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Bill would allow schools to run elections

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, got an earful from Plymouth-Canton school officials about the financial burden that will be incurred as a result of the new election law passed by legislators – including Stewart – that forces school districts to hand over control of their elections to municipal clerks.

In what has turned out to be a worst-case scenario, the cost of the Plymouth-Canton school board election on May 3 will increase dramatically because of the legislation. In previous years, when the district conducted its own election, the tab was in the \$15,000 range. With the

clerks in the boundaries of the school district conducting the election – Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville Township, Salem Township and Superior Township – the cost is being estimated at \$150,000.

In January, Stewart said he'd be "the first legislator to introduce legislation" to amend the new state law to bring election costs more in line. On March 8, Stewart made good on that promise by introducing legislation which allows school boards to conduct their



Stewart

own elections in the designated months of February, May, August or November.

"I want to put the authors and proponents of the election consolidation law on notice, up front, so they start to get comfortable with the idea," said Stewart. "I don't know if there's support, but it's common sense."

"I hope it will stand on its merit," he said, "so that on May 3rd or 4th they will look to the Stewart bill and begin some activity on this."

Stewart said the "perfect storm" almost occurred in the May Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education election.

"What if no person challenged (incumbent board member) Tom Wysocki?" said Stewart. "He would have gone through an election

uncontested, and we would have gone through an election process that would have easily cost three to four times as much."

Plymouth-Canton Schools elections clerk Elizabeth Adams approves of the proposed change.

"I think it's important that we have control of our own elections, not only because of the cost, but because the elections affect our district residents and students," said Adams.

No one knows, yet, how much the election will cost Plymouth-Canton Schools until all the bills are in. Early estimates indicate the school district could see a bill of \$78,000 from

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A6

Ford Road name change debated

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Company's coming. And with visitors on the way, Canton is focusing on sprucing up its busiest business district.

Some two million visitors per year will come to Canton just to visit IKEA when it opens its doors in 2006, said Melissa McLaughlin, who serves on the Downtown Development Authority, the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees.

In the meantime, the township's DDA is awaiting a report from consultants who will help the district improve its image. Consistent signage, lighting, trees, traffic management and even a name change have been discussed as part of the image makeover for the DDA.

One of the names considered for the new and improved, spiffier Ford Road is Parkway 153 (a reference to the road's state, M-153).

But a change in appearance may be an easier sell than the change in name, according to McLaughlin.

"I am here to report that the name Parkway 153 is stinking up the room," she told the DDA. "We're always going to call it Ford Road anyway. Changing the name doesn't change what it is to you."

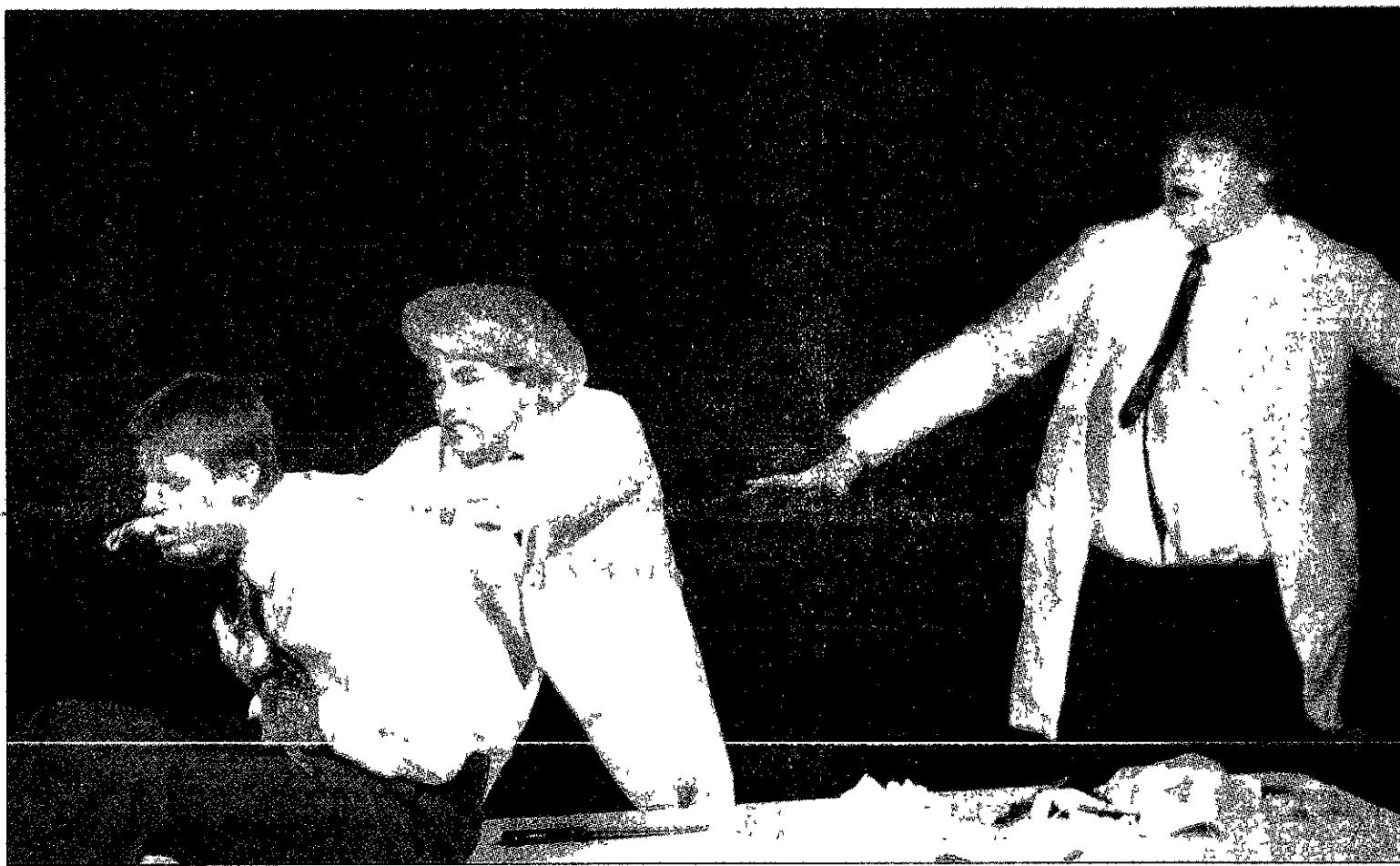
What she's hoping it will be is an upscale version of its existing self.

IKEA, with its popular Swedish furniture and A-list retail reputation, will bring more than just traffic. It will lend to the township a certain level of prestige that skeptics once thought Canton just couldn't carry off, she said.

But Canton has become an attractive enough market that the area can compete, and Wednesday the DDA removed from its monthly agenda an item that would have committed the township to providing landscaping at the new store's site.

"This was to be an item to assuage" the negotiation process to bring the store to Canton, McLaughlin said. "But it turned out we didn't really have to do that."

PLEASE SEE DEBATE, A4



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

(From Left) Collin Howder, Joe Hingelberg, and Travis Peltó, members of the the PCEP Improv Club, perform a sketch called The Surgeons Tuesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Improvising some laughs

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Individually, the five young actors say they're as useless as half an Oreo cookie. Without the cream center. But together, they are a comic powerhouse called Fancy Schmancy.

Fancy Schmancy took to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill stage Tuesday night in their first sketch comedy performance. The group of high school students are part of the PCEP Improv Club, a group of some 45 high school students, which gathers every Monday to hone their writing and acting skills. And even

though it's hard work sometimes, improv has addictive qualities to those who get hooked.

"It was about three years ago, I was walking past a little theater in the school," said Canton High School senior Jon Sandberg. "I asked someone what was going on and they told me it was the Improv Club. I haven't missed a Monday since."

But it's not just about the fun, Sandberg said. Improv has helped him become quick on his feet in most situations and has helped him grow as a person, he said.

Up until this week, the group had worked on improvisational pieces, but when they got the opportunity

to perform at the township's new theater, Improv Club advisors Jordan Brun and Evin Green saw the opportunity for the students to try something new.

The students in Fancy Schmancy – Travis Peltó, Collin Howder, Joe Hingelberg, Jon Sandberg and Tim Majzlik – have practiced on weekends and after school for the past 10 weeks, preparing for the show. Also performing in a couple of the skits was Elise Cassista. The students wrote, edited and promoted the hourlong program themselves, Brun said.

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Student Improv Club
debuts at Village
Theater

Neighbors make over Marine's basement

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

After seven months in Iraq, Canton resident Phil Applegate returned home in late February to a loving family, good friends and a totally remodeled basement.

When Applegate, a major in the Marine Corps Reserves, left for Iraq in July 2004, he knew he had the family and friends, but his basement was a different story. It

was unfinished and being used as a storage area.

While Applegate was in Iraq, serving as an intelligence officer with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, his family, friends and neighbors spent nearly two months finishing his basement. First, they hauled out all of the old stuff. Then they put up drywall, built a complete kitchen and installed a bathroom with a six-foot shower stall.

Saturday night, Applegate and his wife, Trish, held a party that showcased the remodeled basement. It was also a way for Applegate to thank the many people who chipped in on the project.

"I was floored," said Applegate, recalling his reaction when he first saw the basement.

The room, which had been the main storage facility for the house,

PLEASE SEE MARINE, A4

Phil Applegate (center), a Marine Reservist, uses a map to show his friends Brent Behrman, of Canton, and Mindy Herrmann, of Northville, where he was stationed in Iraq. Behrman and Herrmann were just some of the people that remodeled Applegate's basement while he was away.



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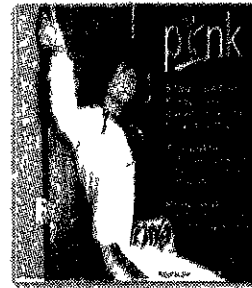
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Bookmark contest

The Children's Library at the Canton Public Library is sponsoring a bookmark contest for kids grade K-5 to celebrate National Library Week.

One winner from each grade will receive a prize and 100 copies of each winning bookmark will be distributed at the library. Entries will be judged on three criteria: originality, design and how well they depict the theme "Celebrate Reading and Libraries."

The contest is open to children who live in Canton. Entry forms are available in the Children's Library and all entries must be received by Monday, April 4. Only one entry per child. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 12.

Artful affair

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding its annual dinner-auction fundraiser, Artful Affair: Year of Pearls and Black Satin, on Saturday, March 19th, 5:30 p.m. to midnight. The event will be held at the Schoolcraft VistaTech Center located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia. Tickets are \$85 per person. Tables of 8 are available. For reservations, please contact Tia Barbero at (734) 416-4278 or tbarbero@plymoutharts.com. Proceeds benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council, a nonprofit organization.

The event will feature entertainment and a live auction. Items to be auctioned include trips to Puerto Vallarta and Indian Shores, Fl., and Puerto Rico, as well as a five day, four night "Mystery Destination" to anywhere in the continental 48 states, flight vouchers and hotel included. Sports features include: Pistons tickets against either Los Angeles Clippers or Boston Celtics; and University

of Michigan football tickets.

There are a variety of two-dimensional art by internationally known artists.

Other featured items include: a wide variety of jewelry, packages for youth, an assortment of dining experiences, fine art, tables, wool rugs, and a complete room makeover. If you are interested in bidding on items, but are unable to attend, please stop by the Arts Council and place proxy bid. Proxy bidding will close at noon on Wednesday, March 16th.

For additional information, contact Sarah Martin at (734) 416-4278, or smartin@plymoutharts.com.

Identity theft seminar

The Canton Police Department is hosting an identity theft and fraud prevention seminar April 23 at Summit on the Park. Sgt. Scott Hilden will be on hand to discuss how residents can prevent identity theft from occurring.

The seminar is being offered at no cost to Canton residents and businesses. To make a reservation, contact the community relations office at (734) 394-5325, or e-mail shilden@canton-mi.org.

Call for artists

The Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair, presented by Canton Township Leisure Services and Beechwood Inc., will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. This is an outdoor art fair held around the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill Village at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

It is a juried show that has an opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists. Booth spaces are assigned. Friday setup permit-



A scary affair

"FrankenBoyer" (a.k.a. Canton resident Bob Boyer) recently dressed up to promote the Canton Chamber of Commerce's upcoming "Haunted Chamber" dinner auction from 7 p.m. to midnight on April 8 at the Hellenic Cultural Center. This year the auction takes on the Halloween-related theme of "Haunted Chamber," where guests will enjoy haunted music from their favorite old scary movies and television shows, as well as a variety of other haunted events. Some of the prizes to be raffled off include vacation packages, a big screen television, jewelry, electronic equipment, and sports packages. Guest will have a chance to bid on many prizes during the live auction, or buy raffle tickets for nearly 200 prizes. Tickets for the event are \$75 and include admission, dinner, open bar, and entertainment. For reservations or more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040.

ted, easy site access for set-up, artist parking very close to site, and security is provided both nights.

Accepted categories are: Clay; oils/acrylics; glass; photography; drawings; jewelry;

etching; mixed media; graphics; ceramics; watercolor; wood; sculpture; and textile. Awards will be presented.

Application fee is \$150. Submitting deadline is April 29. For an application contact

Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174, or e-mail kris2clay@juno.com.

Fingerprinting

The Michigan Association of Police will be at Michaels (41904 Ford Road in Canton) on March 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to offer free fingerprinting for its Build a Buddy program. Canton police cars and fire trucks will also be on hand. There will also be prize drawings, Chuck E Cheese coupons for every child fingerprinted, and refreshments.

LaJoy office hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will be in the district March 21, from 3:30-5 p.m. at McCoy's Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor in Belleville, which is located at 333 Industrial Drive. Local residents can meet with him to discuss state government concerns and issues. No appointment is necessary.

Patterson office hours

Senator Bruce Patterson's District Director will hold the first official office hours of 2005 for all Northville community residents, and any other interested constituents of state Senate District 7, on Monday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Northville Community Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Please contact his Lansing office at (517) 373-7350, if you believe you will be stopping by.

Radio benefit

WSDP 88.1 The Escape, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth Canton schools, presents the second-annual King of Spring benefit concert at 6 p.m. Friday, March 18 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Six area bands will be performing on two stages. The concert benefits WSDP, with tickets priced at \$6.

Station officials also announced that Forever Inside

Records recording artist Ettison Clio will headline the show. The East Lansing-based indie rock band has made quite a name for themselves over the past five years, station officials said, and are "on the verge of much bigger things" with the release of their new CD, "This is for the Blue Collars."

Three of the band's members graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools. Ettison Clio performs early in the evening due to another concert later that evening. Other bands performing include The Rising Tide (formerly Sandbox Heroes), the Transfer, Which Way is Home, Common Misconception and Great Basement Crusade.

The concert is sponsored by Canton Computer and Simplicity Board Sports. WSDP has been serving the Plymouth-Canton community for more than 33 years.

For more information, call (734) 416-7732.

Good Friday concert

As a part of its concert series, the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents the Schubert Mass in G Major and the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major on Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The lyrical Schubert Mass features an ensemble of 50 voices, an orchestra of 22 musicians, and guest soloists. Pianist Clinton Smith, graduate student at University of Michigan's School of Music, will perform the three movements of the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major.

Throughout the year, the concert series presents local artists, nationally known ensembles, and international solo concert artists for the enjoyment of music lovers in the southeastern Michigan locale. The venue is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For directions visit www.pfmc.org. Admission to the concert is free, presented as a musical tribute in honor of Holy Week.

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POSSIBLE ATTEMPTED MURDER

Canton police are investigating a possible home invasion and attempted murder. A Canton man told police someone was trying to kill him and his wife and two children, age 7 and 4.

The man called the fire department on Feb. 12, when he smelled gasoline every time the furnace came on.

When he tried to air out the house on Queen Anne, he discovered that the garage doors could not be opened because they had been sprayed with some sort of foam insulation.

The odor in the house was caused by a substance - possibly oil and gasoline - poured into the furnace's fresh air intake vent, according to police reports.

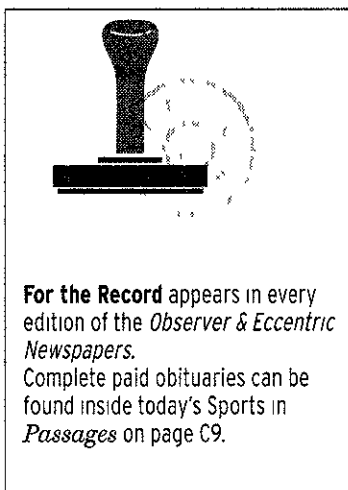
Police are investigating the incident, and searched a neighbor's house, where they found empty foam insulation cans.

TEEN ATTACKED IN CAR

The father of a Canton teenager called police after she said she'd been attacked twice in her car.

According to police reports, the 16-year-old girl said she was first attacked on Feb. 12 after she left the Emagine theater on Ford Road in Canton.

She told police she got into her car at about 9 p.m. As soon



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as she moved the car, a man sat up in the back seat, covered her mouth and told her to park the car at the end of a row in the parking lot.

The man took her purse, dumped it onto the passenger seat, grabbed her drivers license and cash, and left the car.

On March 6, the girl was leaving her boyfriend's home in Canton, she told police. She got into her car, and began to drive away. Again, a man sat up in her back seat, and covered her mouth, and ordered her to stop the car.

He crawled into the front seat, tried to remove her clothes and touched her underneath her clothing.

She described the man as white, 18-25 years old, 5-feet 10 inches tall, 180-190 pounds,

clean shaven with dark eyes and acne scars. She believes the man who attacked her the second time is the same man who was in her car in February, according to police reports.

STOLEN WALLET

Canton police questioned a teen after they discovered he may have taken another student's wallet.

According to police reports, an officer was investigating a possible narcotics transaction between two students at Plymouth Canton High School. When he searched one of the suspect's backpacks, he found a wallet which apparently belonged to another student.

When questioned, the teen said he had stolen the wallet from a locker while he was skipping fourth period on March 9.

TIPS STOLEN

An employee at Jet's Pizza on Palmer Road called police March 10 after someone stole a jar of cash tips from the counter.

He said he saw a man standing at the counter. He turned his back to go into the kitchen, and when he returned the man and the money were gone, according to police reports.

-By Carol Marshall

Organizers hope Liberty Fest parade will be less of an inconvenience

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Last year's Liberty Fest parade was a learning experience, and this year the June 18 event's coordinators hope it will be more organized and less complicated.

The parade will start an hour earlier - at 9 a.m. instead of 10 - in order to keep the morning less inconvenient for residents and businesses along Ford Road, according to Deborah Zevalkink, the parade's co-chairwoman. Though staging and destaging areas have yet to be finalized, Zevalkink predicted the route will also be a little shorter, just 1.1 miles, starting just east of Canton Center, and ending at Sheldon, in front of the Outback Steakhouse.

"We are aware the parade is a challenge for businesses," Zevalkink told members of the Downtown Development Authority Wednesday, but added the event also highlights the township's DDA, and

'I'm very hopeful that it's late enough in the day to get the involvement from the community that wants to come watch, but early enough that it won't over-impact our businesses.'

Mark Walkbauer
Downtown Development Authority

draws visitors to the area.

Businesses were informed by letter late last month of the road closure, which will be 9 - 10 a.m. on June 18. At the tail end of the parade, police officers will be reopening the road to allow business as usual to resume.

The parade will be limited to 75 entries, and will take approximately one hour.

Along the parade route, there will be some residents who cannot leave their driveways, noted DDA member Melissa McLaughlin. Residents at Fordham Green apartment complex, as well as residents on two residential streets, have no way to exit except onto Ford.

Last year, the first year the parade was on Ford Road, residents could not get out of their driveways without police assistance, but not a single person complained, Zevalkink said.

Moving the schedule ahead by an hour should help event run smoother, said DDA member Mark Waldbauer.

"I'm very hopeful that it's late enough in the day to get the involvement from the community that wants to come watch, but early enough that it won't over-impact our businesses," he said.

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Kathy Meyers and her dog, Whitey, took part in the Central Middle School pet contest, for which voting ended Thursday for 26 pets in an effort by the student council to raise money for the homeless.

Central contest goes to dogs - or doves

Pets compete to help students raise money for the homeless

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The drama is building as this week students at Central Middle School will find out who really is the teacher's pet.

Students campaigned hard for the pets who are running for the distinguished honor, with the real goal of raising money for the homeless.

Nearly half the teachers entered the contest. Among the entries: Gandalf, a former magician's dove currently living at Central in Gail McMahon's room; Cherise Rose's mastiff, Tyson; and Lynette Wehner's hedgehog, Pickles.

However, others - with a Chinese dragon and

Pokemons - created fictitious pets.

"It's good for kids to learn to help the community and help others," said Jenn Lipscomb, an eighth-grader from Canton Township who campaigned hard for her Welsh springer spaniel, Quincy. "It's always good to help others because it's hard on them."

Students colored posters, put together buttons and made up campaign slogans - "Tyson eats no chicken" and "nickels for Pickles" - to collect loose change from fellow students outside the lunch room.

"It's been a fun way to get kids to remember there are people less privileged," said Phyllis Kownacki, a student council teacher adviser whose Shitzu, Mozart, is running hard for the top honor. "It doesn't matter whose bucket they put the money in, it's about putting money in for people who need shelter and clothing."

Roby Jarczewski, also a student council adviser, is one of the favorites with her Rottweiler, Max. "It's about teaching them now that we give every opportunity we have," she said. "We can do it with fun and silliness, but the key is that we collect for people who are less fortunate."

John Dalton, an eighth-grader from Canton Township, campaigned hard for Mrs. J. and "maximum effort Max."

"It makes you feel really good inside that you're helping somebody that doesn't have what you have," said Dalton.

Last year's teachers' pet contest raised \$2,000 for homeless causes.

The teacher who collects the most money wins lunch at Panera Bread, snacks for his or her homeroom and a treat for the pet.

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Artist John Knopf shows Charles Vink (left) and David Van Dyke how to play his handmade mountain dulcimers, which will be for sale at Saturday's band booster arts and crafts show at Canton High School. Standing behind them are Amy Markey (left) on the bass clarinet and Christina Van Dyke on the bassoon; the girls will perform a duet at the craft show.

Band boosters eye craft show to support music programs

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters turn to arts and crafts this weekend to try to raise money to support band programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Canton High School.

Among the items available: Handmade mountain dulcimers from artist John Knopf, who will also perform. Knopf is among some 90 crafters and artists exhibiting their work at the show.

Of course, it wouldn't be a band booster program without bands, so entertainment will be provided by musical groups from the area. Among them are the West Middle School Dream Team, PCEP choirs and various instrumental music ensembles from the Plymouth-Canton band program.

"We feel we are putting on a unique and fun-filled event in support of our music programs," said boosters spokeswoman Diane Van Dyke.

Crafts available for sale include homemade pens, soaps, furniture, quilts, ceramics, handbags, stained glass and jewelry. Lunch and snacks, as well as homemade baked goods, will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$2. Canton High School is located at 4817 Canton Center. Directions to the show can be found at www.pcmb.net/artcraft.

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters is a non-profit organization that supports both the day band and marching band programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park through fund-raising efforts.

MARINE

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was now attired with halogen track lighting, beige carpeting, a sleek black ceiling and a pool table.

Applegate, a program manager for Electronic Data Systems in Detroit, said he was "really humbled by the people who dedicated their time." He noted that some of the people who worked on his basement were complete strangers.

One person who wasn't a stranger was his sister-in-law, Louise Brekke. She was pretty much charge of the entire operation and was the guiding design force.

"I added the feminine touch," Brekke said.

She also took it upon herself to enlarge the basement shower. And then, with help from a friend, tile the entire bathroom.

"The guys wanted to leave the shower at 30 inches," she said. "But there was nearly six

feet of space that could be used, so I expanded it myself."

Brekke used a hammer to break up the excess cement and enlisted the help of a friend who is a plumber to move the drain and do other necessary plumbing duties.

Another of Brekke's friends, professional painter Tim Muldowney of Livonia, painted the entire basement a light olive green.

"Painting the walls was one of the last things done," said Muldowney, a retired Dearborn firefighter. "I rolled all of the walls. I find it relaxing."

Brent Behrman, an engineer at Ford Motor, was just one of Applegate's neighbors who volunteered to help with the basement.

"I helped put up the rough stud work and put the bathroom fan in," Behrman said. "I swung a hammer when needed."

Although neighbors did the majority of the work on the basement, some didn't get involved until after the project was under way. Joe Lemieux,

who lives next door to Applegate, had no idea about the renovation.

"Everyone assumed that since I lived next door, I'd know what's going on," Lemieux said.

Once he found out about the project, however, he jumped in with both feet. He hung drywall, put up trim and hung doors. He said he came by on weekends and a few nights a week. There were also a few late nights. Most of the time, there were three or four people working, but "any more than six and everybody was tripping over one another," he said.

Mark Meek, another neighbor, is credited by most of the volunteers as the guy who got the ball rolling. He contacted Brekke, who in turn talked to her sister, Trish. Soon phone calls were made and e-mails were sent to friends and neighbors. Two months later, the basement was finished.

"I was looking for a volunteer project for servicemen who were overseas," Meek said.

DEBATE

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Friday, IKEA announced it had negotiated a deal to purchase neighboring property, the site of the current ABC Warehouse, and would lease the property to the existing electronics store. It was the arrangement with ABC Warehouse that was the definitive factor in IKEA's decision to locate one of its 22 American stores - the only one in Michigan - in Canton.

The image boost has already had an impact on other properties along Ford Road, McLaughlin said.

"We're hearing that prices of real estate are already going up, and we've had a lot of interest from new stores that are now interested in coming to Canton," she said.

Though she could not give

details, she said that in the next six months or so, there will be significant news about changes and new business in Canton.

One business that has gone public already is the Zap Zone, which has bought the property once owned by the Waterbed Gallery, on Ford between Lilley and Haggerty, one of the most visible stretches of the district.

Zap Zone, which sells laser tag equipment, will use a building at the back of the site, and will lease out buildings closer to Ford, according to DDA Director Kathleen Salla.

Zap Zone will present its site plans to the planning commission in April. The company's investment in owning the property is positive for the DDA, which is home to a majority of renters, Salla said.

It's just one example of changes that will take place

along Ford Road, much of which offers opportunities for redevelopment.

Even though the DDA was prepared to commit resources to IKEA, some members said it would have set a bad precedent.

"Once you open the door to do something like that, everyone gets in line," said DDA member Tim Ford.

But McLaughlin noted that IKEA is not just any store, and should be treated differently than less unique shops. IKEA, which will attract travelers and shoppers from outside Michigan, will mean Ford Road will become a prime location for high-end retailers, hotels and popular restaurants.

"I think the things IKEA will be asking for are things Canton can definitely do," McLaughlin said.

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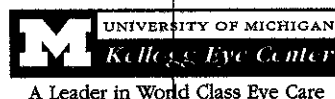
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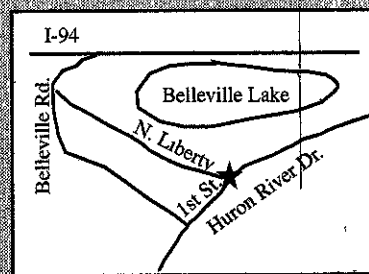
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The local couple started an all natural dog treat business — called First Gnaw — this past December, and delivers those biscuits, cookies and even home-made dog birthday cakes right to your door. Inspired by their own pup, Harley, the Fuerstnau's have been spreading the word at area veterinary clinics, doggie daycares and other community organizations from Plymouth to Ann Arbor.

The treats are home-made, freshly-baked, all natural and preservative-free, said Cathy Fuerstnau. Popular biscuit flavors include peanut butter, cheese or applesauce and cheese. Since John Fuerstnau does all of the baking, they can also accommodate special needs like high fiber or low protein diets.

Doggie birthday cakes are shaped like a bone and frosted especially for the hound of the hour. They require three to five days notice. Cookies biscuits come in all sorts of shapes — from hearts, fire engines and dog houses to bones and even kitty cats. Sizes range from 2 to 4 inches, and they are priced by size accordingly.

A dozen peanut butter biscuits range from \$2.50 to \$4.50.

"We've gotten a great response," said Cathy Fuerstnau. "We field tested (flavors) with our neighbor's dogs. They have had no problems with these. Harley loves them."

To keep their own pup, and taste-tester, in top shape, she said, "we make sure he runs every day."

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Members of the Red Hat Society look no further for those special edition Grasshopper shoes by Keds. Livonia's The Perfect Present is taking orders now, though the shoes won't hit the market until next month. Reserve a pair with a \$20 deposit.

The Perfect Present, which opened last July, has more



than doubled its inventory of gift items. The store features everything from linens, jewelry, candles, coffee and teas, to keepsakes, music boxes and crystal. Prices range from \$5 to \$100.

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NEW MEXICAN FARE

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The quick service, deli-style restaurant first opened in Michigan State territory in 1992 and now boasts more than 25 locations throughout the Midwest. Owner Rodney L. Anderson said he seeks out strong communities.

"We know that Livonia is just that, and it's a great place to start our Metro Detroit area growth," he said.

A second metro area location, in Southfield, is planned for May. In the meantime, visit Panchero's at 47396 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile. Call (734) 279-1010.

Donations send care packages to soldiers

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When her husband gave up his seat on an October 2003 flight for business reasons, Dayle Hoeffcker had no idea how much the 21-year-old U.S. Marine who took his place was going to change her life.

But that's exactly what happened after Hoeffcker, a volunteer for the Operation Troop TLC program, spent that flight talking to the Marine about life in Iraq. When he told her soldiers over there covet letters from home — from *anyone* at home — she decided to do something about it.

So Hoeffcker, who was a room mom at her kids' school at Birmingham Detroit Country Day, started by having her son's class write letters. That effort ballooned over the last two weekends to include

thousands of pounds worth of donations from members of NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, where Hoeffcker is a member.

"Every soldier I've ever talked to has kept any letter anyone ever wrote them," said Hoeffcker. She approached NorthRidge ministers with the idea for the donations. "They obviously mean a lot. That Marine on the plane said it's the little things."

"Our effort started with letters, then got bigger with care packages," Hoeffcker explained. "This is from my heart. You're making a difference."

That's what appealed to the singles group at NorthRidge, which took the idea and ran with it. The total amount of donations wasn't available, but on the first weekend alone, the congregation donated some 350 large boxes that nearly

filled a five-ton truck the army brought to haul off the donations.

Church officials were looking for food items such as ramen, noodle cups, packaged snacks and crackers, powdered drinks, vitamins, sunblock, toiletries, CDs, DVDs, books and magazines.

"We were just trying to encourage the community to come together to demonstrate support for the military," said John Olze, singles pastor at NorthRidge. "People within the church came forward and said, 'We want to show our support.'"

When Hoeffcker had been seeking outlets for the letters and other donations she got at Country Day, she eventually found the soldiers at the 645th Aerial Support Group in Southfield. So when NorthRidge was looking for a partner for

their version of the program, the connection was easy.

Staff Sgt. Lance Horton of the 645th Aerial Support Group said donations such as these are "very important."

"It's unsolicited, people just doing something to show the soldiers they care," Horton said. "We get support like this periodically, but this (NorthRidge's) is the biggest and most organized I've seen so far."

Olze said the singles ministry organized the two-week effort, but it was the people who belong to NorthRidge who really made it happen.

"The cool thing is it was very volunteer oriented," Olze said. "I think it shows our people are passionate about what the military is doing, and they're grateful. This was a great way to show our gratitude."

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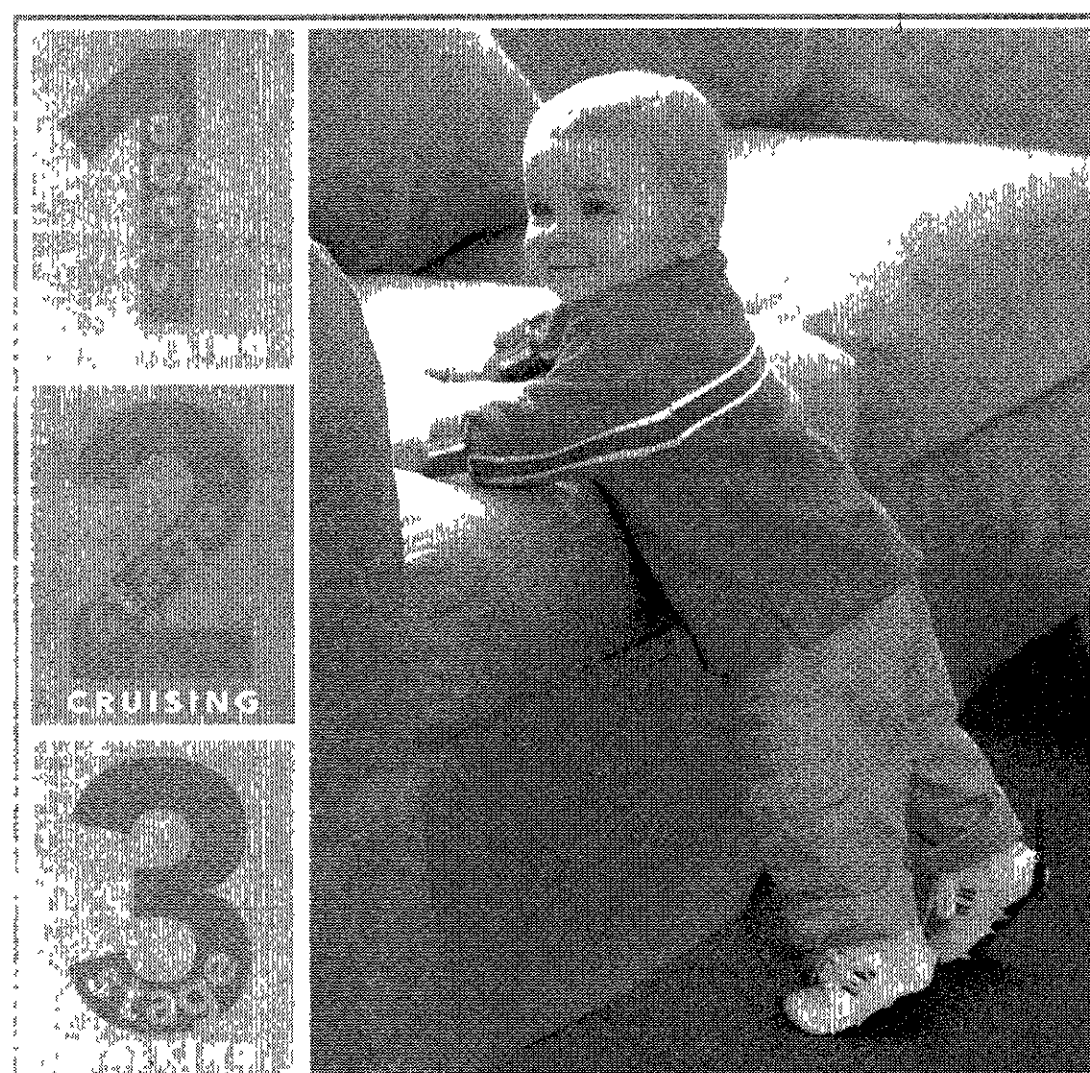
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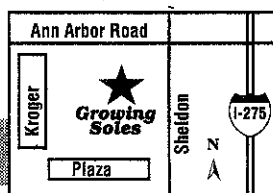


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ELECTION

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Canton Township; \$35,000 from Plymouth Township; \$30,000 from Northville Township; and \$15,000 from Plymouth.

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said she's making an effort to lower the cost for the school district.

"The law allows us to combine precincts in the same location if the total registered voters is not more than 5,000," Bennett said. "The voter won't see any difference because we're not moving precincts. But, it will save on the number of election workers we will need."

'The voter won't see any difference because we're not moving precincts.'

Terry Bennett
Canton Township clerk

For example, there are three individual precincts that vote at the Summit on the Park. In most elections, there would be three sets of poll workers scheduled. Because of what is expected to be a light voter turnout - past elections had less than 5 percent of the electorate - Bennett said she will hire only one group of poll workers to save money.

Three of the district's four polling places in Plymouth are at the Cultural Center. "I didn't combine or eliminate any precincts," said Clerk Linda Langmesser, but, I'll man the precincts with about half the number of election workers as we do for the state, county or federal elections."

The May 3 election has Tom Wysocki seeking a second, four-year term. He is challenged by Emily Florence of Canton Township.

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Audit reveals costly lack of oversight at Northville Psychiatric

BY DAVID AGUILAR
NORTHVILLE RECORD

Sloppy bookkeeping by former Northville Psychiatric Hospital employees and inappropriate access to state-owned resources may have cost Michigan taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars before the facility closed two years ago.

An auditor general report released Feb. 18 claims former hospital employees were allowed inappropriate access to taxpayer-paid credit cards, on-site gasoline pumps and facility accounting records while failing to properly inventory state-owned equipment, monitor vendor billing practices and account for hospital medications.

It also claims hospital officials extended — without proper oversight — a \$1.86 million electrical project billed to the state through fiscal year 2003-04 that included significant hospital wiring and rewiring, along with new voicemail, paging and weather alarm systems.

Originally, the state approved spending only \$482,234.

The report, conducted June-November 2003, also details a laundry list of other faulty practices. Among the report's findings:

■ Hospital officials regularly did not seek competitive bids for on-site work.

■ A vendor was overpaid \$16,446 for hourly labor performed at a rate higher than one previously agreed.

■ A vendor was paid at least \$114,430 for hourly labor without proper documentation.

■ In one instance, hospital officials approved a \$308 vendor payment for work done for another of the vendor's customers.

■ Hospital officials paid \$18,725 to one vendor without verifying goods and services

had been received.

■ For 84 monitored expenditures, hospital officials filed a necessary purchase order only 43 percent of the time.

■ Hospital employees failed to properly inventory all state-owned property and equipment worth more than \$5,000 following notice of the facility's closing. The failure resulted in damaged equipment, loss and unaccounted for state-owned property, including an improperly documented \$1.96 million negative adjustment in September 2001.

■ Hospital pharmacy staff did not properly document about \$5.1 million worth of medications purchased between 2000-02, nor did they properly inspect medication deliveries between 2000-03.

All this is according to the 43-page report. Conducted as a standard practice following the closure of a state-operated facility, it lists numerous "concerns," reaches 13 findings and offers 23 agency recommendations.

Poor record keeping prevented auditor general officials from specifying exactly how much money was lost or how many state-owned resources were lost or misappropriated, the report concluded.

REACTION

"Obviously, the audit points out some things that concern us," said T.J. Bucholz, communications director for the Department of Community Health, the state agency responsible for overseeing Michigan's seven state-operated medical facilities.

"This audit has been a wake-up call for us. Its caused us to re-evaluate the way we do certain things... Anytime there is unaccounted for equipment and unaccounted for dollars, that is certainly a concern."

He said the report findings, while troubling, occurred during



The Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital is on Seven Mile Road.

the waning days of Gov. John Engler's tenure and should not reflect poorly on Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Bucholz said he has no idea how the former Northville hospital went so far astray. "I don't know how it happened," he said. "It baffles us."

He said the report has prompted internal Department of Community Health changes, including the appointment of an administrator responsible for overseeing the agency's statewide facilities.

"We've gone back and looked at our spending," Bucholz said. "I can guarantee you won't see another audit report like that."

WHO PAYS?

Bucholz said to date no former or current state employee has been disciplined or fired due to the report's findings, despite allegations former Northville hospital employees had inappropriate access to procurement cards and each of the 73 procurement purchases tested by the auditor general failed to meet one or more necessary guidelines and procedures.

During a two-year period ending September 2002, hospital officials used procurement cards to make purchases totaling \$1.02 million, according to the report.

The report also concludes the State of Michigan lost about \$320,000 worth of federal Medicaid reimbursements in 2002-03 because hospital

officials did not properly document electricity, water, sewer and steam services it provided to the nearby state-run Hawthorn Center.

Michigan taxpayers facing escalating gasoline prices may have also paid twice for hospital employees who had inappropriate and unmonitored access to on-site fuel pumps.

"Northville Psychiatric Hospital could not ensure that the gasoline and diesel fuel it purchased and dispensed was used for official state business," according to the report.

Furthermore, the report concluded, \$49,000 worth of gasoline was double-billed to the state's general fund because of poor bookkeeping.

Bucholz said procurement cards are not as easily accessible as they once were and more stringent Department of Community Health oversight procedures are now in place at each of the state's other medical facilities.

"Action speaks louder than words," he said. "We are concerned and committed to solving these problems."

View the report online at www.audgen.mi.gov

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Hydroplane driver begins series on Detroit River

The Detroit River is highlighted in a series of lectures that encompass the heritage and ecology of our waterway at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum presented by the Great Lakes Maritime Institute, continuing at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19.

The second lecture in the series features Danny Foster, who drove the unlimited hydroplane Miss Peps-V to victory in the 1947 Gold Cup race — bringing the cup back to Detroit. During 1947 while racing Miss Peps-V, Foster also won the President's Cup, the National Sweepstakes Trophy, the Auerbach Trophy, the Maple Leaf Trophy, the Imperial Gold Cup and the Detroit Memorial Trophy.

Miss Peps-V was also awarded a trophy by the Mexican government. Between 1946 and 1965, Foster raced for such notable Detroiters as the Dossin Brothers, Horace Dodge, Jr., Joe Schoenith, and Jack Schaefer. He will be talking about his experiences and showing films of some of the races.

Each of the following presentations also start at 2 p.m. and are free with paid admission to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Call (313) 297-8366 for more information.

■ Saturday, April 16, 2005 —

Gary Williams of Michigan State University will discuss "The Water Quality of the Detroit River" and conduct a hands-on demonstration investigating waterborne life.

■ Saturday, April 30, 2005 — Patrick Livingston conducts a discussion of his experiences on lake boats and his new book "Sailing In The Sixties," recently published by Wayne State University Press.

■ Saturday, May 21, 2005 — Joseph Cabadas will narrate a slide show companion to his newly-published book, "River Rouge — Ford's Industrial Colossus."

These programs are supported by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Detroit Historical Society and the Great Lakes Maritime Institute.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle is open to the public Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and children 5-18, and free for children 4 and under. During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or check the Detroit Historical Museums website at www.detroithistorical.org.

Schoolcraft board incumbents run unopposed

Incumbent Schoolcraft College trustees Philip Cascade, Patricia Watson and Gregory Stempien will run unopposed in the May 3 board election.

Watson and Stempien are running for re-election to six-year terms.

Cascade, who was appointed to complete the term of Richard DeVries, is running to fill the remaining four years of the six-year term. DeVries was murdered in June 2004.

Deadline for nominating petitions was March 7.

The seven-member governing board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as special meetings as necessary. There is no compensation for these elected positions.

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OUR VIEWS

Area teams supplying lots of March Madness

Spring is the time for eternal hope and what better event than March Madness to usher it in? Whether it's tier one programs or those holding Cinderella hopes, college basketball teams this time of year strive for the ultimate reward and memories of playing on the greatest stage of all. Michigan will again be represented on all counts. Michigan State's men's team will continue its postseason streak, MSU's women's team has moved onto new heights as a No. 1 seed and, closer to home, Oakland University's men's team has navigated onto uncharted waters.

Despite the route to the NCAA's Big Dance, what makes the next three weeks so exciting is that all the teams that have punched their tickets have an equal opportunity to succeed. Previous slates are wiped clean and it's play until you lose.

Cinderella stories are the talk of any ball, and in the leading role this year will be head coach Greg Kampe's Golden Grizzlies. Their grit and determination after starting the season 0-7 proved that even the unlikely of goals is attainable.

This is the first time for OU to be mentioned alongside the elite — schools like Duke, North Carolina, Connecticut, UCLA and Oklahoma State that bleed basketball — but not the first time with the odds stacked against them. The Golden Grizzlies defied the odds and had a Cinderella moment of their own just last week when they put together an improbable run to win their own conference tournament. That victory came courtesy of a 3-point basket by senior Pierre Dukes as time was running down.

It was another reminder that spring and March Madness make it very enjoyable to be a college athlete, a college student, or just a college basketball fanatic.

Prep stars earn titles with work, dedication

Hail, champions!

Congratulations to the many talented high school teams throughout our *Observer & Eccentric* communities who earned state championship crowns in ice hockey, swimming, competitive cheer and gymnastics last weekend.

Being a student-athlete is hard work. So for the hours of training, practice and attention to academics, we salute our hometown teams for their awesome accomplishments this season.

In boys hockey, the Catholic League flexed its muscle in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 with state titles being won by Redford Catholic Central (eighth state championship, including six in the last seven years), Birmingham Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, respectively.

Birmingham Brother Rice's season had a fairy tale ending when senior defenseman Eric Hill scored the first goal of his career in a 4-3 overtime victory for the Warriors. It was Rice's first championship since 1992 and a night that Hill won't soon forget.

The Eaglets of St. Mary's also shared a dream come true by winning the school's first-ever hockey state title.

The young women of Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood were not to be denied on the rink. The Cranes took home the girls hockey state championship with a double overtime win over Grosse Pointe South.

In the pool, Birmingham Groves dominated and captured its second straight Division 2 state swimming crown. Birmingham schools took a clean sweep of the two top spots with Seaholm coming in second.

And we can't forget the Rochester High School cheer team. The Falcons are a dynasty in the sport of competitive cheer. The team won its ninth Class A state title under head coach Susan Wood.

Tri-Farmington took its second straight gymnastics state crown with impressive floor routines, bar and beam work.

Hard work and determination does pay off. Congratulations Shamrocks, Warriors, Eaglets, Cranes, Maples, Falcons and Tri-Farmington on a job well done!

Welcome spring, don't bash winter

Don't despair just because spring's been slow in coming this year. Wintry weather also has its benefits.

Snow storms topped the list of "Most Romantic Weather Conditions," according to the results of The Weather Channel's second "Weather and Romance Survey."

Today is St. Patrick's Day, traditionally a time for revelry, and for those respondents who ranked spring as most romantic, a time to look forward to warmer weather. It'll be here before you know it, along with ball games, barbecues and plenty of time to spend in the great outdoors.

Parks and back yards beckon, with gardeners eager to get out and do their thing. Spring's arrival means summer's not far behind; just remember that all seasons have their special joys, even the much-maligned winter.



LETTERS

Peace and harmony

As one of your constituents, I want to let you know that I like "business as usual" in Canton (re: Todd Caccamo March 10 *Observer* letter "Business as usual"). I like living in Canton. I like the municipal services and facilities that we have — parks and recreation, the library, the police, the fire/rescue departments — at their current staffing and program levels. And I like peace and harmony in our township government.

Your letter stated that you have learned to compromise, as suggested by a *Canton Observer* editorial following your election, but I don't read any "compromise" in your letter.

I have used my education (B.S.M.E., S.A.E. and P.S.I.A.) to learn how to live together in peace and harmony. I have been married to my one-and-only wonderful wife for 30 years this August. We live with our two adult children, ages 23 and 26. Todd, now that takes peace and harmony!

You may wish to consider the excellent material from Peacemakers on Christian conflict resolution. Its theme is frank and caring discussion directly with those you have a conflict with. Whining in the local papers would be considered gossip.

Don't worry so much about keeping your one campaign promise. Did a majority of Canton Township residents even vote last November? Of those that voted, how many voted for you? We constituents much prefer that our elected officials get along. We want to read about real news in the local papers. Like IKEA coming to town. Like teamwork in local government.

Doug Tomayko
Canton

Attacks are inadequate

I read the letter from (state) Sen. Bruce Patterson attempting to deflect inquiry into his acceptance of a great deal of cash money from the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesaler's Organization.

I wrote a letter to Patterson admonishing him to not take any money or favors from them in the future and that it would be fitting memorial to anyone killed in drunk driving accidents for him to return the money and cash equivalent for gifts back to them.

I attended the first public meeting on the Michigan Department of Transportation 5 Year Plan for roads and bridges that was hosted by Representative LaJoy.

Sen. Patterson appeared there and even though he is not on the Transportation Committee anymore he seemed to verbally attack the representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation on several issues. He referenced a report on the I-275 and Ford interchange (which is flawed) as a reason for encouraging these state employees to badger the federal government.

As for Patterson blustering about special interest money I need only point out that Sen. Gilbert — a colleague of the blustery Patterson — is the head of the

State Senate Committee on Transportation and he gets an awful lot of money from the cement industry and road builders in Michigan.

His personal attack techniques may have been effective in getting him into office but they are inadequate for representing interests — both business and civil — of our senatorial district.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Wonderful evening

Friday was an evening to remember ... the first "Evening of Excellence" extraordinaire at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and it was, well, excellent!

From the light and refreshing master of ceremonies Dr. Jim Ryan (and Terry Wood), to the wonderful strolling dinner, to the great company, to the amazing displays of talent from across our district, to the final touches of champagne and dessert, everything was excellent!

There are so many people I would like to thank, and I am certain to miss someone along the way, so please forgive me if I do. First of all, thank you to the Educational Excellence Foundation for conceiving of this wonderful event, and then working so hard to make it happen! Thank you to George Shea, EEF chairperson; Richard Reaume, EEF vice chairperson and Plymouth Township supervisor; Carole Kody, EEF executive director; and all of the other officers and trustees of the EEF Board.

Thank you to State Rep. Phil LaJoy and Canton board Trustee Todd LaJoy.

Thank you so much to the many sponsors of the event including: Community Financial; Cold Stone Creamery; TMP Architecture; The Law Offices of Brashear, Tangora, Gallagher, Creighton, & Amann, LLP; Horton Plumbing; McCarthy & Smith Construction Services; UBS Financial Services; the PCEA; Clark Hill Attorneys at Law; Health Air Inc.; Michigan Made & More; Harper, Finley & Associates, P.C.; Wakely Associates Inc. Architects + Engineers; Neville Financial Group; and the Holiday Market.

But most importantly, thank you to the students for the remarkable show! The P-CEP Orchestra Strings, the West Dream Team, Girls' Vocal Ensemble, the Winter Guard, the P-CEP Park Players, the P-CEP Percussion Ensemble, the P-CEP Chamber Choir & Madrigal Singers, the Central Jazz Band, the DuBois Little Theatre Productions, and the P-CEP Wind Ensemble, BRAVO! So much talent in a single show, it was almost impossible to believe, each act bringing their own unique style, genre, and flair.

I do not speak for the whole Board of Education, but I am pretty sure they all join me in saying once again, "thank you."

Rich Ham-Kucharski
school board trustee

Old-time hockey

Hockey for me can best be summed up by the old MasterCard commercial involving a father who takes his son (donning an old style Edmonton Oilers

jersey) to a frozen pond where many others are enjoying the game. "Priceless!"

Over the last few years I have been very disappointed with professional hockey. Disappointed by the type of play; the purchasing of players; the owners overvaluing players and the free acceptance of players who continually give less than 100 percent accepting lucrative contracts, all while I can no longer afford to take even one of my children to a Red Wings game.

Since it has been a while since I made it down to the "Joe" it was quite a treat this weekend for my family and me to get the opportunity to watch my 6-year-old son and his mini-mite teammates play a league championship game on the Joe Louis ice.

The game started off very well for the visiting and extremely talented Canton Wings who were able to control the first half of the game 4-0, but with little time left in the game our Plymouth-Great White Sharks had fought back, against all odds and knotted the score at four. So two teams comprised of 28 6-year-olds, who had listened with eager ears to their coaches all year, who had sweated through 7 a.m. practices, who had climbed many mountains and performed many drills, were now going to play an overtime championship game where about 25 years ago Gordie Howe and Wayne Gretzky made their only All-Star game appearance against each other.

Needless to say, a single overtime would not be enough to end this night. It would take a second overtime and an unbelievable goal by the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Great White Shark Ryan Radwan before this memorable night could come to a close.

These players, from both teams, made their parents proud, their coaches proud and all those who grew up in love with this game proud. They performed with grace and guts. They were aggressive but classy, and in the end they played to have fun.

The 300-400 people who fought AytoRama traffic and a closed Jeffries Freeway to come watch these kids play could not have been witness to a better brand of hockey. It was, as the commercial states, "Priceless."

Darrin H. Silvester
Great White Shark assistant coach

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"It's not a heroic move, it's in respect for the (school) board and the district's financial situation that I decided to handle it this way. If I received a pay raise before we rewarded the people who really do the work, that would send a bad message."

— Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools' superintendent, on why he wouldn't take a pay raise when signing a one-year contract extension

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Fairness in journalism on its way to becoming an old idea

A coalition of news organizations has proclaimed this to be "sunshine week," a time when we celebrate openness in government (such as it is) and fight to get more of it. I've always believed strongly that any government that conducts business in secret is a government to be feared.

So it is with a sense of alarm that I bring you some distressing anecdotes from a sunshine front that this year is, at best, partly cloudy.

Last month it came out that a regular participant in White House news conferences was a fake reporter (James Guckert) using a false name (Jeff Gannon) working for a spurious news service (Talon News) that had no circulation nor readership ... but which was owned by the same guy (Robert Eberle) who also owns a pro-Republican Web site (GOPUSA.com.)

Gannon/Guckert was outed and ousted after asking such inappropriately softball questions that legitimate reporters started wondering what was going on.

More troubling was the news that the Bush administration over the past few years has employed as paid propagandists no less than five "journalists." Two of them wrote syndicated newspaper columns while being paid by the Department of Health and Human Services to promote the administration's "marriage initiatives," while the other three played real newsmen on TV.

For real journalists, taking a bribe of this kind would be as unethical as child molesting. Yet Armstrong Williams was paid \$240,000 by the Department of Education, and Karen Ryan and Alberto Garcia starred in fake reports about the administration's Medicare prescription drug plan, reports branded illegal "covert propaganda" by the Government Accountability Office.

Now you have to admit that the public relations "spin" mastery of this administration has been far better than any other in living memory. Simply dazzling.

But there's a much more insidious side to all this. Some people in the White House and in right-wing think tanks are now arguing there can be no such thing as empirical, verifiable reality in the news — which means that the idea that there could possibly ever be an objective and accurate free press is a quaintly old-fashioned idea. If you believe that, then the implications are clear: You can say, or print, whatever you want to, because it doesn't matter.

An earlier version of this approach was to assert the mainstream news media are dominated by "liberals." From there, it isn't much of a logical leap to mount a wholesale challenge to the accuracy of the media. Another device is simply to be blatant about it. Fox News, which advertises itself as "fair and balanced," is making a pretty good living these days by forthrightly slanting its newscasts to favor the conservative side under the wonderfully crafted marketing slogan, "We report; you decide." How droll.

Not that repeated bungles by the conventional news media — think of Dan Rather's badly researched and inaccurate story about President Bush's service in the Air Force — haven't made the going easier for the ain't-no-such-thing-as-accuracy crowd. And newspapers such as *The New York Times* can be charged with as obvious a leftward editorial slant as Fox News or *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page is to the right.

But if there is no such thing as fair, accurate and objective journalism, where will we be as a

people other than as mere targets for manipulation by any means possible? Propaganda, whether sleazy or forthright, is still propaganda. And voters who have no way to find out what's really going on — "objective reality" is the fancy term — are unlikely to make thoughtful choices in a democracy.

We had such a system in American journalism in the 19th century, when most newspapers were either wholeheartedly Republican or Democratic from the headlines right straight through to the editorial page. You read whichever newspaper fit your particular political bias and you considered assertions from the other side nothing more than slander and lies.

Of course, what was absent in all this was the notion that there is something profoundly important for fair-minded people — scholars, even journalists — to try as best they can to determine what is true and what is not as an essential part of their professional code. Some of this thinking goes back to the turn of the century, when Theodor Mommsen, the great German historian of ancient Greece and Rome, argued history should be "Wie es eigentlich gewesen," that things should be — and could be — described "exactly as they were."

As it turned out, economic reality undermined the propagandistic bent to American journalism. Newspaper publishers realized the more people that read their paper, the more they could charge for advertising.

If their circulation was limited, say, only to the Republicans in town, they couldn't maximize circulation — and maximize profits. Thus the origin of the idea that papers should try to be accurate and balanced, at least in their news coverage, while consigning propaganda onto the editorial page as "opinion."

This remains the professional standard for honest newspapers and professional reporters, one that this newspaper tries to observe every week.

But the world of information is no longer defined by what's printed in the newspaper. There's radio, TV and cable. More importantly, there is the cascade of stuff — fact, opinion, blog, whatever — delivered through the medium of the Web. There are no "gatekeepers" on the Web, editors who make it their professional business to maintain standards of accuracy and fairness. Instead, everybody with a computer can be a publisher or a reporter. That's a good thing, to the extent that it democratizes the information flow.

But it's a bad thing if it pollutes a journalism that we have come to depend on as one that strives for accuracy and fairness. We need to know as much of the truth as we can find out about the status of Social Security, for example, not just both parties' propaganda.

This nation, and all our communities, will be in far worse shape if we wind up back in the bad old days when people read only what conformed to their biases. That's how it was back in the 1850s, and that system polarized the nation so much it ended in the bloodiest war Americans have ever fought, our own Civil War. We would do well to avoid another one of those.

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



Phil Power

Best, brightest try to navigate unknowns crafting energy path

You're tired after a long work day, headed home to your "castle." You imagine pulling into the garage, opening your door, flipping on a light, getting a drink out of the fridge and phoning for pizza.

Instead, the garage door opener doesn't work. The house is cold, the furnace is out, the switch flips on nothing. And the phone has no dial tone. DEAD.

What's up? Weren't bills paid? Another blackout? Or something worse — a terrorist attack?

Power reliability and affordability (natural gas and electricity) issues, and telecommunications (especially wireline phone service) require government attention. In Michigan, these are reviewed at several levels. The Legislature and Michigan's Public Service Commission, an autonomous, A-1 executive branch agency, share oversight.

In the Senate, public utilities, alternative energy suppliers and technology initiatives are referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy. I chair that policy committee.

In many respects, your life and comfort, and that of your family, friends and neighbors, are highly dependent on decisions reached in this committee and by the MPSC. So I'm writing these informational columns.

Electricity and natural gas supplies, and other forms of energy, are all too easily taken for granted — despite their finite quantity and the ever-increasing demand for these commodities accessible worldwide.

Consequently, for a limited resource, the law of supply and demand drives prices inevitably higher. This equation is made more complex by legitimate concerns over our environment.

For example, if electricity is to be generated:

■ Do we jeopardize clean air by burning cheaper coal, instead of a more costly low sulfur coal? Or

■ Do we take possibly cataclysmic risks, harnessing nuclear power to heat water, make vapor and spin mammoth turbines? Or

■ Do we rely on natural gas (a heating commodity itself and vital in chemical research) to create electricity to heat, cool and light our homes and workplaces?

A question is often posed: "How do we ensure reliable energy supplies at affordable prices, for dependent consumers located in varied locations?" As you see, the answer is not easy.

Over the last century, society chose to look

to government for solutions. In turn, government imposed various regulatory measures, processes and restrictions. These all brought costs, of course.

As the 21st century dawns, many minds, of differing views and philosophies, are re-exploring the status quo and applying new theories, employing new technologies. The decisions reached will affect every job in Michigan, and every job on tomorrow's horizon. It is important stuff, and you count on the decision-makers to do their best.

During her State of the State address Feb. 8, Gov. Granholm recommended investment in jobs for today and beyond. She said educating our residents is vital for our collective prosperity. I personally agree with both her propositions. Consequently, I look forward to working hard to find solutions on which we all agree.

Hydrogen fuel cells hold long-term promise. We need to invest in research to advance this technology until it is commercially viable. It has environmental as well as economic advantages. Moreover, it can greatly reduce our dependence on foreign fossil fuels. I began such hearings in my Technology and Energy Committee nearly two years ago. Things are starting to happen.

Likewise, the age of telecommunication is moving extremely fast. Less than 10 years ago, the best and brightest minds were just beginning to explore the cutting edge of the Internet. In fact, when Congress passed the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the word "Internet" appeared only twice in the entire text!

Today, we all rely on the Internet daily. In our jobs, our homes, across the breadth of our very existence, we count on the Net's swiftness to improve communication, zipping our thoughts across time and space, from one to another. If you doubt the importance of technology and telecommunications, just ponder Bill Gates' personal wealth.

Michigan's expiring Telecommunications Act (MTA, 1991, 1995, 2000) is now under review. As chairman of the Senate Committee, I empaneled our best and brightest minds to help review before we start drafting 2005's version. We have their report.

Hopefully, we can labor successfully for a model piece of legislation to guide our state over, around and through the hazardous unknowns of tomorrow. As with energy decisions, I know you count on leadership from those you choose.

As your duly elected state senator, I vow to work collaboratively to ensure the best possible outcomes. Thank you for giving me the chance to serve; I promise to do my very best.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, represents the 7th State Senate District.



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Act allows law enforcement, schools to compare notes

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Districts around the state put together a package of information about what crimes have gone on in their districts to share with the state and local law enforcement. The idea is that by keeping tabs and pooling information from various sources, tragedy can be avoided.

The state Legislature approved a public act (PA 102) in 1999 calling on school boards to make a report to the state superintendent at least once a year on all student expulsions and the reasons given for each one. The deadline for reporting is June 30.

Michigan Department of Education Safe Schools Consultant Bob Higgins said the act was created as a response to the times.

"It was probably a reaction to Columbine and other school shootings," he said.

The act also made crime reporting a requirement. Under the act, crimes reported must include physical violence, gang-related activity, illegal possession of controlled substances or intoxicants, trespassing and property crimes like vandalism

and theft.

All the information is passed on to the Center for Educational Performance and Information where it is used for a variety of purposes. CEPI is the state's database for information on school districts and the repository of all data that gets passed on to the federal government to show compliance with No Child Left Behind, the Gun-Free Schools initiative and the Persistently Dangerous Schools program, to name a few.

But the information and where it ends up is really secondary.

"The data collection is a small part," Higgins said. "The legislation requires schools, law enforcement, prosecutors and counselors to set up a system for communication and sharing information. So that they know what's going on with every kid."

PA 102 is an addendum to the Statewide School Safety Information Policy, which spells out basic communication and information sharing rules for school districts and law enforcement entities. The rules ensure a reciprocal relationship for discussions between the two groups.

Whenever an incident hap-

pens in a school building, the superintendent must report that incident to local law enforcement agency. Conversely, when a crime occurs within a 1,000-foot radius of a school building or a pupil or staff member is victim or perpetrator of a crime, law enforcement must contact the superintendent.

The policy also calls for county prosecuting attorneys to contact a school district regarding any criminal or juvenile court action initiated against a pupil in the school system.

Oakland Schools official Carolyn Claerhout said all schools working to comply with reporting requirements are bounded by the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act which protects the confidentiality of student records. Under the act, parents must give permission before their children's records can be handed out to some other entity.

"Quantitative numbers are all right," Claerhout said. "You can say that there were 10 larcenies in a given year, but to say Johnny Jones committed five of them? Maybe not. The schools have had to juggle between the two laws."

Schoolcraft schedules Focus Latin America events

Schoolcraft College is dedicating a year to Latin America. Focus Latin America will incorporate Latin culture, history, politics and literature into regular college course work and also in events open to the public.

The following are events planned for this spring. More events will be scheduled in the fall, culminating in a Fiesta in November.

■ **Latin American Film Festival:** "The House of the Spirits." Noon, 3 and 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, Liberal Arts Building Room 200. Free.

■ **Lecture:** David Frye, University of Michigan, on "The Myth of the Mestizaje." Noon, Monday, March 28, Liberal Arts Building Room 200. Free.

■ **Latin American Film Festival:** "Frida." Noon, 3 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, Liberal Arts Building Room 200. Free.

■ **Lecture:** Deborah Zuccarini, Richard Zuccarini on "Diego Rivera & the Mexican Muralists." 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, Liberal Arts Building, Room 200. ♦♦♦♦♦

■ **Lecture:** Rudy Simons, "Haiti After Jean-Bertrand Aristide." 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, Liberal Arts Building Room 200.

■ **Latin American Film Festival:** "Evita." Noon, 3 and 6 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Liberal Arts Building Room 200. Free.

■ **Lecture:** Sue Satler, "Perspectives on the United States and El Salvador." 11:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, Liberal Arts Building Room 200.

This year, the college is sponsoring a trip to the Yucatan to study Mayan culture. The trip is part of a college geography class but is also available to the general public. For information on the field trip to Yucatan, call Diane O'Connell at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5238.



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Some Latin American artifacts including a votive candle, center, a mortar and pestle, left, and a ceramic grater, right.

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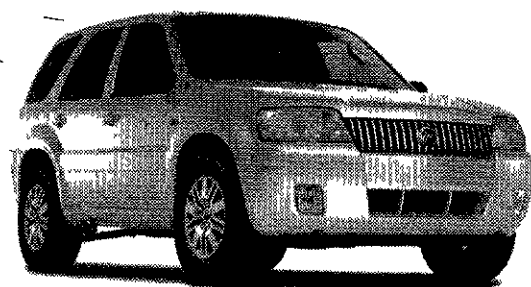
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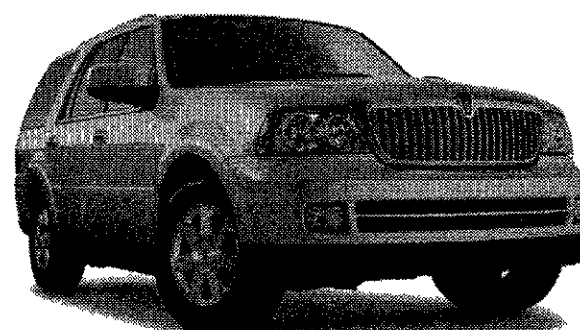


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Orchids display more than beauty

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The seductress waits in her white ensemble while the day fades. During the night, she acts to lure certain caped figures. She's called Lady of the Night, and she's just one of the 22,000 species of orchids. She "acts" by emitting a heavy perfume scent to draw moths to pollinate the plant.

The fascination as well as the beauty of orchids will be on display next week at the Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show in Livonia (see related item).

"They're very, very interesting," said Westland resident Frank Omilian, a member of the MOS.

"There's a huge diversity of plants."

Strong and resilient, orchids aren't any more difficult to raise than many popular plants, and aren't an expensive hobby.

Various types of orchids bloom once a year, several times a year, or continuously. An orchid blossom may be as small as a mosquito or as big as a dinner plate.

"There's definitely an orchid for every home," said Troy resident Joe Peterson, MOS member and publicist.

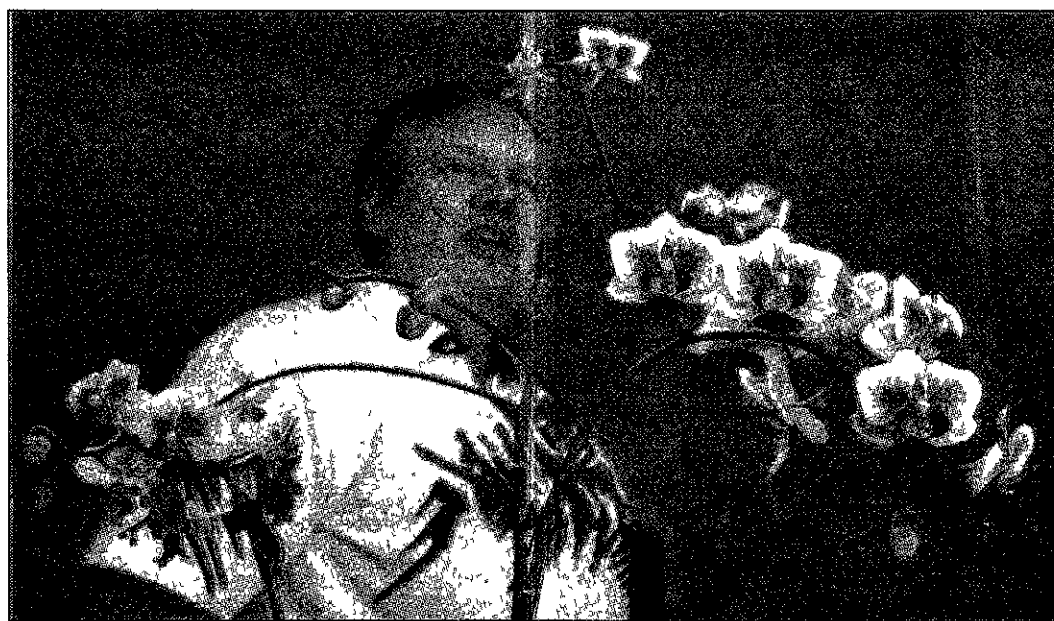
"They actually are very easy to grow," said another MOS member, Ann Brunke of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Everyone can find something they like."

Brunke, who with her husband, Dean, writes the organization's newsletter, raises Lady of the Night at their home. The white plant gives off the scent around 8:30 or 9 p.m., Brunke said.

"Plants want to be pollinated," she said. "They have a lot of tricks to catch the pollinator."

For example, some orchids feature a little pouch. An insect falls into the pouch, and the only way it can get out is to climb up hairs in the plant, pollinating along the way.



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Frank Omilian stands near one of the orchids he raises: phalaenopsis, also called moth orchid because its blooms resemble moths. A wide range of orchids will be displayed at the Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show in Livonia.



PLEASE SEE ORCHIDS, B2

Bulbophyllum ovalifolium is another small orchid.

PALM SUNDAY ORCHID SHOW

■ **What:** The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show, featuring more than 20 exhibits of orchids, 800 plants on display, educational information, and vendors of plants and supplies.

■ **When:** Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20. Open during mall hours Saturday and to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Where:** Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, just east of I-275-Six Mile interchange in Livonia.

■ **Admission:** Free.

New notebook, camcorder let you travel light

Is it possible to fall in love with a notebook? I adore almost everything about the Fujitsu LifeBook P7010D, which I took on a recent family vacation (for watching in-flight movies and checking e-mail) and business trip (for working on the road, natch).



Tech Savvy
Rick Broida

Pardon the hackneyed old phrase, but the LifeBook is a marvel of modern engineering. It's amazingly compact, measuring 10.25 by 8.75 by 1.25 inches and weighing just 3.4 pounds. Nevertheless, it offers nearly all the features of bigger, heavier notebooks.

Take the DVD burner, which enables you to not only watch movies, but author them as

well. The LifeBook also sports 802.11 Wi-Fi, a 10.6-inch wide-format screen (perfect for movies), and a fingerprint sensor for foolproof security. It even has slots for Compact Flash, Memory Stick and Secure Digital memory cards. I've seen notebooks twice the size that lacked those handy features.

I particularly liked the LifeBook's battery life. I found I could watch a full-length DVD movie and still have enough juice to work for a couple of hours.

Plus, you can swap out the DVD drive for a second internal battery (\$129), which Fujitsu says will give you nearly 10 hours of operation.

Despite its ultra-compact design, the LifeBook manages to incorporate a full-size keyboard.

Well, almost — the comma, period and question-mark keys are all half-size, which can make touch-typing a little awkward.

That's my sole complaint with this otherwise fantastic notebook.

Some eyesight-challenged users may not like the smallish screen, but the tradeoff is a machine that's actually usable in those cramped coach-class seats.

The LifeBook 7010D starts at \$1,399 (after a \$100 mail-in rebate), though the model I tested sells for \$1,999.

My other traveling companion during these recent trips was Sony's DCR-HC32 MiniDV Handycam camcorder.

Another marvel of miniaturization, the HC32 weighs about a pound, but still manages to pack in loads of desirable features.

For instance, most of its controls are accessed via its 2.5-inch LCD touchscreen, which cuts down on the "button clutter" common to other cam.

It also includes a 20x optical zoom, automatic image stabilization, Sony's coveted NightShot mode and Webcam

capabilities.

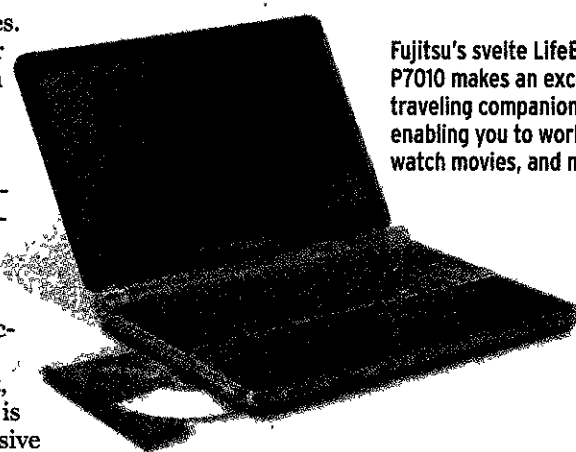
Another nice touch is the docking station, which provides easy-access power, PC, and TV connections.

In short, the HC32 is an impressive compact camcorder — but I have reservations about recommending it.

For one thing, it won't take the place of your digital camera. Still-photo capture is limited to a paltry 0.3 megapixels.

What's more, Sony's instruction manual barely covers transferring video to your PC. Novice users are likely to find themselves confused and frustrated.

But if you can overlook these



Fujitsu's svelte LifeBook P7010 makes an excellent traveling companion, enabling you to work, watch movies, and more.

relatively minor wrinkles, you'll find the \$499.99 HC32 a welcome addition to your carry-on bag.

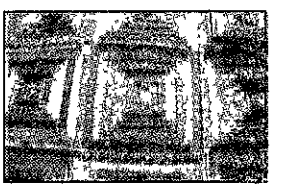
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Accents

Quilt need repair?

Linda Rodin, quilt restoration specialist, will discuss *How to Repair and Protect Your Old Quilts* 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

Rodin will present information on the proper ways to repair and protect quilts in your own home. The presentation will last one hour and will



be followed by 30 minutes of open questions from participants. The presentation will focus on samples from Rodin's personal collection as well as any samples that participants wish to bring with them.

Program admission is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required. You can register at (248) 656-4663 or at the Museum.

This presentation is in conjunction with the temporary exhibit, "Quilts from the Hearts." The exhibit will be on display at the Rochester Hills Museum through Aug. 6.

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is located at 1005 Van Hoosen Road - off of Tienken Road and one mile east of Rochester Road - just one mile north of downtown Rochester.

For more information and to register for this program, contact the Museum at (248) 656-4663 or visit the Museum's Website at www.rochesterhills.org. For information, call (248) 608-8261.

Tree, shrub sale

The Oakland Conservation District is now taking orders in its annual Spring Tree and Shrub Seedling and Transplant Sale.

More than 50 species of trees and shrubs are available for ordering, including Michigan State University Agricultural Department ash tree alternatives.

Ordering deadline is Monday, March 28. Pickup will be Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

For a catalog and order form, call the Oakland Conservation District at (248) 673-4496, or e-mail oaklandcd@sbcglobal.net.

Hang it all

"If you're getting ready to hang a picture on your hall wall or elsewhere in your home, here's a thing or two you should know," say Morris and James Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"Before you hammer a picture-hook nail into the wall, heat it with a match; it'll go in easier and won't cause plaster to chip or crack."

"And before you hang anything, turn it over and put stick-on rubber bumpers on each corner or a bead of silicone caulk."

Prevention can head off many plumbing woes

Plumbing problems are certainly no fun. Most plumbing problems are clogged drains, and these are usually preventable. Solids, such as hair, soap bits, paper food scraps and grease can clog a drain, usually designed to handle liquids.

Ask Dad
Harry Jachym

IN THE KITCHEN

Avoid putting grease in the drain. Though it may seem

easy and convenient to just pour the hot liquid grease down the drain, it can quickly become solid when it cools in the trap.

Keep the basket in the strainer. This will help keep food particles out of the drain.

Put food slowly through the disposal. Keep a stream of cold water running while food is being ground and avoid stringy foods such as onion peels.

Running very hot water through the drain every day will also help keep the system running smooth.

IN THE BATHROOM

Just as in the kitchen, avoid getting debris down the lavatory (the proper name for the bathroom sink) drain. This is even more difficult in the bathroom.

Since this sink is used pri-

marily for grooming, soap and hair are, by nature commonly being washed into the drain. A pop-up stopper mechanism compounds debris catching. Bathtubs get the same debris, but at least the drainpipe is a bit larger.

Water closets (proper name for toilet) clogs are almost always caused by too much tissue being flushed. Occasionally a towel, washcloth, or toy (or who knows what especially if you have little ones in the house) will also make their way into the toilet trap.

LAUNDRY

The most common drain stopper in the laundry is lint from the washing machine. You can prevent lint discharge by simply placing some sort of filter, either commercially made or cut from the toe of an

old pair of women's hose, over the end of the discharge hose. It will keep much of the lint from the drain.

WHEN THE DRAIN CLOGS

It seems like no matter how careful you may be, sooner or later you'll end up with a clog. Whenever we get one here at the house, my first attack is with a good old-fashioned "plumber's friend," the plunger.

If there isn't any water in the fixture, run enough (preferably hot water) to cover the plunger.

Block any openings that are part of the drain system, such as overflows or an adjacent sink with wet cloths.

Forcefully work the plunger up and down to loosen the clog. You'll need a closet plunger for the sink.

If the plunger doesn't do the

trick, you may need to remove the "P" trap. This is the P-shaped pipe that leads from the sink to the main drain. Traps are easily removed by unscrewing the slip couplings (the large nuts at each end of the trap), and removing the trap from the drain lines. (Have something handy to catch the water and plan to get wet.)

If removing the trap is difficult or the clog is in a toilet, purchase or rent an auger snake.

This tool is a flexible spring with a corkscrew-like tip that will dislodge the clog. A closet auger is a type of snake designed especially for toilets.

A word about chemical drain cleaners - these can be dangerous to the user and the drain system.

Use them with caution and

follow the package directions to the letter. Chemical cleaners are most effective when there is at least some flow through the drain.

My wife, Karen, successfully pours a mixture of baking soda and hot vinegar in the drains to open them when they are running sluggish.

There are many other drain problems and solutions, too numerous to include in this column. Look for more advice in later issues.

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

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

HOME CALENDAR

Antiques market

The eighth annual Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market will take place Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile).

Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 regular, \$6 with any ads or listings of the event, free for ages 12 and under.

One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Antiques and accessories for the home, the garden and personal adornment from a select group of more than 75 exhibitors will be featured at the show and sale.

On line show information is available at www.antiquet.com/M&M.

Faux stained glass

Learn an interesting craft that simulates stained glass in a class Tuesday, March 22, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Fee is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee payable to instructors Bob and Esther Kerr.

To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com

In the class, you will transfer patterns to an 8-by-10-inch styrene, apply liquid (simulated) leading, and learn to apply, blend and comb your colors to produce a beautiful glass art painting

Hand quilting

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services offers a six-week class, Sew Be It! Hand Quilting!, begin-

ning Tuesday, March 29

Fee is \$75 (\$60 for seniors) Bring a large dose of enthusiasm and a small pair of scissors to the first session For more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu or call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448

In the class, enjoy the history of quilting, learn about fabric care and selection, and discover different patterns and designs, all while you complete a small wall hanging or crib quilt.

Simple curtain

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Simple Curtain (Tuesdays, March 29 to April 12), beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom win-

dows. Fee is \$60. Make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You'll leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor.

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

ORCHIDS

FROM PAGE B1

The Brunkes recently built a greenhouse for their orchids, but one isn't needed. Orchids can be raised in a home in a variety of conditions; those that tolerate cooler temperatures can be grown outside.

Some growers specialize, raising orchids only on window sills, for example, Omilian said.

Some orchids that hang in the air can be grown on wire coat hangers, Brunke said. Special pots for orchids also let in more air to the roots.

VARIETIES

Different orchids have different requirements - such as the amount of humidity, light and heat.

"No matter what your growing conditions, there's an orchid you can grow," said Omilian, a retired botanist.

"I've always grown plants, mainly cacti and succulents. I like unusual plants and orchids are very unusual flowers, and that attracted me to orchids as well."

Different types of orchids are around the Omilian house, including phalaenopsis and cattleya. The former is called moth orchid because its blooms resemble moths; the latter features a corsage-like bloom.

Most of Omilian's orchids are smaller; among these are the tongue-shaped dendrobium liguiforme, cadetia taylori, bulbophyllum moniliforme, the leafless chiloschista, and bulbophyllum ovalifolium.

Many of these are in an orchidarium in the basement.

"I've been enjoying growing orchids with fragrance," Omilian said. "That adds another dimension."

The moth orchid is a good one for beginners, Omilian said. He had another suggestion for novice growers to



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Frank Omilian of Westland grows some of his orchids in an orchidarium in his basement. Orchids can be raised anywhere around a home. You can find an orchid to match the conditions of your home.

prevent frustration:

"Always buy an orchid with flowers or buds. That way you see the flowers at least once."

Peterson raises more than 400 species at his home. He has a greenhouse that was given to him as a gift.

"I have the first orchid I ever bought," Peterson said. He bought this 19 years ago when he saw an orchid show at a mall.

"Some people are (intimidated), they shouldn't be," Peterson said. "Decide where you want to grow the plant. You can find an orchid that will fit that spot."

Orchids are found in every country, and in every state in the United States, according to the American Orchid Society.

Orchids are divided into four types, based on their growing conditions.

Most are epiphytes (air plants), which grow mainly on trees.

Orchids that don't require soil can be grown in fir or redwood tree bark, crumbled charcoal, or pebbles, or on tree-fern or cork plaque.

Lithophytes cling to rock surfaces. Saprophytes grow in decaying vegetation on

forest floors. Terrestrials secure themselves in soil or sand.

AT THE SHOW

At the Palm Sunday show, trophies are awarded in different classes, including amateur exhibits, seedling blooming for the first time, art exhibits, and orchids in use.

The President's Trophy is awarded for the best home-grown orchid by an MOS member. The plant must have been grown in the home - on a window sill, in a sun porch, in a Wardian case or under lights - and not in a greenhouse.

"The show is nice," said Brunke, who started raising orchids in 1995 after volunteering at Belle Isle. "They have growers from other states."

"You see a large variety of orchids that normally you wouldn't get to see."

The Michigan Orchid Society meets the third Sunday of the month, September-November and January-May. For information, call (734) 971-4117.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

New in the garden

The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village will host a special spring gardening program, What's New in the Garden for 2005, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. Admission is free to all Village Gardener members. Guests are asked to make a \$3 voluntary contribution to help defray costs and ensure the continuance of quality programs. For more information, call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings and weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

Julia Janiak, garden center manager and buyer, Goldner Walsh Nursery, will present the program. It will explore not only new plant material but also trends in ironware, pottery and planting styles. SOCA volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.). Refreshments and a raffle drawing for gardening gifts will be featured.

Exploring spring

The Community House Garden Club will present Exploring Spring 7 p.m. Monday, March 21, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Woodward. The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. For more information, call The Community House at (248) 594-6410. The presentation by Judy Cornellier will include containers for cold weather, taking cuttings, the Helebre Festival and spring bulbs. She will bring green plants and share the signs of spring. Take home a pansy. Refreshments will be served. Cornellier is a lecturer, advanced master gardener, herb specialist and staff member of Telly's Greenhouse. She is also a charter member of the Troy Garden Club, a member of the Herb Society of America Southern Michigan Unit and chair of the Cranbrook Public Gardens Herb Garden.

Celebrate

English Gardens will host two events in March at all five stores to celebrate the arrival of spring and the Easter holiday. A Daffodil Giveaway will take place Sunday, March 20. Visit one of the stores and receive a complimentary 10-stem bunch of fresh-cut daffodils. The stores will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26. The Easter Bunny will visit from noon to 3 p.m. and be available for photographs. Children ages 2 to 12 are invited to join the hunt. English Gardens stores are in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Gardening courses

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers gardening courses in its Continuing

Education department.

The schedule includes Landscape Design II, Saturdays, March 26 to April 9; and Perennial Gardening, Wednesdays, March 30 to April 13. The instructor is Merritt Wolson, a local landscape designer and horticulturist. Register by mail, fax, Web or walk-in. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

Gardeners conference

The Association of Professional Gardeners Annual Meeting and Conference will take place Sunday, March 20, at Wojo Greenhouse, 2570 Oakwood Road in Ortonville (phone (248) 627-6498). The conference will be an all-day program including lunch. Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org, or call (248) 330-7466. Cost is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members. The registration form is available at the Web site. Topics will include Photography in the Garden and What's New in the Garden This Year. The conference will feature a chance to network with professional gardeners, and a tour of the facility.

Hardy perennials

Michael Saint, owner of Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design Inc. of Clarkston, will speak at a seminar on hardy perennials Sunday, March 20, at La Café and Java, 5815 Dixie Highway in Waterford. The program will feature registration 4:30-4:45 p.m., welcome and introduction 4:45 p.m., slide presentation and lecture, 4:50-5:15 p.m.; dinner 5:15-6 p.m.; slide presentation, lecture, and question and answer 6-6:30 p.m. Book sales by Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design Inc. will also be featured. Cost is \$50, by check or money order. The seminar package includes dinner, handouts and a gardening book valued at \$27.95. One dollar of every sale will be donated to the master gardener program. Seating is limited to 25. For more information or to register, call Saint at (248) 620-7188 or e-mail Goodearthlandscapeinc@juno.com. Topics to be discussed by Saint include the newest trends in landscape architecture, conserving time and resources, making invasive plants garden friendly, mimicking nature in your back yard, tried and true perennials, and design tips.

Healthy lawn care

Learn about proper lawn mowing, fertilization and watering from the experts in the free, 90-minute Oak Park Healthy Lawn Care Workshop. The workshop will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 28, at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. To register, call the Oak Park Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497 weekdays, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The workshop will highlight common sense, low-maintenance lawn care with the environment in mind. Gary Eichen, plant health care specialist, Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc., will be the featured speaker. Billings Lawn Equipment will have several of the latest lawn mowers and other equipment on display. Citizen volunteers will help with home composting and recycling displays, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



MARTY FIGLEY

The Lenten Rose is gaining in popularity each year.

Perennial group picks winner for 2005

The Perennial Plant Association is a trade association with more than 2,000 members dedicated to the improvement of the herbaceous perennial plant industry. The association educates members to enhance the production, promotion and use of perennial plants.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Members are growers, retailers, educators, garden writers and landscapers. You can be assured that if you choose Perennial Plant Association winners that are suitable for your zone, they will perform well in your garden.

One of my favorite plants is the 2005 winner, the Lenten rose, *Helleborus zhybridus*, formerly known as *helleborus orientalis*. The plant blooms for many months, sometimes when there is still snow on the ground.

I have found that this Hellebore self-seeds quite freely and produce superior flowering and flower colors.

The little seedlings are small and I usually leave them where the seeds have dropped to give them a little more stability when I put them in their special place in the garden.

A member of the family Ranunculaceae, a small genus that contains 15 species native to Europe and Asia, the Lenten rose is an excellent shade perennial that tolerates dry conditions. A rainbow of single or double flowers in many colors light up the garden. The foliage is interesting in that the leaves are divided into seven to nine segments and look like coarse leathery umbrellas. The texture of the foliage is a perfect backdrop for bulbs and other perennials.

The Lenten rose is compatible with barrenwort (*Epimedium*), Wood anemone, (*Anemone nemorosa*), and liverleaf (*Hepatica*), all spring flowering beauties. Because the flowers hang down as little bells, a hillside above a path where the flowers can be viewed from below is an excellent spot for them.

Good drainage is essential and humus-rich and fertile garden soil will assure success. They grow best in the shade of deciduous trees and,

in cooler regions, will grow in a sunnier site.

After they become established, they require only occasional watering.

The leaves can become tattered after a long cold winter so they should be cut off as new foliage emerges in the spring. Alkaloids in the leaves may cause dermatitis so it is necessary to wear gloves when working with these plants. A good note: deer won't eat the foliage because of these alkaloids.

Lenten rose is commercially propagated from seed. This hellebore doesn't come true from seed. Therefore, plants should be observed in flower before selling as a color. Established clumps may be divided into single crowns at most times of the year, but the recovery time is slow with division.

Be certain about the spot you have chosen for these wonderful plants because established clumps can be left alone for 20 years or more.

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

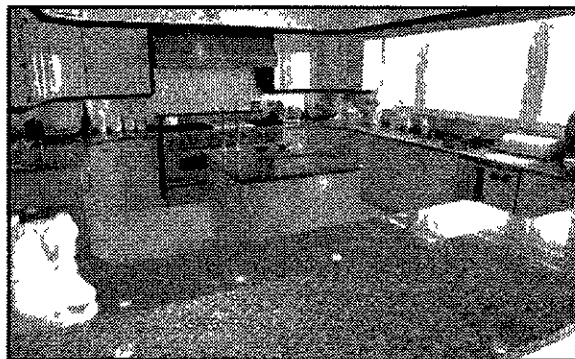
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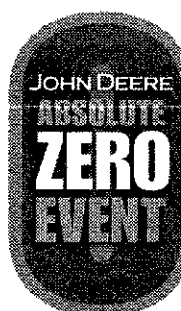
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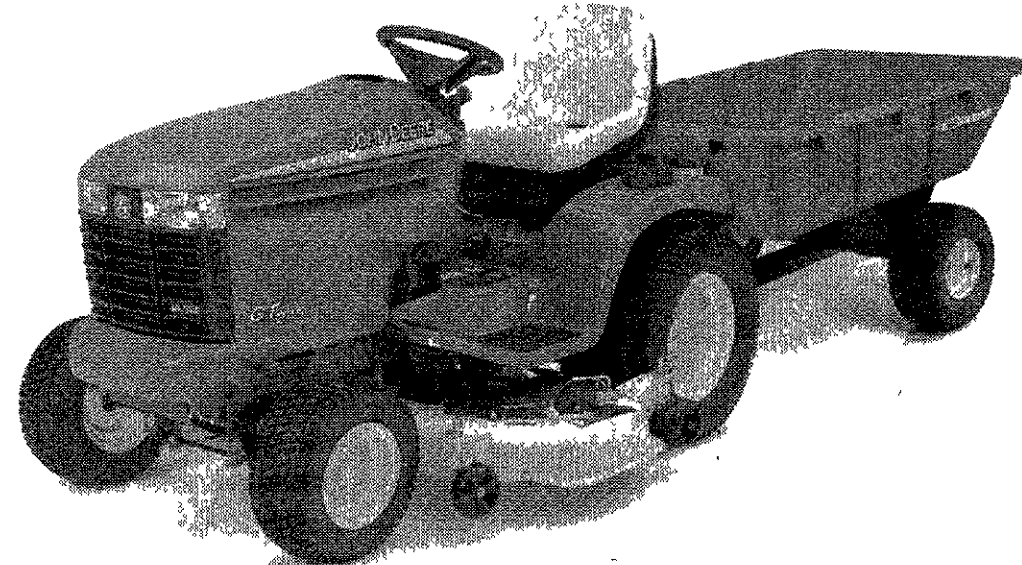
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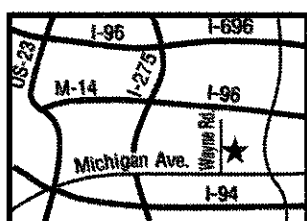
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At the show, Twiggy, The Water Skiing Squirrel, wearing a life jacket will ride on water skis behind a remote-controlled boat in a custom-made swimming pool. Two-man 'grilling buddies,' Mad Dog and Merrill, will teach new tips, ideas and recipes for backyard entertaining.

Other features at the show include the Ultimate Backyard with a deck, hot tub and pool and seminars on what homeowners need to know when buying a pool or spa to make a good decision.

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Admission is \$7; \$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy. On site parking is available for a fee. For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

MARKET PLACE



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In the ring

The March newsletter of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor offers a suggestion for your lawn: Put in a Victorian style island or round bed.

Old House Gardens is the only mail-order business in the country devoted to heirloom bulbs. Owner and head gardener Scott Kunst, who started the business in 1993, is a nationally recognized expert.

Victorian round pattern beds feature plants of different sizes, arranged in concentric circles. A tall plant is in the center, and a low-growing plant is in the outermost ring.

An actual pattern bed from 1878 is shown here. It can also be seen at <http://www.oldhousegardens.com/victorian.asp>.

According to the newsletter, you could reproduce it in the middle of your lawn with castor beans in the center ringed (in this order) by cannas, elephant ears, coleus and dusty miller.

Other possibilities, the newsletter says, include banana, Mexican sunflower, ornamental grasses and potted palm for the tallest plants; hibiscus for medium-tall; four o'clocks, gladiolus and Nicotiana langsdorffii for medium-short; caladium, celosia and geraniums for short; and ageratum, alyssum, alternanthera, golden feverfew, lobelia and petunias for edging.

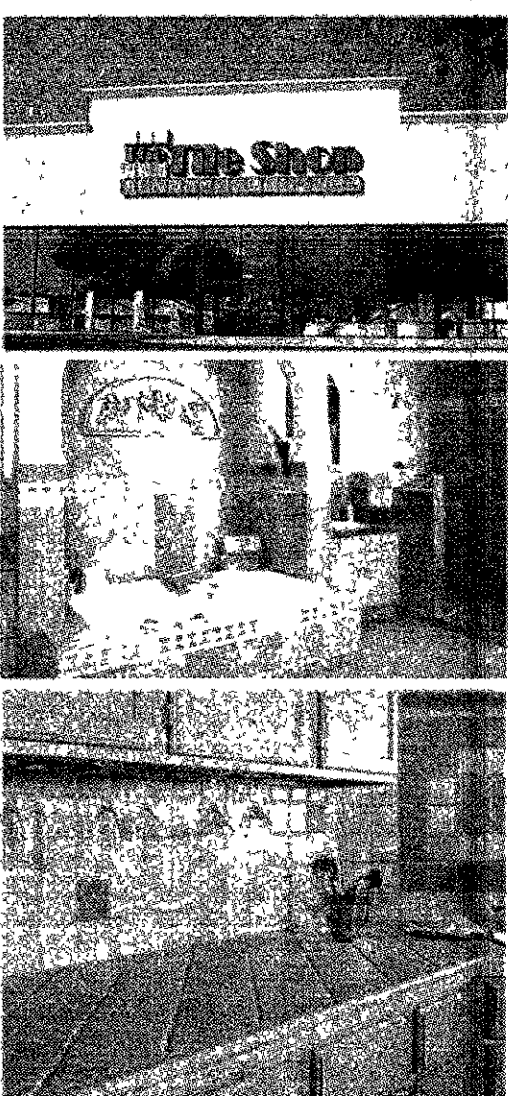
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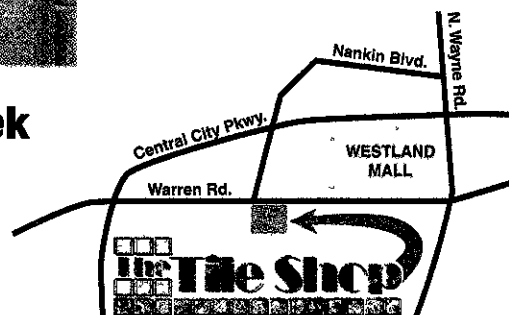
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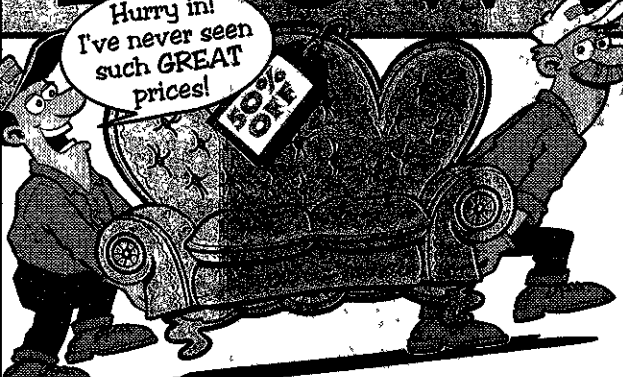
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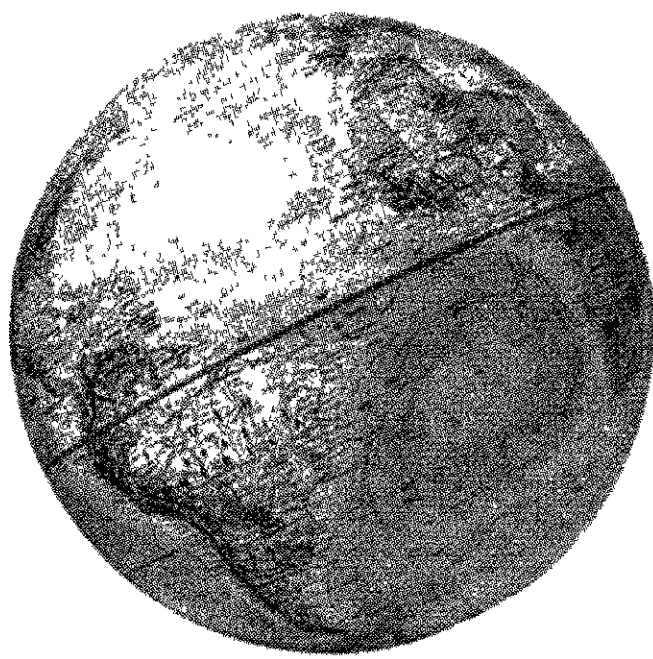


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Foods of the



World

Travel to another country at a local ethnic market

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

With all the technology, air travel and freer trade of produce and prepared foods, the world is a smaller place. Today's ethnic markets span the globe from Armenia and Brazil to India and Japan.

Take a short drive and you can find anything from spices for an Arabic shawarma and Sabzi Kookoo (a mix of parsley, green onions, cilantro, fenugreek, dillweed and garlic) on the cooler's shelves at Mediterranean Market in Farmington Hills, while at Patel Brothers in Garden City, frozen foods are among the customer favorites, including Channa Masal (chick peas in curry sauce) and Malai Kofta (creamy cottage cheese dumplings in rich saffron sauce).

Zahi Fakhouri, owner of Mediterranean Market in Farmington Hills, sold the Arabic Town Imports in Oak Park in 2002 and opened Mediterranean Market in Farmington Hills.

"We cater to Israel, Russian, Greek, Albanian, Argentina, Brazil, Turkish, Mexican, Armenian, India and Pakistan," Fakhouri said.

The front counter has Turkish apricots, dried mango slices, Majoul dates, Turkish feta cheese, French feta and Bulgarian feta, and Angelino plums and Iranian figs.

He explains the different feta cheeses on sale there.

"The Greek feta cheese is made for salads," Fakhouri said. "The Bulgarian is really creamy and you can really enjoy it with meals and the French is mild with not too much salt."

Dried bean section in bulk containers displays hut cri cri, white chickpeas, fava beans and lupine beans. There are roasted sesame seeds at \$2.49 a pound, pastas and couscous.

Spices include ground anise seed, ground caraway seed, whole fennel and ground fennel. Whole cloves, whole cardamom and ground fennugreek are all on the shelves.

Mixed spices for shawarma are ready, while pickled eggplant sits in jars. Grapeseed oil is in abundance. The bakery features spinach pies, eggplant pies, chicken pies with curry and onion, Zaatar bread, mini-vegetarian pie, grape leaves, homemade yogurt, rice and lentils, tabouli and hummus. Delicious pita bread is also sold.

Pastries include Awamat, Emshebak Halabi, baklava (pistachio and walnut) and Namurra.

A chilled salad bar has 14 different black and green olives and single grape leaves to make your own. Several containers of Sabzi Kookoo (a mix of parsley, green onions, cilantro, fenugreek, dillweed and garlic) line the cooler's shelves.



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Mediterranean Market and Bakery owner Zahi Fakhouri and assistant manager Rana Fakhouri stand near the aisles of Mediterranean foods and spices.



This food bar at Mediterranean Market and Bakery keeps olives chilled and ready for customers.



Cranberry beans are just one of dozens of dried beans for sale.



Mediterranean Market and Bakery in Farmington Hills features aisles full of foods from Armenia and Brazil to Greece and Turkey.

In Garden City, the Patel Brothers is a busy market on Ford Road. The fresh produce of dudhi, eggplant, karela, guvar, plantains, turmeric and arvi grace the shelves.

Jars of coriander chutney, mint chutney, ginger paste, tamarind chutney, biryani paste and tandoori paste.

Boxes of Mataar Paneer (canned peas with cottage cheese and medium hot sauce), Pav Bhaji (vegetables mashed in a spice sauce) and Panjabi Choley (a traditional Pajabi delicacy with curried chickpeas in a spicy hot sauce).

Bags of yellow split peas, soya beans, Mattei Masoor and Moong Dal (split moong beans without skin). Large bags of coriander seed, chili powder, turmeric powder and dry chilis.

"People can come in here to get everything they want," said Jayesh Patel. "It's mainly Indian and Pakistani." They sell a lot of rice, beans and flours, he said.

Hiren Patel said frozen foods are popular now. "We're expanding that to frozen foods and ready meals," Patel said.

Customers will use beans to soak overnight and then create a curry out of them, serving naan (bread) with that dish.

While customers are mostly Indian and Pakistani, the clientele is a mix of races and ethnic groups.

Frozen foods are among the customer favorites, including Channa Masal (chick peas in curry sauce) and Malai Kofta (creamy cottage cheese dumplings in rich saffron sauce).

Breads for breakfasts are available in the frozen food section. Paneer Tikka Parantha with cottage cheese, Aloo Parantha (Indian bread stuffed with potatoes and spice) and Muli Parantha (Indian bread stuffed with radish and spices).

Let's make it lamb to help celebrate spring

Spring is a great time in Michigan for great food.

Lamb is one of them.

Often you may hear the term "spring lamb." Lamb is a sheep that is less than a year old and it comes to season naturally during the spring months. It is associated with Easter, and there are several reasons why, which I will leave to the religious scholars.

I will stick with the fun part - the cooking.

Lamb cookery can be quite simple. Some of the basic steps



Chef's Table

Mike Trombley

you need to take are to buy fresh, not frozen, if possible. If you are new to cooking lamb, you should try and stick with the prime cuts of the lamb. Reserve the tough parts for stews and braised

See recipes featuring lamb. Page B6.

items. Try and focus on parts like the leg, which are very versatile, in most cooking procedures. The loin (if the bone is removed) is great to stuff or roast and slice. It is so tender you have to take care with it and not overcook. This portion does not have a lot of fat in the "meat" portion; rather, it is on the outside.

This next cut is expensive, but

the rack is always a crowd-pleaser. To some cooks, the rack is a mystery, so let's remove some of its mystique. It comes right off of the shoulder portion or actually five ribs from the top of the neck vertebra. This rack then extends to the 12th rib. From here (as we mentioned earlier) is where the loin portion starts and runs to the pelvic bone. The rack can be sold in a variety of ways, so if you have a good butcher or meat shop, you can ask for what you want. Some racks are split in

half, which helps it cook more quickly, and some are whole, in which you may do the classic crown roast that you don't see as often anymore.

You may have heard of the term Frenched. This is when our nice butcher cuts off all the unwanted fat around the bone and makes a great presentation for the cut. If you have the Frenching done, when you roast the lamb, be sure to cover the bones with aluminum foil to prevent it from burning and

leaving you with a poor presentation. (I haven't seen those little bone covers in a while, but this is where these might come in handy to present the cut well.)

Happy cooking and good luck.

Mike Trombley is certified executive chef at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township and also teaches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. His column appears the third Thursday of the month in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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PAN SEARED LAMB LOIN
WITH OLIVE TAPENADE

1 cup Kalamata olives, pit less and chopped
1 teaspoon chopped fresh garlic
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons chopped capers
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pinch of cayenne
1 tablespoon of anchovy, chopped

Mix ingredients in a bowl and served chilled or at room temperature with lamb loin.

4 (6 ounces each) defatted lamb loins
1 teaspoon ground coriander seed
1 teaspoon chopped fresh garlic
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a bowl and marinate at least one hour, but now more than 3 hours.

Heat a heavy gauge skillet or sauté pan on high until hot.

Place a little olive oil in to the pan and place seasoned lamb loin in to pan and sear all sides.

Cook until medium rare (about 135°), and let rest for at least 5 to 10 minutes.

Slice and serve with tapenade and couscous or other

favorite side dish. Serves 4.

ANCHO ROASTED SIRLOIN WITH
GRILLED PINEAPPLE SALSA

12 each 1½-ounce lamb loin medallions, defatted
¼ cup ancho powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pineapple
½ cup diced red pepper
2 ounces lime juice
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon minced fresh jalapeños
1 teaspoon ground coriander seed
2 ounces extra virgin olive oil

Preheat char-grill, clean the skin off the pineapple and cut into slices to grill. Rub ancho powder, salt and pepper on lamb loin and reserve.

Grill pineapple on both sides until slightly brown, cool and cut out centers. Dice pineapple in to small chunks and add remaining ingredients and reserve.

Place lamb medallions on oiled grill and cook med-rare. This should only take a minute on each side.

Serve with pineapple salsa. Can be served with your favorite rice or roasted potato recipe.

Recipes courtesy of Mike Trombley, certified executive chef of St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

On a long airline flight last summer, I sat next to the pastor of a Hungarian church in Connecticut. We talked about food for hours, and he boasted that his congregation, blessed with devoted cooks, had even self-published a cookbook.

Looking through the copy he later sent me, a recipe for Hungarian Salsa struck my eye, followed by the thought that around the world, many culinary cultures offer at least one condiment that is a traditional part of their heritage and served as a colorful and highly-flavored partner, working the way a salsa does in Mexican and other Hispanic cuisines.

Vietnamese cooks use nuoc cham, the sweet and sour golden dipping sauce made with fish sauce, vinegar, lime juice and sugar, as frequently as Hispanics serve their salsa. It may become mainstay in your kitchen as well, if Southeast Asian food keeps growing in popularity. Already, non-Asian chefs have picked up on using it as a dressing for cabbage and on spinach salads.

Italians have salsa verde, a piquant combination of aromatic green herbs, garlic, capers and wine vinegar. This lean sauce, which is more of a condiment, is spooned over roasted fish or seafood to enliven it.



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Hungarian salsa is lecsó ("LET-show"), a blend of sautéed sweet peppers and tomatoes simmered with paprika.

en it. Italians serve it with plain boiled meat, too.

Cookbooks on classic Italian cooking or the cuisine of northern Italy, or recipe websites, offer several versions, including ones with and without anchovies.

Several Eastern European countries have their own "salsas." The Hungarian one that caught my eye is lecsó ("LET-show"), a blend of sautéed sweet peppers and tomatoes simmered with paprika. Traditionally made with lard, the one in Hungarian Treasured Recipes uses oil. Serbians have ajvar. Also based on sweet peppers, combined with eggplant, this relish uses roasted vegetables. Lecsó is

mild even sweet tasting when its fresh ingredients are at their peak. Ajvar can be mild or full of hot red peppers. Both these versions are different, new ways to boost the servings of vegetables in a meal.

LECSÓ

5 medium plum tomatoes (fresh)
1 pound each red and green bell peppers
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 small Spanish onion, halved and cut crosswise into ½-inch strips
1 tablespoon sweet Hungarian paprika
½ - 1½ teaspoon sugar, depending on the tomatoes' acidity
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Plunge the tomatoes into a pot of boiling water until their skins split, 30 to 60 seconds. Slip off their skins. Cut each tomato lengthwise into quarters, and set aside. Seed the peppers and cut them into ½-inch strips, and set them aside, as well.

In a deep, medium skillet that has a tight-fitting lid, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and mix in the paprika.

Return the pot to the heat. Stir in the peppers, cover tightly, and cook until the peppers soften, about 10 minutes, monitoring the cooking frequently. Reduce the heat, if necessary, to avoid burning.

Add the tomatoes and sugar. Cook, uncovered, until the tomatoes are almost broken down, much of their moisture has evaporated and the peppers are soft but still hold their shape, about 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 10 servings.

Per serving: 56 calories, 3 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 7 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 5 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of *The Joy of Soy*.

TASTE CALENDAR

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Among the welcome things that come along to make life easier, count *The Quick Recipe* cookbook (Boston Common Press, 2003, \$29.95) by the editors of Cook's Illustrated magazine.

BOK CHOY AND CHINESE EGG
NOODLES WITH SPICY BEEF SAUCE

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
One 3-inch cinnamon stick, broken in half

3 star anise pods
4 medium cloves garlic, sliced thin
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
1 cup canned low-sodium chicken broth

1 tablespoon Asian chili garlic sauce
Salt and ground black pepper
¾ pound beef sirloin or rib-eye steak, halved crosswise, each half sliced thin across the grain
1½ pounds bok choy, bottom inch of base discarded, washed well, and cut crosswise into ½-inch pieces
12 ounces fresh Chinese egg noodles

Bring 5 quarts water to a boil in a large pot for cooking the greens and noodles.

Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the cinnamon and star anise and cook, stirring often, until the cinnamon begins to unfurl, about 1 minute. Add the garlic and ginger and cook until they soften, about 2 minutes. Add the broth and chili garlic sauce, reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer until the liquid reduces by half, about 5 minutes. Remove and discard the cinnamon stick and star anise and season with salt and pepper to taste. Add the beef and simmer until the meat is gray around the edges and still slightly pink in the center, 1 minute.

Meanwhile, add 1 tablespoon salt and the bok choy to the

boiling water. Cook until the bok choy is almost tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the noodles, stir to separate them, and cook until both the bok choy and noodles are tender, about 2 minutes longer. Reserving ½ cup cooking water, drain the noodles and bok choy and return them to the pot. Add the sauce and reserved water and cook over medium-low heat, stirring to meld the flavors, about 1 minute. Adjust the seasonings with salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.

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Sample vegetarian foods at the Great American Meatout noon-4 p.m. Sunday at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, in Ferndale.

Sample foods at Great American Meatout

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Retired firefighter turned plant-based nutrition advocate Jim Corcoran loves gourmet food.

So do the other members of the group Veggies in Motion, based in Oakland County. But they also cherish their health and try to eat foods that cause least amount of stress on the planet, Corcoran said.

For Corcoran and at least 1,500 other members of Veggies in Motion, the plant-based diet is the best route. On Sunday, March 20 the nonprofit organization will host the Great American Meatout, a national event, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center in Ferndale.

"We want people to learn the health benefits of plant-based nutrition and that's it's beneficial to the planet and to alleviate animal suffering," Corcoran said.

For \$5, patrons can sample gourmet and casual entrees, salads, desserts, soups and more. Participating restaurants at the Meatout include Inn Season, Sweet Lorraine's, Thai Smile and many more.

There will be cooking demonstrations by vegetarians and vegan chefs.

Dr. Joel Kahn, medical director of cardiac rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital, will lecture about the benefits of plant-based diets for the heart. Also speaking is Bob Harvie, an animal activist; and Dr.

GREAT AMERICAN MEATOUT

What: Vegetarian and vegan food samples, lectures, recipes offerings, prizes and more

When: Noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 20

Where: Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, Ferndale.

Admission: \$5 for adults; children 12 and under admitted free.

Hosted by: Veggies in Motion

For more information on the event or for the monthly free e-newsletter that offers recipes and information about plant-based meals in restaurants: Visit www.veggiesinmotion.org or call (248) 616-9676

Kerrie Saunders, author of *The Vegan Diet as Chronic Disease Prevention*.

Corcoran went vegetarian 16 years ago — eliminating all animal flesh including chicken and fish. Nine years ago he chose the vegan lifestyle and quit dairy, eggs, gelatin and all animal BI-products.

Doing so, he said, actually expanded his meal choices because it caused him to

think-out-of-the-box and sample more ingredients: Exotic vegetables, interesting legumes plus soy-based products like tofu and tempeh. He also cooks with seitan, a wheat product that mimics the texture of meat and can be used in stir-fries and other meals. (Find it at most natural food stores).

He still eats cheesecake — but it's made with vegan cheese. He'll eat pasta with meatless balls made derived from soy. Chocolate cake is dairy-free, stir fries include tofu rather than chicken. French toast can be made with flour, soymilk, cinnamon and vanilla. For nearly any recipe that calls for animal products, another exists with vegan option replacements. Find many online or on www.veggiesinmotion.com.

Veggies in Motion hosts regular events throughout metro-Detroit including monthly restaurant outings to help strengthen the resolve for new vegetarians and vegans and those who are curious.

It also offers cooking demonstrations, sets-up vegetarian and vegan cooking displays at local libraries and distributes monthly free e-newsletters to those interested in recipes and current research about health benefits related to vegetarianism.

They host more mushroom hunting events, potlucks and other outings...it's all about food.

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Serve chutney sauce with ham

"Flavors Of America" TV host and cookbook author Chef Jim Coleman and Chef's Choice have created a chutney sauce for ham.

COLEMAN'S CHERRY CHUTNEY

- 1 large pear, peeled, cored and chopped
- 6 cups pitted and chopped fresh or frozen cherries
- 1 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup dried golden raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 2 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Combine the pear, cherries, onion, raisins, celery, garlic and ginger in heavy-bottomed non-stick saucepan. Stir in brown sugar, and then add wine, cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, and cayenne. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Lower the heat and simmer, stirring frequently for 30 minutes or until mixture is thick and flavors blended.

Cool and place in airtight containers and refrigerate or prepare them as gifts by putting into sterilized jars, cover, and vacuum seal as directed by manufacturer.

After the ham is cooked, let it rest 15 minutes before carving. Cooling makes the meat firmer and easier to slice.

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- 1 head cauliflower, cut into flowerettes
- 1 tablespoon soy margarine

'CHEESY' SAUCE

- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup raw cashews
- 1 small jar pimientos
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

Preheat oven to 350°F. On stove, boil cauliflower until tender-crisp. Drain and place in an oiled casserole dish. Dot with the margarine.

Place cheesy sauce ingredients in a blender and process until very smooth. Pour over cauliflower. Cover and bake for 30 minutes.

KUNG PAO TOFU

- 1 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic
- 3/4 cup sliced green onion
- 1 small red pepper, cut into 2-inch strips
- 1 1/4 cup coarsely shredded carrots
- 8 ounces extra firm, water packed tofu, cut into cubes
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 8 ounces Shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 8 ounces fresh snow peas, strings removed

SAUCE

- 1 cup hot vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon hot chili oil (or more if you like)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch mixed into 1 1/2 teaspoon cold water
- 1/2 cup whole cashews

Brown rice

In small bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Set aside. In a skillet, sauté Kung Pao ingredients in order given.

When cooked, pour in the sauce and add the cornstarch mixture. Cook until it thickens. Place into a serving dish and top with cashews. Serve with steaming hot brown rice on the side.

ROASTED ASPARAGUS AND RED PEPPERS

- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed and fibrous stalks peeled
- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a large bowl combine the asparagus and red bell pepper strips. Add lemon juice, oil, salt and minced garlic. Toss

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well to coat. Arrange the vegetables on the baking sheet. Bake until tender about 15 minutes, shaking the pan occasionally. Transfer the vegetables to a bowl, toss them with the lemon zest and serve. Makes 4 servings.

TACOS

- 12 ounces *Lightlife Smart Ground or Yves Veggie Ground Round* (found in the produce department of many grocery stores)
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 8 ounce can tomato sauce plus one can of water

In a skillet with a little oil add the veggie ground round, taco seasoning, tomato sauce and water. Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes or until all liquid has absorbed.

Serve in taco shells with any/all of the following optional condiments: Diced tomato, shredded lettuce, sliced green onions, sliced black olives, shredded soy cheese, vegan sour cream (*Tofutti Sour Supreme* is excellent).

BLUEBERRY COBBLER FILLING

- 2 tablespoons soy margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 1/2 cup blueberries

BISCUIT TOPPING

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons cold soy margarine
- 1/2 cup soy milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 375°F. Rub the two tablespoons of margarine inside a 1 1/2 quart baking dish. In another bowl mix all filling ingredients in the order listed. Pour into baking dish.

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Combine with fingers. Add soymilk and vanilla. Drop by tablespoons over blueberries. Spread lightly with a spatula to cover berries. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake for 40 minutes or until biscuit topping is browned and berries are bubbling around the sides.

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Novel stir-fry is a fusion of flavor

BY DANA JACOBI
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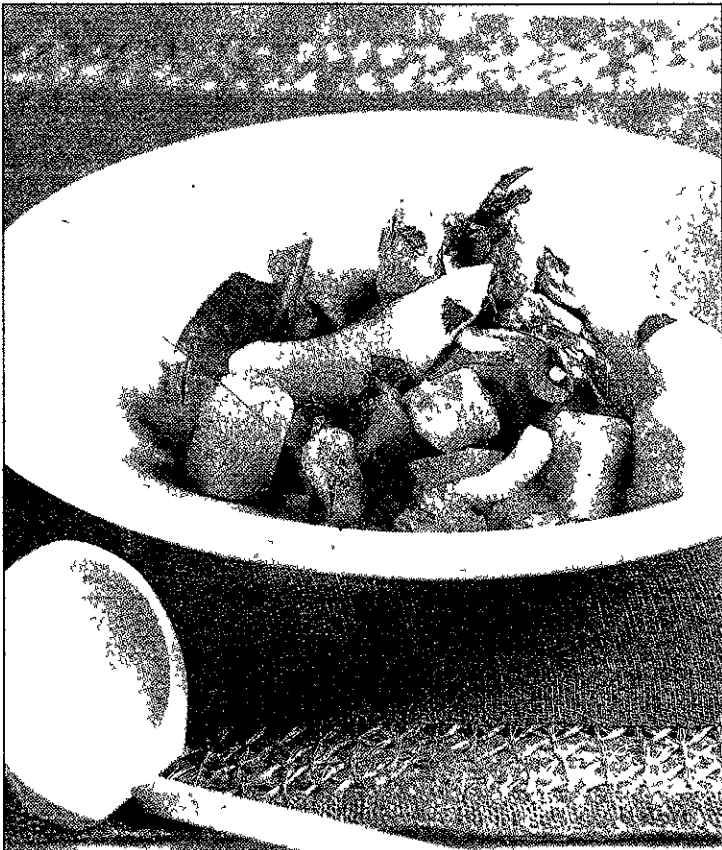
Southeast Asian cooking is a fusion of five flavors: hot, sour, salty, sweet and pungent. In a single dish, Southeast Asian cooks make sure to include a variety of colors and textures, too, adding visual pleasure to the enticing aromas and rich, complex layers of flavor.

Southeast Asian food also expresses the unique culture of each particular country. Vietnamese cuisine, the inspiration for this stir-fry, is the most sophisticated cooking in Southeast Asia, thanks to its legacies of Chinese and French influence.

Vietnamese cooking has a distinctive lightness, even in dishes featuring red meat, because it uses a minimal amount of fat. Even its most intensely-flavored sauces are refreshingly light.

SWEET POTATO AND PEAR STIR-FRY WITH CHICKEN AND CHILE SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon mirin, sake, or dry white wine
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast or thigh, cut into thin bite-sized pieces
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Vietnamese or Thai fish sauce or reduced-sodium soy sauce, or to taste
- ¼ teaspoon dried red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons peeled and minced fresh ginger
- Pinch of cayenne
- 1 medium yellow and 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and in bite-sized pieces
- 1 Asian pear, peeled, cored, thinly sliced
- ½ cup canned whole water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1 bag (6 ounces) baby spinach leaves
- 3 cups hot cooked brown rice
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro, loosely packed, for garnish



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Vietnamese cuisine, the inspiration for this stir-fry, is the most sophisticated cooking in Southeast Asia, thanks to its legacies of Chinese and French influence.

Combine the soy sauce, sugar and mirin in a glass, plastic, or nonreactive metal pan large enough to hold the chicken. Add chicken, tossing to coat all sides and marinate for up to 30 minutes at room temperature, or cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or up to 8 hours. If chilled, bring chicken to room temperature before beginning to stir-fry.

Place the cornstarch in a small bowl or cup. Gradually stir or whisk in the broth until completely blended. Stir in the fish sauce and red pepper flakes. Set the sauce aside.

In a large pot, add the sweet potatoes with water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer about 3 minutes or until sweet potatoes are fairly resistant when pierced with a fork. Drain them in a colander and set aside. Remove chicken from the marinade and pat it dry with a paper towel. Discard the marinade.

In a large, heavy pan or wok, heat half the oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, ginger and cayenne and stir-fry 30 seconds

or until the garlic is golden. Add the chicken and stir-fry about 3 to 4 minutes or until just cooked through and the juices run clear. Transfer mixture to a bowl.

Heat remaining oil in the pan over medium-high heat. Add sweet potatoes, bell peppers, and water chestnuts. Stir-fry about 3 minutes or until bell peppers and sweet potatoes are not quite tender. Add the chicken mixture, pear and spinach. Stir-fry, stirring constantly, just until spinach is wilted, about 2 to 3 minutes. Stir the sauce and add to the pan. Cook, stirring constantly, for 2 to 3 minutes or just until the sauce thickens. Immediately remove from heat. Serve the stir-fry mixture over the rice. Garnish with the cilantro. Serve sauce remaining in the pan separately, as desired.

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OLGC mourns loss of beloved coach

Dave Wilson was easy to find at Our Lady of Good Counsel athletic events the past several years. When he wasn't coaching the third- and fourth-grade football teams, Wilson was helping out at the concession stand. When he wasn't selling snacks, you could find him keeping the scorebook at basketball games. Or stacking up the spectators' chairs when the game was over. Or serving on OLGC's facilities committee. Or acting as a line judge at volleyball matches.



Ed Wright



Wilson

Yes, Dave Wilson's contributions to the OLGC youth athletics program were immeasurable. Which made it that much more difficult for those at the Plymouth parochial school to accept when the 42-year-old father of three died March 3 of an apparent heart attack while driving home from work. He left behind Tracy, his wife of 19 years; daughters Kate, 16, and Emily, 12; and son David, 9.

HEART OF GOLD

Ask anybody who knew Wilson, and they'll tell you he had a heart of gold. It just gave out way, way too soon.

"Every time I would see Dave," recalled OLGC football director Mike Nelson, "he would ask me what he could do to help. And I mean *every* time. He was sincere and genuine when he asked, too. He wasn't just going through the motions. "All of the kids he coached and their parents absolutely loved him. He was fair and he made football fun. Plus, he knew the sport inside and out. Somebody else will coach the fifth-grade football team next season, but no one will be able to replace Dave."

KIDS FIRST

It was all about the kids for Dave Wilson. When 47 youngsters tried out for the fourth-grade football team this past fall, Wilson knew each player's time on the field would be diminished unless he did something about it.

So he did — even if it meant extra work for him. "Dave decided to split the kids into two teams with two separate schedules," recalled Dave Houle, one of Wilson's assistant coaches. "He knew that by doing it this way, it would dilute the talent and we probably wouldn't win as many games, but he wanted each of the kids to get more playing time. That's the kind of guy he was." "With two teams to coach, Dave was running all over the place on weekends," Nelson said. "But you could tell he loved it. On Saturdays, he'd show up at the field at 8 a.m. and he wouldn't leave until 9 p.m." Tracy Wilson still vividly remembers the night almost three years ago when

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Sidelines

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2005 season on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., in the OLGC gymnasium, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in grade 3rd through 8th. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed. Contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net or (734) 737-9935.

Swim standouts

A pair of local swimmers turned in award-winning performances at the Michigan State Swim Championships March 11-13 at Rockford High School, located in suburban Grand Rapids.

Matthew Liu was the overall high-point earner in the boys 10-and-under division while Lauren Seroka finished second in the girls 10-and-under category. Both swimmers placed first in several individual events and also competed on first-place relay teams.

Volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the auxiliary gymnasium. Full tuition scholarships are available to qualified players. Call coach Tom Teeters at (248) 305-9804.

T-ball sign-up

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be holding registration from March 28 through April 15 for its 5- and 6-year-old co-ed T-ball league. Children must be born in either July-December, 1998; January-December, 1999; or January-July, 2000.

Registration will be held at the recreation office, which is located at the Plymouth Cultural Center between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birth certificates are required.

The season runs seven weeks from June 20 through Aug. 5. The fee is \$75 for non-residents and \$55 for Plymouth residents. Contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

YMCA programs

The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registrations for flag football for children between the ages of 8 and 12; and spring soccer for kids between the ages 4 and 10.

Both activities require a \$20 individual membership fee and a \$68 participation fee per sport. Call (734) 453-2904.



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State champs

Redford Catholic Central hockey captured its sixth Division 1 state title in the past seven years Saturday night when the Shamrocks derailed East-Kentwood, 4-0, at the Compuware Sports Arena. CC finished 24-3-3. For an article on the final game, please see page C7.

Spartans' Woods named top coach

For the 2004-05 Observer All-Area basketball team, please see page C2.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Redford Bishop Borgess head basketball coach Tony Woods preaches teamwork and togetherness to his players. It took a



Woods

little while, but eventually, that philosophy sank in like a T.R. Ellis trey. Woods, 32, earned selection as the *Observer Newspapers* boys basketball coach of the year for his motivated his squad to a Catholic League A-West Division title and respectable postseason run. Borgess finished 14-7, dropping a close contest to Detroit City in the Class D state district final.

"Coming off a fourth-place finish (in 2003-04, Woods' first season as Borgess coach), the improvement on our team was excellent," he said. "Even though we lost some tough games, they came out and really played their hardest."

The 1990 Borgess graduate, who earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball, had something to do with the admirable work ethic the Spartans displayed down the stretch.

In early January, the Spartans won big over Detroit

Holy Redeemer, but Woods wasn't satisfied with what he thought were selfish tendencies. He made the players run laps in the empty gymnasium following that contest.

"When you've got a young team and start reading about yourself, you start thinking you're better than you are," Woods said. "You start playing for yourself."

Almost immediately after that episode, and for the rest of the year, Spartan players cared less about jaw-dropping slams than about competing the right way — and winning.

"It's about teamwork and connecting to each other," Woods explained. "It's not about just yourself."

To underscore that point, Woods invited his players to compare how the 2004 Detroit Pistons won the NBA title with the individualistic and mediocre play of the most-recent U.S. Olympic team.

Woods, who is working toward an education degree at Wayne State University, also said he isn't such a taskmaster that players become stifled on the court. He lets them do what they do best, as long as it fits into the big Borgess picture. "I give them the freedom, I don't like to limit their game."

And now, Woods is looking forward to taking the Borgess program a couple more rungs up the postseason ladder.

"We still have a long way to go," he said. "But overall, (next year) we'll be one of the better ones to watch."

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Club gymnastics experience gives Brodehl edge

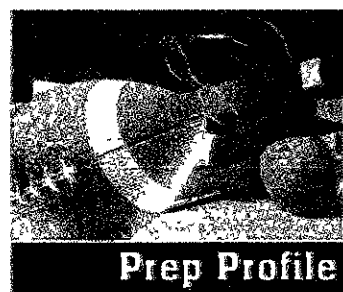
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's a rare occurrence when a freshman grabs a leadership role on a high school athletic team.

But that's exactly the scenario that unfolded over the past few months for the Plymouth girls gymnastics team, which often looked to ninth-grader Jordan Brodehl for assistance while practicing and guidance when competing in meets.

"Jordan is a very hard worker who was great when it came to helping out her inexperienced teammates," said first-year Plymouth coach Melissa Chang. "Jordan was the only gymnast on our team who has club experience. She was very supportive and encouraging with the other girls, and she helped them work on their routines as well."

Plymouth's team was unique



Prep Profile

this season because it had just five competitors on its roster. By comparison, both Salem and Canton have more than 20 girls on their respective teams.

Several members of last year's squad opted to participate in cheerleading this season, thus eliminating any depth Chang would be able to work with in her first full year on the job.

That made Brodehl's steady contributions even more important.

"The club teams I was on were

a lot bigger than this team, so this year was different than what I was used to," Brodehl said. "But one of the best parts about this year was that because there were only five of us, we got close and became good friends. I thought all of the girls on the team improved a lot this year. Some of them weren't even competing in meets early in the year, but they were all trying at least two events at the end of the season."

"Next year, I think we're going to have a lot more girls on the team. I've talked to some of the cheerleaders and they've said they're going to come back to gymnastics next season."

EARLY START

Brodehl's gymnastics career started at the age of 7 when her parents signed her up to learn the sport at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, which is located in Westland. She

proved to be a fast learner and was soon competing against many of the best young gymnasts in the United States.

"We traveled quite a bit for the club team," Brodehl recalled. "We had meets in Las Vegas, Florida and other places. At the national meets, we would see a lot of different gymnasts who were very good. I would watch them, then when I got back to the club, I would try to work on things I would see them do."

Brodehl's early success in the sport didn't come without hours upon hours of practice and hard work.

"We practiced a lot more with the club team than we do with the high school team," she said. "With the club team, it was five days a week for about four hours a night, and it was pretty much year-round. We would get a cou-

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Plymouth gymnast Jordan Brodehl had a stellar first season for the Wildcats. She recorded personal-best scores of 9.2 on the vault and 35.00 in the all-around.

All-area boys basketball team scores with talent

FIRST TEAM

Leon Freeman, 6-4 Jr. G, Belleville: Only a junior, Freeman was the main architect of the Tigers' outstanding 22-3 season.

Freeman could score effectively from the perimeter as well as the paint, averaging 17.5 points per game. He was also a rebounding (12.5) and passing (4.0 assists) force. Defensively, Freeman recorded 2.5 steals per contest and 2.0 blocks a game.

"Leon meant a lot to this team," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "He was not only our leading scorer and rebounder, but he was second in blocks, steals and assists. Obviously, he is a multi-faceted player. He could score inside and outside and he played hard on both ends of the floor."

"He's an exciting player who makes things happen, which he did many times this year."

Gregg Hill, 6-0 Sr. G, Redford Union: Extremely confident in all aspects of his game, Hill capped an outstanding Panther career with selection to the All-Mega first team for the fourth consecutive year.

He also averaged 15.4 points, 4.1 assists and 3.8 rebounds, nearly hitting three-pointers at a 50-percent clip.

"Gregg faced tremendous defensive attention every night," said head coach Brett Steele. "People ran every conceivable defense at him this year. He still put up tremendous numbers and was consistent in his performance."

During the season, Hill became the school's all-time leading scorer and finished with 1,184 points. Other highlights of his career include winning team MVP honors three times, sharing the award this year with Anthony Smelley.

Another hint of what kind of player he's been at RU: The team won 62 of 84 games during his career.

Donnie Carson, 6-3 Jr. G, Livonia Clarenceville: The junior improved his high-wire act this year by averaging 21.8 points, 9.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists, 4.0 steals, 1.8 blocks for the Trojans.

His 84 total steals in a season puts him on the MHSAA record list.

The All-Metro Conference selection shot 45 percent from the field (179-for-398). He was 25-of-74 from three-point range (34 percent), including 19-of-42 over his last nine games.

"Donnie is the best player I've ever coached," Clarenceville's Kevin Murphy said. "The sky's the limit with his potential. As the season progressed his shot got better. He also played harder. He picked up his game as the season went along."

Georgetown, UConn, Ball State, Kent State and Toledo have expressed interest in the junior.

Barry Eberhardt, 6-6 Sr. C, Westland John Glenn: The senior finished the year averaging 20 points and 11 rebounds per game as the Rockets won the Lakes Division title.

"Barry was the only player who was voted unanimously for All-Conference," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. "I felt he was the best player in the league. He was our go-to guy and everybody pretty much knew it."

"We saw a lot of zone and defenses always focused on him. He did a good job to put up those numbers."

Gene Nix, 6-7 Sr. C, Wayne Memorial: The senior led Wayne to the Western Lakes regular season title as he averaged 16 points, 10 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game.

The All-Western Lakes pick also shot over 50 percent.

"Gene has made great strides since last year," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "He played at a high level against some of the high-caliber teams this summer and never came out of the game. We expected a lot of him this year, and except for an early season injury (ankle), he

delivered for us."

"He lived up to what was expected."

SECOND TEAM

Andre Bell, 6-2 Jr. F, Livonia Franklin: The junior averaged 18.5 points, seven rebounds, two assists and 2.5 steals per game as the Patriots posted their best record (13-8) since the 1982-83 season.

He scored in double figures in 20 of 21 games. Bell also hit 70 percent of his free throws and shot 48 percent from the field. The All-Western Division pick had high games of 26 each against Redford Union and Walled Lake Western.

"The one the Andre demonstrated this season is that he's a triple-threat because he handles the ball, can take it to the rack, and has both the mid-range and three-point shot," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said. "He has a lot of potential yet to tap into. He brings a level of excitement to our games. He's a pleasant guy, an easy kid to coach."

Tommie Clark, 6-3 Jr. F, Belleville: Clark, who was the Tigers' second-leading scorer behind Freeman (15.0) was the catalyst of the team's high-octane transition attack. He was also a powerful offensive rebounder and stellar defender.

"Tommie developed as a very good transition player for us this season," said Krogel. "He teamed up with Leon a lot to score on the fast-break. Tommie and Leon may not have been the 'Dynamic Duo,' but they were close."

"Leon took the ball out of bounds for us after made baskets and he hit Tommie with long passes that turned into lay-ups. Tommie is a good offensive rebounder who has a knack for following shots."

Anthony Smelley, 6-1 Sr. G, Redford Union: Smelley was easily deserving of first-team status if not for the fact 22-3 Belleville this year entered the Observer coverage area. He made the All-Mega first team for the second consecutive season and also garnered accolades as the team's co-MVP, with Hill.

Smelley averaged 14.7 points and five rebounds per contest, augmenting Hill as the Panthers compiled a 16-5 record.

"After losing three starters from last year's team, he stepped into more of a leadership role this year and had an outstanding senior year," said Steele.

Smelley also faced opponents' best on offense and defense and still put up impressive numbers.

Brandon Craft, 6-3 Jr. F, Garden City: The Cougars nearly pulled off a victory against Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the Class A state districts because of Craft, who carried his team on his shoulders to the tune of 30 points - including 14 in the third.

It was the kind of determined effort that Garden City head coach Greg Williamson saw more often than not from his junior captain and 4.0 student.

"He tried to carry us on his back in the districts," noted Williamson. "He's just a great kid and a good player."

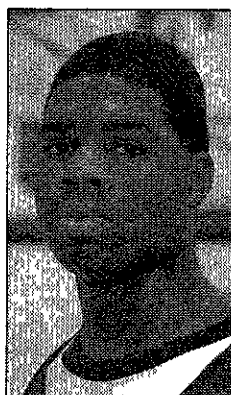
Craft averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per contest, and was named to the All-Mega squad.

Andy Cortellini, 5-10 Sr. G, Canton: While the three-year varsity player didn't rack up flashy stats, his worth to the Chiefs' 15-8 season was immeasurable. A steady, dependable ball-handler, Cortellini could break just about any press that was thrown at him. The All-Western Lakes Activities Association performer could also score when necessary, averaging 10.0 points per game. He shot 39 percent from three-point land. Defensively, he racked up 45 steals and corralled 26 loose balls, which was a testament to his hustling style of play.

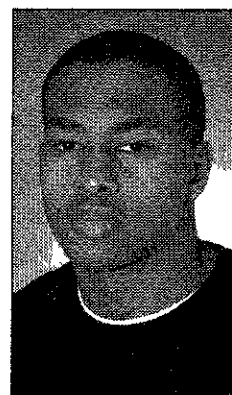
"Andy was the quarterback of our offense," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "He saw the floor very well. He could score, too - either by taking the ball to the basket or hitting a three. Andy is a great team player."



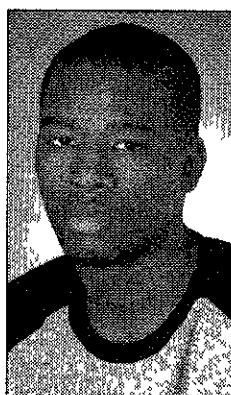
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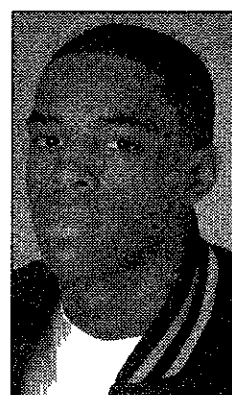
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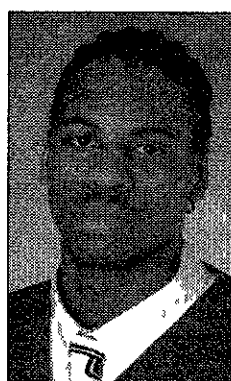
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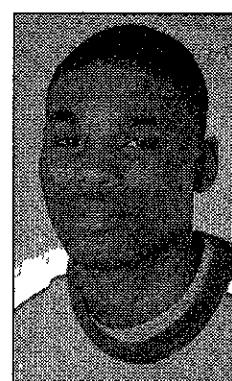
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All-Observer Boys Basketball Team for 2004-05

2004-05 ALL-OBSERVER BASKETBALL TEAM (selected by the sports staff)

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THIRD TEAM

David Davis, 6-4, Jr., Redford Bishop Borgess
Danny Walsh, 6-1, Sr., Wayne Memorial
Andre Partee, 5-9, Sr., Belleville
Josh Samanco, 6-0, Sr., Belleville
David Calille, 6-1, Sr., Canton

FOURTH TEAM

Josh Le Duc, 6-4, Jr., Plymouth
Aras Butkunas, 6-5, Jr., Redford Catholic Central
T.R. Ellis, 6-3, Jr., Redford Bishop Borgess
Stephen Sumner, 6-0, Sr., Plymouth Christian
Lonnie Wade, 6-5, Sr., Redford Thurston

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tony Woods, Redford Bishop Borgess

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Kevin Thornton, Jason Houdek, Andre Bridges; **Salem:** Billy Leddy, Dave Cardenas; **Plymouth:** D.J. Coleman, Jim Wilbur, A.J. Davey, Brent Jones, Kulraj Sandhu; **Stevenson:** Tom Clements, Tony Lenardon, Luke Knochel; **Churchill:** Mark Schubert, Sean Adkins, Joel Hall; **Franklin:** Tommy Jankowski, Mitch Jelonek, Matt McCullough; **Clarenceville:** Ray Gardner, Bruno Shkrel, Allen Garratt; **Wayne Memorial:** Rodrick Walker, DeVaughn Hill, Maurice Nelson, Jay Butler; **John Glenn:** Alex McMillan; **Huron Valley Lutheran:** Jon Harold Collins, Antoine Hollifield, Joseph Jones; **Redford Catholic Central:** Rob Frago, Chris Harding, Garrett Sencyszyn; **Redford Union:** Chris Brown, Bill Johnson, David Johnson III; **Redford Thurston:** Terrance Millen, Antoine Morris, Gilbert Ward; **Garden City:** Scott Shaw, Kyle Sizemore; **Plymouth Christian:** Aaron Ciborowski; **Canton Agape:** Bryan Horning, Gabe Molnar, Derek Leathers, Jack Anlethner

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Dixon excels at state meet

Salem senior Nick Dixon capped his high school swimming career in high style Saturday with two top-five finishes at the Division 1 state final meet held at Eastern Michigan University.

The Rocks placed 19th in the overall standings as they compiled 34 points. Defending champion Ann Arbor Pioneer won the Division 1 title.

Dixon placed fourth in the 100-yard individual medley event with a personal best time of 1:57.06.

"Nick should get All-American consideration for that time," said Rock coach Chuck Olson.

Dixon also finished fifth in the 100-yard backstroke with a clocking of 53.42.

Salem's medley relay foursome of Matt Jurcak, Dixon, Stan Chen and Penn Chou placed 17th with a time of 1:41.74.

"It seemed like each of the four swimmers was about three-thirds of a second off," Olson said.

Mike Higgs earned a 30th-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle (22.77) while Andrew Murawski was 21st in diving.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Matt Jurcak finished 12th in the 100-yard freestyle event at the Division 1 state meet Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

Jurcak was 12th in the 100-yard freestyle, touching in 47.91, which was a personal best.

He also placed 19th in the 100-yard backstroke.

Salem's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Higgs, Pat Sataural, Matt Underhill and Chou placed 24th in the state with a time of 1:31.93.

The Rocks' 400-yard freestyle relay quartet of

Jurcak, Higgs, Chou and Dixon turned in a time of 3:15.98, which would have placed it in the top 10, however, the team was disqualified as a judge claimed one of the swimmers left the starting block prematurely.

"My assistant coach and I were standing right there and we didn't see it," Olson said. "There's not much you can do about it, though."

SWIM RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 11-12 at EMU's Jones Natatorium
TEAM SCORES: 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer, 305 points; 2 Zeeland, 200; 3 Birmingham Brother Rice, 136.70; 4 Grosse Pointe South, 142; 5 Lake Orion, 133; 6 Holland West Ottawa, 128; 7 Northville, 127; 8 Troy, 113; 9 Rockford, 109; 10 Livonia Stevenson, 102.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1 Holland West Ottawa (Christopher Jordan, Chris Meyers, Ryan Nellis, Beau Austin) 1:35.63; 2 Birmingham Brother Rice, 1:36.70; 3 Zeeland, 1:36.84; 4 Livonia Stevenson, 1:37.09; 5 Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:37.42; 6 Grosse Pointe South, 1:38.74; 7 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified, 1:39.37; 8 Saline, 1:41.53; 9 Hudsonville, 1:39.40; 10 Troy, 1:39.91; 11 Northville, 1:40.59; 12 Walled Lake Central, 1:40.88; 13 Detroit U-D Jesuit, 1:41.02; 14 Grand Haven, 1:41.38; 15 East Kentwood, 1:41.99; 16 Holland, 1:42.10.

200 freestyle: 1 Sho Koba (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:38.51 (Division 1 record); 2 David Curtis (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:40.55; 3 Adam DeJong (Holland) 1:42.21; 4 Chris Keady (Northville) 1:43.41; 5 Brad Farris (Northville) 1:43.44; 6 Pat Dodge (Lake Orion) 1:43.84; 7 Kyle Begley (Saline) 1:44.43; 8 Robert Steele (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:44.49; 9 Scott Ducharme (Rochester Adams) 1:44.48; 10 Casey Browning (Grosse Pointe South) 1:44.66; 11 Dave Brown (Lake Orion) 1:45.15; 12 Josh D'Angelo (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:45.48; 13 Zach Czaplak (Ann Arbor Huron) 1:45.55; 14 Jon Lessard (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:45.74; 15 Chris Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:45.75; 16 Ryan Shrum (Zeeland) 1:47.28.

200 individual medley: 1 Justin Barkel (Zeeland) 1:54.04; 2 Daniel Warner (Saline) 1:54.11; 3 Tony Wahl (Detroit Jesuit) 1:55.74; 4 Nick Dixon (Salem) 1:57.06; 5 Chris Bagley (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:57.24; 6 Chris Johnson (Troy) 1:57.26; 7 Pat Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:57.68; 8 Jason Hass (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:58.49; 9 Travis Hatt (Livonia Stevenson) 1:58.14; 10 Ryan Nelis (Holland West Ottawa) 1:58.41; 11 Will Bickie (Northville) 1:58.81; 12 Brian Keeley (Rockford) 1:58.85; 13 James DeWitte (Birmingham Brother Rice) 1:59.59; 14 Roman Sandler (Walled Lake North) 1:59.77; 15 Connor Christie (Saline) 1:59.90; 16 Peter Stevens (Grosse Pointe South) 2:00.99.

50 freestyle: 1 Jamie Martone (Troy) 21.06; 2 Brad Dotson (Jenison) 21.28; 3 Joe Schmitt (Grand Haven) 21.32; 4 Luke Ortega (Rockford) 21.55; 5 Garrett Ruhland (Lake Orion) 21.74; 6 Steve Weinberg (Ann Arbor Huron) 21.83; 7 James Spaulding (Grand Blanc) 21.90; 8 Ryan Gunderson (Grosse Pointe South) 22.89; 9 Matt Massman (Livonia Stevenson) 21.92; 10 (tie) Beau Austin (Holland West Ottawa) 22.04;

Brent Saell (Birmingham Brother Rice) 22.04; 12 Chris Tyner (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 22.16; 13 (tie) Alex Davidson (Jackson) 22.23; Brendon Ray (Holland) 22.23; 15 Brad Voss (Holt) 22.26; 16 Dustin Hennigar (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 22.28.

1-meter diving: 1 Dan Smith (Rockford) 402.50 points; 2 Brandon Figurski (Lake Orion) 401.65; 3 Tristan Stewart (Saginaw Heritage) 397.25; 4 Kelly Todd (Brighton) 390.65; 5 Tory Dantuma (East Kentwood) 382.50; 6 Kyle Overway (Zeeland) 370.15; 7 Jake Hoekstra (Grandville) 356.05; 8 Justin Linne (Grosse Pointe South) 355.10; 9 Grant Weick (Hudsonville) 346.60; 10 Chris Alberty (Novi) 337.70; 11 Cody Stafford (Livonia Stevenson) 337.05; 12 Travis Kneale (Walled Lake North) 332.95; 13 Russ Bornschein (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 332.80; 14 Brad Lempe (Northville) 310.15; 15 Kevin Cafarelli (Canton) 301.80; 16 Anthony Stadwick (Roseville) 297.85.

100 butterfly: 1 Luke Richard (Grosse Pointe South) 50.91; 2 Tony Wahl (Detroit Jesuit) 51.15; 3 Jason Hass (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 51.69; 4 Ryan Fulkerson (South Lyon) 51.80; 5 Steve Bruestle (Livonia Stevenson) 51.86; 6 Robert Steele (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 52.62; 7 Garrett Baringhaus (Livonia Stevenson) 52.68; 8 Ryan Nelis (Holland West Ottawa) 53.43; 9 Chris Hasson (Birmingham Brother Rice) 52.26; 10 Scott Ducharme (Rochester Adams) 52.79; 11 Noah Whitener (Saline) 53.54; 12 Chris Meyers (Holland West Ottawa) 53.61; 13 Phil Watkins (Walled Lake Central) 53.74; 14 Rob Andrews (Mattawan) 54.40; 15 Ryan Tamm, (Birmingham Brother Rice) 54.43; 16 David Greiner (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 54.47.

100 freestyle: 1 Sho Koba (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 45.79 (Division 1 record); 2 Jamie Martone (Troy) 46.52; 3 Brad Dotson (Jenison) 46.77; 4 Jordan Diekema (Zeeland) 46.90; 5 Garrett Ruhland (Lake Orion) 47.14; 6 Joe Schmitt (Grand Haven) 47.28; 7 Luke Ortega (Rockford) 47.56; 8 Dustin Hennigar (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 48.38; 9 Beau Austin (Holland West Ottawa) 46.97; 10 Brad Farris (Northville) 47.51; 11 Kyle Begley (Saline) 47.68; 12 Matt Jurcak (Plymouth Salem) 47.91; 13 Pat Dodge (Lake Orion) 48.03; 14 Jon Lessard (Birmingham Brother Rice) 48.22; 15 Zach Czaplak (Ann Arbor Huron) 48.27; 16 Peter Kober (Rochester) 48.67.

500 freestyle: 1 David Curtis (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 4:35.43; 2 Adam DeJong (Holland) 4:36.87; 3 Colby Ward (Rochester Adams) 4:40.32; 4 Chris Keady (Northville) 4:40.36; 5 Casey Browning (Grosse Pointe South) 4:41.76; 6 Chris Johnson (Troy) 4:42.17; 7 Anthony Serio (Romeo) 4:42.81; 8 David Sterl (Farmington/Harrison Unified) 4:46.31; 9 Ryan Kraai (Zeeland) 4:43.93; 10 Will Bickie (Northville) 4:44.28; 11 Chris Bagley

(Birmingham Brother Rice) 4:48.55; 12 Danny Basile (Grosse Pointe South) 4:49.14; 13 Chris Culkin (Northville) 4:50.03; 14 Kyle Burgher (Birmingham Brother Rice) 4:50.14; 15 Josh Gale (South Lyon) 4:53.07; 16 Ricky Forrest (Lake Orion) 4:57.41.

200 freestyle relay: 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer (Dustin Hennigar, Robert Steele, David Curtis, Sho Koba) 1:26.46 (Division 1 record); 2 Lake Orion 1:26.60; 3 Zeeland, 1:27.12; 4 Holland West Ottawa 1:27.55; 5 Birmingham Brother Rice, 1:27.59; 6 Grand Haven, 1:28.53; 7 Holland, 1:28.75; 8 Grosse Pointe South, 1:28.97; 9 (tie) Grandville, 1:28.13; Rockford, 1:28.13; 11 Northville, 1:28.34; 12 Livonia Stevenson, 1:28.69; 13 Jenison 1:28.70; 14 South Lyon, 1:28.92; 15 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified, 1:29.77; 16 Ann Arbor Huron, 1:30.51.

100 backstroke: 1 Jordan Diekema (Zeeland) 50.95; 2 Steve Weinberg (Ann Arbor Huron) 52.90; 3 Mike Burton (Birmingham Brother Rice) 53.27; 4 Daniel Warner (Saline) 53.64; 5 Nick Dixon (Salem) 53.73; 6 Pat Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 54.01; 7 Craig Jackowiak (Macomb L'Anse Creuse North) 54.56; 8 Chris Buck (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 54.78; 9 Ryan Fulkerson (South Lyon) 53.58; 10 Mark Boman (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 54.24; 11 Jack Oliver (Walled Lake Central) 54.67; 12 Sean Hamstra (Zeeland) 54.74; 13 Chris Hasson (Zeeland) 54.79; 14 (tie) Christopher Jordan (Holland West Ottawa) 54.84 and James DeWitte (Birmingham Brother Rice) 54.84; 16 Alex Perry (Holland) 55.36.

100 breaststroke: 1 Justin Barkel (Zeeland) 57.19; 2 Chris Meyers (Holland West Ottawa) 58.12; 3 Brent Saell (Birmingham Brother Rice) 59.14; 4 Brian Keeley (Rockford) 59.34; 5 Jason Lintjer (Grand Haven) 59.50; 6 Garrett Snook (Saginaw Heritage) 1:00.23; 7 Ryan Booms (Walled Lake Central) 1:00.25; 8 Roman Sandler (Walled Lake North) 1:00.59; 9 Kiertan Lyster (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:01.08; 10 James Baguley (Hudsonville) 1:01.28; 11 David Gosdzinski (Livonia Stevenson) 1:01.52; 12 Anthony Sall (Zeeland) 1:02.06; 13 Mitchell Kilpa (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 1:02.37; 14 Peter Stevens (Grosse Pointe South) 1:02.44; 15 Scott Venetis (Troy) 1:02.48; 16 Brent Rosendall (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Unified) 1:02.53.

400 freestyle: 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer (David Curtis, Jason Hass, Pat Buck, Sho Koba) 3:08.78 (Division 1 record); 2 Troy, 3:12.57; 3 Northville, 3:12.59; 4 Lake Orion, 3:12.82; 5 Zeeland, 3:13.09; 6 Ann Arbor Huron, 3:13.87; 7 Rockford, 3:14.69; 8 Grosse Pointe South, 3:16.65; 9 Holland, 3:13.47; 10 Saline, 3:14.98; 11 Birmingham Brother Rice, 3:15.52; 12 South Lyon, 3:16.49; 13 Grand Blanc, 3:17.19; 14 Livonia Stevenson, 3:17.84; 15 Jenison, 3:18.24; 16 Grand Haven, 3:18.73.

Cunningham earns top honors

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton girls gymnastics coach John Cunningham was honored for his dedication to the sport Saturday when he was presented with the "Coach of the Year" award by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association.

Cunningham also won the award in 2002.

"I was surprised," Cunningham admitted. "I honestly thought (Farmington United coach) Jeff Dwyer was going to get it."

High school coaches and judges from across the state vote on who is most deserving of the award.

Cunningham, who is president of the MHSJCJA, said the award is not based solely on results.

"It's based more on contribu-

tions to the sport than who has the best team," Cunningham said. "I do a lot of work at the state level and organizing the state meet."

The Chiefs had an outstanding season, finishing fourth in Friday's state meet at Plymouth High School.

Cunningham's teams perennially finish in the top 10 in the state.

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GYMNASTICS RESULTS

2005 MHSAA GIRLS GYMNASTICS

INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS

March 12 at Plymouth High

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Vault: 1 Jessica Nieman (Freeland), 9.725; 2 Shannon Jodoin (Tri-Farmington), 9.500; 3 Alyssa Kelley (Canton), 9.475; 4 Kyle Krygier (Traverse City), 9.250; 5 Leslie Mayville (Rochester), 9.225; 6 (tie) Tiffany Heuhs (Holt), Jessica Oddi (Tri-Farmington), 9.200; 8 Emilee Walsh (Portage Northern), Nichole Drouillard (Brighton), 9.150; 10 (tie) Andrea Pisani (Livonia), Jessie Murray (Canton) 9.125.

Uneven bars: 1 Tiffany Heuhs (Holt), 9.650; 2 Kyle Krygier (Traverse City), 9.575; 3 Emily Snellenberger (Holt), 9.450; 4 Emilee Walsh (Portage Northern), 9.400; 5 Lauren Dillullo (Brighton), 9.375; 6 Kelly Patrick (Tri-Farmington), 9.300; 7 (tie) Jessica Nieman (Freeland), Andrea Pisani (Livonia) 9.25; 9 (tie) Jessica Oddi (Tri-Farmington), Leslie Mayville (Rochester), Alyssa Kelley (Canton), 9.150.

Balance beam: 1 Jessica Nieman (Freeland), 9.800; 2 Tiffany Heuhs (Holt), 9.425; 3 Jessica Oddi (Tri-Farmington), 9.400; 4 Lindsey Reed (Livonia), 9.325; 5 Andrea Pisani (Livonia), 9.300; 6 Lauren Dillullo (Brighton), 9.250; 7 Shannon Jodoin (Tri-Farmington), 9.200; 8 (tie) Leslie Mayville (Rochester), Megan Chappo (Canton), Kacy Risner (Livonia), 9.150.

Floor exercise: 1 Lindsey Reed (Livonia),

9.650; 2 Kyle Krygier (Traverse City), 9.575; 3 Tiffany Heuhs (Holt), 9.550; 4 Kelly Patrick (Tri-Farmington), 9.525; 5 Andrea Pisani (Livonia), 9.500; 6 Jessica Nieman (Freeland), 9.475; 7 (tie) Shannon Jodoin (Tri-Farmington), Alyssa Kelley (Canton), Nichole Drouillard (Brighton), 9.400; 10 Emilee Walsh (Portage Northern), 9.350.

All-around: 1 Jessica Nieman (Freeland), 38.250; 2 Tiffany Heuhs (Holt), 37.825; 3 Kyle Krygier (Traverse City), 37.350; 4 Andrea Pisani (Livonia), 37.175; 5 Shannon Jodoin (Tri-Farmington), 37.150; 6 Jessica Oddi (Tri-Farmington), 36.975; 7 Lauren Dillullo (Brighton), 36.875; 8 Leslie Mayville (Rochester), 36.675; 9 Lindsey Reed (Livonia), 36.650; 10 Emilee Walsh (Portage Northern), 36.450.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

Vault: 1 Lindsey Orgeck (Forest Hills), 9.500; 2 Caitlyn Gager (Rockford), 9.450; 3 (tie) Alyssa Supplee (Livonia), Kim Watters (Rockford), 9.200; 5 Janna Ramsey (Northville/Novi), 9.125; 6 (tie) Paige Albers (Livonia), Jacqueline Gazette (Northville/Novi), 9.100; 8 Ashley Quinto (Salem), 9.075; 9 Andrea Marcos (Tri-Farmington), Laura Merrell (Tri-Farmington), 9.050.

Uneven bars: 1 Kim Watters (Rockford), 9.175; 2 (tie) Elena Gueorguev (Salem), Alyssa Bryson (Rockford), 9.100; 4 (tie) Alyse Quinn (Tri-Farmington), Robyn DeYoung (Traverse City), Courtney Shaneour (Hillsdale), 9.075; 7,

(tie) Lindsey Orgeck (Forest Hills), Ashley Quinto (Salem), 9.050; 9 Caitlyn Gager (Rockford), 9.000; 10 Kelsy Puffer (Rochester Adams), 8.875.

Balance beam: 1 Alyse Quinn (Tri-Farmington), 9.600; 2 Ashley Quinto (Salem), 9.400; 3 (tie) Lindsey Orgeck (Forest Hills), Kelsy Puffer (Rochester Adams), 9.100; 5 (tie) Kelsy Puffer (Rochester Adams), 9.050; 6 (tie) Robyn DeYoung (Traverse City), Brittany Slattery (Mason), Jessica Linder (Grand Ledge), 9.000; 9 Aubrey Calligan (Hillsdale), 8.800; 10 Emily Luxon (Tri-Farmington), 8.750.

Floor exercise: 1 Lindsey Orgeck (Forest Hills), 9.450; 2 (tie) Alyse Quinn (Tri-Farmington), Aubrey Calligan (Hillsdale), 9.300; 4 Alyssa Burke (ECWC), 9.250; 5 Caitlin Riley (Kenowa Hills), 9.225; 6 Robyn DeYoung (Traverse City), 9.150; 7 Kelsy Puffer (Rochester Adams), 9.100; 8 Alyssa Supplee (Livonia), 9.075; 9 Ashley Quinto (Salem), 9.050; 10 (tie) Julie Foucher (Northville/Novi), Kaitlyn Burns (Canton), Meleah Vanos (Kenowa Hills), 8.950.

All-around: 1 Lindsey Orgeck (Forest Hills), 37.100; 2 Alyse Quinn (Tri-Farmington), 36.925; 3 Ashley Quinto (Salem), 36.575; 4 Robyn DeYoung (Traverse City), 36.075; 5 Kelsy Puffer (Rochester Adams), 36.025; 6 Aubrey Calligan (Hillsdale), 35.575; 7 Alyssa Supplee (Livonia), 35.500; 8 Julie Foucher (Northville/Novi), 35.350; 9 Courtney Shaneour (Hillsdale), 35.000; 10 Brittany Slattery (Mason), 34.950.

BRODEHL

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ple of weeks off at different times during the summer. I enjoyed it though. It's given me a chance meet a lot of nice people through gymnastics."

VAULTING TO SUCCESS

While Brodehl is proficient

at all four events – balance beam, floor exercise, uneven bars and vault – she said the vault stands out as her premier skill.

"The vault is the one event I spend the most time practicing," she said. "It takes a lot of speed and endurance because sometimes you have to do it several times in a row."

Brodehl's best all-around

score this season was a 35.00. As far as high scores in individual events, she recorded a 9.2 in the vault and a 9.0 on the beam.

"I think Jordan did very well this season for her first year of high school gymnastics," Chang said. "I'm looking forward to working with her in the future, too."

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Plymouth Christian cheer squad takes Class D title

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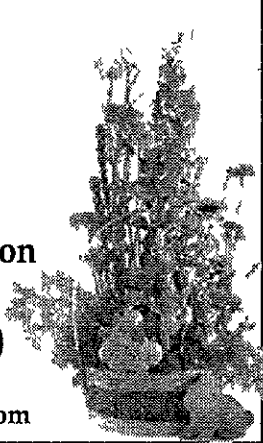
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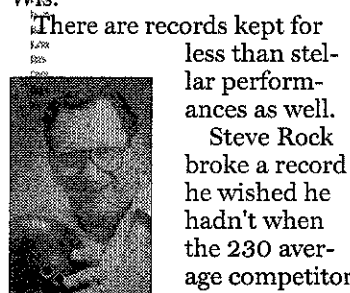


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Wisconsin is home of bowling record books

There are records kept for all sorts of high scores and great performances by all kinds of bowlers at Bowling Headquarters in Greendale, Wis.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

There are records kept for less than stellar performances as well. Steve Rock broke a record he wished he hadn't when the 230 average competitor rolled a 68 game in the Entertainment Video Classic League at Lake George (N.Y.) Bowl. His 162 pins below average beat the previous record of 152 by Anthony Delahanty in Chandler, Ariz. in 1993. Delahanty rolled a 62 game with a 214 average.

Another bowler who wished he hadn't put his name in the record books is Bryan Hunsche of Akron, Ohio. His 176 game in the Tuesday Nite Men's League at Turkeyfoot Lanes was the lowest ever with nine

strikes. The previous record was 184 by Harvey Lemons in Belle Glades, Fla., and William Marshino in West Palm Beach, Fla. in 1974.

If you think that only the high scores make the record books, that's not necessarily so in the sport of bowling.

Charles Bykkonen of Redford was competing in the Sunday Goodtimers last week at Country Lanes and got in the groove during the third game. He had a spare in the first frame and struck on the next 10 shots in a row and finished with an eight-count for a 288 game, 112 pins over his 176 average. And it was good enough to earn an American Bowling Congress Century Watch, which he will receive at the league banquet.

His game was great to see, except for the fact that he did it against my own team.

The Wayne Westland Metro Bowling Association conducted its 23rd annual "700" Singles Tournament leading off with the in-house qualifying rounds throughout January.

Bowlers attempted to qualify using league scores in the five houses within the jurisdic-

tion of WWMBA.

League scores were computed with a 70 percent handicap from 230. The top qualifiers from each house advanced to the semifinals. The finals were comprised of 159 bowlers who competed on Feb 19 to determine who would advance to the locally televised finals on Feb 20 at Westland Bowl.

David T. Grzesik of Romulus earned the top seed with scores of 300-247-245/792 along with a 48-pin handicap to total out at 840.

Thomas Johnson of Garden City was runner-up with 238-245-277/750 with a plus 33-pin handicap for 793.

Garden City's Donald L. Rutherford placed third with scores of 217-239-276/732 with a plus 42 and a total score of 774.

Fourth spot went to Garden City's Greg Gunter, who finished with 244-246-225/715 with a plus 72 and a total of 769.

The fifth and last spot was taken by John Curtis of Belleville, who scored 221-252-209/682 with a plus 72 and a 754 total score.

Jeff Novak of Westland was the alternate by finishing sixth

with scores of 202-266-221/689 with a plus 63 totalling 752.

On Feb. 20, a stepladder format was used as John Curtis again came through in the clutch and took the "700" Tournament title for 2005, winning in an exciting final against Grzeski, 258-253.

The first match pitted fifth-seed Curtis winning against fourth-seeded Gunter, who ran into split problems early on, 262-233 (scores include handicaps).

Curtis then ousted third-seed Donald Rutherford, 220-185, and then Grzeski, 200-192.

Top scorers in the Tuesday Night Men's League at Town n Country Lanes in Westland included: Jim Anthony, 275-244-277/795; Jason Proudlock, 300/714; Tom Lillibridge, 256-258-224/736; Wes Klocke, Sr., 276/701; Steve Smith, 247-278/737; Harley Duke, 280/730; Tony Grote, 299/751; Paul Grauzer, 279/700.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached directly at (248) 477-1839.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Plymouth High School softball team will be hosting a softball clinic on Saturday, April 9, on the high school's softball field.

The clinic will be divided into two parts: a beginners' session that will run from 9 a.m. to noon; and an advanced session that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The beginners' session will consist of first-time participants who have up to three years of experience and the advanced session will include all athletes who have played more than three years.

The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Tom Bondy at (734) 455-5242 or tlbondy@comcast.net.

CHIEFS BOOSTERS

The next Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club meeting will be held April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

All parents of current and future Canton football players are encouraged to attend as plans for next season will be made.

For more information, con-

tact Kathy Powers (734) 416-0664.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem High School Baseball Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 26 and Saturday, April 9, in the high school gymnasium. There will be four sessions and players will be grouped from ages 7 to 10 years old and 11 to 15.

The cost of the clinic is \$25, which includes a souvenir T-shirt.

To sign up, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026 or e-mail them at pcmmyers@hotmail.com.

10-STAR HOOP CAMP

Applications are currently being evaluated for the 10-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, an invitation-only camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years old. Past participants of the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

The closest Observerland 10-Star camp will be held in Ypsilanti.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings

March 8, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Yack introduced the students present from Youth Leadership. Abhi Katti, Linda Ling, Rebecca Michael, Nakita Consul, and Michelle Gray, were present and on the dais with their appointed Board Member. Linda Ling initiated roll call. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of February 22, 2005 Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Caccamo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for March 8, 2005

General Fund	101	\$	414,208.96
Fire Fund	206		392,710.43
Police Fund	207		60,526.48
Summit Operating	208		45,948.62
Cable TV Fund	230		17,116.96
E-911 Utility	261		1,806.06
Federal Grants Fund	274		641.00
Auto Theft Grant	289		6,174.36
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294		24,767.41
Cap Proj.-Bldg. Const	402		351,531.63
Golf Fund	584		6,696.80
Water & Sewer Fund	592		533,928.51
Construction Escrows	702		91,300.90
Post Employ Benefits	736		6,807.27
Total - All Funds			1,954,165.19

Board Member Reports: Trustee Caccamo presented the Board with literature on TVM and excerpts from emails from citizens.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S "MOM-2-MOM" SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for Calvary Baptist Church's MOPS 'Mom-2-Mom' Sale on Sunday, April 16, 2005, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON MUSIC BOOSTERS' SPRING ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters' Spring Arts & Craft Show on March 19, 2005, at Canton High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. INSTALLATION OF "CAUTION HANDICAPPED IN AREA SIGN(S)". (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to allow the installation of two (2) "Caution Handicapped in Area" sign(s), actual cost \$242.98, General Fund Account No. 101-300-970-0000, on Riverwoods Drive at Pondview Court, and authorize the Clerk to sign the application. Further, that the Township will assume responsibilities for furnishing, installing and maintaining the sign(s). Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN UNDERGROUND EASEMENT FOR FIRE STATION III. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Detroit Edison Underground Easement (Right of Way) No. 566990 for Fire Station III. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR LOTUS INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special land use for Lotus International. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Lotus International WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Paul Reschke, has requested special use approval for Lotus International to be located on Commerce Drive between Haggerty and Koppernick Roads, identified as EDP# 045-99-0008-702; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Paul Reschke, to conduct the special use for the proposed Lotus International subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 2. CONSIDER CLARK GAS STATION SITE PLAN. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Clark Gas Station (Ford Road). Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Clark Gas Station (Ford Road) WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested Final site plan approval for the Clark Gas Station located on the northwest corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads (Tax ID #: 039-99-0031-003); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for the Clark Gas Station located at the northwest corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads (Tax EDP # 039-99-0031-003), including the modification to the landscaping requirements as shown on the plan; and subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 3. CONSIDER PURCHASING EIGHT 6000 WATT PORTABLE POWER GENERATORS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT RECEIVED BY THE

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of eight (8) portable power generators from Cougar Sales and Rental, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$13,699.00 (account no. 101-860-977-1600, General Fund Account, Homeland Security Grant - Equipment). Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION SATELLITE BOXES. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of two 48 Station Toro LTC Satellite Boxes for Pheasant Run Golf Club in the amount of \$7,087.75 to Spartan Distributors, 1050 Updyke Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 from 584-756-971-0000 Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. PUBLIC SAFETY LOCKER ROOM ROOF REPAIR. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid to repair to the roof at the Police Department over locker room, to Barnett Roofing and Siding, Inc. 41700 Michigan Ave, Canton, MI 48188 for an amount \$6,488 (account no. 207-301-930-0000 (80 percent Police) Maintenance and Repair of Grounds and Buildings and in Fire, 206-336-930-0000 (20 percent Fire) Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER MORRIS REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution to rezone the Morris property. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Robert Olson (Morris Property) WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 2.35 acres located on the east side of Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill Road be rezoned from R-3, Single-Family Residential District to O-1, Office District, and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan, and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 086-99-0002-001 to O-1, Office District. Item 7. CONSIDER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ROSEWOOD PLACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the Rosewood Place Preliminary Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rosewood Place Preliminary Planned Development District WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, has proposed the development of a residential Planned Development District to be known as Rosewood Place PDD, located on west of Ridge Road, south of Ford Road and east of Napier Road (Tax ID # 069-99-0015-001, 071-99-0008-000 and part of parcels # 069-99-0010-000 and 070-99-0002-000); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at a public hearing, reviewed the proposed Preliminary Planned Development District concept plans and agreement, and recommended APPROVAL of Rosewood Place Preliminary Planned Development District, based on the following findings of fact: 1. The layout of the project is in keeping with the Community's goals and objectives for this part of the community. The design of the project demonstrates sensitivity to the preservation and enhancement of several existing natural features. 2. The design demonstrates consistency with the spirit and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and Master Land Use Plan in the development of the project as a PDD, creating a higher quality project than might be possible under standard zoning requirements. 3. The proposal is in general compliance with Township regulations. All requested modifications have been outlined in an attachment to the PDD agreement and submitted for review and approval. Additional modifications may be requested as part of the final PDD approval. 4. The project has demonstrated that it meets the open space requirements of the PDD regulations. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does APPROVE the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, to grant approval of the Rosewood Place Preliminary Planned Development District, conditioned upon modification of the PDD agreement to include; specific language relative to utility improvements in Patriot Park, language to insure that the homes within the development will be of equal or better appearance and quality than those homes in Vintage Valley and Antique Forest Subdivisions, and that the project sponsor consider participating in the paving of Napier Road south to Cherry Hill Road and further based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 8. CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR WESTBURY ESTATES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for preliminary PDD for Westbury Estates. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary PDD for Westbury Estates WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Westbury Estates located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road (Parcel nos. 017-99-0001-713 and 017-99-0001-723); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the preliminary PDD plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed preliminary PDD plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Westbury Estates located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road, (Parcel nos. 017-99-0001-713 and 017-99-0001-723); subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND METERING CONTROL DEVICES FOR 2005. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the bid from Etna Supply Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$806,993.60 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase 200 - two inch water meters, 800 - one inch water meters, 800 - 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meters, 1600 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MXU's), and associates support control equipment during the 2005 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2005, Acct. #592-000-111-0003. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. Motion by Caccamo to table this item and bring back in two (2)

weeks. No second to motion. Motion failed. Item 10. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR ST. DAMIAN SCHOOL'S MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for St. Damian School's Mom to Mom Sale on April 19, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES REVISION. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the revised Tax Abatement Guidelines for the Charter Township of Canton to be effective March 8, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FOR A CLASS "C" LIQUOR LICENSED BUSINESS, FOX & HOUND OF MICHIGAN INC. LOCATED AT 1777 N. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN, WAYNE COUNTY, WITH SUNDAY SALES PERMIT, OFFICIAL PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF FOOD ON SUNDAYS AND ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT TO TENT RESTAURANT OPERATIONS, INC. (CLERK)

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request from Fox and Hound of Michigan, Inc. to transfer ownership of the Class C license, to be used at 1777 N. Canton Center, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and to operate a Bailey's English Pub & Grill at that location as it currently does now. I further move to approve the request to Transfer Sunday Sales Permit, An Official Permit for the Sale of Food on Sundays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and Entertainment Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Item 13. APPROVE NEW DENTON ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEBT FUND #876. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the creation of the Denton Road Special Assessment Debt Fund #876 and the following budget for this fund for 2005: Revenues \$ 48,600 Appropriations \$ 48,600 Motion carried unanimously. Item 14. BUDGET AMENDMENTS - CARRYOVER OF FY 2004 OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS TO FY 2005. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendments in the 2005 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2004:

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General	\$27,897,973	\$156,845	\$28,054,818
Fire	10,689,725	6,860	10,696,585
Police	12,921,811	30,914	12,952,725
Community Center	3,254,433	2,600	3,257,033
Community Impr	2,310,484	125,469	2,435,953
911 Service	247,000	1,534	248,534
Capital Proj-Roads	1,397,000	222,860	1,619,860
Golf Course	2,340,578	3,734	2,344,312
Water & Sewer	27,581,200	204,383	27,785,583
Saltz Road SAD	0	423,343	423,343
Cherry Hill Rd SAD	0	11,309	11,309

Motion carried unanimously. Item 15. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to move the funds budgeted for payment of special assessment levies on Township owned properties from the General Government Department to the Transfers Out Department: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: SAD Payments-Township Property #101-200-960-000 \$ (67,464) Contributions to SAD Funds 101-959-965-8000 \$7,464 This budget amendment decreases the General Government Department budget from \$812,678 to \$745,214, increases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$3,064,388 to \$3,131,851, and does not change the total General Fund budget. Motion carried unanimously. Item 16. TRANSFER TO STREET LIGHTING FUND AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Street Lighting Fund to provide funding for street light installation in Pickwick Village subdivision. The subdivision property owners will be assessed the installation cost on the December 1, 2005 tax rolls. I further move to approve the following 2004 budget amendments: Motion carried unanimously. Item 17. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF YARDAGE BOOKS FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bid procedure and approve the purchase of golf cart yardage books for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Fore Better Golf, Inc. 348 Donna Lane, Bloomington, IL 61810 in the amount of \$15,900 from Pheasant Run. budget account #584-756-900-0000 Printing and Publishing. Motion carried unanimously. Item 18. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CANTON TO SERVE AS TRUSTEE FOR THE GREATER CANTON YOUTH BASEBALL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Clerk to sign on behalf of Canton the agreement authorizing Canton to serve as Trustee for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association. Motion carried unanimously. Item 19. REPLACEMENT TREES FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the award of bi for the 2005 Park Tree Planting Program to Crimboli Nursery & Landscape, 50145 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187, in the amount of \$162,350 from Account # 101-285-970-0000 Tree Fund Planting. Motion carried unanimously. Item 20. APPROVE PAYMENT TO CAMPBELL, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS TO ROOF DP UNITS AT SUMMIT ON THE PARK. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the payment for te additional repairs to the rooftop units at Summit on the Park by Campbell, Inc., 661 Airport Blvd. Suite 5, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 in the amount of \$7,900 from Community Center Fund Maintenance and Repair Equipment #208-757-932-5000. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that there will be no study session on March 15, 2005. The next study session will on March 29, 2005. Comments by Trustee Caccamo and Mr. Brock were presented to the Board. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. - Thomas J. Yac, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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CC icers return to glory with District 1 state title

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central worked hard all year to regain that championship feeling again. Saturday night, the Shamrocks got it back — blanking East Kentwood 4-0 in the Division 1 hockey state final at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Shamrocks (24-3-3) won state titles five consecutive years (1999-2003) before losing in the 2004 final to Marquette.

So when the final horn sounded, the weight on their collective shoulders lifted in a wild scene: joyous Shamrocks flung equipment in the air as if it were their graduation day and fell into a happy pile of royal blue-and-white bliss. And head coach Todd Johnson stood off to the side, with 3-year-old son Evan perched on his shoulder, proudly drinking in the scene.

"What makes it really special is I'll never forget the burden the senior class last year carried, trying to keep alive their consecutive streak of state championships," Johnson said. "And I get emotional now when I think about that burden."

"These guys didn't necessarily have to carry that burden, but they certainly remember the feeling those seniors had in not winning. That makes it real special that we could get that crown back."

Junior goaltender Ross Tashjian stopped all 16 shots that the Falcons (22-7-1) sent his way and a power-play goal by senior forward Mychael Evans at the 10:40 mark of the opening period was all the offense the Shamrocks needed.

Pretty much sealing the deal for another CC title was senior forward Harrison Niemann's two goals during the middle stanza.

TOO DEEP

According to Ron Baum, East

Kentwood's 31-year head coach, Catholic Central simply had too many weapons to deal with — Niemann included.

"They're way too deep and they have way too many skilled players compared to us," Baum said. "But it's been a phenomenal season for the youngest team I've coached in 31 years."

For part of the first period Saturday, that special group gave CC's Johnson and Co. some anxious moments.

The Falcons registered the first four shots of the game and then put on some serious pressure during a mid-period power play. Tashjian held the fort, first with a dazzling pad save on senior forward Zach Grover and then with the blocker stop of a blast from senior forward Shawn Stegges.

Johnson said Tashjian's steady goaltending enabled the Shamrocks to overcome nervousness.

"They threw a lot of pressure at us (at the beginning)," Johnson said. "Our guys were nervous. They knew it was a big game."

Meanwhile, Baum said he didn't think an early goal would have made that much of a difference in the final result: "I don't know if it would have changed the outcome."

LIKE THEY PLANNED

As it was, Catholic Central's Evans scored on the power play to give the Shamrocks a 1-0 lead after one period. Junior forward Wade Lafever worked the puck back to sophomore defenseman Dominic Scala, who let a slap shot go from the left point.

Evans, stationed in front of East Kentwood senior goalie Sean Pero (27 saves), tipped the puck high into the cage.

"We were having a TV timeout, and we just talked about getting the puck down low," Johnson said. "We kicked it back to Dominic Scala and he got a good shot through and Mike Evans has scored a boatload of goals like that one there."

The Shamrocks started the second period like a totally different team, cranking up the offensive pressure. They kept the heat going the entire frame, outshooting the Falcons 15-7.

That pressure quickly was rewarded with two goals by Niemann, CC's most prolific offensive forward. Excellent plays by teammates set up both tallies.

Junior defenseman Tim Buttery deftly carried the puck through the neutral zone and into the East Kentwood end before setting up junior forward Dan Barczuk in the slot. Pero made the save, but Niemann drove the rebound under the crossbar, with 10:55 to play.

"Timmy Buttery is something special," Johnson said. "They gave him a little crack to go and he took it and was able to take advantage."

Just 2:39 later, Niemann struck again to make it 3-0. This time, he skated in from the left circle and snapped a cross-ice pass from senior forward Jason Lewarne past Pero. Also assisting was Buttery.

GRAB FOR GLORY

In the third, CC outshot the Falcons 10-3. The lone goal came at the 13:14 mark, when junior forward Steve Jankowski scored from junior forwards Drew Kahle and Dan Naurato.

But Tashjian came up huge early in the period, when a quick East Kentwood goal could have made it 3-1 and brought back the jitters for Johnson's team.

On an odd-man rush less than three minutes into the frame, Tashjian threw up his catching glove to snag a dangerous backhandler.

During the postgame interview, Niemann slapped Tashjian's goalie pad as he congratulated him on the clutch stop.

As far as Johnson was concerned, it was just another example of the top-notch goaltending he has received all season from Tashjian and sophomore Bryan Hogan.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Catholic Central's Jason Lewarne makes a move around East Kentwood's Aaron Warsen during Saturday's Division 1 state final game held at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. CC won, 4-0.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

REC. OFFERINGS

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be running men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues beginning in early May. All games will be played at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

Registration for returning teams begins March 21 while new teams can start registering April 1, or until the leagues are full. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

HVS SPRING EVENTS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering a pair of sports camps during spring break March 28 through April 1.

The all-sports camp includes soccer, flag football, volleyball, floor hockey, dodge ball, kick-ball and other backyard games. Participants will also do team-building exercises and take part in fun relay races.

The half-day camps for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 years old are \$20 per day while the full-day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds cost \$35 per day. Both camps are also available on Friday, March 25.

HVS will also host a soccer camp, which is designed to

help recreational players hone their dribbling, shooting, passing and defensive skills before the upcoming outdoor season commences.

The camp is offered for players between the ages of 5 and 8 (from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and for kids between the ages of 9 and 12 (noon to 2 p.m.) The camp fee is \$75 per player and will be run by HVS staff and Canton Soccer Club trainers. A play group for youngsters between the ages of 1 and 5 will also be available during spring break from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The play group allows kids to run, kick and play on the HVS facility's fields. The cost is \$5 per child.

Call (734) 487-7678 or visit www.hvsports.com.

GCYBSA SIGN-UP

Over 1,400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too late to sign up. To register, visit csc.canton-mi.org for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

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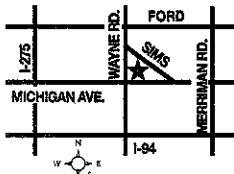
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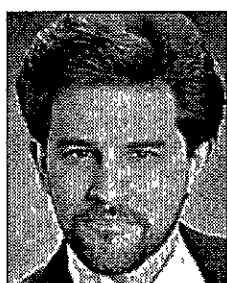
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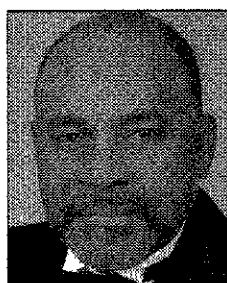
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Local musicians to celebrate Easter with Handel's Messiah

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The first time Carole Halmekangas heard Handel's Messiah was in a New Jersey Presbyterian church. She was only 13 but the experience left her as deeply moved as audiences who first heard the oratorio in 1742.

Although often performed at Christmastime because the first part is devoted to the birth of Christ, the sacred work actually was written by Handel to celebrate Easter. The second and third parts deal with the suffering and death of Christ, his resurrection and ascension into heaven.

On March 19, the 107-voice Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir sings part two and three with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. in the Northville church.

The choir repeats the performance with the church's 40-piece orchestra supplemented with string players from area symphony orchestras and musicians from Stevenson and Churchill high schools 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 20, at the church.

Soloists for both performances include bass Stephen Morscheck, tenor James Moore, alto Ruthann

Wagner, and soprano Hye Yoon.

"Messiah was originally written in 26 days in March and April 1741 and was definitely devised to be an Easter oratorio," said Carole Halmekangas, director of music at the church and a former longtime resident of Livonia now living in Farmington Hills.

"I was in the balcony the first time I heard it. It was a magnificent experience for me. My mother made us go because she wanted us to have this rich musical heritage. The entire work is taken entirely from scripture, mostly the Old Testament. It is one of the greatest choral works in history of music, and it's very rare to hear a live performance by local artists of such a high caliber."

Morscheck has performed the Messiah many times in Chicago, Boston, and with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra during the 1999-2000 season. He made his debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York during the 2000-2001 season.

Wagner, who is on the music faculty at Eastern Michigan University, has performed Handel's Messiah as well as served as director of music at Lutheran High School in Livonia.

Moore, a tenor soloist with Hartford Memorial Baptist

Church and Christ Church Detroit, has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as a soloist in the Classical Roots series.

Yoon is an adjunct instructor of voice and piano at Rochester College, and choir director at Korean United Methodist of Troy. She has performed as a soloist in the Messiah with the Rochester Community Chorus and Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

"It's an incredible concert with these four soloists," said Tom Bjorklund, LSO president. "The highlight is the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah with the Chancel Choir from the church, but we're also doing the Russian Easter Overture by Rimsky Korsakov on March 19."

Tickets for the March 19 concert are \$17 adults, \$8 students and children, and available at all 3 Livonia libraries or by calling (734) 421-1111. A pre-concert lecture begins at 7 p.m.

There is no charge for the Palm Sunday performance. Childcare will be provided through age 4. For more information, call (248) 374-5971.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile.

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MARCH

Lenten concerts

Following Thursday Lenten Services of Holy Communion 12:10-12:30 p.m. March 17, at Mariner's Church in Detroit's Civic Center, 170 East Jefferson at the entrance of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking in Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median

on Jefferson Avenue at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.

Fish dinner

St. Aidan Catholic Church, on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile in Livonia, hosts a Lenten Fish Dinner featuring cod and salmon, pasta and more 5:30-7 p.m. March 18 in the activities center. Cost is \$8 for adults; children under 10 pay \$4. The menu also includes mixed vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, and coffee, tea or milk.

Candlelight vigil for peace

To mark the second anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19, on the grounds of Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago, Redford. People who live in the community are invited to bring

a candle and stand with the Trinity congregation. Trinity Church of the Brethren is part of one of the historic peace denominations. During the week preceding the vigil members will erect a growing field of tombstones on church grounds.

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JEANNINE MARIE BUSSART

On Sunday, March 6, 2005 Jeannine Marie was called home to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She is the Beloved wife of Robert E. Bussart of 47 years. Born on December 29, 1926 to Amelia and Alexandre Leroux in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She served in the Canadian Navy at the age of 17 and arrived in the United States in 1953. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather Rudolph Lacasse, her brother Leo Leroux, sisters Anita Walchal and Theresa Stocks Jeannine and Robert raised their family in Livonia and she worked for the Livonia Public School Department for over 20 years as a bus driver. She was an active member of the Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church where she served her Lord faithfully with her husband Jeannine always wore a smile and with a twinkle in her eye, she never met a stranger. Her passion for dancing helped to fill her days with joy during her final years. Thanks to those who encouraged her to press on and to share in her love for dancing at the Livonia, Maplewood and Wayne Senior Centers. She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Bussart, of 47 years, two daughters, Cheryl A. Lundin and her husband Don, of Williamsburg, Virginia and Cindy M. Jury and her husband Jim of Plymouth, Michigan, six grandchildren, Jeannine Whitehead and her husband Greg, Jason Banwart and his wife Dana, Christine Jury, Bethany Jury, Sarah Jury and Hayley Jury and two great-grand children; Courtney and Christopher Whitehead. Arrangements are under the care of the Griffin Funeral Home, Middlebelt Road, Westland. Services will be held at the Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Interment following at the Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 5 Mile Road, Livonia. Family and friends will gather at the Griffin Funeral Home, on Friday March 18th from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

JACK DENT

Of Milford, March 14, 2005, age 76. Loving husband of Patricia. Dear father of Dana (Cynthia) Dent of Milford and Lisa (Thomas) Baldwin of Commerce Twp. and grandfather of Alexa and Erik. Also leaves his niece, Karen (John) Dicio; nephew, David Cheesbro and his beloved dog, Mattie. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday 2PM, Pastor Richard Pape officiating. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit on Wednesday from 4-9PM. For information please call at 248-684-6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JOHN KRASNICK

Beloved husband of the late Adeline Krasnick, Dear father of Dulcie (Norman) Rosenfeld & William (Marjorie) Krasnick. Loving Grandfather of Jill (Evan) Stone, Nancy Rosenfeld, Henry Rosenfeld, James (Peggy) Rosenfeld, Dr. Neal (Sarah) Krasnick, Steven (Jodie) Krasnick and Dr. Robert (Dr. Jane) Krasnick. Great Grandfather of Elizabeth and Adam Stone, Benjamin and Harrison Rosenfeld, Bradley, Brian, Nathan, Ellie, Marla, Evan, Rachel, Leah & Julie Krasnick. Brother of the late Samuel Krasnick, the late Max Krasnick, the late Ida Krasnick, the late Blanche Brown & the late Jennie Warren. Services 2:00 PM Thursday March 17, 2005 at Clover Hill Park Cemetery Chapel. Arrangement by the Ira Kaufman Chapel (248) 569-0020. Or visit us at: www.ira.kaufman.com

BEATRICE M. LAMET

Age 86, died March 14, 2005 at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. She was a lifelong resident of Birmingham, graduated from Birmingham High School and worked for the Birmingham School System. Preceded in death was her husband Joe Lamet and her sister Evelyn Brittan. Survived by her son, William (Sharon) Lamet of Attica Twp., MI, her daughters; Jolly (John) Covert of Scotsdale, AZ, Kathy (William) Kern of Farmington Hills, MI, 6 Grandchildren and 7 Great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Wed from 4-9pm. at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home. Services held Thurs. 1pm. at Funeral Home. Burial at Roseland Park. Memorials can be given to Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

WILLIAM ERVINE LOVELL

94, passed away Sunday, March 13 th., 2005 at University Living in Ann Arbor. Born in Columbia, TN on July 30, 1910 to Ethel and Ernest B. Lovell, he graduated from Branham and Hughes Military Academy, attended the University of Tennessee and graduated from General Motors Institute in 1933 with a degree in chemical engineering. Bill retired as head of the engineering department of Ternstedt division of General Motors after 23 years of service. Following retirement, he began showcasing his international wood collection with his specialized carvings of ducks. As one of the founders of the Livonia Woodcarvers Association, he traveled to shows around Michigan to display his art. In 1986 he was named Member of the Year of the Livonia Woodcarvers Association. He also maintained a love of gardening throughout his life. Bill lived in Southfield for 50 years. His loving wife of 67 years, Florence, preceded him in death in 2003. Also preceding him in death were his brothers, Ernest, George and Philip. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sharon (Duane) Bordine of Canton, his son, Tom (Marianne) of Beaver Creek, OH, one granddaughter, Tina (Mike) Ulring of Dublin, OH, two grandsons, Erik (Vicky) Lovell of Dexter, and Bill (Cheryl) Lovell of Columbus, OH. Bill was also very proud of his 7 great-grandsons, Austin, Jack, Nick, Luke and Charlie Lovell and Ryan and Kyle Ulring. Funeral services will be held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave in Farmington on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM. The family will greet friends at the funeral home prior to the service from 3 to 8 PM. Bill will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Florence, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield on Saturday, March 19. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the organizations that were close to his heart: International Essential Tremor Association, PO Box 14005, Lenexa, KS 66285 or St. Joseph Hospice, attn: Gail Marie - Donations Coordinator, 806 Airport Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or the American Cancer Society.

DIONE MILES

Allegan, MI, a retired archivist, died Friday, March 11, 2005 at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, MI. Mrs. Miles was born November 26, 1921 in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Lloyd Randolph DeWitt Fayling and Ida May (Warner) Fayling. Her family lived on a houseboat in White Bear Lake, MN; they later moved to Kalamazoo, MI. She met her late husband, Richard D. Miles, in 1939 at Kalamazoo College, where she graduated with honors and a double major in history and journalism. They married before Mr. Miles enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and after he returned from the war, they settled in Ann Arbor, MI. In 1947 they moved to Detroit, MI, where he began many years of teaching in the History Department at Wayne State University. Mrs. Miles raised seven children, and was active in community and school affairs in Detroit and Highland Park, MI. In 1959 she brought the children by freighter to India, where they joined her husband, who was taking up a Fulbright Professorship for one year in Madras (Chennai). She later earned an MLS degree at Wayne State University, and held the position of archivist at Wayne State's Walter P. Reuther Library. She was a specialist in labor history, and published Something in Common: An IWW Bibliography (Wayne State University Press, 1986), a reference book on the International Workers of the World. Mrs. Miles was awarded an emeritus membership in the Midwest Archives Conference for her many contributions to the organization. She enjoyed reading, traveling, opera and theater, and collecting cookbooks. Mrs. Miles is survived by seven children, Julie Miles of Amherst, MA, Dr. Linda Miles Coppins of Black Mountain, NC, Karen (Thomas) Voigts of Allegan, MI, Dr. Margaret M. Miles of Irvine, CA, Rebecca J. Miles of Allegan, MI, Jon R. Miles of Escondido, CA, and Michael (Laura) Miles of Niles, MI; 1 sister, The Rev. Enid Fayling Smith; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, www.gordenfuneral.com. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dione Miles Memorial Library Fund, established in memory of her love of young adult literature and her constant encouragement of reading, at the L.E. White Middle School, 3300 115th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010

MAXINE W. MORSE

Age 84, March 15, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Carl H. Morse of Peter H. (Patricia) and Harold S. (Linda). Grandmother of Peter, Carrie, Daniel, Matthew, Rebecca and Adam. Great-grandmother of seven. Sister of Dr. Paul Williams. Born in Royal Oak to Dr. and Mrs. Max Williams, she attended Hillsdale College and the University of Detroit After college, Mrs. Morse worked as a Medical Technician at Harper Hospital in Detroit A resident of Royal Oak, then Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. She was a member of and active volunteer for Pi Beta Phi sorority, Hillsdale College Presidents Club, Franklin Community Church, Orchard Lake Country Club, the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club, Friends of the Topinabee Library and the Ridgedale Players. An avid golfer, bowler and bridge player, Mrs. Morse spent summers on Mullett Lake. Services will be held on March 19, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington Road, Franklinville.

MELEK SAMARIAN

March 14, 2005, age 82, of Bloomfield Hills. Husband of the late Lucy. Dear father of Mark (Deborah), Bruce (Lynn) and Ron (Nancy). Grandfather of Jill, Amy, Michelle, Leslie, Vincent, Derek and Emily. Brother of Rose Samarian. Also survived by his loving aunt, Hermine Garbedian. Friends may visit Saturday after 11:30 until memorial service 12:30pm at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Doctors Without Borders, P.O. Box 1869, Merrifield, VA, 22116-9644 Obituary at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JONATHAN ALEX STONE

Age 63, of Bluffton, SC, died Wednesday, March 9th, 2005 at Hilton Head Island Regional Medical Center. He was born November 4th, 1941, in Presque Isle, Maine; the son of Kathryn McGowan and Richard H. Stone. He lived in Farmington Hills, MI, for thirteen years before retiring to Bluffton, SC in 2001. He was an Environmental Health and Safety consultant for both governmental and private industries, a wine connoisseur, and a graduate of the University of Maine in 1964. Family members include: his late wife Jill R. Olsen Stone (2001); current wife Kathleen M. Stone of Bluffton, SC; son Jay A. Stone, 31, of Royal Oak, MI; daughter Julie Stone Eirschele, 29, of Plymouth, MI; and Brother Richard Stone, of Waller, TX. Services will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Bath, ME in May. Contact the cemetery for service information at 207-443-8345. Donations can be made to Special Olympics or American Heart Association.

URSULA C. WILLS

Age 90, March 7, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Henry and Mother of the late Ursula Diane. Dear sister of the late George Rasko. Loving mother of Michael (Suzanne) and Robert (Mary Jo) Wills. Dearest Grandmother of Blair, Holly, Matthew and Katie. Cherished cousin and friend of Theresa MacLellan. Arrangements by Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home of Berkley. Services and interment to take place privately. Memorial donations to Evangelical Home-Sterling Heights, 14900 Shoreline Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313 are appreciated. Mrs. Wills had lived in Southfield since 1939. She was a homemaker who loved to play cards. Also, she was active in the Berkley and Lathrup Village Senior Centers.

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CROSS COUNTRY CAMPS

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For registration information, call MU head cross country coach and camp director Pat Daugherty at (734) 432-5634 (office) or evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell). You can also e-mail him at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS

Livonia Stevenson High School will be offering a series of summer sports camps through the Community Education Enrichment Program.

The deadline to enroll is Monday, May 23.

Among the camps offered: Boys basketball (incoming grades 5-9) — 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the new field-

house. Directed by coach Bill Dyer and staff. Cost is \$79 (course No. 9214);

Girls track and field (incoming grades 7-12) — 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the outdoor track. Directed by coach Kelly Graham and staff. Cost is \$79 (course No. 9221);

Girls volleyball (incoming grades 7-10) — 12:45-2:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 20-24 and Monday through Thursday, June 27-30, at the competition.

Directed by coach Kelly Graham and staff. Fee is \$99 (course No. 9229);

Girls softball (incoming grades 4-9) — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, June 21-23, at the softball field. Directed by coach Rob Witherspoon and staff. Cost is \$50 (course No. 9223); Girls basketball (incoming grades 7-9) — 8-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, June 27-July 1, at the new field-house.

Directed by coach Tim Newman and staff. Cost is \$55 (course No. 9227).

For more information, call (734) 744-2602.

Back to cold reality.

That's what the Madonna University baseball team is facing after returning from Florida with a 13-1 record on its spring trip — its best start in school history.

The Crusaders wrapped up their tour in Port Charlotte with a 2-0 shutout Friday over winless Lakeland (Wis.) Collegiate as starter Mike Hand raised his record to 2-0 with 5.2 innings of one-hit baseball. He struck out four and walked two.

Also pitching scoreless innings were Ryan Bardon, Andy Wojcik and Kyle Fedorka.

MU scored both of its runs in the third inning thanks to a single by Fedorka, an RBI single by Jason Barbeau and an

RBI single by Joe Greene.

Earlier in the day at the Charlotte Complex, MU defeated Purdue-North Central, 8-4, as pitcher Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) upped his record to 2-0 with five innings of two-hit baseball. Kennedy struck out three and did not walk a batter. Reliever Paul Hays gave up two runs on three hits in one-third of an inning. Scott Miller came on to pitch the final 1.2 innings.

MU third baseman Gary Van Allen went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while David Herrick (Livonia Churchill) went 2-for-2. Barbeau and Greene also knocked in two runs apiece, while Tony Kern and John McCracken had one each.

Designated hitter Chris

Stocker went 2-for-3 with four RBI for Purdue-North Central (2-8).

Starting pitcher Lance Losinski took the loss.

For the week of March 14, McCracken was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week follow his 7-for-14 performance at the plate. In seven wins, the freshman from Pinckney hit .500 with a double, homer and six RBI. He also slugged at an .786 percent and scored five runs.

MU senior Adam Kline was named WHAC Pitcher of the Week for his efforts in a 4-1 win last week over Malone (Ohio). The Detroit native, now 2-0, pitched a complete game with 10 strikeouts and just one unearned run in seven

innings. He allowed just three hits and one walk, while pushing his season total to 28 strikeouts, just three walks and a 1.52 earned run average.

For the week of March 7, MU junior Todd Kalmbach, who went 7-for-9 with a double and five RBI in four Crusader wins, earned Player of the Week honors. He finished with a .778 batting average and slugged at an .889 clip. He was also perfect in the field in 18 chances with one assist.

Derek Dufrane, a junior right-hander, was the Pitcher of the Week after blanking Malone on a complete-game. The Belleville native recorded a career-high nine strikeouts while scattering eight hits with no earned runs in his first win of the year.

Nie shines in Whalers' 2-0 win over Greyhounds

Plymouth goaltender Ryan Nie stopped all 26 shots he faced en route to a 2-0 victory over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 3,347

fans at the Compuware Sports Arena. With the victory, Plymouth improved to 29-28-8-6, which puts the Whalers in second place in the OHL's West Division, five points behind the division-leading

Greyhounds, and four points ahead of idle Windsor. The Whalers clinched second place in the OHL West and is currently sixth place overall in the Western Conference.

The game's first star was

Plymouth's Mike Looby, who scored his eighth goal of the season at 16:09 of the first period. John Vigilante lit the lamp nine seconds into the third period to conclude the scoring.

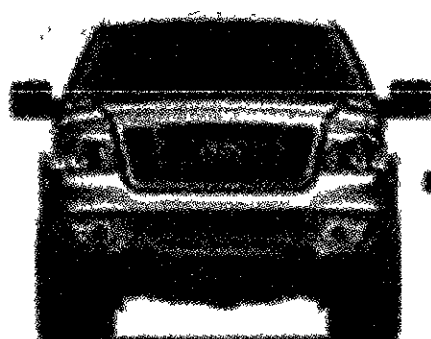
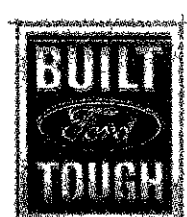
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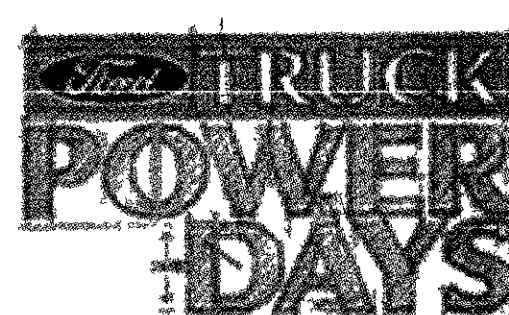
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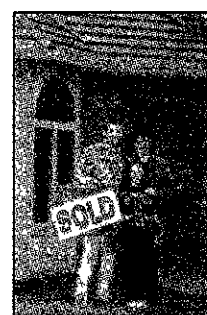
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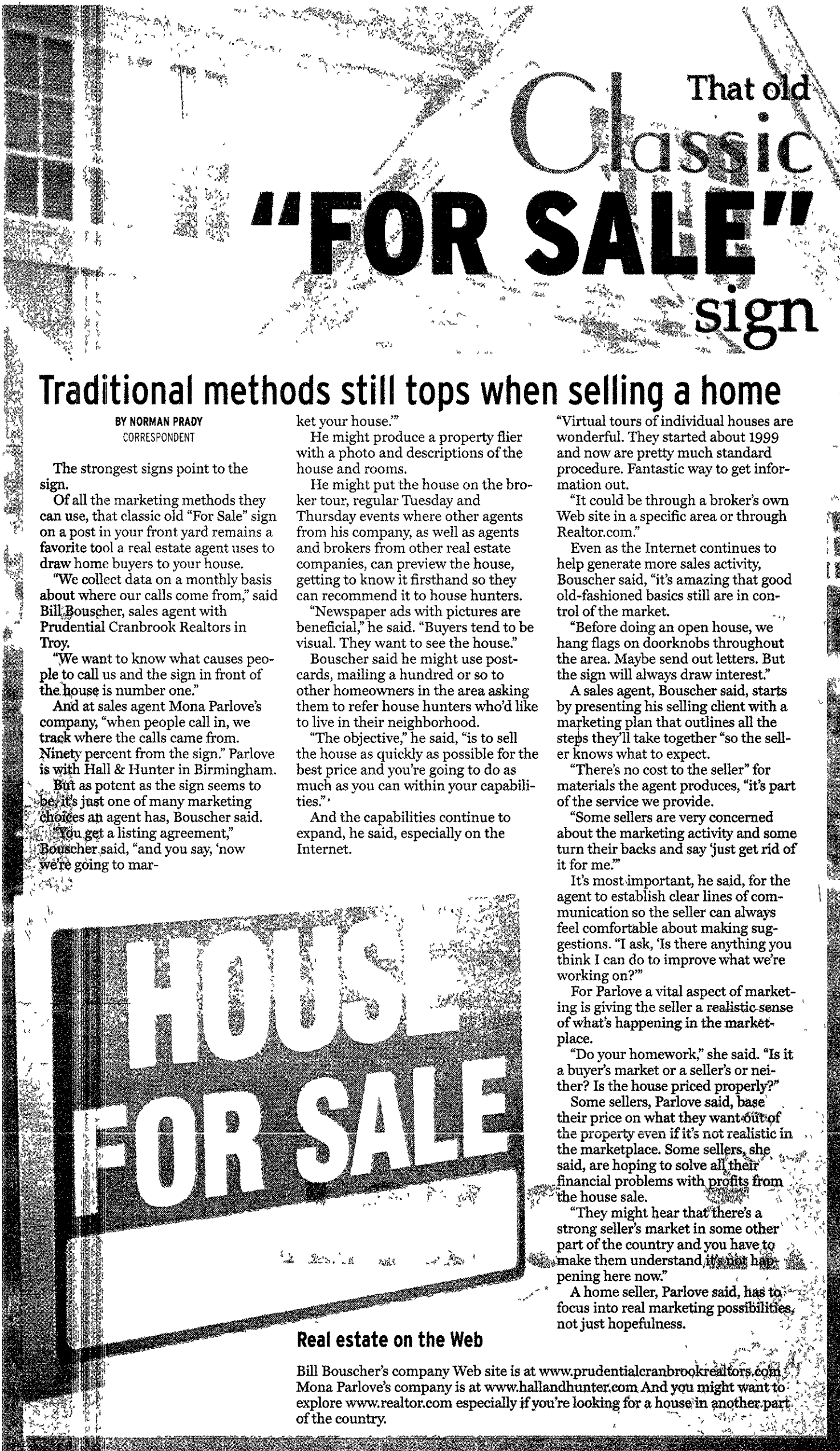
Federal housing law defines harassment

I live in a homeowners association and I believe that the Board of Directors has been writing anti-Semitic graffiti on the side of my home and vandalizing my property. I think it's a federal housing violation. Do you have any comments?

In a similar case, the plaintiff sued the homeowners association and their neighbors under the Fair Housing Act which makes it unlawful "to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of the rights provided under the Act." The defendants in that case argued that the statute only prohibited conduct that interfered with a person's right to acquire or hold property but the court said that under HUD regulations, it is forbidden to threaten, intimidate, or interfere with persons in their enjoyment of a dwelling because of their race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of such person or visitors or associates of such persons. The Court went on to find that the contact alleged in the complaint constituted a violation of the statute. There must be a pattern of harassment, invidiously motivated in order to sustain liability, not merely a quarrel among neighbors in which a racial or religious slur is hurled.

We are a condominium association and are wondering if we should promulgate any regulations concerning fighting.

It is a good idea particularly since, in most instances, the board has the authority to approve or disapprove any exterior modifications to the common elements. I would suggest that you prepare guidelines to allow flexibility for each individual homeowner but yet maintain aesthetic harmony within the community dealing with wreaths or decorations, non-blinking lights, exterior lighting and unlighted figures and interior lighted figures visible to the exterior. These are some of the issues that you may wish to cover in a resolution or policy adopted by the association. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



That old Classic "FOR SALE" sign

Traditional methods still tops when selling a home

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

The strongest signs point to the sign.

Of all the marketing methods they can use, that classic old "For Sale" sign on a post in your front yard remains a favorite tool a real estate agent uses to draw home buyers to your house.

"We collect data on a monthly basis about where our calls come from," said Bill Bouscher, sales agent with Prudential Cranbrook Realtors in Troy.

"We want to know what causes people to call us and the sign in front of the house is number one."

And at sales agent Mona Parlove's company, "when people call in, we track where the calls came from. Ninety percent from the sign." Parlove is with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham.

But as potent as the sign seems to be, it's just one of many marketing choices an agent has, Bouscher said.

"You get a listing agreement," Bouscher said, "and you say, 'now we're going to market your house.'"

He might produce a property flier with a photo and descriptions of the house and rooms.

He might put the house on the broker tour, regular Tuesday and Thursday events where other agents from his company, as well as agents and brokers from other real estate companies, can preview the house, getting to know it firsthand so they can recommend it to house hunters.

"Newspaper ads with pictures are beneficial," he said. "Buyers tend to be visual. They want to see the house."

Bouscher said he might use postcards, mailing a hundred or so to other homeowners in the area asking them to refer house hunters who'd like to live in their neighborhood.

"The objective," he said, "is to sell the house as quickly as possible for the best price and you're going to do as much as you can within your capabilities."

And the capabilities continue to expand, he said, especially on the Internet.

"Virtual tours of individual houses are wonderful. They started about 1999 and now are pretty much standard procedure. Fantastic way to get information out."

"It could be through a broker's own Web site in a specific area or through Realtor.com."

Even as the Internet continues to help generate more sales activity, Bouscher said, "it's amazing that good old-fashioned basics still are in control of the market."

"Before doing an open house, we hang flags on doorknobs throughout the area. Maybe send out letters. But the sign will always draw interest."

A sales agent, Bouscher said, starts by presenting his selling client with a marketing plan that outlines all the steps they'll take together "so the seller knows what to expect."

"There's no cost to the seller" for materials the agent produces, "it's part of the service we provide."

"Some sellers are very concerned about the marketing activity and some turn their backs and say 'just get rid of it for me.'"

It's most important, he said, for the agent to establish clear lines of communication so the seller can always feel comfortable about making suggestions. "I ask, 'Is there anything you think I can do to improve what we're working on?'"

For Parlove a vital aspect of marketing is giving the seller a realistic sense of what's happening in the marketplace.

"Do your homework," she said. "Is it a buyer's market or a seller's or neither? Is the house priced properly?"

Some sellers, Parlove said, base their price on what they want out of the property even if it's not realistic in the marketplace. Some sellers, she said, are hoping to solve all their financial problems with profits from the house sale.

"They might hear that there's a strong seller's market in some other part of the country and you have to make them understand it's not happening here now."

A home seller, Parlove said, has to focus into real marketing possibilities, not just hopefulness.

Real estate on the Web

Bill Bouscher's company Web site is at www.prudentialcranbrookrealtors.com. Mona Parlove's company is at www.hallandhunter.com. And you might want to explore www.realtor.com especially if you're looking for a house in another part of the country.

Mortgage
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Jump now to grab FHA refunds

It used to be that borrowers could enjoy the wonderful benefits of FHA loans and receive a little refund from the government if they stayed in the loan for only a few years. Effective immediately, that pot of gold at the end of the FHA rainbow has all but disappeared. On Jan. 6, the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 amended the National Housing Act to eliminate refunds of the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) upfront mortgage insurance premiums except when the borrower refinances to another mortgage to be insured by the FHA. The changes would be retroactive to FHA files closed on or after Dec. 8, 2004.

The new law further compresses the amount of time that eligible borrowers may receive refunds from five years to three. A year ago, a hypothetical FHA borrower could have refinanced out of her year-old \$150,000 FHA mortgage and received a refund from HUD for about \$2,000. Today, that same borrower will get zilch, nada, nothing.

Homeowners who have borrowed under the FHA's old rules will be grandfathered and, thus, will still be entitled to a prorated refund. Those refunds can be beefy for loans less than a few years old, but become less meaningful as they age closer to the old five-year limit.

Now, I still believe in FHA mortgages for many borrowers because they offer flexibility for borrowers with bruised credit and the means for home buyers of all ages to get reasonable rates with a relatively small down payment. However, these recent changes to HUD's refund policy will cause me to re-think how many FHA mortgages I will write for my clients in the future.

Today's TIMBIT: If you are currently in an FHA loan that originated in 2000 or later, you should contact a competent lender immediately if you wish to retain your right to any sort of FHA refund. This is especially true for those of you have an FHA adjustable-rate mortgage or a fixed interest rate of 7 percent or more. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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independent research firm."

QSC is an organization that bestows Quality Service Certified® status specifically related to service, to real estate brokerage and mortgage service providers. The prestigious designation is awarded to real estate and mortgage associates who complete a service-based training program and pass an examination.

BIA training sessions set

Farmington Hills-based Building Industry Association conducts classes

and seminars on an ongoing basis at its headquarters.

There is a fee for the courses. For more information contact the BIA at (248) 862-1033.

Calling first-time homebuyers

The staff at RE/MAX Alliance in Livonia is conducting a free homebuyer's seminar at 11 a.m. Saturday at its offices at 37569 Five Mile Road. Reservations are required as seating is limited. For more information, call Faye Rassey at (734) 462-3600.




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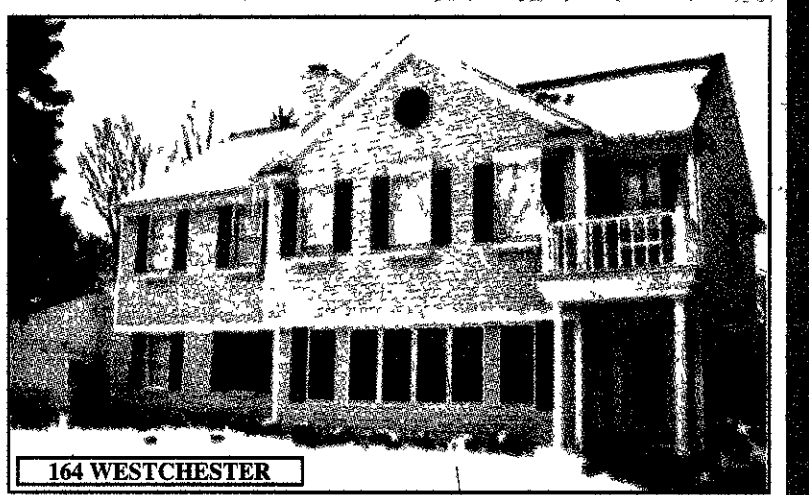
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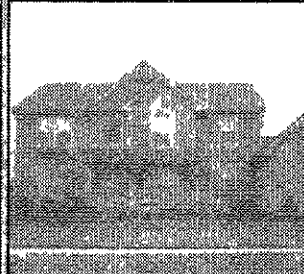
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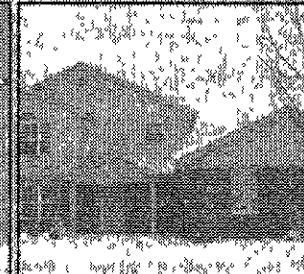
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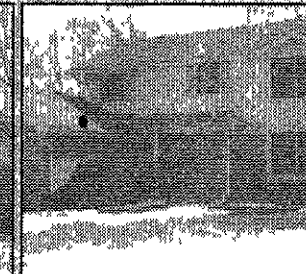
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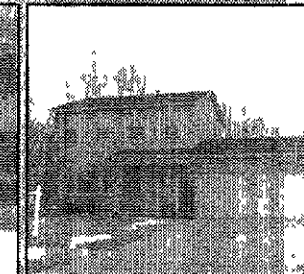
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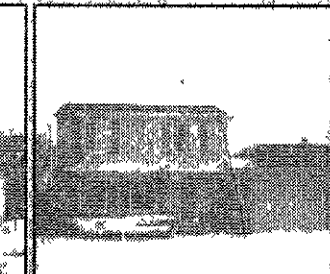
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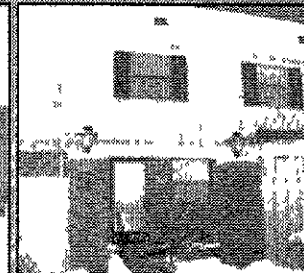
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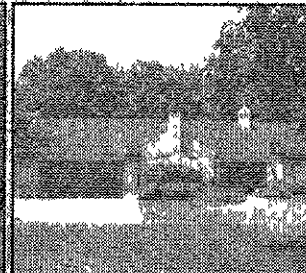
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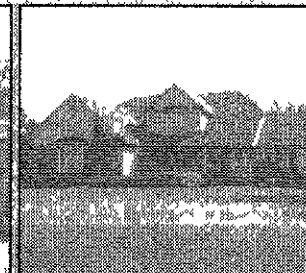
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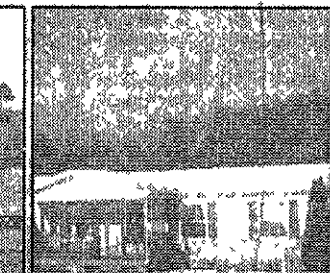
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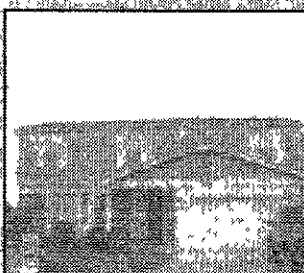
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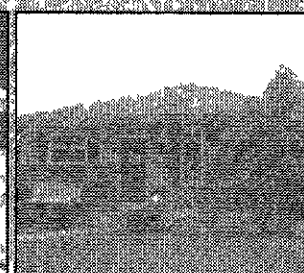
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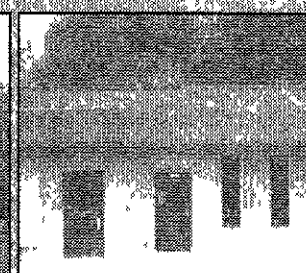
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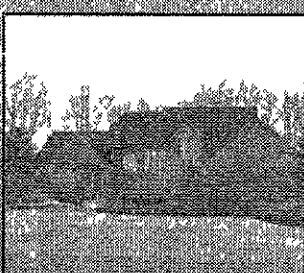
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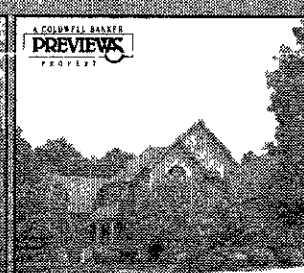
3 Bedroom-1 1/2 Bath Brick Ranch On Blvd Str In North Livonia. Newer Kit. Cabinets-all Appliances Stay. HW Flrs-updates-Furn, C/A, Windows Fin Bsmnt W/glass Block Windows, Copper Plumbing 1/2 Bath (2) Car Garage (OEL64ANT) 734-591-0333

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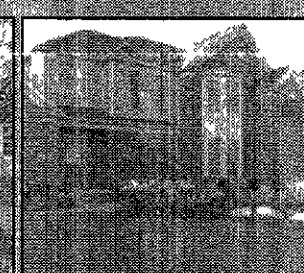
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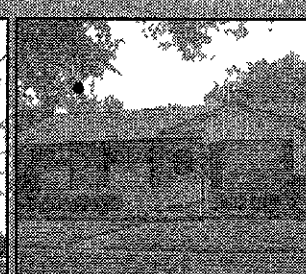
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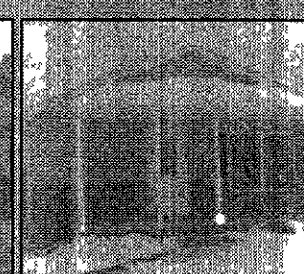
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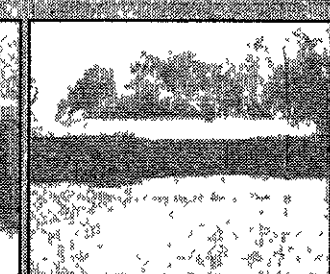
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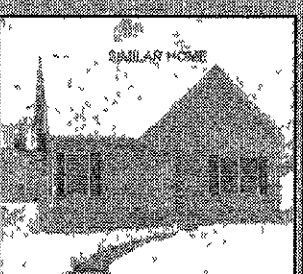
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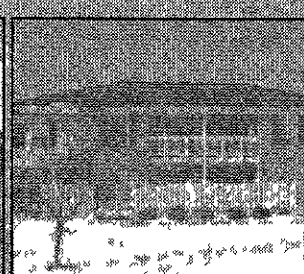
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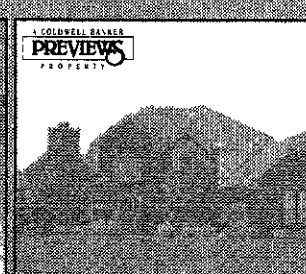
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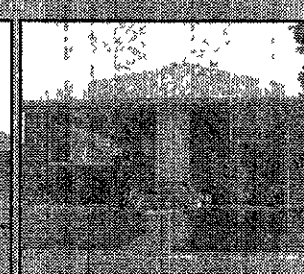
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On double lot 1 blk from downtown Plymouth! Enclosed front porch welcomes you. LR & DR w/hardwood floors, kit has newer maple cabinets, flooring & brkfst nook w/play set. Walk to elementary school. Mins from I-696.

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LIVONIA Live In Style
At this price? One bedroom condo w/cabets. Close to freeways, shopping & restaurants. Newer carpet & fresh paint. Low association fee includes gas, water & pool. Appliances included, too.

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NORTHVILLE 1st Floor Master BR Suite
9' ceilings, FF, 10' in BR. Andersen thermal windows. Huge kit, bay window in brkfst nook. WI pantry, LL w/garden windows, FF laund, 2.2 baths, x-tall & wide garage. All appls incl. Walk to town & Nrlve Schls.

(E00HIL) 248-349-5600 \$394,900

FARMINGTON Wonderful
4 BR, 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadows sub. Home boasts lots of updates: kitchen, baths, carpet, roof, furnace, C/A and HW/H. Hardwoods under carpet on upper level. Fenced-in yard w/perennial garden.

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VAN BUREN Dream Home On Approx. 1 Acre
Stunning renovated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath bungalow w/1000 feet added, extra large mechanics garage, beautiful kitchen, large family room & cedar deck. All sitting on approx 1 acre lot.

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PLYMOUTH Classic 1923, 2 Story Home
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NOVI Super Condo
Exquisite! This one won't last! Impressive upgrades. Ground level 1 BR w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutral decor, freshly painted view of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake.

(E55SLA) 248-349-5600 \$89,000

CANTON Newer Colonial
1987 Colonial w/Plymouth-Canton schls. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car side entry garage, finished basement. FR with natural fireplace & doorwall to paver patio. Well landscaped corner lot, great curb appeal. Neutral.

(E20LEM) 248-349-5600 \$237,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD Privacy Is The Key
Prime lakefront property. Enjoy Dow & Cass Lake & views of Orchard Lake, also a newer deck w/pool & hot tub. Magnificent landscaping. 2+ acres of lake front property. Open floor plan and lots of upgrades.

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DEARBORN HGTS. Affordable And Spacious
3 bedroom ranch w/newer windows, furn, C/A, steel entry doors, nice fireplace, large eat-in kitchen w/ceramic floors, large deep fenced yard, 2 car garage, FF laundry, home warranty included. Call now.

(E66WES) 734-455-5600 \$112,000

NEWPORT Endless Upgrades
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath built in 2003 offers 3 car attached side entry garage. Large corner lot, upgrades incl 3-D roof, 50 gal HW/H, 3 ton C/A, 200 amp electric, large master w/2 WIC, bath ceiling, BA, full bsmt. FR w/frpvc.

(E96SGP) 734-455-5600 \$259,000

NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo
This is a 10+ upgrades incl Corian counters T/O (including all 2.5 baths), hwd flrs, intercom, alarm, sound sys, tile foyer & baths, maple kit cabinets. Appls stay. Two car att gar. C/A, MBR w/WIC & MB. Low assoc fee.

(E72SPR) 248-349-5600 \$284,900

NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat
Wow! Great floor plan - great location. Northville Hills Golf Course Community. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths & granite. Backyard features a private resort, in-ground pool - daylight. A must see.

(E05MER) 248-349-5600 \$799,900

WIXOM Welcome Home
Awesome cape cod features formal LR & DR w/bay windows. Two-story entry, GR & kitchen offers hwd flrs w/open floor plan. Spacious master suite w/master bath. Finished W/O w/4th BR. Two tiered deck.

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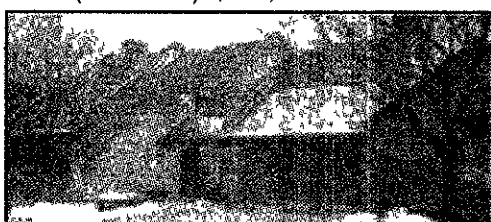
NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP THROUGHOUT! Stunning 3 BR, 2.5 BA Cape Cod. 1st flr MBR. Open flowing flr plan. Neutral decor. Lg deck overlooks beautiful pine trees. 349-6200 (25018558) \$434,994



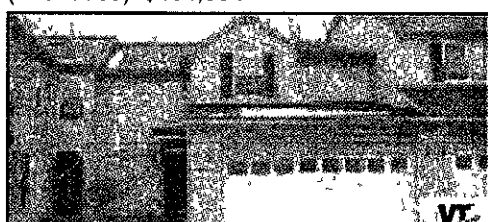
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IN THE POPULAR NOVI DUNBARTON PINES Warm and inviting 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial with a great open floor plan. Newer carpet, FR w/fplc, nicely finished bsmt, great location. 349-6200 (25011722) \$325,000



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
EXQUISITE HOME W/ELEGANT DETAILS Immaculate 3 BR, 2.5 BA home backing to woods. Hdwd flrs, Anderson basement wndws. Spa tub in mstr ste. Fab fin LL w/game rm, TV rm and bar. 349-6200. (25023904) \$320,000



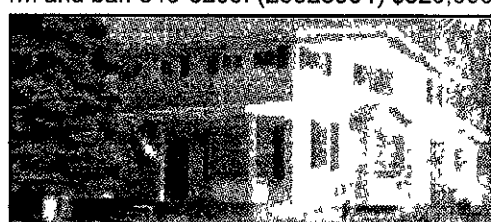
DEARBORN 734-591-9200
Fabulous Fairlane Woods Townhouse. Offers 3 BR, 3 BA, MBR w/vltd clings & FP. Updated T/O. Granite cntrs & new cabs in kit & BAS. Fin bsmt w/full BA, 2 car gar. (25018244) \$299,900



CANTON 248-348-6430
GREAT WOODED SETTING W/PRIVACY! Beautiful open flr plan w/1st flr mstr; 2nd level loft plus 2 BRs each w/prvt BA; full fin bsmt w/bath. Freshly painted. 2 car att gar. 349-6200 (25024158) \$259,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6200
COUNTRY FEEL Totally rebuilt in "98" Extra wide oak staircase, 1st flr MBR and bath. 19x10 ceramic & oak kit. Deep 70 x 292 lot backs to woods & Gill schools. 348-6200 (24158111) \$254,000



CANTON 734-455-7000
GREAT INCOME POTENTIAL! 3 Full baths, 3 kitchens, 5 BRs, 2 additional BRs in bsmt. Hdwd floors in LR & DR. Appl's stay. Tenants can remain or vacate. (23S4017) \$249,900



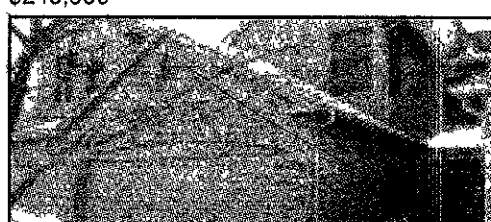
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
COLONIAL Premium wooded lot on quiet cul-de-sac. 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath has features galore, C/A, MBR w/WIC, full bsmt, 2 car att gar, hot tub w/gazebo and bar. (D612) PC220412 \$189,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Lrg private backyard! Outstanding ranch in Liv Public School District. Fin bsmt w/office/possible 4th BR, Fla rm, tear off roof '03, updated elec & appls. (25022258) \$189,900



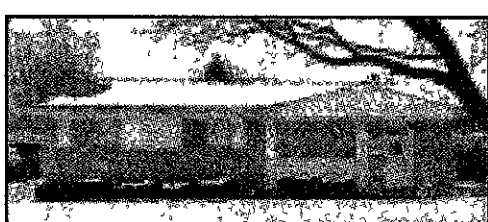
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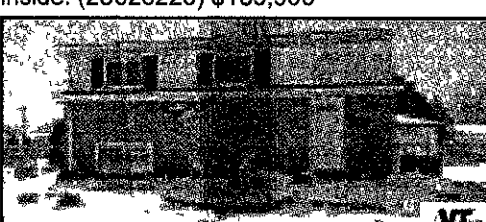
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CAREFREE LIVING Gorgeous 2 BR, 2.5 BA townhome close to shopping, freeway access & community facilities. Neutral decor. Mstr ste has vaulted ceilings & 2 lg closets. (23H45081) \$182,997



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GREAT LOCATION Great condition 3 BR move-in ready house is a delight. Awesome kit, vinyl windows, vinyl siding and gutters, fenced yard w/custom deck and updated bath. 349-6200 (24157917) \$173,500



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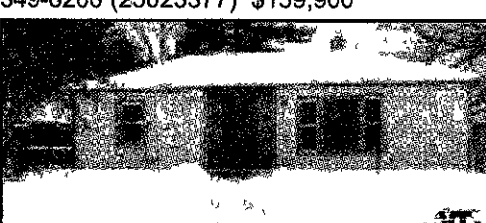
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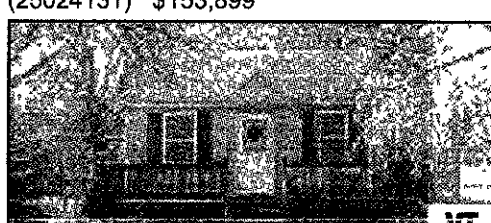
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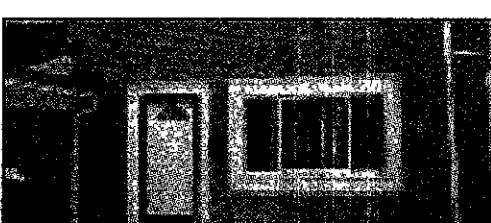
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Great starter home in a great neighborhood. 3 BRs, 2 full baths, form dining room. Fin bsmt with big rec rm, full BA & possible kit. Lots of storage. 1.5 car gar. (25020669) \$129,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Large country 0.45 acre lot holds this 2 BR updated ranch. Kit, bath, windows, roof, furn & air within last 6 years. Great neighborhood. (25023369) \$125,000



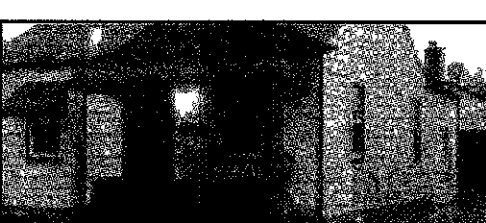
FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE, COZY & GLISTENING CLEAN! Freshly painted 2 BR, 1 bath. New since 2000: furnace, water heater, carpet, kit and bath flr, garage roof and door. Double lot 349-6200 (25012688) \$115,000



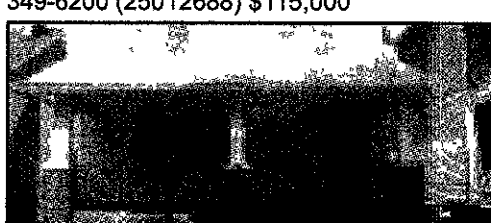
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A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! Currently being converted from co-op to condo. Westland location w/Livonia schools offers 2 bedrooms, fin bsmt, hdwd floors, doorwall to patio, C/A. (M291) \$109,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
ROOMY 3 BEDROOM WESTLAND CONDO End unit with attached garage, first floor laundry, newer carpet and furnace, C/A, and lots of storage. (G381) \$102,500



MELVINDALE 734-326-2000
SHARP 3 BEDROOM Roomy bedrooms, large 2 car garage, newer Wallside windows and more. All appliances, except stove included. Seller will help with costs. (C231) \$84,900



DETROIT 734-455-7000
Cozy 4 BR, 1.5 BA home, investor special. New wndws, heated porch, updated electrical, seller to repair cracks in driveway or give concessions. (23C3240) \$60,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
3 BR, 1.5 BA. Upgrades in the last 6 years incl: rf, furn, A/C, kit, carpet, wndws, doorwall, BA. Bonus-oversized gar. (23L41617) 24126439 \$209,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BR, 2.5 BA dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceiling w/fan & FP. MBR has 2 WICs. Bright kit has new flr & drwall to patio, appl's stay. 1st flr Indry. 2 car gar & bsmt. (25009266) \$184,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
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COMMERCE 734-326-2000
3 BR bungalow, 2 car gar, 1/2 acre. Across the street from & with lake privileges on Fox Lk, large LR w/fplc, some newer wndws. (C345) 25018593 \$174,900

DEARBORN 734-326-2000
QUALITY BUILT BUILDER'S HOME! 1st flr MBR & mstr BA. 1st flr Indry. 3/4 acre lot in prvt fenced yard. 4+ car gar. Fin'd Bsmt. 4 BR, 3 full & 1 1/2 BA, 2400+ SF. (I630) 24116751 \$324,999

DEARBORN 734-591-9200
Cozy 2 BR, 1 BA mch. New roof '04'. Remodeled BA '00'. Newer carpet since '03'. Newly insulated & sided in '01'. Kit updated in '99'. Fresh Paint & lots more. (25015185) \$107,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Sparkling gem. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, w/walk-out bsmt, new furn, C/A, newer crpt, flr, drwvy, wndws, eat-in kit & DR. (24115068) \$154,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Extremely well maintained 3 BR, 1,094 SF, updated brick mch. Fin'd bsmt w/wet bar & 1.5 car gar. All appls stay. A must see! Visit www.samsellshouses.com. (25012225) \$139,900

EASTPOINTE 734-455-7000
3 BR, 3 BA, 2.5 car detached gar, brick home. New bay wndws, new HWH, CA, fin bsmt, Florida rm. (23L16144) 24138965 \$160,000

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
END UNIT RNCH CONDO! OPEN FLOOR PLAN Vlt'd cells w/skyline in kit. New wndws, rf-'03'. Gas fplc; neutral t/o. 1 car gar w/opener. 349-6200 (25011747) \$172,000

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
You'll love this beautiful brick mch. Fin'd bsmt, 2 full BAs. Newer rf, A/C, deck, copper plumbing, kit, carpet, circuit box, HWH...to many to list. Call today! (23F30600) 25009543 \$164,900

HOWELL 248-348-6430
3 BR, 2 BA RNCH BLT 2001 Light/bright w/open floor plan. GR w/vltd cell, & doorwall to deck. Neutral t/o. 1300 SF, 1st flr Indry, 2 car att gar. 349-6200 (24127744) \$182,900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
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LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Winding brk paver pathways flow thru a wooded 1/2 acre that surrounds this 2000 SF mch w/3 BR, 2.5 BAs, hdwd flr, rec rm, granite & tile accents. (25003630) \$400,000

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS RNCH 2060+ SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit, DR, FR w/fplc & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fenced yard w/cement patio, gar & shed. Recent updates! 349-6200 (25016599) \$324,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Super cute & updated rnch w/1/2 acre lot. Livonia schools. 3 BR/2 Full BA, 1240 SF. New kit. Updts incl: roof, wndws, elec, BA, great deck! All appls incl w/riding mower too. (25023974) \$174,900

LYON 248-348-6430
3056 SF, 4 BR, 3.1 BA 2 story w/fin'd w/o bsmt on 1.9 acres w/lake frontage. Hickory/granite kit, hdwd flrs on 1st flr. 349-6200 (25031094) \$624,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
SHARP, CONTEMPORARY CONDO Vlt'd cells, stone fplc, sky-lts, gar! Balcony overlooks woods & deer! A short walk to downtown, cider mill! 349-6200 (24049960) \$227,500

NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
2 BR, 2 BA condo. Great floor plan w/vltd cells, covered balcony. Updts incl: rf, tilt-out wndws, sinks & fixtures, storm door, pergola in kit & entry & more. (25013417) \$135,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
FOR LEASE- RNCH CONDO New kit: Corian counters, stove, refig, m/w & d/w. 2 BRs, WIC, full bsmt, att 1 car gar. Heat, water, lawn svc, trash & snow remov incl. 349-6200 (24144349) \$1,000

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PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
LAKE POINTE VILLAGE 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/FR & in-ground pool. Updates incl: furn, air, sprnkls, wndws, BA w/jacuzzi, ceramic, etc. (23L14847) 24632826 \$239,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
Well cared for mch! 3 BRs, 2 BAs, hdwd flrs, fin'd bsmt w/rec rm, office & BA. Newer roof, gutters, BA & more. 349-6200 (25007170) \$154,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Totally Remodeled. This bungalow has an all new interior. Frlng, kit, BA & paint are all new. Newer roof, furn & wndws too. (24122259) \$113,900

REDFORD 734-455-7000
3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, fin bsmt, 2 car gar, Redford Union schools. Recent updates-rl, kit cabs, vinyl flooring, carpet & paint (23K19798) 24094242 \$109,900

SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
Beautiful mch condo w/a view! Open flr plan, white crptng, loads of upgrds, att gar, full bsmt and more. 2 BRs, 2.5 BAs. 349-6200 (25010639) \$176,500

SOUTHFIELD 734-326-2000
Fun location, country in the city 2 acres of secluded privacy 2 BR mch & 2 car gar needs TLC. (G241) 24131304 \$139,900

WAYNE 734-591-9200
Cmpltly updated 3 BR mch w/wrap around porch on a sizeable lot. LR w/fplc & bay wndw. Kit, DR, LR, open concept w/vltd cell. (24151965) \$129,500

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WESTLAND 734-326-2000
WOODED SURROUNDINGS Set off this 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA condo w/full bsmt, fplc, 2 car att gar, deck, 1st floor Indry & immediate occupancy. What more can you ask? (C330) 25016114 \$189,900

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EASY TO ENJOY This 3 BR brick mch, with newer windows, partially fin'd bsmt, large kit, 2 car gar, in great sub. (M340) 25023385 \$162,900

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WRANGLER SPORT by Dale Buss

I'm not an off-road kind of guy. My wife likes me to keep the family vehicles spotless, though I often fail on that score. I don't like the thought of having to wash the mud off of something I'm driving -- because then I have to hose down the entire driveway. And I'm a bit disturbed even by the feeling of mistakenly going over a curb while turning into the supermarket parking lot.

So when it came to driving and reviewing the 2005 Jeep Wrangler Sport -- the original and still champion off-road vehicle -- I knew that I needed the help of someone who both enjoyed and understood what vehicles were supposed to do off-road, and what those off-road specialty vehicle were supposed to do while they were on the road. That's why I recruited my friend Jon to help me conduct this evaluation. And he didn't disappoint me.

Jeep Wrangler, of course, is an iconic brand within the automotive world. It is the father of the utility vehicle, deriving as it does from the original Jeeps that were designed to give our troops a battlefield edge in World War II. Although the original concept has been redesigned several times over the last 60 years, it's still Jeep Wrangler more than anything else that promises to be capable of supporting just about any adventure far and wide.

And more than any other vehicle on the road, Wrangler still offers this world-class capability at reasonable prices. The Sport model I reviewed carries a suggested retail price of only \$25,750.

Jon is a young man who is a certified off-roader and a Wrangler fan. Nothing gets him more excited than pulling into some friend's driveway with his late-Nineties-vintage Wrangler slathered in mud (pebbles are an extra) and looking practically undriveable because his windshield is caked over. When vandals punched holes in his plastic windows and razored one side of his Wrangler a few months ago, rather than be



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ticked off, he nearly celebrated the fact that it made his vehicle seem more capable of surviving abuse.

Anyway, Jon was enthused as he helped me evaluate the 2005 Wrangler Sport, even before he got into it. The version I have was Impact Orange on the outside, a dazzling color that pokes through muck pretty easily. On the other hand, I had to get used to the vehicle even before I got into it: I banged my shin on the high door sill because I didn't look down to see that it wasn't your usual automotive ingress.

While I was driving the Wrangler, I enjoyed many things about its on-road capability. With a short wheelbase and an extremely sharp turning radius, Wrangler Sport provides a certitude around corners that I really appreciated, almost the same feeling of total control that you get with a vehicle that has four-wheel steering. I also found the six-speed manual transmission to shift relatively gracefully and to provide plenty of oomph at normal and even fast highway-driving speeds.

I wasn't as crazy about the poor fuel economy of Wrangler. Even though it's a small and light vehicle, its 4.0-liter Power Tech I-6 engine only puts out 15 miles per gallon in the city and 19 on the highway. Of course,

it's hauling around a lot of hardware related to Wrangler's inimitable four-wheel-drive system. Neither did I care for the amount of wind noise in the vehicle, which made it difficult to appreciate the seven-speaker sound system with subwoofers and tweeters.

Of course, that's where Jon came in: He informed me that this new version of Wrangler is the best much better about damping wind noise than earlier versions. And he testified that, through all the extraneous decibels, he could still determine that Wrangler's sound system is comparable to the Ford Monsoon system that is included in upscale vehicles.

Jon also observed that Wrangler proceeded solidly through deep potholes on one of northern Oakland County's damnable dirt roads; even at speeds as high as 35 mph, the vehicle held well to the road and didn't bounce despite its light weight. More than anything, Jon liked the "creeper" first gear in the Wrangler, which allows the driver maximum control and traction while in low-range four-wheel-drive mode at speeds of no more than a few miles an hour, for "creeping" over rocks and other stuff off-road without stalling out.

If Jon is happy with Wrangler Sport, I'm happy.

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