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D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services is taking reservations for the 14th Annual Summer Art Camp.

For the first time, the preschool and student camps will be offered at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Children will discover their creativity and potential using a variety of techniques and mediums, and learning the role animals play in art. At the end of summer,

an Open House Exhibition will showcase each student's work. A 10 percent

discount is offered if registration and tuition is received no later than May 31.

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Reappointed

The Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday reappointed four members of the

www.hometownlife.com ©2004 HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK **Proposal A draws mixed reviews**

Observer

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Ten years after voters in Michigan approved Proposal A, Michigan school districts are in the bind many predicted when the state switched from local property taxes to the state sales tax to fund school districts.

In good times, there would be plenty of money to spread around. In times of economic uncertainty, there would be a price for shortfalls in state funding. And, that's where many school districts sit today, using precious fund balances to make up the difference.

"They've got to find a more stable form of taxation so school districts can plan long term, so they don't yo-yo though fiscal management of schools," said Roland Thomas, who spent 17 years on the Plymouth-Canton Board of

Education, with and without Proposal A.

We're only 10 years into this, but we need to find ways to raise more money here," he said. "The fundamental process of lowering property taxes was good. But, we need a rainy day fund to deal with protracted dips in the economy."

Proposal A was designed to help vastly underfunded school districts in educating

children, bringing some in the state from \$2,000 spent per pupil to a minimum of \$6,500.

And, it helped property owners - especially those on fixed incomes - who were paying property taxes among the highest in the nation.

A big minus of Proposal A, according to many, is the loss of local control of money and how to spend it. Before

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Today's Lesson is a continuing series focusing on public education.

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opening Sunday at the DIA.

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Irish hospitality

Coming Sunday, as important as it is there are some things in education money can't buy.



dog's tongue out to keep air from entering the dog's stomach during CPR. The tongue blocks the passageway.

Zarbo officially enters trustee race

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

He's the first to make it official. Karl Zarbo, who was appointed to the Canton Board of Trustees Jan. 1, 2003, will seek election to his seat.

'I'm the new kid on the block with the least amount of name recognition," said Zarbo, explaining his early announcement for the Nov. 2 general election.

His announcement coincides with his formal filing for election and the creation of the Committee to Retain Karl Zarbo.

Zarbo, a Republican, was appointed to fill the remaining two years of

board is close to what I do for a living," Zarbo said.

As a manager of commercial properties, Zarbo says he collects rents and ensures that services are provided. "It's no different than collecting tax dollars from citizens and you have a voice in how services are dispensed in the community."

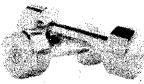
In his short tenure as a trustee, Zarbo said he has "worked hard to serve the Canton residents and with their support would like to continue these efforts. The first full year was a great learning experience functioning as both a student and a teacher," Zarbo said, adding he had 100 percent attendance at trustee meetings.

Downtown Development Authority Board. They include Melissa McLaughlin, Catherrine Foege, Betsy Ford and Hazen Hiller, Each will serve another four years.

Grant approved

Canton will receive \$21,068 in Local Law Enforcement Block Grant money that must be matched locally with \$2,341. The money will be used to help buy public safety equipment, especially software, data conversion and gun range barricades.

Curves Curves for Women, with facilities in Canton and



Plymouth, are collecting non-perishable foods during March to give to St. Mary's Food Bank in Wayne and a Dearborn program called Help is on the Way.

"Last year we collected over 8,000 pounds of food," said owner Kim Scartelli.

"It's such a neat experience. It is so rewarding."

You may drop nonperishable foods at the Canton facility, 44248 Cherry Hill, or in Plymouth at 44717 Five Mile.

Nurse and mom enters the business world - successfully

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Years as a registered nurse at a big hospital left MJ Campbell feeling a little weary. "I was tired of working every other weekend and holidays," said the wife and mother of

three daughters. "I was losing out on their lives."

She made a life switch and in the process took a different job and took over a small business. The smile on her face and laidback presence tells the story of change.

"I love nursing. I love being a

patient advocate, of alleviating fear and figuring things out," the Canton resident said. "You have to solve mysteries. You have to use assessment, judgment and negotiating skills."

Now a contingent nurse at St.

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LaJoy's four-year term. LaJoy was elected to the state House in November 2002. The former nine-year planning commissioner wants to remain on the board of trustees because he loves what he's doing. "This is so broad - compared to the planning commission that I wondered how I would enjoy it. I really do," said the longtime Canton resident.

Professionally, Zarbo owns KZ & Co., a commercial real estate management company. "What I do on the

Zarbo also serves on the Ford Road steering committee, as well as the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council as a board member. He is also a member of the Canton Lions Club. In addition to the planning commission, he also served on the Downtown Development Authority and as a past president of his Franklin Square homeowners association.

Never having campaigned for himself before, Zarbo said his big battle will be the Aug. 3 primary.

Reactions are mixed to failed marriage ban

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School math teacher Tom Patrick was pleased to hear the Michigan House of Representatives failed in its attempt Tuesday to pass a constitutional amendment that would have banned same-sex marriages.

Patrick, who has been in a committed relationship for almost seven years and has three adopted children, said he

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hopes the 65-38 vote – eight shy of the necessary two-thirds majority needed to send it to the Senate and ultimately a statewide vote by citizens - will put the issue to rest. "It upset me that there's such confusion over the issue of homosexuality," said Patrick, who testified in front of a House subcommittee on the issue several weeks ago. "I wanted them to know the face of one person they were trying

to protect themselves from, and

told them about my family and

children.

Washington Mutual The Power of Yes

West Middle School music teacher Mike Chiumento was beaming with excitement when he heard news of the vote. "I'm ecstatic. It's a huge victory for fairness. I was really concerned about them writing discrimination into our own constitution.

"Heterosexuals can keep the word 'marriage,'" said Chiumento, who has been in a same-sex relationship for 13 years. "But, I would like to have the benefit of living in a committed relationship where if my

partner gets sick and is taken to the hospital he's covered under my health care benefits; or I can see him without being told I'm not a member of the family; and when I retire I can pass on my retirement benefits to him, should I die."

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, was a cosponsor of the legislation and voted in favor of the measure.

"People have certain rights, and we shouldn't discriminate on the basis of their sexuality," said LaJoy. "But, I believe mar-

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riage is between a man and a woman. It's just that simple." Rep. John Stewart, R-

Plymouth Township, also voted in favor of the constitutional amendment.

"If we really are Christians, we should be able to have an acceptance and love for those who have other preferences," said Stewart.

"But, the sanctity of marriage is still equivalent to one man and one woman, and there's no acceptance in society for anything other than that."



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Proposal A, communities passed millages to support districts, taxing themselves as they saw fit.

"Now, we have this central location of power ... the state ... and I don't think that's a healthy movement," said Mark Slavens, vice president of the Plymouth-Canton school board and founder of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding. "We get topdown directives telling us what to do, but they're not providing any additional dollars to do it."

Plymouth-Canton with its per-pupil allotment of \$7,025 lags behind neighboring school districts, some of which get \$1,000 or more than P-C per student.

"Unfortunately, legislators have not kept the promise of Proposal A in keeping with equity," Slavens said. "They've continued to give everybody the same increase or decrease across the board, so we have a permanent two-tier system, the haves and have nots.

"While other districts can afford small class sizes and foreign languages in elementary grades, we're paying for things like music, art and athletics," he said.

Mark Horvath, a former Plymouth-Canton school board president whose first of four years on the board came during implementation of Proposal A, said school district administrators brought it upon themselves

"Proposal A is bad because it takes away local control of

finances, but people got sick and tired of districts going back for millages all the time," he said. "The people in power wouldn't take 'no' for an answer, and would keep coming back with the same proposal until it passed.

"The good thing about Proposal A is it gives an idea of how much money districts will get, which forces a district to make a longer financial plan than what happened pre-Proposal A," Horvath said.

While many believe Proposal A was meant to bring equality to school districts, Horvath said that's wishful thinking. He'd like to see the state provide funding for the three Rs reading, writing and arithmetic - but let school districts pass millages to provide the socalled extras.

"Whatever we do, not every child is going to get an identical education, but everyone should get an equitable education," he said. "The kids in Plymouth-Canton aren't ever going to operate from a district with the same tax rate as the kids in West Bloomfield. Let the state provide the basic education, and let the communities be allowed to supplement additional programs.'

Back in 1993, when Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jim Ryan was head of the Reed City Schools, he remembers telling Rotary club members they should vote in favor of Proposal A because it gave tax relief and would give Reed City schools more money.

Now, it's a much different story

"If it wasn't for the increasing enrollment (which brings

in more state funding), I can't imagine how we would make ends meet," said Ryan. "I think we do a whale of a job with the low funding we get, but we can't afford a bus replacement program, technology replacement and facility upgrades."

Plymouth-Canton, whose foundation grant is being cut \$74 per student the next fiscal year as a result of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's executive order, is expected to have a \$9.3 million budget deficit.

"I just wish something could be done because it looks like we're whining," said Ryan. "But, the next round of budget cuts will make people wonder what's happening to their school district."

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said districts shouldn't come looking to Lansing for help.

'There's no consensus in the Legislature, at this point in time, to change Proposal A," said Stewart, "because there appears to be minimal adequate yearly funding, and the deficits aren't knocking at the door quite yet."

Stewart said as long as districts have fund balances left -Plymouth-Canton's is \$15 million - don't come knocking. However, Plymouth-Canton is predicting that amount could disappear very quickly over the next couple of years.

Horvath thinks the future of education in Michigan, under the current terms of Proposal A, will be somewhat bare bones. "Once we went to Proposal A, and put districts on a fixed income, it's like getting money for just food, water and shelter," he said. "I think we'll end up with the bad parts (of Proposal A), with the state controlling public education in Michigan.

Prop A crafters reflect on its origination

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

In the late 1980s and early '90s, property taxes in Michigan were out of control. In 1993, Michigan's property taxes were 34 percent higher than the national average. Proposal A was first and

foremost an attempt to stop the property tax wildfire. Ten years ago this month,

voters approved shifting primary funding for local schools from local property taxes to an increase in the state sales tax after the state Legislature had set a deadline for ending property taxes as the primary funding source for public schools. Two major players in the cre-

ation of Proposal A were then state Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat and the senior member of the tax and finance committee, and Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Republican. They differ on how Proposal A came to be.

"Eleven times between 1972 and 1992 we tried to lower property taxes. This was an ongoing struggle," said Stabenow, now a U.S. senator from Michigan.

Stabenow said she was aware that Engler was going to propose a 20-percent cut in property taxes without providing an alternative funding method for schools.

"I had been talking about getting everyone to the table," she said. "I had said the only way to get people to do it was to put a deadline on the old system."

In July 1993, Stabenow surprised the political community by proposing a July 1, 1994, deadline on using property taxes to fund schools.

this, but it forced people to have the political will to do something," she said.

As Engler remembers it, Stabenow was not the major impetus behind the proposal.

That was a ploy that was tried," said Engler, who is now an executive with EDS in Virginia. "Sen. (Arthur) Miller (Democrat minority leader) came up with that gambit in an attempt to embarrass Republicans in the Senate. We called their bluff and gave impetus to school finance reform."

Engler said in 24 hours he had a bill on his desk to eliminate property taxes, setting off months of debate through late 1993 and early 1994.

The Legislature approved a ballot proposal to increase the state sales tax by 50 percent, from 4 percent to 6 percent, with a partial restoration of property taxes leveled locally and by the state. On March 15, 1994, voters approved the proposal by a wide margin.

'BIG SUCCESS'

"On the property tax side, taxes dropped from 34 percent above the national average to 15 percent below the national average. On property tax, it has been a big success," Stabenow said.

Engler agrees.

"It literally saved thousands of people their homes and protected taxpayers," he said.

On the issue of school equity, Stabenow said Proposal A has helped but that challenges remain.

"The process of reviewing Proposal A, this is an important time to review that in terms of equity. I think there

tradeoffs that need to be looked at," she said.

Engler said Proposal A "tweakers are tax talkers. I don't think there needs to be a new round of tax hikes."

Engler said every school district in Michigan is spending more than they did before Proposal A. He said studies show that even when schools receive the same funding, they don't perform the same and the problem isn't a question of money.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Doug Roberts, state treasurer under Engler and now interim director of Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, said that Proposal A has succeeded in its principal aims.

"In my opinion, it's done an excellent job of dealing with the two issues it set out to address," he said.

In a report by David Plank and David Arsen of the Michigan State University **Education Policy Center** released in November, Proposal A had three major impacts: First, it produced a major reduction in property tax; second, it produced a "dramatic" centralization of Michigan's school finance system; and, third, it made school funding more equitable.

"It gave Michigan a state system of public education instead of many local districts," Plank said. "The change is only now becoming apparent."

Engler and Stabenow will speak at a daylong forum March 15 organized by the MSU institute for Public Policy and Social Research at the Lansing Center







BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

STAFF WRITER

If you're a commercial prop-

erty owner, you'll notice little, if any, change. If you're a resi-

dential property owner, your

Industrial property took a big-

"The county takes the sales. They do appraisals of the

ger hit, with an average of

industrial properties. They

market value," said John

decided the properties were 11

percent below where we needed to be to be at 50 percent

McLenaghan, chief appraiser

By now you should have received your property assess-

ment notice in the mail.

assessment on average

increased 4.4 percent.

almost 11 percent.

Industrial property gets

biggest assessment hit



Some 5,000 people visited hundreds of booths at Canton's Home Improvement Expo this past weekend at the Summit on the Park.

Expo puts spotlight on hot sauces to forklifts

The temperatures were in the 40s but spring was in the air at Canton's third annual Home Improvement Expo at Summit on the Park last weekend.

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With everything from hot sauce to forklifts on display, about 5,000 people showed up to view the exhibits and sit in on workshops dealing with how to install ceramic floors, landscaping ideas, drywall repair and trouble shooting for roof repairs.

We had hundreds of comment cards returned to us." said John Weyer, Canton building official. "People loved the show. They like the varied vendors. They said they would like to have even longer show hours next year."

Kevin Tittle of Kearns Brothers Home Improvement in Dearborn was back for his second year at the show.

"Canton has reached the 15year mark in new subs," he

said. "Many of the subdivisions are now about 15 years old and that's about the life of a roof. We're doing a phenomenal business with new roofs."

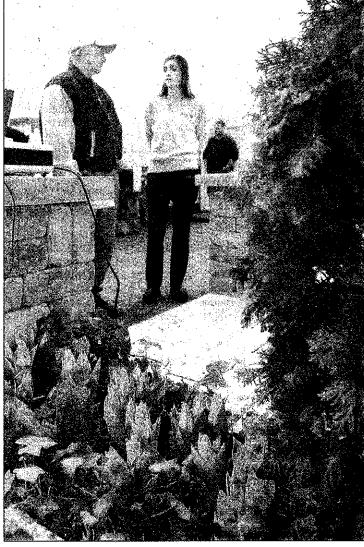
Denny Bye, president of Action Landscape and Sprinkler Systems in Canton, was back for his third show.

He suggested that because the show was so popular, the township should consider charging a nominal admission charge or at least having donation boxes near where free refreshments were available.

"They could use the money to help people like the families of those two police officers who died last year," he said. "Maybe it wouldn't be much, but every little bit helps."

Mark Henry, manager of Town 'n' Country Hardware in Garden City said his display had been very busy.

"People didn't know we sold so many things," he said. "With those recent warm days, people



Jim Gniewek chats with Sarah Dehring with Plymouth Nursery & Garden Center at Canton's Third Annual Home Expo.

are getting spring fever." He said the most popular item in his exhibit was patio furniture, although an electric fireplace also drew lots of attention.

With a variety of grills on display, Henry was also showing off a line of salsas and hot sauces - a perfect accompaniment to barbecue. And he sells the sauces at the store. Near one of the entrances to

the exhibit, the Canton Chamber of Commerce had a booth set up, giving out street maps of Canton and other information on the communi-

had a break today," said Clarice Killian of the Chamber Board of Directors about 2 p.m. Saturday. "I've helped six people new to the community

for Canton. The county conducts a study of actual sales when determining assessment increases or decreases. The study conduct-

ed by the county covered sales from April 1, 2001, through March 30, 2003. During that period, 2,364

residential sales were recorded. "That's a pretty good sample of properties," McLenaghan said. "Canton has a good active market."

The industrial properties that took the hit are those in the Michigan Avenue area where water and sewer lines are in the offing, and are being sold to developers, McLenaghan said.

"On the appraisals on the industrial properties, the county determined that they were 11 percent below where we needed them to be at 50 percent (of market value)," McLenaghan added.

Remember that your assessed value and the taxable value listed in the notice are not the same. You pay property taxes based on the taxable value - a result of Proposal A. Your assessed value represents 50 percent of the market value of your property.

Proposal A has allowed taxable values to rise to a maximum 5 percent or the cost of living, whichever is lower. This year, the cost of living increased 3.2 percent.

"If you put additions on your house, your taxable value would be 3.2 percent plus the

STUDY TELLS A STORY

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Here's a peek at some Canton neighborhoods and the accompanying property assessment increases: Windsor Park: 2-4 percent Sunflower Village by Canton 5 Center: 1 percent Buckingham, Heritage and

Stratford by Beck: 4 percent

Sunflower near Beck: 7 percent

Cobblestone Ridge, west of Canton Center, south of Ford: 8 percent

Fairways: 5 percent

■ Glengarrys: 4.4 percent

Huntington Place: 6 percent ■ Vintage Valley: Still under construction. Land values increased 22 percent, no change on the houses.

Coves of Canton Condos at Warren and Lilley: No change

Plymouth Landing Condos on Sheldon: 10 percent.

Cherry Hill Pointe Condos: 1 percent

add on. If you have something new, you get assessed to it." said McLenaghan.

In other words, if you house is assessed at \$200,000 with a taxable value of \$160,000, your taxable value this year will go up 3.2 percent (plus additions), McLenaghan said.

When Proposal A passed in 1994, the taxable value on McLenaghan's house he bought in the 1970s was frozen. The only increase he has seen since is the annual rise in the cost of living.

That means he has been paying property taxes on the frozen rate plus the cost of living. If he sells his home, the buyer will feel the full impact of the increased value of McLenaghan's house over the years.

"Since they put this into effect, it has never gone up to 5 percent," McLenaghan said.

Four-way stop planned at Denton and Geddes

Due to the increase in traffic, the signal at the intersection of Denton and Geddes roads will change from a two-way stop to a four-way stop in about a month.

Canton Police Lt. John McDiarmid said Wayne County will be responsible for changing the light, but he wants to get the word out to drivers to make them aware of what's happening.

"People who are used to driving down Geddes Road, who've probably been driving that way for years, are used to seeing a flashing yellow light," he said. 'When this change takes effect it will be flashing red."

He said the county will put signs up and flags to alert motorists to the change in the signal, but he wants drivers to be aware that a change is taking place.

At the moment drivers going

east or west on Geddes encounter a flashing yellow light while drivers going north or south on Denton encounter flashing red. After the change both lights will flash red.

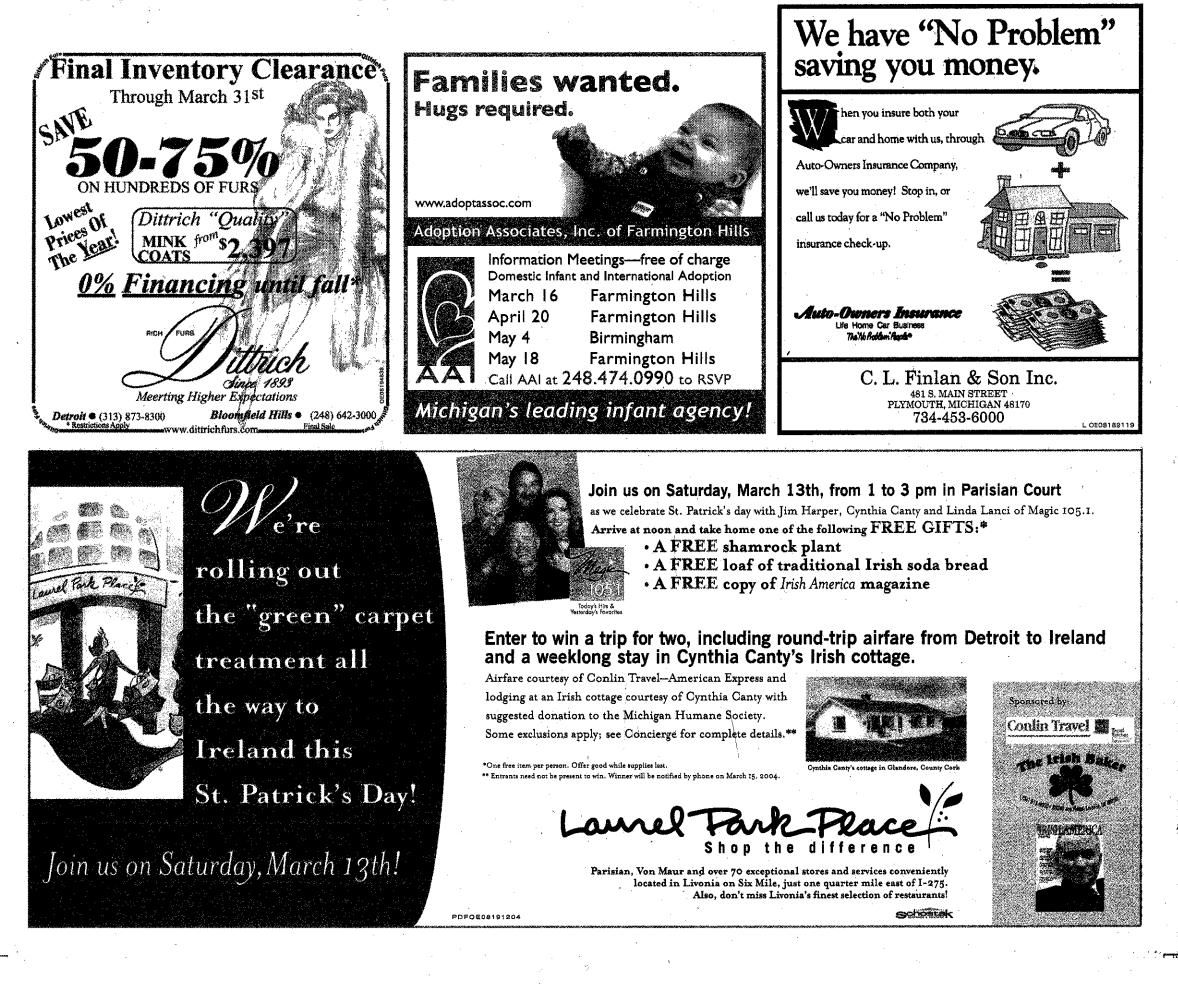
There are a lot of accidents at that intersection," McDiarmid said. "People traveling on Denton think it is a four-way stop. They'll stop and proceed without realizing that the Geddes traffic is seeing a flashing yellow."

He said the light cannot be changed to a regular red/yellow/green signal until improvements are done on the road.

"You have to have turn lanes and other improvements before they can make it a regular light," he said. "Meanwhile drivers using this intersection should be very cautious until the lights have been in place for an extended period of time."

"This is the first time we've

today."



DEATHS

Kathryn Benner Randall, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Feb. 29.

Grace Civitella, 86, of Novi, died March 4.

Joseph Edward Dupraw, 85, of Redford died at home.

Laura Jane Fleenor, 33, of Taylor, died March 7.

Charlene K. Heideman, 71, died March 3. Mary E. Hunter, 88, of Novi (former-

ly of Southfield), died March 6.

Thomas Henry Llewellyn, 82, of Milford, died March 4. Adelaide (Heidi) Kern Licklider, 87, died Feb. 25 in Oberlin, Ohio.

м Carol Jean Miller, of Westland, died March 6.

S Linda M. Schneemann, 53, of Farmington Hills, died March 5. Dorothy M. Serrico, of Northville, died March 5. John Albert Stoinicki, 56, of Farmington Hills, died March 2. Joshua R. Swanson, 18, of

For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home section in Passages on page C7. -53.6 48.68.88.88.89

Farmington Hills, died March 9.

Alfred C. Thompson, 82, of South Lyon, died March 6. Kenneth Weiss, of Clarkston, died March 7. Ryan Wight, died March 1. Leonard G. Winekoff, 84, of Van Buren Township, died March 4. Fay (Fronek) Wright, 57, of St. Petersburg, Fia., formerly of Garden Theft from car City, died Feb. 28. Robert John Zinkel Jr., 50, of Birmingham, died March 8.

FOR THE RECORD POLICE

Chase

The teletype from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office was clear enough. Canton Police were advised

to be on the lookout for a possible suicidal suspect heading to Canton, possibly going to a fast food restaurant.

The person was driving a late model Chevrolet Malibu and was armed with a shotoun. Shortly after receiving the teletype, around 4 a.m. on March 6. Canton Police located the man in the area of Haggerty and Ford. Officers attempted to stop him, but he fled.

Police chased him and deployed stop strips, but he continued driving on the front rims of his vehicle. They pursued him into Washtenaw

County, where he crashed his vehicle and was taken into custody without incident. He had a loaded shotgun in his car.

A Belleville resident reported to Canton Police that she was visiting a friend in the 46000 block of Geddes Road between 11 p.m. March 7 and 7 a.m. March 8. Her car was parked on the lot in front of the unit.

When she went to the car the next

day, someone had pried the front passenger door open and taken a Kirby vacuum cleaner, clothes and cleaning supplies.

Tools taken

A Jonesville resident told Canton Police that someone stole numerous tools from the back of his pickup while it was parked in the 45000 block of Michigan Avenue. The incident occurred between 2:30-4 p.m. on March 2.

Liquor heist

A Sherwood Court resident reported that someone entered his open garage sometime between Feb. 14 and March 7 and stole 10 bottles of liquor.

He said the liquor was in a cardboard box and was left over from when he was married a year ago.

Theft averted

A resident of the 45000 block of Morningside called police on March 7 about 11:30 p.m. to report suspicious activity near his van. He said he looked out the window and saw two males standing near the van.

Another person in the residence called police while the van owner ran outside and chased the men. When police arrived they used a K-9 to attempt to track them, but they were not found.

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win a pizza party Hoben and Bentley elementary schools in Canton will participate in the "Pass It Along -Share the Gift of Reading"

Collect books,

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

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

"Pass It Along - Share the Gift of Reading" challenges elementary and middle schools in the Observer circulation area to collect gently-used and/or new books for disadvantaged youngsters in Detroit.

"This is good with March as reading month. We will support kids who need books," said Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Hoben principal. "It shows children how to support others in need. We are hoping we get lots of books for the kids who need them." Donations will go to Bridgepointe, a nonprofit organization which aids Neinas Elementary School in Detroit. Neinas has approximately 530 students in grades K-5 and 80

percent are living below the poverty level.

"Bridgepointe believes in bridging communities together to help make a difference in our own backvards," said Sue Simcox, the organization's director. "Bridgepointe is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty. There is no quick fix or easy answers. What we do know is that we are making a difference in the lives of these very special children. With your help, we can do more to create an environment of learning." Participating schools must sign up in advance by phone, fax or email to: Street Marketing, (248) 347-4350, fax (248) 347-4985 or email at jodi@streetmktg.com

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

The drive will end Monday, April 26. The winning school will be announced in the Sunday, May 9, edition of your hometown Observer.

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

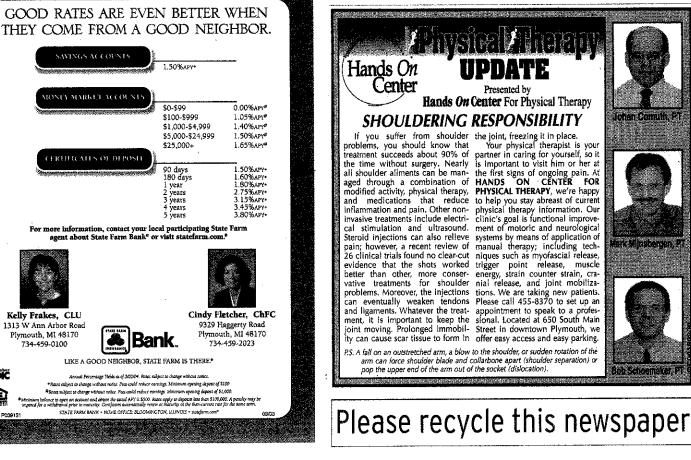
All participating schools will be honored in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

CLARIFICATION In Sunday's story on No Child Left Behind, the story

should have said that the federal education law, not the state,

requires that 95 percent of students in a school take the MEAP tests for the school to reach adequate yearly progress.





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CAMPBELL

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Joseph Mercy Urgent Care in Canton, Campbell was approached by a friend who wanted to unload her health education business. "I told her I didn't know the first thing about running a business," she said. "I'm a nurse and a mom."

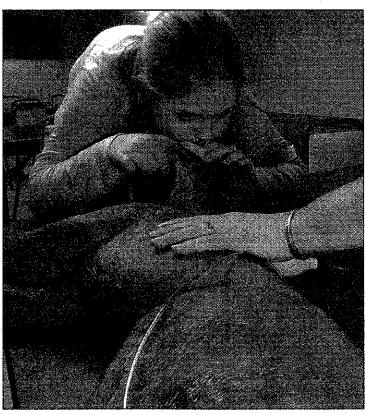
Basically, her answer was no. Time passed. The friend contacted her again. Finally, Campbell figured, why not? It wasn't a light decision. She truly didn't know how to run a business.

"I took classes at Schoolcraft and got a bank loan," Campbell said. "I bought the business, the employees and the clients."

She has expanded the business three-fold. And she is loving it.

What Campbell does - with the help of about 11 contract employees - is teach healtheducation, the things you really do need to know, but can't imagine yourself doing. CPR, first aid and learning how to work an automatic defibrillator. All CPR and first aid training meets state and OSHA requirements. The CPR classes are endorsed by the American Heart Association, while the first aid classes are endorsed by the American Safety and Health Institute.

Health Matters also offers classes in child safety, baby-sitting and blood-borne pathogens. The newest of classes — pet first aid — is getting off to a good start. Again, Campbell doesn't take it lightly. Before entering her newest sub-



Lindsey Moore came to learn how to help her yellow lab, Kendail, and learn she did. Here she is practicing mouth-to-snout resuscitation on a canine Resuscitation Annie of sorts at a canine session offered by Health Matters of Canton.

ject matter, she researched and contacted the American Safety and Health Institute, which is approved by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"I asked a lot of questions," Campbell said. "I like to know the whys of what's going on." Recently at the Knights of Columbus on Fair in Plymouth, Campbell and Gretchen Nachazel, a health educator at the Health **Exploration Station at St.** Joseph Mercy in Canton, were

preparing to start their third class in pet first aid.

"If you can intervene and get care for animals, you can truly turn them around," said Nachazel, who has worked in wildlife rescue.

Campbell and Nachazel use stuffed toy dogs for the class and one life-size canine **Resuscitation Annie doll that** allows mouth-to-snout and CPR practice. "Lots of the principles with people and animals are similar," Campbell said.

The toy dogs are used

instead of live ones for obvious reasons such as barking, fights and liability. "We have a variety of breeds," she said, adding that students should be able to practice on a dog that is similar to their own.

The first aid that Campbell and Nachazel teach for dogs is basic things people can do when their pet is burned, choking, having breathing difficulties, fractures or poisoned.

'This is what to do in the first 10 minutes," Campbell said. "We show them what is normal (in a dog's response) and what is not.

People should feel confident that they know how to react and what to do when they leave a Health Matters program, "We give them hands-on education that is needed and practical. The classes start with learning the ABCs — airway, breathing and circulation. If you can remember ABC, you can do CPR," Campbell said.

Helping a dog is like helping a person. If the patient is nervous, help to calm him. In pets, the best way is to cover their eyes and use a gentle voice. If a dog is in shock, you do what you would do for a person, cover them and keep them warm, Campbell said.

"Knowing there are more trained people out there is reassuring," she added.

Campbell and Health Matters may be reached at (734) 737-0536 or log on to the Web site at healthmatters.micronpcweb.com.

Firefighters take on new lieutenant promotions

Two members of the Canton Fire Department, Thomas Battistone and George Daubresse, were recently promoted to lieutenant. Battistone and Daubresse are both 27year veterans of the department.

Before the promotion, Battistone served the department as a fire pump operator for approximately 15 years. He was responsible for driving the fire engine as well as providing fire suppression support. Battistone said that he has "been driving the engine for a

long time"

He is looking forward to the change and challenge of a new position.

Daubresse worked as a firefighter/EMT before the promotion and was responsible for general fire suppression and rescue services.

He was also instrumental in planning the upcoming Fire Station Number 3.

Daubresse is looking forward to "gaining new leadership skills and passing down 27 years of experience to new firefighters."

St. Pat's will bring out more police patrols

If there's even a wee bit o' the Irish in you for St. Patrick's Day, don't get overexuberant.

Canton Police say they're cracking down on drunk drivers during this season of green beer and partying.

The department will have increased patrols on the road on March 12-14 and on March 17.

Four officers will work six

A Lively Discussion with

Dr. Richard Light

hours each day, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., looking for drivers operating their vehicles under the influence.

The overtime traffic enforcement funding is being provided by the Michigan Office of Highway and Safety Planning grant. "You Drink and Drive. You Lose."

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OUR VIEWS Signs should be fun, functional

An icon by any other name is a sign. At least in Canton.

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But Tony and Rona Matar, owners of the Big Boy restaurant on Ford Road, just east of Canton Center, aren't buying it. The couple has now been ticketed twice for violating the township's sign ordinance and believe "it's absurd." They will be in court April 13.

The issue certainly has nabbed headlines. The Matars don't see Big Boy as a sign. To the town-

ship, the statue is a sign — and with the restaurant's ground sign on Ford Road, that's one too many.

Court is the best place for the Matars to fight the issue. But laws don't consider icons like a Big Boy statue as embellishments that make a place more interesting.

Ground signs now replace the tall signs found at older shopping centers. The tall signs generally are ugly and overbearing. Design experts who recently visited Ford Road for a rather quick study agreed that ground signs are difficult to see. And let's add one more thing: they all look alike.

Conformity is the rule. But it isn't always what's best. The Big Boy sign is recognizable — from a distance. It also provides a human touch in an otherwise concrete jungle.

While township officials didn't buy all ideas the design experts were selling, their notions should be a catalyst for invigorating an otherwise drab Ford Road.

It's bad enough most new commercial/retail buildings in Canton are standard beige brick on similar architecture. Ground signs are following suit.

It sure would be nice if planners could lighten up a bit. And don't mistake that for cheapening up.

A marriage of creativity and function just might produce a happy middle ground for the township and for business owners so signs on thoroughfares are not only interesting, but look tidy and streamlined.

Education act needs to be re-evaluated

The goal of the federal No Child Left Behind Act is 100 percent proficiency in reading and mathematics by 2013-14. In Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, we found general support for the goals of NCLB. Local education leaders were skeptical about reaching 100 percent but they were supportive of increased accountability, regular testing and a national standard for proficiency.

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One-sided

It has come to my attention that the Big Boy icon in Canton that is causing such a ruckus with Supervisor Tom Yack is a bit one-sided. The Little Caesars Pizza at Ford and Lilley is far more in violation of the sign laws of Canton township than Big Boy's.

Little Caesars has a Little Caesars statue on top of the building, a sign on the front of the building and a person dressed in a Little Caesars costume out at Ford and Lilley holding a sign for pizza and waving and gesturing at traffic, which causes a distraction for traffic passing by. Apparently Tom Yack likes pizza better than an All-American hamburger.

> Terry Smith disgruntled Canton resident

Better issues

Why are our elected officials wasting time debating over whether the Big Boy statue is a sign, or in fact a statue when they have far more pressing issues? Like, why is Ford Road traffic getting worse, year over year with no plan to fix it? Or, what were you thinking when you approved three drug stores between Ford Road and Warren on Canton Center? I'm thankful Mr. and Ms. Matar opened the Big Boy restaurant in a vacant building and are now contributing dollars to our Canton economy. I wonder how many other potential business owners have been "spirited away" by our unfriendly township leadership. We're a growing community and I'm proud to be a member. But we must be business friendly to our business partners, both existing and potential. Ticketing Big Boy was wrong. Mr. Yack, how many of your constituents came forward to point out Big Boy was exceeding its sign limit? Or that the statue bothered them? I suspect none. Let's try and be Big Boys and live by the spirit of the law. Let rational thought enter your decision process. Our economy is struggling and now, more than ever, we need to work with our business partners, not against them.

LETTERS

do. We will move heaven and earth to clear his good name and bring him back to our family where he belongs.

Nancy Spencer b

Canton

Assuming guilt

As a parishioner of St. Thomas I would like to go on record as stating that I am outraged at the loss of our priest, Father Kelly.

All of us who know this man realize that the accusations against him are totally false. Father Kelly has been with us for 11 years. In those 11 years he has conducted himself with compassion, integrity and love. His devotion to the church and his parish family is unshakeable. Again, I stress those of us who know Father Kelly realize that he is innocent.

I am saddened, troubled and angry at what is being done to him. As so many have stated, in America you are innocent until proven guilty. Yet it seems as if our priests are now avaluated from this right allowed more than 10-15 minutes of board time once a year?

Also, I am curious as to how many board members or administrators have ever observed any of the special education classes or services in our district?

As an aside, I would like to point out that I am writing as a spokesperson for parents of children with special needs in the district, not as a mouthpiece for my husband, Richard Ham-Kucharski, a trustee of the board, out of respect for whom out I have kept quiet for so long.

Dawn Ham-Kucharski mother of Alex. age 5

Stewart helps

I am a senior at Salem High School in Canton. It has been my dream to attend Michigan State University. I have always tried my hardest in school but at the beginning of my senior year I fell just short of my goal, I was deferred from the university.

I reached out to (state Rep.) John Stewart in hopes he could direct me in the right direction to somehow make my dreams come true. He did more for me than I could have ever expected of him. John Stewart is the kind of representative that every community should be blessed with. I can't imagine another man so fitting for the job that he does. He set the tone for the rest of my life. Thanks to him, I am getting a chance to show Michigan State what I really can do. I was recently accepted there and I will never be able to thank him guite enough. John Stewart is a true representative of the Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Northville citizens. I am blessed to know him.



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But NCLB has become a hot political issue. Though the act was passed by an overwhelming bipartisan vote in 2001, many Democrats have openly criticized the Bush administration for not adequately funding the program.

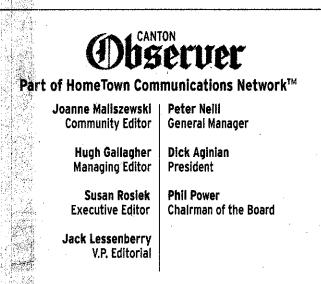
The Bush administration argues that spending on education has grown over the last four years, even while allowing that funding for NCLB is not at authorized levels. But, they argue, the funding is adequate to do the job.

Educators in our communities, and across the country, are telling the administration that the funding is not adequate to meet the current demands and will be even less adequate when the government begins to impose "remedies" on Title I schools that fail to reach adequate yearly progress.

In addition, educators are complaining about various aspects of the program that they assert are unfair. Notably, they object that special education students and students who speak English as a second language are included in a school's general population for testing, which puts some schools at a disadvantage toward reaching AYP.

Educators also complain that for high-achieving schools in the suburbs, it becomes harder each year to exceed an already high level. They also point out that in some districts students opt out of taking the state's MEAP test because they don't think the test is meaningful for their educational goals. NCLB requires 95 percent of students take the test for a school to reach AYP.

We believe the administration and the Congress need to reach out to the education community, listen to their views and work toward fine-tuning a program with such laudable goals.



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Richard L. Bantau

Canton

Sensitive reporting

Thank you for your sensitive and informative article on the recent suspension of our Rev. Kelly. He is a wonderful person who deserves our respect at this very critical time. I was almost afraid to read the article when I saw his picture, thinking it was more mudslinging brought on by an overzealous press, but you proved the *Canton Observer* has integrity to go along with your effective reporting. The truth will prevail and so will my subscription of your paper. Keep up the good work.

Jeannine DuPrie

member, St. Thomas a' Becket

Please pray

An American citizen is always deemed to be innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Please pray for Father Kelly, as we, his parish family, will that we are all supposed to share.

Because of the actions of some very sick priests ALL of our priests now are being made to suffer. We cannot condemn ALL for the actions of SOME. I am the first to say that I am sickened by what some priests have done in the past and were allowed to do.

As a victim of rape I take sexual abuse issues very strongly. However, we must not forget that until someone is proven guilty you do not treat them as a criminal. Our Catholic church is in serious trouble. I agree that what was allowed to happen in the past is wretched. It was wrong.

But it is also wrong to assume that just because someone points a finger and makes an accusation that the other party is assumed to be guilty and treated as such. If this is the case then we are ALL. in trouble, not just our priests.

Lauren Lucas

Special ed short-changed

As a parent of a child in the Plymouth-Canton district who attends a PPI program and has multiple special needs, I am incensed and disappointed that during the "spotlight on education" segment of the March 9 meeting, special education directors Julie Woodhams and Wally Jurewicz were only scheduled for 10-15 minutes to present to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on special education in the district.

This appears to be a "slap" in the face to those of us in the district whose children they are supposed to be representing. Since future meeting agendas are not listed on the Web site (as they publicly should be), am I to assume this will be the only opportunity, this year, before June, that special education will have the opportunity to do a presentation to the board in a public setting?

Since there are approximately 2,000 students in the district receiving parttime and full-time special education services in the district, I am assuming that special education directors would be Carrie L. Podrasky Salem Senior

Pure ignorance

It amazes me how many people have condemned a movie they never saw. You don't have to see the movie. You're free to have your opinion as well, but why put it in the paper when you haven't even seen the movie? That's pure ignorance and poor journalism.

> Melanie Leeson Canton

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"What is the worst thing that can happen to a priest in the present church scandal environment? It has happened to me. I was accused of sexually abusing a minor 33 years ago in my first parish assignment. I absolutely deny these charges and have been trying to prove my innocence for the past two months."

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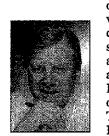
- Rev. Richard Kelly, St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

OTHER OPINIONS

Trading college tuition cap for state aid is terrible idea

Readers with long memories may remember something called the University Investment Commission, a group led by Paul Hillegonds which met on and off during the fall of 2002. The idea was to invent a vehicle for a broad cross-section of citizens to reflect on how much a great university system benefits the state and to consider how best to deal with a terrible state economic climate. The panel deliberately did not include university folks, whose participation could have seemed self-serving.

I served on the commission, and I can report that our discussions were pretty much true to the



Phil

Power

original idea. We wound up writing a report that was duly disseminated to various and sundry, including the governor and the state Legislature. We also urged the University Presidents' Council to follow up on some of our suggestions. This report, signed by Irvin Reid, president of Wayne State University, and Mike Boulus, executive director of the UPC,

arrived recently. Plainly, universities in Michigan are responding to

tough times. State appropriations dropped by \$240 million or 15 percent between December 2002 and December 2003. During the same time, public universities cut another \$160 million from their collective budgets and laid off more than 1,400 full-time employees. Course offerings are being reduced and class sizes increased.

One of our commission's recommendations had to do with finding collective ways to save money. The universities helped start the Higher Education/State of Michigan Purchasing Consortium, which bundles purchasing power among universities on such things as gas and electric utilities, mail, printing, fleet management, travel and information technology. This partnership just signed a contract with Consumers Energy that will save MSU, Western Michigan University and UM-Flint an estimated \$730,000 in electricity costs over the next two years. A similar collective bid for natural gas is in the works.

Rising health care costs are hitting everybody, and the universities have responded by starting the Michigan Universities Coalition on Health to create a composite picture of their collective health care services and costs. These data are being used to inform competitive bidding from health care providers. The numbers involved are not trivial. A consulting firm, Hewitt and Associates, estimates medical expenses will increase at an annual rate of 12 percent, while the prices of drugs will increase by 20 percent annually through 2008. Increases of this magnitude could mean that state universities' health care costs could approach \$500 million annually — a substantial target for cost savings.

Affordability loomed large in our commission's discussions, as declines in state support inevitably produce increases in university tuition and fees. There are at least three aspects to this issue: 1) Students and their families are understandably grumpy at having to pay increases in tuition that exceed inflation. 2) Politicians love to trumpet how they're working to keep tuition low (as though they think students and their families aren't smart enough to see that tuition increases are the direct result of reduced state support.) 3) In higher education, as in everything else, you tend to get what you pay for; a cheap university degree isn't necessarily the best degree and may render the recipient uncompetitive with equally well-trained but much cheaper workers abroad.

The Granholm administration has now produced a plan under which those universities that limit their fall 2004 tuition increases to the rate of inflation (currently 2.4 percent) will receive a rebate of 3 percent of this year's 5 percent Executive Order appropriations reduction and no further appropriations reductions for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 2004. Most universities are considering taking up the governor's offer.

But beware! Accepting a cap on tuition increases risks setting a dangerous precedent, especially for high-quality institutions. Once a universal expectation arises that tuition will not increase faster than inflation, any university that wishes to increase quality will find itself in a terrible bind.

Michigan State University confronted exactly that problem in the 1990s, when President M. Peter McPherson unilaterally announced that MSU tuition would rise no faster than inflation. The chain of causation was inevitable: Inflation was low; costs steadily increased; faculty salaries and other academic expenses were in effect frozen; faculty became grumpy; academic quality declined. Ultimately, McPherson was forced to reverse course.

Sorry to say it, but if Michigan is going to compete with the rest of the world for good jobs, that competition will in large part be won or lost on the basis of the quality of education, faculty and research in our universities. A politically convenient cap on college tuition in exchange for reduced cuts in state support may sound good at first. But it will likely turn out to be a terrible idea in the end.

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.

Will front-page story run when priest is cleared?

was shocked and deeply saddened to read the *Detroit Free Press* reports of Father

Kelly's suspension. This is a man I have known and respected for more than 30 years. The newspaper report was both sensational and irresponsible. In a letter to parishioners dated Feb. 28, Father Kelly absolutely denied these allegations. Father Kelly's denial was not mentioned in this front-page report. The report quoted someone not affiliated with the Prosecutor's Office (hearsay) as saying there was either not enough evidence to file criminal

charges or that the statute of limitations had expired. Which was it? There is an enormous difference. I understand a newspaper

wanting to protect the identity of an alleged victim if the victim does not consent to having their name published, nevertheless a responsible report would have included other pertinent or alleged facts. What are the details of this alleged offense and is there any proof to support

them? When did these allegations surface? The alleged victim is now in his 40s. Why did it take so long to come forward? Did the victim demand compensation and did the Archdiocese pay this person money? Have there been other allegations against this priest? How old was the alleged victim at the time of the event? Do the allegations involve a single incident? Was force or coercion allegedly involved? Were there physical or psychological injuries and is there any proof to support either?

Michael

Gerou

The current scandal in the Catholic Church spanning some 50 years includes everything from pedophiles preying on young children to consensual acts with 17-year-olds. This report gave no indication of where in that spectrum this allegation falls, but alluded to the more grievous problems facing the church.

To print where this man, who has not been convicted of anything, specifically resides is outrageous. This is a very emotionally

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charged issue and there is a vigilante element in the public. One convicted pedophile priest has already been brutally murdered in prison. To speculate on why this man took a leave of absence 30 years ago and to state that he graduated from a seminary class where 10 percent of the graduates have been accused of abuse is simply reckless. How is that different than saying 10 percent of certain heinous crimes are committed by a certain ethnic minority, and by the way, the accused also belongs to that minority? When was the bar lowered to guilt by association? By what logic should one connect Father Kelly's alleged actions with those of the 10 percent minority and not with the 90 percent majority who have lived exemplary lives?

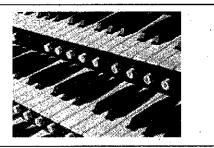
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The Catholic Church has a serious problem, one of its own making to a large degree. however, two wrongs never make a right. Where is the due process? The Catholic bishop's burden of proof is far below that required for a criminal conviction. To my knowledge, what we have is an unsubstantiated 33-year-old allegation that has recently arisen from an unknown victim who has been an adult for many years, which has been vehemently denied by a man who has dedicated his entire adult life to doing the work of God. There will be no criminal prosecution; hence, he will have no chance to confront the witness against him in a court of law. Meanwhile, this man's life has been publicly destroyed while he scrambles to try to prove that something didn't happen 33 years ago. Will there be front-page coverage in the event Father Kelly is cleared?

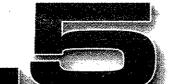
My Catholic faith has not been shaken one iota by the scandal in our church. If there is one thing I have learned from my 15 years of Catholic education is that one has the duty to stand up for the oppressed and for what is right and to rectify wrongs, especially wrongs that you have perpetuated. It is shameful how this affair has been handled and reported.

Michael Gerou is a Canton resident and judge with the 35th District Court.



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Playoffs next

Whalers' victory helps playoff position. **B6**



National champs

The Plymouth Kicks '89, a U-15 boys indoor 6on-6 soccer team, are the reigning national champions after surviving the regional tournament at High Velocity in Canton in January to earn a trip to the National Tournament February 14-15 in Chicago.

In Chicago, the Kicks met and defeated teams from Pennsvivania. Illinois and New York in the preliminary rounds. In the semifinals, they topped Westside United (Ind.), 5-4 in overtime.

That put them up against the Kalamazoo Kingdom in the final, a game they won by a 6-5 score.

It was the eighthstraight time the Kicks have qualified for the national tournament. Team members are: Brooks Belhart, Brett Brazler, Adam Brown, Mike Chang, Kevin Costa, John Farmer, Josh Hammond, Brian Hunscher, Nosa lyoha, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Alex Lumley, Bryan Montalvo, Eric Szydlowski and Brian Walsh.

The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley. Kulczycki was recently named th e2003 MSYSA coach of the year; he will be presented his award at the annual state meeting March 27.

District champs Plymouth Christian Academy outdueled

Salem falls short in district upset bid of Northville

Everything went according to plan. That's Salem's plan for its Class A district basketball opener against Northville Monday. The Rocks, hosting this district tournament, wanted to keep the game under control and limit the mistakes that were so costly in their 57-38 loss at Northville Feb. 3.

"They executed the game plan to the hilt and stuck with it," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We wanted to control the ball on offense and take care of the ball, too."

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A lower-scoring game? "Not necessarily lower scoring," replied Brodie. "We just wanted a chance at the end."

The Rocks got it, a three-pointer by Brian Bradley in the final seconds that hit the rim and bounced out, making Northville a 30-29 winner. Salem ends its season at 8-13.

Northville, now 14-7, met South Lyon

Wednesday night in the district semifinals.

"You know what they say, that sometimes it's better to be lucky," said Northville coach Darryl Schumacher. 'Ugly is ugly, but we'll take it.

"They did what we thought teams would do against us: play zone (defense) and try to force us outside."

Lower scoring was the result. Neither team ever had a double-digit lead; Northville's biggest was seven on two occasions, and Salem's largest was five.

The Mustangs finished the third quar-ter with a 23-16 advantage and, after a basket by Salem's Chris Haar :33 into the fourth, Marcus Davis restored Northville's seven-point lead with a score inside.

But the Rocks, who scored a meager two points in the third quarter, came alive after Davis' hoop. A three-point play by Brad Clark followed two minutes later by a three-pointer by Bradley

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B2

Wolverines overtake **Detroit City**

It took forever for Canton Agape Christian to catch Detroit City on Tuesday night.

But when the Wolverines caught up, they did nothing but pull away as they came through with a 57-44 win over the Bears in a Class D district opener at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

"We played a methodical game," said Agape coach Chuck Henry as his team improved to 16-5; they will play Redford Bishop Borgess in tonight's 8 p.m. semifinal. "It was good fortune for us not to get caught in a running game with them."

Being methodical paid off in the third quarter when Agape trailed 30-22. But slowly, Detroit City's lead melted away and by the end of the third it was only 35-34.

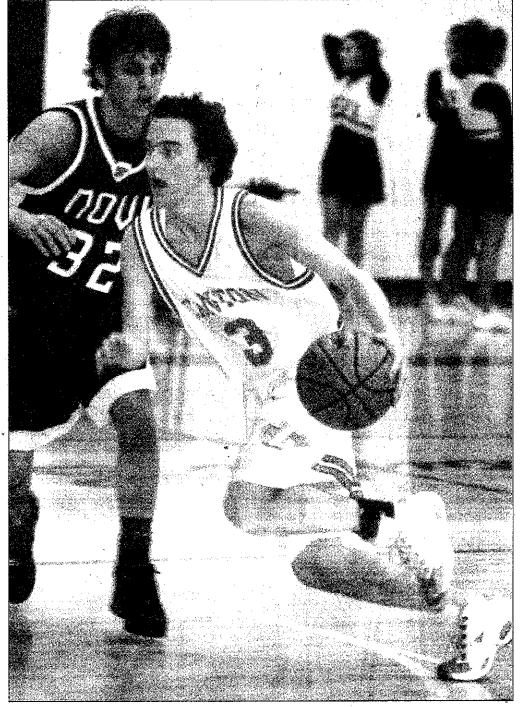
In the fourth quarter, the Wolverines took over. They got the lead on a baseline drive by Jordan Napier and traded baskets for the next few minutes,

Napier's three-pointer and a layup by Charlie Henry made it 44-39, and Agape was never headed. The Bears ended a five-minute scoring drought with 1:30 left with a layup by Keith Wartley to cut the deficit to 49-41.

Agape's Gabe Molnar pretty much wrapped up the game with :45 left. City inbounded the ball and the guards tried to let it roll up the court so the clock wouldn't start. Molnar intervened, picking the ball up and driving in for the layup to seal the game.

"We played much better in the sec-

Novi pulls away from Canton



For three-and-a-half quarters, Canton gave Novi all it could handle in a Class A district basketball semifinal Wednesday at Salem.

But 28 of 32 minutes wasn't enough, not against a team the caliber of Novi. A three-point play by D.J. Bridges with 4:18 left put the Chiefs up 48-47, but the Wildcats followed with a 13-point run that carried them to a 60-50 win.

Canton ends its season at 13-8. Novi, now 19-3, advances to Friday's district final against Northville.

"It's the story of our season," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. We play three good quarters, and then..

"But I give our guys credit, they played hard. They battled all year."

Until Novi's final run, the outcome of this game was never certain. A burst by one team was always answered by the other.

Example: An eight-point Novi streak at the end of the first quarter was followed by a Bridges' basket. After a Wildcat turnover, Canton's Jason Houdek was fouled on his desperation buzzer shot from mid-court. He hit all three free throws to make it 19-17.

Novi scored the first eight of the second quarter to go up 27-17, but the Chiefs followed with a 7-2 run, and it was 29-24 at the half.

Canton started to take command in the third quarter, scoring nine straight to go up 39-36. But it was Novi's turn to reply with a

seven-point run.

Canton Agape Christian 15-2, 15-8 to win the **Class D volleyball district** at Plymouth Christian Academy Saturday.

The Eagles advance to the Class D Regional hosted by Adrian Lenawee Christian. They will play Camden-Frontier in the regional semifinal.

Among the PCA leaders in the district tournament were junior Kelli Seiler with 15 kills and 10 digs; sophomore Kelsie Tietjen with eight kills, two blocks and 15 points served; senior Lindsay Pew with 11 digs and 25 set assists; and Julie Bahbah with 15 digs and 18 points served.

Diver qualifies Livonia Franklin senior

Dan Rais captured the **Division I boys diving** regional Tuesday hosted



by Ann Arbor Pioneer. Rais, the Western Lakes Activities Association champ who finished 10th in the state meet a year ago, will be joined in Ann Arbor this weekend by Salem's Andrew Murawski, who was 10th at the regional (327.60).

Hoop shooter Andrew Tidwell, a sixth-

grader at Discovery Middle School from Canton, scored 34 points in one minute to finish second at the MRPA **Regional Hoop Shoot** Basketball Skills Competition Sunday in Saline.

He finished two points behind Kyle Young, a seventh-grader from Belleville.

ond half," said Henry. "We had 10 turnovers in the first half, but they didn't convert them to points."

Charlie Henry led the Wolverines with 23 points - despite battling the flu until a few hours before game time. Napier added 19 and Gabe and Matt Molnar had four points each. Charles Streater and Antoine Hardie had 11 points each for City, which finished its season at 6-15.

Canton's Andy Cortellini drives past Novi's Brad Chandler, something Cortellini found difficult to do in Wednesday's district semifinal. Cortellini finished with 7 points.

The 'Cats led 43-41 after three and the Chiefs seemed to be gaining momentum. But they couldn't answer that final 13-point Novi run, including 9-of-14 free throws.

Bridges led Canton with 17 points. Matt Paye scored eight. Brad Simpson netted 26 for Novi, with Brad Chandler adding 14 and Trevor Hoover eight.

CC freezes Pioneer to reach semis

Now that the extended road trip to Dearborn is over, it's time for Redford Catholic Central's hockey team to return home - literally and figuratively.

The Shamrocks pounced out to a 3-0 lead thanks to a deer-in-the-headlights first period by Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Pioneers woke up to make it a game, but CC still came away with a 6-2 win in Wednesday's Division 1 quarterfinal.

The win at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center - the fourth game in 10 days for CC at the rink – moves the five-time defending state champion Shamrocks into the semifinals against East Kentwood at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena.

"It was the first game in the last 15, I think, that we scored first, so it was nice to get the lead," said CC coach Todd Johnson. "I don't know what happened to them in the first period, but they came out ready to go in the second period."

After several good scoring chances were stoned by Pioneer goalie Joonas Kyllianen, the Shamrocks (19-6-3) broke through with three goals in less than two minutes.

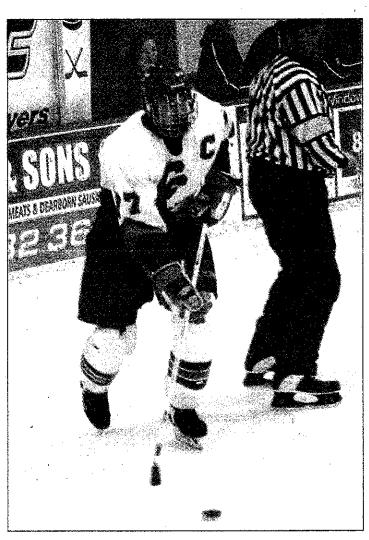
Jimmy Burns, Pete Pfeffer and Dan Barczuk tallied the first-period goals.

Pioneer (23-3-1) came back in the second period with goals by Mike Weber and Gary Evan Owen, cutting the lead to 3-2.

Twenty-eight seconds after Owen's goal. CC's Dave McGrorty scored from Jason Lewarne.

In the third, Pfeffer made it 5-1 with a turnaround in the front of the goal that beat Kyllianen with 2:41 left. Mike Oakleaf closed out the scoring with 1:15 left by wristing a shot past Kyllianen with Barczuk assisting.

Andrew Godoshian had a fine game, making 20 saves while Kyllianen stopped 28.



CC's Mike Monterey scored the winning goal with 27 seconds left against Birmingham Unified on Saturday.

Canton, Salem shine at region

For Canton and Salem, last Saturday's Region II Gymnastics Meet at Plymouth HS was sensational. For Livonia Unified, it was good - certainly good enough.

All three, and Northville/Novi (which finished first), qualified for Friday's team state meet at Plymouth. The individual state finals will be Saturday, also at Plymouth.

The Region II meet provided the "wild card" qualifier for state: Salem, which had the top team score (must be

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over 140) of all the regions fourth-place finishers. The Rocks scored 143.35, their

best mark of the season.

But even more impressive was Canton's performance. The Chiefs posted a 144.725, breaking the school team record they set in their first meet of the season and placing them second. Northville/Novi, competing with one of its top gymnasts, Sara Wilchowski, out of the lineup, still managed to take top honors with a 146.775.

And what about Livonia Unified, the Western Lakes Activities Association champions? Livonia was third with a 144.65 (see statistical summary).

"I actually thought we might be able to catch Northville/Novi," said Canton coach John Cunningham, "but boy, are they deep.

"Our (balance) beam and vault were near perfect. We had a nice balance - all the kids did well."

Livonia coach Christa Hinderliter was happy her team qualified for state but not all that pleased with their overall performance. "We've seen better days," she said, noting in particular the 146.55 they scored at the

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BASKETBALL

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Plymouth can't keep pace with S'western

For two quarters — the first and third - Plymouth played Detroit Southwestern evenly in their Class B district basketball openers Monday at Plymouth HS,

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(PC)

But the other two quarters weren't so even.

The Prospecters dominated Plymouth in those periods, outscoring the Wildcats 12-3 in the second and 16-4 in the fourth, to claim a 57-34 victory. Plymouth's freshmen and sophomores finish at 13-3 overall, 6-3 against varsity squads; Southwestern took a 6-12 overall record into Wednesday's district semifinal against Detroit Renaissance, then No. 1ranked team overall in the state.

"The shots fell early and we stuck with them," said Plymouth coach Dave Van Wagoner, whose team trailed

15-13 after one quarter and 27-16 at the half. "It was a real physical game. I thought we could make a run after (the third quarter, trailing 41-30), but they got a dunk early and it kind of got them going."

The dunk came from Paul Roper, who ledall scorers with 20 points. Carlos Lovelady was next best for Southwestern with 10.

Plymouth got 12 points from Jim Wilbur, nine points and eight rebounds from A.J. Davey, and six points and six assists from Brent James.

"I was real proud of the way my kids played," said Van Wagoner. "They were real tough. They were just playing a team a little better than us.'

Urban Lutheran 74, Ply. Christian 56: As bad as the final outcome might seem, the truth is Plymouth Christian Academy played pretty well in losing in its Class D district opener Monday at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

The Vikings improved to 18-3 with the victory. PCA bows out at 13-8.

"They hurt us inside on second-chance points," said Eagles' coach Doug Taylor. "We actually played pretty well. It's not that bad getting beat by a better team.

"We didn't give the game away. They're a very good basketball team.

Aaron Ciborowski led led PCA with 18 points. Ben Baloga netted 12 and Daniel Carty scored 11. The Eagles trailed by three points at halftime and by nine after three.

Shamrocks rout Thurston in opener

In actual distance, Thurston and Catholic Central are separated by mere blocks.

In basketball Monday night, the difference was light years.

CC used some torrid first-half shooting, solid defense and a bad case of nerves by the Eagles to roll to a 76-56 win in their Class A district opener at Livonia Stevenson.

"We weren't mentally ready to play," Thurston coach Brian Bates said after his team ended the season at 14-7. "I think it was a little case of it being CC and it got in the kids' head. And we didn't have guard Brandon Paige (on crutches with a bad ankle). That didn't help."

Simply, it was first-quarter shooting that allowed the Shamrocks (16-5) to move on. CC could hit, Thurston could not. The Shamrocks were 10-of-14 in the first quarter, while the Eagles were just 5-of-16. CC cooled down a touch in the second quarter, making only 8-of-14 with four 3-pointers - three of them by Jim Cash. Thurston was just 3-of-9 in the quarter and, what's worse, the Eagles also turned the ball over five times.

"Both teams had good looks at the basket," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "But our shots were uncontested and we tried to get a body on them. That was the difference. If the shots are uncontested, most kids will eventu-

ally make them. I thought we played pretty good defense."

The offense wasn't too shabby either, although the defense helped. CC took a 44-19 halftime lead, thanks to its outside shooting and Dan Waterstradt underneath with 10 of his 15 points.

Thurston tried to stem the bleeding in the third quarter with seven of Chaz Bryant's team-high 15 points, but Cash and Derek Brooks kept draining triples and CC held a 65-33 lead after three.

The Eagles finally got going in the fourth, but it was far too late.

We stood around on the perimeter too much," Bates said. "When we started falling behind, we started pressing ourselves and began to act like we had to make every shot. When you miss, you start to worry and the next time you get more tense and it snowballs."

Cash led all scorers with 21 points, while Brooks had 15 and Kyle Smith had six. Bryant was the only Eagle in double figures, while Brandon Cooper added six. CC cooled off down the stretch and was 29-of-56 from the floor — but 18-of-28 in the first half did the damage. Thurston was 22-of-57 for the game, but just 8-of-25 in the first 16 minutes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **REQUEST FOR AN** INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR MOELLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request for a twelve year industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc., for new machinery and equipment to be installed in their existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, march 23, 2004, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth OE08192743

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WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of Jewell Avenue, 60 feet wide, as dedicated for the use of the public in McMullan Brothers Huron Hills Subdivision, being part of the N. W. ½ of the S.W. ½ of Section 21, T. 3 S., R. 8 E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 61 of plats on Page 54, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at, 10:00 a.m., at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES Real Estate, 3rd Floor Attention: Curtis M. Brochue 415 Clifford Street Detroit, Michigan 48226 (313) 224-7759 Publish: March 11 and 14, 2004 L OE0819408

SALEM

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trimmed the Mustangs' lead to 25-24, and suddenly a new challenge emerged: The first one to 30 points would win.

A Salem turnover led to a fast-break score by Mark Sorensen, giving the Mustangs a three-point lead. The Rocks' Dominique Washington responded with a jumper that made it 27-26 with 1:50 to play.

Brett Asher got inside and scored for Northville to make it a three-point game, but then Washington was fouled on a three-point try from the wing. Despite Northville timeouts after Washington's first and second tries, he made all three free throws to knot the game at 29-all with 1:07 to go.

The Mustangs ran the clock down to :20 as Salem went to a man-to-man defense to apply pressure. That's when Tim Singleton drove the baseline and was fouled by Eric Vanston

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with :17.2 remaining; Singleton missed the first try but made the second for a one-point Mustang lead.

The Rocks rotated the ball in search of a clear shot, which is what Bradley got from just outside the three-point arc in the final seconds – but it wouldn't drop.

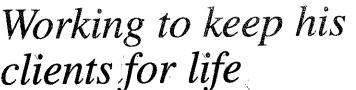
Leading scorers? Well, no one reached double figures; the top scorer was Salem's Washington with eight points. Bradley had seven and Clark six.

For Northville, Asher, Davis and Sorensen all finished with six points.

Although a Singleton free throw ended up as the gamewinning point, it was the Mustangs' performance at the line that nearly doomed them. They were just 7-of-16 (43.8 percent); Salem was 5-of-7 (71.4 percent).

"We did what we had to do," Brodie said. "We followed the game plan.

"Everything went well except the final score."



DISTRICT BASKETBALL

By Candy Parent DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

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Curt Fournier is more than just a mortgage broker.

From the moment a client enters, they will notice the dif-ferences. While waiting, customers can enjoy a selection off of the snack and beverage menu and relax while watching Nemo and other fish swim in aquariums built into the wall. And, once a client begins working with Curt, they will find the entire office devoted to securing them the best mortgage possiblę.

When a client visits Curt, he looks at their credit rating, their current financial situation and their short- and long-term goals to find the mortgage that will save them the most money.

"I give people expert advice," he says.

For Curt, meeting a new customer isn't just about getting them a loan. He strives to make them clients for life. Just as a patient develops a long-standing relationship with a doctor or dentist, Curt develops a relationship with each of his clients. He sends out a quarterly newsletter to keep his customers informed of the financial market. And, when a new program comes along that will help his client, he contacts them to see if they wish to refinance. He even keeps information on file so a second loan is quick and easy to approve. His reputation is the most important thing to him and he makes sure he follows through.

"Never have I delivered anything other than what I said I would do," he says.

He never tells a client, "no." Instead, he looks at their credit scores and tells them what they need to do so he can offer them a better rate. He can even help a customer clean up errors on their credit report.

"Every person's situation is different. Everyone's goals are different," Curt says. "Choosing the right program is crucial."

For example, some clients may benefit from an interestonly loan. The interest-only loan allows customers to make low minimum payments, free-



Submitted Photo

Curt Fournier, far left, has a staff of six dedicated to helping clients. Pictured from left are Fournier, Eric Lewandowski, Tami Rogers, Deniele LaButte, Carla Eagan and Victoria Januscewski (seated). Jason Fournier is not pictured.

ing up cash to pay off non-tax deductible, high-interest credit cards or to help someone through a temporary financial setback.

For instance, assume someone has \$5,000 in credit card debt and a \$200,000 mortgage at 6 percent interest for 30 years. Their payment would be \$1,199 per month for the home, plus about \$200 to make the minimum payment on the credit card, Curt says. If they paid only the minimum, it would take them about 13 years to pay off the credit card.

However, if they convert their mortgage into an interest-only product, their monthly payment would be only \$666, Curt says. They can then take the \$533 they were paying on their mortgage and combine it with the \$200 minimum payment and pay off the credit card in a year. Once the credit card debt is paid off, that \$200 will help afford a 15-year or 20-year mortgage that will potentially save the borrower tens of thousands of dollars in interest," Curt says. And, with property

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rates appreciating, the client will still build equity in the home while paying interest only.

"Interest-only products usually are a make-sense loan for someone who is really trying to consolidate debt," he says.

Interest-only products are also useful for clients who need cash to invest, want to take a vacation or need cash to get back on their feet.

"Don't let your debt get higher. Pay it down now before you end up paying too much money," Curt says.



THE WEEK AHEAD

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT PAIRINGS CLASS A at LIVONIA STEVENSON Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Macomb Dakota vs. the Detroit Mumford district champion.) at ROMULUS Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Romulus vs. the Southgate Anderson district champion.) at SALEM

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Birmingham Groves vs. Rochester district champion.) CLASS B

at CLAWSON

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Warren Woods Tower vs. St. Clair Shores Lakeview district champion.) CLASS D

at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN Thursday, March 11: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs A-B winner, 6 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (WInner advances to the regional semifinal at Chelsea vs. Britton-Macon district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS CLASS C (Friday, March 12) at BURTON-BENDLE Semifinals: Lutheran Westland vs. Marlette, 6 p.m.; Burton Atherton vs. Royal Oak Shrine, 7 p.m.

Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Whitmore Lake vs. Petersburg-Summerfield regional champion.)

CLASS A (Saturday, March 13) at CHELSEA

Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Chelsea, 10 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. Westland John Glenn, noon. Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state guarterfinals

Tuesday, March 16 at Dundee vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood regional champion.) CLASS B

(Saturday, March 13) at PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP

Semifinals: Riverview vs. Royal Oak

Dondero, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 11 a.m. Championship final: Noon. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday. March 16 at Armedo to Marchaile

Tuesday, March 16 at Armada vs. Marysville regional champion.) PREP WRESTLING

INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS at PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS Thursday, March 11 First round, 2:45 p.m. Friday, March 12 Consolation, 8:30 a.m.; semifinals, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13 Consolation, 8:30 a.m.; finals, 4:45 p.m. **BOYS SWIMMING** Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 Division I meet at Univ. of Michigan, noon. GIRLS GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS at PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Friday, March 12 Team competition, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13 Division I individual, noon. Division II individual, 3:30 p.m. **GIRLS HOCKEY STATE SEMIFINALS** at NOVI ICE ARENA Thursday, March 11 Ladywood vs. G.P. South, 6 p.m. Kingswood vs. Northville, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13 State finals at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, March 12 Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13 Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14 Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 2

p.m. COLLEGE BASEBALL Friday, March 12 Spaulding U. Round Robin (Louisville, Ky.) Madonna vs. Spaulding, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13 Spaulding U. Round Robin (Louisville, Ky.) Madonna vs. IU Southeast (DH), noon Sunday, March 14 Spaulding U. Round Robin (Louisville,

Ky.) Madonna vs. Spaulding, noon

TBA - time to be announced.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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Madonna stumbles after fast start on spring trip

the Crusaders on the trip.

Offensively, Picard was solid with a

team-highs in batting average .449,

Galus for most doubles (four), and

with a .400 average, three doubles

age and team bests in runs (12),

Barbeau with a .324 average and

eight runs; VanAllen with a .297

average, three doubles and 12 RBI;

Three starting pitchers won two

and Galus with a .292 average, 11

games apiece for Madonna: Dan

Duffey (Farmington Hills/Redford

Catholic Central), who was 2-0 and

allowed just one unearned run on

strikeouts in 12 2/3 innings; Derek

Dufrane, who also was 2-0 with a

0.69 earned run average, giving up

three runs (one earned) on six hits

(North Farmington), who was 2-0

earned runs on eight hits and two

walks with seven strikeouts in 12

innings. Kyle Fedorka added two

saves and a 1.00 ERA in five appear-

ances, allowing one run on five hits

and two walks with six strikeouts in

nine innings. Madonna travels this

weekend to Lexington, Ky., for the

Tournament.

Spaulding University Round Robin

in 13 innings; and Mike Hand

with a 1.50 ERA, allowing two

and four walks with seven strikeouts

two hits and seven walks with 11

runs, four doubles and 11 RBI.

has eight runs scored and seven RBI.

Other standouts were Kellen Fry

and six RBI; Zerbo with a .378 aver-

home runs (two) and RBI (13; Jason

hits (22), stolen bases (five) and

triples (two); he's tied with Ben

Good start, lousy finish. That summarizes the spring trip of Madonna University's baseball team. The Crusaders won their first five games, then went 4-7 the rest of the way for a 9-7 mark.

The final two games on the trip were Monday, with Madonna winning the first, 13-0 over Judson College (Elgin, Ill.) and losing the second, 7-4 to Malone College (Canton, OH).

In the first, a five-inning mercy, Chris Behrns got the pitching win with four scoreless innings, allowing three hits and a walk while striking out six.

Gary VanAllen led the offense with three hits including a double, two runs scored and five runs batted in. Kevin Zerbo (from Farmington Harrison) added two hits, with a two-run home run in the third inning, four runs scored and three RBI.

It was a different story in the loss to Malone. Starter Doug Brooks was tagged for seven runs (five earned) on nine hits and two walks in four innings; he struck out five in dropping to 0-3 this season.

Preston Picard (Farmington) and Tony Kern each had two hits for the Crusaders, Picard driving in a run. In other games last weekend, Madonna lost 2-1 to Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) Friday, defeated Malone 10-0 and Millersville (Pa.)5-3 on Saturday, then lost 2-1 to Dakota Wesleyan Sunday.

There were several bright spots for

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., March 25th, 2004 for the following:

LEISURE SERVICES STAFF AND PROGRAM APPAREL

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

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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STATE WRESTLING

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FIRST-ROUND PAIRINGS March 11 at Palace of Auburn Hills

DIVISION I

275 pounds: Pat Draheim (Livonia Churchill), Jr., 47-5, vs. Steven Thatcher (Rochester Adams), Jr., 34-14; John Morasso (Redford Catholic Central), Jr., 38-16, vs. Eric Chapman (Waterford Mott), Sr., 38-1; Jeremy Walker (Salem), Sr., 33-4, vs. Liam Knapp (Battle Creek Central), Jr., 47-4.

103: Alex Fowler (Churchill), Soph., 35-14, vs. Jeff Shutich (Rockford), Fr., 45-1. 112: Jason Crothers (Wayne

Memorial), Jr., 24-7, vs. John Johnson (Rockford), Fr., 41-4; Mike Warren (Livonia Franklin), Soph., 25-13, vs. Josh Williams (Grand Blanc), Jr., 51-4.

119: Justin Smith (Churchill), Jr., 38-5, vs. Chris Mullins (Saline), Jr., 45-12.

125: Kris Felice (Churchill), Sr., 46-3, vs. Aaron Williams (Grand Ledge), Sr., 37-7.

130: Ryan Hawkins (Franklin), Sr., 21-12, vs. Tony Lajoie (Clarkston), Sr., 48-2. 135: Tim Hammer (Wayne), Sr.,

36-1, vs. Matt Euigenzi (East Detroit), Jr., 31-15; Jim Moore (Redford Union), Jr., 41-4, vs. Ryan Henderson (Hartland), Sr., 21-6; Ryan Webb (Canton), Jr., 38-5, vs. Scott Kowalski (Chippewa Valley), Sr., 31-9.

140: John Gourlay (RU), Sr., 43-4, vs. Jamal Williams (Battle Creek Central), Sr., 26-4; Rece Cox (Westland John Glenn), Jr., 46-2, vs. Keenan Duffie (Davison), Soph., 27-8; Dave Watkins (Franklin), Jr., 33-16, vs. Kyle Ghastin (Holt), Sr., 31-8. 145: Dario Mainella (Livonia Stevenson), Sr., 48-2, vs. Nick Reyes (Romeo), Sr., 20-6. 152: Ben Adams (Churchill), Jr. 38-11, vs. Marty Everin (Ann Arbor Pioneer), Sr., 48-2; Brad Bartram (Redford Catholic Central), Jr., 39-9, vs. Bryce Bankowski

(Temperance Bedford), Sr., 48-14; Daron Cruickshank (John Glenn); Sr., 44-10, vs. Justin Petrone (Roseville), Sr., 46-4.

160: Trevor Stewart (Redford CC), Jr., 54-1, vs. Sean Hanton (Holt), Sr., 36-12; Emilio Perez (Garden City), Sr., 39-6, vs. Andrew Pierce (Troy), Sr., 43-7.

171: Bryan Longton (Wayne), Srl, G 39-10, vs. Nick Vogtman (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), Sr., 39-, 4; Scott Schwarzlose (Redford CC), Sr., 44-6, vs. Roger Cato (Troy), Sr., 42-8; Jeremy Sparks (Garden City), Sr., 47-4, vs. Dustin Pomarius (Rockford), Sr., 38-11.

189: Joe Bargerstock (Stevenson), Jr., 41-11, vs. Adam Stephens (Saline), Sr., 29-12; Jake Fairchild (John Glenn), Sr., 50-5, vs. s Zak Wagner (West Bloomfield), Jr., 30-13.

215: Hafeez Qureshi (Churchill), Jr., 44-7, vs. Josh Dahlman (Grand Haven), Jr., 42-9; Eric Schambers, (John Glenn), Sr., 46-5, vs. Andrew Middleton (Romeo), Sr., 43-9; Eric Vojtkofsky (Redford CC), Jr., 22-6, vs. Jes Smith (Forest Hills Central), 39-5.

DIVISION IV

275 pounds: Jameson Higgins (Lutheran Westland), Sr., 36-11, vs. Rudy Pineda (Montague), Sr., 38-3. 152: Brandon Noble (Lutheran

Westland), Sr., 46-5, vs. Nick Wolf (Olivet), Sr., 41-12. 171: Dan Haller (Lutheran Westland), Sr., 43-5, vs. Arron

Fitzpatrick (Martin), Sr., 49-12. 189: Neal Kemp (Lutheran Westland), Sr., 48-0, vs. Ray Porter

Westland), Sr., 48-0, vs. Ray Port (Bangor), Jr., 21-6.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., March 25th, 2004 for the following:

THEATRICAL LUMINAIRES AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE VILLAGE THEATER

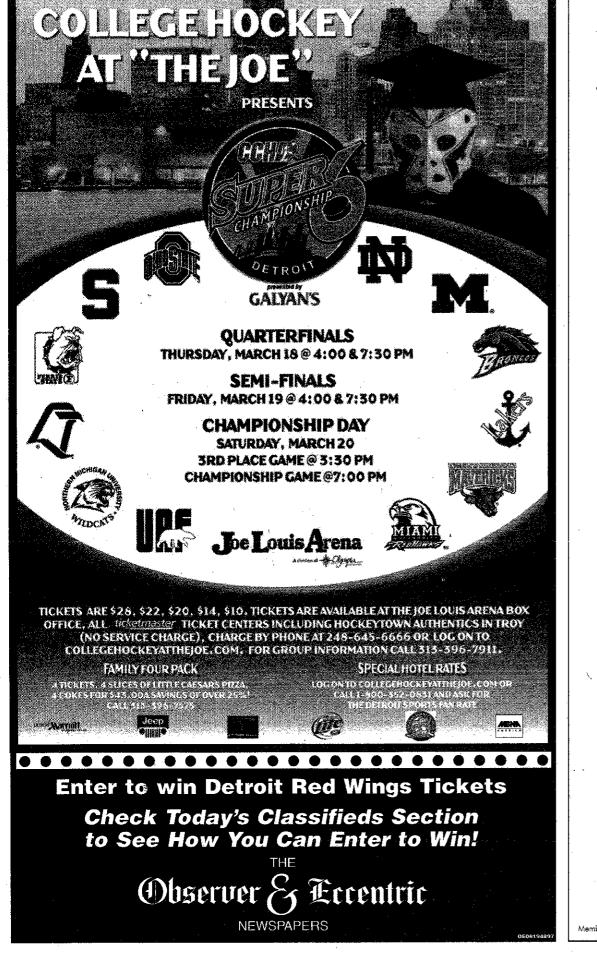
Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Controversial call lifts CC to regional title

It was one of those hockey games where you hate to see it end, let alone end the way it did.

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But the bottom line was that a controversial penalty with 32 seconds left led to an unquestionable goal five seconds later, allowing five-time defending Division 1 state champ Catholic Central to escape with a 2-1 win over second-ranked and previously unbeaten Birmingham Unified in Saturday night's regional final.

"This was the real state title game," a red-eyed Birmingham Unified coach Steve McIntyre said after his team ended the season at 21-1-5. "The referees did an excellent job all game. But in this situation, with so much on the line, I say you don't make that call. If it happened the other way and we went up 2-1 on a penalty, I'd feel the same way."

With less than 40 seconds left and the score tied at 1-1, CC's Jimmy Burns skated toward the net to the left of Birmingham goalie Bobby Howe. BU's Mark Cromer appeared to get his stick up around Burns' neck, hauled him down and was called for the penalty.

The faceoff started with 32.2 seconds left to Howe's left. CC's Jason Lawarne won the draw, sent the puck back to defenseman Tim Buttery, who sent it cross-ice to defensive mate Mike Monterey. Monterey sent the puck flying past Howe high on the glove side, which then sent the crowd of 1,600 into pandemonium.

2004 for the following:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

REQUEST FOR BID

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AVID DIGITAL VIDEO WORKSTATION UPGRADE 2004

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HOCKEY

"The only thing I can guess is the officials saw the stick around the neck on a potential scoring opportunity, so they felt they had to call it," CC coach Todd Johnson said after his team improved to 18-6-3. "I could see that the stick hit him, but you've still got to make the call. This was a great game between two great teams.'

Indeed, BU stayed with the Shamrocks stride for stride and check for check for most of the game, although CC did outshoot Unified for the game, 33-18.

As was the case in every game this week, CC trailed early as Birmingham got on the board first.

Cromer led the way on a two-on-one and, once he got over the blue line, sent a pass to Mike Barrett, who one-timed the shot past goalie John Garza.

Dan Mannes got the assist with 6:19 left in the first.

For the better part of the next 20 minutes, the scoring chances happened for both teams, but CC had more opportunities. But both teams had plenty of chances that hit the post.

The Shamrocks finally got on the board with 2:46 left in the second period as Drew Kahle outquicked his defensive shadow on a four-on-four, found himself open and wristed the puck past Howe on

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Todd Johnson CC coach

the stick side to tie the score. Travis Hamway earned the assist.

And that's the way it stood until the final minute. CC appeared to be fresher at the end, but stamina for overtime which would have been two straight games for BU - was rendered most with 27 seconds left.

We were tired, but I think a longer game favored us," Johnson said. "We were running all four lines and six defensemen, and they were coming off OT."

BU went with three lines for most of the third period and didn't change much else.

"We played the game we played the entire year," McIntyre said. "We tried to pinch the play to the side and take away the chances."

"You could tell they've talked to a lot of coaches to figure out how to play against us," Johnson said. "But they had a great team with some great skaters."

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **REQUEST FOR BID**

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HYDRAULIC MOUNTED BRAKER HAMMER

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Arbor Ploneer, 131.425; 7. Saline, 128.500; 8. Tecumseh, 127.300; 9. Napolean, 127.075; 10. Plymouth, 126.075; 11. Adrian, 122.925; 12. Jackson

individual results (Top 8 qualify for individual state meet) Division One

STATE REGIONAL

GYMNASTICS MEET

March 6 at Plymouth HS

Team results: 1. Northville/Novi, 146.775; 2.

Canton, 144.725; 3. Livonia Unified, 144.650; 4.

Salem; 143.350; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 133.125; 6. Ann

Lumen Christi, 122,800: 13. Trenton, 121,900: 14.

Jackson Western, 120.550; 15. Jackson Northwest,

118,500.

Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.5; 2. Megan Chappo (C), 9.35; 3. Martina Totkov (Saline), 9.275; 4. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.2; 5, Stephanie Nowak (Tec.), 9.15; 6, (tie) Emma Platt (N/N), Katherine Brown (AAH), 9.1; 8. Kate Staley (C), 8.95.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Pisani (LU), 9.35; 2. (tie) Chappo (C), Jessy Meyerhoff (AAP), 9.1; 4. Nowak (Tec.), 9.05; 5, Sarah Bugosh (Salem), 9.0; 6, Totkov (Saline), 8.95; 7. Danielle Sassano (AAP), 8.9; 8. (tie) Kacy Risner (LU), Alicia Fedrigo (LU), 8.85.

Balance beam: 1. Totkov (Saline), 9.35; 2. Kelley (C), 9.25; 3. Chappo (C), 9.2; 4. Kara Ahern (C), 9.15; 5. Brown (AAH), 9.05; 6. Sarah Bugosh (Salem), 9.0; 7. Gina Maceri (LU), 8.95; 8. (tie) Lindsey Reed (LU), Kate Staley (C), 8.9.

Floor exercise: 1. Totkov (Saline), 9.675; 2. Kara Ahern (C), 9.5; 3. Pisani (LU), 9.425; 4. Lindsey Reed

REGION II

FROM PAGE BI

WLAA finals. "It was a long day, and we got to beam and did not have our best beam day. So we had to make up for it on floor (exercise). Luckily, we're really good on floor."

That Livonia was, posting the best team mark on floor (37.425) - after having the lowest team score on beam of the top four finishers (35.90).

Salem excelled thanks to the return to near 100 percent health of Ashley Aquinto, who was first in the Division II allaround with a 36.70. Aquinto's lowest score in any event was 9.1, and that put her second in beam. She posted a 9.2 to tie for third in vault, had a 9.15 for a fourth in uneven parallel bars, and got a 9.25 to tie for fifth in floor exercise.

"Having Ashley back in the all-around helped us immensely," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "And our freshman (Sarah Bugosh) put all her

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

(LU), 9.4; 5. Chappo (C), 9.275; 6. Brown (AAH), 9.25; 7. Maceri (LU), 9.2; 8. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 9.15.

All-around (top 6 qualify for state): 1. Totkov (Saline), 37.250; 2. Chappo (C), 36.925; 3. Pisani (LU), 36.525; 4. Kelley (C), 36.50; 5. Brown (AAH), 36.20; 6. Bugosh (Salem), 35.95.

Division Two

Vault: 1. Julie Foucher (N/N), 9.45; 2. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.225; 3. (tie) Ashley Aquinto (Salem), Jacqueline Gazette (N/N), 9.2; 5. Paige Albers (LU), 9.1; 6. Janna Ramsey (N/N), 9.05; 7. Jessica Giancy (N/N), 9.0; 8. Elena Gueorguiev (Salem), 8.95.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Maggie Mills (N/N), 9.4; 2. Gueorquiev (Salem), 9.3; 3. Sarah likhani-Pour (N/N), 9.25; 4. Aquinto (Salem), 9.15; 5. Julie Foucher (N/N), 9.05; 6. Patricia Brownstield (N/N), 8.95; 7. (tie) Alvssa Supplee (LU), Krista Osikowicz (LU), 8.8.

Balance beam: 1. Brownsfield (N/N), 9.2; 2. Aquinto (Salem), 9.1; 3. (tie) Audra Ahern (C), Jenn Mehl (N/N), 9.0; 5. (tie) Ilkhani-Pour (N/N), Allie Vraniak (Salem), 8.95; 7. (tie) Supplee (LU), Megan McCarthy (Salem), 8.85

Floor exercise: 1. Mills (N/N), 9.525; 2. (tie) Foucher (N/N), Albers (N/N), 9.45; 4. Rachel Deneau (N/N), 9.4; 5. (tie) Aquinto (Salem), Gueorguiev (Salem), 9.25; 7. Lisa Thompson (LU), 9.1; 8. Brownsfield (N/N), 9.0.

All-around (top 6 qualify for state): 1. Aquinto (Saiem), 36.70; 2. Foucher (N/N), 36.40; 3. Mills (N/N), 36.275; 4. Gueorguiev (Salem), 36.05; 5. Supplee (LU), 35.725; 6. Albers (LU), 35.40.

events together for the first time this season."

While Livonia faltered on beam, Canton prospered. The Chiefs had just two falls from all seven beam competitors, with Alyssa Kelley finishing second overall (9.25), Megan Chappo third (9.2), Kara Ahern fourth (9.15) and Kate Staley eighth (8.9) in Division One.

In Division One vault, another event the Chiefs have at times struggled in due to injuries, they had a solid showing, with Kelley placing first (9.5) and Chappo second (9.35). Staley was also eighth (8.95).

In the Division One allaround, Chappo was second (36.925), Livonia's Andrea Pisani was third (36.525), Kelley was fourth (36.50), and Salem's Bugosh was sixth (35.95). Pisani had a solid day for Livonia, winning the bars (9.35), taking third in floor (9.425) and finishing fourth in vault (9.2).

In Division II, Livonia had a pair of all-around qualifiers in Alyssa Supplee, who placed fifth (35.725) with a second in the vault (9.225) and a pair of sevenths in bars (8.8) and beam (8.85), and Paige Albers, who was sixth (35.40) with a second in floor (9.45) and a fifth in vault (9.1). Salem also got good showings from Bugosh in Division One – she was fifth in bars (9.0)and sixth in beam (9.0) – and from Elena Gueorguiev in Division II - she was fourth in the allaround (36.05) with a second in bars (9.3), a fifth in floor (9.25)and an eighth in vault (8.95).

Now: Will this carry over to Friday's state meet? All three

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

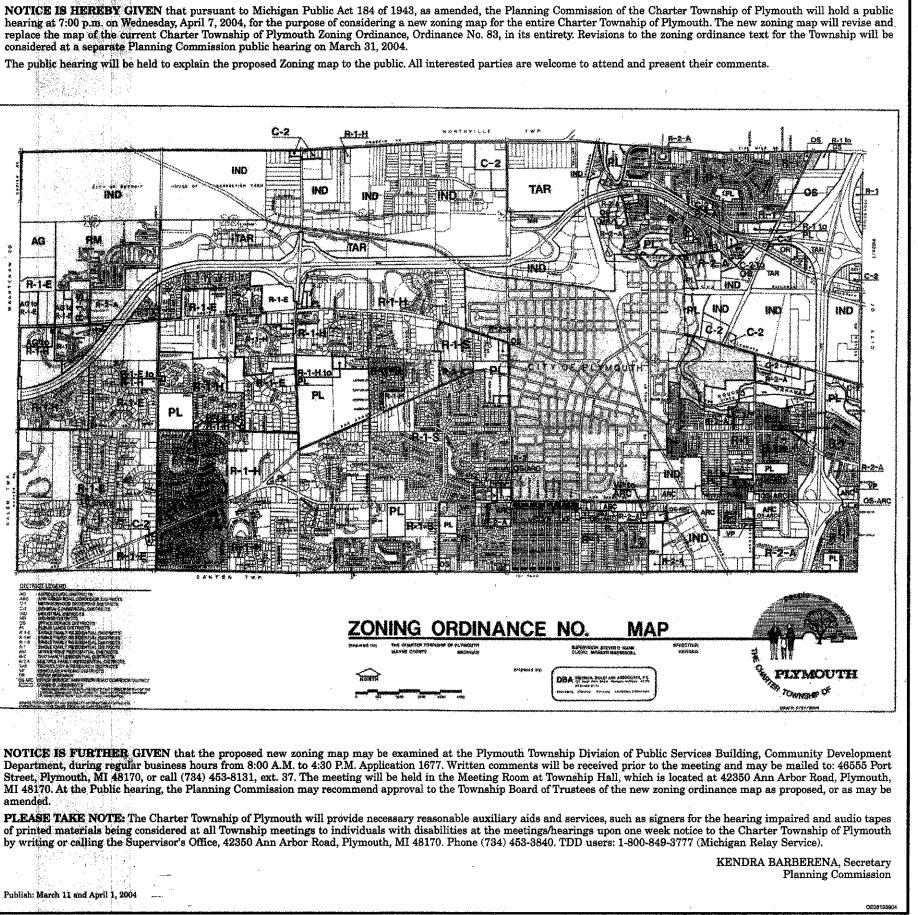
PROPOSED NEW ZONING MAP

CONSIDER A NEW ZONING MAP TO REPLACE THE MAP OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 83, IN ITS ENTIRETY DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 7, 2004 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.



teams are hoping for something even better.

"It's a confidence factor," said Canton's Cunningham of how his team's regional performance will be a boost. "This sport is 80 percent mental.

"I told the girls this will be their hardest competition all year. It will be a hard meet on Friday and another hard meet on Saturday."

Livonia's Hinderliter figures it will be the beam that will be decisive.

"The beam can make you or break you," she said. "Hopefully, we'll top out on it this weekend."

Salem's Driscoll agrees with Hinderliter's beam assessment, which could help the Rocks. "Floor and beam are potentially our best events," she said. "We had a solid beam (at the regional), but it could have been better.

"By far we've exceeded the expectations we had just a couple of weeks ago. Hey, anything's possible."

How true, how true.



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BASEBALL CLINIC

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

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

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

LACROSSE SIGN-UP

The Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring a Youth Lacrosse League, with the league running from March through June.

New and experienced players may join either the fifth-sixth grade team or the seventheighth grade team. Indoor practices are available in February.

Players must supply their own equipment, including helmet, stick, mouth guard, protective equipment and shoulder pads. Teams must have a minimum of 10 players and no more than 25. Included in the \$100 per player fee is a uniform, indoor practice time, a 12-week league schedule and an end-of-the-year jamboree tournament.

Players may register right now at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600.

ROAD RALLY

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

Cost is \$25 per person, which

includes meal, prizes and music. For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or on the Web at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

DEK, ROLLER HOCKEY

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

A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline skates) is available for 4-6 year olds. The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once. All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the game. The fee is \$65 per player.

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

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

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

leagues include Copper (recre-

ational), Bronze (intermediate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues.

For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available. Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available. Check www.hvsports.com for updated days, times and fees.

HVS will host the 2004 St. Paddy's Day Labeda Cup March 19-21. The team fee is \$400 or individuals pay \$50 each.

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

SKATING LESSONS

Basic skills classes in skating are being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department now through March 13. These classes range from beginning to advanced freestyle skating. Each class is 25 minutes, with an additional 25 minutes for practice either before or after the lesson (depending on ice scheduling).

Cost is \$70 for city of Plymouth residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, or check out the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

BASEBALL TRYOUT

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

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

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the **Community Center Aquatics** pool:

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

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries. Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water , shoes to each class.

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

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only.

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons. Call 248-668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB

more information.

The Sunday Health Club at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275, will be open for 26 Sundays for 2003-04.

The Sunday Health Club is designed for individuals or families from 1-5 p.m. with access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six courts for handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball; weightlifting equipment and aerobic equipment such as treadmills, exercise bikes; swimming pools with a pair of 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards; and saunas in both the men's and women's lockerrooms.

Members must furnish their own locks and towels, and children under the age of 16 much be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

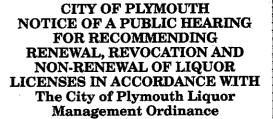
Individual membership fees are \$45 for the fall or winter terms or \$75 for both sessions. Families pay \$85 for individual terms or \$155 for both terms. Anyone can drop by and use the facilities for a \$5 fee, payable at the door, each Sunday.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. (Click on schedules and registration forms, and on fall 2003 noninstruction health and fitness.)

ADULT REC HOCKEY

Adult recreation hockey leagues playing out of the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth and Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, will be offered Sunday evenings now through March.

Among the leagues offered include men and women over-21, -30, -40 and -50, along with an adult novice league. Drop-in hockey for seniors



Plymouth City Commission Commission Chambers 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170 March 15, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 9.55 of the City's Liquor Management Ordinance States: "The City Commission may recommend non-renewal or revocation of a license or permit originally authorized to operate in the City of Plymouth on or before June 30, 2003 to the Liquor Control Commission upon a determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the Hearing that any of the following exists: 5) Failure to pay taxes or make other payments due to the City in a timely manner."

The City of Plymouth may provide correspondence, reports and/or public comment from the City Manager, Police Chief, City Clerk Building Official, Fire Chief or Inspector, City Treasurer and/or other members of the City of Plymouth Staff.

Licenses are required to notify the City's Attorney's Office at least three (3) days prior to the hearing date if they intend to contest the proposed action, and to provide the on at the time **v** vha v test their behalf. (Section 8,B6) City Attorney Office - Plunkett & Cooney, Robert Marzano 248-901-4000.



For more information call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663, or to obtain a registration form, visit www.rspi.net. You can also call John Wilson at (248) 471-

Tuesday and Friday morning at

over-50 is available each

0658; or email him at

the Arctic Pond.

DROP-IN HOCKEY

john@rspi.net.

The city of Plymouth **Recreation Department will** offer ice time for drop-in hockey from 9-11 p.m. on Fridays, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per player per session; the first four goalies skate for free. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

YMCA COACHES WANTED

The Livonia YMCA is seeking part-time gymnastics coaches for its recreational program.

Applicants must be available to teach evenings between 4-8 p.m. and must be willing to work with a variety of levels and age groups.

Anyone interesting in joining the YMCA coaching staff will receive training from current staff members. Some experience in the sport is preferred.

For more information, call Vanessa Marsh at the YMCA at (734) 261-2161.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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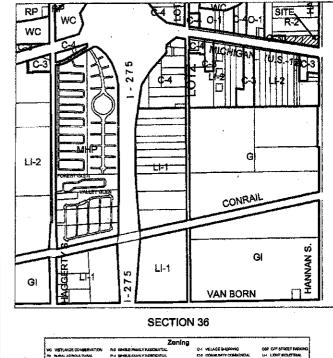
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT-TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SIMPSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 141 99 0003 000, 141 99 0004 000 AND 141 99 0005 001 FROM R-2. SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE), TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road.





Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 1, 2004. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Whalers drop Erie, solidify playoff spot

Ryan Ramsay scored two goals and assisted on another and James Wisniewski assisted on all four goals as the Plymouth Whalers held off the Erie Otters for a 4-3 win Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The victory raised Plymouth's record to 31-22-9-3 (74 points), second in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Erie is 29-24-6-7 (71 points), fourth in the Midwest Division.

Three of the four Whaler goals came on the power play, two of them in the first period. Tim Sestito got the first, with Wisniewski and Richard Power drawing assists; Ramsay scored the second, with assists from Vaclay Meidl and Wisniewski.

It remained a 2-0 game until

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

the third period, when the Otters trimmed it to 2-1 with a goal by Alex Karaulchuk. However, Ramsay countered that with his second goal of the game and 27th of the season, with assists from Wisniewski and John Mitchell.

Just 1:07 later, the Whalers made it a 4-1 game with a score from Mitchell — his 25th of the year — Wisniewski and Ramsay assisting.

Late Érie goals from Rob Hisey and Chris Campoli, the latter with :12 to play, changed the score but not the outcome.

Paul Drew stopped 35 of 38 shots on goal for the Whalers.

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Josh Disher had 18 stops for Erie.

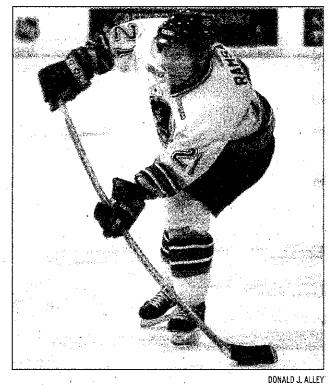
With three games remaining in the regular season, Plymouth's playoff position is starting to solidify. The Whalers can do no better than the fourth seed in the Western Conference; Midwest Division leader London, the OHL's overall leader with 104 points, and Guelph, second in both the Midwest and the OHL with 99 points, will have the first and third seeds in the conference.

Sarnia (82 points) will be the second seed as the winner of the West Division. Sarnia and Plymouth will be the only teams from the West in the eight-team conference playoffs; the other five will come from the Midwest Division.

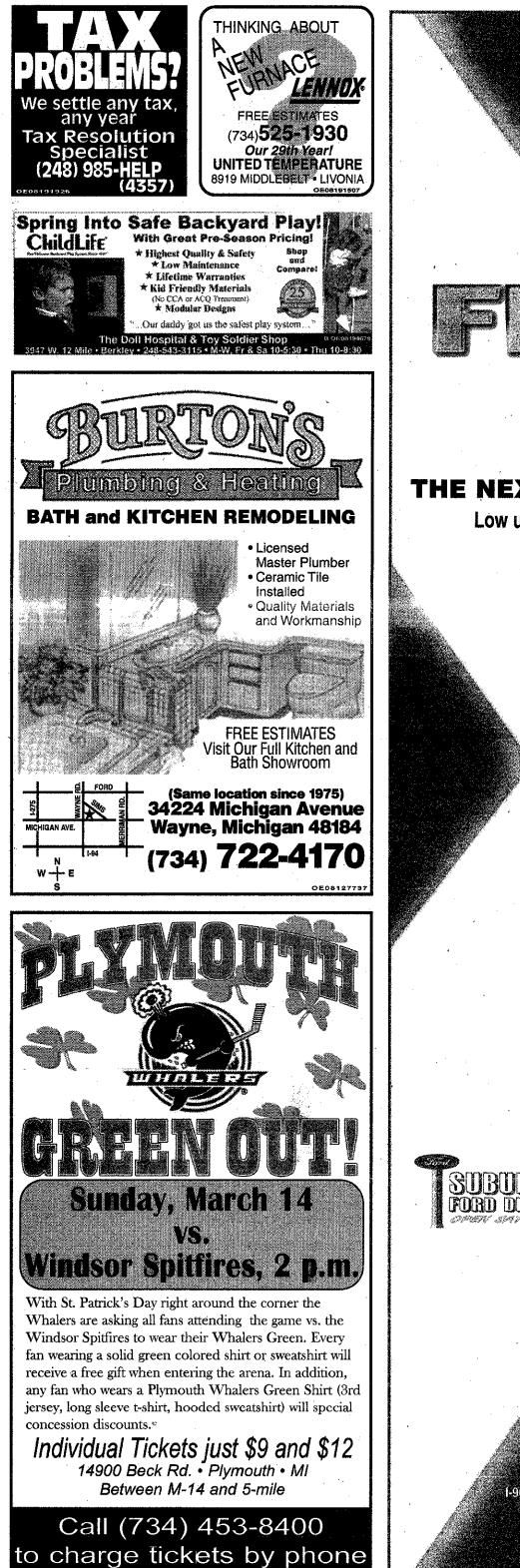
At present, Kitchener (74 points) appears to be Plymouth's first-round opponent.

Who gets home-ice advantage may depend on the winner of Friday's game between the two in Kitchener.

The Whalers also play at Erie Saturday, then return to Compuware to meet Windsor at 2 p.m. Sunday.



Ryan Ramsay scored two goals and assisted on a third in the Whalers 4-3 win over Erie Saturday.



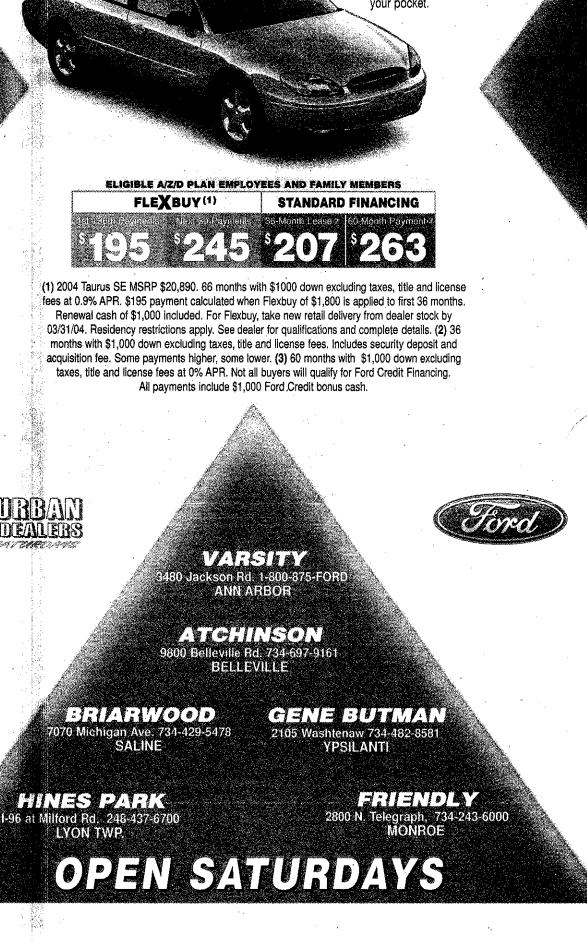
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Quotable Quimper

Paul Janssens, former HB Henriot Quimper. president, will visit La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday



and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

Janssens will introduce the newest collection of Quimper, as well as sign new and old pieces.

The first 100 visitors to make a Quimper purchase during Janssens' visit to the store will receive a complementary package of Quimper goods valued at more than \$50. The package includes a small, handpainted metal tray, napkins, postcard, note pad and a new book, The History of Quimper.

"Mr. Janssens will be introducing and signing the latest Quimper pieces, of which there are many," said Leslie Benser Luciani, owner of La Belie Provence. "We're also inviting people to bring in their current Quimper pieces from home to have Mr. Janssens look at and sian them.

"Everyone is very excited about Mr. Janssens visit. We'll have wine and a selection of cheeses available during the event." La Belle Provence has one of the largest selection of Quimper products in metropolitan Detroit. For more information, call (248) 540-3876. Janssens' visit is sponsored by La Belle Provence in conjunction with The Community House Antiques Festival, which is taking place at The Community House in Birmingham the same weekend. He will give a lecture at the festival. "The History of Quimper: There's More to Quimper Than Little Men and Women," 9-10:15 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For information on the festival, call (248) 594-6403 or visit www.communityhouse.com.



A look from the family room into the kitchen, which also was remodeled by Lambrecht. The family room now exists where the garage once did.

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Craft month cited

Did you know that 80 percent of families include a crafter?

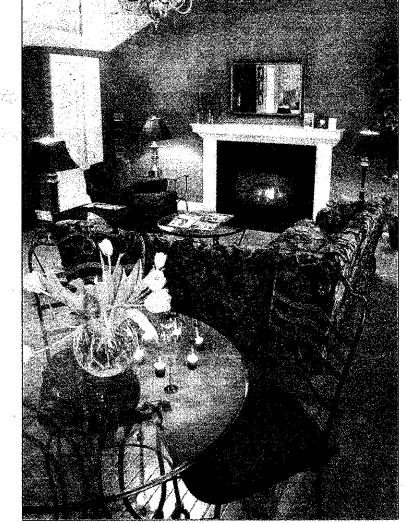
They scrapbook, knit, bead and paint while enjoying the benefits of crafting, which range from relaxation to higher self-esteem.

And every March, the Hobby Industry Association spreads the word on crafting by sponsoring National Craft Month.

Many craft retailers offer special classes, demonstrations, tips and projects to get customers involved.

Check with your local 👒 craft store or visit www.icraft.com.

This site also sponsors a weekly contest with four winners who will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate for their favorite craft store.



Freshly painted green walls and a fireplace in the family room along with wood flooring in the kitchen/nook area exude warmth in Lambrecht's ranch home. The vaulted ceilings create a wide open, relaxing living space. A television sits behind the two-way mirror over the fireplace.

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, **Observer & Eccentric** Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



In January 2003, Ann Lambrecht had a few minutes to herself after Mass on a Sunday morning before she visited her son, Patrick, in Royal Oak.

The attorney thought she'd drive in the neighborhoods in Beverly Hills, looking at homes. Soon she drove past a 1950 ranch home that was for sale. Lambrecht wanted to see

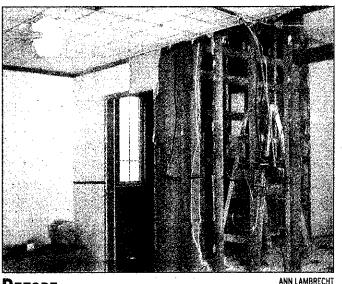
it, and she called to set up

an appointment. "And I saw the home at 1 p.m. that day," she said, smiling. She liked it, so she bought it.

Lambrecht saw the home was the perfect size for entertaining family and friends, but it needed work. Paint had deteriorated on the garage along with the

wood. Every room in the house was painted white.

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BEFORE

in this photo taken last May, this doorway leads into the mudroom and the wall shown that is stripped of drywall once separated the kitchen from the garage.

The Star New mental and

Berry popular

Americans love strawberries and can't seem to satisfy their desire for more. Today's consumer obsession with this delectable summer fruit is crystallized by its use as a popular home decor item and during the coldest part of the winter. PartyLite Gifts, a leading direct seller of candles and candle accessories, says its number one selling candle fragrance to date in 2004 is strawberry rhubarb. Three of the top four candies PartyLite sells are these sweet strawberry-scented candles that are mixed with a hint of tangy rhubarb.

Shown here (clockwise from center top) are Garden Lites Hurricane (\$69.95) with Strawberry Rhubarb 3-by-7-inch Bell Pillar (\$9.95); Garden Lites Decorative Shade and Tray (\$27.95 a set) with Strawberry Rhubarb Barrel Jar (\$16.95); Garden Lites Votive Holder (\$26.95) with Strawberry Rhubarb Votive (\$10.90 a dozen); and Radiant Glow Stemmed Trio (\$39.95 for a set of three) with Strawberry Rhubarb Tealights (\$6.95 a dozen).

To learn more about PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100 or visit www.partylite.com.

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Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty

scape historian and preservationist

Scott Kunst, will take place 6:30-8:30

Centuries, a presentation by land-

p.m. Monday, March 15, in the

Community Room of the Lathrup

Village Municipal Building, 27400

Southfield Road, three blocks north

The free program is offered by the

After a whirlwind history of bulbs

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Showcase features displays, ceramic designer

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Want your home to have the look of a professional decorator without hiring one?

On Thursday, March 18, a Southern Living At HOME Showcase at St. John's Golf & Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road, at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon Roads, in Plymouth Township, will feature more than a dozen home décor displays with practical ideas for decorating and entertaining.

From elegant tabletops to festive centerpieces to mantel décor, each display will provide how-to's and tips for seasoned decorators as well as novices.

^a Included in the Showcase is a personal appearance by ceramics designer Gail Pittman.

[°] Pittman, a native of Mississippi, distributes her hand-painted dinnerware and accessories in nearly 300 retail stores across the country. However, she has two

exclusive lines offered through Southern Living At HOME.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of this exciting event," Pittman said. "It's my first trip to Michigan, and I am honored to be able to share my passion for pottery and Southern Living At HOME in this part of the country."

Pittman will be signing pieces for Showcase attendees as well as discussing her inspiration and hand-painting technique.

Bill Shaw, vice president of marketing and business development for Southern Living At HOME, will share his company's story.

This event will support Southern Living At HOME – Cut It Out, Salons Against Domestic Abuse.

This program trains salon professionals across the country to spot signs of domestic abuse and to refer clients to help. This evening will be funded through donations and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for Gail Pittman's exclusive hand-signed pieces. Admission is free to the general public.

The Showcase runs from 6-9 p.m. Attendees will also have the opportunity to find out how to become an Independent Consultant as well as how to purchase Southern Living At HOME products.

For more information, contact Connie Ashburn at (248) 676-9009 or Stacy Sova at (248) 889-7125.

Southern Living At HOME is the direct selling company of Southern Progress Corporation, a division of Time Inc., offering consumers home and garden décor that reflects the style of Southern Living magazine and providing entrepreneurs the opportunity to build their own businesses.



To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-HAGOPIAN (424-6742)

GARDEN CALENDAR

master gardener Nancy Szerlag; and unit member and master gardener Jackie Walley, who has her own cottage business, Herbal Thymes and Gatherings) and a gift boutique. Emert will prepare "A Honey of a Dish." Szerlag will present A Bee-utiful Garden, and a book signing will be featured. Walley will demonstrate flavored honeys. A box lunch prepared by Emert and his culinary team will be served at noon.

Tickets are \$30 and will be picked up at the door. Seating is limited. Register by Friday, March 19. Make checks payable to HSA-SMU and send to HSA-SMU, c/o Sheila Mohr, 5360 Forest Way, Bloomfield Hills 48302. Money earned from the event will help maintain the Herb Garden at Cranbrook House and Gardens, promote herbal education and provide horticultural scholarships. The unit has maintained the Cranbrook herb garden for more than 30 years. For more information, call Sheila at (248) 851-6691 or Annie at (248) 582-0616.

Bromeliad society

The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society will meet 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20. for Displaying Your Bromeliads, a workshop at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Visitors are welcome. For information, call (248) 380-7359. The workshop will feature tips on using bromeliads as accents in the garden; demonstration and practice mounting bromeliads on wood, cork and rock; and attractive, long-lasting combinations (dish gardens, bromeliad "trees," and terrariums). Use the greenhouse entrance from Long Lake Road.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits in Birmingham. Darrin Norton of Mountain Orchids, Vermont, will talk on cool-growing Dendrobiums orchids. Visitors welcome. Admission is free.

Water gardening

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, Introduction to Water Gardening, 7 p.m. Monday, March 22. The program will take place at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward.

Nanette Winowiecki, the owner of The

Pond Place in Milford, will speak on containers, fountains, bogs, pre-form ponds, liner ponds, concrete ponds and earth/natural ponds, and give an overview of pond site

selection/design and water garden plants.

The presentation will last one hour. A 15-minute question-and-answer period will be featured. Guest fee \$5. For more information, call Pat Jerzy at The Community House, (248) 644-5832.

Trees and shrubs

Monday, March 29, is the deadline to order trees and shrubs in the Oakland Conservation District's 2004 Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale. This year's selection has many native trees and shrubs. Orders may be picked up 1-5 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 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 Bob Mrozek at Bob-Mrozek@mi.nacdnet.org.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GAR-DEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Landscape Design, seven sessions beginning Thursday, March 11, in Livonia or Monday, March 15, in Pontiac (fee is \$224); Estimating Landscape and Garden Work, two sessions beginning Tuesday, March 16, in Livonia (\$92); Putting Down Roots in the Wake of Lost Ash Trees, Tuesday, March 23, in Livonia (\$10); Roses, Wednesday, March 24, in Livonia (\$40); and Pruning Trees and Shrubs, three sessions beginning Wednesday, March 24, in Pontiac (\$98).

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.

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AT HOME

Built-in dishwashers Early bird catches far outsell portables the great photo

received an e-mail from Dawn who is debating whether to have a dishwasher installed or buy a portable dishwasher.

She writes: "If I have a dishwasher installed, I will have to have the kitchen cabinets next

removed. I

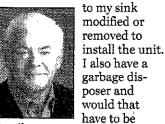
inquired at an

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dishwasher and they estimated the cost at about \$250.

"Would I have a new electrical line run to operate the dishwasher? I currently still have fuses in the house and not circuit breakers. The house was built in 1952."

OK, everyone, just think back to 1952 and remember when she washed and you dried. You couldn't leave the house for the corner store or sock hop without putting those cleaned and dried dishes away. Life was different then and along came the product that saved you from 'dishpan hands."

That beautiful wonderful portable dishwasher was purchased, placed in a corner of the kitchen and rolled over to the sink right after dinner time. You attached hoses to the sink with a snap connection and it did it all for you. For the first 15 years or so after the dishwasher was invented there were more portable models sold than the built-in ones. They even served a dual purpose when a manufacturer placed a thick piece of wood, a chopping block, on top of the unit. That's where a homemaker did a lot of food preparation

and it really served its purpose.

Today it's another story in the American kitchen. Many kitchens are show-

cased in today's homes. Dishwashers sitting in a corner waiting to be rolled to the sink are a thing of the past. Known to be the most expensive room, the kitchen is also the most time-consuming. It is the constant gathering spot for a typical family. Last year's sales number of dishwashers verify how far the kitchen has progressed in modern design and appearance. Built-in dishwashers outsold portable models by 6.3 million to 148,100 and that difference keeps increasing every year.

Let's go back to Dawn's kitchen, where I assume the kitchen looks like a 1952 model. Unless you plan on remodeling soon, why not go with the portable dishwashout a figure of \$250 to install a built-in dishwasher, but judging from the picture you've painted for me, it will cost more than that. The old fuse box you have may certainly need some upgrade work done to it. It should be a 20-amp service and city codes require that the room must be hard-wired with a separate electrical line. The cost of an electrician alone could exceed the \$250 figure. I would bet the floor in your kitchen has been replaced at one time or another. Added flooring could create some problems when you're trying to slide in a builtin dishwasher under a cabinet or countertop. Some floors are added on years later. That doesn't leave enough room to move the dishwasher out whenever it needs service.

WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

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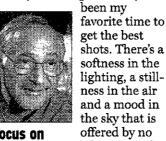
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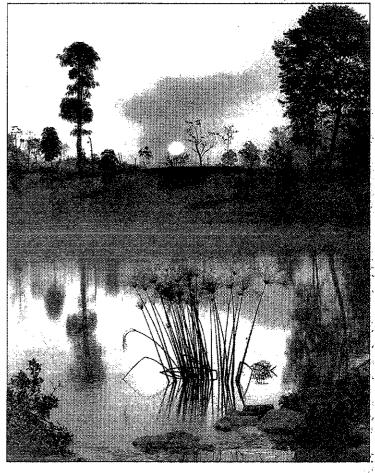
dew, are very still in the morning just waiting for your camera. If you're lucky, you may find one with a butterfly. And because a butterfly's wings are weighed down with moisture in the early morning making it difficult for them to fly away, you should be able to move in close for an impact-filled shot. Another reason to photo-

graph in the morning is that vou'll often find fog and mist. Low lying mist over the lake or layers of fog in the countryside will give your photos an element of mood no other time of day will offer.

And keep on the lookout for unusual morning cloud patterns.

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Make an 'appointment' to relax Here's easy way

I need more time to myself. I work many hours and rarely have time to relax and socialize with friends. I am stressed and tired. What should I do?

First, think

about what

relaxes you.

Consider the

possibility of

\$500 gift cer-

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Imagine lying



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on an ocean beach with a gentle breeze, listening to the waves clapping against the shore.

Diana Koenig

Planner

tificate. What about a day with nothing to do? Make a mental list of what sounds relaxing to you and then put your list into action by scheduling "Time Off!" Schedule your relaxing time the same way you schedule work, appointments, errands, household chores, and carpool. The busier you get, the greater will be your need to relax.

Each person will have a dif-

ferent list. What relaxes one individual may add stress to someone else. Camping, boating, and climbing a mountain could either relax or add stress to your life.

Let's look at a couple of examples: Suppose your career involves constant reading. Reading a good book in the park may not be a good way for you to relax. Suppose you are a golf instructor. Golf is a form of relaxation for many people but you may need a different activity. Relax with purpose. Participating in activities that are relaxing will rejuvenate you. You will work at a higher level of efficiency and actually accomplish more if you take time to relax.

Suggestions for relaxing: 15 minute delight. Try each day to schedule one or more 15-minute periods in which to relax. Use this time to eat a favorite food, browse through a catalog, manicure vour nails, do a facial, look at photo albums, read a book, play a game with one of your children, write down an idea,

write a friend, call a friend to chit chat, or sit and do absolutely nothing.

Shopping is very pleasurable. This does not always mean spending money. You may find it relaxing to browse and dream about plans to decorate a room in your home. You may spend months or years planning a room before the finished product becomes a reality. The planning can be fun and relaxing.

Talking with family and friends is fun. Schedule one or more of these times each day. This should be a time for enjoyable conversation, not conflict resolution.

Consider taking up a physical sport like tennis, golf, bowling, dancing or roller skating. Schedule this time regularly with a friend or spouse. Try to improve your game but basically play for fun.

Schedule a regular time to meet a friend at a restaurant for lunch or dinner. Chatting over food is relaxing, especially if you did not spend time preparing the meal.

Arrange a game night with family or friends. Serve snacks as you play board games, word games or card games.

If you enjoy creative activities, schedule a time to sew, quilt, paint or work on another craft that is of interest. Be adventurous and try something new.

If you enjoy taking photos, do something special with them. Put them in a photo-safe album, write down important events and decorate with stickers and colored paper. Photo scrapbooking can be very relaxing both in the process of putting it together and looking at your masterpiece when it is complete. It is like looking at a storybook that you have created of memorable events of your life.

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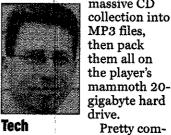
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His plan: to convert his massive CD



Savvy Rick

cle for Seth Broida was finding the time to

feed each and every one of his 200-plus CDs into his computer, then wait the 10 minutes or so for the MP3 conversion process to complete.

mon scenario

But the obsta-

these days.

Even if he devoted a few hours to it every evening and weekend, the project would still take weeks to complete. Not too practical for a busy

guy like Seth. And not much fun having to

wait all that time to enjoy the new MP3 player. Enter Get Digital (www.get-

digital.net), a clever service for time-strapped audiophiles.

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For instance, you can choose Apple's AAC or Microsoft's WMA format instead of MP3. You can specify what bit rate you want for your audio. (My advice: Go for 192Kbps MP3s or 128Kbps WMAs.)

You can even have your collection loaded onto an external hard drive instead of DVDs.

As you may have guessed, Get Digital gets expensive. The first 200 CDs will cost you \$1.99 apiece.

CDs 201 to 400 run \$1.49 each, and so on.

Thus, you could easily spend more converting your CDs to digital audio than you spent on your portable player.

If you like the idea of Get Digital but not the price tag, there's probably a techsavvy teen in your neighborhood - maybe even in your house – you could pay \$50 to do the job. (For \$100 you could probably talk me into it.)

Or, if you're bound and determined to do it yourself, consider buying a fast CD-RW burner (about \$75).

While any CD-ROM drive is fine for "ripping" (the slang term for copying songs from CDs), upgrading from, say, an old 16X drive to one that spins at 48X will make a huge difference in the time it takes to rip each disc.

Rick Broida writes about computers

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HOME CALENDAR

Antiques festival

The 14th annual Community House Antiques Festival will take place Friday-Sunday, March 12-14, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham... Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10. Call (248) 594-6403 or visit www.communityhouse.com for information.

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

Boutiques and Blooms will sell silk and dried floral arrangements as well as other fine gifts for the home and garden. The Antiques Festival Cafe will be open 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. A Preview Party will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday at The Community House, including a strolling supper and a silent auction. Preview Party attendees will have the opportunity to buy antiques prior to the festival opening.

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

Show attendees Friday and Saturday can begin their day 9-10:15 a.m. with Croissants and Quimper, featuring a lecture by former HB Henriot Quimper president Paul Janssens, currently the sole importer of HB Henriot Quimper in the United States. Tickets to Croissants and Quimper are \$20 and include festival admission.

Room organization

A program, Teen Organize Your Room, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Southfield Public Library.

Organizing expert Beverly Rogers will lead teens and their parents though a brainstorming session that will have them creating their own exciting plans to transform their rooms from "blah" to "brilliant!"

Registration is required. For more information, call (248) 796-4200. The Southfield Public Library is in the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26300 Evergreen. Visit the library's Home Page at www.sfidlib.org.

Sheer quilts

The CAMEO Quilt Guild will present Sheer Quilts, a lecture by Jill Ault, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the UAW International Hall, 1640 Stephenson

BEST INVESTMENT

Highway in Troy. The presentation will show an unusual technique for special effects in fabric art. A short business meeting will take place before the lecture. Guest fee \$5. Call (248) 689-8189 for more information.

Antiques market

Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market will take place Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. March 19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 20, noon to 5 p.m. March 21. 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, Preview the event at www.antignet.com/M&M. The show will resemble an outdoor market. Exquisite antique garden settings will be filled with decorative antiques and accessories for the home, the garden and personal adornment, including jewelry; furniture; garden and architectural pieces; birdbaths; benches; silver, glass and ceramics for the table; paintings and prints; ornamental iron and garden gates; quilts and folk art; vintage clothing; purses; and perfumes.

Hummel artist

Christina Goihl, the talented artist from the W. Goebel Porzellanfabrik in Germany, will demonstrate the handpainting process involved in creating beloved M.I. Hummel figurines 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Heslop's, 22790 Heslop Drive in Novi (phone (313) 522-1850).

Admission is free. The event is open to the public. As part of her presentation, the ceramic painter will display the different tools and materials used to create the world-famous M.I. Hummel figurines.

Goihl will also sign individual purchases and provide an expert's knowledge about the brand.

The figurines are based on the original art work of Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel. Instantly popular since their debut in 1935, the figurines continue to be among the world's most cherished collectibles.

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.

Books focus on different home styles

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AT HOME

Your home takes shape not only brick by brick, but book by book:

■ Think that classic interiors require plain eggshell-colored walls? The classicists were in fact masters of using deep, rich colors or unusual shades, as shown in *Paint and Color in Decoration: Farrow & Ball* (Rizzoli, \$45 hardcover, spring), by Tom Helme and Joseph Friedman, with photographs by Ivan Terestchenko. The aramples chow

The examples show great houses in Britain and Ireland, and while your own great house may not have the scale of these, they will inspire effective ways of using dark or subtle shades with your classic architecture or furnishings.

Helme, a director at the British paint company Farrow & Ball, has decorated and restored historic interiors, and Friedman is an author and architectural historian.

Some fine examples of

Irish architecture and interiors also show up in *Living in Dublin* (Thames & Hudson, \$45 hardcover), by Robert O'Byrne, with photographs by Alex Ramsay.

While the neoclassic interiors of Dublin Castle are included, the authors also tune into the light-filled modern home of botanical artist Patricia Jorgensen and the funky, cluttered Ranelagh district domain of book enthusiasts Patrick Bowe and Nicola Gordon Bowe.

The book, of course, goes well beyond decorating schemes to portray Dublin life in colorful public and private glimpses of the modern and ancient city.

■ The Mediterranean has long been a source of design, with its exotic and intense patternwork in tiles, wood, iron, fabrics and other media. Barbara and Rene Stoeltie

set their sights on these in Living in Morocco (Taschen, \$29.99 hardcover, with text in English and German), offering rare pictures of both grand and intimate domestic interiors, all evoking the Arabian Nights.

■ You'd just love to have an old house, full of Old World feeling and comfort. But there aren't a whole lot of these houses still standing. In other words, demand outstrips supply.

Author-architect Russell Versaci offers a startlingly simple plan: Build one.

In Creating a New Old House (The Taunton Press, \$39.95 hardcover), Versaci argues that it's possible to bring classic styles back to life by studying the disciplines and details of the originals. The author specializes in doing just that for his clients.

"We have unearthed forgotten details of style, building techniques and materials with timeless character and integrated them with the benefits of modern conveniences," he writes.

His book showcases homes all over the country, representing regional tradition through its history, but all built in the modern era.

A new entry in Taunton's Updating Classic America series is Ranches (The Taunton Press, \$29.95 hardcover), by M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman.

The ranch house, once a symbol of American mass-produced suburbia, turns out to be a flexible style that offers endless possibilities in rehab restyling. The book shows how ranches have become modern, rustic, eclectic or even traditional homes.

■ Some people are attracted to the thrill of cutting edge design, and they'll find eyecatching examples in Brave New Houses: Adventures in Southern California Living (Rizzoli, \$55 hardcover), by Michael Webb.

Inviting his readers to think outside the literal box, Webb shows houses built with circular curves, irregular angles, soaring rooflines and other feats of engineering and architectural skill.

Refinishing improves longevity of fixture

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

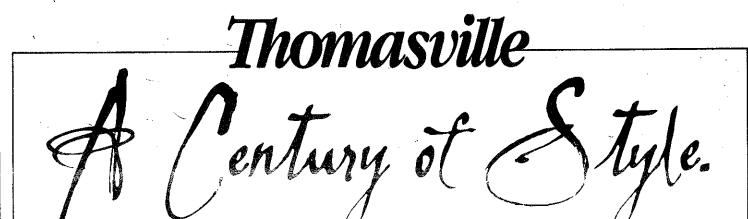
Q: Jeannie asks: In the past I have seen several advertisements about refinishing bathtubs, sinks and other bathroom fixtures. Now I'm in the market for this service, and I can't find a single advertisement anywhere! The bathtub in my house has lost its sheen and seems to be getting dingler each day. What method do you suggest to restore the enameled finish, short of replacing the tub? Also, how do I go

about finding someone qualified to perform this type of work?

A: The process you refer to is called bathtub and fixture refinishing. This is where the existing fixture is in sound structural condition, but may have a chip here or there or a dated, ugly color. Repairing chips and refinishing the bathtub will not only improve the longevity of the fixture but can do wonders to enhance the appearance of your bathroom, as well. This method isn't for everyone. If you are planning extensive remodeling and repair work that will require removal of the existing tub, you will find that the cost of a new tub might be only slightly more than to refinish the existing one. Bathtub refinishing contractors tell us that you can expect to spend anywhere from \$300, for a standard white finish, to about \$450, for a special color. The process includes a chemical cleaning, followed by a chemical etching that prepares the surface to accept the new finish. Then chips are repaired; and finally, the new finish is applied. The result is a smooth and porcelain-like surface. Most companies are able to perform

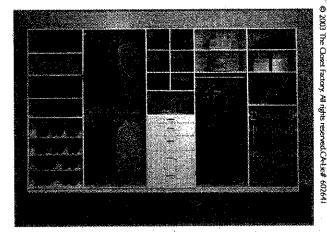
the work in a 24-hour period. Many offer a written warranty of one to five years.

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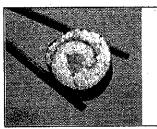




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Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our It's Easy To Criticize... comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

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

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

MARCH

Birmingham-First Concert Series

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

Lenten Fish Fry

4:30-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent at SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, between Merriman and Joy, Westland. All are welcome. Cost for deep fried or baked fish is \$6.50 adults, \$3.50 children age 12 and under, \$2.50 for grilled cheese sandwich. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Single Adult Ministries

A panel discussion for single men and women will present "Single Minds Want to Know...What?" at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For information, call (248) 374-5920. A round table discussion and refreshments follow. Free childcare provided.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other takes place March 12-14, April 16-18 and May 14-16, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

Dinner dance benefit

The senior high youth at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia, will hold a Spring Fling Dinner Dance from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, with proceeds going to support their summer mission trip. Join the St. Paul's youth for a spaghetti dinner and dancing to live Big Band music. Tickets are \$10 each with advanced purchase or \$15 at the door. All are welcome to attend. For

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

irish Sing-along

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

Lenten Activities

Witness God's Love in Outreach and Music, begins with a baked potato dinner 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038. Donations go to support the Society of St. Andrew, a national hunger program. Hot dogs will be available for children. Evening continues with music by flutist Bob Stead who performs with the Michigan Flute Orchestra and Rose Flute Ensemble, one of the oldest flute ensembles in Michigan.

Activities continue 10 a.m. Sunday, March 21, worship and guest speaker Frank Turner, an Emmy award winning journalist and broadcaster for 20 years. An 11 a.m. pancake breakfast follows. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Senior High Youth Trip to Ichthus, a 3-day Christian music festival in Kentucky in April. Lenten activities continue with a potluck dinner 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Bring a dish to pass. 6:30 p.m. concert follows with the Cass Ambassador, a group of former homeless men who are rebuilding their lives. A freewill offering will be received to help support the Ambassadors ministry. Through a program sponsored by Cass United Methodist Church, the Scott Building has facilities that provides multiple services including housing for 42 formerly homeless men. Final Lenten program begins 5:30 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 4, with a familyfriendly Bible Times Dinner. The program is interactive and educational and includes the story of Moses and the first Passover. Everyone is invited. Easter Sunday, April 11, witness God's love for everyone during an 8 a.m. sunrise service at Greenmead Historical Village, and a 10 a.m. Easter worship.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Choir and Trinity Bells, handbell

chime ensemble, and Caroler's

Children's Choir perform 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 14, at Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile,

beautiful arrangements of Celtic

hymns including "Amazing Grace,"

Brother James' Air" "The Summons,"

other familiar tunes. The Rev. Rodney

O Christ the Same (Danny Boy), and

Buland will serve as narrator and

trace the history of the Christian

year old Irish step dancer Megan

tion, call (734) 464-0211.

Cantor's Concert

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and hard shoe iig. For more informa-

An evening of Ladino and Yiddish #

of Jewish chorale repertoire 7 p.m.

Berris, The Zamir Chorale of Metro

Mondrow, and The Klezmatics (B'nai

Drake, West Bloomfield. General unre-

light refreshments follow the concert.

served seating. Refreshments and

All are welcome. For more informa-

Mark Rich, organist at St. John

Lutheran Church, will present an hour

for Music for Flute and Organ, assist-

ed by flutists Cam Kureth and Susan

Brackett 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill

Road, Farmington Hills. Light refresh-

An even of poetry, music and art 8

p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Friday,

Greenfield and Southfield, Detroit,

(248) 563-4493 or (313) 533-6442.

David Dark, author of "Everyday

Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in

Radiohead, The Simpsons and other

Pop Culture Icons" presents the con-

ference "Apocalyptic for the People:

How The Simpsons and Radiohead

(and other Pop Culture Icons) Might

Saturday, March 20, at Trinity Church,

14800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Advance

Covenant Church members and stu-

dents. Tickets at the door will be an

additional \$3. For more information,

call (734) 425-2800 or send e-mail to

In the book he challenges a removed

definition of apocalypse, calling his

readers back to the root of the word.

which is "revelation." Dark calls us to

tickets are \$15, \$12 Evangelical

TrinCovCh@aol.com.

Save Your Life" 9:30 a.m. to noon

March 19, at First Baptist Institutional

Church, 17101 W. Seven Mile, between

Cost is \$5. For more information, call

ments follow the concert.

Rhythm Rhymes and Java

Apocalypse conference

Congregation B'Nai Moshe, 6800

Detroit, Cantorial soloist Zach

Moshe Klezmer Band), at

tion, call (248) 788-0600.

Organ/flute concert

music celebrating the bast spectrum

Sunday, March 14, features Cantor Earl

church in Ireland and the role of St.

Patrick, missionary to the Irish. Nine-

Livonia. The performers will present

ensemble Bellabration, youth hand-

the "moral bankruptcy of our imaginations."

An Evening with Simon Peter

St. Colette Church presents the twoact, one actor production of "An Evening with Simon Peter" 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the main church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. No charge, A freewill offering will be accepted after the presentation. The full theatrical performance brings Jesus to life through the eyes of the apostle Simon Peter. The presentation is suitable for junior high school children and up. Baby-sitting will be provided in the social area of the main church.

Parable Treasure Fair

Come and find the treasure of Jesus' Word 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the social hall at St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Games, craft and refreshments are included in the parish's religious education program, No charge. For more information, call (734) 421-5240.

Adult education series

Began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, and continues to March 22, at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia. Presented by Rev. George Shalhoub, Rev. Romanos Malouf and Josh Paletta, the lecture is open to the public and everyone interested in learned more about the Orthodox Christian faith is encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 422-0010.

Transforming the Global Village

First Baptist Church of Plymouth is organizing a conference, Transforming the Global Village: What

45000 North Territorial Road. The guest speaker is Dr. John Sundquist, director of the board of International Ministries. He currently teaches at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a well known national and international Speaker.For more information, call (734) 455-2300. In the Light of recent increase in violence and moral decay around us, we want to focus on 'How can we transform our community.' The violence in Detroit and suburban homes has been increasing. We want to come together and learn how our personal faith can have world wide impact. We invite the community to come together and play an effective role in changing our family, community and the nation.

one person can do, on March 27, at

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Perform a varied program of sacred choral music 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. The major work in the concert will be "The Peaceable Kingdom," a sequence of choruses based on texts from the Prophecy of Isaiah. Isaiah phrased his message in very strong and descriptive terms, and composer Randall Thompson interpreted Isaiah's words with superb "text painting." The audience will join the Singers, encouraging one another to spread the Good News in "O Zion, Haste...to tell all the world that God is Light."

Director Eric Freudigman, who has led The Singers since 1973, is well known for his work with choral groups, having served as director of the Kenneth Jewell Chorale and the choruses of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Doris Hall, DLS accompanist, is

organist at Birmingham First United Methodist Church and a member of. the American Guild of Organists. All are welcome. Tickets are \$10 (\$7) for seniors and students) and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For ticket information, call (248) 988-0604. Please join us following the concert for refreshments and fellowship.

Memorial Concert Series

The Galliard Brass Ensemble performs as part of the Musicians Memorial Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Seating is limited, tickets are required even though there is no charge. A free will donation will be taken which will assist with future concerts. For tickets, call Michael Brittenback at (734) 453-0190 Ext. 16, or send e-mail to mbritten@stjohnsplymouth.org.

An Ordinary Day With Jesus

The Lenten study opportunity continues through April 21. Participants should feel free to move back and forth between the two groups, at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford. The community is invited to participate in these sessions by calling (313) 937-1199 or e-mailing trinitycobmi@earthlink.net. Imagine spending a day of your life waking up, eating, working, and socializing with Jesus. During the season of Lent Trinity's pastor Mike Fletcher will be leading the congregation in the study. Participants are invited to explore the promise that it is possible to live every moment of every day in the presence of Jesus.



Laura (Gary)

Brother of Gordon and Richard. Also

survived by 7 grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. Respecting

his wishes, Miles was cremated. In

lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Salvation Army or to

MS Research. A Memorial Mass cel-

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(Patty),

blessed six children, Kathleen & Ber Diamond, Bill & Pat and Pete & Lois Apostolopoulos, Toni & Pat Dobson Mary & Scott Locklear and Henry & Lori Collins, along with 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements - Harry Will Funeral Home, 734-591-3700

FAUDIE

ebrating his life Saturday, 11am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. 14951 Haggerty Rd., (S. of 5 Mile Rd.) Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the Sallie Link, age 55, of Rochester Hills, March 7, 2004. She was born in family at criffinfu Birmingham and has lived in Rochester Hills for 35 years. She was an art teacher. She was preceded in death by her mother Virgina F. Link and is survived by her children Kellie, Kaitlin and Mollie Faudie; father Arthur F. Link Jr. and sister, Kathleen Vaughn of Florida. Sallie was employed by Rochester Community Schools for over 30 years working with elementary students developing their talents and love of art. She will be missed by the staff. students and families of University Hills Elementary, Funeral mass Friday 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. Visitation Wednesday 6-9pm and Thursday 3-5 & 7-9pm at the Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Dr., Rochester. Contributions may be made to the U. of M. Cancer Center, Cancer Center Development Office, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0843.

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Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Zinkel was born Dec. 16, 1953 in Detroit and was a life-long resident of Birmingham. He attended Holy Name Catholic School in Birmingham and was a graduate of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills. Mr. Zinkel received his B.S. from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio in 1976 with a dual major in Accounting and Business Administration. While at Ohio Northern, he lettered in Varsity Football and Varsity Track. In 1984, he

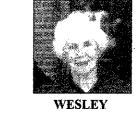
more information or to purchase tickets, call (734)422-1470.

Crazy Hat Luncheon

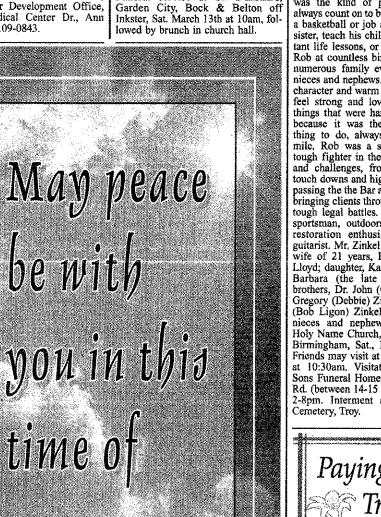
All ladies in the community are invit-

Celtic Concert Michelle Nelson, flute; Dave and Bob Hawkins, trumpets; Dave Corliss, harp; Ann Buland, Organ; the Trinity Chancel imagine apocalypse as a more "watchful way of being" in the world. He draws on the wisdom of popular culture, including The Simpsons, Beck and Coen brothers' films, to expose

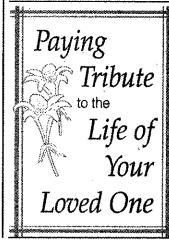




Margaret C.age 97 of Garden City, died March 7, 2004. Beloved mother Catherine (Wesley) Stewart, Charles (Husband) of Festus MO. Victoria Wesley-Fisher (Daniel) of Garden City. Grandmother of Jennifer R. Tinsley (Brent), Matthew R. Stewart. Loving great grandmother to Aaron, Michael Fisher & Zane. Funeral service at St. Dunstan's, Garden City, Bock & Belton of Inkster, Sat. March 13th at 10am, fol lowed by brunch in church hall.



Northern University School at Law, where he was President of the Student Bar Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Moot Court. While in law school, he taught accounting and tax courses at Lima Technical College. Mr. Zinkel's professional memberships and distinctions included National Order of Barristers, Board of Advocates, Tax Society, and the Michigan Bar Association. He was also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit Gun Club ant Trout Unlimited. Mr. Zinkel passed his CPA exam in 1981 and was an Attorney at Law specializing in tax and business law. Family always came first with Rob. He had a great sense of humor and was always the life of the party, keeping his family laughing at holiday gatherings. A loyal man, he was the kind of person you could always count on to be there to hand out a basketball or job advice to his little sister, teach his children many important life lessons, or just be fun Uncle Rob at countless birthday parties and numerous family events with his 10 nieces and nephews. Rob's strength of character and warm heart made others feel strong and loved. He often did things that were hard or unappealing because it was the right and good thing to do, always going the extramile, Rob was a strong person and tough fighter in the face of adversity and challenges, from fourth quarter touch downs and high hurdle relays to passing the the Bar and CPA exams, to bringing clients through tax audits and tough legal battles. He was an avid sportsman, outdoorsman, automobile restoration enthusiast and budding guitarist. Mr. Zinkel is survived by his wife of 21 years, Pamela; son, Erik Lloyd; daughter, Kaitlin Ann; mother, Barbara (the late Robert) Zinkel; brothers, Dr. John (Carol) Zinkel and Gregory (Debbie) Zinkel; sister, Mary (Bob Ligon) Zinkel Ligon. Also, 10 Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon St., Birmingham, Sat., Mar. 13th, 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds). Friday 2-8pm. Interment at White Chapel



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REMODEL

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The kitchen – and the rest of the house - looked dated.

A makeover was needed in every room of the 1,500-square foot home.

Lambrecht, who also loves to cook, not only remodeled the kitchen and refurbished several rooms in the home (including the office, master bedroom, living room and dining room/sunroom), she also focused much of her attention on an unlikely location - the garage. With the garage's location so close to the kitchen, it seemed a natural gathering place. "We went up in the rafters and I knew then that I could do it," Lambrecht said.

She talked with architect Jason Krieger, who drew up plans, and she received approval from the building department and a site plan variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals last summer, to add the garage.

FAMILY ROOM

A wall between a mud room adjacent to the old garage and the kitchen was demolished. Drywall was ripped out down

to the studs in the garage, and the boards were ripped out on the outside wall.

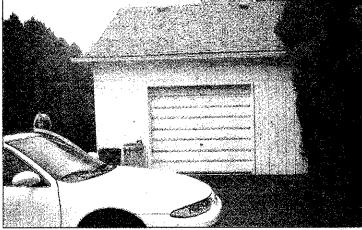
Lambrecht installed a vaulted ceiling in the new entertainment/family room that opens the room up to those old garage rafters. That entryway between the new garage and the new family room is now located where the previous owners drove their vehicles into the garage. A 5-by-5-foot half-bath was added.

On the other side of the entryway, a 5-by-5-foot closet sits in the northeast corner of the family room, storing the sound system and some pantry shelves. The speakers for the room's sound system are hardly noticed, as they're stored in the vaulted ceiling, housed at various locations to balance the sound. The size of the speaker grilles are similar to the recessed lighting, also new to the ceiling. Unless you specifically look for the speakers, you hardly notice them. Lambrecht also installed a

two-way mirror, with a television behind it.

With that sound and television package all stored and tucked away in the closet, the room looks more open.

With no wall separating the family room and kitchen, only a step down from the wooden





Ann Lambrecht sits inside her new family/entertainment room, which she created by converting and remodeling her garage.

floor of the kitchen and nook area gets you into the family room. Flames dance in a direct vent fireplace, exuding warmth with its presence along the wall. A new window was installed on the south wall. while another was removed from the north side of the home. Lambrecht painted the wall a deep green (caraway green), matching up that color from a pattern on the sectional sofa. Green carpeting warms the floor.

KITCHEN

The kitchen floor presents a deep rich and strong red tone of cherry-stained maple, which Lambrecht found for \$6 a square foot.

She also found the two-way mirror over the television for \$25 at a garage sale, and added a great touch to the half-bath when she bought a cabinet at Home Expo. Her nephew and her plumber, Harley Higgins, cut a hole in the top and dropped a sink into it, combin-

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ing storage with style.

The kitchen also has new cabinetry from KSI. Lambrecht added Black Cloud granite countertops, a stainless steel sink and Bianco faucet. A wine refrigerator chills favorite beverages. The walls are painted, of all colors, nacho cheese, deeper than the butter yellow of the living room,

All in all, Lambrecht now has a new 2-1/2-car, 24-by-24foot garage; a new 14-by-14 unfinished breezeway; and the new 16-by-16-foot family/entertainment room, where that old garage was.

Lambrecht's not finished yet. Plans include a new courtyard, and she expects to redo the guest bedroom and master bathroom once she finishes the breezeway.

And she said she stayed

within \$8,000 of her budget, which made her "very happy," considering the new look, openness and warmth of the entire ranch from the cherrystained wood floors of the kitchen to the green walls of the converted garage.

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"I hope that everyone who sees that when you move to an older home in Beverly Hills, you want to update the home and maintain the character of the home, this is the way to do it," Lambrecht said. "The project was done well, it's beautiful inside, it's done economically, had wonderful contractors, and I'm very happy with it. This is a way to show what you can do without changing the footprint of the house." Ann Lambrecht will be conducting a seminar about her

WHO HELPED

Slightly more than a year later, Ann Lambrecht enjoys what has since transpired with her original remodeling plans of her home in Beverly Hills, and appreciates the architect's vision and the contractors' efforts on the project. And she credits the following contractors for her home's new stylish look:

Real estate agent Billy Currier from the McBroom Team sold her the house, and heiped connect her with many of the contractors who redid the house

Jason Krieger, architect from Royal Oak, worked on plans, while Chuck Cairns, urban planner from Beverly Hills, assisted her in her discussions with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Chris Buchta was the general contractor who did all the framing of the garage, and drywalling work in the kitchen.

Harley Higgins, Lambrecht's nephew, was the plumber. Miguel Merkhofer, a handyman, did the tear down and installed French drains outside

George Haacke completed the fine carpentry, painting and all the drywall repair in the house, including the mantel in the fireplace in the living room. Kevin Heffin of Beverly Hills built

the garage and installed the kitchen. Lambrecht put in insulation, helped with the tear down and nailed baseboard molding.

have information on her vendors 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill, in Birmingham. Call (248) 647-1700 for information.





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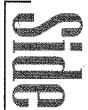
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Tasting beers

Enjoy various samplings and tastings of beer at the ninth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, 18600 Haggerty

Road, between 6 Mile and 7 Mile roads. is spon-

The event sored by the Schoolcraft

College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine with locations in Grosse Pointe Woods, Dearborn and Royal Oak. Patrons must be 21 years of age and provide identification at the door. Tickets are \$40 per person and include fine culinary cuisine, up to 50 tastings of assorted beers, door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass. Tickets can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the **Student Activities Office** at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462-4422. All tickets are pre-sale only.

Apples exported The first shipments of

Michigan apples were sent to Mexico on Feb. 27 on two refrigerated trucks. The trucks were loaded with red delicious apples and left for Mexico City. An inspector from Mexico arrived in Grand Rapids to oversee the opening of storage rooms and packing of shipments. Denise Yockey, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee, said the committee believes Mexico can be the single biggest export market for apples, selling up to 500 million cases worth \$6 million annually within five years. Approximately 3 to 5 percent of the state's fresh apples are exported, with two-thirds of them going to Latin America. Apple growers, shippers and agriculture officials were required to develop a phytosanitary procedure to convince Mexican agricultural officials that no insects or diseases would be exported along with the fruit.

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WINE #RECIPES SPECIALTIES



St. Patrick's Day is fun and festive Corned beef and winter vegetables complement each other well.



Foley and LinCourt tout Santa Barbara appellations

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ather Junipero Serra brought vine cuttings from Mexico and planted them in Santa Barbara County, Calif., in 1782. Yet it wasn't until the early 1960s that the



potential of Santa Barbara County as a wine growing region began to unfold. Research

conducted at

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Santa Barbara County is one of the coolest wine regions in California; cooler than Napa or Sonoma counties and that the climate, soil and water portend great potential for Santa Barbara as a wine growing region.

Nowhere else in California does one find east-west oriented valleys that open to the Pacific Ocean on the west. Vineyards benefit from the resulting maritime influence that blankets the vines with morning and evening fog, protecting them from excessive sun and heat.

Moving east in these valleys and away from the ocean, the climate warms, providing a variety of microclimates hospitable to most of the classic wine grapes from cool (chardonnay and pinot noir) to warm (cabernet sauvignon and merlot) climate varieties.

The result of ocean influence is a longer growing season granting wines elegant structure, sumptuous fruit and extended finish.

It starts in the cart

Safe food handling starts right in the grocerv cart, according to Sylvia Treitman, county extension educator from Michigan State **University Extension's** Oakland County office.

If any raw meat juices from chicken or meat drip on fresh produce in the grocery cart, you may be bringing home bacteria that won't get cooked away and it can cause food poisoning. Here are a few tips for

the grocery store: I Separate fresh meat, poultry and fish from fresh produce. Put these items in plastic bags (supplied by the grocery store) and keep them separate in the grocery cart.

III Put all fresh vegetables and fruits in plastic bags so they don't pick up dirt and bacteria on the cashier's conveyor belt when checking out.

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For a change of pace from the traditional corned beef and cabbage, try a lamb or beef stew for St. Patrick's Day. This beef stew contains plenty of winter vegetables for a hearty meal.

rish hospitality reigns over the Emerald Isle. It is a reputation that has been nurtured throughout generations. Julie Demery of Beverly Hills,

treasurer of the Irish Cultural Forum, remembers her mother always enjoying company and feeding guests at her home while Julie was growing up in Ireland.

"It's just in them," Demery said of Irish hospitality. "They like people and being with people, and doing everything they can so that they can do that. It's very much a part of them, and is sort of a national trait."

Irish people are famous for being friendly to outsiders, writes Noel Cullen in *Elegant Irish Cooking*.

"Hospitality was seen as a basic duty; a warm welcome and warm food were basic rights of any traveler," he writes. "Any caller could not be turned away without bringing bad luck and a bad name to the household.

"The Christian belief that a stranger calling might be the Savior coming to test the goodwill of the household also played a part. Travelers to Ireland, from the Norsemen on, all commented on the unusual extent of Irish hospitality."

And it extends to the dinner table, too, well beyond the Americanized corned beef and cabbage combinations promoted by many of the taverns in town. (Corned beef, of course, is cured, a method used by the Irish and other nations to preserve meats for



Corned beef and cabbage will fill plenty of plates next Wednesday on St. Patrick's Day. Many recipes for St. Patrick's Day fare can be found inside on pages D2-3.

longer periods of time.)

Demery said many of the forum's cooking classes, instructed by Pam and Jerry Maloney of Southfield, are geared toward entertaining. Jerry is vice president of the Irish Cultural Forum. "Many of the people who sign up for the classes will have company over and the dinner will be served to a larger group of people," Demery said.

The Maloneys have traveled to Ireland about 12 times to take cooking classes at Ballymaloe Cooking School.

Bacon, ham, beef, mutton, lamb and pork are all popular meats in Ireland. Goat's milk is farmed commercially there. Vegetables, particularly potatoes, cabbage and root vegetables like carrots and turnips, grace many a table in Ireland. Of course, the Irish love their

potatoes, another food Demerv remembers from her homeland.

"We had chili con carne with mashed potatoes, creamed chicken with potatoes, and sauerkraut with potatoes," Demery said. "My dad loved chili on potatoes." In fact she didn't know chili was supposed to be a bowl of the stewed meat by itself until she had it at a restaurant.

"(Potatoes) are one of those comfort foods," she said.

Beef stew with Guinness Stout also is good on mashed potatoes, Demery said.

"They also love their lamb and salmon," Demery said.

There is a great variety of fish off the coast, some of which Americans are familiar with including cod, hake, haddock, black sole and whiting along with plaice and ling. Shellfish also are available, including crabs, mussels, scallops, oysters, prawns and lobsters.

The Japanese aren't the only people to use seaweed, so do the Irish. Carrageen moss is an edible algae, rich in iron and minerals, used in soups and is used as a setting agent instead of gelatin. Dulse or dillisk is another seaweed, added to fish or vegetable soups.

Then there are the dishes themselves.

Coddle is a dish originated from Dublin. Sausages, onions, bacon, herbs and potatoes are boiled together and it is usually served as a Saturday evening dish.

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APPELLATION TRIO

There are three appellations within Santa Barbara County. From north to south, they are the Santa Maria Valley, known for chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah; the Santa Ynez Valley where cabernet sauvignon, merlot, syrah, sauvignon and riesling grow well; and the Santa Rita Hills (actually a sub-appellation within the Santa Ynez Valley closest to the ocean) cultivating fine chardonnay and pinot noir.

Santa Barbara County boasts about 60 wineries, producing 1 million cases of premium wines annually. They use approximately onehalf of the grapes grown on 21,000 vineyard acres. The remainder are sold to wineries outside the Santa Barbara area.

The Santa Barbara wineries of Foley Estates and LinCourt Vineyards are the realized dream of William P. Foley, a connoisseur of Burgundian style wines, intent on producing the finest chardonnay and pinot noir in Santa Barbara County.

Foley purchased his first winery and renamed it LinCourt after his two daughters, Lindsay and Courtney. He named his second winery Foley Estates Vineyard & Winery. Veteran winemaker Alan Phillips oversees both properties.

Together, Foley and Phillips searched and located a vineyard with the soil and climate necessary to grow Burgundian grape varieties and produce quality chardonnay and pinot noir.

In 1998, Foley purchased a 460-acre ranch in the Santa Rita Hills, the coolest region within the Santa Ynez Valley near the Pacific Ocean. Over the following two years, he

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Corned beef and cabbage is Irish tradition Celebrate Irish heritage with these recipes

Everyone does seem to be a little bit Irish on March 17. It's a day that evokes celebra-

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tion everywhere - whether you're Irish or not. Parades, fireworks and food often mark this festive day (which actually is the anniversary of St. Påtrick's death in the fifth century).

Even though St. Patty's Day is on a busy Monday this year, don't let that keep you from preparing a traditional feast of Corned Beef & Cabbage. Corned beef brisket is a perfect menu choice for the slow cooker, and the slow cooker is the perfect cooking choice for busy cooks. Just put the corned beef in the cooker with seasonings, onions and celery and cook nò attention needed!

The accompanying cabbage, carrots and potatoes can be cooked in the microwave oven just before serving. An easy **Red Currant-Mustard Sauce** lends a delicious sweet-tangy accent to the corned beef if you wish to add an extra special touch. Soda bread or potato rolls from the supermarket bakery make a traditional accompaniment for the menu.

Whether you're using the slow cooker or cooking the corned beef on the stovetop, the secret to success is simple. Don't try to speed up the cooking. Brisket needs long, slow cooking to result in perfect fork-tender beef. Another must - don't peek during cooking. Every time the lid is lifted. steam escapes, adding extra cooking time.

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built a new Foley Estates winery and planted 240 acres to vines, 125 acres of chardonnay, 100 acres of pinot noir and the remainder to syrah.

The vineyard, known as Rancho Santa Rosa, came into full production with the 2003 harvest. Each of William Foley's wineries has a specialty. LinCourt produces chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah, all with a Santa Barbara County appellation. Foley Estate is a luxury winery, focusing on small lot, vineyard-designated wines including sauvignon

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE WITH RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

- 2-1/2 to 3-pound boneless corned beef brisket 3 ribs celery, cut into 3-inch lengths
- 2 medium onions, cut lengthwise into quarters
- 3-1/2 cups water 1 pound green cabbage, cut into
- 3-inch wedges 1 pound red potatoes, cut into 2-
- inch pieces 6 to 8 small carrots, tops
- trimmed or 4 medium car-
- rots, cut crosswise into thirds
- 1/2 cup water 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- Salt and pepper
- **Red Currant-Mustard Sauce**
- (recipe follows)
- Chopped parsley (optional)

Place celery and onions in 4-1/2- to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; top with corned beef brisket. Add corned beef seasoning packet, if included, and 3-1/2 cups water. Cover and cook on high 7 hours, or on low 9 to 10 hours, or until brisket is fork-tender. Remove brisket; set aside. Discard cooking liquid and solids.

Place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in 2-1/2 quart microwavesafe casserole; add 1/2 cup water. Cover and microwave on high 15 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring once. Drain vegetables; add butter and salt and pepper, as desired; toss to coat.

Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with vegetables and Red Currant-Mustard Sauce. Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Cook's Tip: If corned beef does not come with seasoning packet, substitute 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns and 1 bay leaf.

Variation: To cook on stovetop, bring corned beef, seasoning, onions, celery and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until fork-tender, about 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours. Prepare vegetables as directed above.

Nutritional information per serving (1/6 of recipe), excluding sauce: 389 calories; 22 g protein; 21 g carbohydrate; 24 g fat; 1,265 mg sodium; 115 mg cholesterol; 4.6 mg niacin; 0.6 mg vitamin B6; 1.7 mg vitamin B12; 2.7 mg iron; 5.3 mg zinc.

RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

1 jar (12 ounces) red currant jelly

3 tablespoons coarse grain Dijon-style mustard

Place jelly in medium microwave-safe bowl. Cover and microwave on high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until smooth, stirring once.

Whisk in mustard. Cover and microwave on high 30 seconds. Makes about

1-1/4 cups. Nutrition information per serving (3 tablespoons): 146 calories; 0 g protein; 37 g carbohydrate; 0 g fat; 94 mg sodium; 0 mg cholesterol; 0.1 mg niacin; 0 mg vitamin B6; 0 mg vitamin B12; 1.0 mg iron; 0 mg zinc.

Recipe courtesy of Cattlemen's Beef Board.

blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir and merlot.

RECOMMENDED WINES

🖬 2001 Foley Estate Sauvignon Blanc (\$17) exhibits tropical fruit aromas with notes of lemongrass.

2000 LinCourt Chardonnay (\$15) showcases bright acidity with toasty oak in a style meant to accompany food.

2001 Foley Estate Bien Nacido Chardonnay (\$27) invites with citrus, honey, apricot and tropical fruit aromas, followed by multi-dimensional layers of flavors.

2000 Foley Estate Barrel Select Chardonnay (\$35) intro-

duces expressive aromas from 100 percent barrel fermentation. Only a wine with depthful fruit can hold this much oak. 2000 LinCourt Pinot Noir (\$20) profiles big cherry fruit and a generous fruit core with

vanilla overtones. 2000 Foley Estate Santa Maria Hills Pinot Noir (\$30) is generous and velvety with pretty flavors that highlight cherry and dark berries.

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CELERIAC SOUP WITH SMOKED BACON AND POTATO BREAD

Potato bread is also known in some regions of Ireland as boxty. In the United States, celeriac is better known as celery root. It is not the root of ordinary celery and does not develop large stalks above the ground.

Soup:

1 tablespoon unsalted butter 2 medium onions, diced 1 head celeriac, peeled and diced 2 ounces low-salt smoked bacon, chopped 1 bay leaf

1 quart chicken or vegetable stock

salt and ground white pepper whipped cream, for garnish chervil, for garnish

Potato Bread:

1-1/2 pounds boiling potatoes, peeled and diced ¼ cup all-purpose flour ¼ teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon unsalted butter,

melted % teaspoon mixed herbs, such as parsley, sage, or thyme

2 tablespoons clarified butter

For the soup:

Melt butter in a 2-quart, heavy-bottomed saucepan. Sauté the onions and bacon, 3-5 minutes

Add diced celeriac, bay leaf, and stock. Bring to a boil. Simmer, gently, uncovered 20 minutes. Skim excess fat. Remove bay leaf. Puree soup in a food processor until smooth. Adjust seasoning.

For the potato bread:

Preheat a heavy-bottom frying pan. Boil the potatoes and mash to a puree. While the potatoes are still hot, mix with flour, herbs and salt. Add the melted butter, knead briefly. On a lightly floured surface roll out the potato mixture to /2-inch thickness.

Using a 2-inch round biscuit cutter, cut out individual circles.

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Potatoes are an important staple of the Irish diet, as they help create boxty, which are potato pancakes, and champ or bruitin, a mashed potato dish made with milk, seasonings

and scallions, with butter atop the dish. Colcannon is a traditional

Add a little clarified butter to the hot pan and cook circles until both sides are golden brown. Repeat until all potato mixture is used. Serves 6.

CARROTS IN ORANGE SAUCE

Carrots and other root vegetables have been eaten in Ireland since prehistoric times. History records they were part of St. Ciaran's evening dinner.

- ½ cup orange juice
- I teaspoon orange zest
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- I teaspoon cornstarch 2 medium carrots, peeled and
 - sliced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon granulated sugar

Place the orange juice in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add orange zest and lemon juice.

Dissolve cornstarch in a tablespoon of cold water. Add to orange juice mixture, stir until sauce thickens.

Gently boil carrots in water seasoned with salt and sugar until crisp-tender. Shock in ice water. Mix carrots into sauce. Reheat. Serve hot. Serves 4.

BELLA CULLEN'S COLCANNON

My mother, Bella Cullen, would make this dish on Halloween and, in keeping with an ancient Irish custom, would wrap some coins in parchment paper and place them in the colcannon for us children to find.

8 medium all-purpose potatoes 1 head curly kale, chopped fine 1-¼ cups milk 6 scallions, diced fine 1 tablespoon chopped parsley ½ teaspoon chopped fresh thyme 8 tablespoons butter, divided

Peel potatoes. In a saucepan, cover with cold salted water. Bring to a boil and cook, 20 minutes, or until done. Strain off

kale or cabbage, onions, potatoes, seasonings, milk and butter.

Breads include the Irish soda bread (soda farls) and griddle bread, thin and fried on both sides. White soda breads with fruit are common in Northern Ireland.

Brown soda bread is the most widely baked bread with wholemeal wheat flour and buttermilk or sour milk.

water. Let potatoes dry, then hand mash. In a 2-quart pot boil the kale in salted water, until tender, about 25 minutes.

In a large saucepan, over low heat, heat the milk with scallions, parsley and thyme.

Strain the chopped kale and add to milk. Simmer, 3 minutes. Add mashed potatoes to kale, stir in 4 tablespoons butter.

Mix to a smooth creamy consistency. Correct seasoning. Serves 8.

Recipes from *Elegant Irish* Cooking by Noel Cullen.

BEEF & WINTER VEGETABLE STEW

2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1inch pieces

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups chopped onions

½ teaspoon salt

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- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (13-3/4 to 14-1/2 ounces) readyto-serve beef broth t cup dark beer or nonalcoholic

1 pound small red potatoes, quar-

3 medium carrots, cut into ½-inch

Heat oil in Dutch oven over

medium heat until hot. Add beef

and onions (half at a time) and

brown evenly; stir occasionally.

Pour off drippings. Return beef

mixture to pan. Season with salt

beer. Bring to a boil; reduce heat

to low. Cover tightly and simmer

Add potatoes and carrots.

Bring to a boil; reduce heat to

cooking 20 to 30 minutes or until beef and vegetables are ten-

low. Cover tightly and continue

Stir in cornstarch mixture.

Bring to a boil; cook and stir 1

minute or until thickened. Gar-

Recipe courtesy of Cattlemen's

before and on St. Patrick's Day,

Trinity Church. For her, it is a

time to take pride in her Irish

"It sets us apart a little bit,"

and they were considered sec-

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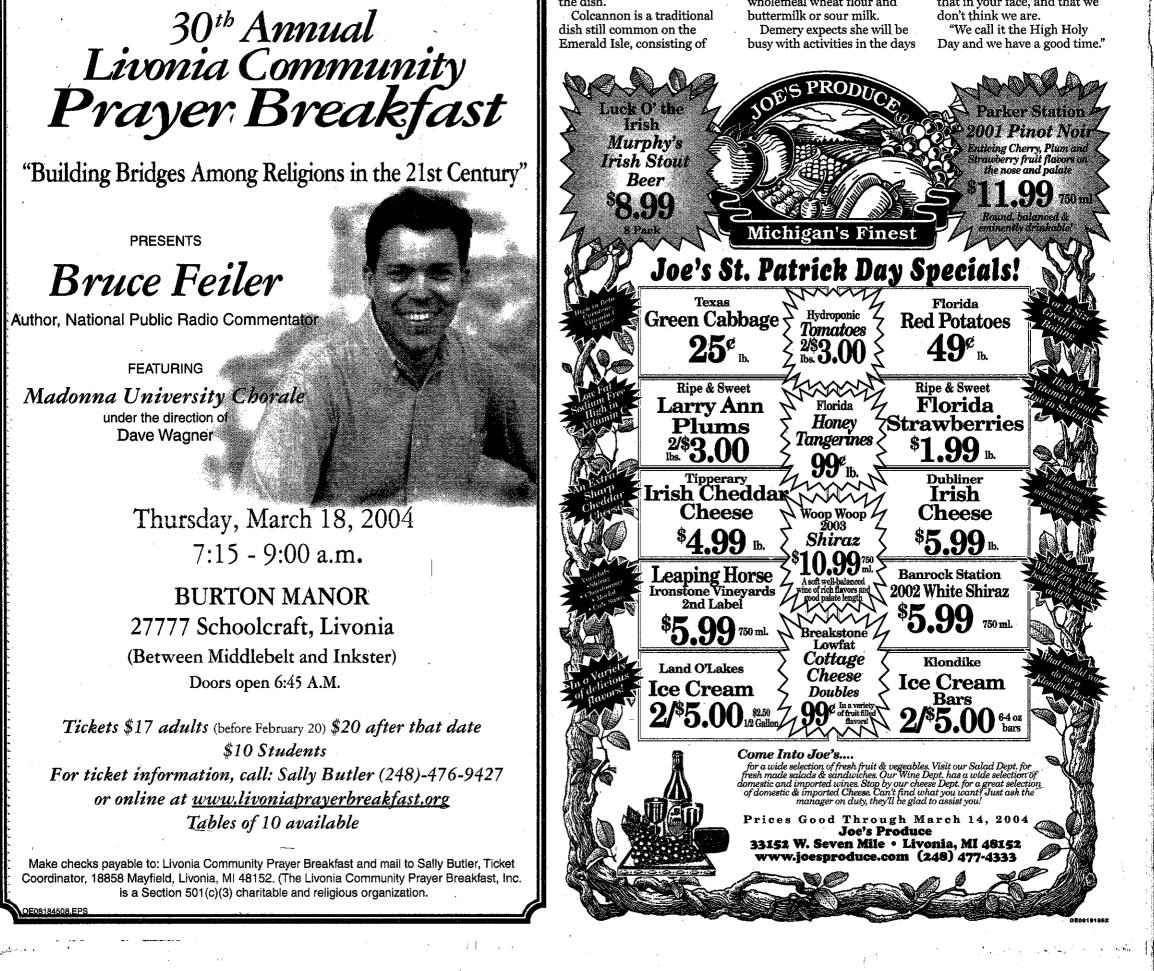
desired. Makes 6 servings.

and pepper. Stir in broth and

solved in 3 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons cornstarch dis-

Chopped fresh parsley



TASTE

Cabbage can create a hearty soup

Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw once said, "There is no love sincerer than the love of food." And in recent years, the cooks in Ireland have begun to agree with him. Cooking has enjoyed a major renaissance in Ireland and fine dining now is the rule, rather than the exception.

But the lowly cabbage has held its place as a staple in Irish cuisine. So it is always appropriate at a meal celebrating St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is the only national holiday in Ireland and is celebrated in church as well as with parades and parties. And cabbage always has a place on an Irish table on St. Patrick's Day. Cabbage is the ancestor of many of its more contemporary relatives, like Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. The word "cabbage" comes from the French word caboche, a colloquial word for "head."

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all prized cabbage as a healthy food, and the modern world thinks the same. Cabbage is one of nature's most nutritious vegetables.

Cabbage comes in many forms. It can be flat or round, compact or loose, curly or straight. When buying cabbage, look for a head heavy for its size and with leaves that look crisp and firmly packed. Tightly wrapped, cabbage will hold in the refrigerator for up to a week.

Cruciferous vegetables like cabbage, broccoli, Brussels



Simmer up a soup with chicken broth, cabbage, parsley and parmesan cheese.

milk

sprouts, cauliflower and kale contain a compound called sulforaphane, a natural substance that scientists think helps fight cancer.

So welcome cabbage to your St. Patrick's Day feast and you may have the luck of the Irish.

ST. PATRICK'S CABBAGE SOUP

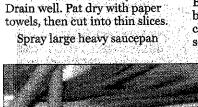
- 11-pound cabbage, cored and guartered Boiling water Canola oil spray 1 medium onion, chopped ½ cup peeled, cubed potato ¼-½ teaspoon ground nutmeg, or to taste
- 2 tablespoons flour 2 cups reduced-fat (2 percent)
- 2 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium
- chicken broth 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flatleaf parsley.
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Place cabbage in a large bowl. Pour enough boiling water over to cover. Let stand 5 minutes.

with oil. Sauté onions until tender but not brown (about 10 minutes). Add cabbage and potato and cook, stirring, about 5 minutes. Add nutmeg and flour and stir 2 minutes. Gradually add milk and broth. Bring to a boil, stirring often.

Reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Puree vegetables in batches in blender or food processor until smooth. Return to saucepan, season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer, ladle into bowls and sprinkle with parsley, chives and Parmesan. Makes 5 servings.





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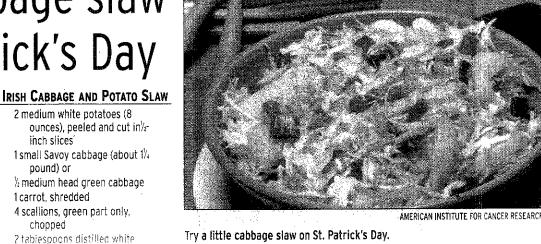
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Enjoy cabbage slaw on St. Patrick's Day

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

On St. Patrick's Day, the air will be rich with the aromas of cabbage, corned beef, crusty Irish soda bread and perhaps a stew studded with potatoes and carrots. These traditional Irish dishes, nostalgically enjoyed by Irish-Americans and other Americans feeling Irish for the day, are a far cry from what is on many Irish tables today.

Ireland has not given up its





love of colcannon, boxty, and fish 'n' chips, all dishes made with potatoes. But starting in the 1980s, a gastronomic revolution spread through much of the country. Fine local ingredients - from salmon, leeks and cabbage to dairy products and fresh berries – began attracting young, creative chefs to cosmopolitan Dublin and far-flung counties from Cork to Donegal. These chefs are inspired by local farmhouse cheeses, like Cashel blue, or hand-tended vegetables, freshly-harvested oysters, or spring lamb. They also take pride in a long Celtic heritage which, unlike the rest of Europe, was influenced by few foreign cultures. Today, food fairs and unique,

award-winning restaurants attract tourists who now visit Ireland just to dine. Kenmare, in County Kerry, for example, has more award-winning restaurants per capita than Paris, including several with highly-prized Michelin stars. Even the government, via its Irish Food Board, acknowledges what has happened by promoting this culinary renaissance.

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste 1 tablespoon canola oil

2 medium white potatoes (8

½ medium head green cabbage

4 scallions, green part only,

2 tablespoons distilled white

1/2 teaspoons dry mustard pow-

inch slices

pound) or

1 carrot, shredded

chopped

vinegar

1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

der

4 cup fat-free or low-fat buttermilk

Place potatoes in a medium saucepan. Cover with cold water to a depth of 2 inches. Cook over medium-high heat. When the potatoes still have some resistance to a thin knife, drain them. Cut them into¹/₂-inch strips and set aside. While potatoes cook, quarter the cabbage, cut away the core and shred into /2-inch strips. (There should be about 6 cups.) Place cabbage in a large mixing bowl. Add carrots and scallions. In a small bowl, combine vine-

gar, mustard powder, sugar, salt and pepper, mixing until sugar dissolves. Mix in the oil. Pour dressing over vegetables. Using hands, mix to coat vegetables with dressing. Add potatoes and mix again. Cover slaw and set aside for 15 minutes to wilt cabbage.

Pour in buttermilk and mix again. Cover and refrigerate slaw until ready to serve, or up to 6 hours. The slaw is best when the cabbage and carrots still have some crunch.

Makes 16 servings.

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celebrates facility

A black-tie optional gala fund-raiser Saturday, April 3 will celebrate the Schoolcraft **College Culinary Arts** Department's new home in the VisTaTech Center. After a strolling buffet, patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant.

Gala guests will dine on a variety of gourmet delicacies with an international flair as they stroll through the six instructional kitchens. The food will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrées, breads, pastries and desserts. All will be prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs.

Gala tickets are \$150 per person, with \$90 of that amount tax deductible. All proceeds will support the culinary arts department.

The Schoolcraft salon team won first place in the American Culinary Federation national Junior Hot Food Competition in July 2003. During the same event, the Knowledge Bowl team won the national title, marking the first time one culinary program swept both prizes.

Many of greater Detroit's finest restaurants employ Schoolcraft graduates.

For more information or tickets, call 734-462-4400, ext. 5661.

Schoolcraft gala Schoolcraft offers baking program

The Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft

College will introduce a new baking and pastry certificate program in the fall 2004 semester. The program begins with a one-week orientation in May and August, followed by a 30-week program of intensive study and production, half devoted to baking and half to pastry.

Students will attend fivehour, three-day work weeks for 15 weeks of baking and fivehour four-day weeks for 15 weeks of pastry instruction. The new program will be limited to 32 students and cost approximately \$4,000 for a resident of the Schoolcraft College district.

Joseph Decker, one of a handful of certified master pastry chefs in the country, will instruct students in the art of

creating exquisite, mouthwatering items, from apple pies and miniature pastries, to flans, crème brulées and tortes.

Students will learn in a new instructional kitchen with steam-jacketed pastry kettles. rotating rack ovens, flat-screen monitors, in-house video equipment and a temperature controlled chocolate and sugar room.

Decker served as director of research and development for the Awrey Baking Co., and worked at the Golden Mushroom restaurant. He is a Certified National Judge for the American Culinary Federation cooking and pastry competitions and was a member of the 1995 World Pastry Cup Team. He has won medals in world competitions in France and Germany and national competitions in

Chicago and Detroit.

Bakery students will learn from the expertise of certified master chef Jeffrey Gabriel, creating an array of baked goods. They include all types of artisan breads, cookies, muffins, rolls, Danish and other bakeshop goodies.

The new bake shop instructional kitchen is distinguished by five-inch thick hardwood work stations, a state-of-theart computer controlled dough proofer/retarder and steaminjected ovens with four stone decks. The media system allows students to view live demonstrations, power point presentations and other visual instructions.

Gabriel is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and has been chef de cuisine at the Harbor Beach Resort, Les Autuers and The Detroit Yacht

Club. He owns The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin. He has been a member of several Culinary Olympic teams, has won Olympic gold medals including two with distinction, and has won 10 national American Culinary Federation medals.

Bakers and pastry chefs generally work in the early morning and during the day, making the career attractive to parents who want work while their children are in school or persons who want to start a small business from their home.

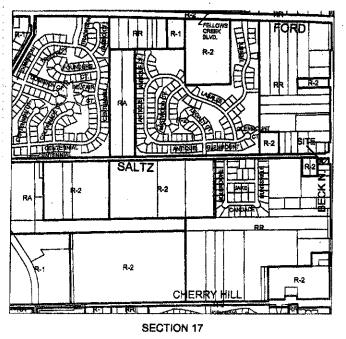
The new Schoolcraft program will equip students with the skills to work as an assistant baker or assistant pastry chef. For more information on the program or to tour the kitchens, call the Admissions Office at (734) 462-4426 or e-mail admissions@schoolcraft.edu.

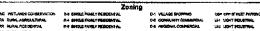
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Oakland Community College Enjoy a Grand Culinary Buffet at Oakland Community College, presented by OCC's Culinary Studies Institute 11:15 a.m.- 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28 on the third floor of Building J on the **Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington** Hills. The buffet features a great selection of fresh salads, vegetables, potatoes and meats and fish. The dessert table will have pastries, tortes, flans and cookies. Cost is \$8.95 per person. A buffet also is scheduled for April 22. For information, call (248) 522-3700.

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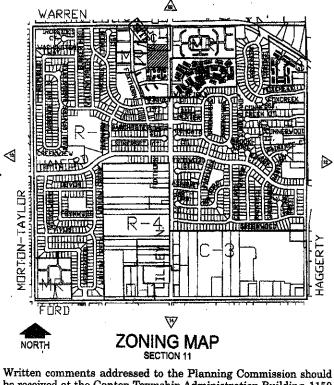
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

STUDY SESSION BOARD PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 2, 2004

A regular study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter

Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 46000 Summit

Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to

order at 7:04 PM.. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo

Members Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Conklin, Sean

Fletcher, Mike Ager Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett,

seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried

ITEM 1: ROOF TOP UNITS AT THE SUMMIT ON THE

PARK There are 14 units on the rooftop of the Summit that control the heating and cooling of the building. The cost of an new

unit is about \$24,000.00 per unit. A rooftop test and inspection by

the vendor was done on the present 14 units in July of 2003. The inspection found that four (4) units needed to be replaced. Eight

other units needed a variety of repairs. The cost to repair all of the

units is \$117,583. The cost to repair the 8 units and replace four

(4) units is \$125,402.00. A 36 month lease/ 60 month lease is

available for consideration. The Board requested Mr. Fletcher to

ITEM 2: PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE The Board of Trustees is

committed to integrating Public Art projects into the community.

The public areas of the community are a source of public pride and represent the values held by the community. All Public Art will be located on public land. The collection could include loans and

temporary pieces. Public funds for the Art will come from a variety

of sources, inclusive of the DDA, General Fund, Bond Capital

Projects, Gifts, Developer Contributions, and Grants. The most

immediate goals include development of a master plan for public

art in the DDA; development of a master plan for a sculpture

garden in Heritage Park; and development of polices for purchase,

donation and consignment Art in the public areas. A funding scale

for Capital projects, that was presented, would allow for the Board

of Trustees to appropriate funds for Public Art projects. The Board

of Trustees recommended that the proposed scale be scraped and a

case by case appropriation and approval process be presented to

ITEM 3: REVISED REQUEST OF BOARD ACTION FORM A

new format for Board Action Requests was given to the Board.

Comments were generally positive. Board Members expressed the

desire to continue to have creators supply complete information

ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Bennett seconded by Kirchgatter to

adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack adjourned

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THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

proceed with the development of an RFP.

the Board of Trustees for each project.

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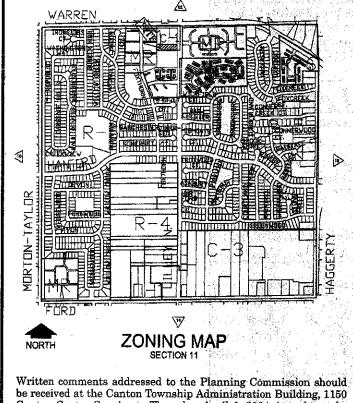
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Beer tasting

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The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine with locations in Grosse Pointe Woods, Dearborn and Royal Oak. Patrons must be 21 years of age and provide identification at the door. Tickets are \$40 per person and include fine culinary cuisine, up to 50 tastings of assorted beers, door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass. Tickets can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the Student Activities Office at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462-4422. All tickets are pre-sale only.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charla Draper of Chicago is a soul food devotee who has developed her own healthy approach to soul food cuisine for those who love the taste but wish to cut back on the fat and calories. As a nationally recognized food writer and former food editor of Ebony magazine, she brings some authority to her task.

Here are two of her recipes, for other fans of soul food to try. The dishes sound familiar – mustardy pork chops with Southern-style greens. But there's a difference.

"I developed these recipes by taking some of our favorite foods and making them healthier by simply changing the preparation," Draper explains. By using different cooking methods you can still enjoy what she refers to as "the legacy of foods considered soul food." "Most people don't realize that you can keep these delicious, flavorful foods on the dining table by simply trimming some of the fat, calories and sodium from the ingredi-

ent list." The recipes below give specific details. Some general guidelines from Draper for slimmed-down soul food:

■ Choose lean cuts of meat, including pork tenderloin or pork loin chops. Look for loin on the label.

Pile the plate high with nutrient-rich foods that are naturally low-fat, such as sweet potatoes and leafy green vegetables.

■ For extra flavor, use lowsodium seasonings like garlic powder or cayenne pepper instead of salt.

MUSTARD-HERB PORK CHOPS 4 cup Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon minced garlic ½ teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary

Broil mustard-herb chops, serve with greens

4 center-cut rib loin chops, about½-inch thick

% cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs % teaspoon paprika

½ teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper

In small mixing bowl combine mustard, garlic and rosemary, mixing until blended. Spread each pork chop with mustard mixture, coating both sides. Chill in refrigerator several hours or overnight.

Combine bread crumbs, paprika, salt and pepper; mix well. Coat each pork chop with crumb mixture. Place pork chops on broiler pan sprayed with nonfat cooking spray. Broil 6 inches from heat for 6 to 8 minutes. Turn chops once, continue cooking 6 to 8 minutes or until chops register internal temperature of 160 F with a meat thermometer. Garnish with fresh rosemary, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 214 cal., 9 g fat (3 g saturated), 35 mg chol., 871 mg sodium, 17 g carbo., 16 g pro., 1 g fiber.

SOUTHERN-STYLE GREENS

- 2 pounds collard greens 2 strips thick-cut bacon ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1-½ cups water 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ½ to½ teaspoon crushed red pep-
- per flakes
- ⅓ cup cider vinegar

Wash greens in sink of cold water. Drain greens, wash a second time. Drain greens and remove any heavy stems. Tear leaves into bite-size pieces. Set aside. In 6-quart Dutch oven, cook bacon until lightly browned. Add onions, cook over medium heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onions soften and start to brown. Stir in garlic. Add water to hot pan, stirring to loosen any particles from bottom of pan. Stir in sugar and red pepper. Continue cooking until mixture boils. Add greens to boiling water mixture; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Stir in vinegar.

Continue cooking additional 20 to 25 minutes or until desired tenderness.

Cut into bite-size pieces before serving. Serve with chopped to tomatoes, green onion and additional vinegar, if desired. Makes 8 servings (3/4-cup servings).

Note: Traditionally purchased in bunches, greens are now available in 16-ounce bags, prewashed and ready to use as conveniently as packaged salads.

Join the circle.



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Great American Meatout

Kick the meat habit at the 20th Annual Great American Meatout noon-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois in Ferndale. Admission is \$5 for adults, and no fee for children under 12.

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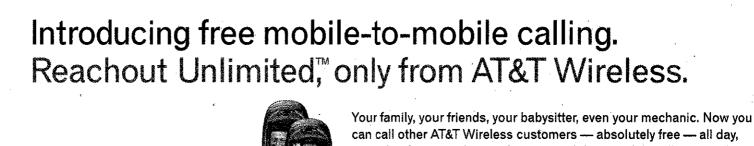
Enjoy a Grand Culinary Buffet at Oakland Community College, presented by OCC's Culinary Studies Institute 11:15 a.m.- 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28 on the third floor of Building J on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The buffet features a great selection of fresh salads, vegetables, potatoes and meats and fish. The dessert table will have pastries, tortes, flans and cookies. Cost is \$8.95 per person. A buffet also is scheduled for April 22. For information, call (248) 522-3700.

Great Lakes Great Wine

The Ninth Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around will be presented on Thursday, April 1 by the Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College in the third floor of Building J on the college's Orchard Ridge campus. Sample from some of the more than 500 wine selections from the Great Lakes region. Enjoy the tastes of specially prepared foods from leading area restaurants. Proceeds benefit the culinary student scholarships. For information, call (248) 522-3700.

Fund-raiser

A black-tie optional gala fundraiser Saturday, April 3 will celebrate the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department's new nome in the VisTaTech Center. After a strolling buffet, patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant. The food will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. All food will be prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary arts students. under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs. VisTaTech Gala tickets are \$150 per person, with \$90 of that amount tax deductible. All proceeds will support the culinary arts department. For more information or tickets, call 734-462-4400, ext. 5661.



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Slow cook these vegetarian dishes

BY J.M. HIRSCH ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Winter is the time for long Sunday breakfasts spent lingering over a thick newspaper, a mug of strong brew and a bowl of warm cereal.

Trouble is, unless you settle for instant oatmeal, preparing warm cereal is more agony than appetizing.

In an age of coffee pots that have your brew waiting for you when you wake, who is willing to stand over the stove for 40 minutes while whole grains become porridge? There are funnies waiting to be read.

Thankfully, Robin Robertson offers a solution – and an uncommon use for a common appliance – in her recent cookbook, Fresh From the Vegetarian Slow Cooker (Harvard Common Press, 2004, \$14.95).

As the title suggests, Robertson's book offers more than 200 recipes using the ubiquitous slow cooker, along with interesting facts about them (including that manufacturer Rival alone has sold more than 81 million since 1971).

Slow cookers have an obvious appeal – simplicity. Pile in the ingredients, turn it on and leave. Not many home-cooked meals can be had with that sort of ease.

Robertson's book offers plenty of tempting one-dish, lowlabor meals, including pestopotato soup with toasted pine nuts, sweet and spicy lentil chili, and bobotie (a South African curry casserole).

But I was particularly drawn to a short chapter at the back of the book that offers 13 recipes for warm cereals and breads that would be perfect for a snowy Sunday morning with the newspaper.

Despite a love for hot wholegrain cereals packed with nuts and dried fruit, I'm reluctant to make them. Most mornings it is because there is no time. On weekends it is because cooking is the last thing I want to spend my morning doing.

Robertson's solution is to cook the grains overnight in a

slow cooker so your cereal is ready for when you rise.

Many of the recipes cook at low temperature and require about eight hours, perfect for starting as you turn in.

For dishes that require less cooking time, Robertson suggests plugging the slow cooker into a timer switch, the sort that turns lamps on and off at preset times. These inexpensive devices are available at most hardware stores.

She cautions that timers should not be set for more than a two-hour delay; uncooked food should not be left out longer.

Many of the whole grains called for in Robertson's recipes can be purchased in the bulk sections of grocers and natural food stores.

CREAM OF WHEAT BERRIES WITH CRANBERRIES AND CARDAMOM

½ cup wheat berries
 ¼ cup cracked wheat
 ½ cup rolled oats (not instant or quick-cooking)
 4 cups water
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom
 ½ cup sweetened dried cranberries

In a $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4-quart slow cooker, combine the wheat berries, cracked wheat, oats and water. Stir in salt and cardamom. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Stir in cranberries just before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from Robin Robertson's Fresh From the Vegetarian Slow Cooker, Harvard Common Press, 2004, \$14.95.)

CORNMEAL PORRIDGE WITH ALMONDS AND DATES

1½ cups medium- or coarseground cornmeal 5 cups water ¾ teaspoon salt ½ cup chopped dates ½ cup slivered almonds, lightly toasted Maple syrup, for serving Combine the cornmeal, water, salt and dates in a $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4-quart slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for 6 hours.

Stir in the almonds when the porridge is ready to serve.

Spoon into serving bowls and drizzle with maple syrup. Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from Robin Robertson's Fresh From the Vegetarian Slow Cooker, Harvard Common Press, 2004, \$14.95.)

BREAKFAST BREAD PUDDING

4½ cups cubed French or Italian bread
3 large cooking apples (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored

and chopped 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon ½ teaspoon ground allspice

¼ cup firmly packed light brown sugar

% teaspoon salt 2 cups milk or soy milk % cup maple syrup 12 ounces cooked soy sausage, crumbled

Lightly oil the inside of a 4quart slow cooker.

Press half of the bread cubes into the bottom of the cooker.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the apples, cinnamon, allspice, brown sugar and salt. Add the milk and maple syrup and mix well.

Pour half of the apple mixture over the bread in the slow cooker.

Gently press down on the apples to ensure the liquid is absorbed by the bread.

Spread half of the soy sausage over the apples followed by the remaining bread.

Top the bread with the remaining sausage followed by the remaining apple mixture. Press on the apple to ensure

the liquid is absorbed.

Cover and cook on low for 6 hours. Makes 4 to 6 servings. Recipe from Robin Robertson's ,

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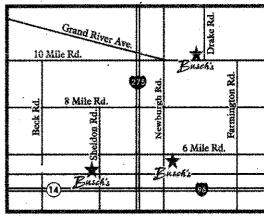
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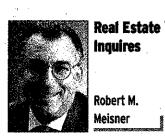
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Association needs to check law

We are an old subdivision which has a provision which allows 75 percent of the co-owners to change or modify the existing covenants. Seventy-five percent of our members voted to form a mandatory Homeowners Association and to impose dues on all lot owners with the obligation to pay dues secured by liens on the lots. Some have balked at our right to do so. Do you have any comments?

Recently, the Supreme Court of Colorado held that homeowners could create a common interest community with mandatory dues, notwithstanding the argument of the minority homeowners that they never had agreed to such a regime. The court recognized a split in case law from other states on the issue but indicated that allowing assessments avoids placing the community in the untenable position of being obligated to maintain facilities and infrastructure without any viable economic means by which to do so, which would be unreasonable. You are best advised to check with your attorney regarding the status of the law in your jurisdiction.

Our management company has dictated to our board exactly how they must run its affairs and the board seems to be complacent and is not willing to speak up to the management company. What can we do to correct this potential problem?

Remind the board that it cannot delegate its liability and/or responsibilities to the management company in order to relieve itself from legal responsibility. In the last analysis, the buck stops with the board and it should not allow the management company to usurp their role. While it is important to get input from the management company, the final decision must rest with the board of directors and they should not allow the management company to dictate how the association functions.

Housewarming gifts to blind the evil eye

BY NORMAN PRADY CORRESPONDENT

In the old days, Frank Chimento said, "you'd take along a chunk of rock salt. But now you bring a bottle of vermouth."

The salt, he said, was "to avert the evil eye or the gaze of anyone jealous of you. To blind the evil eye. It hasn't been used in many years. Most of the time now you bring sweet vermouth and everyone sits around and has a little shot," Chimento said of Italian housewarming practices.

When he opened Chimento's Italian Market in Livonia, he said someone brought a chunk of salt from the Detroit salt mines. That was 20-30 years ago These days, you'd most likely have to find a salt-chunk substitute to fight the evil eye, that mythical or mystical concept or being or whatever that occurs in cultures throughout the world - or so we're told. "In our process, when the salt hits the surface it's already been crushed to less than quarter-inch pieces to spread on the road, so no big rocks come up," said Kim Roberts, a manager at Detroit Salt Company, the only remaining mine from a once-busier local industry. Probably the most popular of well-known housewarming gifts would be something about the evil eye," said Karl Khoury, cultural outreach coordinator at the Arab Community Center, Dearborn.

'Probably the most popular of well-known housewarming gifts would be something about the evil eye. It's an Eastern cultural thing.'

Karl Khoury Arab Community Center

"It's an Eastern cultural thing," Khoury said. Things that have to do with the supernatural, evil spirits. Some people would give a gift of a special cross made to hang above the entrance to protect the house, or a Bible that's been passed down from one generation to the next. A housewarming gift could be a hookah, the smoking device we call argeela. Or a coffee pot. Or cups for Turkish or Arabic coffee." As an American, Khoury said, old country traditions slip away from him. When he moved recently someone gave him a DVD player. Another person gave bamboo and said it was for good luck.

RESOURCES

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Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills, (248) 477-1410

Chimento's Italian Market, Livonia, (734) 421-3800

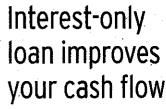
First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, (734) 453-6464
 Philippine American Community Center, Southfield, (248) 443-7037

■ Tradition Tradition, Southfield, (248) 557-0109

new house as a gift," she said. Having recently moved here from Oregon, Bird said she'd enjoy being the beneficiary of the pounding practice "as long

ditional gift.

"That might have been a way to welcome a king, so you're flattering people by bringing that to their house," Mortgage Bits Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



have had a flurry of phone calls lately from past clients and current readers about interest-only loans. Who wants to pay only interest for a home? Isn't the idea to actually pay down the principal on your mortgage to eventually own your home?

The answer: It depends on your perspective and your financial goals. It's absurd to categorically say that every homeowner's primary goal is to pay off his home. Though it may seem counter-intuitive, it is sometimes a smarter tack to put your money to work in investments other than your home. That could mean putting some extra cash into another real estate investment, toward a business opportunity, or into some traditional investment vehicles.

When you think "interestonly" mortgage, you ought to immediately think "improved cash flow." If the end of each month leaves you yearning for a little extra cash, but you do not want to sacrifice your lifestyle — or if you are totally set for cash, but you want to leverage it a bit more — then interestonly mortgages might be your answer.

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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@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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POUNDING

And then there's the housewarming gift called pounding, something the Rev. Mary Jean Bird, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, said she's heard of but doesn't link directly to her religion's practices.

"You take a pound of flour or sugar to a new pastor or to a

A father's tale ...

A local man delights in telling of the day the rabbi came to his home for the bris, the ritual circumcision of his newborn son. The new father noticed that

as the rabbi approached the

door and raised his moistened fingers in the traditional kiss of the mezuzah, he hesitated. What could be wrong, the father wondered. The mezuzah, put on the doorpost by the previous residents, as not too many people brought it." Bird said she'd be concerned about filling her new house with more flour and sugar than she could store.

For members of the Filipino community, the ideal housewarming gift would be something spiritual, according to Fred Porte at the Philippine American Community Center in Southfield.

"In most instances," Porte said, "you'd bring a priest to bless the house." "Danny," who works at

Chaldean Food & Bakery, Southfield, expressed an earthly view of housewarming gifts.

"An envelope," Danny said. "You give an envelope with as much money as you like; an envelope is good." For Jews, Rabbi Adam Chalom of the Birmingham

Temple, Farmington Hills, said, "Bread and salt are a tra-

d looked OK to him.

After the procedure, a slice of sponge cake and a glass of wine, the rabbi turned to the new mother and said, "You have a lovely little boy. I wishyou great happiness with him. he said. "The most visible and well known symbol of dedicating a Jewish house is the little box that's put on the doorpost. The mezuzah. It's based on a passage in Deuteronomy: 'You will put these words on the doorpost of your home and the gates of your city.'

"The box contains a scroll with biblical prophesies about what happens if you keep or break the Commandments. Imagine: good things happen if you follow the rules and bad things happen if you don't."

Alicia Nelson knows about bread and salt as housewarming gifts, "and a broom to sweep out unhappiness," and can show you a selection of mezuzahs at her store, Tradition Tradition, in Southfield.

"They range from \$10 up to \$500 for a mezuzah created by an artist – such as Marc Chagall," Nelson said.

And by the way, the mezuzah at your front door is upside down,"

"It's OK, rabbi," she said. "We're only renting."

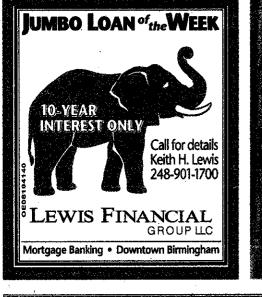
- Norman Prady

HAVE A STRATEGY

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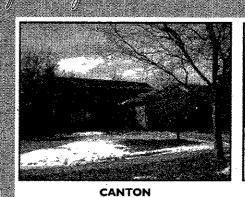
The XYZs of Advanced Leasing, 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 19, at the Building Industry Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie, president of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site Inc. will present information to assist property managers in the training of on-site personnel. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for Apartment Association of Michigan members, and \$99 for nonmembers and guests. For information, call (248) 862-1004. Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner, of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course, Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, **Bingham Farms.**

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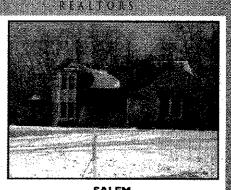
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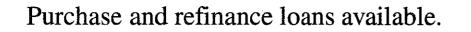
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Eccentric-area reside		1841 Wentworth	\$256,000	31568 Middleboro	\$196,000
estate closings recorded the weeks of Oct. 27-31 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, Listed below are cities,		41174 Westfield	\$213,000	34693 Middleboro	\$275,000
		Garden City	1	28717 Minton	\$158,000
		431 Arcola	\$134,000	37776 N. Laurel Park	\$230,000
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1778 Aberdeen	\$228,000	29251 Barton	\$132,000	36419 Northfield	\$240,000
7272 Andover	\$407,000	226 Belton	\$140,000	37588 Northfield	\$255,000
6877 Ardsley	\$180,000	32249 Bock	\$159,000	14450 Parklane	\$290,000
41505 Avrshire	\$189,000	31918 Cherry Hill	\$122,000	34722 Pembroke	\$345,000
39773 Bart	\$181,000	623 Deering	\$143,000	8852 Pere	\$201,000
41493 Bobcat	\$215,000	31470 Dover	\$105,000	37813 Plymouth	\$410,000
6517 Bostonhill	\$190,000	31571 Dover	\$137,000	36780 Rayburn	\$240,000
46573 Brookridge	\$370,000	31977 Florence	\$131,000	20092 Riverside	\$328,000
606 Buchanan	\$411,000	6932 Harrison	\$140,000	29651 Robert	\$150,000
794 Burlington	\$191,000	6439 Huntleigh	\$137,000	16119 Ronnie	\$285,000
50458 Burr	\$50,000	29014 Krauter	\$107,000	33444 Roycroft	\$188,000
2711 Cleveland Way	\$291,000	103 Lathers	\$133,000	19442 Saint Francis	\$146,000
45021 Coachman	\$190,000	31537 Pierce	\$153,000	16737 Savoie	\$290,000
256 Constitution	\$150,000	33200 Pierce	\$114,000	9960 Seltzer	\$157,000
1557 Copeland	\$207,000	31463 Rush	\$140,000	15986 Shadyside	\$282,000
44602 Cranbrook	\$191,000	32141 Rush	\$78,000	36119 Sherwood	\$265,000
46472 Doubletree	\$250,000	6040 Shotka	-\$195,000	33956 Sleepy Hollow	\$235,000
1073 E. Lemont	\$217,000	6503 Sunset	\$139,000	37722 Southampton	\$230,000
2052 E. Roundtable	\$231,000	Livonia		8887 Stonehouse	\$257,000
2193 E. Roundtable	\$197,000	36796 Angeline	\$171,000	35181 Vargo	\$399,000
44011 Ford	\$340,000	12400 Arcola	\$110,000	9093 W. Bassett	\$180,000
43494 Fredericksburg	\$205,000	14900 Arcola	\$195,000	30070 Westfield	\$174,000
49969 Hancock	\$421,000	11017 Arden	\$205,000	19985 Weyher	\$164,000
50325 Hancock	\$78,000	14820 Auburndale	\$170,000	16614 Whitby	\$250,000
50326 Hancock	\$73,000	14314 Barbara	\$222,000	18954 Woodring	\$182,000
7586 Haverhill	\$470,000	28680 Bayberry Park	\$210,000	19010 Woodring	\$218,000
4081 Hunters	\$164,000	14569 Blue Skies	\$155,000 \$170,000	Plymouth	6143.000
41841 Larimore	\$202,000	31640 Bretton 9810 Brookfield	\$170,000	906 Arthur 722 Burroughs	\$142,000
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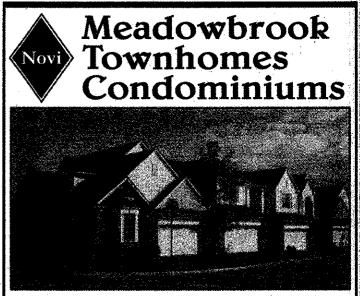


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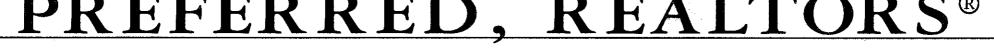
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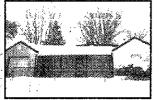
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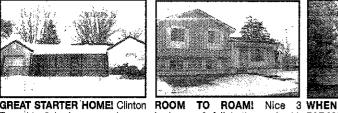
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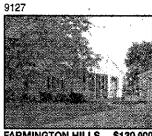


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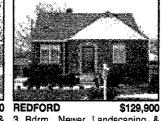
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3 Bdrm, Newer Landscaping & Impeccable Bungalow In Allen Front Porch. 2 Car Garage W/ Park Newer Windows W/Glass Bl. Updates: furnace & C/A, cement FI Large Eat-in Kitchen W/All Appl. Opener & Access Door. Updated New Kitchen & Baths, 03. Copper updated and has ceramic tile, the market and when they do, they Kitchen, Ceramic Foyer, Newer Plumbing 03. Roof 10 Yrs. Oak windows t/o, new gutters & trim, T/O. Lg Ceramic Bath. Nice Sized Entry Doors. Glass Block Windows Floors T/O. Fnshd Bsmnt W/Full new roof on garage, circuit Yard With Patio Or Extra Driveway. in Basement. OEL58ink 888-870- Bath 03. New 50 Gal. Hwh. Walk-In

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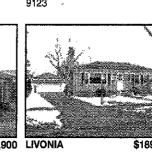
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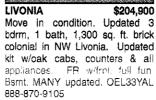


\$399,000 LIVONIA Seller is transferring.. Easy I-96 Great Location! 4bdrm, 2.5 bath 4 bdrm, 2 access. Oak hwd floor in kit. All colonial w/great rm, 2 story foyer, 2,100+ sq. ft. colonial in NW app'l stay-neutral ceramic fir in 1st fir laundry, library, jacuzzi, frpi, Livonia. Lg. treed lot (80 x 270 bath. ICATT gar clubhouse w/pool. spacious deck & private yard, just under _ acre). Home is sound and clean, price reflects need for updates. Full basement & 2 car



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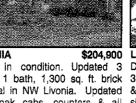


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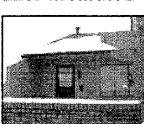




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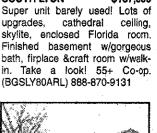


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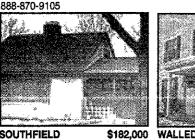
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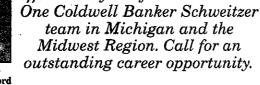


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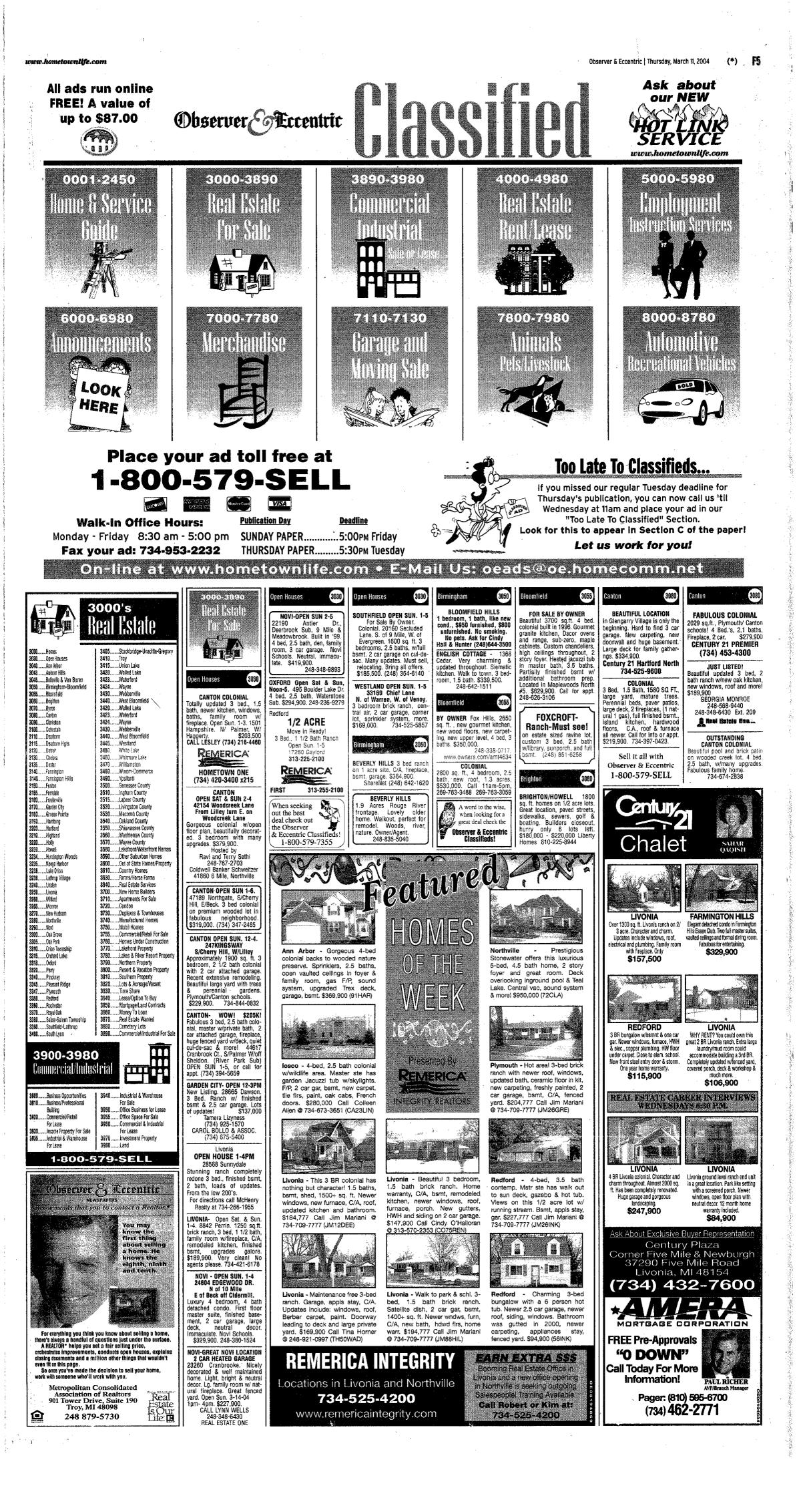
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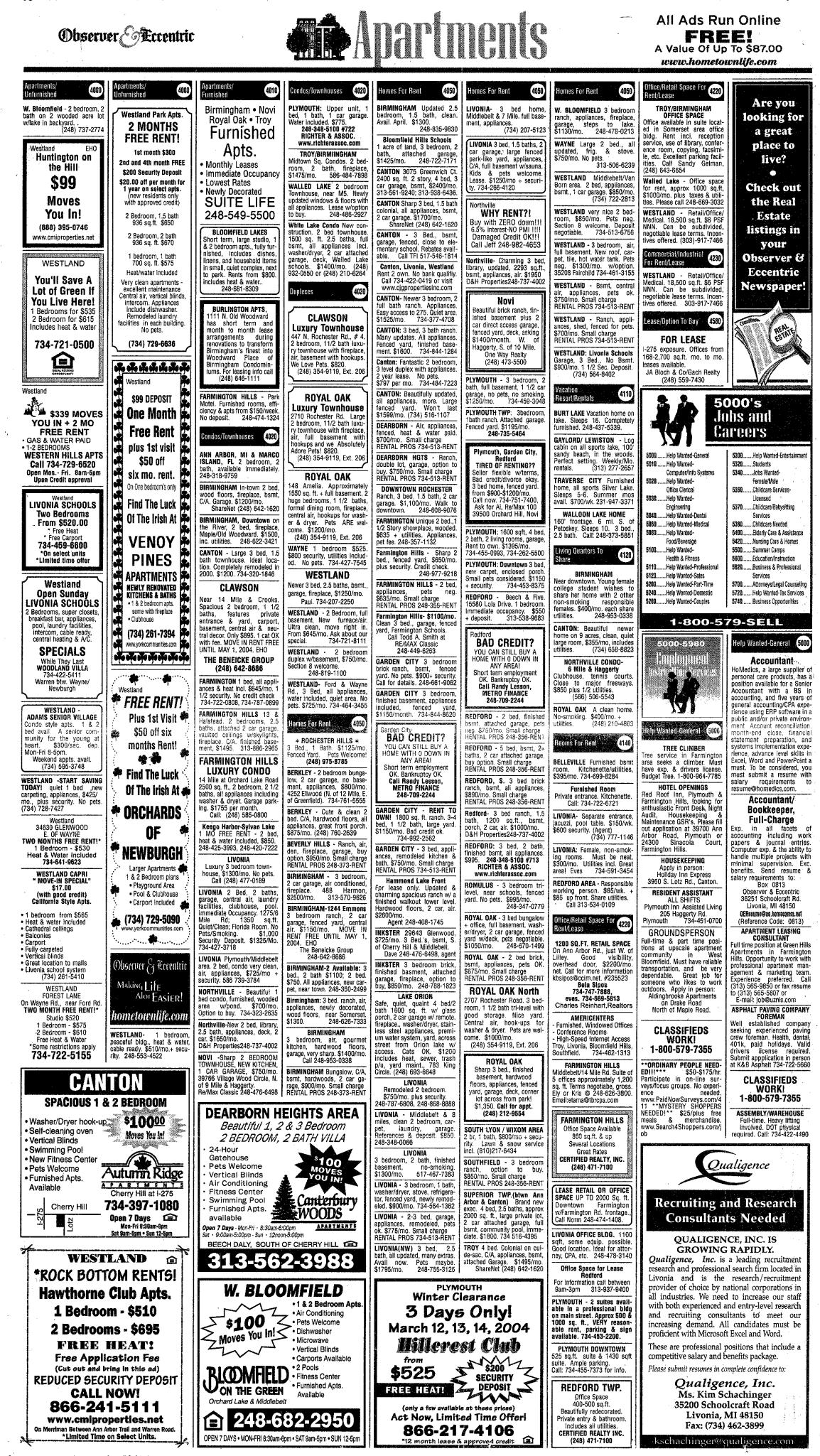
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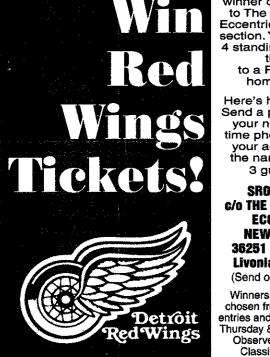
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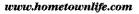
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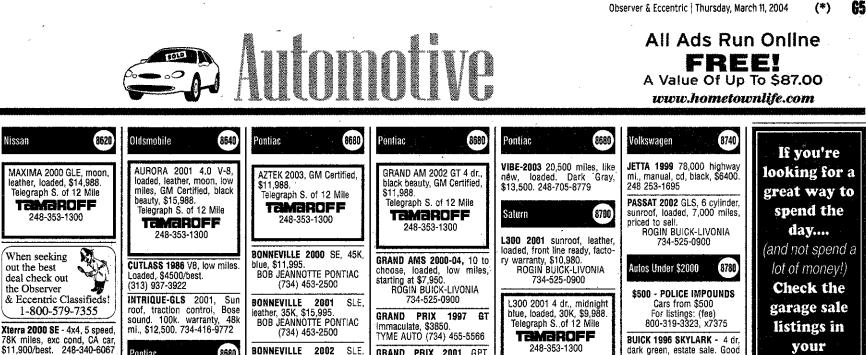
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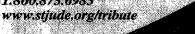
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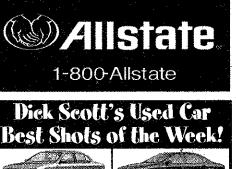
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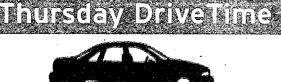
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The 2004 Dodge Durango

Advertising Feature



BY DALE BUSS

McDonalds may be done with super-sizing, thanks to the guilt that has somehow been lain upon fast-food chains for the unprecedented obesity of Americans. Not much longer will McDonalds customers have the choice of asking for cheap and ample fries or drinks, as McDonalds tries to comport itself with the "food police's" idea of what and how much Americans should be eating.

But Chrysler has responded in exactly the opposite way to the fringe element that has sought to deep-six the intimidating, gas-guzzling sport-utility vehicles that have earned their wrath and their protests over the last few years. Chrysler's in-yourface answer is the new Dodge Durango.

No, it's not slimmed down, flimsier or, especially, more fuel efficient. It doesn't do anything for smaller vehicles that it might flatten in accidents. It makes no allowances, in short, for political correctness

In fact, what Chrysler promised with the 2004 Durango is exactly what the company delivered: a longer, wider, higher and more powerful Durango than the earlier version, finally giving the company a deserving entry in the truly full-sized SUV segment that it hasn't had since some of those great big Grand Cherokees of yesteryear helped create the category.

I appreciate the fact that Chrysler stuck to its guns and came out with the vehicle it wanted to rather than cringe at the possibility that radical environmentalists might light a few new Durangos on fire in protest. But having said that, for all the expectations that Chrysler has been heaping on the 2004 Durango, I'm not sure the larger-dimensioned vehicle lives up to the rest of its hype.

My overall impression was favorable, certainly, but I didn't find that the Durango SLT version I drove stood out in any significant way from competition including the Chevrolet Tahoe, Ford Expedition or Toyota Land Cruiser. The new model



It only takes Durango eight seconds to reach 60 m.p.h. with the new Hemi V8.

now gives Chrysler a reasonable entry in that derby, but that's about all I can say for it.

Durango's styling certainly is an improvement over the rounded and rather soft shape of its predecessor, which was trailblazing for the segment when the first Durango hit the market a few years ago. The new version has more organic design, with sharper lines and some creases. As such, it definitely cuts a more impressive figure on the road although a reviewer for The Wall Street Journal recently wrote that "the front end resembles a wild boar sniffing the ground."

Under the hood is where Durango makes a good deal of its impression and separates itself a bit from the competition. Chrysler's new Hemi V8 engine, a 5.7-liter monstrosity that Dodge features in its advertising, is indeed a beast, delivering 335 horsepower, which far outpaces competitors such as Expedition (260 hp) and Acura MDX (265). You can feel it, too, in how the Durango responds at stoplights with a powerful growl, cruises in passing mode and excels everywhere else as well. It takes Durango only eight seconds to reach 60 seconds. Of course, the Hemi is a \$900 option, not the standard engine.

And equally predictably, all that power and

verve come at a price: gas mileage. Durango gets a paltry 13 miles a gallon in the city, which is nearly at the low end of practically every mainstream SUV that's ever been introduced, and only 18 mpg on the highway. In an era of \$1.70-a-gallon gasoline that looks like it may last for awhile, this could be a particularly glaring problem for sales of this new model.

Though it's built on a truck platform, Durango handles well enough, with firm and sharp steering and handling. It's notable that Durango includes low-range gears that are a must for drivers who would want to take it off-road. Yet the vehicle didn't include running boards, which I thought was a glaring oversight for something that is so high off the ground.

Inside, room in the second and third rows was ample, and the DVD player for rear passengers in the Durango has become sine qua non in its category. Controls were well laid out and easy to use. There were amenities aplenty. In short, Durango makes for a worthy entry in the hog-SUV sweepstakes

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