Life After Baseball* is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

Fever phobia

High temperature a natural response

Dr. Brian Gendelman knows the distress a parent feels when a child wakes at 2 in the morning with a 104 degree temperature. His two sons, ages 7 and 9, have given him their share of anxiety-provoking moments.

As a pediatrician, Gendelman's advice is to use common sense to avoid an attack of Fever Phobia. Parents need to relax and realize that fever is the body's natural response to fighting off invaders.

Although he doesn't mind parents calling at 10 p.m. they need to assess the child first. Inexperienced parents shouldn't rely on common sense, says Gendelman, because they don't know what that is. It's OK to call and come in for an appointment when the child is ages 2-6 months.

"I call it Fever Phobia," said Gendelman, a West Bloomfield resident with offices at the Edgewood Center Pediatrics in Commerce Township. "Many parents fear fevers in their children. They should not. Yes, it is an infection but common. They may only have a cold."

According to Gendelman, the average cold lasts seven-10 days, and the average child contracts six viral infections a year.

BE CAUTIOUS

"Most infections are viral and don't require treatment but could potentially lead to something and we should be aware," said Gendelman. "I tell them to use their mommy instinct to determine how sick the child is."

Gendelman warns temperatures that are excessively low should cause greater concern. A child who can't maintain his or her temperature could be extremely sick.

"First they should consider the age of the child," said Gendelman. "Under two months fevers always warrant investigation. Contact a health care professional immediately. Unacceptable without debate, is a temperature over 100.4 rectal. Under the arm isn't as accurate. Over 99.5 warrants concern. Do a rectal then contact a professional."

Over age 2 is where common sense comes into play. Parents should take the temperature rectally or under the arm, not orally until age 3 or 4. A word of warning for parents using an older thermometer — glass should not be used under age 5.

A child with a fever over 100.4 rectal or 99.5 under the arm for five days mandates medical



Ryan Petru of Milford, 3 months, has his temperature taken at the Edgewood Center Pediatrics in Commerce Monday.

attention, no matter the age, because the infection could be bacterial.

"Any child over age 2 with a fever that's doing well can be handled at home with Tylenol or Motrin (over 6 months of age) for comfort and with good observation," said Gendelman. "For a temperature over 102 degrees consider a lukewarm bath or washcloth to help cool the child, and reassess every 30 minutes."

"Always increase fluids, not just water — either formula or juices. Some parents think they should stop milk products. That's not true. It's good nutrition. You need good nutrition when you're ill. If uncomfortable, communication with a physician is warranted, but if they follow common sense guidelines all will be well. The key is close, careful observation and common sense."

Gendelman defines common sense as "how a child looks" to the parent. A 4-year old with a fever can appear normal.

"It's more the activity of the child as opposed to the number," said Gendelman. "All parents will say my child is not himself, but that's different from being a Raggedy Ann doll with no response. Those require immediate attention."

ER'S THERE

If the primary physician isn't available, Dr. Michael Boczar and his staff are prepared to handle any emergency at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"We're not able to give the same type of advice as the primary care physician. We tell them to contact their physician first," said Boczar, chairman of the department for emergency medicine at St. Mary Mercy. "We find people focus on fever a lot."

"If they're less than three months, definitely less than one month with a temperature greater than 100.4 they need to be seen immediately. They probably will be admitted and a workup done. It's difficult to diagnose meningitis in this age group. If they're full vaccinated, this is fairly remote."

Boczar says the majority of children seen in the emergency center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital require only symptomatic treatment. He reminds parents to bring the child's immunization schedule with them. Certain bacteria can be immunized against.

"Yes, they have a fever but it depends on are they acting normally and still eating and drinking," said Boczar of Clarkston. "I spend a lot of time telling parents these are viral and antibiotics are not required. Doctors probably prescribe them much too frequently. My 12-year-old has only been on antibiotics twice, my 6-year-old once."

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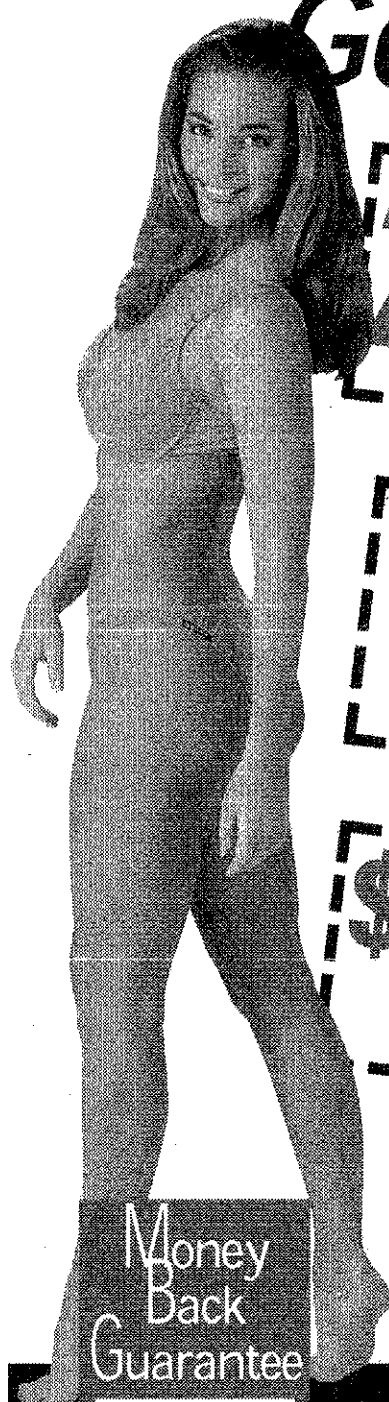
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St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors mall walking

Studies have shown that walking provides great overall cardiovascular fitness, reduces the risk of cancer and heart disease, lowers cholesterol levels and blood pressure, reduces the risk of arthritis and osteoporosis, and helps alleviate stress and depression. To encourage area residents to use walking as a form of exercise, St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors mall-walking programs at

Laurel Park Place in Livonia and Westland Center in Westland. "Walking is one of the easiest ways of becoming physically active for most age groups," said Ginger Ramsay, RN, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Community Outreach. "Walking can be done anywhere and you don't need expensive equipment, just a good pair of walking shoes. In

the mall, the weather is always perfect, it is safe and provides an opportunity to socialize." As part of the mall walking programs, the hospital also provides regular blood pressure checks, health education, speakers and special walking activities. Walkers keep track of miles and earn prizes. Those interested in joining the Westland Walking Club can complete a registration

card at Customer Service in the East Court of Westland Center, located on Wayne and Warren Roads in Westland. At Laurel Park Place, Newburgh and Six Mile Roads, walkers can register at the concierge deck located in the center of the mall. For more information, contact the Community Outreach Department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital at (734) 655-8940, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Free screenings
Henry Ford Health System's Center for Integrative medicine will offer free health screenings 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Henry Ford Medical Center, 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of Haggerty, Novi. Center practitioners will conduct 15-minute assessments and discuss alternative medicine options designed to treat various medical conditions and improve overall health. Space is limited. To schedule an appointment for a free screening, call (248) 380-6201. Screening areas to choose from include Feldenkrais(r) Balance and Flexibility which is good for chronic pain conditions, stiffness and mobility issues. Feldenkrais(r) teaches awareness of muscle tension and subtle techniques for improving movement with comfort and ease. St. John Neuromuscular Therapy Postural Assessment will address the importance of postural alignment and the role misalignment plays in chronic pain. Chinese Medicine Consultation - Learn about the use of acupuncture and herbs to treat a wide variety of health conditions ranging from infertility to chronic pain. Chair massage - Experience the comfort of a free chair massage and learn how therapeutic massage can help optimize health.

Red Cross Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Good Friday, April 9, at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

Weight Control Support Group
Meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the New Horizons Medical Center, 19335 Merriman, north of Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 474-4900. Nutritionist Shannon Adams Faunt will be speaking on nutrition basics.

Preventing Osteoarthritis
Free seminar for people of any age who want to remain active and pain free into their senior years 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Dr. Nicole Whitehead will focus on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints, and how to prevent arthritis. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Diabetes Support Group
The support group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a discussion "Physical Tune-Up: Preventing and Detecting Complications" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levon, Livonia. Please use main entrance on Five Mile Road. For more information or directions, call

(734) 655-8961 or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. The speakers are St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff members Janice Wheeler, M.Ed. RN, CDE; and Sherri Isaak, MS, RD, CDE. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

Fibromyalgia workshop
Dr. Kramer will reveal the shocking truth behind what can be causing Fibromyalgia 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Carl Sandburg Library, Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Senior health screenings
Free screenings include blood pressure, glucose, bone density, hearing assessment testing and eye exams for seniors ages 60 and older at the Henry Ford Medical Center 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at 7800 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, and Thursday, April 24, at 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. To register by April 15, call (800) HENRYFORD. Doctors, nurses and health professionals will discuss diabetes, hypertension and cancer. A pharmacist will answer questions about prescription drugs.

Hospice volunteers needed
Heartland Hospice of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals that would like to be trained as a hospice volunteer. Heartland Hospice serves patients with a limited life expectancy and their families in the tri-county area. Training classes are offered 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17 and 24, and throughout the year at different times and in a variety of locations. For more information, call Mary Parmentier at (800) 770-9859.

Series focuses on Life's Difficult Decisions
The Botsford Commons Community's fifth annual caregiving lecture series titled Preparing for Life's Difficult Decisions will focus on emergency medical services, hospitalization and rehabilitation 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, April 20-22, in the Helen DeRoy Chapel on the Botsford Commons campus, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. Cost per session is \$10 or three lectures for \$25. For reservations, call (248) 426-6904. "911," Tuesday, April 20, helps caregivers gain an understanding of emergency medical services, including when is it an emergency, what do you tell the 911 operator, who is responsible for paying the bill and what happens when the paramedics arrive.

"In the Hospital," Wednesday, April 21, will help you to maintain control and make decisions when a loved one is in the hospital. Issues include insurance, prognosis, code status and durable power of attorney. "Rehab," Thursday, April 22, details what is involved in obtaining rehabilitation services, including evaluating your loved one, finding a rehab center, determining the cost, knowing what insurance will cover, and describing various therapies: physical, occupational, and speech and language, and the benefits they offer to patients with specific medical problems.

Take Time for You
Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, Care Choices and Preferred Choices will present a Women's Night Out on taking time for you guilt free 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center (formerly Lake Pointe Manor), 5768 East Grand River, Howell. The cost is \$30. Registration required by Friday, April 16. To register, call (800) 231-2211. Chris Silkwood, an accomplished trainer, speaker and author, says day-to-day responsibilities such as job, family and other commitments leave women feeling run down. She believes attending to our own needs is not selfish but necessary for well-being. During the presentation, Silkwood will teach women simple ways to take time for themselves. In addition to Silkwood's presentation, participants can visit a variety of vendor booths for massages, clothing, jewelry and accents, eyebrow waxing and more.

Adolescent Motivational Program
A two-day adventure April 24-25, for young people trying to overcome life difficulties and high risk behaviors, at Clean House Inc. holistic treatment center, 24750 Swanson, corner of Franklin, one block west of Telegraph, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Southfield. For more details, call (248) 357-0600. The weekend involves a wide array of creative group and interactive contemplative activities in a safe, controlled environment.

Biblical Perspectives on Health
A seminar uncovering the many health practices hidden in the ancient scriptures that are now only being confirmed by modern science 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School and Church Complex, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. This afternoon of discovery is capped by a vegetarian meal. By donation. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

High-dose radiation results encouraging

High-dose rate radiation seeds (brachytherapy) control early-stage prostate cancer as well as low-dose rate brachytherapy, with fewer side effects and patient restrictions and a lower risk of impotence, according to a study at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Results of the study are published in the March edition of the *Journal of Urology*. "High-dose-rate brachytherapy resulted in the same control, but with much lower toxicity," says Alvaro Martinez, M.D., chairman of Beaumont's department of Radiation Oncology and principal investigator. "It is an accepted, convenient, cost-effective method of brachytherapy for patients with early-stage prostate cancer."

A benefit of high-dose-rate brachytherapy is that it reduces treatment time from several weeks to just two days. Beaumont researchers recognized the advantage of the shorter treatment time for patients, and wanted to weigh that benefit against its effectiveness and side effects. What the researchers found is that high-dose-rate

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brachytherapy reduced rates of side effects such as painful urination (36 percent vs. 67 percent for low-dose-rate); urinary frequency/urgency (54 percent vs. 92 percent) and rectal pain (6 percent vs. 20 percent) just after treatment. Long-term side effects related to urinary frequency/urgency were also reduced with high-dose-rate brachytherapy (32 percent vs. 56 percent. There were no differences in the rates of long-term painful urination, urinary incontinence, urinary retention or blood in urine. Three years after their treatment, only 16 percent of high-dose-rate patients were impotent vs. 45 percent of low-dose-rate patients. Cancer control was statistically equal for both treatments (98 percent for high-dose-rate brachytherapy vs. 97 percent for low-dose-rate brachytherapy). In addition, because low-dose-rate radiation seeds remain in the patient he has to monitor his urine and stools; stay at least three feet away from children and pregnant women; and use a condom for sexual intercourse for six weeks after treatment. In addition to the health benefits, high-dose-rate brachytherapy decreases treatment cost by 19 percent because the radioactive seeds can be re-used. The Beaumont study included 149 men with early-stage prostate cancer who were treated from 1999-2001. Sixty-five of them were treated with high-dose-rate brachytherapy, and 84 were treated with low-dose-rate brachytherapy. The two groups were comparable in age, use of hormones, cancer characteristics, pre-treatment symptoms, size of their prostate gland and length of follow-up.

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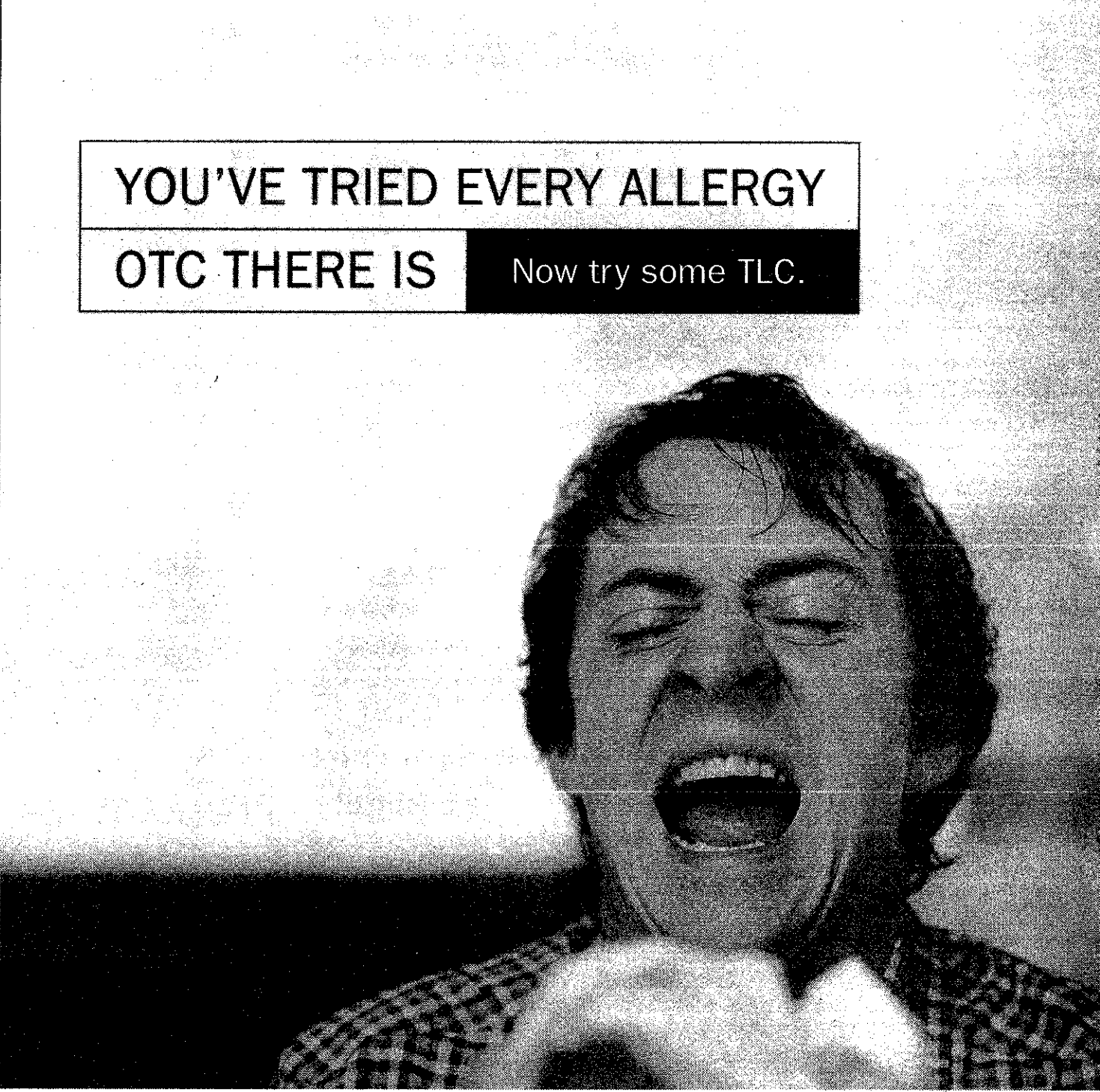
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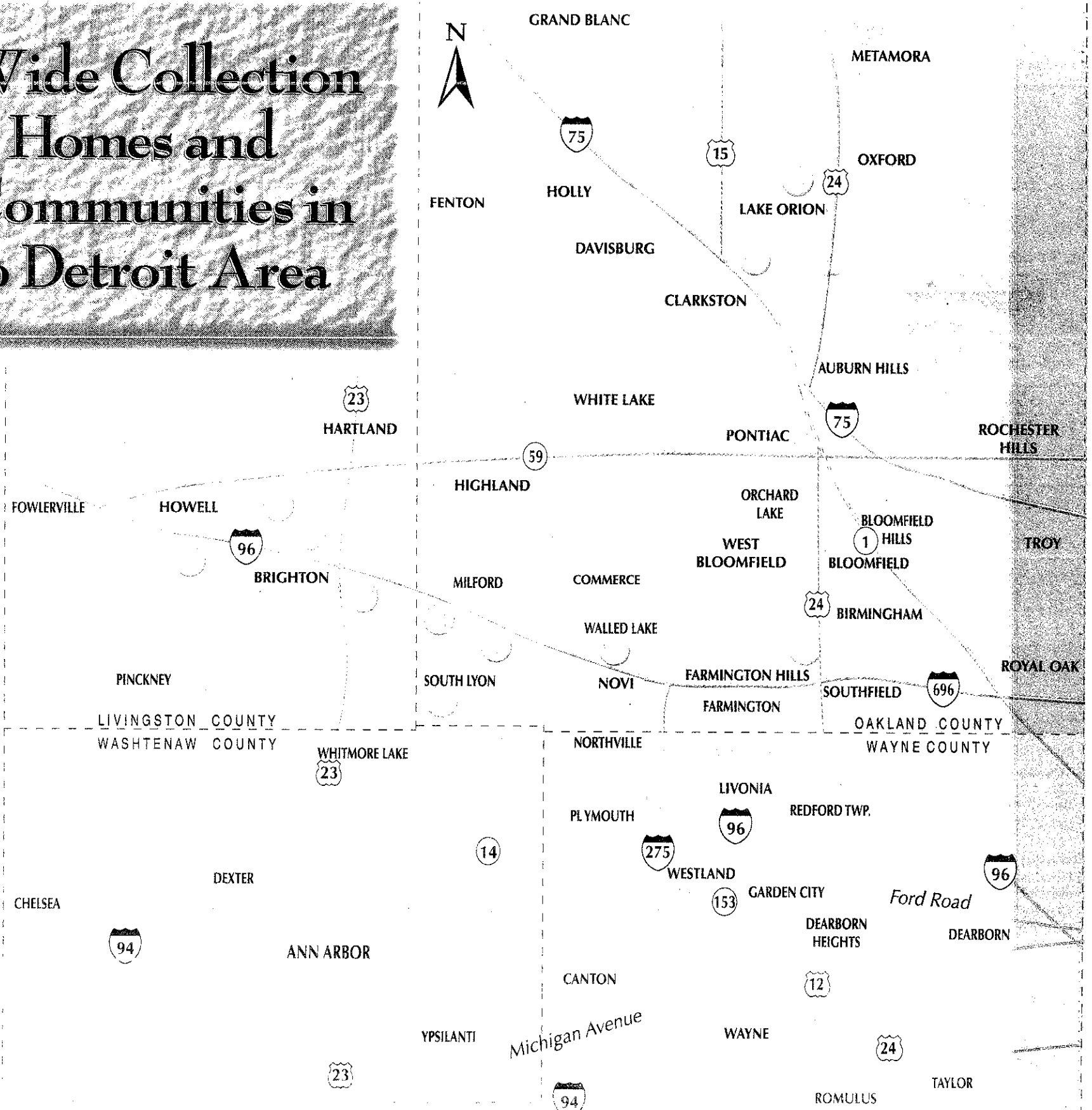


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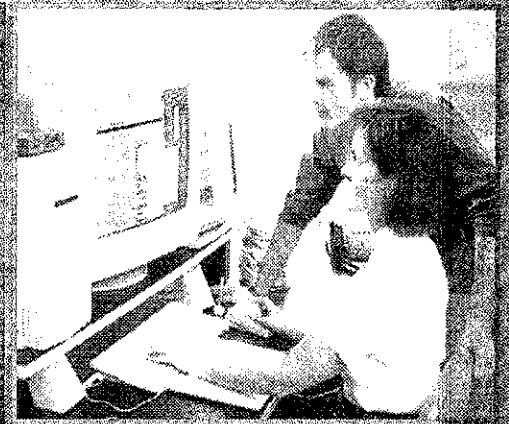
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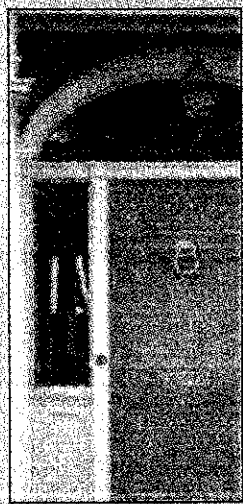
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Avoid expensive surprises on your moving day

(WMS) — If people spend months looking for a new home and weeks packing, why do people spend so little time finding a mover? Choosing a mover is not something to be taken lightly.

If you do it properly, you'll avoid hassles and additional expenses on moving day.

The first thing you need to do is pick a time frame for your move. (The American Moving and Storage Association recommends that you begin making all your moving arrangements four to six weeks before the moving date.)

Remember, most people want to move during the months of May to September, when the kids are out of school and business tends to be slower. So if you want to move during that time of year, be sure to book in advance. If possible, move at another time of the year — you may even be able to snag a lower rate for moving off-season.

Also keep in mind that many people want to move at the beginning or the end of the month, when leases are up and mortgages are due. If you can, move in the middle of the month to help you snag both your desired mover and moving date.

Then it's time to find someone who can do that moving for you, when you want to do it. Moving companies provide a variety of services for a range of fees. Talk with different movers to compare their services. Ask friends and neighbors or consult the Better Business Bureau

for their recommendations and referrals. Then, call two or three movers and ask them to come to your home to do an estimate and put it in writing.

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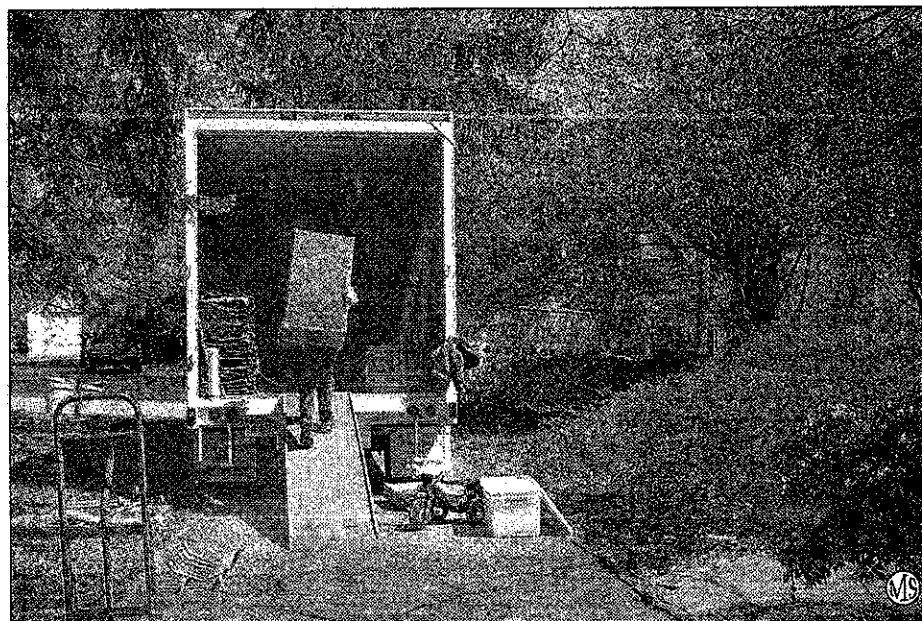
The types of estimates are:

■ **Non-binding estimate:** An approximate cost provided by the mover to give you a general cost of the move; doesn't bind the mover to the estimated cost; final charges are based on the actual weight and tariff; additional services are dealt with at delivery time and may require that the estimate be voided or revised.

■ **Binding estimate:** Agreement made in advance with the mover that guarantees the total cost of the move based on the quantities and services shown on the estimate; additional services at delivery time may require that the estimate be voided or revised.

■ **Not-to-exceed estimate:** Called different names by various movers; an estimate based on a binding estimate or on actual cost, whichever is lower.

To get the best estimate, show the movers everything you want to move. Don't forget to go into the attic, basement, garage, shed, closets and under-neath beds. Discuss how much they'll pack for you (and related charges) and the cost of any other services they can provide you. Anything that's not included in the estimate will be tacked on later, so be as accurate as possible to get the



Be sure to get an accurate moving estimate so you won't have any surprise expenses on moving day.

most precise estimate.

Now you have a few estimates and don't know which one to choose. Estimates will differ from company to company to stay competitive, but they should be within an acceptable range. If the estimate seems too good to be true, it probably is. When a mover gives an offer that's significantly below others, examine it carefully. However, when dealing with personal possessions, it's best to disregard cost and go with the most reputable company.

HOW TO PAY

When you are getting an estimate, also ask about payment arrangements. Many moving companies require payments in cash, certified check or money order. Most don't accept credit cards or personal checks. Know this answer in advance so you aren't stuck running to the bank on the day of your move.

Follow these tips and you won't have any surprises on moving day!

Tips to ensure a smooth move whether near or far

Follow these tips on packing properly and learn the basics to keep your move stress-free.

■ **Assess your mess** — Your first step is to take an inventory of your belongings. Make a list of the items that you will need immediately, and those that can stay packed for a while (i.e. if you are moving in the summer, you probably won't be using your wooly winter sweaters for a while). Also take the time to discard items with a sole purpose of taking up space — you know, the things accumulating dust that you haven't touched in

years. Pack the items you won't need readily first and put them aside. You're already on your way.

■ **Research** — It's amazing how many people will spend hours scouring the Internet or local sales fliers for a new DVD system or computer package. However, they will take all of five minutes looking for a moving company. Investigate and receive quotes from a few different companies.

When possible, get recommendations from friends and family. This company will be

responsible for your most valuable possessions — don't just go with the lowest price or fancy advertising. If cost is an issue and you want to move yourself, examine the fine print.

■ **It's all in the packaging** — Be sure to purchase the proper containers for the job, not just raiding the local supermarket Dumpster for discarded boxes. Many boxes are just not strong enough for your household items, and can have holes in the bottoms or lids.

It's also a good idea to adequately line your boxes with

packing paper or bubble wrap to doubly insure that prized possessions will not end up broken and in the trash heap. Never pack a lampshade with any other item, as innocuous as it may seem, because you're just asking for puncture trouble. Also, don't overpack boxes to save on the number needed for the move.

The bottom of heavy boxes might drop out when lifted.

■ **Possible roadblocks** — Some things to watch out for: Don't ship aerosols or household chemicals in a moving

truck, especially during warm months. Excessive heat could cause combustibles to explode. Also, keep an eye out for pets, like cats. Feisty felines love to explore empty boxes, and inadvertently end up packed away ... yes, it's happened!

■ **Look to the future** — While packing and moving can be a bit hectic at times, just think of the possibilities that lie ahead in your new home. Concentrating on the future can keep you focused and a little less stressed.

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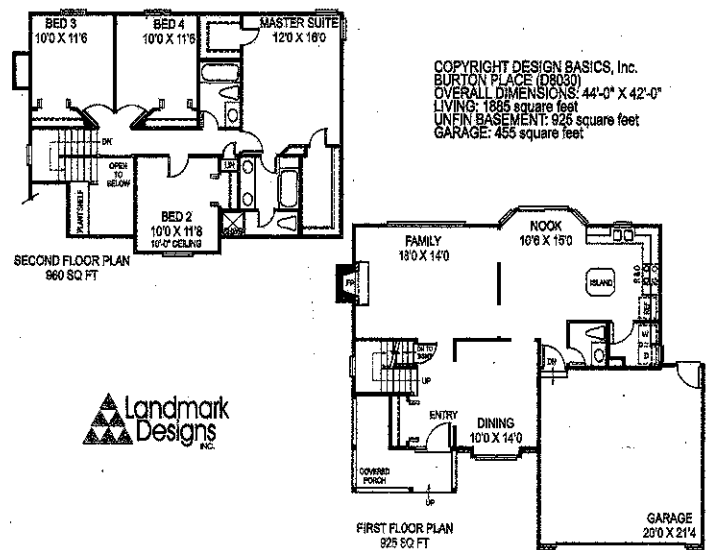
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Burton Place has classic farmhouse look that's sure to please



The classic farmhouse look of the Burton Place would work well in both city and rural settings. It has a large dormer as well as an abbreviated wrap-around porch that enhances the eye appeal of this four-bedroom home.

The entry is open and has a large closet on the left and formal dining area on the right. Large windows bathe the room with light. Stairs to the second floor and the unfinished 925-square-foot basement separate the entry from the large family room.

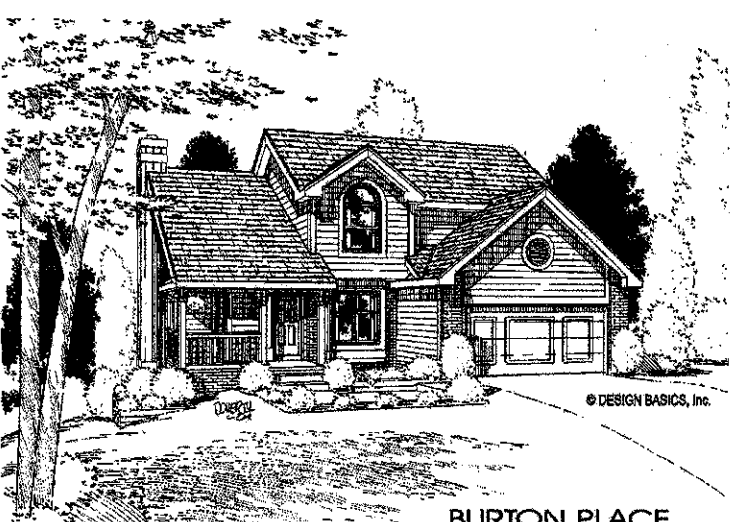
The family room is very spacious and open to the kitchen area, with the exception of a partition in the center that separates the rooms. There are three large windows facing the backyard and a fireplace on the left outside wall.

The nook has a patio door in the center of the bay windows. This is ideal for those barbecues in the backyard on lazy

afternoons. The L-shaped kitchen has an island in the middle and good-sized counter space. At the end of the counter is the utility room with a washer and dryer. Adjacent is a half bath and door to the two-car garage.

Four bedrooms are upstairs. The entire right side is the master suite and bathroom. There is a corner walk-in closet on the upper left, as well as a long walk-in closet adjacent to the master bath. The master bath features "his and her" sinks, a tub and a shower and stool separated from the rest of the bathroom with a door.

Bedrooms 3 and 4 have wall closets and large windows in the end of the room. Between bedroom 4 and the master suite is another bathroom with a single sink and tub. Bedroom 2 is on the front of the home and has a large dormer-styled



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Get more of what you want in your home without moving

BY JOHN F. MALONEY
CORRESPONDENT

Space considerations. Outdated architecture. A need for more functionality. These are some of the top reasons that people make the financially and emotionally challenging decision to move to a new home. But, as a professional remodeler for the past 14 years, and as chairperson of the Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, I know that remodeling can offer a viable alternative to moving for many people.

One popular addition is the master bedroom suite. Once the bedroom suite is complete, a homeowner can easily convert the old bedroom into an office, media room or spare bedroom. In many cases, remodelers are adding these rooms to the upper levels of homes.

Other homeowners hire remodelers to finish their basements. By finishing the base-

ment, these customers benefit from increased living space, without altering their home's exterior appearance.

Many remodeling contractors specialize in the kitchen and bath areas of the home. These two areas consistently garner the most return on investment in *Remodeling* magazine's "Cost vs. Value" report because they are two of the most used rooms in a home.

In their kitchens, customers frequently request natural-wood cabinetry and more counter space. Solid surface countertops such as DuPont Corian and granite are common choices. The stainless steel, industrial look is also popular in today's remodeled kitchens.

Remodelers are often asked to remove walls in order to open up areas in a home. For example, in keeping with a trend in new home construction, dividing walls between kitchens and great rooms are often removed, creating an

open, airy feeling and increasing functionality. Using light paint colors and adding windows are two other popular ways to create a feeling of spaciousness.

A sizeable number of customers are requesting that their wall-to-wall carpet be replaced with alternative flooring materials. These materials include tile, stone and hardwoods (both pre-finished and regular).

Many remodeling contractors add features to homes that make them more energy efficient and "environmentally conscious." Homeowners often replace old, drafty windows with energy-saving, insulated glass windows and frequently increase insulation levels in walls and attics. In kitchen remodels, appliances are often replaced with models that use less energy than older models. High-efficiency heating and cooling systems are also commonly installed when remodeling. These items can lower homeowners' energy bills and

reduce pollution related to energy production, thereby saving precious resources.

Before you remodel, you should carefully consider any remodeling project that puts the end value of your home well beyond that of others in your neighborhood. It is not financially smart to have the most expensive home on the block. Generally, a remodeling project requires careful consideration if it raises the value of your house more than 10-15 percent above the median sales price of homes in your neighborhood.

Another important consideration before remodeling is choosing the right contractor. Members of the Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan are professional, legitimate, quality-conscious remodeling contractors. You can access this information by calling the BIA at (248) 737-4477.

While there are many reasons that people choose to

remodel, including increasing resale value, the bottom line is that remodeling makes your home a more enjoyable place to live. So if you're considering a change, but want to stay put, try remodeling. Working with a professional remodeling contractor, almost any change that you can envision can become a reality.

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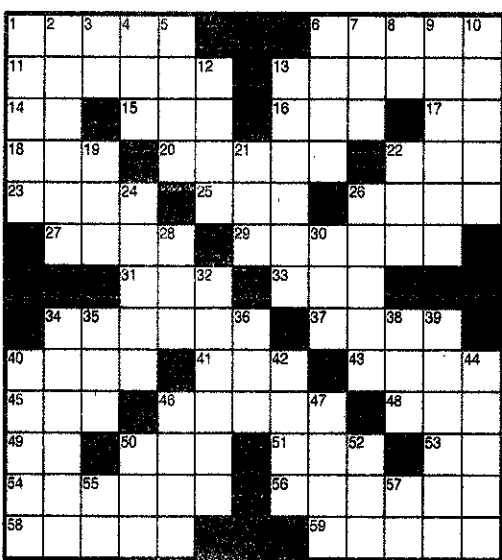
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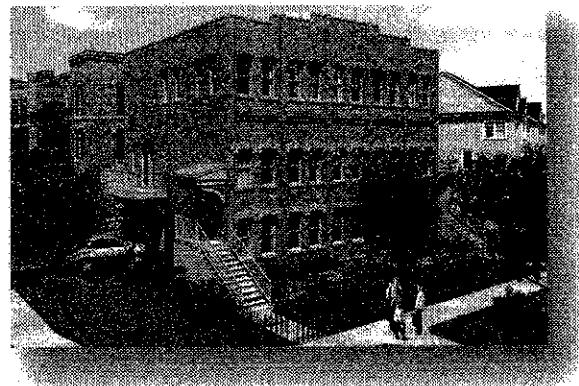
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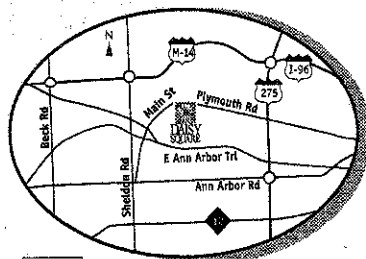
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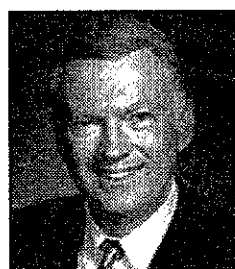
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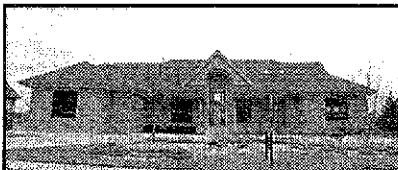
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MILFORD **Indulge Yourself**
4 bedrooms, this view outlook, soft contemp. 3.5 luxury baths. Architect designed, winding drive, 2 frplcs, gracious LR. Dramatic volume ceilings, deft decor touches. Main level M.S. Modern kit w/island, fin w/o.
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MILFORD **Welcome To Royalty Home**
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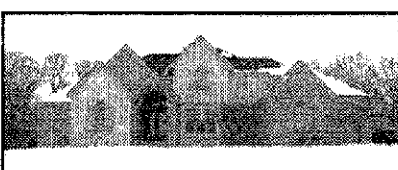
BIRMINGHAM **Very Sharp Colonial**
4 bedrooms, few blocks from downtown. Many updates including roof, kit, SS appls, hot water heater, mechanicals, windows & hwdw frs. Fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, all on large private lot w/immediate possession.
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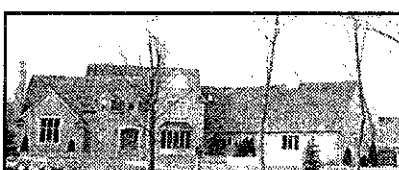
PLYMOUTH **Entertaining Home At It's Best**
Stunning contemporary w/3 story atrium, kit w/granite counter, ceramic floor, newer stainless appls, octagon brick roof, fin walk-out w/full kit w/granite counters & trimmed FP, deep lot w/Gunite pool, 3.5 car gar.
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OAKLAND **Fantastic New Build**
4 bedroom estate home w/media room, 3 full, 2 half baths. Andersen windows, stainless Jennaire appls, cherry cabs, granite, hwdw frs, 2 frplcs, 2 laundry rooms, spacious master suite, daylight basement.
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WHITE LAKE **So Much To Appreciate**
Approx. 6 acres on all sports lake. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, walk-out soft contemp w/an attractive ambience. Side drive, 3 car gar, curved staircase, study, main level master suite w/spa. Ultimate kit, food storage area. Fin bsmt.
(B30COR) 248-363-1200 \$555,555



FARMINGTON HILLS **Live Lavish**
On this approx. 5 acre estate w/guest house & 6 car garage. Gourmet kit plus 3 mini kitchens, 3 frplcs & finished w/o, in-ground pool, sauna, 2 patios & 2 tier deck, 7 BRs, 6 BAs, FF master bedroom & loaded.
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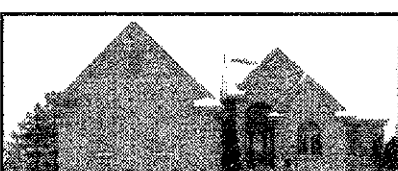
SOUTH LYON **Golf Community**
Stunning 4 bedroom, 2+2 bath cape cod w/golf view in front & nature preserve in back. First floor master. Large gourmet kitchen, 2 story great room w/2 frplcs. Finished walk-out w/loads of storage. South Lyon schs.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD **2 Story Contemporary**
Gorgeous custom bld 2000s home w/Pine Lk. frontage, 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, 3 frplcs, LR, DR, FR, LB, very open floor plan, granite frs, countertops, custom design kitchen, x-large 2.5 car gar, circle drive w/brick paver walkway.
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CLARKSTON **Choice Living**
Charming 2 story entry invites you to this cozy home. Decorator touches, golf community, 10 ft kit ceilings, island, hwdw, hearth room w/2-way fireplace. Library, 5 BRs, fin walk-out, great for in-laws, 3 car side entry gar.
(B39OAK) 248-652-8000 \$629,900



COMMERCE **Large Corner Lot**
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, only floor plan of it's kind. Extra large kitchen/breakfast area, 1st floor master. Side drive, 3 car gar, curved staircase, study, main level master suite w/spa. Ultimate kit, food storage area. Fin bsmt.
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LEONARD **Beautiful Country Estate**
On approx. 23 acres of rolling hills and wildlife. Spacious soft contemp w/4 BR, LR, and step-down formal DR. Soaring ceilings, granite kit & hardwood floors. Finished LL w/o, hot tub & 3 car att gar.
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NORTHVILLE **Super Curb Appeal**
Treed lot & open floor plan. Winding staircase, hwdw frs, GR w/gas frplc, kit w/desk, island, lg brick nook & white cabs. Master ste w/WIC & glamour BA. FFL, 3.5 car side entry gar. Transferee perfect.
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TROY **New Construction**
In a spectacular new sub with Troy schools. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home with 3 car side entry garage and premium elevation. Circular staircase, oak island kitchen, MBR with jetted tub and separate shower.
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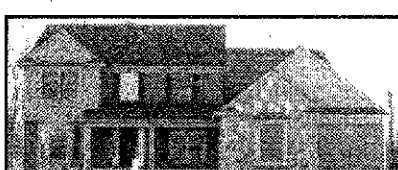
OXFORD **Lake Of Indianwood**
Builders own ranch style home, loads of details and a wooded private lot. Large first floor master w/spa tub. All season sunroom, paver patio, hardwood, ceramic, crown moldings, fin bsmt w/kit & bath. Orion schs.
(B01EAG) 248-652-8000 \$579,900



COMMERCE **Elegant & Tasteful**
Brick colonial, spacious & open fr plan, cust upgrades, gourmet kit, formal LR/DR w/high ceiling & bay wndws, master ste w/trim ceiling & walk-ins, 2 story foyer w/wood flr, custom 2 tier deck plus 3 car side entry gar.
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BLOOMFIELD **Custom Built Colonial**
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths featuring large great room w/frplc, kitchen w/center island & MBR ste w/bath & separate shower. Fin bsmt w/kit, BR & full bath, 3 car garage, sprinkler system & more.
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STERLING HEIGHTS **New Construction**
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OAKLAND TWP. **Stunning Custom Pulte**
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FARMINGTON HILLS **Charming**
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SOUTH LYON **Custom Built**
Hurry, still time to make selections. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths. 3+ side entry garage. Golf course community. Walk-out LL. Corner lot in great neighborhood. Builder uses only top quality materials.
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SHELBY TWP. **Four Bedroom**
Bonus room colonial with 3.5 baths, 4 fireplaces and daylight basement. Custom kitchen w/granite, ceramic floor and butler's pantry. Hardwood floors in formal DR, library and foyer. Elegant MBR with 2 walk-in closets.
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ROCHESTER HILLS **Custom Home Built In 1992**
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, white kitchen with Corian counters & marble island. 2 story family room & foyer, dual staircase, built-in library and family room. Fin bsmt w/rec bar, fireplace, full bath & exercise rm. 3 car gar.
(B72SUM) 248-652-8000 \$479,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD **Gorgeous Luxury Condo**
A beauty. 3 years. Very open high ceilings, model carpeting, 2.5 baths, 3 bedrooms, dining room, great room, white kitchen. Bleached wooden floors, 2 fireplaces, Jacuzzi, full basement, 2 car garage.
(B14CRA) 248-626-8800 \$464,900



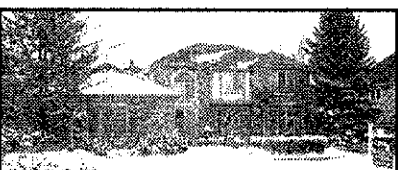
BLOOMFIELD HILLS **Approx 3/4 Acre Lot**
Views of 18th hole on Forest Lake CC. 4 BR, updated home w/hwdw & ceramic frs, cove ceilings, 6 panel drs & crown moldings. Lg FR, LR, DR, MBR ste w/WIC & granite bath. Fin LL w/FR, bar & sauna. Private yard.
(B75AYR) 248-642-8100 \$599,900



SOUTH LYON **Golf Course Community**
Custom home, 4 spacious bedrooms, 1st floor master & 2-story great room. Kitchen offers cherry cabinets, ceramic floor, custom lighting. Professionally decorated. Transfer forces sale of this beauty. Must see.
(B02GRE) 248-349-5600 \$449,900



TROY **Newer Built**
1999 premium brick great room ranch. White kitchen, first floor laundry, master bedroom with whirlpool tub and finished lower level with kitchen and bath. Custom raised patio, sprinklers. Troy schools. Quick occupancy.
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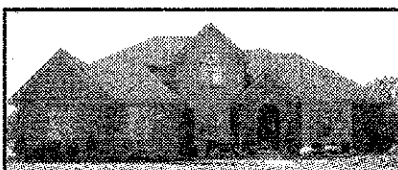
ROCHESTER HILLS **Lovely**
4 bedroom colonial with hardwood floors in kitchen, foyer, hallway and lavatory. Corian countertops, wood cabinets, deep basement, 3 car garage. Florida room and in-ground pool.
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ORCHARD LAKE **Perfectly Private**
Contemporary nestled in woods, overlooks ravine. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings. Beautiful first floor MBR his & her walk-in closets, trayed ceiling. Cust kit w/island, Jenn-Air gas cooktop & ovens, hwdw fr.
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BIRMINGHAM **Charming**
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath cape cod offering partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Newer kitchen w/granite tops and stainless steel appliances, living room w/frplc, bay window & hwdw frs t/o.
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Initiative to stop San Diego County sprawl loses among voters

BY SETH HETTENA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — San Diego County ignored a statewide trend in favor of anti-sprawl initiatives, dashing proponents' hopes that increased traffic, pollution, and soaring home prices would rally voters to their cause.

Voters said no to the Rural Lands Initiative, which would have put a 20-year ban on the subdivision of more than 1,000 square miles of "back-country" — an area of dry hills, farms and brush-covered mountains. The county rejected a similar measure in 1998.

The measure was losing 64 percent to 36 percent, with 65 percent of

precincts reporting.

Four California counties have passed similar measures, but the initiative faced tough opposition in San Diego County, where farmers and rural residents — bankrolled by the real estate industry — bought \$450,000 worth of TV ads to defeat it.

Janet Kister, president of the San Diego County Farm Bureau, appeared in TV ads opposing the measure and said voters were sending a message: "Rural people want to have control of their land."

The initiative's backers hoped voters would support the new measure because of traffic, air and water pollution, and a doubling in home prices since 1998 to a median of more than

\$400,000 that has placed ownership out of reach for many residents.

Duncan McPetridge, a rural resident who spearheaded the initiative, didn't answer repeated phone calls for comment last Tuesday night.

In Los Angeles County, voters approved a \$3.87 billion school construction bond, the third such measure in seven years.

School officials said the measure would add about 50 new schools and make necessary repairs to aging school buildings. The measure, which needed 55 percent to pass, received 64 percent support with 30 percent of the precincts reporting.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley held off five challengers to win re-election and

avoid a runoff. Most of his five challengers were current or former county prosecutors.

"Obviously the people have spoken," said Cooley, who received 59 percent of the vote with more than three-quarters of the precincts reporting. "They validated the work of the L.A. County D.A.'s office."

Voters weren't swayed by criticism from rivals that Cooley has avoided tough cases.

Opponents pointed to his decision to drop scores of investigations into police corruption because of what he said was a lack of credible evidence. Cooley also raised far more money than his opponents combined.

San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy

failed to garner enough of the vote to avoid a runoff in November with Ron Roberts, a county supervisor who narrowly lost to Murphy in 2000.

Murphy had 41 percent of the vote to Roberts' 30 percent from 83 percent of the precincts.

Roberts said San Diego has suffered because of poor leadership by Murphy.

The city was woefully unprepared when the state's largest wildfire roared through San Diego in October, and the city's pension fund has a staggering \$1.1 billion deficit because local officials have opted since before Murphy's administration not to fully fund it.

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One recommendation is to get pre-approved for a mortgage. This process can often be done in under an hour and it accomplishes two things.

It will tell you how much house you can afford and what your monthly payments would be.

It tells the seller that you can afford to buy their home.

By definition, a pre-approved buyer generally has an approved mortgage subject to an appraisal of the property. Many times a buyer can use this pre-approved status as leverage during the negotiation process.

TERMS TO LEARN

There are many terms you should know when looking for a mortgage for a high-end home. Some options include super jumbo, a really big loan, an Interest Only ARM which lets you pay interest only for the first several years of the loan. If you're self-employed you may want to consider a SELPH loan, which provides the convenience of reduced documentation.

Another tip is to make sure to look at all aspects of the property when comparing homes.

Questions to ask include:

- Is the property tax approximately the same?
- Are both houses renovated to the same degree?
- Do they both have the same number of bed- and bathrooms?
- Are both houses located on the same or similar streets?
- Does either house have any encumbrances?

Once you find the home you like, you're ready to make an offer. This can be a trying time since both parties have very different goals. It may be better to have a third party, such as a real estate professional, negotiate the offer. If you do have any personal interaction with the homeowner, don't give out any information about your move, your current housing status, financial status or feelings about their property — positive or negative.

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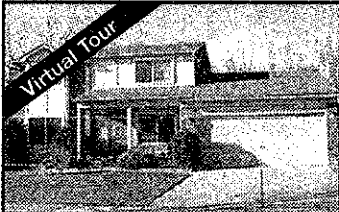
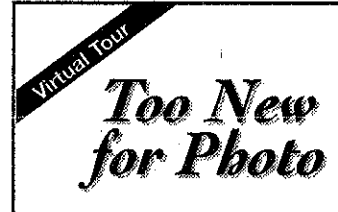
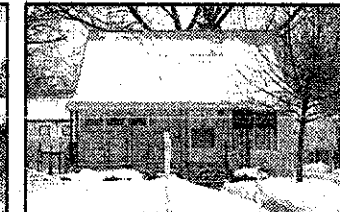
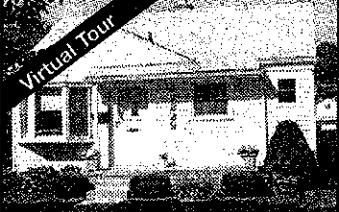
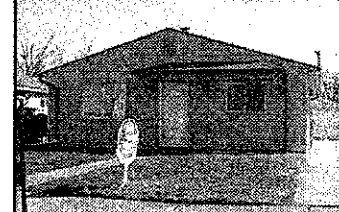
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Property management company seeks motivated, professional managers for our multi-family communities. Must have strong customer service and organizational skills as well as previous management experience. Great salary and benefits. Training provided. Please forward resume to jobs@blaznak.com or fax to 248-489-1118.

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Tapco International is seeking a self-motivated & experienced individual for a fast paced call processing center. Proven customer service skills & typical 35 WPM are required. All candidates must possess strong written & oral communication skills & proficiency in Microsoft Excel & Word. Exp. with EDI is a plus. Please fax resumes to: Stephanie Lee at: 248-668-6454

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On site position. Experienced maintenance supervisor for mid-size apt. community. Knowledge in all aspects of maintenance, including HVAC. Competitive salary and benefits. Call (734) 729-5090 Fax (734) 729-8258

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MAINTENANCE MECHANIC Performs preventive & corrective maintenance on wastewater treatment plants & related equipment. Performs general maintenance & repair tasks on buildings, structures & grounds. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Valid MI Drivers License, 2+ years exp. in the maintenance & repair of electrical equipment, pumps, motors, & large mechanical installations. OMI currently has 2 openings for Maintenance Mechanics in the Canton & Brighton areas. Call Jack Pohlhill at 734-397-9280 to schedule an interview.

MAINTENANCE PERSON Full time experienced only, 172 unit apt. complex in Westland. Salary, benefits, health insurance, housing option 734-729-9457

MAINTENANCE PERSON Heavy manufacturing facility accepting applications from multi-craft maintenance persons. Exp. in electrical, hydraulic, welding, fab work & PLC's. Ability to read & schematic & hydraulic diagrams. Good trouble shooting & safety background required. Reliable, self-motivated worker. Available for all shift. Must have own tools. Drug screen required. EOE. \$17.60/hr. Benefits. Send resume to: HR Dept., 36502 Van Born Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. Fax: 734-729-6663 or email: cmarshal@scottforge.com

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MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS Well established property management firm, seeks 3 dedicated maintenance technicians for the Taylor locale, must have prior maintenance exp. in property management & have working knowledge in the following areas:
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Manager For small apt. community in metro area. Compensation to include an apartment & salary. Excellent opportunity for someone on a fixed income or with a flexible work schedule. Must have maintenance/leasing experience. Please fax your resume or letter of introduction to: (248) 352-6737

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Must be exp. Call 9am-6pm 734-387-6457

Money Room Personnel

An independent vending company in East Michigan has an opening for money room personnel.

This position will be responsible for counting cash, cash accountability, computer data input, and making daily deposits.

Interested candidates should possess strong mathematical and organizational skills. Should also possess a High School diploma or equivalent and a minimum of 3 years of related experience in cash counting procedures. Candidate must be capable of working with co-workers in a team-based environment.

Our company offers a complete package of benefits, which include: Medical, Dental, Disability and Life Insurance, as well as a 401(k), vacation, personal days, and paid holidays.

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Our mortgage servicing department is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

Both positions require 1-3 years default administration experience, preferably in mortgage servicing.

Foreclosure Specialist Will manage past due mortgage accounts through the foreclosure process. Mortgage foreclosure experience highly preferred.

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Washtenaw Mortgage Company

3767 Ranchero Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48108 Fax: 734-662-9517 hr@washtenawmortgage.com

OFFICE CLEANERS Part Time Various shifts and days in southern Oakland County. Ask Carol: (248) 449-1480

OFFICE CLEANING

PT/ET, 3 to 6 hrs/night, Mon-Fri. LIVONIA & Novi areas. Call for app., 248-615-3554

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Manager needed for 165 Unit property in the suburbs. Will supervise staff, improve and monitor delinquent rents and collections, provide budget control and maintain good resident retention program. Candidate must have 2-4 yrs. exp. as a community supervisor. Basic computer skills required. EOE. Qualified candidates should fax resume and cover letter with salary expectations to: Human Resources, (248) 799-5497.

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PROPERTY MANAGER

Needed for Tri-County area firm. Exp. in multiple site residential community management. Fax resume, # of sites being managed & salary expectations to 248-553-4570

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER/DISPATCHER

Canton Township is accepting applications for Public Safety Service Officer/Dispatcher. Position includes dispatch and also assists police officers with restraining and physical management of individuals in custody and other related duties. Rotating shifts. \$32,312-\$41,523/yr. Preference will be given to applicants that have recent police/fire dispatch experience. Testing process will include written, physical ability, oral board and psychological examinations. Applications can be picked up at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48186. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at: www.canton-mi.org.

Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety to be received by Canton Township Human Resources prior to 4pm, April 12, 2004. Resumes will not be accepted without completed written application form. Written and physical ability testing will be conducted on April 30, 2004. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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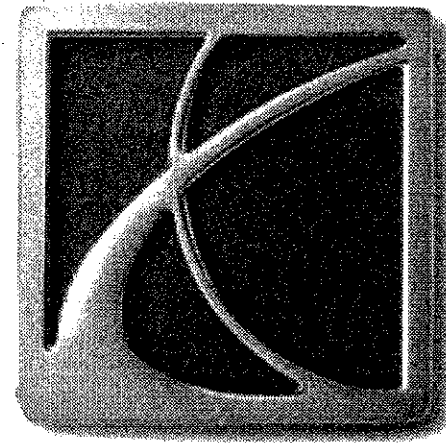
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When it's been more than six or seven years since you've driven a certain model, an auto journalist can be pleasantly surprised with how much that vehicle has changed.

That's the gosh-honest truth with the 2004 Nissan Quest. This is not the nondescript minivan I test-drove so many years ago. This is a revolutionary vehicle that really has a lot of style, integrity and overall quality. What a difference Nissan has made in this minivan that doesn't even feel like a minivan.

Let's start with the exterior styling. Radical, to say the least. And the burnt orange color (Nissan calls it liquid copper) is really, really cool. It makes it further stand out in the crowd. And the minivan market is very, very crowded. I love the flowing lines, the way every piece of sheet metal flows effortlessly into the next. It almost doesn't appear to be a minivan. That's only evident when you get inside.

The front of the Quest is quite stylish with its unique front fascia and grille and the rear treatment is a real treat. You know what makes the difference, I think? It's that everything from the door handles to the mirrors are the same body color. No deviation from the norm, here. That what makes it so clean and stylish.

Privacy glass in the second and third row of seating and also in the liftgate is standard equipment. Oh, did I mention that the rearview mirrors are available heated and have puddle lamps? You normally get that type of equipment in the ultra-luxury segment. Raise the bar, Nissan, go ahead.

Step inside the Quest and that's where you're going to have all the fun. Or your passengers -- namely your children -- will. There's a rear DVD entertainment system. But this is no ordinary system.

There's not one, but two DVD screens -- one for the second row of passengers and one for the third row of passengers. There's a remote control and control knobs for the system in those rows as well.

Unfortunately, the remote control was missing on the test car and it was a royal inconvenience for me to control



The 2004 Nissan Quest stands out and doesn't feel like a minivan.

the DVD system located in the front passenger seat from the driver's or passenger's seat. You really can't see the controls and you have to feel around and guess, even in broad daylight. The space between the seats is smaller than it should be and you really can't read the little bitty control lights.

But with the remote, it wouldn't be a problem, I'm certain.

I had another couple of complaints. We took the Quest on a lengthy trip to the upper corners of Michigan, but the kids weren't done with their movie. We allowed them to continue to watch the end because to turn it off would force them to start it all over or search for a lengthy time for where it was turned off.

I thought I was being a good mom. Instead, within 25 minutes of having the Quest on aux power, the battery went dead. That was a major surprise. We'd done that before with other vehicles and it didn't happen. Needless to say, it took four hours for us to get AAA Michigan to get to us to give us a jump. A bit of inconvenience, but we dealt with it.

My other complaint was that the rear passengers had control knobs for the heating and cooling system, but they don't have full control. Full control is up front, with the driver. Having them ask me to turn up and turn down the fan was more than annoying.

The inside of the Quest is laid out as logically as a minivan should. Seats fold down and out of the way easily, flat to the floor. The front controls and instrumentation is centered between the front two passengers and a bit to get

used to at first. But it only took a little while. Made sense after a while to have all the controls accessible to both front passengers, actually.

Most important controls are located in front of the driver located on stalks or on the steering wheel. That does make sense. Taking your eyes off the road for any extended time does not make sense at all.

Navigation system is also available and was fairly accurate in most cases. The controls were easy to learn and understand and the touch screen was more logical than dumb controls on the dash.

Power to the Quest is taken care of by a 3.5-liter dual overhead cam 24-valve V6 engine that promises 240 horsepower and delivers it with quiet charm. Never had a problem getting it up to speed in any situation. There's a standard traction control system and a sensor-type tire pressure monitor system that alerted us we were down on pressure by more than 10 psi during our drive up north.

Another unsettling feature that was a bit radical was the mounting of the automatic transmission shifter, which was on the instrument panel. It took some getting used to, but I did.

The Quest also has a great number of windows up top, which allowed my girls to do some star-gazing on our trip. It was fun for them, actually.

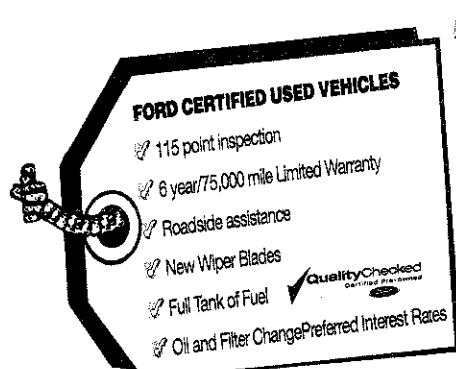
The Quest has really evolved in the past few years to a vehicle that many minivan fans ought to take a look at. It's not your ordinary minivan. Now go take a look.

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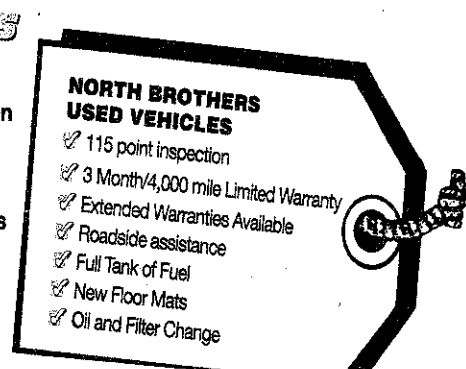
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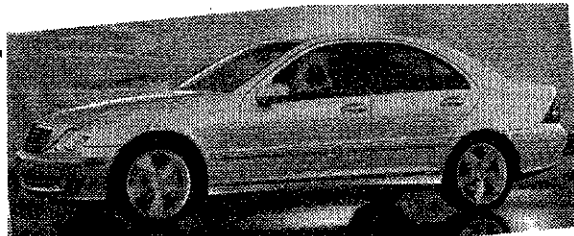
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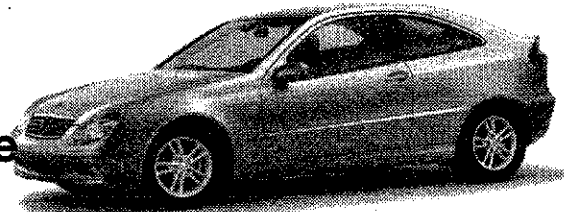
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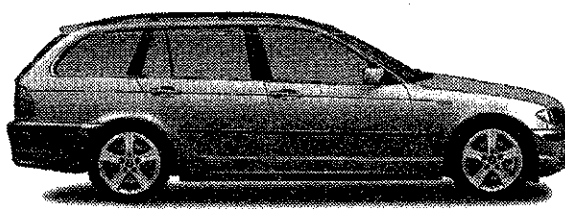
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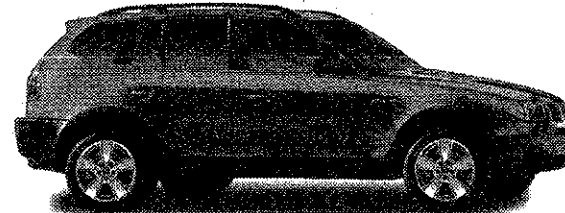
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