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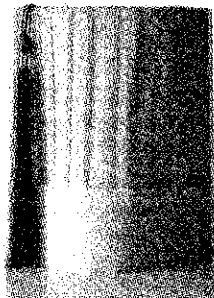
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Grant winners

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation has awarded more than \$6,000 in its Winter 2004 Classroom Enhancement Grant program to six Plymouth-Canton Schools. The grants are expected to "positively impact the education of more than 5,000 Plymouth-Canton students," EEF officials said in announcing the grants.

It's the second round of grants this year. In the fall, the EEF awarded more than \$9,000 to 12 schools. The winter winners were Cathy Dobias of Plymouth High School, \$2,489 for Alpha Smarts; Bonnie Goodrich of Dodson Elementary, \$1,001.22 for Parent/Home Reading; Lisa Hastings of Discovery Middle School, \$978 for Books and Bagels; Ann-Marie Konya of Central Middle School, \$160 for Build A Project/Team; Marcia Lizzio of Salem High School, \$778 for Forensic Science Activities; and Janet Sutherland of Plymouth, \$827.97 for We're Rolling-Camcorder.

LaJoy voting record

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, is one of only six Michigan House lawmakers to achieve a perfect voting record in the 2003 legislative session.

The nonpartisan Web site www.michigan-votes.org has compiled the voting histories of each of the House's 110 members. Of the 797 roll-call votes, only six representatives had a 100-percent voting record.

LaJoy said he encourages residents to contact him with questions or concerns. He can be reached toll free at (866) LAJOY-21.

Youth variety series

The first date in the annual winter variety series at the Summit is Saturday, Feb. 28, featuring an hour of family entertainment with "Magic With Gordon Russ." The event will be in the Chestnut Room 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Summit for \$3 per person. (100 Days to Health participants can purchase tickets for \$2).

Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball team is organizing a Road Rally for Saturday, March 13. Tickets are \$25 per person and include clue solving fun, buffet dinner and soft drinks, prizes and music.

Cash bar available. Entries are limited. Contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or look on their Web site at thunderbirdssoftball.tripod.com.

Cruisers arcade OK'd for Kmart building

Ford Road's facelift, which is progressing slowly but surely, edged a few notches closer Tuesday night, when trustees approved three projects which should help spruce up the corridor.

Leading the pack, so to speak, was approval of special land use and site plan for Craig's Cruisers Family Entertainment Center, which will take over the now-empty Super Kmart building at Ford and Haggerty.

The western Michigan-based company operates four

facilities in the western part of the state featuring indoor Go Kart rides, kiddie rides, arcades, food and concessions and numerous other family attractions.

The Canton site, which Jeff Gebhart of Craig's Cruisers said he hopes should be open in the fall, will be strictly family-oriented with close attention paid to the content of video and arcade games.

"If public comments that I get are any indication, you should be open right now," Canton

Supervisor Tom Yack told Gebhart. "There's a certain segment of the community that is looking forward to the kind of services you're going to be providing."

And Trustee Karl Zarbo, who visited the company's Grand Rapids site, came back impressed.

"The message I'd like to bring back," he said, "is the family atmosphere. To see mom and dad and the kids, and the neighbor's kids brought along with them, is an impressive

sight. It's a good thing I went there when I did because when I left you couldn't fit any more people in the place. It was buzzing."

Trustees also approved special land use and site plan for the expansion of Centre Village at Canton Center and Ford Road.

Developer Stuart Frankel has bought the Crosswinds Community Church property and plans to add another 29 acres of new retail space for the Kroger-anchored center.

Two public art plazas are included in the project.

And another Ford Road eyesore, the old Michigan National Bank building on the northwest corner of Ford and Sheldon, will be refurbished and reopened as an upscale dentist's office.

Trustees also approved plans for a 100-bed nursing home south of Warren and west of Lilley. The Heartland Health Care facility would be the first full-fledged nursing home in Canton.

What's love got to do with it?
Everything, says couple married almost 54 years

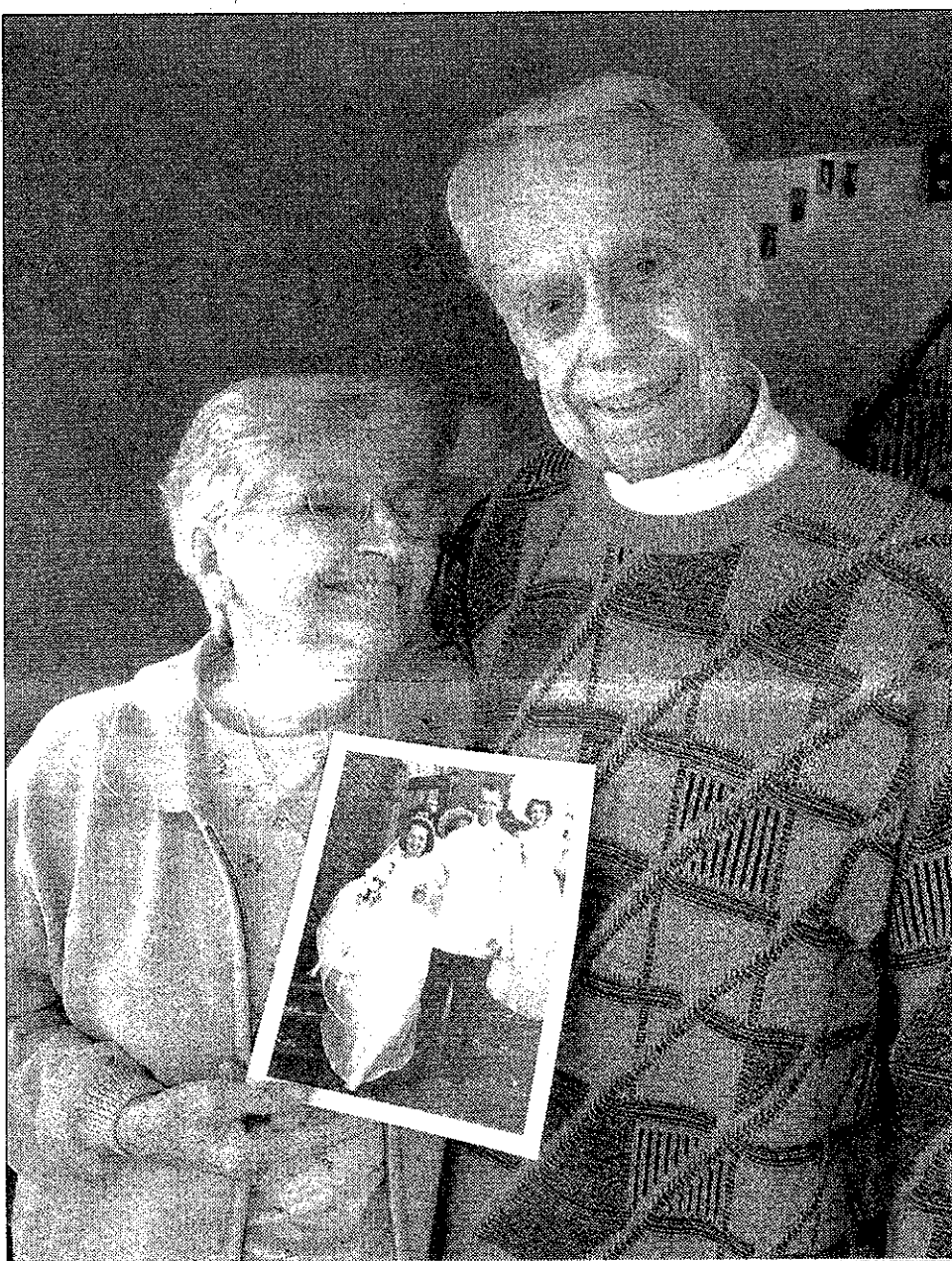
BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

After close to 54 years of marriage, Lucille and Bob Grenier are still madly in love.

"We do everything together," said Bob, a retired industrial photographer, who with his bride lives in the Hunter's Grove condominiums in Canton. "I won't leave her. Where she goes, I go."

After five decades and two daughters, they speak to each other lovingly and always with "sweetheart" attached to a sentence. "Everyone has some rough times. I am so thankful we stuck it out. We are truly in love," Lucille said.

Is there a secret? "You just have to give and take," Lucille said. The couple agree they are



Love keeps them together. Bob and Lucille Grenier with their wedding picture, taken almost 54 years ago.

PLEASE SEE LOVE, A2

Canton rolls out red carpet for Oscar party

Glitz and glamour are what attendees will experience at Canton Leisure Services' Academy Awards Party 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29.

Jen Eubanks from Canton's Leisure Services Department, said yes, there will be a real red carpet just like you see on E! Entertainment Television. No Joan Rivers, however.

"There will be big screen TVs to watch the Oscars. It should be a lot of fun," Eubanks said.

After walking the red carpet and dodging the paparazzi, attendees can head to the Summit's Walnut room and catch all of the Oscar excitement, including the latest in fashion, celebrity romance, acceptance speeches and shocking moments.

This is an adult party with a cash bar, so picture ID is required. Canton residents can register now for \$16 and non-residents 10 for \$20. Dressy attire is recommended.

VALENTINE DANCE

This Friday another event is set for Canton residents - a Valentine's dance.

Adult couples and singles are invited to the Romance Dance on Friday, Feb. 13 in the Summit Grand Ballroom from 7-11 p.m. There will be decorations, dancing, contests, prizes and a cash bar.

Tickets, on sale now at the Summit, are \$8 for Canton residents, \$10 for non-residents and \$5 for 100 Days to Health participants. For more information, contact Eubanks at (734) 394-5460.

Despite war, Canton man follows his heart, joins Marines

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For quite some time, the thought of joining the military rumbled around in the back of Adam Wetter's mind.

Wetter, the son of John and Caroline Wetter of Canton, did OK in high school, joining the ski team and running cross country and track at Redford Catholic Central.

He staved off the military

Plymouth Editor Brad Kadrich and Photo Editor Paul Hurschmann traveled to the legendary Marine recruit training unit at Parris Island and came back with a variety of pictures and stories. News, Page A3.

thoughts, opting instead to start studying at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

But the sense of accomplishment never came, and Wetter

eventually decided to follow his heart. Now Wetter is about halfway through boot camp at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot at Parris Island, S.C.

"College really didn't work out," said Wetter, speaking in the third person vernacular required of recruits. "So this recruit decided to do what this recruit had wanted to do from

PLEASE SEE MARINES, A2



Adam Wetter of Canton, 19, (left) and Matthew Bixler of Plymouth Township, 18, stand at ease as they answer questions for a reporter after a preliminary drill competition. Wetter attended Redford Catholic Central High School and Bixler attended Plymouth Christian Academy.

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Westside Singles namesake explains group's mission

Ed Westside is opposed to the idea of a quiet evening in front of the television. At least on a Friday night, that is.

It was for this reason, and a few others, that Westside, a Canton resident, started a western Wayne singles group known as the WestSide Singles.

Westside said he wanted to end those quiet evenings at home alone "and get people out for an inexpensive and fun evening where they can meet other people."

The WestSide Singles, an 18-year old organization, pulls its participants from Wayne and Oakland counties. Westside said Plymouth and Canton residents are among

the many people who attend the social dances he stages for prospective mate-seekers to attend.

This Friday's Valentine dance at the Burton Manor in Livonia is one of their events. The dance begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until 1 a.m. Attire is dressy and you must be 21.

The group does not have a membership fee. "We don't have member and non-member fees for anything," he said.

But what the WestSide Singles does offer, he added, is a large dance floor, good parking, and plenty of entertainment.

Dances are sometimes held at the Burton Manor in Livonia, or at the Woodlands

Country Club in Wayne, Roma Banquets in Garden City, and New Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

Westside said he started the WestSide Singles after participating in other singles groups. An enthusiasm for all sports, coupled with the discovery that western Wayne had no place where singles could meet, spurred Westside to take his own knowledge of singles groups sports activities and put it to work.

"You can't beat the people who come to these dances," Westside said.

"The selection of people is real nice. Not everyone has a heart, but I do and I like to let

people enjoy themselves."

Westside said he keeps his dances dressy to attract the right kind of crowd.

"The hardest thing is to get people here - you've got to convince them that it doesn't hurt to come out and socialize and have fun and meet someone."

The people attending the dances are usually 25 to 55 years old.

Westside met his wife, Annita, there 15 years ago, and she helps run the dances, oversees any problems, and does planning.

Information about upcoming dances with the WestSide Singles may be obtained by calling (734) 981-0909.

MARINES

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the get-go."

It came as a little bit of a surprise to his parents, because he'd actually stopped talking about it. So, when they got the phone call that he was joining, they had him over for dinner - and some discussion.

"He'd kind of talked about it, but then dropped it, so we thought it was a dead subject," said his mom, Caroline. "Then all of a sudden, he called us one day during the summer and said, 'I'm joining the Marines.' He had some pretty good reasons. It wasn't a last-minute, spur-of-the-moment thing. He was real positive about it, real upbeat, so we said OK."

Wetter, one of four children (he has two sisters, Ellen and Molly, and a brother, Daniel), arrived at Parris Island in early January, enduring the infamous "yellow footprints" indoctrination, a recruit's first exposure to Marine drill instructors, who immediately begin breaking down their sense of individuality.

Since then, he's endured water survival training, marksmanship training and a host of physical challenges designed to turn the recruit into a superior fighting tool.

Wetter, at 19 matching the average age of a Marine recruit is among an average of some

3,800 recruits a day, trying to survive a rigorous 70-day training cycle spread over 12 weeks.

Parris Island, home of Marine recruit training since 1915, saw nearly 17,000 graduates in fiscal 2003. The training includes some 60 hours of physical instruction and practical application and three weeks of marksmanship training.

It all culminates in Week 11 with The Crucible, a 54-hour test of teamwork and endurance the Marines call a Rite of Passage. It was added some seven years ago, and stands as a physical testament to a graduate's fortitude.

"They've learned what they're going to learn; The Crucible reinforces the idea of working as a team," said Capt. Roseanne Banicki, company commander of November Company.

It's a lot to digest for his family. His parents have been supportive, though a bit concerned for his safety with regard to the situation in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. "I'm real happy Adam joined the Marines because it's a positive thing for him," Caroline Wetter said. "I'm just not happy about the world situation right now. If this was 10 years ago, it would have been great, because (war) wouldn't have been as much of a possibility. It's just real scary, because there's the possibility he could go to one of those places. We just keep our fingers crossed."

Bill shifts burden to sex defendants

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, has introduced a bill that, if passed, would keep sexual assault cases from becoming a "he said-she said" battle in the courtroom.

Patterson said he's sponsoring the bill in response to the Kobe Bryant case in Colorado, where the Los Angeles Lakers star is accused of raping a hotel clerk.

"My bill, when it becomes law, says it's a rebuttable presumption that if someone has conjugal relations, it will be presumed that it's nonconsensual," said Patterson. "The burden of proof will not be on the victim."

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Sen. Bruce Patterson
R-Canton Township

Patterson said that if the Bryant case were to occur in Michigan under the terms of his bill, "Kobe would have to prove he had permission from the woman to have

sexual relations.

"All she has to say is she didn't consent, and he would have to show proof she consented," said Patterson. "It turns the law dramatically in favor of marital bliss."

Patterson says he has the support of a number of Senate colleagues, including Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming.

"What it comes down to," said Patterson, "if you want to 'dilly-dally,' you'd better get it in writing."

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Canton Lions Club hosting expert on local radio services for the blind

The Canton Lions Club February speaker will be Kimberly Walsh from Wayne State's WDET Radio (101.9 FM), who will explain the station's services for the blind.

Known as Detroit Radio Information Service, DRIS is part of WDET services to the community. Like many radio-reading services, DRIS broadcasts its programming over a private radio signal (using WDET's 67kHz sub-channel). Specially built, single-fre-

quency radio receivers are loaned free to qualified applicants. This is particularly important to elderly and/or homebound listeners on low fixed incomes. DRIS is also used in retirement facilities, schools, hospitals, low vision clinics, senior centers and nursing homes. More than 1,800 private homes and institutional sites currently use DRIS. Programming may also be carried on community cable channels and is available over

the Internet using a QuickTime audio player that can be accessed on a programming page.

The Canton Lions meet the fourth Monday of the month at Cherry Hill School (museum) Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. This month's meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23; dinner is potluck.

Support for DRIS comes from individuals and service clubs; most of the reading for the blind is done by volunteers.

LOVE

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each other's best friend. "It's our faith. It's our Lord who set this up."

Lucille and Bob met each other through a little coaxing on the part of her mom's friend. Bob had been out of the service for about four years. He served in Gen. George Patton's tank division in the 3rd Army. He was a cavalry man.

Though Lucille had been dating someone else on and off, she figured she would give Bob a try. Her family was French and Catholic. And so was Bob's. What could it hurt?

Bingo on Thanksgiving was their first date in 1949. "My mom and this lady were chaperones," Lucille said. "We were all so naive back in those days."

Bob proposed on her birthday one week later. After a six-month engagement, they married at the Madonna parish in Detroit. "When I met her, I knew that was it. I don't let no grass grow under my feet," Bob said.

Lucille was as equally and quickly smitten. "He was the most beautiful man. And he had a Packard."

Bob worked for Packard Motors as a photographer. After the war, Bob first got a job as an usher at the Fox Theater. His dad knew how much he wanted to become a photographer and got him the job at Packard - at first in the post office. He worked his way up the photographic ladder until the company closed 15 years later.

Just before their wedding, Lucille decided to buy Bob new tires for the Packard. But she wasn't sure whether that was appropriate. She asked her

father. "He said, 'you're marrying him. That is his money and your money.'"

The day after his last day at Packard he landed a job as a photographer at Bendix Corp. in the research department, for which he needed security clearance. "A lot of the stuff was secret," Bob said, including the Eagle project, which was the creation of a piece of equipment that made its way to the moon and was later retrieved by the Apollo 11 mission.

During his years at Bendix, Bob's photographs were seen on the fronts of magazines. "I did color photos of liquid crystals."

Though Bob didn't want Lucille to work, she went to Hudson's on the evening shift when her daughters, Donna Tykoski of Canton and Denise Knight of Montana, were old enough to be on their own. "Bob would be home first and he would have dinner waiting for me when I came home," Lucille said.

Another secret to a good and loving marriage is the sacredness of family. Donna and her husband, Leo, and Denise and her husband, Jim, and the grandkids, fill the couple's world. Their poodle, Tippy, who died at 18, was also a big part of the family.

Whatever the parents did, the kids were involved. The Greniers are certain that is the answer to a good and stable family life. "The most important thing is family. The kids enjoyed it and they now think about it years later," Lucille said.

The couple believes their love and how to be married successfully was learned by their daughters, both of whom have strong and loving marriages. "They stand by each other," Lucille added.

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Lori George of Livonia Franklin High School listens as a drill instructor explains the receiving procedure for new arrivals at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. during a visit to the island as part of an educator's workshop last week.



Marine Recruit Joseph Pauley of Farmington Hills waits for his platoon to move out during 'The Crucible,' a 54-hour exercise in team building and sensory deprivation in the 12th week of U.S. Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island, S.C. Pauley and his company had just finished breaking down their bivouac site after firing on the Khe Sanh range and were preparing for the next task in the grueling exercise.

Ooh-rah!!!

Workshop gives local educators Marine experience

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Lori George watched as U.S. Marine recruits referred to themselves in third person, took part in team-building exercises and essentially gave up — for at least 13 weeks — their sense of individuality.

And she doesn't necessarily think it's a bad thing.

George was among some three dozen Michigan teachers, counselors and career guidance coordinators taking part in a Marine Educators' Workshop, an annual event designed to give education professionals a better sense of what Marine life is like.

The idea, according to the Marines, is to give them more insight to pass on to students considering military life as a post-graduate option.

"The concept I've seen is that you're not an individual, that you're part of something, that you belong to something," said George, a guidance counselor at Franklin High School in Livonia for seven years. "I think that's something that's missing in today's youth."

Educators and some media flew to Parris Island, S.C., home of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, for the four-day workshop.

The week started with the same greeting recruits get, with educators standing on the same "yellow footprints" that mark the start of recruit training. Drill instructors herded them — loudly — off the bus and into position, then yelled the same instructions at them they holler at recruits upon arrival on The Island.

CORE VALUES

That's where the breaking down of recruits' individuality — a process Marines insist is vital — begins.

"We instill the core character values of commitment honor and courage; that's what these weeks are all about," said Col. Kevin Kelley, commanding officer of the Recruit Training Regiment at Parris Island. "We don't have time during a combat situation for a young Marine to ask 'Why?' They have to instantly become part of the team."

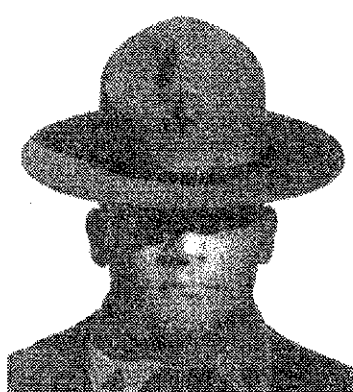
From there it was on to briefings about every aspect of Marine life, from the kind of treatment they receive at Parris Island to what life is like in the Corps. They were told about medical care, about military occupational specialties, about dropout rates (roughly 10 percent for males, 20 percent for females).

It's all designed to help shape the Marine image in a fashion other than that pictured in Hollywood productions such as "Full Metal Jacket."

The U.S. east of the Mississippi is divided into three recruiting districts, each with eight stations. Educators from the areas served by those stations are invited down 12 times a year — two stations at a time — to go through the workshop.

According to Capt. C.T. Devine, public affairs officer for the 4th Marine Corps District, which oversees recruiting this side of the Mississippi, the workshops cost taxpayers about \$12,000 apiece to put on, but he said they're well worth it.

"These workshops help us overcome skepticism about what the Marine Corps teaches



Every year, the U.S. Marine Corps sponsors a workshop to allow area educators to come to Parris Island, home of their boot camp, to view training. The idea is to give them better insight when dealing with students considering the military as a postgraduate option. Last week, educators from our area went down, and *Observer & Eccentric* staffers Brad Kadrach and Paul Hurschmann went with them. **This is what they found.**

our young people," said Devine. "We think it's incumbent upon (educators) to come down here and learn more so they can go back and give informed opinions about what the Corps is all about."

According to statistics provided by the Marines, Parris Island graduated nearly 17,000 Marines in fiscal 2003, 99.9 percent of whom were high school graduates with an average age of just under 20. Recruits without a high school diploma must have a GED plus 15 credit hours toward a college degree. Parris Island is recruit training home for male recruits east of the Mississippi (the rest go to San Diego) and to all female recruits, some 537 on an average day.

ORGANIZED CHAOS

The Michigan contingent got a complete overview of their training, from viewing the barracks in which they sleep to actually shooting the M-16 rifle on which they train.

Most of them came away impressed. Lucinda Roddy is a television production teacher at Clarenceville High School who was supposed to take students on a similar trip last year. That



Lori George of Livonia Franklin High School listens to Marine Recruit Nicholas Kasly of Ortonville, 20, during lunch in the 3rd Battalion Mess Hall Thursday. Kasly attended the Christian Leadership Academy in Troy.

trip, however, was called off when the United States went to war in Iraq.

She and fellow Clarenceville teacher Heidi Horvath were at this year's workshop filming recruit training for a session on editing documentaries. Roddy was impressed not only by the coordination the Marines had to use to get the educators there, but also by the order from chaos that ensued.

"Being that up close and personal was amazing," Roddy said. "I've watched the videos, and I've talked to Marines, but standing in the middle of training is something you can't prepare for. It was utter chaos, but organized. When you're standing in the middle of it, even knowing you're not a part of it, you still get that sense."

After watching what the recruits go through, Roddy was simply hoping to do it justice.

We have still photographs, and we have video, but we're panicking wondering if we're going to be able to get that emotion across in a documentary," she said. "It's not going to be as genuine as being there, so it'll be a challenge to see if we can make it work." Frank



Lucinda Roddy (left) and Heidi Horvath of Clarenceville High School's Television Production department interview Public Affairs Officer Capt. James Nott prior to graduation Friday. The two Livonia-based educators followed the media itinerary, capturing documentary video which they will take back to their students for editing.

Eichenlaub of Rochester Hills, a former Marine who teaches math at Mt. Clemens High School, said he didn't know what to expect upon his return to Parris Island, from which he graduated in 1961 before spending six years in the Corps.

"I think folks don't have much knowledge of the military, and the knowledge they do have is skewed toward not being very positive," Eichenlaub said. "Programs like this help pro-

mote the positive. I think it's a great move to use people who are in a position where they can influence the kids."

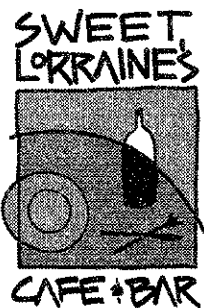
The core values being taught at Parris Island are what impressed George, the counselor from Franklin.

"I was impressed by the sense of discipline I see them instilling in future Marines," George said. "That's something that's lacking in a lot of people."

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Vera Lewis talks with Brandon Davis of Westland after he and other members of the choir sang to members of the Redford Suburban League during their tea.

Burger students say thanks for donation

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's been a relationship that has spanned at least 15 years and two centuries, the Redford Suburban League and Garden City's Burger Center for Students of Autism. It was a special time for league members who were there to present a check of the proceeds from the organization's 2003 fashion show and for the students and staff who were given the opportunity to show off the largest such public school program in the country.

"I feel it's being given to a very worthwhile cause," said Lillian Malley, league president. "The cooperation ... everyone seems to like each other and get along and promote cooperation. It's like one big happy family and the children included."

"I have a feeling they have this place as their home away from home."

During a brief ceremony, Malley held an oversized check for \$21,600, but made sure to hand the real thing to center director Betty Tessmer.

In accepting the check,

speech pathologist Char Bialach told members of the League that "we're truly honored and bless."

"Everything done today had student involvement," she added. "The decorations, the hands on the wall, are showing their way of applauding you."

Student Ambassador Jason Phelps told the members that they have given the students "an opportunity to learn more and a chance to achieve more goals in the future."

The money will help purchase computers, new software and evaluation tools.

"We're desperate to upgrade software," Tessmer said. "And we'll get cameras to film the students so we can see how they perform before and after."

SHOWING IT OFF

During their two-hour visit, members of the league were given tours of the center and treated to muffins, rolls and beverages in the Garden Café. They also received white chocolate candy the students made and packaged for the occasion.

"We wanted to show the dif-



Diane Andersen (from left), the greenhouse teacher for the Burger Center in Garden City, helps Emeke Uduma and Lamont Jones, both of Detroit, with their lesson. Standing next to her are Mary Tesner (from left) of Redford, Theresa Cook, a speech pathologist from Redford, Pat Rutenbar of Redford, Bernice Marley from Westland, Lillian Papich from Farmington Hills and Allison Hollis, a speech pathologist from Milford.

ferent levels of instruction, different ranges in age and the progression of growth in the building," said therapist Theresa Cook, who joined Kelly Curtis, Allison Hollis and Bialach in conducting the tours.

Burger Center offers a preschool, elementary and secondary programs as well as community-based instruction, vocational training and testing and a sheltered workshop licensed by the Department of Labor.

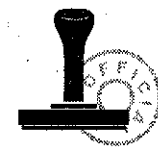
It has had its students go on to receive their high school diplomas, and currently has one at Wayne State University. Several also work in the community or in sheltered

workshops. Burger Center for Autism got its start in the basement of a church in 1973 with five students and moved to the former Burger Junior High School in Garden City in 1980. It grew again in 1995 with the opening of the Burger Annex at Garden City's Cambridge Center. The annex now has more than 19 classrooms.

Today, Burger has more than 320 students, a staff of 160 and eight speech language pathologists as well as psychologist, social workers, nurses and a behavioral specialist and a waiting list of more than 40 students.

The center serves more than 34 school districts in Wayne County.

FOR THE RECORD



"For the Record" appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. This column soon will expand to include births and district court proceedings. Other obituaries can be found inside today's paper. Look for Passages to view paid obituaries.

DEATHS

B
John M. Broderick, 62, died Feb. 5.

C
Paul Allen Clapper, 74, of Canton Township, died Feb. 5.

D
Nell De Bash, 87, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 9.
George H. DeMann, 92, of West Bloomfield, died Feb. 6.

E
Edward W. Ely, 62, died Feb. 6.

F
Robert J. Fluker, 62, of Livonia, died Feb. 8.

G
Donna M. Good, 77, of Redford Township, died Feb. 6.
Geraldine Josephine Good, 87, of Plymouth, died Feb. 6.
Dorothy D. Gordon, 78, of Detroit, died Feb. 6.

H
George S. Gordon, of Westland, died Feb. 9.

I
Edith H. Hansz, 89, of Traverse City, formerly of Livonia, died Feb. 8.

L
Bertah Lekar, 90, of Livonia, died Feb. 3.

M
Susan Lee Maher, 48, of Westland, died Feb. 1.

N
Delphine D. McAllen, 83, died Feb. 9.

O
Wixson W. (Bud) Munson, of Westland, died Feb. 2.

P
Phyllis Constance O'Grady, 74, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 26.

R
Ruth Gilbert Pearce, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 1.
Dorian R. Perlongo, 87, of Marion, Ohio, died Feb. 8.

S
Edward A. Splan, 45, of Livonia, died Feb. 7.

T
Edward M. Stone, 79, formerly of West Bloomfield, died Jan. 24.

U
Hubert H. Stuart, 77, formerly of Plymouth, died Feb. 7.

W
Marianne K. Wallace, 3, formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 7.

POLICE

A resident of the 8100 block of Sandpiper reported to police

that two vehicles were damaged at his home sometime between Feb. 5 and Feb. 8.

The windshield and side windows were broken out on a 2000 Dodge Intrepid. A rear window was broken on a 2001 GMC van.

Police have no suspects.

Garage break-in

A resident of Barr Road reported several items stolen from a detached garage between Feb. 3 and Feb. 7.

Taken were a snowblower, an air compressor, a motor scooter and a compound bow.

Guns stolen

A Canton resident told police someone stole two handguns from his home on Feb. 7.

A .32-caliber Smith & Wesson six-shot and a .32-caliber two-shot derringer were taken.

Car damaged

A Target employee reported to police that someone damaged his car while it was parked on the Target parking lot.

He said someone broke the driver's door lock on his 1998 Ford Contour.

Trailer taken

An employee of a Livonia company reported that someone stole a trailer and a skid steer sometime between Feb. 6 and Feb. 7.

They were parked in the Holiday Market parking lot at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads.

Tobacco sting

Clerks in four Canton businesses were ticketed Monday for selling tobacco products to a minor.

It was part of an on-going "compliance check," in which police send an underage decoy into stores to attempt to buy tobacco products.

Those stores in which clerks received tickets were the Amoco Station at Ford and Haggerty, Clark Gas Station on Ford, Marathon Gas Station on Warren and Pinetree Party Store at Ford and Lilley.

Businesses that did not sell were two 7-Eleven stores at Warren and Canton Center and Warren and Morton Taylor, Mobil Station at Haggerty and Joy, Meijer Gas Station on Ford, Shell Gas Station at Ford and Haggerty, two Speedway stations at Ford and Canton Center and Ford and Lilley and the Sunoco Station at Ford and Haggerty.

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Spotlight Players hold auditions, workshops

The Spotlight Players (formerly Plymouth Theater Guild) have several spring events in the works.

Auditions for *Murder at the Howard Johnson's* by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick will be held Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Arts Room of the Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Acting roles for one woman and two men are open, as well as a tango and dance roles for two men and two women. The shows will be dinner theater performances in April and May. You can reach the director at (248) 259-1093.

The Players are holding a Middle School Drama Day for students in grades 6-8 on Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canton High School Little Theater in Canton. A \$30 fee includes

lunch and all materials. Choice of three skills: improvisation, basics and essentials of acting, introduction to stage make-up, mask-making and performing, basic stage combat.

A two-session Youth Theatre Improvisation Workshop is planned for students in grades 3-5 on Sunday, March 28 and April 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman. A \$30 fee includes both sessions.

Also, a Youth Theatre Scene Study Workshop is set for students in grades 6-8 on Sunday, March 28 and April 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman. A fee of \$30 includes both sessions.

For more information, the group's Web site is www.spotlightplayers.net. Or call (734) 455-2466.

Down economy? Benefit still raises \$30,000 for First Step

Some 1,750 ticket-buyers plus donors and sponsors kicked in once again this year for First Step, a shelter for abused families in Western Wayne County.

The 14th annual charity dance, held on Friday, drew a big crowd to munch on hot and cold hors d'oeuvres (three flavors of wing dings!), dance to the pop sounds of Steve King & The Dittilies, gamble at black jack tables and enjoy the evening.

Some \$30,000 to \$35,000 was raised to be donated to First Step, according to Brian Duggan, a Livonia Realtor who puts on the big event each year. Duggan said he hadn't "crunched the numbers" to provide a more precise total yet.

The down economy did have an impact on the event. "I was definitely down in sponsorships this year, quite a bit actually," Duggan said. He found that a number of companies that had donated in previous

years were no longer even in business when he tried to call them.

Duggan cited the support of \$5,000 Diamond Sponsors — Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs and Foresters. "They really stepped up to the plate," he said.

He also noted the involvement of Rick Dinoian Photography and the mother/daughter entertainers and celebrity impersonators — Debra Jimmerson as Cher and Katie Jimmerson as Madonna.

At First Step, Mary Jane Hood, a supervisor, was pleased with the upcoming donation.

"Brian is able to provide much needed money in these days of cuts. There have been cuts on many levels, and the money he raises allows for us to continue free services to those who need it."

Next year's event is already in the planning. Duggan says mark your calendars: It's Feb. 11.

Oakwood therapy facility planning open house Feb. 21

The Oakwood Physical Therapy and Fitness Training Center is inviting the community to an open house to celebrate its new facility at 6487 Canton Center Road.

The new site houses the physical therapy office formerly located in the Oakwood Healthcare Center — Canton, and now also offers expanded services, including fitness

training under the guidance of a licensed physical therapist.

The open house is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free refreshments, giveaways, door prizes and a raffle for a free fitness training assessment are offered.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 454-8144.

Township's office move limits service during February

Canton residents should be aware that on Thursday, Feb. 19, and Friday, Feb. 20, portions of the Canton administration building offices will be moving to new locations.

The areas affected include the Supervisor's office, the Finance and Budget Department, Water Billing, Human Resources, the Clerk's office and the Treasurer's office.

As a result, these municipal offices will only be able to provide limited service on both

days. Phone service will also be in transition, so if a call is not answered, please leave a message with as much detail as possible and your call will be returned promptly.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attempt to transact business by either Wednesday, Feb. 18, or wait until Monday, Feb. 23.

If residents have urgent business, the administration building will be open, but service efficiency may be compromised.

Did You Know?

The library's Online Magazine Rack provides great inspiration for planning a warm weather getaway? View popular travel titles like *National Geographic Travel, Travel and Leisure* and *Condé Nast Traveler* online at www.cantonpl.org/magrack.html.

The next evening book discussion at the library will be *Maestro: Greenspan's Fed and the American Boom* by Bob Woodward. Join the conversation on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

It takes a lobster approximately seven years to grow to be one pound?

The library has a special multimedia collection on Chocolate, including tasty recipes and a history of the sweet stuff, just in time for Valentine's Day? Find it online at www.cantonpl.org/special under "Food and Cooking."

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- www.folkdancing.org
- www.space.com

New Adult Books

- "Hate Crime" - William Bernhardt (fiction)

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- "Bet Me" - Jennifer Cruise (fiction)
- "Last Juror" - John Grisham (fiction)
- "Blinded" - Stephen White (fiction)

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- "No Place for a Pig" - Suzanne Bloom (picture book)
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During this time, Secondhand Prose will be open only to Friends members, with special sales, discounts and first pick of recently added titles.

Memberships are available for purchase at the door.

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Canton officer honored by MADD

Canton Police Officer Mike Wells will be honored in a ceremony hosted by the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. According to MADD, the award will pay tribute to an officer from every law enforcement department in Wayne County to recognize excellence in combating drunk driving.

For 11 out of 12 years, Wells has been the top arresting officer in the area of Operating Under the Influence of Liquor. Wells is a 13-year veteran of the department and this will be his 10th award.

The MADD Wayne County Chapter Lifesaver Awards Dinner/Ceremony will be held at the Burton Manor in Livonia on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.



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OUR VIEWS

Ford Road begs creative change

If nothing else, a recent design seminar sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority should prompt some creative — if not fun — ideas for improving the appearance, access and mobility of the Ford Road corridor.

Above all else, Ford Road is a retail corridor. Truly it is also the main entrance to the Canton community. Acknowledging that, design experts told community leaders the corridor has to talk Canton in every way possible.

Not a bad idea.

Roundabouts, vertical signs announcing the shopping centers as villages and icons, such as a soccer ball, that speak to identity and ease of movement.

No doubt, some of the ideas fly in the face of some planning standards Canton officials have grappled with, and some they hold dear. Among those are low-to-the-ground signs, a movement planners have worked on for years. Now the design experts say, no, they don't work.

Low signs don't provide enough attention to what's on Ford Road as motorists travel 40-50 mph. Most motorists would likely agree. How many have traveled back and forth along Ford looking for a particular business?

That's another point raised by the experts. Drivers can't see address signs from the road. It is near impossible to determine which business is in which shopping center. The experts' suggestion is to create villages of the shopping centers, ones that speak to what is located in each.

Not a bad idea if township officials can get all business owners thinking on the same page and willing to make changes.

Roundabouts at Ford intersections drew a less-than-stellar response. Not that they aren't a good idea and a good way to direct traffic. But where's the room and the money to construct them? Experts didn't have the answer. They are apparently about ideas, not necessarily about practicality and reality. That would have been a good idea before Ford Road was built.

While there are pros and cons to each suggestion offered, the experts' ideas should be taken to heart. At the least, they should be used as a catalyst for some serious thought. Why not talk about breaking some standard planning concepts, such as the ever-present and consistently beige brick buildings that are demanded by planners? Or allowing somewhat different retail signs for a change? Out-of-the-ordinary might work in ways no one ever dreamed.

Ford Road needs help in creating an identity for it and for the community. It needs work in helping drivers find where they want to go.

If first impressions have the biggest impact, township officials and planners need to ask what impression Canton has on first-time visitors as they work their way down Ford Road.

Community service good for everyone

Even Republican Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema was enthusiastic about a proposal by Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm to tweak the MEAP Merit Scholarship requirements to require that students perform community service work.

This is an idea that both parties can wholeheartedly embrace. It gives added value to the \$2,500 scholarships by emphasizing to high school students that life is more than academic success (or business or professional success). It costs the state nothing and brings back dividends for our communities and for the students themselves.

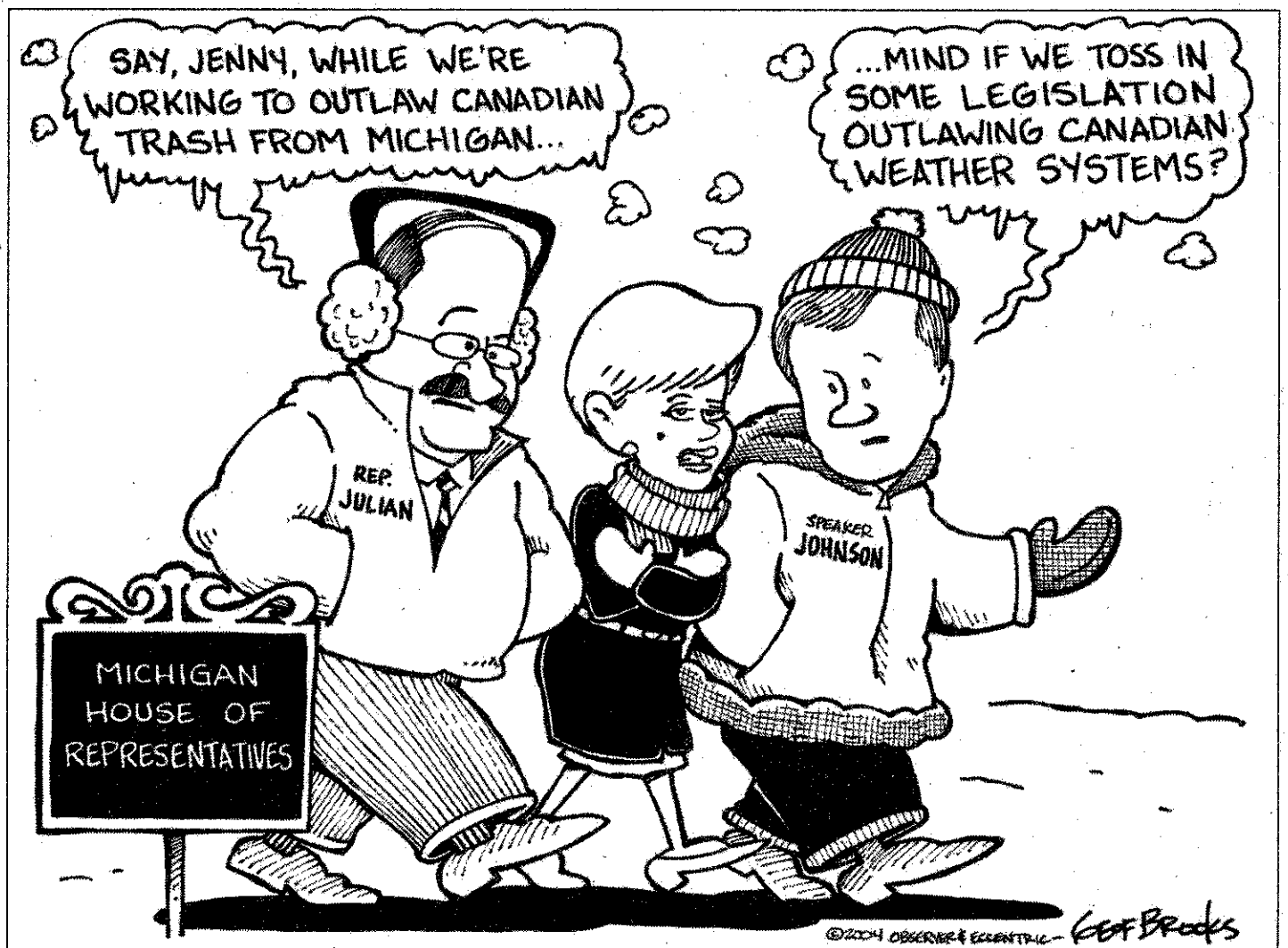
Gov. Granholm and her husband, Dan Mulhern, have long been advocates for volunteerism, especially youth mentoring programs. Even as they call on adults to mentor to young people who need extra support, Granholm now calls on young people to offer support to others.

Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, students will be required to complete at least 40 hours of community service prior to graduation to be eligible for the MEAP scholarships.

"As a result of this added requirement, these students will contribute over two million hours of service in their communities — helping senior citizens, mentoring elementary school students, volunteering in homeless shelters or cleaning up our rivers and streams," Granholm said in her State of the State address. "Schools that already have community service programs tell us that their students grow as citizens of the world through experiences giving back to the community."

Many of our school districts do have a community service requirement. We encourage those districts that do not to develop a program that fires the enthusiasm of students to care as much about their community and its needs as about their own academic and social lives.

As Granholm so eloquently expressed it, "Merit demands more than high test scores. Merit demands high character as well."



LETTERS

Vandals

My family has lived in this subdivision (Sunflower) since just this past July. We've enjoyed the real sense of community and friendliness we've encountered and thank everyone for the warm welcomes. This was the fifth (and hopefully last) move for us the past eight years.

There is one neighborhood activity, however, that we've encountered here which we have not seen in any other neighborhood previously: vandalism.

This morning I awoke to see my neighbor's yard covered with toilet paper. Earlier in the week someone smashed our mailbox off its post and left it in the street. I've seen car tracks on my neighbors' lawns in different parts of the sub and we've even had our house egged in October.

I can only surmise that these acts of vandalism are being performed by adolescents and young adults looking for "fun" at someone else's expense. The events usually occur on Friday and Saturday nights. My children are not yet old enough to be allowed out after dark but I've been using these events to teach them right from wrong. I explain how vandals are costing hard-working people money and how the vandalism lessens the sense of community we enjoy.

I hope I'll never find one of my children involved in this kind of activity in the future and I would certainly ask them if they might know who would be doing it. I owe that to my neighbor who is attempting to remove toilet paper from his trees at 8 a.m., in 15 degree weather, and to my other neighbor who prides himself in his law and, next spring, will be trying to repair the ugly tire scars left on his property.

A subdivision becomes a community when neighbors look out for one another. If you have children who are old enough to be out after dark please ask them to watch for these acts of vandalism and let them know the neighborhood is watching more closely, too.

Eric and Gretchen Larsen
Canton

Black history spotlighted

This is the month that we as nation can reflect upon the fact that even though presented with monumental trials and travails Black Americans have provided all of us with things that we can be forever grateful for.

Dr. King is one of America's greatest orators. His speeches and writings are sprinkled with ideas that today are part of the fabric of society around us and include ideals that we now strive to live by. He took the time to remind us of who we are.

Dr. George Washington Carver helped to return respect and integrity to the use of the scientific process in agriculture to the betterment of our schools and our tables. He is known as the man that brought us peanut butter, but what is not generally recognized is how his experiments paved the way for extracting chemicals and lifesaving drugs from plants that were previously overlooked or looked on with disdain. He taught us that there

is always something new to learn, something new to discover.

Jimi Hendrix, whose music has been described as "psychedelic," suffered a tragic death that is all too common these days throughout the American society. That is death by drugs. His words and music, marketed with a negative image need to be reexamined in a "modern" light give us a glimpse into the terror and horror of war that is ignored with peril by those who wage it. An example of this new interpretation of his works includes another look at the song *Little Wing* with regard to war crimes and *Purple Haze* when considering the plight of a soldier with eyes held tightly shut and praying for relief from aerial bombardment.

I will be providing a lecture in honor of Black History Month on Feb. 15, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Canton Public Library. The lecture will be on the works of Amos Tutuola and the manner in which the works of this great writer can be used to teach cooperation to others.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Presidential mission? Mars

Dear Mr. President, Are you feeling OK? Are the pressures of the job finally getting to you? I only ask because of your recent "let's go to Mars" remark. Did you clear this statement with your dad's friends at the White House? America is currently facing record high budget and trade deficits. On 1/1/2004, there were 8.39 million Americans out of work. A very divisive year in Iraq looks to be the first of several. Osama Bin Laden remains a fugitive. And what's on your mind? "Let's go to Mars?"

Mr. President, have you been choking on pretzels again? How many tax cuts would it take to finance such a trip? Should the American people start filling time capsules with "I'm so sorry" notes to our great, great grandchildren? Please advise.

Actually, being a "space" buff myself and knowing that I won't have to pay for it, I must admit I am intrigued with the idea. We could start the project by deciding who should be the first person on Mars. With the inherent dangers of such a mission I would suggest someone who is totally expendable. Perhaps a 55-60-year-old white male with no friends his own age. Hmm? Hey! Lil George! Wanna go for a ride? Bang! Zoom! Straight to Mars! When you're not busy conducting experiments on the Red Planet you might want to start compiling a list of comic books to include in your presidential library.

I do offer this warning, Mr. President, with all the incumbent respect due. If you see any Martians, by all means, don't engage them in conversation! Just turn around and walk away! Trust me! I've seen a lot of movies about these ill-tempered little buggers. Unlike the Iraqis, the Martians do possess weapons of mass destruction and from what I've seen, they aren't the least bit shy about using them. They especially enjoy firing them at "puny insignificant earthlings."

"Good Luck and May the Force Be With You!" P.S. Don't forget to write.

Bill McCleverty
Livonia

Better reforms

Politicians and power brokers once chose party candidates in smoke-filled back rooms, but polls and primary elections supposedly are more representative.

Pollsters considered Howard Dean unstoppable until voters had an opportunity to reject him. Turnout in primaries is so small that a few citizens voting one way in the primary and another in the general election influence both the selection and the election. Crossovers undoubtedly helped George Wallace in 1972 and Jesse Jackson in 1988 win primary victories in Michigan.

The McCain-Feingold reform may make this election bitterly contested as hanging chads did the last one. Better reform suggestions are: We could upgrade the back rooms to no smoking, make primaries more exciting or replace party ballots with write-ins. Americans would vote in greater numbers for a candidate they liked, rather than against one they dislike.

Hank Borgman

Out of bedroom, our pockets

Shelli Weisberg wants government out of the abortion issue and out of people's bedrooms.

A woman's right to abortion and reproductive freedom has been the law of the land since 1973. But, she stops short of the next logical step — keep government out of the pockets of American taxpayers and stop funding abortions with public money.

If someone chooses to engage in behavior that could result in pregnancy, she and her partner are morally responsible for all medical costs or the total cost of raising the child. It is not my right to tell another individual how to live their reproductive life, and they in turn cannot use force of government to make me pay for it.

Mike Marlhugh

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"They (Detroit) have to improve the treatment plants to take care of terrorist issues, as well as modernize the plants. Being a larger community, our peak demand factor is higher than some other communities."

— Canton's budget manager John Spencer, about a Detroit water rate increase being passed on to the township.

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Gov. Granholm puts emphasis on employment opportunities

Although it's still cold outside, things are getting hotter by the day in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm submits her proposed budget for the state of Michigan this week. The administration hasn't had the forethought to provide me with an early copy ... but it's clear enough from leaks this week and from her State of the State speech what the main emphasis will be: jobs.

The opening sentence in the State of the State speech Jan. 27 was forthright: "The State of the State tonight is one of total determination: Michigan will attract and keep good jobs." With Michigan's unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, manufacturing jobs still evaporating (they're down nearly 200,000 over the past three years) and a prospective state budget deficit for the next fiscal year estimated at \$1 billion, Granholm is facing a big problem, and she doesn't have much maneuvering room.

But the governor has produced some interesting ideas already.

Calling for interest-free loans for college students who study technical fields and engineering and who agree to stay in Michigan after they graduate until the loans are paid off is

one first-class thought. Birmingham's Tom Anderson, director of Oakland County's Automation Alley, approves, saying the plan would assure young companies a supply of highly trained workers and emphasize Michigan's commitment to a high-tech economy.

I agree; our universities produce very talented technical graduates, but too many leave for greener pastures. We need their highly developed skills right here at home.

In indirect response to reflexive calls from some Republican legislators and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce for yet more tax cuts, Granholm posed this question: What business would choose to locate and stay in a state that guts its education funding and tolerates rising health care costs, streets with potholes, contaminated lakes and rivers and dangerous criminals released early from prison? Does anybody really believe that a marginal cut in taxes for Michigan businesses is really going to overcome a \$10-\$15 per hour wage differential with Chinese or Indian competitors? Ple-e-e-ase!

Perhaps the most interesting initiative was headlined: "Develop a 21st Century Workforce: No Worker Left Behind." Granholm pointed out that Michigan businesses need a high and consistent stock of highly skilled human capital. "In the last century, businesses came to Michigan looking for strong backs," the governor pointed out. "Today, they also need strong minds ready for continuous learning, skilled hands and an ethic of excellence." She proposes to "completely re-engineer work-

force training in Michigan" to make sure that everybody looking for a job, young or old, will be trained in the skills employers need now. She cited development of a Regional Skills Alliance in Flint, where a coalition of business, labor, education and community groups identified a shortage of skilled health care workers. The alliance steers unemployed workers to training and jobs in health care, while at the same time helping local hospitals hire first-class medical workers.

David Hollister, director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, is supposed to create 12 such "skills alliances" across the state.

Astute readers will be quick to see the contrast between Granholm's job growth proposals — necessarily inexpensive, but at least strategic — and the tactical maneuvers being made by President Bush in his State of the Union speech last month. Facing increasing criticism at the loss of two million manufacturing jobs over the past two years and an economic recovery that is so far largely jobless, the president proposed a \$250 million job-training program for community colleges to train laid-off workers.

In a previous life, I served for nearly a decade as chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council, so I've been over this ground a fair amount. There is no doubt that community colleges are great places to provide up-to-date training for workers; they're flexible, demand-driven, often entrepreneurial.

But \$250 million for the 1,200 community colleges around the country comes to around \$208,000 for each college, which would be just a drop in the bucket for community colleges in Michigan, whose state funding has been slashed by 15 percent — millions — over the past two years.

I'd add two other points, both related to the old saw about the proof of the pudding being in the eating: (1) President Bush announced — with great fanfare — 18 months ago the creation of a manufacturing czar position in the Commerce Department, an idea pushed by freshman U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. That position is still unfilled.

(2) The Bush administration early on tried to eliminate something called Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, which are based on the successful model of the agricultural extension service. The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center in Plymouth, whose mission is to help small manufacturers develop more efficient systems and train high-tech workers, was one of the targets. Thanks to senators from both parties, the MEPs still survive ... but only barely.

If this state is going to truly compete in the coming century, we are going to have to do a lot better than this.

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



Phil Power

Parents frequently want to know the idiot who canceled school

One of my funniest memories of bad weather came when I was the superintendent of the Reed City Area Public Schools in Reed City in 1990.

The area was in that Big Rapids/Reed City/Cadillac snow belt and there was a run of much snowfall. I had canceled school three days in a row due to the heavy snowfall, and then ran into a morning where the outside temperature was minus-25 degrees, minus-35 degrees with wind chill.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel again, and that morning at work, the telephone rang. When I answered, the man asked who was "the idiot who canceled school today?" I said, "Speaking!" Fortunately, he laughed and I was able to have a civil discussion with him. He even apologized for calling me an idiot. Sometimes people judge you without knowing you.

The decision to close school is not made on a whim. Let me describe the typical process for you. First, our executive director of support services and director of transportation are out on the roads at 2 a.m. They are driving specific routes that represent the types of roads throughout the district. We have dirt roads, gravel roads and paved roads, and these two staff members are actually driving those roads to check conditions.

While the roads are being evaluated, our maintenance staff is beginning to plow the parking lots and roads around the 26 buildings in our district. We have pickup trucks with snowplows, one road grader and trucks that spread salt. These crews normally start plowing around 3 a.m., because we have to have the Educational Park (where the three high schools are located) ready for arrivals by 6:30 a.m.

Next, these two staff members meet at 4 a.m. to begin discussing road conditions and the weather report. They also are in contact with staff in adjoining districts to check the roads near us to add to their picture on the weather conditions.

Once they have organized the information they have collected, the executive director calls me with that update. As the superintendent of schools, I am responsible for making the decision on whether or not to close. If I decide to cancel school, our communication system is put in motion. Radio and television stations need to be called, and the telephone tree to notify our 3,000 full- and part-time

If I don't cancel school and there is bad weather, people call to ask why I am risking staff and students' lives by making them travel in this weather.

employees is activated. I try to make my decision by 5 a.m. to give us time to get the word out.

The decision is rarely cut and dried. As the superintendent, I try to decide if it is safe for our buses to pick up our students, can our students walk safely to the bus stop and/or to school, and can our staff drive safely to work? I take all the information into account and make the decision.

Does it always work? No. Regardless of the decision, I get telephone calls or e-mails that not only question the decision, but my mental capacity, sanity and manhood as well. Some people ask me if I have lived in Michigan long (most of my life), meaning am I seeing snow for the first time and panicking? Some people ask if I plan to pay for their baby-sitting costs because I canceled school and now they have to hire someone to watch their children because they work.

If I don't cancel school and there is bad weather, people call to ask why I am risking staff and students' lives by making them travel in this weather. They tell me they will come get me if anything happens to their loved ones.

I know it goes with the turf of being the superintendent and the person who makes the decision.

Rest assured that I take this responsibility very seriously, as do all the staff members involved in the process. Safety will always be my primary focus.

So the next time you hear there is no school for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, I hope you realize we work hard to make what I believed to be the best decision possible. Please know we took that decision very seriously, whether you agree or not with it.

As always, I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Thank you for this opportunity to share this information and for your continued support.

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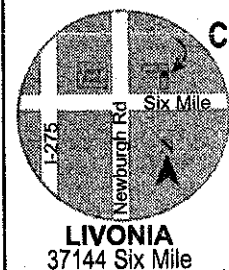
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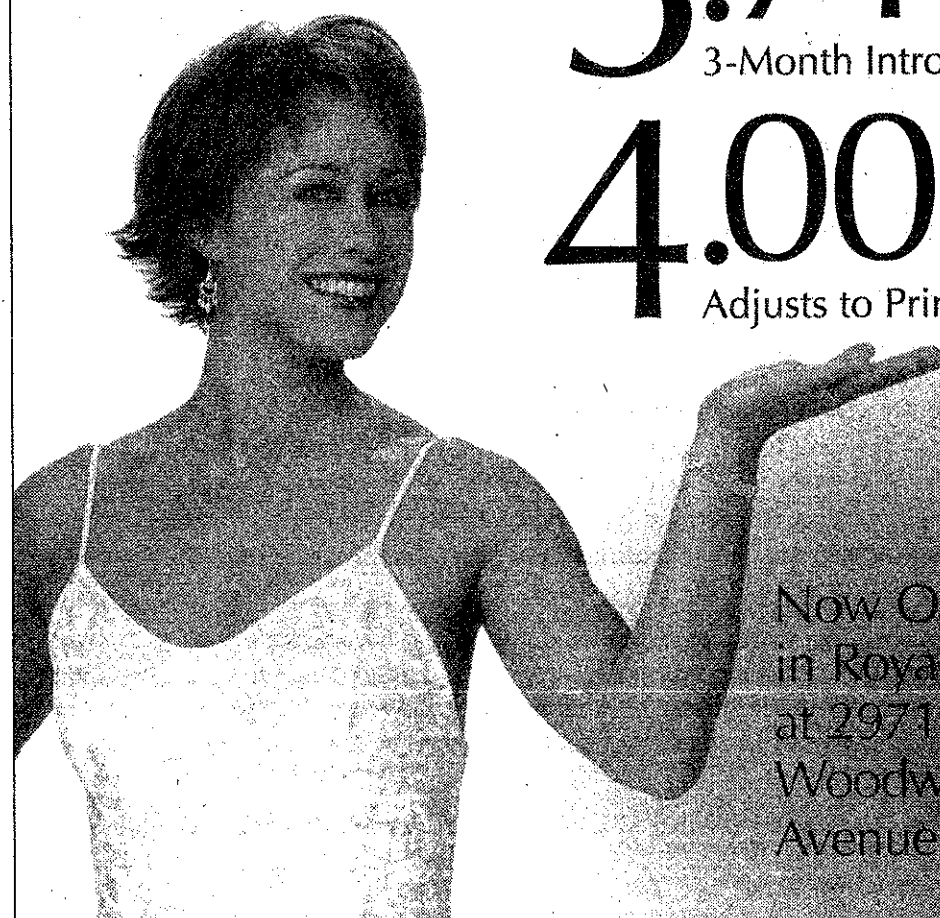
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Snow can't stop the show

Variety production plays to packed house

A snow day Feb. 6 kept the show from going on for a day, but nothing could stop it completely.

A sold-out crowd laughed and cheered appreciatively in response to the multitude of talent at Saturday's "Variety Is" performance at the Salem High auditorium.

The annual production, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, showcased an array of talented teens from the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Educational Park complex.

But it wasn't just the teens in the spotlight. For the first time a P-CEP alumni band, comprised of more than 70 musicians graduating from 1975 to just last year, performed under the direction of Glen Adsit, former marching band director at the Park. Adsit directed the P-CEP Marching Band during their back-to-back national

championships in 1990 and '91.

"There were several parents of current P-CEP Band members in the alumni band," said Booster President John Jackson. "It was really touching to see parent and child performing together."

The alumni joined the current marching band for a rousing rendition of the Salem and Canton fight songs at the finale of Saturday's Variety Is.

"There are plans for a very active alumni group to continue," said Jackson. "We will be doing something each year with the alumni."

While they were at it, the boosters helped raise some money for the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts, which suffered the loss of musical instruments destroyed or damaged by vandals. Booster President John Jackson talked



The 170-member P-CEP Marching Band rocked Salem's auditorium with the final production of last year's award-winning competition performance of 'Souls of the Gypsy Caravan.'

about the vandalism during an announcement at Saturday's performance, and asked for donations to help the school get replacement instruments.

The plea worked, raising more than \$500.

"This is exactly the right thing to do," Jackson said. "The immediate response by our audience and our membership

was touching and made me even more proud to be associated with Plymouth Canton Music Boosters and this community."

For more information about the P-CEP Marching Band Alumni organization go to www.pcmb.net and click on alumni Web site or call Lorraine Paffenroth at (734) 455-8213.



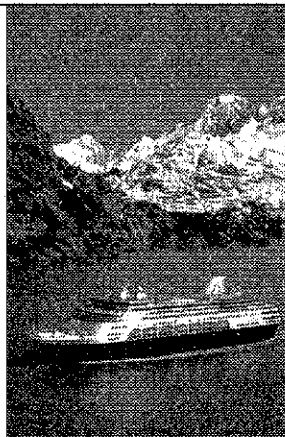
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Lindsay Miles and Cierra Mitchell croon a duet at Saturday's Variety Is production.

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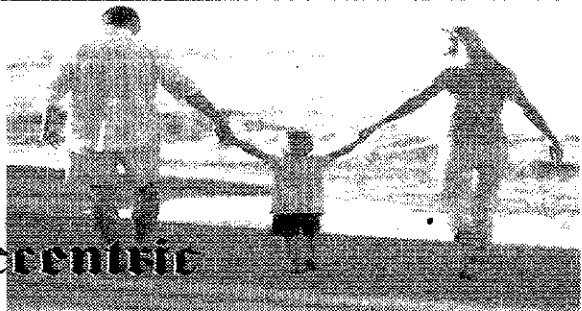
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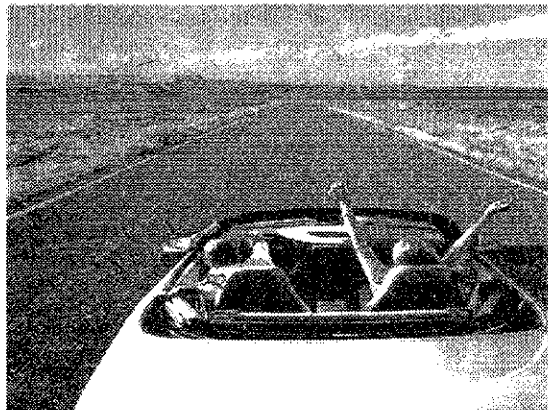
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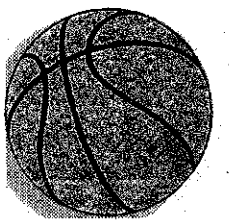
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Sidelines

Madonna recruits

Madonna University softball coach Al White announced Saturday the signing of four recruits in what he considers one of his best recruiting classes in his six seasons at Madonna.

Joining the Crusaders are catcher/first baseman Stephanie Day of Livonia (Ladywood HS), utility player Lynzee Smith of Garden City, left-handed pitcher Elizabeth Ballinger of St. John's and pitcher/shortstop Crystal Beauchesne of Flushing.

"This is just a real good class here all the kids

complement each other and we have four legiti-

mate players who could have an immediate impact," said White. "These are all versatile kids who can hit the ball and play a number of positions."

Day will be joining her sister Kathy, currently a junior who started at third base for the Crusaders last season. Stephanie Day hit .306 in her junior season at Ladywood and was named all-Catholic League and all-district.

The 5-foot-10 Day also plays basketball and was named to the National Honor Society's honor roll.

Smith is one of those players White truly appreciates. "She's what we call an agitator, the type of player you hate to go against but love to play with. She is ... a great infielder that comes from a great program. We are very high on her."

Beauchesne helped her Flushing HS team win the Big Nine conference title as a junior last season and to state district and regional championships as a sophomore in '02.

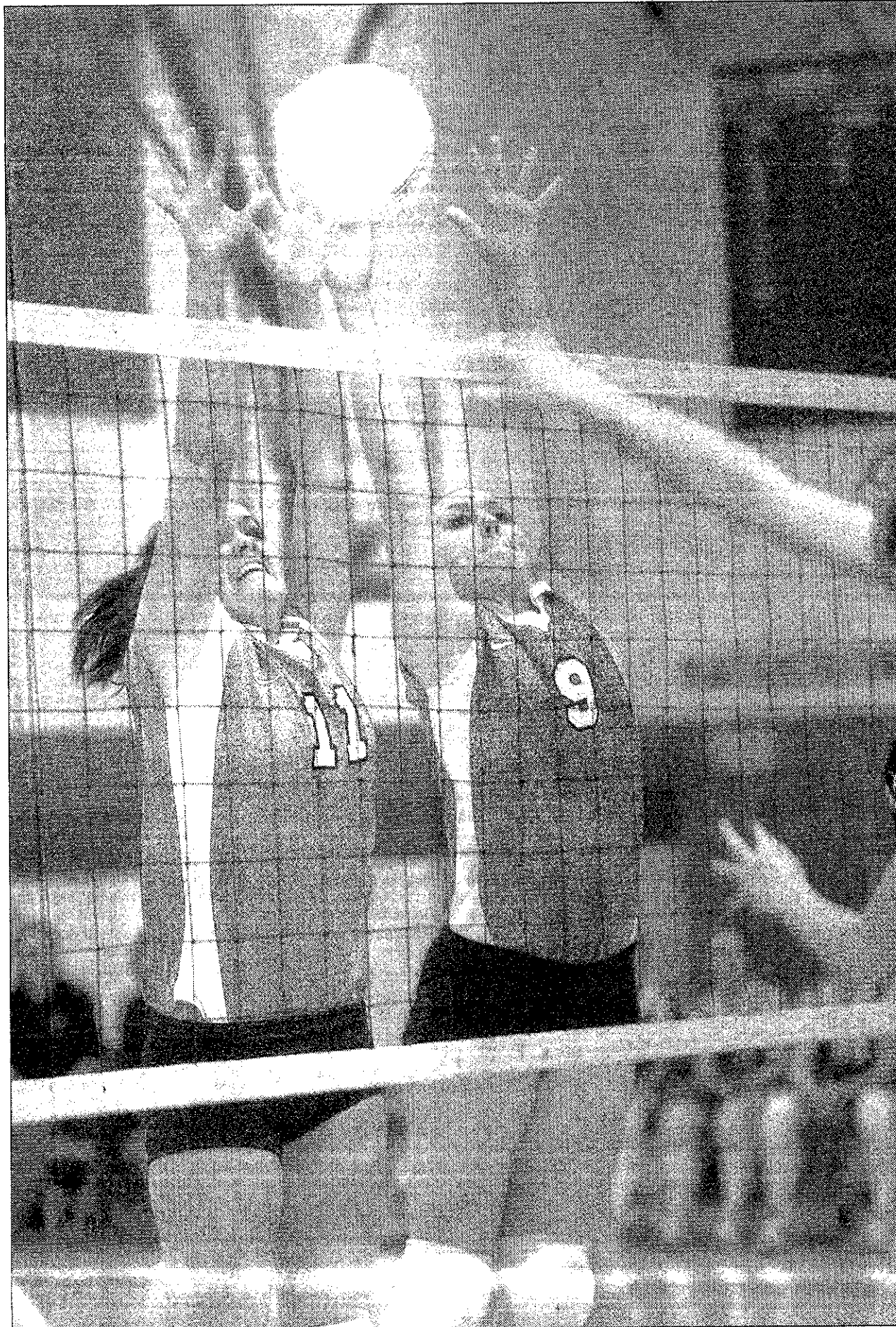
Ballinger was another who was a standout in basketball at St. John's as well as in softball. She was all-conference and first team all-district as a junior, and she brings in a certain unique ability as a left-handed pitcher.

Top keeper

Cindy Bennett, a Canton native now attending Stony Brook (N.Y.) University, has been selected to attend the U.S. U-21 National Team Training Camp Feb. 16-22 in Carson City, Calif.

"This is something I had wanted to do ever since I started playing soccer," the standout keeper said. "I am proud to represent Stony Brook at the national camp and I look forward to training with some of the best players in the country."

In January, Bennett (from Belleville HS) was part of the Region I team that competed at the U-19 Inter-regional Event in Carson City, which put teams from four regions against each other. Her Region I team, made up of players from the northeast, won the gold medal, thanks in large part to her play in goal. That earned her a tryout with the U-21 team.



Canton's Molly Conlon (11) and Kelly Baker (9) go up to block a shot against Livonia Stevenson. Baker had an exceptionally strong all-around match with six kills, two service aces, three blocks and four digs.

Spartan rally stuns Chiefs

Stevenson overcomes Canton lead

It just wasn't going to be Canton's night Monday when the Chiefs hosted Livonia Stevenson in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover volleyball match.

Of course, the Spartans had something to do with that.

After the Chiefs scored the first point of the match, Stevenson got the next six. Canton battled back to within a point of the Spartans, on four separate occasions. But the Chiefs couldn't get over the hump and lost that opening set, 15-9.

In the second game, the trend was reversed. With Kara Jones serving, Canton opened the game by scoring six straight points. Twice the Chiefs had leads as big as seven points, the last at 12-5.

Then the bottom fell out. Canton mistakes opened the door for the Spartans and they gladly danced through, scoring 10 straight points to win the game and the match, 15-12. A third game was played anyway, which the Chiefs won 16-14.

Including the results from Saturday's tournament, Stevenson stood at 16-10-5 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA and 0-1 in the Lakes Division.

Canton is 16-12-6 overall (including the Bloomfield Hills Andover tournament last Saturday), 3-2 in the WLAA and 1-0 in the Western Division.

"We started out in the first game a little flat," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "Fortunately, it balanced out for us. When we made mistakes, they came back and made mistakes of their own."

"In the second game, I thought when (Kristen) Hutchins got that kill into the corner on a back-row attack, it changed the whole momentum of the game. "This is one of the few times we've battled back and won a match."

There are always different views of a match. One for this would be that Stevenson knew how to hold onto a lead and Canton didn't. Another would be that, while Canton couldn't overtake Stevenson in the first game, the Chiefs certainly aided the Spartans' comeback in the second.

Six of Stevenson's final 10 points in Game 2 came on Canton mistakes: four service aces by the Spartans (two by Jamie Radley, two by Maria Mezzadri) and two on Chiefs hitting errors.

"Stevenson played the better match," Canton coach Steve Anderson said. "They deserved the win. They got better hitting, better blocking and good setting. "I thought our defense played outstanding. We just

PLEASE SEE SPARTANS, B6

Quick strikes carry Salem past Chelsea

Two teams crammed six goals into a span of 10:30 — and did nothing else offensive in the game.

Fortunately for Salem, four of those goals belonged to Rocks, who defeated Chelsea 4-2 Saturday in a non-conference hockey game at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

Salem improved to 9-7-2 overall. The Bulldogs opened the scoring, Schyler Williams scoring at 2:53 of the second period. Dan Crockett and Kyle Emmons answered for Salem, however, with goals 11 seconds apart. Crockett

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got his at 7:51, with assists from John Peterson and Andy Thackaberry; Emmons followed at 8:02, Ryan Jones assisting on his goal.

Chelsea got the tying goal four minutes later, scored by Lucas Daniels, but again the Rocks used their quick-strike offense to pull away, with goals this time by John Maurer (from Mike Barr) at 13:07 and Andrew Majorana (from

Steve Tripp and Brooks Belhart) at 13:29.

Brandon DeMars faced 26 shots in goal for the Rocks. J.R. Engelbert faced 19 shots for Chelsea.

CC 3, Brighton 2: It was one of the most physical games that Redford Catholic Central has played in quite some time.

At least dating back to, well, last season's quarterfinal game with Brighton.

But a pair of third-period goals lifted

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B4

Not pretty, but Rocks stop Pats

Free throws were the difference Tuesday as Salem held off visiting Livonia Franklin, 43-39, in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball crossover.

The Rocks improved to 6-8 overall. Franklin is 3-11.

Salem made 19-of-23 (82.6 percent) of its foul shots, while Franklin made just 4-of-12 (33 percent).

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Included in Franklin's misses were the front ends of three one-and-ones.

Junior Dominique Washington, who made 9-of-12 free throws, and senior Brian Bradley each scored 11 points for Salem. Washington canned 7-of-10 from the line in the decisive fourth quarter. Brad Clark was next best for the Rocks with seven.

"We're plugging away, we're trying to get better," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "It was a sloppy game. Both teams didn't take care of the ball very well. There were a lot of turnovers, a lot of missed shots, but both teams played hard."

Senior Andy Lynett tallied 10 for the Patriots, who trailed 18-15 at half-time and 30-28 after three quarters. Sophomore Matt McCullough finished with eight and junior James Kelly had seven.

"We missed our first seven layups; it was back to the same old problems," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said. "Defensively we made stops and were diving for loose balls. We played our hearts out, but we just don't finish."

Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson Friday, while Franklin hosts Walled Lake Western. Both games start at 7 p.m.

Chiefs score well at Invite

First, the good news. Canton enjoyed one of its best gymnastics meets of the season at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

Megan Chappo, who together with Alyssa Kelley had been missing from the lineup since the second meet of the season, returned to action and posted a 36.225 all-around score.

Chappo and Kelley were the reasons Canton broke the school scoring record in its first meet of the season. With Chappo back competing in every event and Kelley scoring quite well in the floor exercise, the Chiefs put up a 142.375, their second-highest score of the season.

But it's not all good news. Despite their impressive score, they could do no better than finish sixth against the toughest teams the state has to offer.

Indeed, as Canton coach John Cunningham noted, nine of the top 10 teams in the state were present at Saturday's invitational, held at Plymouth HS.

"It was a highly competitive meet," Cunningham said. "I think Rochester Adams is good enough to beat (Tri-)Farmington, but I don't think they will.

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"We're going to be close. We're a heartbeat away from the top three."

At the top of the state's heap appears to be Tri-Farmington and Adams.

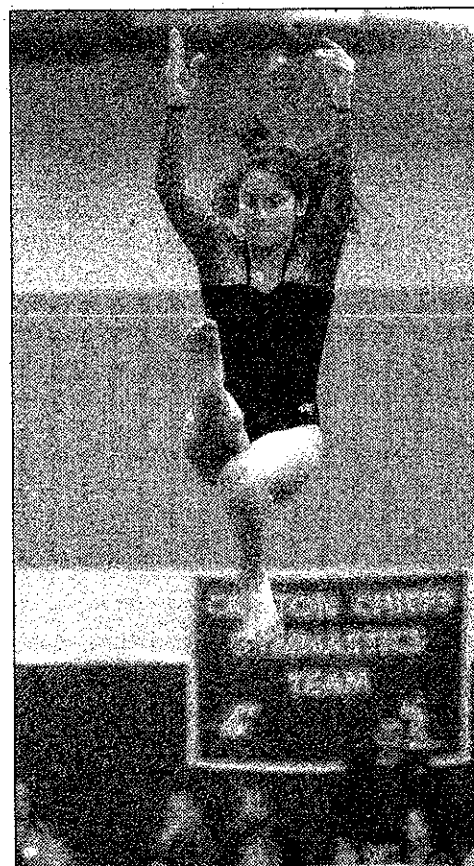
Tri-Farmington won the invitational by posting a 147.175 team score; Adams was second with a 146.250. The total posted by Farmington was nearly three points higher than its score at last year's state meet, which earned it a third place.

The next four spots belonged to Western Lakes Activities Association teams, starting with Northville-Novii (144.70), Livonia Unified (144.10), Brighton (142.50) and Canton. Salem placed ninth (136.10) and Plymouth was 14th (126.80).

As for the Chiefs' improved scoring, Cunningham had a simple reply: "It's the return of Megan. She's a trouper. Scoring 36-something (in the all-around) is good for her."

"If I can get Alyssa and Megan in a meet, and Kara (Ahern) is having a great year ..."

The best is yet to come for Canton.



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Canton's Mina Pirzadeh scored an 8.6 on the balance beam, tying for 15th place in Division II. Pirzadeh had a 34.4 in the all-around, good for 11th.

3rd-ranked Cranbrook shuts down Stevenson

In a non-league matchup Saturday, goals by Chad Langlais, Elliott Vilders and Kyle McNealy carried host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (12-6-1), ranked No. 4 in Division III, to a 3-1 hockey victory over Livonia Stevenson (9-5-3) at Wallace Ice Arena.

Langlais scored with 2:07 left in the first period, while Vilders added a power-play goal with 31 seconds remaining.

After a scoreless second period, Stevenson pulled to within one in the final minute of the third period on Dave Kubert's goal from Jimmy Nawrocki and Brad Fischer.

McNealy's empty-netter with four seconds left put it away for the Cranes.

Stevenson netminder Ryan Dennett stopped 29 of 31 shots, while Cranbrook's Andy Chima made 25 saves.

"The whole difference in the game was they (Cranbrook) were 1-for-3 on the power-play and we were 0-of-7," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "We had some pretty good opportunities, but we couldn't solve the kid (Chima). He's a good goal-

tender. "What hurt us is that we gave up two goal in the last two minutes of the second period. But overall I think the guys are playing pretty well."

Ladywood 10, Bloomfield 0: Livonia Ladywood scored five times in the first period and four in the second period en route to a 10-goal mercy rule win over winless Bloomfield at Viking Arena in Hazel Park.

Ladywood is 13-6 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League, while Bloomfield falls to 0-16.

Laura Szwed led the victorious Blazers with two goals and two assists. Mary Beth O'Dea contributed two goal and one assist. Brittany Andrews also had a pair of goals.

Mariah McVeigh chipped in with one goal and two assists, while Joy Troczynski and Jenna Keenan each record a goal and one assist. Jess Blaesser had the other Ladywood goal. Molly Zarb assisted on two.

Goaltender Danni St. Onge, who played the first period, and backup Jessica Tuggle, who worked the final two, combined for six saves and the shutout.

Whalers follow OT win with 2-straight losses

They started the three-game weekend right, the Plymouth Whalers did. On Friday, they came back to score an overtime win over the Erie Otters in the final six seconds.

Things didn't go so well after that, though. On Saturday in Toronto, St. Michael's Majors got five power-play goals, including a goal and three assists from Tim Brent and two goals from Cory Vitarelli, to pull away to a 5-2 triumph.

Sunday's game at Plymouth's Compuware Arena against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds was no better. Scott Dobben scored twice in the 'Hounds' 3-1 victory.

The back-to-back defeats left the Whalers with a 23-20-9 Ontario Hockey League record, second in the West Division with 58 points.

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Sarnia leads the West with 64 points (having played two fewer games).

The Greyhounds (23-28-3-1) and Windsor Spitfires are tied for third in the West with 50 points apiece (Windsor has played two fewer games than Sault Ste. Marie). Toronto is second in the Central Division with a 28-18-6-2 mark (64 points).

On Saturday in Toronto, the Whalers started well enough, getting a power-play goal from Rane Carnegie at 2:53 (assisted by Vaclav Meidl and Tim Sestito). The Majors tied it with their first power-play goal at 12:30, scored by Ryan Rorabeck, but Plymouth recaptured the lead with a

goal by Ryan Ramsay :53 later (assists to Dan Collins and Carnegie).

Brent's goal, his 20th of the season, knotted it at 2-2 at 15:47 of the first. Scott Lehman broke the tie with a goal for Toronto at 13:02 of the second, then Vitarelli scored twice, with :14 left in the second period and at 6:04 of the third, to ice the win for the Majors. Brent assisted on the last three Toronto goals.

Ryan Nie had 24 saves in net for Plymouth. Michael Ouzas had 21 stops for the Majors, who converted 5-of-7 power-play opportunities (Plymouth was 1-for-9).

On Sunday, Dobben scored at 14:34 of the first period and 2:38 of the second to give the Greyhounds a lead they would not surrender.

Collins narrowed the gap to

2-1 with a Whalers' goal at 18:37 of the second (from Richard Power and John Vigilante), but Jason Pitton clinched it for Sault Ste. Marie with a score at 6:47 of the third.

Jeff Larsh and Jordan Smith each had two assists for the Greyhounds. Paul Drew had 29 saves for the Whalers; Kevin Druce stopped 33 shots for Sault Ste. Marie.

The Whalers are on the road all this weekend, playing at Windsor tonight and at Guelph Friday, then traveling to Saginaw Sunday. Team captain James Wisniewski, suspended for five games for using what was called a racial slur (in skating away from a fight, he called a European opponent a "Euro"), will be able to return for Sunday's game.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

CANTON INVITATIONAL
Feb. 7 at Plymouth HS

Team standings: 1. Tri-Farmington, 147.175; 2. Rochester Adams, 146.250; 3. Northville/Novi, 144.700; 4. Livonia Unified, 144.100; 5. Brighton, 142.500; 6. Canton A, 142.375; 7. Portage, 141.475; 8. Troy Athens, 140.850; 9. Salem, 136.100; 10. Hartland, 136.050; 11. Traverse City, 135.100; 12. Holland, 128.650; 13. Fraser, 127.750; 14. Plymouth, 126.800; 15. Canton B, 126.300; 16. Troy, 125.900; 17. Western, 118.800.

Individual results

Vault: Division One - 1. Gwen McConkie (TA), Cynthia Hughes (Port.), 9.6; 3. Shannon MacDonald (RA), 9.5; 4. Kyla Krygier (TC), 9.4; 5. Shannon Jodoin (Tri-F), 9.35; 6. Heather Scheffler (TA), 9.3; 7. Cheryl DeGrandchamp (RA), Megan Chappo (C-A), 9.25; 9. Sarah Tomkovich (Tri-F), 9.25; 10. Nicole Drouillard (B), Nicole Bastien (B), 9.2.

Division Two - 1. Danielle Dudak (RA), Julie Foucher (N/N), Laura Merrill (Tri-F), 9.3; 4. Katie Hicks (Port.), 9.275; 5. Emily Plott (H), 9.25; 6. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.2; 7. Rachel Wasson (Tri-F), 9.1; 8. Jessica Concannon (B), 9.05; 9. Keisey Ouffer (RA), Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.0.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS: Division One - 1. MacDonald (RA), 9.7; 2. Hughes (Port.), 9.6; 3. Sara Wilchowski (N/N), 9.55; 4. Lindsey Reed (LU), 9.5; 5. McConkie (TA), 9.4; 6. Tomkovich (Tri-F), 9.35; 7. Jodoin (Tri-F), 9.25; 8. Krygier (TC), Scheffler (TA), 9.15; 10. Andrea Pisani (LU), 8.95.

Division Two - 1. Alyse Quinn (Tri-F), 9.4; 2. Elena Guerguiev (S), 9.35; 3. Maggie Mills (N/N), 9.3; 4. Dudak (RA), Plott (H), Ashley Aquinto (S), 9.15; 7. Hicks (Port.), 9.1; 8. Keshia McClain (H), 9.0; 9. Sarah Ikhani-Pour (N/N), 8.95; 10. Ouffer (RA), Janna Ramsey (N/N), Kristen Lowery

ALL-AROUND: Division One - 1. MacDonald (RA), 38.15; 2. Wilchowski (N/N), 37.00; 3. McConkie (TA), 36.90; 4. Krygier (TC), Jodoin (Tri-F), 36.65; 6. Hughes (Port.), 36.55; 7. DeGrandchamp (RA), 36.25; 8. Chappo (C-A), 36.225; 9. Scheffler (TA), 36.15; 10. Ahern (C-A), 36.05.

Division Two - 1. Dudak (RA), 36.375; 2. Guerguiev (S), 36.30; 3. Hicks (Port.), 36.275; 4. Plott (H), 36.25; 5. Mills (N/N), 35.95; 6. Foucher (N/N), 35.75; 7. DeYoung (TC), Ouffer (RA), 35.20; 9. McClain (H), 34.95; 10. Dilullo (B), 34.50.

COACHES WANTED

Redford Union is looking for several coaches for its athletic programs.

For the Spring season, RU is seeking a girls junior varsity soccer and junior varsity baseball coach. For the Fall 2004 season, RU is seeking a varsity girls swimming coach, an assistant varsity football coach and a boys junior varsity soccer coach.

For more information or to apply, please call athletic director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270.

Plymouth High School is looking for a ninth-grade softball coach for the 2004 season.

For more information or to apply, please call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02.

Salem HS is in need of a varsity girls track coach. All candidates must be high school graduates and have experience coaching at the high school level or competing in track at the collegiate level. Those interested must have a schedule compatible with that of the high school; CPR and/or first aid training is preferred, as is a demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

To apply or for more information, call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls junior varsity golf coach, girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches, and a girls' shot put and discus coach for this spring. Interested candidates can fax their resumes to Ladywood High School at (734) 591-2386.

Canton HS is accepting applications for a freshmen softball coach. Experience in fast-pitch softball is necessary.

For further information, contact Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

Redford Thurston is looking for a varsity girls tennis coach.

For more information, please call athletic director Al Chambo at (313) 535-4000, Ext. 1166.

Plymouth Christian Academy needs a varsity track coach, a junior high school track coach and assistants for both positions. For more information or to apply, call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 138, or email him at dtaylor@plymouthchristian.org.

Troy High and Troy Athens high schools are in need of girls water polo coaches. Interested candidates are asked to contact Troy Director of Athletics Jim Feldkamp at (248) 823-5093.

Farmington High School has a position available for someone willing to serve on a volunteer basis as a strength and conditioning coach for the football program. The position would involve approximately nine hours per week, starting in January. To inquire, call the athletic department at (248) 489-3352.

Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: Freshmen girls track, and assistant boys track. Letters of application should be sent to: Stephen Smith, assistant superintendent of human resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5474.

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Win keeps Ocelots alive

India Monteiro poured in 27 points and grabbed 19 rebounds to lead Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to a 67-56 triumph over Delta CC Saturday at SC.

The victory improved the Ocelots' record to 16-6 overall; they are 10-2 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference. Delta slipped to 9-12 overall, 6-5 in the conference.

Monteiro had an exceptional game, connecting on 12-of-18 floor shots, with eight of her 19 rebounds at the offensive end. She also had five steals and three blocks. Tara Charles (from Redford Bishop Borgess) contributed 14 points, 10 boards and three steals; Shareece Crosby had 10 points; and Takara Tuff had eight points and four assists.

Delta was paced by Staci Garth with 33 points, 18 rebounds and seven steals. Kara DeWitt added nine points.

SC took command early, opening up a 35-21 lead by halftime. The Pioneers narrowed the gap in the second half, but could not overtake SC.

Spring Arbor 74, Madonna 69: Five players reached double figures in scoring for Spring Arbor Saturday at Madonna, and that kept them unbeaten in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at 9-0. The Cougars are 20-7 overall.

For the Crusaders, it was their first home loss in league play; they are 5-4 in the WHAC, 9-16 overall.

A late surge in the first half gave Spring Arbor a 40-27 lead with 1:24 left. Madonna managed to narrow that to 42-33 at the half and got to within four in the second half, but could not overtake the Cougars.

Sarah Thomson led the Crusaders with 19 points and eight rebounds. Marwa Ayoub had 13 points, seven boards, three blocks and two steals; Stephanie Childs had 11 points, eight rebounds and two steals; and Amy Henry (from Canton Agape Christian) and Hayley Myers each scored eight.

Spring Arbor got 15 points from Shanna DuBose; 14 points from Shanna Grubaugh; 13 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocks from Kristin Van Valin; and 12 points apiece from April Bennett and Jaclyn Burkeen.

Madonna made 24-of-65 shots from the field (36.9 percent); Spring Arbor was 29-of-61 (47.5 percent).

Shamrocks get lucky with late rally

As expected Warren De La Salle didn't have an answer for Redford Catholic Central's 6-foot-10 center Dan Waterstradt.

The surprise was that the Pilots didn't have an answer for 5-9 guard Rob Fragoso.

And while Waterstradt's 28 points certainly didn't help the Pilots, Fragoso's drive to the basket with seven seconds left for his only two points of the game absolutely crushed them.

Fragoso capped an 11-2 run by the Shamrocks over the last 3:41 of the game, which not only gave CC a 53-52 win but clinched second place in the Catholic League's Central Division heading into the playoffs.

"At the beginning, the play was supposed to go to Dan," said Fragoso, as CC worked the ball down in the last 33 seconds. "But I saw the lane open up and I drove it, figuring that if I didn't make it I'd draw the foul."

And not only did he make it, but stole the ball on the inbounds play as the Pilots opted to try and push the ball up the floor instead of calling time out to set something up.

"He can drive to the hoop, but it was just a scary thing," said Waterstradt, laughing then explaining himself. "When anyone has to drive in and score to win its scary."

The Pilots (11-4 overall, 4-3 Central) inbounds play was a predictable one as CC went right into its "Blue" press. But they were also predictable in their effort to stop Waterstradt.

"We knew they were going to double-team me and we worked on it in practice all week," said Waterstradt, who scored 22 of his points in the paint, but knocked down a pair of 18-foot jumpers to boot.

"But if they were going to leave me open outside, I was going to

take it. We expected that they were going to stay on me. Coach (Greg) Esler is an amazing coach and you expect that from him."

Why it was even close in the first place was outside shooting. De La Salle had it for the most part - CC didn't. Keith MacKenzie knocked down five 3-pointers in the game and finished with 21 points, while the Shamrocks (12-3, 5-2) hit one - a 3-pointer by Garrett Sencyszyn, who finished with seven points overall along with Kyle Smith.

"They did a good job of playing their game," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "They scrapped and played good defensively. I thought we played a solid game for most of the third quarter, but we played selfish at the end."

The third quarter was the one that got CC back in the ball game - although they closed the gap 24-22 at the end of the second before the Pilots pushed it back to 28-22.

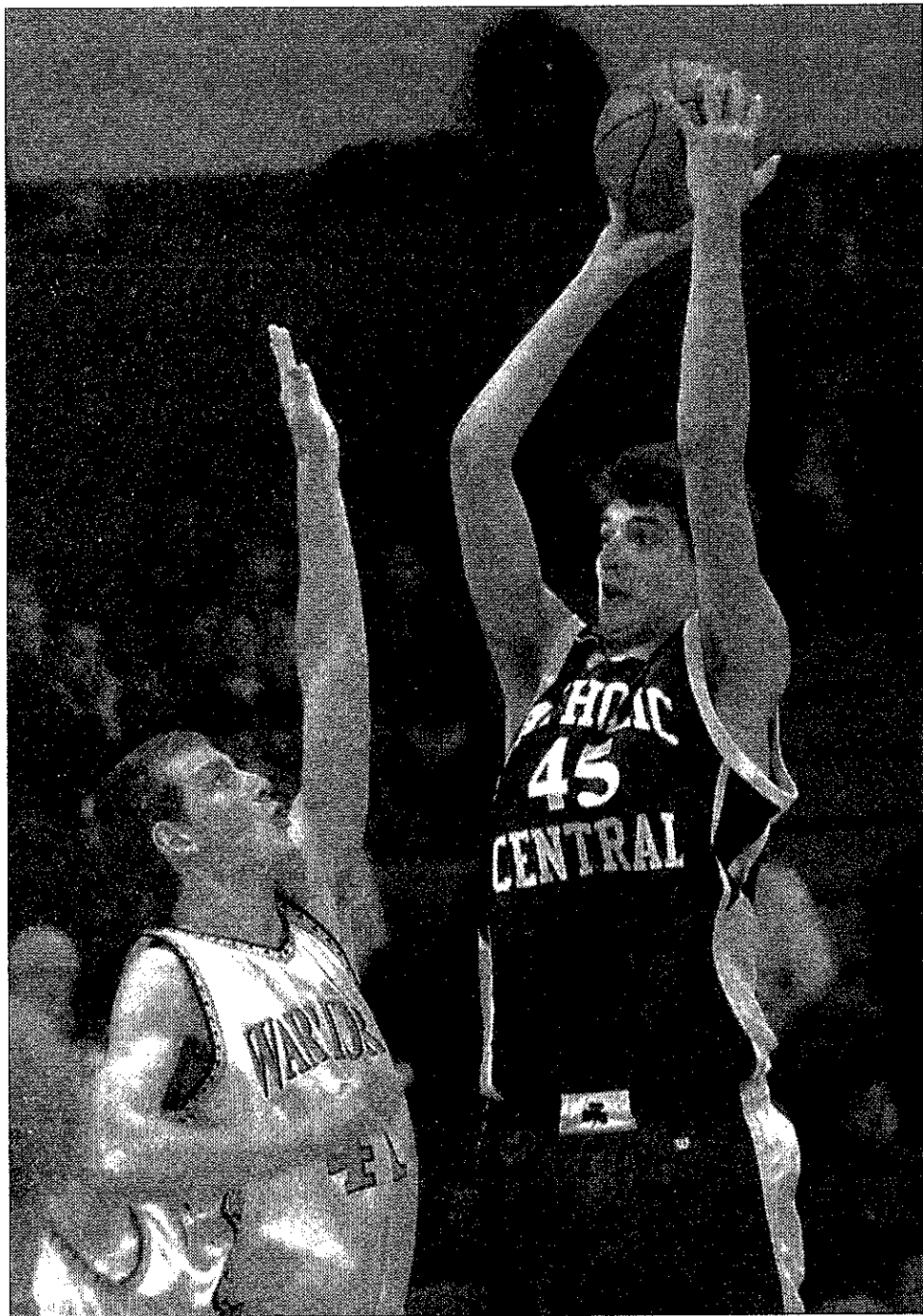
CC opened the third quarter on a 10-0 run and took a 32-28 lead for the first time since the first minute. But Andrew Grauzer hit a bucket and MacKenzie canned a pair of triples to give the Pilots back the lead.

De La Salle stayed ahead for the rest of the quarter and well into the third - hitting its high-water mark at 50-42 with 3:41 left on a shot by John Novak.

After that, it was all CC. The Shamrocks were 23-of-57 shooting for the game, but 14-of-29 in the second half with the Pilots 10-of-20 over the same stretch.

"It's always a tough game for us," said Coratti, whose team beat De La Salle 67-59 in Warren in the first meeting.

"When the game is in the 60's or 70's, that's more our style. But when Dan scores in the 20's, we usually do pretty good."



Dan Waterstradt (left) scored 28 points to lead Catholic Central to a pivotal win over DeLaSalle Tuesday.

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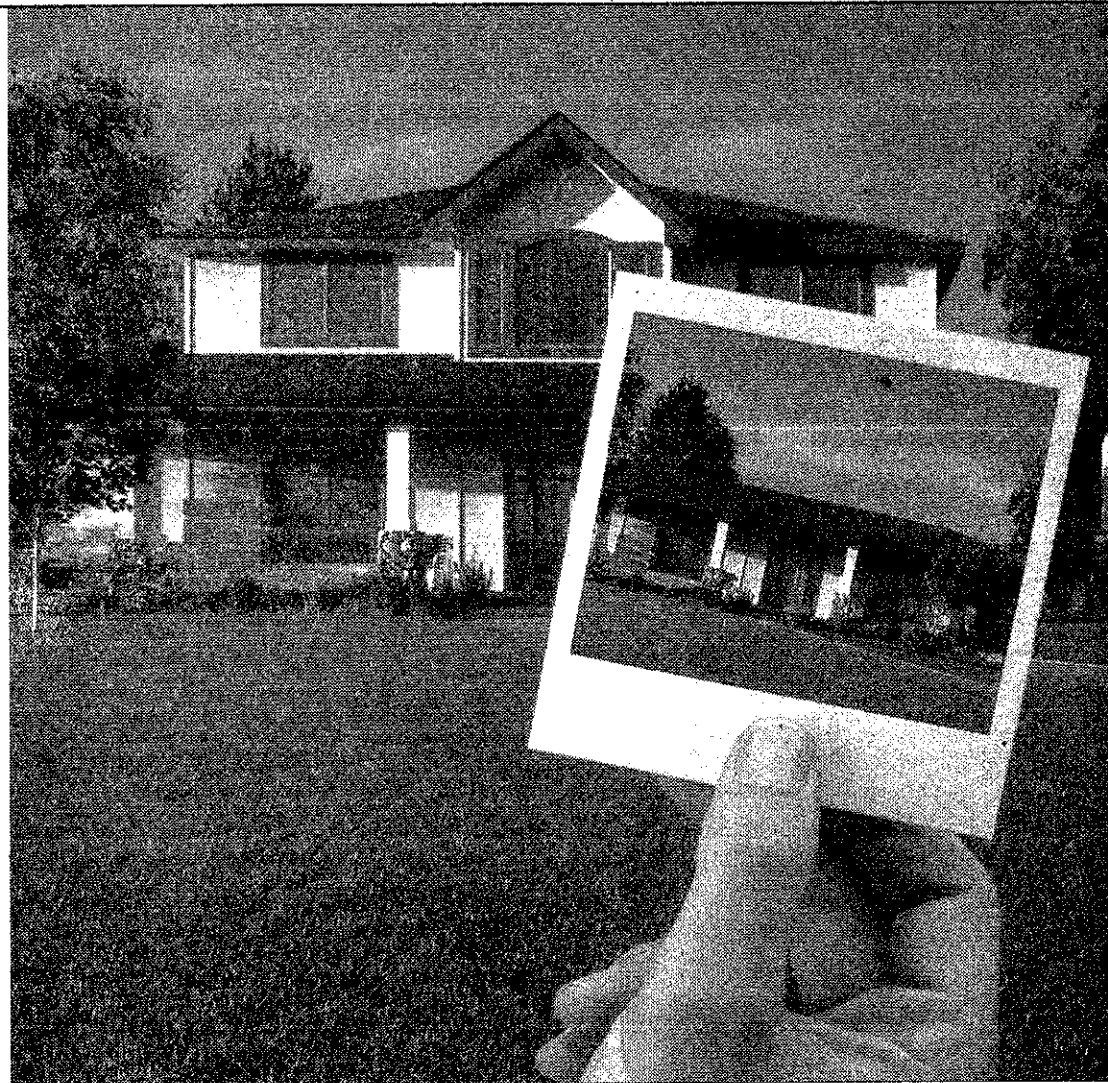
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 A.A. Huron at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Business Tech at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 B.H. Roeper at Ply. Christian, 3 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Huron Valley vs. Zoe Christian at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 Canton at Fraser Invit., 8 a.m.
 Salem at Temp. Bedford Invit., TBA
 Wayne State Invitational, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern at McMorrin Arena, 6 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 13
 Churchill vs. W.L. Central (Edgar), 6 p.m.
 Salem vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
 Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
 Stevenson at Utica Eisenhower, 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 P-C-S Penguins vs. Cranbrook at Cranbrook Arena, noon
 Stevenson vs. Redford Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 2:15 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Grosse Pte. North at Compuware (Olympic), 7 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 W.L.A. Tourney at Churchill, 9 a.m.
 Metro Conf. at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 MISCA meet at EMU, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Wayne-Westland at Brighton, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 13
 Livonia Unified at Royal Oak, 7 p.m.

PREP SKIING
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Regional at Alpine Valley, 9 a.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Stevenson, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.
 Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Thursday, Feb. 12
 Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 13
 Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 15
 Whalers at Saginaw, 2 p.m.

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 seventh-eighth 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.

SOCCER CLINICS

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club is hosting a free clinic open to the public at Total Soccer's Wixom facility.

The boys clinic will feature University of Michigan men's soccer coach Steve Burns and will be Feb. 19. Clinic times are: U13, U14 - 5:30-7 p.m.; U15, U16 - 7-8:30 p.m.; U17, U18 - 8:30-10 p.m.

Again, the clinics are free. The Wixom Total Soccer Facility is located at 30990 Wixom Road, 1 1/2 miles north of I-96.

Call Amy Richters at (248) 478-6692.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Canton Soccer Club is currently accepting registrations for the spring season.

Registration forms may be obtained either on-line at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan in Canton. Office hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration fees for under-five division players is \$50; for

under-six through under-eight division players, the fee is \$65 for Canton residents and \$90 for non-residents; for under-nine through under-19 divisions, the fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents.

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a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 6; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-14 (5-and-under free). One dollar off coupons are available at all Speedway stations. Park is \$3 in lots adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.MichBoatFish.com

HOOP TOURNEY

Northwood University's 11th annual 5-on-5 "March Madness" Basketball Invitational for sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys will be held March 6-7 in the Northwood University Bennett Sports Center.

Each team is guaranteed three games with individual trophies awarded to the first and second place teams in each age division. The first 16 teams in each age group to submit their \$235 entry fee will be guaranteed a spot.

Have the player's most recent report card available upon request to verify grade.

Deadline for team entry is Feb. 24. Mail a \$235 check payable to Jeff Curtis and player roster to: Jeff Curtis, Tournament Director, 4911 Drake St. Midland, MI 48640.

Contact Jeff Curtis at (989) 633-8409 or at curtis@northwood.edu.

JERSEY RAFFLE

St. Agatha is raffling off a Pavel Datsyuk autographed Detroit Red Wings' jersey with wall mount display case with proceeds to benefit the school's youth sports program.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from St. Agatha athletic director Tim Sweeney at (248) 722-4036 or by e-mailing Jim Reed at original6@comcast.net. The drawing will take place on Feb. 21. The winner need not be present to win.

BOAT SHOW

The 21st annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Wednesday through Sunday, March 3-7, at Ford Field in Detroit. Show hours will be 2-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 3-4; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5; 10

how good high school hockey has become."

Just 1:08 into the third period, Jason Lewarne scored on the tail end of a power play as Mike Monterey and Tim Buttery assisted.

Chris New scored the game-winner 2:30 later, and Drew Kahle and Dan Barczuk drew the assists.

Andrew Godoshian made 14 saves in net for CC, but none was bigger than the one he made on Wiley with about a minute left.

Aaron Gidcomb stopped 12 shots in goal for Brighton.

Makela and Wade LaFever. Shots were at a premium in the period as the Bulldogs held a 3-2 edge.

"It wasn't because of bad play, but it was a physical game," Johnson said. "Bodies were flying."

Brighton got two back in the second period as Dan L'Esperance scored on a power-play goal and Jeff Wiley got the other for a 2-1 lead.

"We've been accustomed to tight games after two periods," Johnson said.

"It's just another sign of

SALEM

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of that game couldn't hold a candle to this one," CC coach Todd Johnson said after his team improved to 10-6-3 overall, one spot ahead of Livonia Churchill in this week's poll.

"It was as physical of a regular season game as we've been a part of. They are big and strong."

"Part of our success is that we need to finish our checks, but that was the game plan for both teams."

CC opened the scoring just 1:04 into the game as Pete Pfeffer scored from Billy

the Shamrocks to a win Saturday night over visiting Brighton before about 1,400 fans at Compuware Arena. And the win over the second-ranked Bulldogs, along with Ann Arbor Pioneer's loss to archrival Huron, moved CC back into the top spot in this week's coaches poll.

"There was a midjet major game on the other rink at Compuware and the intensity

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., February 26th, 2004 for the following:

CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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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PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION

Plymouth Housing Commission is seeking conceptual proposals for an office expansion. Work consists of architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical renovation of an approximately 1650 sq area into office usage. Selection of the architect will be based on many factors including but not limited to qualifications, knowledge of federal reporting guidelines, construction experience, and knowledge of local codes. Design proposals to include preliminary conceptual prints, costs for providing construction drawings and construction inspection. Tours of the proposed project can be made by calling 734-455-3670 ext. 222 or 226. Proposals to be submitted to Plymouth Housing Commission, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than EOB Friday, March 26, 2004.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently seeking proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide Architectural Services for a new Township Hall project. Specifications for the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m., local time, on or before Friday, March 5, 2004, at the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at which time they will be publicly opened and proposers' name and address read aloud.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND/OR NEGOTIATE THE BEST OFFER FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
 Charter Township of Plymouth

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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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN

Beginning February 12, and for 30 days thereafter, Canton Township will accept public comment on the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The Action Plan is funded at \$434,000. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; HelpSource Adult Day Care, \$5,000; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$10,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Leisure Services scholarships program, \$2,500; Program Administration, \$85,200; Human Service Center Construction, \$275,000 (multi-year); Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2004; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194, Ext. 5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 2 9 a.m.-Noon Organizational Meeting
 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
 Monday, March 8 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
 Wednesday, March 10 9 a.m.-Noon Hearings by Appointment
 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment
 Saturday, March 13 9 a.m.-11 a.m. First Come - First Served
 Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 13, 2004.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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Canton's 3rd-quarter run wrecks Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson stayed close for a half Tuesday before Canton exploded in the third quarter with an 18-3 run to earn a 55-33 win in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover basketball game.

Canton is 8-6 overall. The Spartans, who shocked Westland John Glenn Saturday, are 4-9.

D.J. Bridges led Canton with 18 points and nine rebounds. He scored 10 in the third period.

"D.J. was in a little funk in the first half, but in the third quarter he started scoring and played great defense for us," Canton coach Charlie Paye said. "It was close at the half. They (Stevenson) play good half-court offense. They make you work."

Andy Cortellini added 11 points for the Chiefs, while Brad Waidmann had nine. Kevin Thornton finished with four blocks and three steals.

Senior guard Keith Hearn led the Spartans with 18, but nobody else had more than four.

"I think we may have worn them down," Paye said. "Hearn got 18, but he had to work for them."

Agape 41, B.H. Roper 37: A tight game all the way, Canton Agape Christian didn't clinch the win over visiting Bloomfield Hills Roper until the final five seconds Tuesday at Discovery Middle School, Agape's home court.

Two free throws by Charlie Henry gave the Wolverines their final margin of victory. They had entered the fourth quarter trailing the Roughriders, 31-30.

The victory gave Agape an 11-3 overall mark, 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Roper is 3-10 overall, 1-6 in the MIAC.

Agape also trailed at the half, 21-20, but its 11-6 fourth-quarter surge

proved decisive. Henry finished with 20 points; no one else scored more than six.

Roper got 14 points from Chris Andrews and 12 from Eric Zinser. Agape was playing without its top inside threat and scorer, Jordan Napier, who sprained his ankle in practice Monday.

PCA 65, S'field. Christian 55: The third quarter was a blip. Everything else went splendidly for Plymouth Christian Academy Monday against visiting Southfield Christian.

PCA led 18-7 after one quarter and 36-17 by halftime. The third quarter, however, was different; Southfield Christian outscored PCA 17-6 to narrow the gap to 42-34.

Southfield got to within six in the fourth quarter, but no closer as PCA held on for a 10-point win.

"We pressed really well in the first half," said PCA coach Doug Taylor.

"We got a lot of steals and layups.

"In the third quarter, the shots didn't fall. The momentum switched, but the guys never gave up. They handled the ball well in the fourth quarter."

PCA improved to 8-6 overall, 4-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Southfield Christian is 4-8 overall, 2-4 in the MIAC.

Steve Sumner and Aaron Ciborowski each scored 20 points to pace PCA. Sumner also making four steals and Ciborowski getting 11 rebounds.

Ben Baloga added 11 points and Dan Carty collected eight points, nine assists, seven boards and six steals.

For Southfield, Matt Parker netted 19 points and Alex Martin had nine.

Northville 66, Canton 50: Up and down, up and down — so went Canton's game against WLA leader

Northville Saturday at Northville.

A make-up after school was cancelled Friday, the Chiefs started well against the Mustangs, taking a 16-11 lead after one quarter. But Northville outscored them 19-7 in the second quarter to take a 30-23 halftime lead.

Canton narrowed that to 46-43 after three quarters, but the Mustangs asserted themselves in the last period — notably at the free-throw line — in outscoring the Chiefs 20-7. Northville was 25-of-35 at the line (71.4 percent); Canton was 9-of-15 (60 percent).

D.J. Bridges led the Chiefs with 12 points. Andy Cortellini had 11, and Julian Smith and Jason Houdek scored eight points apiece. Kevin Thornton had four points and six blocked shots. For the Mustangs, Mark Sorensen had 16 points, Marcus Davis netted 15, Tim Singleton got 13 and Alan Shanoski scored 10.

Schoolcraft dumps Delta; Spring Arbor outguns MU

Derrick Ponder scored a season-high 29 points and pulled down nine rebounds Saturday to lead Eastern-Conference co-leader Schoolcraft College past Delta Community College.

Schoolcraft is 20-3 overall and 11-1 in the conference (tied with Flint Mott). Delta falls to 6-15 and 3-8.

Anton Palmer added 15

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

points and 10 rebounds for the Ocelots. Ray Metcalf also scored 15 and dished out five assists. Ryan Baumgartner chipped in with 11 points.

Spring Arbor 91, Madonna 88: The Crusaders did just about everything right Saturday at Spring Arbor.

They hit 55.4 percent of their shots from the floor, 43.8 percent from three-point range, outrebounded the Cougars and had fewer turnovers.

But they couldn't win the game. Both teams are 2-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference; Madonna fell to 9-16 overall, Spring Arbor is 12-16 overall.

Although the Crusaders were sharp offensively, making 36-of-65 floor shots and 7-of-16 three-pointers, they had no answer for the Cougars, who converted 28-of-49 from the field (57.1 percent) and 9-of-17 triples (52.9 percent).

In addition, they were 27-of-33 from the line (81.8 percent); Madonna was 9-of-14 (64.3 percent).

Noel Emehiser led the Crusaders with 23 points (on 10-of-19 shooting), including three three-pointers (3-of-4), six rebounds and four steals. Joe Kofahl had 21 points, Chad Nadolni scored 12 and grabbed six boards, Dan Kurtinaitis had 10 points and 14 assists, and Chris Behrns scored nine points.

The Cougars were paced by Ryan Walter with 27 points (five threes), Mike Folkert with 22 (four triples), Josh Desmyter with 18 and Micah Lancaster with 11 points and 11 assists.

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.

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Salem sweeps to beat Central

SPARTANS

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had some mental lapses. ... But our back-court defense was the one part of our game I was pleased with."

In the first set, after Stevenson opened up a 6-1 lead, Canton closed the gap to 6-5. Then to 7-6. Then to 9-8 and 10-9. But the Spartans always had an answer. Mezzadri served four straight points to take it to 14-9, including two aces, setting up Lisa Montgomery for the game-clinching kill on sister Linda Montgomery's serve.

In the second game, Canton came out

with a vengeance, starting with Jones' six straight points on the opening serve. Andrea Johnson served three straight aces to keep the Chiefs in control, making the score 9-2, and after the Spartans closed to within 9-5, two kills by Kelly Baker and another by Katie Mills boosted the Chiefs' lead to 12-5.

That's when the Stevenson comeback started. Radley served four points, Lia Williamson served two more, then Mezzadri served out the match, with Lisa Montgomery again getting the game-clinching kill. Two Chiefs errors when they had the serve — a serve into the net and a kill hit out of bounds — further aided Stevenson.

Lisa Montgomery finished with seven kills to lead the Spartans. Linda Montgomery had four kills and was 6-of-7 on serve reception. Mezzadri had four kills and six aces, Hutchins had 11 digs and setter Laura Flaughter had three aces, 16 set assists and was 9-for-9 serving.

For Canton, Johnson got 15 digs, four aces and was 8-for-9 in serve reception; Baker had six kills with a .462 kill percentage, four digs, two aces and three blocks; Krissy Lillie had 16 set assists and eight digs; and Jones totaled 10 digs, four kills and two blocks.

Canton and Stevenson are both at the Fraser Invitational Saturday.

NOTES: Last Saturday was typical of the way Canton has been playing this season, but frustrating nonetheless.

At the Bloomfield Hills Andover Invitational, the Chiefs split their two pool-play sets with both Romeo and Bloomfield Hills Lahser, then swept both against Roseville for a 1-0-2 record. That gave them the fifth seed in the Gold Bracket for the elimination round.

Getting into the Gold, or best, bracket for the elimination round is nothing new for Canton. The Chiefs have done it at all but one tournament this season. But they haven't been able to do anything in the elimination rounds, winning just once. Against Sterling Heights in the quarterfinals of the Andover invite, it was more of the same. The Stallions won, eliminating Canton.

Salem bounced back from a fourth-place finish at last Saturday's 31st annual High School Varsity Volleyball Invitational to rout Western Lakes Activities Association rival Walled Lake-Central 15-5, 15-10 Monday at Central.

Combined with Saturday's 4-3 match record, the Rocks were 32-7-5 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA and 2-0 in the Lakes Division.

In the win over Central, Ellen Canale paced Salem with 17 kills and a .484 kill percentage.

"She's really come on strong the last few playing dates," said Salem coach Tom Teeters of Canale's performance.

Theresa Coppiellie contributed five kills (.250) and three service aces; Jordan Falcusan had 28 set assists, three aces and five digs; Courtney Edwards had five digs; and Kelly Lepper got four digs.

At Saturday's tournament, formerly known as the Schoolcraft Invitational, the Rocks faced some of the toughest teams in the state. In their first match they defeated Woodhaven 25-23, 25-21 (all games were rally scoring), then bounced Livonia Ladywood 25-13, 25-22.

Their third match, a crossover against the top team in another pool, Salem came up against the No. 1-ranked team in the state, East Kentwood. The Rocks played well but lost, 26-24, 25-15.

In the elimination round, Salem first met Livonia Stevenson; the Rocks prevailed, 25-17, 25-22. That put them against Rochester Adams, which they dispatched 25-15, 25-13.

The semifinals featured Salem against Temperance Bedford and Livonia Churchill against East Kentwood. The Mules proved better, beating the Rocks 27-25, 25-15. Kentwood also knocked off Churchill, 25-14, 25-16, to advance to the title game against Bedford, while Churchill and Salem met in a consolation final.

That didn't go well for Salem, either: The Chargers won, 25-17, 25-18. In the final, East Kentwood prevailed, 25-23, 25-17.

Against Bedford, Canale had 11 kills and Coppiellie had six; Jill Niemi and Edwards each had seven digs, with Lauren Price getting six.

Falcusan finished with 15 set assists, but the Rocks did not get a single serving ace against the Mules.

In the win over Stevenson, Canale led with four kills, Lepper had six digs, Lauren Kurtz got three blocks and Falcusan totaled 12 set assists; in the loss to Kentwood, Canale and Coppiellie each got seven kills, Falcusan had 12 assists, Edwards got six digs, Lauren Price had four digs, and Lauren Marsonек and Kurtz collected three blocks apiece.

Salem travels to the Temperance Bedford Invitational Saturday.

Agape, PCA get wins

Monday was a good day for both Canton Agape Christian and Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball teams. Agape edged host Deerfield 15-13, 11-15, 15-11, while PCA blasted Southfield Christian 15-9, 15-0 at Southfield.

PCA's victory was spurred by Camille Kimberlin, who had 10 digs and served 15 points (14 in the second game), and Bre Ruark, who had eight kills and 10 digs.

For the Wolverines, their three-set win was sparked by A.J. Creps with eight kills, Amanda Tachnick with four kills, and Emily Tong with 11 set assists and four service aces.

Agape improved to 6-9 overall with the non-league win. Deerfield fell to 2-7.

PCA is 11-9-1 overall, 5-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Why Michigan's electric deregulation law is bad for us and bad for you.

We've been responsible to the people of Michigan for over a hundred years. And in all that time we've never cried wolf. But now the wolf is at the door.

Because of flaws in the electric deregulation law, Public Act 141, out-of-state companies are coming in, snatching up the biggest electricity customers and leaving the rest of us to pay the price to keep the entire system running.

These outside companies don't care about homeowners or small businesses. There's not enough profit there. In fact, the law says out-of-state suppliers don't have to serve low-income customers or senior

citizens or first-time homebuyers or people out in rural areas. We do serve them, of course, we always have.

PA 141 says we must cover the entire cost of the electric system—all the power plants, a million utility poles, 42,000 miles of power lines—and all the people who make it work. The out-of-town suppliers don't contribute fairly to the maintenance and upgrading of the system. That remains our responsibility. The reliability of that system is at serious risk. The only way we can properly support and sustain the electric system is to make up for the loss of revenue by

increasing rates to homeowners and small businesses. We're talking about rate hikes of up to 30%. Is that fair to you? No. But our hands are tied. It could come to a rate increase or a very real energy crisis.

Michigan's electric deregulation law was meant to stimulate competition, give everyone a choice and keep electricity affordable. It's done none of those things.

As the law stands, it just isn't fair, not to you and not to us. It needs to be fixed. Help us change a law that simply doesn't work. Log on to dteenergy.com and find out how you can help keep energy reliable and affordable for everyone.

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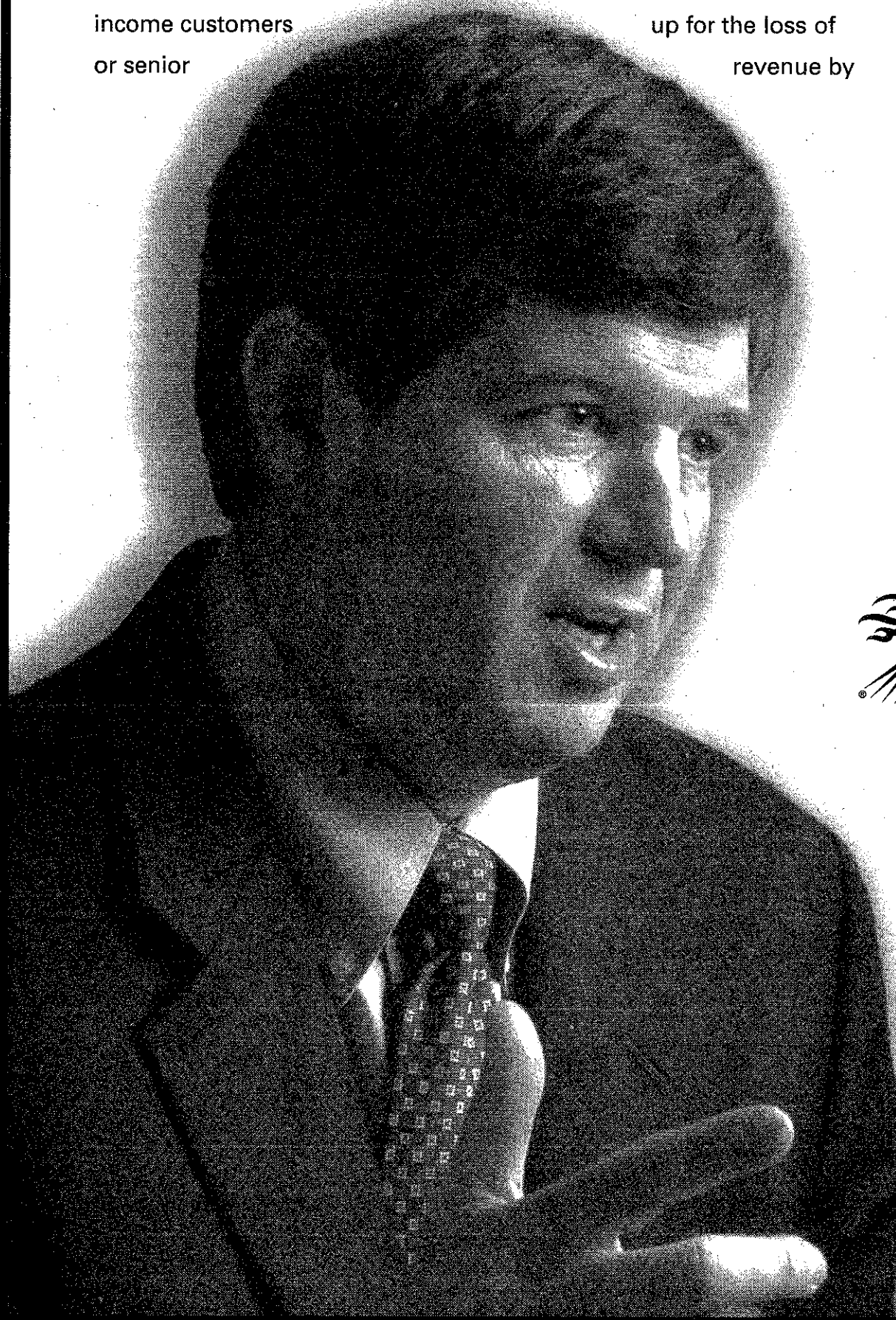
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Gardening talk

Horticultural writer and researcher Allan Armitage, nationally renowned yardening expert Jeff Ball and garden columnist Nancy Szerlag will be among the speakers at the Ford Field Home & Garden Show Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 19-22.

Armitage teaches at the University of Georgia and runs the

horticulture gardens there. Armitage is the author of eight books and over 300 articles in magazines such as *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture Magazine* and *American Society of Horticultural Science*. Armitage has received numerous awards from the Garden Club of America, American Horticultural Society and the Garden Writers Association of America. Armitage can be seen at the show on Saturday.

Ball appeared on NBC's *The Today Show* for eight years as the show's gardening expert. He is a full-time garden writer with nine books to his credit, has produced garden videos, cd-roms and a garden planner software package and writes online for www.yardener.com. Ball can be seen at the show Friday and Saturday.

Szerlag is a master gardener and metro Detroit free-lance writer who will present "Power Perennials" and "Hot Pots for Cool Places" on Friday and Saturday.

The Home & Garden Show hours are from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7; \$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free.

Advance tickets are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Speedway and Big Boy. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Last-minute gifts

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Beth Meade stands at the sink in her remodeled bathroom. Beth's husband, John, wrote a 'Dear John' letter to win a renovation of the bathroom.

Dear John,

Reader's witty letter wins bathroom renovation

Mold crawled up behind the shower wall. Plastic (yes, plastic) tiles cracked. The bathtub's enamel had worn.

Beth and John Meade of Livonia had enough. The couple knew the bathroom in their ranch home had to be remodeled.

"I'm a clean freak and it was driving me crazy because I just couldn't get it

clean," Beth said.

Beth went through a copy of her *Livonia Observer* and saw a story about a contest, in which readers and homeowners were asked to write a "Dear John" letter, bidding adieu to their humble commute. The winner would receive a bathroom renovation worth \$10,000.

The contest was sponsored by Frank Mathison,

owner of Mathison Kitchen, Bath & Plumbing in Canton, Garden City and Livonia; Lefty Frizzell, owner of Complete Home Improvement in Livonia; Jason air masseur tubs; Gerber toilets; U.S. Marble; and Cabinetry by Bertch. Mathison also publicized the contest at his booth at

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John and Beth Meade, along with son David, stand inside their old bathroom in this photo taken last summer. John wrote a letter to win a newly remodeled bathroom in the Dear John contest.

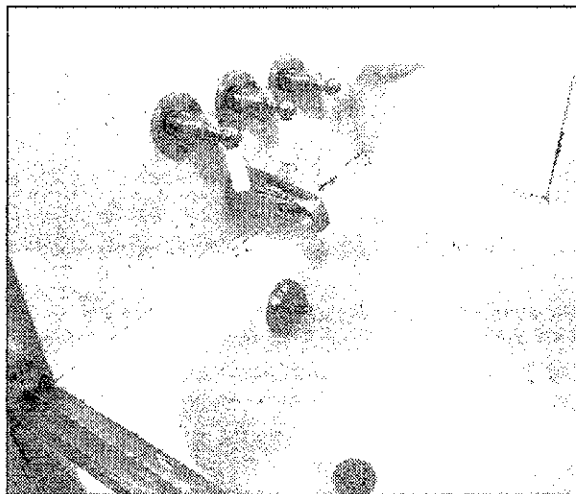
The Winning Letter

Here is an edited version of the winning letter (with a few selectively unedited sentences) in the Dear John contest from Barb and John Meade of Livonia:

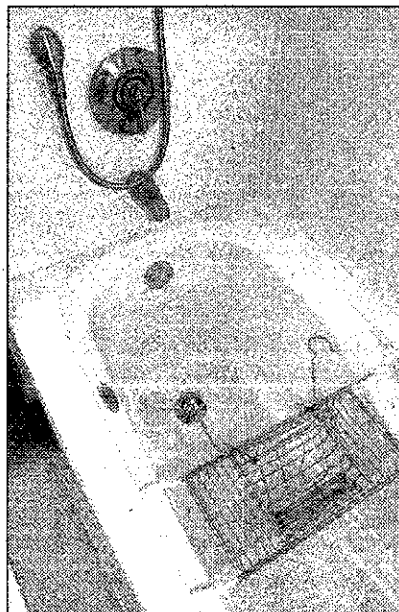
Dear John,
This may be the hardest letter I've ever had to write. I know we've been together eight years, and

those have been some of the best years I've ever had, but I think the time has come to say goodbye. I know we both hoped this would be able to go on even longer, but truth be told, I think we're both surprised we've strung it out as long as we have. The sad fact is, we both know we've held on longer than we should

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Above, here is what the old shower and tub liner and tub looked like before the remodeling project at the home of John and Beth Meade. At right, the new air masseur tub brings relaxation to the Meades.



MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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



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This Isabella bed is exactly what your beautiful princess needs to insure a cozy night's sleep. A stylish upholstered toile fabric panel adorns the headboard, while the footboard is ornamented with carved roses. The Isabella collection crafted by Stanley Furniture is a complete group of European styled furnishings for your princess's quarters. You'll find a variety of dressers and chests, beds, a doll chest and more in this group. Visit Walker/Buzenberg Furniture, 240 N. Main in Plymouth to learn more or call (734) 459-1300.

Get in sync with new kitchen sinks

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Arthur asks: Many houses built when mine was (about 50 years ago) had cast-iron sinks in the kitchen. I'm sure that many of them, like mine, are showing pitting where the fired enamel has worn down to the iron. Do you know if it is possible to obtain such sinks today? Mine measures 20 inches by 30 inches rim to rim, is 5-1/2 inches deep and has a 4-inch (drain) hole 6 inches from the end. It is manufactured by American Standard. I've already tried local plumbing houses.

A: We have good and bad news. The bad news is your sink style is no longer manufactured. The good news is swapping it for a new model probably will improve kitchen working conditions. Be flexible, and your story will have a happy ending. Look for a sink that is at least large enough to cover the existing hole in your kitchen counter. This will save the cost of counter replacement. A larger sink will require enlargement of the hole left by the old sink, but that cost is minimal. Even ceramic tile can be trimmed back without too much effort.

As you shop, remember that length and width aren't the only washbowl dimensions that vary. An inch or two or three in added depth can convert a typical kitchen basin to one almost as versatile as a janitorial-type deep sink. Apparently you are concerned about drain size and placement, but we can advise that your new sink will look terrible with the old drain outlet reinstalled. The best and most expensive ones run in the \$30 price range and will last another 50 years. Drain location can be altered with a new P-trap configuration for less than \$20.

Water quality

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) sponsors Rouge River water quality education programs, in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities. Rain Garden Success Stories from the Twin Cities will be presented by Sherri Busse, an award-winning landscape architect from St. Paul, 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 13, at the Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine. Admission is free. The Rouge Green Corridor: Past, Present and Future will be presented by landscape architect Larry Falardeau, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Division, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Admission is free. The Feb. 13 program will focus on design standards for soils and plants, including clay soil sites on a community scale. Its audience is water quality specialists, planners and engineers working toward rain garden implementation. The Feb. 19 public workshop will be for community residents and organizations interested in the future of the natural vegetated corridor along the Main Branch of the Rouge River, between 16 Mile Road and Eight Mile. This stretch of riverfront landscape is the last remaining greenway in southeast Oakland County and has been identified as the ecological "ark" for restoring downstream areas of the Rouge River. Slides featured at the Feb. 19 event will highlight the Rouge River heritage, as well as activities and opportunities in the public parks along the Corridor. Participants at the workshop will be invited to share their views and thoughts about recreation, education, land use, park access, park trails and other pertinent topics. The Rouge Green Corridor Project has been ongoing for two years, with strong public involvement in landscape restoration and education projects. Land use and landscape maps are now available for organizations able to consider the natural landscape in their plans and projects. Rouge Green Corridor Project partners include Southfield, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Friends of the Rouge, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office, Oakland Land Conservancy and SOCWA. For information or registration for any of the programs, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com in Oakland County; call Judy Holt at (734) 326-3936 or e-

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mail JHolt@co.wayne.mi.us in Wayne County.

Roses

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at each of its five metro Detroit stores this winter. What's New in Roses will be the topic Feb. 14. Start planning your rose garden now. Preview new varieties of roses, and get a healthy dose of growing advice to get you started. For more information about the seminars, call the stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. For the nearest English Gardens location, call (800) 335-GROW, or visit the Web site at www.englishgardens.com.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet Monday, Feb. 16, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Lunch will be at noon in the auditorium and the program will begin at 1 p.m. The presentation, Herbal Remedies in the Kitchen Pantry, will be given by herbalist Joan Wysocki. The program is free. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310, contact Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com or (734) 730-2122, or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

Glorious houseplants

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, How to Grow Glorious Houseplants, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23. 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. Jane Suhail, staff horticulturist and chief trainer at Planterra Tropical Greenhouses in West Bloomfield, will present houseplant tips and techniques, including watering, pruning, fertilizing and summering. 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.

Master composter

The Master Composter Program, sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, will begin 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton in

Birmingham.

Master composters are gardeners with a strong interest in "greening" their own community. Volunteers learn about nuisance-free composting, healthy lawn care, natural mulches, sustainable landscapes, healthy soils and benefits of compost for water quality. Compost, often called "gardener's gold," holds water, encourages infiltration, helps avoid soil-borne diseases and provides a natural source of nutrients for plants. The Master Composter Program includes six classroom sessions, special events and required volunteer service. The \$30 class fee includes all materials and a Michigan State University soil sample. For a flyer with the complete list of classes, or to register, call Karen Bever at SOCWA, (248) 288-5150.

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-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Garden Design, five sessions beginning Friday, Feb. 13, in Livonia or five Fridays beginning Feb. 13 in Pontiac (fee is \$162); Presenting Your Design, Fridays, Feb. 13 to March 5, in Livonia (\$132); Propagation: Secrets for Making More Plants, Mondays, Feb. 16 to March 1, in Livonia (\$98); Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, Tuesday, Feb. 17, in Pontiac or Thursday, Feb. 19, in Livonia (\$40); Focus on Design, four Thursdays beginning Feb. 19, in Pontiac (\$132); and Water Gardens, Wednesdays, Feb. 25 to March 3, in Pontiac (\$69). The Garden Design class is limited to 15 people.

Botany weekend

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens adult education program includes a Northern Winter Botany Weekend, featuring plant identification and hiking trips to northern localities, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22 (fee is \$195, \$175.50 for members). Call (734) 998-7061.

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.hometownlife.com.

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home improvement shows. "I was going through papers, saw the article and gave it to John," Beth said. "I might be in the editing business, but he's the one who's got all the quips and he keeps them coming. I said, 'This is your area of expertise.'" Beth once worked for a publishing company and is now co-owner of a Livonia-based business for party and events planning. Husband John is a computer programmer for Ambrose Software in Troy. The couple has one son, David.

Eventually John wrote the letter. He wrote about the "comfort" and "relief" the Meades' longtime companion provided them, but added that they also believed it was time for a change and that they needed "more space." The letter also provided details of the sad departure and breakup of the Meades with their bathroom. (See related story.)

"He wrote it and faxed it to me," Beth said. "He asked, 'What do we need to change?' and I said, 'Not a thing.'"

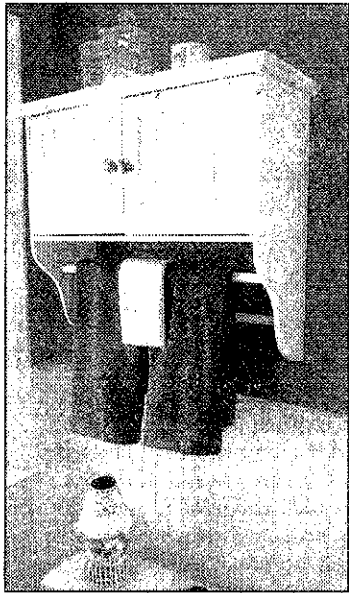
The judges agreed, choosing the Meades' letter from about 500 entries.

Mathison said the letter was "witty and funny." "They really put some thought into it and made it fun," he said. "And that's what the contest is all about. He joked about the bathroom."

"It was very creative," Frizzell said. "(John Meade) did a great job on the letter."

Frizzell donated his labor and completed the remodeling of the bathroom as part of the contest, installing a Jason air masseur tub, Gerber ultra-flush toilet and faucets, a sink, medicine cabinet, vanity and towel bar, items donated by Mathison.

The remodel took place between August and December, taking a little longer because the Meades ordered a few upgrades, on which they paid the difference themselves. They also hired contractors Gary and Paul Stokisz, who remodeled the walls and installed lighting,



The bathroom's renovation gives the room a whole new look.

molding, flooring and heating. Frizzell said he didn't face any problems when completing the remodeling project. "It was just a standard bathroom," he said. "It needed updating. It had an old plastic (shower/tub) liner that was taken out and U.S. Marble was put in, and it looks a lot nicer."

"I love the tub," Beth said when asked what was her favorite item. The Jason air masseuse tub features a larger shower head and, of course, jets. "Fifteen minutes after the bath, the blower shoots air out of the jets to clean them out," she said.

The Meades upgraded the cabinetry. "If you're going to do the cabinets, you might as well get something you really love," Beth said.

"We're really pleased with the cabinets."

They also upgraded to a charcoal gray granite countertop.

The couple had contractors paint the room a deep gray to contrast the white cabinets, tub and toilet in the room.

Doors, lights and a fan were added items. The doors and pergo floors came from Home Depot. The lighting over the sink came from Brose Lighting in Livonia. A recessed bathroom light also was installed. Mathison supplied the fan.

Contractors also checked to ensure that the mold had not spread into the walls or ceiling.



The bathroom now has new walls with a fresh coat of gray paint, a new Jason air masseur tub, towel racks and wood floor.

ings. This remodeling of the bathroom was its first, Beth said. Photos of the old bathroom and a headline from a previous story in the *Observer* are framed on the wall of the new bathroom to illustrate the bathroom makeover.

"It isn't until you see the before and after photos do you realize what a change it was," Beth said. "You forget how ugly

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have and it's time to let go.

You may not believe it, but this is going to hurt me more than it hurts you. I'll miss your golden bowl and tank, and of course the matching tub. I know not everyone can understand what you gave to us, the relief you always provided whether it be early in the morning or the middle of the night, you didn't care what time it was, as long as we needed you. And the comfort you provided when we were sick, knowing that you were always there, ready to take whatever we had to give.

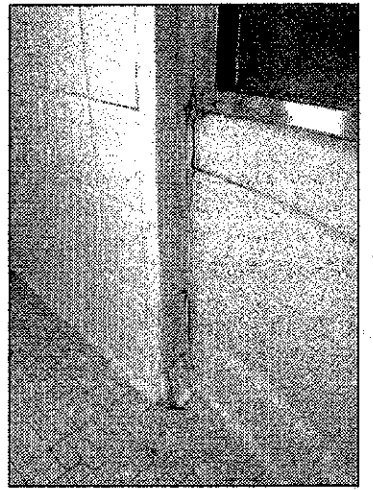
Yes, there are those who say you took more from us than you ever gave back, but we knew, that was the way it should be, and I thank you for that: You've become a fixture in our lives.

Others can never appreciate how much you've meant to us: They say you're dated, that we should have taken you away years ago. Some say you've gone out of style, that you're just a commode-ity, and that you should be replaced.

Others say they no longer have your parts, but you've been like a part of us: You've always been able to see our better side. I hope it was always fulfilling for you, but now it is time to move on. We both know the end is in sight.

It's not you — it's me. I just need some space — more than the cramped quarters that we try to maneuver every morning as three of us try to get ready at the same time, crowded around the one plug.

I need a change of scenery from the moldy mildewed tank with its rusty pipes and bolts and constantly running valve. I can't stand to see the tub and shower, once so shining; now just a broken shell of its former self. Whenever it feels used, it



The old bathroom looked dated.

cries so hard the tears overflow down the wall and into the basement ceiling, a collection point for its misery.

Things just aren't the same as they were eight years ago when we moved in with you. I've tried to ignore the white plastic (yes, plastic) tiles falling off the walls, the sagging border, the peeling wallpaper, the mildewed paint on the

ceiling. I know we all change as we age, but let's face it, those aren't "laugh lines" we see more of everyday, highlighted by dirt, soap scum and mold.

Your 1970s color scheme aside, I can only strip and caulk so many times before I reach the conclusion we both know is coming.

I'm afraid you're all going to have to be replaced — you're just too high-maintenance.

I'm afraid there's just been one crack too many, and we can no longer get a handle on it.

It's time to put you behind us, and though we'll yearn for each other, try not to drip too many tears onto the dull, faded, ugly yellow tile. You've been a great comfort and a relief to us; and you should never take a back seat to anyone.

Tanks for everything.
John and Beth Meade

'Others can never appreciate how much you've meant to us: They say you're dated, that we should have taken you away years ago.'

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There are two main ways you can achieve this.

Close-up filters: These are the least expensive means of taking close-ups. The filters, which come in sets of three, are exactly like magnifying glasses when attached to the front of your lens. Each of the three has a different strength so you can get as close as you wish. You can use just one or a combination to move you in just where you want to be. You need to buy a set that will



A macro lens enabled Monte Nagler to move in close and capture the beauty of this water lily and pads.

screw onto your lens just like any other filter.

Macro lenses: A macro lens is a close-up lens in itself. Macro lenses can be used as a normal lens, and then quickly converted to a close-up lens without pausing to add accessories. All you have to do is continue to turn the focusing

ring and you'll move in as close as you want.

Many zoom lenses have a built-in macro mode. Depth-of-field is a very important factor to consider in close-up photography. As you know, the closer you get to your subject, the less depth-of-field you get. By the time you move in very close, depth may be just a fraction of an inch. Focusing becomes critical and a small aperture is a must. In addition, it follows that when an image is magnified, the slightest camera movement will be exaggerated in the finished print. Therefore, always use a tripod when shooting close-ups.

Lighting can be tricky. To bring out texture and pattern, try to use side or back-lighting early morning or late afternoon.

Close-up photography can be a fascinating experience and will open up numerous possibilities for your photography portfolio.

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

Compartments frost up food

I recently received several calls from homeowners who own a newer refrigerator. They say food packages stored in the freezer section of these refrigerators develop frost on them.



Appliance Doctor

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Some of these consumers call service technicians to check the freezer, only to be told there is nothing wrong. I believe air is entering the freezer in some location to create this problem. That has always been the only answer to the problem. Now we purchase refrigerators that must meet certain energy standards, and today we have new problems that are non-existent in older models. To give you a much better answer to these new problems I would like to quote one of the top technicians in the country, Jim Pearce, from an article in the Appliance Service News.

Freezer packages typically frost up when moisture from ambient air is allowed to condense on them, Pearce said, as he highlighted three reasons

for it.

"Excessive air/moisture could be entering the refrigerator via an air leak within the cavity or at the door seals," Pearce said. "Be sure to check the icemaker water-line entry point behind the freezer compartment."

The second reason is that you or someone at home could be leaving moisture-laden dishes uncovered or there may be other sources of moisture within the fresh food compartment, Pearce said.

"The evaporator fan could be running intermittently, the fan speed could be too slow, or perhaps some designed air (flow) routes are obstructed with ice due to spillage or perhaps from a previous unintended long-term door opening episode," Pearce said.

(Of course you could find these three causes in any combination, Pearce said.)

On similar Frigidaire models, I've observed that loose terminals at the evaporator fan-motor connector caused intermittent fan operation or caused inadequate fan speed. You should check the fan blade to determine that it's turning in the proper direction and that it's not slipping on the motor shaft.

As a last resort, you could

try installing a higher-speed evaporator fan motor, but the fan speed is simply not adequate to deposit all the moisture contained with the cabinet onto the evaporator coil in exceptionally humid conditions and heavy usage. (That reminds me of an important basic check: Don't forget to confirm that the evaporator has a complete frost pattern!) Pearce knows what he's talking about.

He communicates with thousands of service companies and has a direct line to manufacturers.

What he is saying is that there is a problem with fan motors on some refrigerators.

Informing us that wires may not be connected tight enough or that fan motors might need to be changed is not going to help the average consumer very much.

It's a shame that manufacturers can produce and sell these products, put a one year warranty on them and have product problems occur after the warranty has expired.

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

Do-it-yourselfers caught up in Web education

BY DAVID BRADLEY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

The Internet has flattened the learning curve for do-it-yourselfers faster than you can drive a nail into a board.

Project neophytes can check out the business end of a hammer. Seasoned pros can log on to weigh the pluses of finishing planers with new cutterhead locks (all the better to eliminate snipe). The Internet is fully tenured as a home project teaching and research tool. And consumers are driving cyber learning to be even faster, more detailed and more convenient.

"For customers, it's all about speed. Their speed," said Meg Armstrong, Internet director for lowes.com, one of the Web's busiest home improvement sites.

"What they really say is give us what we want when we want it. They can explore as

broad or narrow or as deep into a topic as they want to go."

Armstrong should know. Without divulging numbers, she says traffic at lowes.com doubled in 2003. Visitors stick around too; the average visit is longer as they hunt-and-click among more than 1,000 how-to projects, project calculators and buying guides.

The marvel of the Web is megabytes of content condensed to the schedule and needs of individual Web surfers. Magazine stories pigeonholed by season are out the window. It's OK to bone up on late-blooming summer plants in February or compare snow throwers in July.

The Web increasingly is the first spot people visit in their cyber search for knowledge and products.

"Once someone gets the idea, I don't like my cabinets, we want them to visit to get a grip

on the project and their potential costs even if they aren't quite ready to buy yet," said Armstrong.

Web-based education has come of age just when a new generation of 20- and 30-year-olds - groups most at home in front of a PC - are updating their first homes. "This group is so Web savvy, it is a natural resource for them," said Armstrong.

For most surfers, the price is right, too. Most Web content looks to remain free.

Even seniors embrace computers in droves; they aren't afraid to click away for information and help.

Web users who like the taste of Internet learning will find it the whole enchilada for projects. Beyond improved skill sets and research, homeowners can order goods online for in-store pickup or delivery. For the less skilled, installation can be arranged, too.

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Finally, a spam solution that really works

Ready to bid goodbye to spam, the scourge of the Internet? If you're willing to part with 10 bucks and invest a little time and effort, you can rid yourself of junk e-mail for good. It's called Mailblocks 2.0 (www.mailblocks.com), and it debuted at the Consumer Electronics

Show last month, where it impressed the heck out of the attendees who saw it - myself included. That's because Mailblocks is not only affordable, but works better than any other spam blocker I've tried. It's just about foolproof, though there are a few caveats. The service works like this. There's no software to install - you simply sign up for an account, at which time you're given a new e-mail address. Don't worry - you don't have to switch to that address or even use it, though you can if you like. In most cases you can

continue using your existing address. When someone tries to e-mail you, he or she receives an automated response asking for verification. All that's required is to click a Web link and type in a number. Once that's done, the e-mail goes right through - and the sender never gets challenged again. How does this thwart spam? Spammers use automated systems to send junk mail and are simply unable to respond to the verification request. As a result, their messages never get through. Mailblocks is like a

nightclub bouncer that keeps out the e-mail riff-raff. Don't want to subject friends and co-workers to this challenge/response process? Mailblocks can automatically pull e-mail addresses from Outlook and other address books and add them to your "approved" list. You can manually add addresses as well. The service is particularly ideal for folks who use wireless PDAs and even mobile phones to check e-mail on the go. Software-based spam blockers don't help with those devices, but Mailblocks keeps them totally spam-free.

The bad news? Mailblocks can be a little confusing to set up, despite excellent step-by-step configuration tools and help documents on the site. If you don't get the settings right, you could wind up with no e-mail at all - and Mailblocks doesn't offer phone support. Let's say you use Outlook Express for e-mail. You need to have your messages forwarded to your Mailblocks account (contact your Internet service provider), then configure Outlook Express so it retrieves mail from Mailblocks instead of from your ISP. See, I said it could be a little

confusing. Mailblocks also works with Hotmail, MSN, Yahoo, and even America Online, though in those cases you have to use Mailblocks' Web-based interface to read your mail. For a mere \$10 per year, Mailblocks offers unimpeachable protection against spam. Though novices may find initial setup difficult, I can't recommend this service highly enough. **Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Readers who have questions for Broida can email him at rickbroida1@excite.com

HOME CALENDAR

Quilting seminar
Guests will learn about new and old quilting techniques, along with unusual uses for quilts, at the free Quilting All Year Long seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia. They will also practice a new technique with a creative "make it and take it" project. Reservations are requested; call (888) 619-2199.

Home decor
Birmingham Community Education presents a variety of home decor classes. Call (248) 203-3800 for information. The schedule includes Handpainted Glassware, Monday, Feb. 23 (fee is \$45); Painting: Paneling, Kitchen, Formica and Brick, Tuesday, Feb. 24 (\$25); Handpainted Furniture, four weeks beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24,

Wednesday, Feb. 25, or Thursday, Feb. 26 (\$99); and One-day Workshop for Furniture Painting, Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$99). In Handpainted Glassware, learn techniques that will help you add that special touch to your decor. All supplies will be provided, including the glassware. In the one-day workshop, you will complete a project, from prepping to decorative painting. Bring your own piece of furniture, wooden tray, plant stand - if you can transport it, it's perfect. All art materials and lunch are included in the fee.

For the home
The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers classes related to the home.

To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. In Faux Stained Glass (Monday, Feb. 23), learn an interesting craft that simulates stained glass. You will learn to transfer patterns, apply liquid (simulated) leading, and blend and comb your colors to produce a beautiful glass art painting. The class instructor will be Esther Kerr, an experienced interior designer. Cost is \$22, plus \$15 material fee. In The Art of Picture Framing (Tuesdays, Feb. 24 to March 2), learn framing techniques; the principles of selection to optimally preserve and display your treasures; and all sorts of practical time- and money-saving

tips. The \$50 fee includes an 8-by-10 ready-made frame. The class will meet at The Great Frame Up of Birmingham, and be conducted by Great Frame Up staff. In Help! I've Gotta Get Organized (Wednesday, Feb. 25), learn techniques for getting and staying organized. The instructor will be Debi Weinstein, a professional organizer and owner of the Farmington Hills-based business I've Gotta Get Organized. Fee is \$20.

Simple curtain
Home decor classes at Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak include Simple Curtain, Thursdays, Feb. 12-26 (fee is \$60). In the class, beginners will learn how

to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows with a simple rod-pocket window treatment, to use alone or over blinds or shades. It is necessary to register and pay tuition in advance for all classes. You may register by phone, mail or online or in person at the store, 905 S. Main. Call (248) 541-0010 for more information.

Scrapbooking
Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning is offering a Scrapbooking for Beginners course, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. The class will take place at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue

and Outer Drive. Participants will create their very own scrapbook page with six to eight photos brought from home. Cutting tools, markers and adhesives will be provided. The class is limited to 12. Cost is \$22 (\$19 for Dearborn School District residents), plus a \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor in class. For information, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu.

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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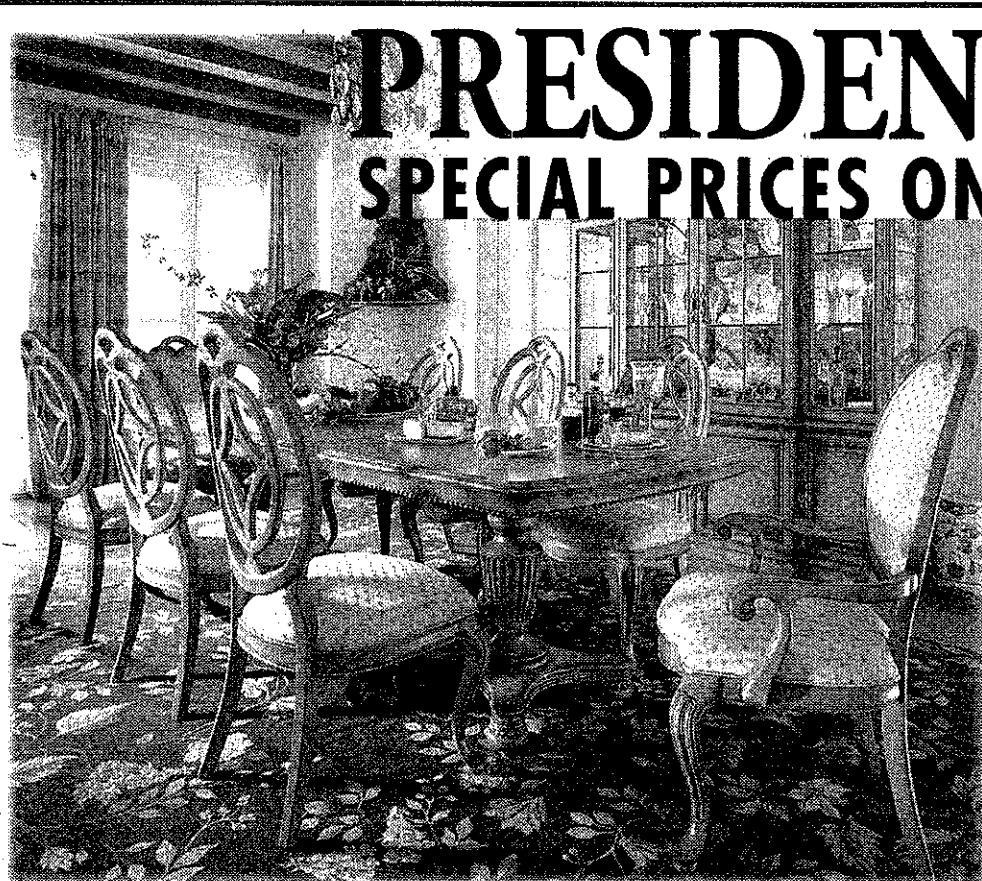
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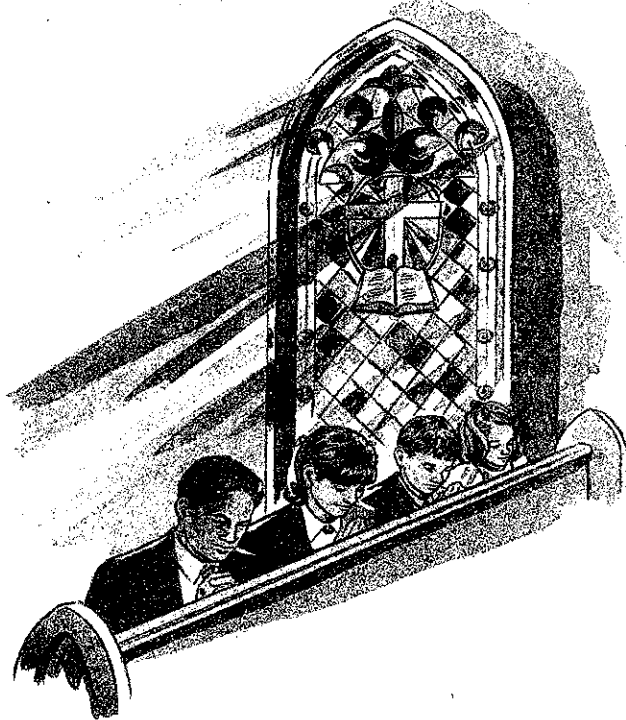
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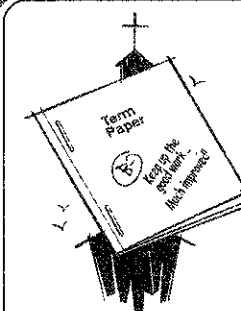
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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our 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

Pick one day a week to clean up clutter and reduce stress

I enjoy entertaining in my home but it causes me stress. We socialize with several groups of friends. I always panic when it is our turn to entertain. I am also anxious about unannounced visitors arriving at my door because my house might be a mess. How can I organize it so I can relax?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

A clean, organized home is not a fairy tale that is only read in a book. It can be a dream come true if you establish routine and maintenance.

Everyone has different standards concerning maintaining a clean home. First, you must establish how clean you want your home to determine how often you clean.

For some people twice a month may fulfill their ideal of a clean home while others do not mind a little mess if they are by themselves and not entertaining. There is another group of people that may want their home clean all the time, not just when guests come for a visit. This requires a scheduled routine to which you must adhere.

I clean every Monday with few exceptions: Being away on vacation, in the

hospital delivering a baby or helping a friend in need. I do not plan lunch, golf, shopping, volunteering at school or anything else on this day.

Schedule a regular cleaning time and follow that plan with limited exceptions. There may be many other things you would rather do than clean but make it a priority. If you are not motivated by cleaning, then focus on enjoying the results of cleaning.

I chose Monday for two reasons:

■ It is the beginning of the week and I find my week to be more productive if I start it with a clean house.

■ We do more entertaining on weekends so Monday is a good time to clean up after guests.

Monday may not work with your schedule. The day and time does not matter. The most important goal is to

regularly schedule a cleaning time.

When I worked Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., I had to readjust my cleaning schedule.

I tried Saturday but became consumed with shopping, household errands and visitors. I switched back to Monday but cleaned in the evening after work instead of during the daytime hours.

I have a friend who has difficulty keeping her house clean but desires to maintain a clean home.

She has tried many systems of cleaning but the most common method she uses is cleaning on demand.

When a room gets really dirty, she cleans it.

This system frustrates her because she never has the entire house clean at one time.

Using my routine as a model, she would like to clean on Monday. This day does not work because she drives car-pool twice on Monday and has other commitments that pull her away from the house. The day and time does not matter but the important thing is a consistent weekly commitment to cleaning.

We went through every day of the week, discarding the days that would not work for various reasons and found Thursday to be the best day for her.

Once you have established a routine cleaning day, focus your attention on home maintenance. It will be easier to clean if you keep a clutter-free house during the week. Establish the motto, "After you use it, put it back where it belongs."

You will not want to spend your time cleaning day picking up items and putting them away.

If there are other members of your household, maintenance should be a joint effort because you will need their cooperation to maintain a clutter free home.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin:
"The key to having a clean home is to establish and maintain a routine!"

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011
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These tips will help with drilling

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Shed light on the spot you're drilling by taping a penlight to the casing of your drill.

To make depth stops for your drill bits, drill undersized holes through the center of corks. Each cork should fit its bit snugly so that when you drill a hole to the proper depth, the cork doesn't move up on the bit.

When drilling smooth sheet metal, stick a piece of masking tape where the hole will be.

This prevents the bit from wandering.

Finally, avoid splintering the back of surfaces of wood every time the tip of the bit emerges, by placing a block of scrap wood under the piece.

The bit won't tear the wood as it breaks through.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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.

Women's Spiritual Retreat

To deepen one's personal relationship with God and with each other. It is a time for reflection on your inner life, to reflect on the Gospel of Jesus as it illuminates your life and a time for quiet and solitude. Two more retreats are scheduled: "The Sacrament of Suffering" Feb. 13-15 (call Marian (248) 852-2112), and "Jesus: All for Jesus" Feb. 27-29 (call Margie (586) 759-0830). The cost is \$100. Make your reservation today. For more information on upcoming retreats, call Zora at (586) 977-8993. St. Mary's Retreat house is located on 40 acres at 775 W. Drahn Road in Oxford.

40 Days of Purpose

Continue with Small Group Bible Studies at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, between Farmington and Levan, Livonia. Bring a friend and discover the answer to the question, "What on earth am I here for?" Interested individuals in the community are invited to join any of the Purpose Driven Life small groups which will meet in members' homes. For more information, call (734) 464-6722 or visit the Web site at www.memorialchurchofchrist.org. During the 40 Days of Purpose the truths about God's five purposes for people - worship, fellowship, prayer/study, ministry and evangelism - will be repeatedly communicated in worship services, sermons, small groups meetings and Sunday School classes. The campaign concludes Sunday, March 21.

Festival of Handbells

The Birmingham-First Concert Series presents the second annual Festival of Handbells 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. Meet the artists reception follows the program. The program features the First Presbyterian Church Ringers along with visiting bell choirs from other local churches. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Drama

From Narnia, With Love - The Spiritual Voyage of C.S. Lewis, a two-act drama by Mark F. McPherson 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 425-2800. The performance features McPherson, an award-winning actor, playwright and author who's written dramas about Winston Churchill, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, and Theodore Roosevelt. According to McPherson, "the character of C.S. Lewis is different from others I have portrayed. He is not gallant or glamorous, nor is he dangerous or irreverent. He is instead a man confronted with the same burning questions

which we all have faced concerning God and our place in the world."

Summer Bible School preview

The International Christian Education Association presents a Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries Preview featuring more than 25 workshops and 20 exhibitors 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of I-275, Northville. Designed mainly for those involved in church ministry, the conference welcomes all. Registration deadline is Feb. 16, but tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$45 at the door, \$40 advance by Feb. 16, includes refreshments and lunch. \$25 additional for puppet ministry workshop that teaches you to make and take a puppet the same day. For more information or to register, call (248) 557-5526 or visit the Web site at www.iceaonline.org.

Special Mass for Widowed

All widowed men and women are invited to attend mass followed by light refreshments and fellowship in a non-threatening and friendly atmosphere 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, one-quarter mile north of 14 Mile, one-half mile east of Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 666-4826.

Blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 for an appointment or just drop in.

An Ordinary Day With Jesus

The Lenten study opportunity takes place Wednesday, Feb. 25 through April 21. All are invited to gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light meal followed by the study. The second opportunity will be 1 p.m. Sunday February 29 through April 25. 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.

Diabetes Support Group

A monthly group for those dealing with diabetes. Catholic and non-Catholic 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 455-5910.

Stronger Women

Faith Covenant Church is offering a program designed to challenge your body, stretch your mind and encourage your spirit. began 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, continues to April 1, at 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 661-9191. The morning activities vary from beginning with your choice of aerobic exercise, jogging or a brisk walk, to sampling delicious home baked goodies and healthy snacks, to sharing in a

moment of prayer and devotion then culminating with a craft or noteworthy speaker on issues designed to engage you. Also age appropriate activities for your infants to five year olds. Baby-sitting available for \$2 per child, \$4 per family.

Pasty time

Pasties make great dinners and lunch box treats. Mark your calendar with the following dates so you remember to place your order. Orders will be taken March 7 and 14, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, and by phone March 9-10, at (734) 422-0149. Pick up dates are March 18-19. The cost is \$3 each.

Birmingham-First Concert Series

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

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 and April 16-18, 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/wmwe.

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.

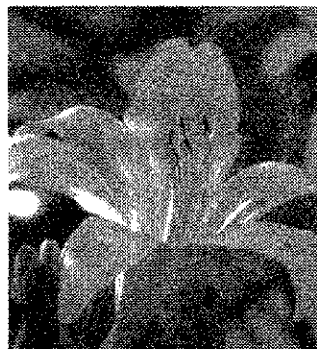
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Synagogue services

5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers and AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.



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ELY

Mr. Edward Winston Ely, 62, died Friday Feb. 6, 2004. Services will be announced at a later date by Powell Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines, NC. Born Feb. 24, 1941 in Toronto, Canada he was a son of the late Winston Theodore and Barbara Spalding Ely. Mr. Ely was the owner and operator of a snack company in Ohio and was a member of Mulfield Country Club in Dublin, Ohio. He is survived by one son, Lovan Thomas Ely, one sister, Judy Hatcher of Southern Pines, and one brother, Bartlett Spalding. Memorials may be made to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

HANSZ

Edith H., 89, of Traverse City, formerly of Winona, MN, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004 at Grand Traverse Pavilions. She was born Jan. 18, 1915, in Marshall to James and Esther (Pardoe) Harwood. In 1940, she was married to Richard M. Hansz of Highland Park. Edith attended the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit, where she held a supervisory position after graduation. After living in Winona, MN, for 25 years, Edith and her husband moved to the Traverse City area in 2001. Edith was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winona, MN, where she was a member of the Altar Guild. Her other memberships included the Chataqua Club, Simplicity Club, the Westfield Golf Club, the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Shrine Auxiliary, all of Winona, MN. Edith is survived by her husband Richard; three sons, Larry (Maureen) Hansz of Traverse City, Robert (Sue) Hansz of Foley Beach, S.C., and Timothy (Carol) Hansz of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be at a later date in the Memorial Garden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Livonia, where she and her husband were charter members prior to moving to Winona in 1974. Arrangement by the Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

Mc ALLEN

Delphine Dorothy, age 83; Peacefully on February 9, 2004; Born December 6, 1920; Beloved daughter of the late Edward J. and Clara M. (Connolly) Dixon; beloved wife of the late Thomas M. McAllen, Sr. (5-13-91) beloved and dearest mother of Mary McAllen (Michael) Robson, Thomas M. McAllen, Jr., Jack (Gail) McAllen, Christine A. McAllen, Patrick J. (Diane) McAllen, Dede (John) Dezeliski, and Jane (Greg Miller) McAllen; beloved Grand of Colleen (Matt) Wandel, Kelly (Richard) Perry, Shannon McAllen, Tom McAllen, Robert Gruenwald, Molly McAllen, John McAllen, Tim Dezeliski, Claire Dezeliski; Dearest sister of Edward J. Dixon Jr., and the late Genevieve McGrath, Fred Dixon, Martin Dixon, Winifred Reynolds, Betty Bowdell, and James Dixon. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Novi 1-248-348-1800 Thursday 2-9. Scripture Service Thursday 7:00 p.m. Prayer service Friday 9:15 with procession to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church for the funeral liturgy at 10:00. Donations in Delphine's memory may be made to the Angela Hospice, 14109 Newburgh Livonia, MI 48154. Obituary for Sympathy messages online at obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

MUNSON

Wixson W.(Bud). Died on February 2, 2004. Bud was born October 20, 1915 in Swanton, Ohio, the son of Almond and Elsie Munson. He will always be loved, remembered and missed. Bud loved fishing, nature and animals. He was an unaccompanied common man. Bud served in World War II receiving an Honorable Discharge and Good Conduct Medal after his tour of duty with Company M, 355 Regiment and 84th Infantry Division, campaigning in the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Germany. He, retire after working 40 years for Brooks & Perkins and Wolf Aircraft. He enjoyed many good times at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 in Westland. Bud was also a member of the Masons. Bud is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Jane, daughter, Gerry Darin (Richard LaDouceur), son, Edward G. Munson (Regina), daughter, Karen Munson (Michael Kapetan), grandchildren: Lisa Darin, Nicola Tomei, Mario Darin, Edward W. Munson, Chelcie Munson, great grandchildren: Ronald Darin, Noah Brandenburg, McKenna Darin; The family is grateful to Four Seasons Nursing Center and Hospice of Michigan.

O'GRADY

Phyllis Constance, 74, of Rochester Hills, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, FL. She was born in 1929 in Worcester, MA. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Charles H.; daughter, Robin L. O'Grady of Clarkston; son, Charles P. O'Grady (Rene) of N. Fort Myers, FL; grandchildren, Caprice, Ryan, Patrick and Alex; sister, Lois (Johnson) Krutchik of Florida; six nieces and four nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Everett and Eva Johnson. Mrs. O'Grady graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester, where she was a Horace Mann scholar. She later worked as a flight attendant for Northeast Airlines, Boston, at which time she met her future husband, Charles. Following their wedding May 10, 1952, the couple moved to Michigan. Mrs. O'Grady later attended Oakland University, earning a Bachelor's degree. Throughout her life, Mrs. O'Grady was active in the Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham; Meadowbrook Theater Guild, Rochester; TWA "Clipped Wings;" American Lung Association; Lost Lake Woods Club; and Nomads, Inc. She enjoyed golf and tennis, was an expert skier, and participated in NASTAR ski racing events. She traveled to the Rocky Mountains and the Matterhorn in pursuit of her hobby. She also enjoyed ice skating and recently participated in events at the Birmingham Ice Arena, Rochester Onyx Arena, and the TECO Arena, Naples, FL. Memorial contributions may be sent to Mrs. O'Grady's name to the Lee Cancer Care Center, c/o Lee Memorial Hospital, 2776 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901.

PERLONGO

DORIAN R., age 87 of Marion, Ohio died Sunday, February 8, 2004. She was born June 21, 1916 in Sandusky, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband Judge Nandino F. Perlongo of Plymouth. She is survived by one son, James (Shalia) of California; one daughter, Mary L. (Erick) Olson of Hawaii; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She worked as a legal secretary and postal inspection service in Michigan, moving to Marion, Ohio, in 1981. Member of Humane Society, Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy. Arrangements for graveside services and burial in Riverside Cemetery are being handled by Gunder/Hall & Folk Funeral Directors, Marion, Ohio. Condolences may be expressed to the family at GunderHallFolk@aol.com

STUART

Hubert Hanson, Age 77 of Howell, died Saturday, February 7, 2004 at Medford of Howell. He was born October 7, 1926 in Plymouth, Michigan, the son of Harold S. and Irene (Himman) Stuart. Hubert graduated from Plymouth High School. He married Elaine J. Butler who preceded him in death April 17, 1998. Hubert was retired as a tool & die designer for Washers, Inc. Surviving are sons, Bryan (Kathy) Stuart of Marion, MI and Mark (Krystal) Stuart of Howell; daughter, Donna Stuart of Howell; five grandchildren and brother, Charles Stuart of Vanderbilt, MI. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517) 546-2800.

WALLACE

MARIANNE K. 83, of Bogart, GA died on Feb. 7, 2004. Born & raised in Shelby, OH, she was also a long time resident of Birmingham, MI and Gainesville, FL. Mrs. Wallace was a long time active member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham, MI. A talented seamstress and accomplished milliner, wherever she lived, she was known as the "Hat Lady". In her later years, her greatest love was the study of the Bible and especially Old Testament history. Mrs. Wallace is survived by her son, Stanley Wallace of Athens, GA; a granddaughter, Amy; two sisters, Jeannette Oates of Shelby, OH and Marjorie Pugh of Lima, OH; and two nieces and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 31 years, the late Walter "Wally" Wallace of Birmingham, MI. The family will receive friends on Sat. Feb. 14, 2004 at Barkdull Funeral Home in Shelby, OH. At her request, no viewing, or memorial service will be held. A graveside funeral will be held on Mon., Feb. 16, 2004 at 9am at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Highland Hills Village, 1660 Jennings Mill Rd., Bogart, GA 30622 or to the Central Presbyterian Church, 380 Alps Rd., Athens, GA 30606

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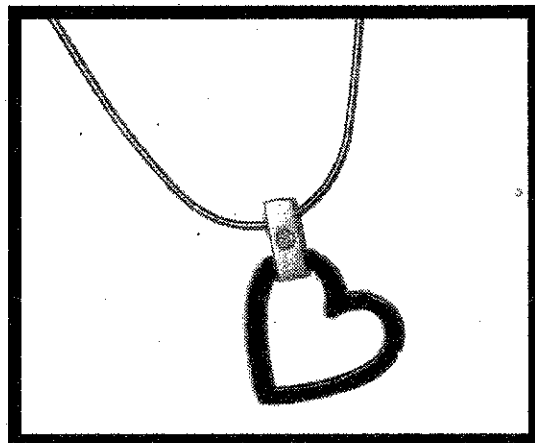
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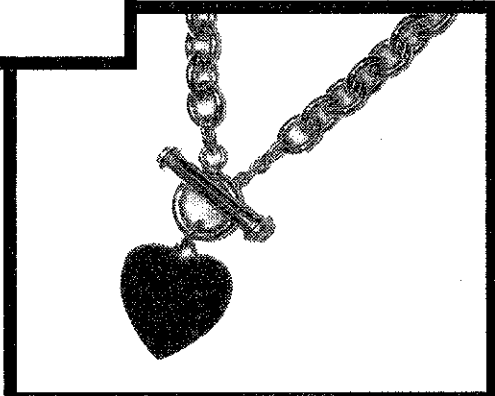
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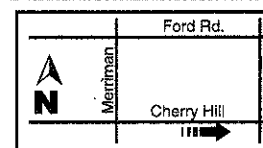
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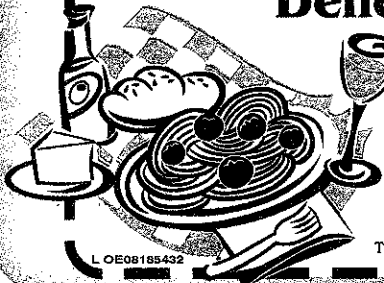
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Packages of SunBursts, Stars and Moons and Crackers Snacks have a suggested retail price of \$2.49 and are available at major retailers.

Last minute gifts

Looking for St. Valentine's Day gifts for Saturday?

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham have truffles made by The Jacques Guyaux Company in France. Guyaux is a family company established in 1931, which makes chocolates and truffles. The truffles sell for \$7.99.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, Whole Foods Market presents a selection of idea and celebration ideas: Rose Petal Tea, a royal tea blend has the light spice of delicate, young rose buds and petals atop the sweet fullness of China black tea. A perfect treat to share with someone you love - from The Republic of Tea.

Add a little sweetness to your romantic evening with Honey Acres, an artisan honey from Wisconsin. Little antique jars are filled with a choice of honeys including wildflower, clover, buckwheat and orange blossom.

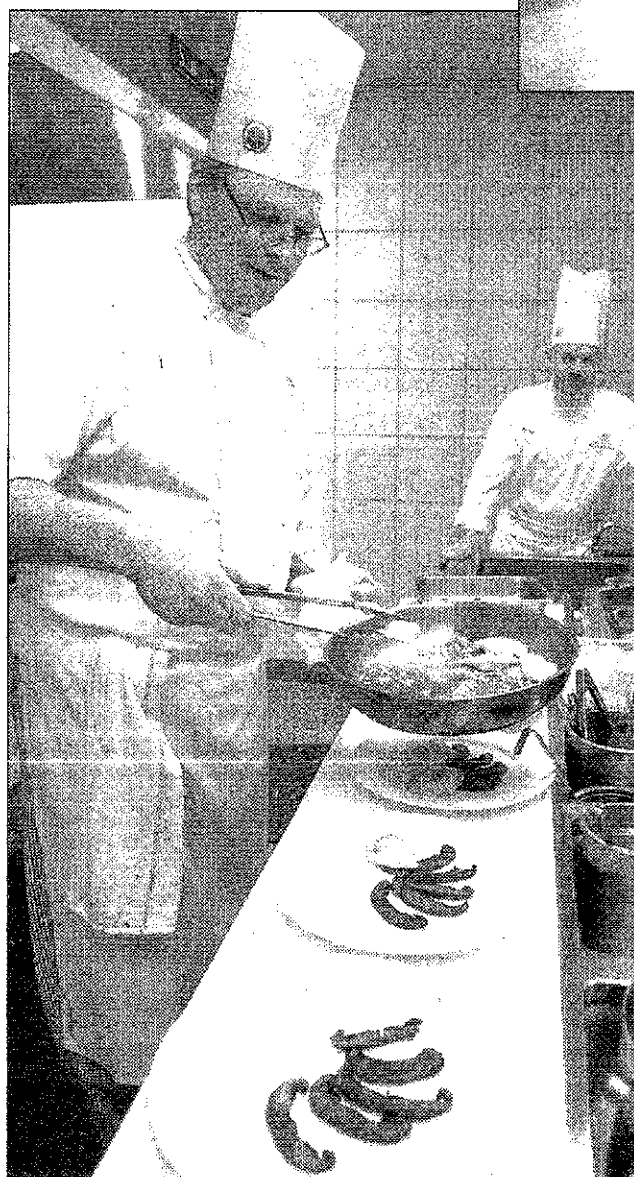
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Available individually and in gift boxes. Dark and Milk Chocolate Signature Squares from Lake Champlain Chocolates.

Whole Foods Market has stores in Ann Arbor, Rochester Hills, Troy and West Bloomfield.

Making the chef

Veteran leads Schoolcraft postgraduate program



After working for 17 years at The Lark restaurant in West Bloomfield, Marcus Haight believed it was time for a change.

"I just wanted to do something different," Haight said. "At The Lark, I had done everything I wanted to do and I wanted to be challenged in different ways."

Today, he teaches. Haight supervises the Brigade program, an advanced program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for recent graduates of culinary arts programs and others in the food industry. The postgraduate chefs in that program oversee the dinner operations of the American Harvest Restaurant inside the VisTaTech building, preparing five-course dinners for the public. (See hours below.)

Prior to the opening of VisTaTech, the restaurant served lunch only along with International Dinners. But with the larger facility and new demonstration kitchens and classrooms, the culinary program expanded to include the dinner hours for the public and created the Brigade program.

"Brigade is all about running and operating a restaurant," Haight said. "You tell them things and teach them cooking techniques they may not normally see."

In addition to his teaching, Haight's duties include all the restaurant menu

Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and instructor of the Brigade program at Schoolcraft College, oversees the menu planning for dinners at the American Harvest Restaurant, recipe development and analyzing the nutritional content of the meals.



Growing grapes on the edge

To grow grapes in Oregon, you really need to love the process of winemaking," said the inspired Adam Campbell, winemaker at Elk Cove Vineyards. "We're on the climatic edge of a ripening area, which is not a very easy place to grow



grapes, so everybody who does carries a deep passion for wine."

Elk Cove Vineyards, located south of Portland in the Willamette Valley, was founded in 1974 by Adam's parents, Pat and Joe Campbell. The focus at Elk Cove has always been to produce handcrafted, estate-grown wines. The estate vineyards cover more than 120 acres on steep south-facing slopes in the

perfect environment to grow the world-class grapes used to produce Elk Cove wines.

In Oregon, it takes the proper site and scrupulous vineyard management, in addition to harvesting very low yields, to create concentration and depth of flavor, the trademark of Elk Cove wines.

FAMILY ALL THE WAY

Elk Cove remains a family-owned and operated estate vineyard and winery. Adam Campbell was raised among the vines and, while going to school, worked summer vacations in the vineyards.

His first harvest was in 1989 and with no formal training in winemaking and viticulture, he joined the

family as full time winemaker in 1995. "I learned winemaking from my father," he said.

Since Oregon is a cool climate region for growing grapes, Elk Cove emphasizes those varieties that will succeed, such as riesling, pinot gris and pinot noir. Campbell explained that he has dropped chardonnay because he doesn't like the variety when it's grown in Oregon.

In Europe, riesling succeeds in the cool grape-growing regions of Germany and in Alsace, France. The 2001 Elk Cove Vineyards Riesling (\$15) boasts aromas of peaches, apples and Bartlett pears with an off-dry finish that is perfect with Dungeness crab, oysters, whitefish and even soft blue cheese.

Pinot gris and pinot grigio are the same grape, translated grey pinot because of the grape's skin color when ripe. Oregon's wine laws require that the wine be labeled with the French name pinot gris. Enjoy a young, chilled pinot gris as an aperitif or with poultry, grilled fish or shellfish, as well as Asian-inspired dishes. The 2002 Elk Cove Vineyards Pinot Gris (\$17) is a delicious example, highlighting aromas and flavors of apples and pears with hints of grapefruit and a finishing mineral note.

Our primary interest in Oregon is pinot noir, the great red grape of Burgundy, France. Pinot noir is a very delicate, even finicky, variety that prefers a cool climate. Its thin skin requires gentle handling in order to coax out its color and delicious cherry and red berry flavors. This means harvesting low yields, hand picking and sorting, gravity flow movement of the wine during production and bottling the wine unfiltered and unfiltered. This is exactly the method employed at Elk Cove.

Pinot noir is a versatile red wine, complementing everything from fish to meat. Although you may prefer a cabernet sauvignon with a grilled steak, the next time you are having veal, turkey, chicken or salmon, treat yourself to a food-friendly bottle of pinot noir such as the 2001 Elk Cove Vineyards Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (\$17), in an easy-drinking style with cherry and raspberry fruit plus a touch of smoke and brown spice.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and *Trois* residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

PLEASE SEE CHEFS, D6

Home show hosts food demonstrations

"If you can cook it, you can grill it" is two-man 'grilling buddies' Mad Dog and Merrill's motto offering tips for outdoor grilling at the Ford Field Home & Garden Show Feb. 19-22 at Detroit's Ford Field.

Joining them with skills in turning desserts into modern works of food art, Chefs Angus Campbell and Robert Garlough, chef instructors at Grand Rapids Community College, will present "Classic Desserts/Modern Styles."

Mad Dog & Merrill's wacky blend of barbecuing, satire, stunts and wit have been seen on ESPN, CBS and CNN. They will teach when you grill, you are not cooking in grease and share outdoor grilling tips and recipes with audiences.

The grilling artists are famed for their Green Bay Packers game tailgate parties. They can boast that they have grilled 8,000 bratwursts at 20° below zero. Mad Dog and Merrill have published numerous cookbooks including: "Grillology 101," "Festive Holiday Grilling," "We've Got Gas" and "Forever Tailgating." Sample recipes from Forever Tailgating are on their website www.maddogandmerrill.com.

Their repertoire includes the whole food pyramid - from vegetables and fish to desserts like grilled ice cream. "We haven't worked a day in 21 years," said Mad Dog. "It's all fun."

They can be seen at the show 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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

They can be seen at the show 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Campbell will be working

with the students of the Hospitality Education Department of GRCC, where he has been the chef-instructor since 1991. Before his move to Grand Rapids, Campbell lived in the Bahamas for four years where he did culinary training in the Caribbean Islands. His culinary love began in Scotland, cooking with his family. He went to school and became a master craftsman in Scotland, the highest level in the culinary arts.

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

His Website is www.chefangus.tv.

Garlough is the director of hospitality education at GRCC and an American Culinary Federation Educational Institute certified culinary educator and a certified executive chef. He serves on Chef Magazine's Foodservice Educators Network International Advisory Board and Executive Director of the Center for International Consortium of Hospitality and Tourism Institutes. He won a silver and bronze medal at the 1988 Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, West Germany, holds the Auguste Escoffier Gold Medal of Merit by the American Culinary Federation and received the Chef Herman Breithaupt Memorial Award as national chef - instructor of the year.

Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Thursday; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7; \$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Advance tickets are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Speedway and Big Boy. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Steam, then purée, cauliflower

You have a craving for mashed potatoes but not for the calories and fat that come with them. Enter the cauliflower.

The color's right and the texture can be imitated. You can steam a head of cauliflower, purée it with a little oil and milk, add some salt and pepper and you have something that looks and - almost - tastes like mashed potatoes. (If you don't believe this, try it. You'll be amazed.)

Cauliflower is a good addition to any diet. It is part of the cabbage family in which flowers stop growing at the bud stage. The thick stems under these buds hold the nutrients that would have gone into the flowers and fruits if they had fully formed. This makes cauliflower rich in vitamins and minerals.

Like other cruciferous vegetables, cauliflower is an important part of a healthful diet. Studies indicate we're still not eating enough cruciferous vegetables. And research shows that compounds in these vegetables help fight off cancer of the colon, stomach, lung and possibly breast.



Cauliflower has a naturally mild, sweet flavor. It can be steamed, baked, sautéed, or even grilled.

Cruciferous vegetables also are full of calcium, beta carotene, vitamin C and lutein, which is associated with a reduced risk of liver cancer as well as age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in people over 65.

Cauliflower has a naturally mild, sweet flavor.

It can be steamed, baked, sautéed, or even grilled. It can be eaten raw with dips or in mixed salads. Cauliflower is added to curries, stir-fries and tomato-based dishes served with pasta.

When shopping for cauliflower, look for a firm head with compact florets that have no brown spots. The leaves should be crisp and green and

not yellowing. The size of the head doesn't affect the quality.

Cauliflower is made up of bunches of tiny florets. While most cauliflower is white, some may have a purple or greenish tinge. The entire floret portion is edible.

The green leaves at the base also can be eaten, but take longer to cook and have a stronger flavor than the florets.

Separate cauliflower head into florets and wash. Adding lemon juice or milk to the cooking water will prevent discoloration.

It is preferable to steam cauliflower rather than boiling it. In boiling, the vegetable may retain too much water and become mushy.

UNCAULFLOWERED CAULIFLOWER

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 2-3 tablespoons canola oil
- ¼ cup low-fat milk, or to taste
- Salt and white pepper, to taste

Steam cauliflower stove-top, in a pot with a small amount of simmering water, or microwave with a small amount of water until soft. Purée in a blender or food processor with the oil and milk until fluffy. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 5 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 97 calories, 6 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 9 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 57 mg. sodium.

TASTE CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oea.hometownlife.com.

Classic cooking
Busch's Meal Solutions presents the classic cooking series with "Seafood: The Ultimate Fast Food" 6-7:30 p.m. tonight at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile (at Newburgh) in Livonia, Feb. 19 at 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth and Feb. 26 at 24445 Drake in Farmington Hills. "Poultry: All-Time Favorites" on March 11 (Livonia), March 18 (Plymouth) and March 25 (Farmington Hills).

Better Living
Dr. Arthur Weaver will discuss Nutrition and Cooking for Total Health at a seminar 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Metropolitan Adventist

School, 15585 Haggerty (just north of Five Mile). This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition and learn the benefits and risks of low carb and high carb diets. Weaver will discuss what epidemiological studies have revealed and how proper nutrition can be used as a preventative strategy against cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other chronic diseases. Dr. Weaver will present information on the principles of nutrition, while his wife Natalie and other cooks will share techniques for making healthy eating tasty and enjoyable. Vegetarian cookbooks will be available for purchase and a delicious vegetarian meal will be served to conclude the program. To register, call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

Schoolcraft College
Enjoy the talents of the staff at Schoolcraft College with culinary seminars offered through the culinary arts department and the college's Continuing Education Services. The seminars include Savory Soups and Stews with master chef Jeff Gabriel on Wednesday, Feb. 25. For a complete

schedule of seminars, call (734) 462-4448 or visit the college's Continuing Education Services building, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia (south of Seven Mile Road).

Bonnie's Patisserie
Low-carb Cooking and Good Food Fast are among the classes offered at Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwestern Hwy., in Southfield. Classes are scheduled 7-9 p.m. and cost \$35 each. The low-carb class will be offered either Monday, Feb. 16 or Wednesday, March 3, while the good food class will be taught Monday, March 8 or Wednesday, March 10. (The class will be offered both nights, so class attendees will choose one of them.) Glorious Bunch IV with instructions for stuffed French toast with apple sauce, bacon potato pie, fresh and smoked salmon cakes, pear mango salad and pullaway coffee cake will be offered Monday, March 15. Call (248) 357-4540 for information.

Celebrating Mardi Gras
The Ninth Annual Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, a Mardi Gras benefit for culinary students, features tastings from more than 20

restaurants and artful displays, along with specially paired wine and live music 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Mac & Ray's Banquet and Conference Center, 30675 North River Road, Harrison Township. Live and silent auctions will be held. Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for Gold Salon and are available by calling 586-463-9660 ext. 438. Complete event information can be found at www.mcfwe.com.

Bella Cucina
Bella Cucina of Plymouth instructs cooking classes in the lower level kitchen at Our Lady of Good Counsel church at North Territorial and Beck roads in Plymouth. The next session will give a demonstration on turkey polpettone, porcini mushroom risotto, spinach salad with pancetta and pine nuts and double cheesy garlic bread. The class, taught 6:30-9:30 p.m. on March 9, and repeated March 16 and March 30, is a hands-on demonstration. Class sizes are limited to 12 with a cost of \$50 per person and payment due at registration. For information, call (734) 455-4232.

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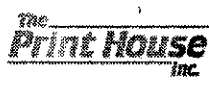
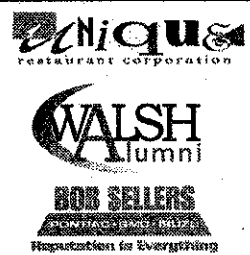
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Pasta topped with savory, homemade sauce, studded with mushrooms and freshly cooked chicken, rates high as a comfort food.

Cook spaghetti chicken once, serve twice

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Spaghetti Chicken sounds like a four-year-old exclaiming the name of his or her favorite meal. I created this versatile creation in the days when sharing the rent and grocery bills with a roommate was a necessity. It remains a favorite comfort food, convenience food and cost-saver, all still necessary on occasion.

Convenience first. Spaghetti Chicken is a one-pot that you cook once and eat twice. Well, maybe it is a three-pot dish, if you include the skillet for making the chicken, a pot for boiling the spaghetti and a saucepan for the soup I make from the rest of the chicken. As for its economic virtues, not only are the ingredients inexpensive, but it lets you use about one and one-half pounds of chicken to feed four, twice. As comfort food, pasta topped with savory, homemade sauce, studded with mushrooms and freshly cooked chicken, rates high at my house. I usually use the leftover white meat in soup, most often a chicken-and-vegetable combo with beans, rice, or both — comfort food, again.

Good eating, as in healthy, is another virtue of this dish. It provides lean protein for two meals. And it works equally

well with whole-wheat or regular, semolina pasta. Sometimes, I use rice instead, preferably brown, or spoon the chicken and sauce over polenta.

Spaghetti Chicken also provides one to two servings of vegetables, along with grain and chicken the first time around. It can include whatever you choose the second time around. If you like, increase the amount of vegetables. As for seasoning, anything goes, including fresh herbs, chili powder, or sun-dried tomatoes. I have even added a touch of curry powder or cinnamon, which give this down-home dish an ethnic note.

SPAGHETTI CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

- 1 split (2 halves) skinless chicken breast, with ribs
- 4 skinless chicken thighs
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 pound crimini or white mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 1 can (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- Pinch of red pepper flakes, optional
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces spaghetti or linguini, preferably whole-wheat

1/4 cup (1 ounce) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Coat a large skillet with cooking spray. Heat pan over medium-high heat. Brown chicken, turning pieces, so it colors on all sides, about 8 minutes. Transfer chicken to a plate.

Heat oil in the pan. Sauté onions and garlic until translucent, 4 minutes. Add mushrooms. Sauté until moist, about 4 minutes. Add tomatoes and their liquid, oregano, basil and pepper flakes, if using. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Return chicken to skillet. Cover and simmer until chicken is white at the bone when cut with a sharp knife, about 40 minutes, turning it after 25 minutes.

Transfer chicken pieces to a plate. When cool enough to handle, pull the meat from the bones. There will be about 8 ounces white meat and 6 ounces dark meat. Set aside dark meat for Chicken Spaghetti. Cover the rest, and refrigerate, to use in soup or salad. For Chicken Spaghetti, cook 4 servings of pasta. If necessary, reheat sauce. When hot, add reserved shredded chicken. Spoon sauce over pasta. Sprinkle with cheese, and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 386 calories, 9 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 54 g. carbohydrate, 23 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 402 mg. sodium.

Cook up a quick and easy pasta dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How about a pasta variation on your BLT?

A simple but very good offering with a playful tie-in to the favorite bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich, with an Italian flavor, comes from *Good Housekeeping 100 Best Pasta Recipes*, Hearst, 2003, \$14.95.

First, for those occasions when the hungry are breathing down the cook's neck, note that the recipe takes only about 30 minutes start to finish.

Second, note the switches in ingredients: Pasta replaces the bread, arugula replaces the lettuce, and pancetta replaces the bacon.

A "kitchen tip" in the book explains that pancetta, an Italian bacon, is cured in a mixture of salt and spices; but unlike American bacon it is not smoked, so its flavor is milder.

It is sold in Italian markets, specialty meat shops, or large supermarkets. If you can't find it, use bacon.

The book is great value: It's bright, large-format, with plenty of full-page color photos; all recipes include cooking time required and nutrition analysis.

RADIATORE WITH ARUGULA, TOMATOES AND PANCETTA

- 16-ounce package radiatore or corkscrew pasta
- Salt
- 4 ounces sliced pancetta or bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 garlic clove, crushed with garlic press
- 16-ounce container cherry tomatoes, each cut into quarters
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 8 ounces arugula, tough stems removed

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Shredded Parmesan cheese for garnish

In a large saucepan, prepare pasta in boiling salted water as label directs.

Meanwhile, in a 10-inch skillet, cook the pancetta over medium heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally. (If using bacon, discard all but 1 tablespoon fat.) Add garlic; cook 30 seconds, stirring. Add tomatoes, pepper and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Remove skillet from heat; cover and keep warm. Drain the pasta; return to saucepan. Add pancetta mixture, arugula and grated Parmesan cheese; toss well. Garnish with shredded Parmesan cheese.

Makes 4 main-dish servings, or 8 accompaniment servings.

about 560 cal., 22 g pro., 93 g carbo., 12 g total fat (4 g saturated), 15 mg chol., 680 mg sodium.

Bread pudding recipe adds fruit and almonds

GRAPE AND ALMOND BREAD PUDDING

- 4 cups (about 5 slices) firm white bread
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups seedless grapes
- 3 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Cut bread into 1/2-inch cubes. Bake in 350° F oven about 10 minutes or until lightly toasted.

Beat eggs in large bowl. Add sugar, nutmeg, milk, half-and-half and vanilla; mix well. Add toasted bread cubes and grapes; mix well.

Spoon bread mixture into lightly buttered 2-quart baking dish; sprinkle almonds and drizzle butter over top.

Bake at 350° F 35 minutes or until top is golden and knife blade inserted near center comes

out clean.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: Two cups milk or 2 cups half-and-half may be substituted for 1 cup of each.

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Use a wood rasp to remove lemon zest

BY DANA JACOBI
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We rarely eat a lemon or use the entire fruit in pies, chutneys, or salt-pickled as they are for North African dishes. Yet we use lemons all the time, often several times a day, to enliven both savory and sweet dishes, sauces, dressings and beverages. Mostly, we use the juice, and occasionally the aromatic, yellow outer layer of skin called the zest.

A lemon is a lemon to Americans, since the two commercially grown varieties, Lisbon and Eureka, are almost indistinguishable. Dark yellow Meyer lemons, in season from November to March, are now becoming more available, as well. A cross between a lemon and an orange, their abundant juice is sweet enough to drink straight. It makes a killer lemonade.

Fresh-squeezed lemon juice has a bright, sweet-tart taste. I highly recommend using it rather than bottled juice. To extract the most juice, microwave a lemon for 30 seconds, then roll it on the counter top, pressing down firmly. Using a reamer, a good-size

lemon yields as much as four tablespoons of juice.

Lemon peel has two layers, the top layer of golden zest, rich in the health-protective phytochemical called limonene and a spongy underlayer of white, bitter-tasting pith. I favor two methods for removing the first and avoiding the second.

If possible, get a rasp. Chefs discovered that this wood-working tool zips zest off neatly, yields more and cleans up more easily than a grater or zester. Alternatively, use a vegetable peeler or sharp, thin paring knife to cut the zest away in strips. If any white clings to the underside, pin the peel on a flat surface, using your thumb at one end. Holding a paring knife so its blade is almost horizontal, gently slide the blade between the zest and pith, starting at the thumb-end and moving slowly down the strip. It doesn't matter if the strip tears, as you will probably be chopping it up anyway.

Served warm, this pasta salad uses both lemon zest and juice, plus an appealing combination of regular and whole-wheat pasta.



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LEMON PASTA SALAD WITH TUNA AND BROCCOLI

- 3 ounces semolina fusilli pasta or other type of spiral pasta
- 3 ounces whole-wheat fusilli pasta or other type of spiral pasta
- 6 ounces (1 can) water-packed white tuna, drained
- 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups cooked broccoli florets
- 1 tablespoon capers, drained
- 2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Cook pasta according to

package directions.

Drain and place pasta in a bowl. Add tuna, tomato, broccoli, capers, lemon zest, and basil.

Using fork, mix until the tuna is well broken up.

In a small bowl, whisk together garlic, lemon juice and salt. Whisk in the oil. Season to taste with pepper. Pour the dressing over the pasta and toss to coat the salad.

Makes 4 main-dish servings, or 8 as a side dish.

Per main-dish serving: 290 calories, 9 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 37 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 241 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy*, and recipe creator for AICR's *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

Prepare vegetarian cooking: stuffed celery, pizza and punch

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Having reached the age when seemingly everyone around me has young children, I've noticed a recurring theme at parties and family gatherings - children struggling with foods intended for adults.

Not that I didn't enjoy watching toddlers topple plates of hors d'oeuvres at a recent adult birthday party, but there seemed to be something wrong (even dangerous) in children running around with bacon-wrapped scallops on toothpicks.

Though it can increase the workload for the host, a party that includes but isn't necessarily for children ought also to include foods prepared specifically for those children.

This provides youngsters with items that are easy to handle, safe to eat and that appeal to their tastes. It also reserves the fancier and more costly foods for the adults (did the children at the party I attended really appreciate the baked brie?).

The first thing I learned while searching for suitable children's foods was that my definition of easy munchies differs widely from what some foodies envision.

As much as I love being in the kitchen, I wasn't willing to follow one author's suggestion to grill half a lobster still in the shell and serve it with a corn and red-pepper relish followed by panna cotta with balsamic strawberries for dessert.

That's too much work to make even for myself. Haute cuisine for the PB&J crowd doesn't seem to solve the problem.

Lucy Moll's approach in her book, *The Vegetarian Child* (Perigee Books, 1997), seems saner. The foods she suggests not only are easy to make but also involve simple preparation and ingredients, and have appealing presentations.

For instance, there are celery spears slathered with peanut butter and raisins; and spider cookies, round crackers with a dollop of peanut butter and pretzel stick legs sticking out from the sides.

And it's hard to go wrong with pizza, such as the French bread version offered by Joanne Stepaniak and Vesanto Melina in their book, *Raising Vegetarian Children*, (Contemporary Books, 2003, \$18.95).

One parent friend mentioned that the hardest part of feeding children at adult gatherings can be drinks. With the focus often on alcohol and other unsuitable drinks, children can be left with few choices beyond soda.

Stepaniak and Melina have an answer for that, too. Their fruity party punch has more pizzazz than water or milk, and is preferable to most sodas. The older children also likely will appreciate having their own adult drink.

STUFFED CELERY WITH RAISINS

- 4 stalks celery
- 1/2 cup nut butter (such as peanut or almond)
- 1/2 cup soy or dairy cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup
- 1/2 cup raisins

Cut each celery stalk crosswise into 2 pieces.

Combine the nut butter, cream cheese and honey or maple syrup in a small bowl and mix well. Spread the mixture into the cavity of each celery stalk. Garnish by pushing raisins into the nut butter mixture. Makes 8 pieces.

Recipe from Lucy Moll's *The Vegetarian Child*, Perigee Books, 1997.

SILLY SPIDER COOKIES

- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 6 round crackers
- 24 thin pretzel sticks
- 12 raisins

Spread 1-1/2 teaspoons of peanut butter on each cracker. Break the pretzel sticks in half and push 8 sticks into the peanut butter on each cracker, positioning them as 4 legs on either side.

Push 2 raisins into the peanut butter on each cracker to make eyes.

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Discover Southern Indian cooking

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Grilled tandoori, puffed nan bread and creamy spinach saag are classic dishes from the north of India. Recently, though, thanks to our increasing interest in heat and spice, Americans are being attracted to the hotter food of southern India.

Rather than the pounded blend of dry-roasted cinnamon sticks, cardamom, cloves and other spices called garam masala, cooking in southern India uses lots of hot chili peppers and whole mustard seeds. It also emphasizes vegetarian dishes and seafood more than the inland, meat-oriented cooking of the north.

Southern India is the sub-continent's tip, bordered by the Bay of Bengal on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west. Important southern Indian cities include Madras to the east, and the port of Cochin in the western state of Kerala. A fabled source of spices, like Malabar pepper, the Malabar Coast of Kerala was a magnet for ancient Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs and Marco Polo in 1294. Christopher Columbus was headed there rather than the Americas, where he eventually landed. Vasco de Gamma, the

Portuguese explorer, reached Cochin in 1498 and is buried there.

These foreign visitors brought foods that enriched the local cooking, particularly the tomatoes and chile peppers carried by the Portuguese from the New World. When Christians, Muslims, Parsees and Jews joined the local Hindus and stayed on, Kerala became an ethnic melting pot and a community of remarkable tolerance, a place where palcharcha is the custom of sharing celebratory dishes of your own faith with friends of other religions. At home, when you want to give shrimp or salmon sizzling Indian flavor, serve them with this chunky tomato chutney. Inspired by a recipe from Suvir Saran of Amma, a New York City restaurant, it is also splendid as an omelet filling, or served with cottage cheese.

INDIAN TOMATO CHUTNEY

- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 2 1/2 pounds large plum tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 teaspoon black or yellow mustard seeds

- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Salt, to taste

Combine coriander, curry powder, paprika, cayenne pepper, pepper flakes, and turmeric in a small bowl and set aside.

Halve tomatoes lengthwise. Scoop out and discard seeds and inner flesh. Cut each half into six pieces.

Heat oil in a medium non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add mustard and cumin seeds. When mustard seeds begin to pop, 1 or 2 minutes, stir in dried spices. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, sugar and salt. Cook, stirring often to prevent sticking. When skin at the edges of some of the tomatoes curls, but they are all still firm and chunky, about 4 minutes, transfer the chutney into a bowl. Serve chutney warm (not hot), or at room temperature.

Makes 2 cups, for 4 servings as a side dish or 8 as a condiment.

Nutritional information per serving: 70 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 9 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 15 mg. sodium.

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



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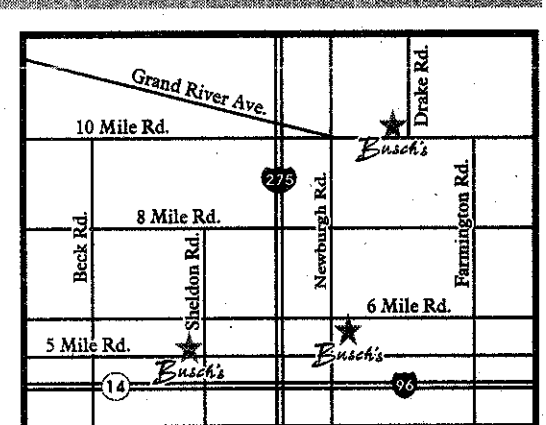
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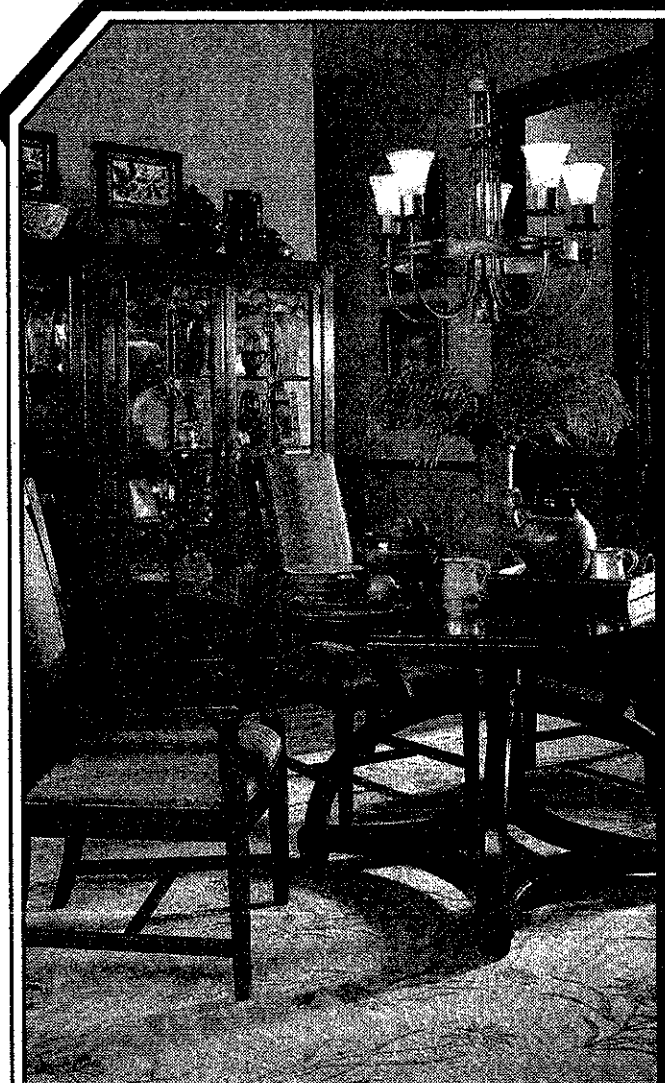
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planning, recipe development and analyzing the nutritional content of the meals. As the students prepare the dishes, Haight will oversee every station in the kitchen and all aspects of meal preparation — butchery, sautés, sauces, baking and pastry — simultaneously, going from area to area and constantly instructing.

Each week the students get a new menu, and they tweak it throughout the week, Haight said. "Each week it's a different menu," Haight said. "It's a great experience for them. It's very challenging. They have to come in Tuesday (the first day of class that week) and be focused."

Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft, calls Haight "a welcome addition to the culinary team."

"He brings with him a wealth of skills and knowledge that both students and faculty will be able to draw upon," Konowalow said. "His demeanor and teaching style will blend well with our team of world-class culinary arts professors."

"Marcus has a long history with Schoolcraft culinary arts, having graduated from the program more than 20 years ago, and as an adjunct instructor over the past several years. We are all extremely pleased that we were able to lure him into the world of culinary arts education."

The Brigade program focuses on principals developed by French chef Escoffier, Haight said. Georges-Auguste Escoffier (1846-1935) is credited with simplifying the complex French haute cuisine of his day with less elaborate dishes, lighter sauces and more seasonal ingredients. According to the *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*, Escoffier's reorganization of the professional kitchen eliminated duplication of efforts and

Advanced baking class expected this fall

Instructors in Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department expect to add an advanced baking and pastry program this fall in conjunction with the Brigade program.

Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor in Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department, is expected to create a curriculum aimed at intense baking and pastry production over 30 weeks. Students will learn intensive baking in five-hour, three-day work weeks for 15 weeks, then learn 15 more weeks of five-hour, four-day work weeks of pastry.

"We found a great need for those disciplines in the culinary arts," Decker said.

The class will be geared for those students who wish to work in the restaurant and hotel end of the culinary arts trade, or entrepreneurial side of baking and pastry. Instructors noticed a gap in the students curriculum between baking and pastry classes. Some graduated with 15 weeks of study in two years. "We designed this class for more overlap," Decker said. "It will be 30 weeks, back to back."

"It will be a much more intensive program," Decker said. "Artisan breads will be in there for a much longer time."

Decker said students will study more intensively baking processes. Students take on large projects, such as creating an entire wedding cake.

Getting students into an advanced baking program gets students who already enjoy or are interested in baking, Decker believes. "That collective interest in the class is going to be great," Decker said.

Decker isn't concerned about the increase in chain stores, coffee shop chains and mega super stores driving out small bakeries.

"I think it's reverting back to a time when people looked at the value of good homemade food," Decker said. "There's a wholesomeness to healthy food and freshness."

Chef Marcus Haight joins Schoolcraft faculty

Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and certified executive pastry chef, has worked at some of the finest five-star restaurants in the country.

Haight was the executive chef at The Lark restaurant in West Bloomfield. During his tenure, the restaurant maintained a four-star rating in the *Mobil Travel Guide*; received the AAA's top rating in the state and first Four-Diamond designation; was rated best restaurant in the U.S. by readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine; and shared *Hour Detroit* magazine's Restaurant of the Year honor.

Haight is a Schoolcraft alum, having earned a Culinary Arts certification. Since 1987, Haight has taught cooking classes in the southeastern Michigan area, including the introductory skills class at Schoolcraft.

Haight's resume includes positions at four of the 15 *Mobil Guide* Five-Star restaurants in the U.S. Before The Lark, he spent two years as sous chef at Le Bec Fin in Philadelphia. He was pastry chef/cook at the legendary Le Francais in Wheeling, Ill. He worked as cook/pastry chef at La Maisonette in Cincinnati and was cook at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.



Student Kathryn Cillick of Livonia strains a demi-glaze with Haight.

resulted in a more efficient operation.

In Schoolcraft's Brigade program, that efficiency will be taught to each student as each of them work a specific station, then they will rotate from week to week to another station. "We have a fish station, meat station and sauce station," Haight said. "Each week we give them a different sauce which requires different techniques, like a brown sauce or Hollandaise. We employ all the different techniques."

Haight wants students to develop as many different cooking techniques with different food items in different food groups.

For example, soups change every evening on the menu, but sauces remain the same for that week at that station. "They'll have to prepare five or six different sauces and a soup," Haight said. Brigade students learn efficiency and "what it takes" to run a restaurant, Haight said. "You not only have to make it, you have

to produce it," Haight said.

Haight saw his return as a great opportunity. "It's a great institution here. It was perfect," he said.

One recent week, students worked on a rack of lamb with wild mushroom crust, spinach mousse and haricot verts (French green beans) with rosemary lamb juice.

With different soups every day, the class of students will have created 180 different ones by the end of the class term. "They've made duck consommé, brussels sprouts soup, hot and sour, pumpkin and celeriac with truffles," Haight said.

Haight hopes students will be ready for anything that comes across the table once they complete the Brigade program. "We want them to learn how to cook squab, guinea hen or wild turkey so they don't have to ask, 'What am I going to do with this?'" Haight said.

Haight said Konowalow has "good vision" for the program and commended the school's administrators for the support

of the culinary arts there.

Haight joins four certified master chefs (Joe Decker, Jeff Gabriel, Kevin Gawronski and Dan Hugelier) and certified executive chefs Brian Polcyn and Chris Misiak on the staff at Schoolcraft College. Haight appreciates and respects the talent and abilities of his colleagues, who institute an "air of desire to learn and achieve," Haight said. "There's an enthusiasm to give back what they've learned," Haight said.

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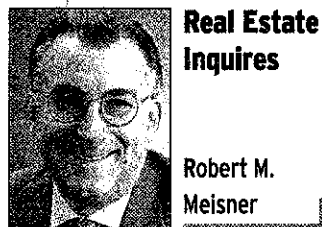
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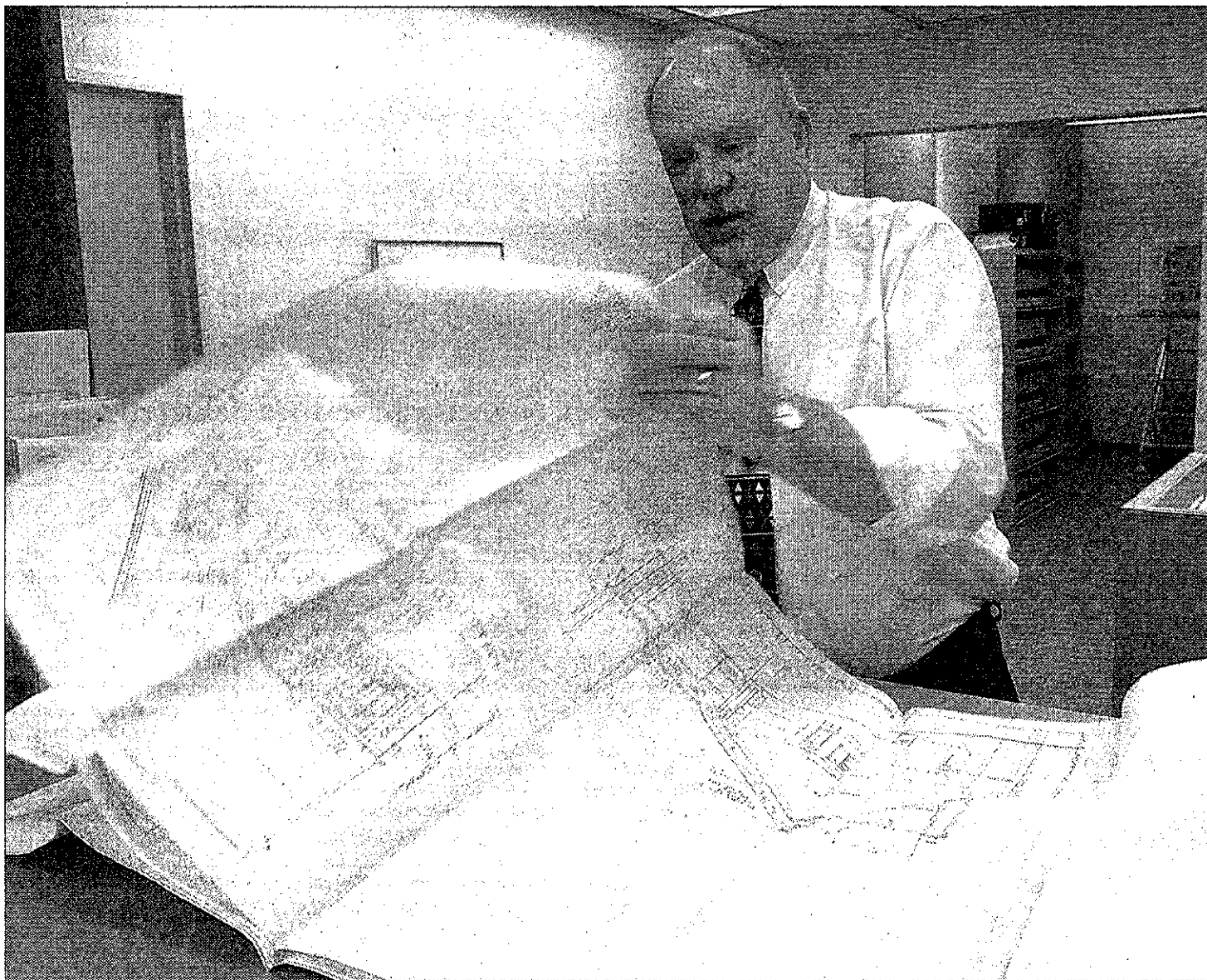
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BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

You know that old phrase, "Let the buyer beware." Maybe it should be, "Let the buyer bring a tape measure and calculator."

If you want to know the exact, precise, accurate, inarguable total square footage of the house you're thinking of buying, you just might have to measure it yourself.

"If you ask five people to measure a house," Teri Spiro said, "you're likely to get five different answers." Spiro is an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country, West Bloomfield. "I try to tell my buyer that you're buying that house based on that space making sense for you, so don't be hung up on 2,100 or 2,200."

NO UNIVERSAL METHOD

The problem about footage, Spiro said, is that there is no protocol, no universal method, no law for measuring.

According to appraiser Janeen Cope of Troy, a house is measured from the outside or you might use the survey if the homeowner has one. The house then is noted as being so many feet by so many feet and doubled if it's two stories.

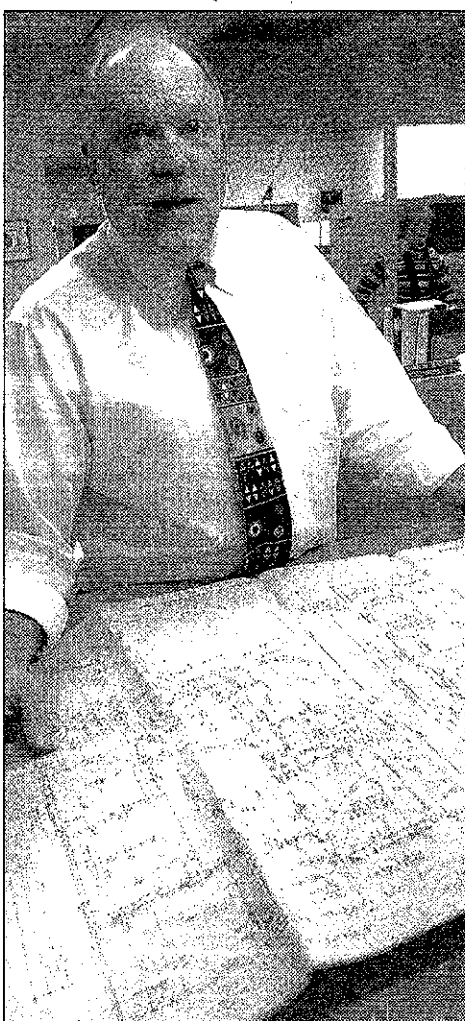
An appraisal, Cope said, only includes living space; attics and basements are not included. If the house has an irregular shape, the sections are measured separately and added together.

"Appraisers have a software program where you just put the dimensions in and it calculates footage," Cope said. "But some cities and townships measure differently. Say it's a bungalow. Some cities measure the lower floor and estimate that the upper floor is half of the lower because it's not full width. Some homes have vaulted ceilings, maybe in a family room. Some cities will give that a quarter credit. It varies from city to city. With tri-levels and quad-levels, I see many different interpretations."

A city's reason for measuring a house is all about determining how much you'll pay in annual property taxes after you buy that house.

As Dean Babb, city assessor for Farmington Hills, said, there's a city-county-state process that begins with someone standing in front of your house with a sketch pad.

This assessor will make a one-dimensional drawing of the exterior of "the box"



Dean Babb, assessor for Farmington Hills, and his staff keep records on the approximately 20,000 residential units in the city.

and then physically measure it. Consideration is given, Babb said, to variations in story height and types of construction, such as brick or frame or a combination of those or other materials. "There are some subjective judgments," he said.

As for a finished attic, Babb said, "that portion of it which has seven-foot headroom can be included, but not a finished basement. Nothing below grade."

His staff of eight people, he said, keeps records on the approximately 20,000 residential units in his city. The data his assessors gather go through an equalization process on county and state levels to assure that taxing standards are being applied "the same in all of Michigan's 83 counties."

PRIVACY

When the assessor knocks on your door, Babb said, the homeowner has the right to refuse entry. "But then the assessor will have to use his best guess," he said. So the homeowner, Babb said, trades his privacy rights for the risk of inaccurate measurement as a basis for the assessment that follows.

A garage, Babb said, is not included in the footage of the house, but is taxed as part of the property. More if it's attached than not, more if the interior is finished than not, more if it's heated than not.

Built-in kitchen appliances, he said, give the house a higher tax rate than do free-standing ones. There even are rates, he said, for kitchen fireplaces and charcoal grills. The additional taxes, he said, are "just nickels and dimes. Eighty to 90 percent of value comes from footage and type of construction."

Over in Troy, Nino Licari, the city assessor, said homeowner complaints about measurement of his city's 23,000-plus residences often have to do with homes built in the 1980s. "Generally, it's about homes with clear-span two-story areas, such as a family room or foyer," he said.

Spiro said the two-story measurement problem is one reason she would like to see footage eliminated from listings or indicated only by category of size. Public records, she says, are sometimes unreliable about footage.

They "can be based on the original plans filed with the city when a house was built 50 years ago, but the house might have been built larger or smaller," he said. "And every city seems to view a two-story room differently. One might say it's 400 feet and another will say it's 800 feet. Most real estate sales contracts state that footage is approximate. So if it's important to the buyers, it's up to them to verify it."

Spiro had a large sale fall apart because the 3,600 square footage on the listing was what the city had on its records and what the builder had, but the appraiser disagreed about 200 feet less.

"This was a house almost a half-million (dollars) and the buyer wanted a reduction of \$20,000 to \$25,000," she said. "If it turns out that a house actually is a hundred feet larger than listed, should the seller get another \$10,000? Buyers and sellers should understand that footage is a tool, not an absolute."

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

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What do the following mortgage borrowers have in common?

Doug completes a cash-out refinance on his home, start to finish, in about 10 days. Ericka, a single mother who runs a home-based cash business, buys a home without having to show any income. Danny, a recent college graduate, gets 100 percent financing on his first home at a very competitive interest rate.

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Mortgage underwriters always evaluate borrower reliability, and they know all about the "old dog, new tricks" thing. People who always pay bills on time will probably continue to do so. People who are chronically late will continue that pattern. For this reason, lenders rely heavily on credit scoring to provide insight into a borrower's character and to help assess borrower risk potential.

SCORES

Credit scores represent that statistical probability of the borrower defaulting. For residential purchases, credit scores range from less than 400 (worse) to more than 800 (better). A borrower with a score of less than 600 has a one-in-nine chance of defaulting, while the chance of a borrower scoring just above 700 defaulting is only one in 124.

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Give yourself a break. Take care of your credit, because it certainly takes care of you.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives at www.HomeQuarters.BIZ, and you may phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Standard Federal Bank is hosting a free homebuying/financing seminar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Northstar Development Corporation, 3800 Puritan, Detroit. Upon completion of the seminars, participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable for people with low to moderate incomes. For more information/or to register, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532, or (313) 832-4600, Ext. 128.

Leasing

The Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council hosts "The ABCs of Leasing" 8:30 p.m. to noon, Friday, Feb. 13, at the Building Industry Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mable, president of Success On Site Inc., will present information to assist property managers in training on-site personnel. Registration, including continental breakfast, \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM and BIA members, \$99 for nonmembers and guests. Call (248) 862-1004 to register.

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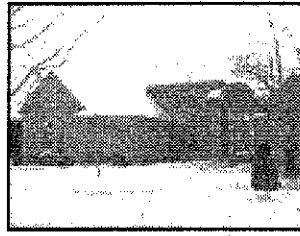
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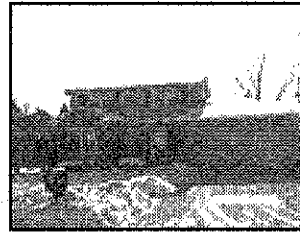
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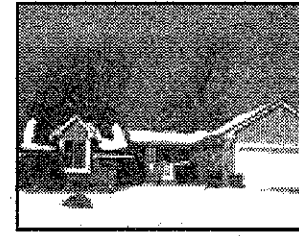
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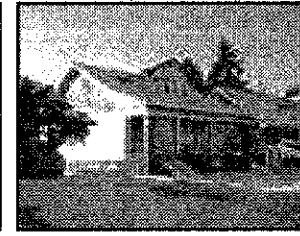
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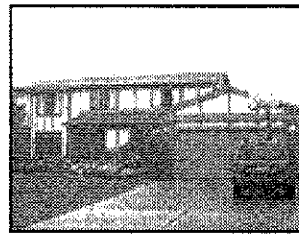
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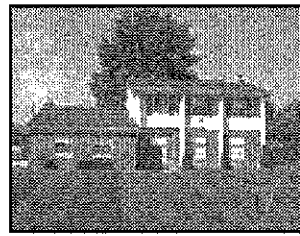
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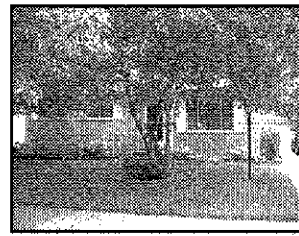
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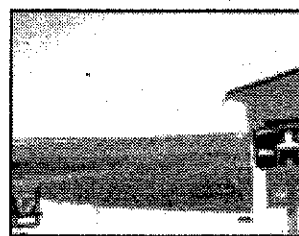
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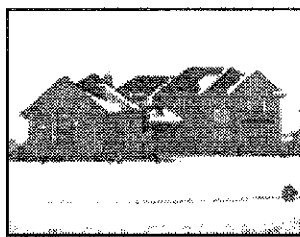
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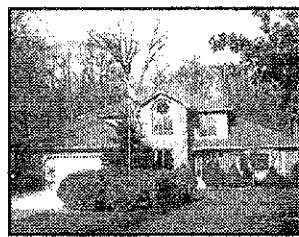
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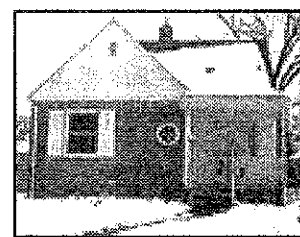
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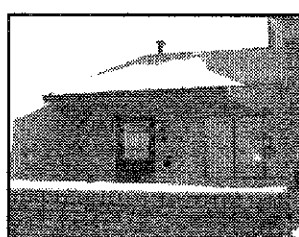
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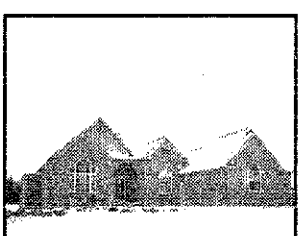
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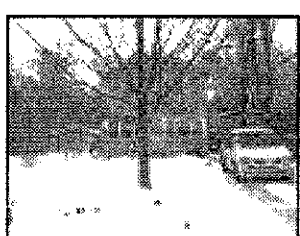
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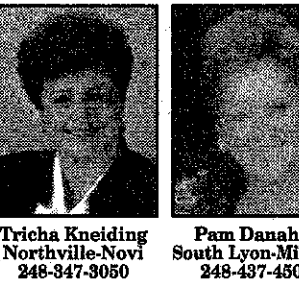
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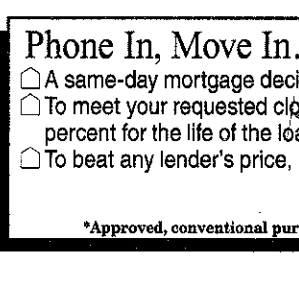


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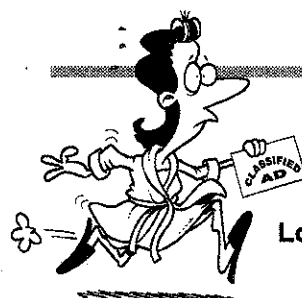
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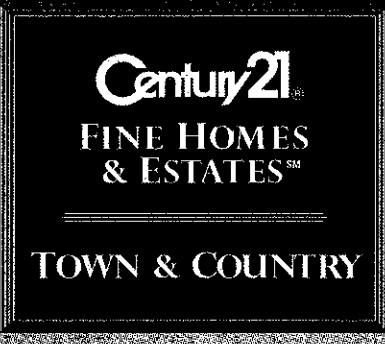
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LIVONIA Rosedale Meadows Ranch
offers partially finished basement, garage, beautiful updated kit. & DR w/loads of oak cabinets, Pergo flooring & recessed lighting. Also hardwood floors under carpet, ceramic bath, vinyl windows & updated elec.
(E36HEE) 734-455-5600 \$164,900




CANTON Cute Country Home in the City
Approx. 1 acre home in Canton won't last long. 3 BR, 1 BA, extensive use of ceramic tile. Formal DR, redone. Updated kit w/oak cabinetry. Newer windows and furnace. Mini barn, mechanics bay. Doorwall to deck.
(E80GRA) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
55+ ranch end unit w/2 BR & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from dining room window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio. Single car garage. Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.
(E52CAM) 248-349-5600 \$136,500




WALLED LAKE Great Condo
2nd floor end unit condo w/private entry, 2 BR, MBR w/WIC, 1.5 car attached garage, laundry room in unit. Doorwall to balcony, kitchen w/snack bar and central air. All appliances included.
(E26HAR) 248-349-5600 \$117,900




PLYMOUTH Exquisite Entertaining Home
Boasts 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floor, oak island, 2 way fireplace, basement and 3 car attached garage. A wonderful find. You must see!
(E84DEE) 734-455-5600 \$499,900



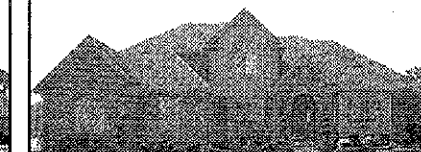
CANTON Beautiful & Neutral
2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet throughout, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds and gas fireplace in living room.
(E89HOR) 734-455-5600 \$184,900



WARREN Located on Large Lot
Custom built 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with heated Florida room, updated windows and roof, breezeway and oversized 2 car garage. Partially finished basement.
(E86BER) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
Enjoy the clubhouse & beach in this quiet community. 2 BR, 1 ceramic bath, neutral covered porch, single car garage, large brick patio, with immediate occupancy. Best buy.
(E24CAM) 248-349-5600 \$110,000



PLYMOUTH No Expense Spared!
Cape cod on prem lot w/4 BR & 3.5 BA, 3 car gar. Every upgrade including: doors, flrs, trim, windows, elec & plumbing too. 2 tier Trex deck & brick paver patio. 12 zone sprinkler system & custom landscaping.
(E75HIL) 248-349-5600 \$509,900



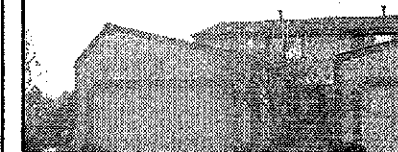
LIVONIA Excellent Move-in Condition
Great location with sunken living room with doorwall to screened balcony, dining room and large master suite. Updated furnace, central air and hot water heater. Semi private basement and carport.
(E63MID) 734-455-5600 \$86,900



TAYLOR Fabulous Colonial
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, basement finished with possible 2 more bedrooms, large kitchen with oak cabinets, 2 car attached garage, master suite w/walk-in closet, 1st floor laundry. Close to freeway, shopping & schools.
(E66SYR) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



PLYMOUTH A Real Masterpiece
From top to bottom 3 bedroom suites, 2 car attached garage, 2 gas fireplaces, marble foyer, maple cabinets, den w/wet bar, impressive great room, stunning walkout lower level. Beautiful view of wooded area.
(E41BEA) 734-455-5600 \$439,000



NORTHVILLE Awesome Condo
Better than 2 BR, 2.5 BA end unit w/granite counters & oak cabinets, walk-in closets, FFL, finished lower level, 2 car garage & deck. All appliances included. Pets are allowed.
(E18CHA) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



LIVONIA Seller Hates To Leave
3 BR brick colonial in ever popular sub. FR w/frplc & newer carpet & doorwall. Lots of other updates like: windows, roof, siding, garage, front door & electric. Nice flowing floor plan. Nice neighbors.
(E42JAM) 248-349-5600 \$223,900



LIVONIA Great Investment
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage, full basement, first floor laundry, fireplace in living room, central air. Must see inside this 1996 construction.
(E88HAL) 734-455-5600 \$165,000



PLYMOUTH A Cut Above the Rest
Large 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half bath Colonial built in 2000 presents basement, 3 car attached garage, dual staircase, gourmet kitchen with island, master bedroom w/walking area & master bath, 2 way FP & deck & patio.
(E75PLY) 734-455-5600 \$279,900




WESTLAND A Special Colonial
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with bright kitchen with all appliances, family room with gas fireplace leading to private yard with pool and hot tub. Finished lower level and 2 car attached garage.
(E39BRY) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



NORTHVILLE Beautiful Lot
This 3 BR, 1.5 BA home has been recently updated w/carpentry, fresh paint, crown moldings & ceramic bath. Kitchen has light oak cabinets & ceramic floor. On approx 1/2 acre. Walk to elem sch. Access to xway.
(E47CHI) 248-349-5600 \$259,900



MILFORD Former Builders Dream
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial located in Orchard Estates on approx 1.6 acres. High quality v.o. 3 frpics. MBR suite w/garden tub & frpic. Sunroom leads to secluded deck. State of art kit & appls. W/O L.L. Newer roof & furnace.
(E25LER) 248-349-5600 \$499,900



GARDEN CITY A Place to Call Home
3 BR bungalow offers LR w/wood ceilings, plaster walls & bay window, eat-in kitchen & DR, hwdw. floors under carpet. Newer vinyl windows, roof & CA, fenced yard & deck. Fin. bsmt. w/wood burning stove & 2 car gar.
(E46JOH) 734-455-5600 \$143,500



CANTON Looks Like New
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with 2 car attached garage, finished basement, formal dining room, family room with fireplace, 2 tier deck + extra deep lot.
(E99COR) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Community Condo!
Favorite 1st floor master, open flr plan, 2 story foyer, curved staircase, ceramic tile in foyer, kit + granite tops, 42" cream cabinets & SS appls, bath call in FR w/gas frpic + deck, full bsmt & 2 car att gar.
(E73LOY) 248-455-5600 \$379,900



NOVI Great Condo... WOW!
Come see for yourself! 2 BR, 1.5 BA 2-story townhouse in Lakewood Park homes. Full basement, garage w/extra parking. Neutral decor w/custom chandeliers. Novi Schools.
(E17CRA) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Stylish Private Townhome
Own a home for less than a rental. Very clean and neutral decor - looks brand new. 2 BR, 2.5 BA (including master bath). All appliances, stay access to pool, clubhouse and exercise room.
(E58NAN) 248-349-5600 \$133,900



WESTLAND Nature Lovers Lot
Brick ranch with 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, large lot, 2-way natural fireplace, hardwood floors, vinyl windows and appliances included.
(E15COW) 734-455-5600 \$174,899



CANTON Great Townhouse Condo
2 bedroom with 1.5 baths. Crisp & clean, freshly painted, quiet location, updated kitchen & half bath. Nice bay window in DR w/window seat, 2 skylights, brick paver patio, full bsmt. appl. stay. A must see.
(E79ARB) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Colonial
3 BR, 1.5 BA home that is totally updated. Natural frpic in FR. Beautiful hardwood floors in kitchen & hallway. Newer kitchen cabinets & countertops, Florida room screened/stormed w/doorwall from FR. 2 car att gar.
(E80ASP) 248-349-5600 \$244,900



NOVI Everything You Value
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on quiet cul-de-sac on approx 1 acre. Open floor plan w/hwdw flrs, granite counters & butler's pantry. Formal LR w/bay wdws & frpic. Extraordinary MS, DR & study. Nr/vic Schls.
(B81DEE) 248-349-5600 \$549,900



DEARBORN Beautiful Brick Colonial
This spacious home features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Updated kitchen, electrical, custom window treatments, hardwood floors and a warm fireplace to welcome you home.
(E25ORC) 248-349-5600 \$194,800



LIVONIA Great Investment
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, first floor laundry, fireplace in living room, central air. Must see inside this 1996 construction.
(E88HAL) 734-455-5600 \$165,000



WESTLAND Great House, Livonia Schools
Spacious family room with fireplace, sunny eat-in kit, LR w/dining area. Deck, C/A, lots of fresh paint, hardwood floors all in this 3 bedroom brick ranch. Friendly, quiet neighborhood. Good home value!
(E54FRU) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Say Hello To A Good Buy
Fantastic custom built 3 BR ranch in Farmington Square. Excellent quality materials used throughout. Gourmet kitchen, formal DR, French doors, wood floors. Huge basement & GR w/fireplace. Many updates.
(E43BAY) 248-349-5600 \$350,000




ROMULUS Gorgeous 3 Bedroom
First time buyers, this house is completely refinished - see it for yourself! Beautiful kitchen with ceramic tile. Home sets way back on approx .35 acres of land w/mature trees. Seller will assist in closing costs.
(E67EUR) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



NORTHVILLE Large Family Home
Spacious 4 BR, 2 BA quad on large treed lot. Roomy family room w/fireplace. Dining room, eat-in kitchen and library.
(E42RIP) 248-349-5600 \$286,800



LIVONIA Just a Few Years Old
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick/vinyl ranch with 2 car attached garage, partially finished basement (plumbed for 3rd bath) fireplace in great room and central air.
(E60PIC) 734-455-5600 \$205,000



WARREN Don't Miss This One!
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with finished basement, living room with fireplace, 2 car garage and updated kitchen, furnace, windows, shingles and much more.
(E00MAS) 734-455-5600 \$139,500



NORTHVILLE One Of A Kind
Sprawling 4 BR, 2.5 BA ranch. Have your own resort right in your own backyard. In-ground pool and jacuzzi. Too many updates to mention. Bring your fuzziest buyers. Home warranty included.
(E64BEA) 248-349-5600 \$390,000



NORTHVILLE Walk To Town
From this 2 bedroom premium end unit with many updates. They include: newer kitchen, bath, carpet, lighting, 6 panel doors & vertical blinds.
(E25FAI) 248-349-5600 \$126,900



WATERFORD Welcome Home
Awesome best describes this home on a wooded lot. 2-story GR w/marble fireplace. FF master bedroom. First floor laundry. Incredible finished LL w/marble floors, full bath, 4th BR, FR & daylight windows.
(E83SAL) 248-349-5600 \$347,900



LIVONIA Rosedale Garden Brick Ranch
Maintenance free 3 BR, LR w/nat'l FP remod, kit, w/oak cabinets, Corian edged counter, vinyl floor, newer roof, AC, gutters, landscaping, vinyl fence, copper plumb, part. fin. bsmt. + 2.5 car gar. Close to park & elem. school.
(E78KEN) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



CANTON Feed the Deer In Canton
Approx. 2.2 acres, offers this 3 BR, 2 BA brick bungalow w/many major updates. 8 panel doors T/O, 2.5 car gar w/storage. FP w/marble mantle, lg. mstr. suite w/mstr. bath & Jacuzzi + part. fin. bsmt. Backs to woods.
(E00LIL) 734-455-5600 \$299,900



NORTHVILLE Mint Colonial
Move-in perfection. Custom built home w/4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 car gar, fin LL. Prof decorated inside & out. Extensive crown molding. Gourmet kit w/island, FR w/gas frpic. Oak paneled den/library. Impressive.
(E43BRO) 248-349-5600 \$582,900



SOUTHFIELD Great Opportunity
Brick ranch on approx 1 beautiful acre w/2 BR, 1.5 BA, FR, DR, large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior for up north feel. Partially fin basement w/B-I bar. MBR w/WIC & built-ins. Newer roof, furn, HWH, CA & att 2 car gar.
(E14FOR) 248-349-5600 \$159,900




FARMINGTON HILLS The Lot Is Outstanding
Bring your builder or contractor! Renovation opportunity in Woodcreek Farms on a large treed ravine lot w/stream. 4 BR ranch w/2.5 BA. Excellent floor plan including a walkout basement. Don't miss this one.
(E56 WES) 248-349-5600 \$298,000



DEARBORN Spectacular & Tranquil
Best describes the view of the 9th fairway from the soaring 2 story window, spacious LR, open floor plan, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen and FR with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, basement & appliances.
(E39TUR) 734-455-5600 \$499,000



INKSTER Great Starter Home
Nice 3 bedroom ranch w/newer roof, water heater, disposal, hardwood flrs, freshly painted, enclosed front porch, fenced yard, 1.5 car garage 2/att. workshop. Move in condition, city certs done. A must see!
(E60GRA) 734-455-5600 \$74,500



WESTLAND For The Finicky Buyer
Beautiful spotless & updated 3 BR ranch. Newer carpeting and painting throughout. Central air and water heater replaced in '02. Large lot allows for room to grow and includes a storage shed.
(E00CAD) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



PLYMOUTH Charming Saltbox
4 BR, 2.5 BA saltbox colonial in Beacon Estates. 3 season sunroom up updated kit. 2 fireplaces. Gracious LR & DR. Handsome FR. Detail molding inside and out. Exceptional home has "Home Sweet Home Appeal".
(E85GLE) 248-349-5600 \$379,800



SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
2 BR, 2 BA, with finished LL & loads of closets. Cathedral ceilings & appliances. Enjoy the clubhouse and pool. Close enough to walk to town.
(E81YOR) 248-349-5600 \$119,000

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BEVERLY HILLS \$445,000
HANDSOME GEORGETOWN COLONIAL Spacious traditional Beverly Hills residence with a court location and an excellent floorplan. Finished basement, large private yard and immediate occupancy. (80SHA2)

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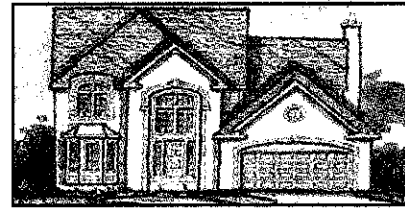
HOWELL \$419,900
STUNNING CONTEMPERARY! Elegantly appointed, cherry cabinetry, 1st floor master, over \$20,000 in upgrades. Lake access, gorgeous views, premium lot! (23L3354)

734-455-7000



PLYMOUTH \$349,900
COLONIAL ON WOODED LOT! 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 bath, expensively upgraded. Newer kitchen & baths, beautiful flooring & neutral decor. .66 acre lot- wooded. Immediate occupancy! (23B47248)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$319,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION BROOKSHIRE Premium elevation, now being constructed. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, oak hrdwd flrs thru-out, ceramic in BS & laundry, mstr w/Jacuzzi & sep shower, oak kit, 2144 SF, & more. (C29956)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$279,900
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN WHISPERING MEADOWS Spacious 4 BR home w/large master suite & bath. Wooded yard and front sidewalks a real plus. Newer roof, furnace & windows. Home warranty provided. (09SUN2)

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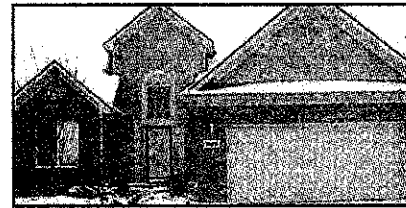
MANISTEE \$259,000
BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT VIEWS! Lg 4 bdrm ranch on Canfield Lk. Enjoy sunsets & campfires by your own fireplace. 1/2 hr from Manistee Golf & Country Club, MI beaches, snow skiing, state parks. (23C739)

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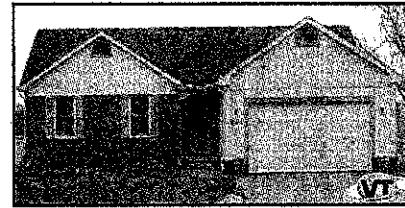
DEARBORN \$249,900
2000 SQUARE FOOT DEARBORN COLONIAL Remodeled in 2002. 4 bdrm 3 baths, custom kitchen, garage, fin bsmt w/bar-office. Hardwood floors, newer carpet, C/A. Near Levagood Pk. Land Contract terms. (D172)

734-326-2000



ROMULUS \$249,900
SCORE LOW- LIVE HIGH with this 3 bdrm Cape on the 13th green. GR, DR, 1st flr mstr w/2 showers. 2nd bdrm has a 17' WIC. Lg bsmt w/rough plumbing for 3rd bath. Located on a court. (23M5949)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$239,900
HERE'S THAT NEWER RANCH you've been looking for. 3 BR, 2 BA, GR w/oak cell, FP & wet br. mstr w/full ba, cath cell, formal DR, lg kit, huge part fin bsmt, 2 car att'd gar, & more. (028277)

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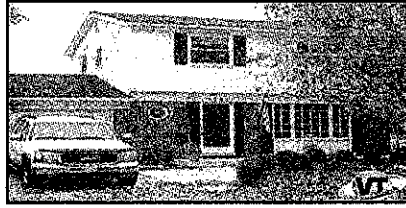
CANTON \$219,900
SHARP NEWER COLONIAL WALL THE EXTRAS. Private lot, open floor plan, master bath, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, & beautifully finished lower level. (M1796)

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LIVONIA \$217,900
UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION! 5 & Newburgh ranch offers open flr plan w/2 car attached garage, fin bsmt, custom updated kitchen, baths, rf, furn, & more. (J38751)

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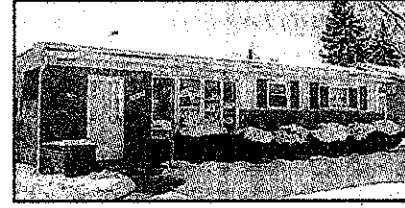
PLYMOUTH \$214,900
YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk colonial, tastefully decorated w/xtra special touches. Lg eat-in kit w/oak cabinetry, FR w/gas log FP, remodeled bath, hrdwd flrs, & much more! (C9343)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$199,900
MAINTENANCE FREE! Custom ranch with cathedral ceilings, newer carpeting and windows, wood/ceramic kitchen, screened porch. Great access to Hines Park and downtown Plymouth. (66LAK2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$199,900
SHARP LIVONIA RANCH! Updates galore in this wonderful 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home! Newer oak kit & baths, light carpet over hw flrs. Full fin bsmt w/rec rm & full bath! 3+ car garage! Super! (23CH12)

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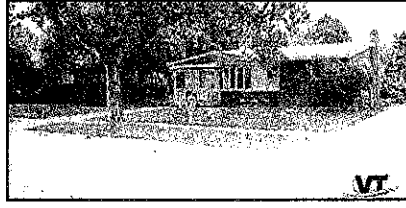
YPSILANTI \$199,900
BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY RANCH Great 3 bdrm, 3 bath home built in 94. HWD floor in foyer. GR w/cozy fp, 1st flr laun. Fin bsmt w/FR, den and 3rd bath, 2 car att gar. Lg deck off great room. (13IND2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$197,900
A WELL CARED FOR HOME! A perfect blend of comfortable living in this nice 3 BR ranch. Formal LR & DR, cozy kit w/all appl, nice patio and fenced yard. (82LEB2)

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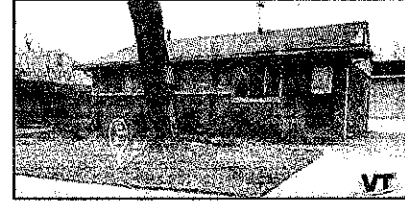
LIVONIA \$179,900
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch, cathedral ceilings thru-out, 3 BR, 1.5 baths on main flr, newer wndws, elec, & plumb, c/a, bsmt has wet bar, 2+ car garage. Hurry, won't last!! (O19184)

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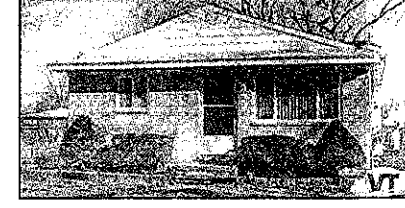
NOVI \$179,900
OUTSTANDING NOVI OPPORTUNITY!! Great potential here! 3 Bedroom home on nearly 3/4 acre lot! 2 Garages, great for cars, boats, etc! Screened porch! Newer roof! Novi Schools! Warranty/Fireplace! (50STA2)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
TASTEFULLY DECORATED, WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR ranch. Beautiful new birch cabs, new fir, appl stay, patio, full bsmt, oversized 2 car gar, tear off fl in 10/03, newer furn, a/c, window. A great home! (M304)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$159,500
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH Updated brick ranch. Updated kitchen, custom cabinets & counters. Awesome bath with his/her sinks w/new ceramic tile. Hardwoods finished. Finished basement. (F744)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$155,000
WONDERFUL HOME READY NOW! 3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath, all brick ranch, full finished bas't, 2 car garage. Cute, clean, many updates. Great neighborhood & Livonia Schools too! (A9646)

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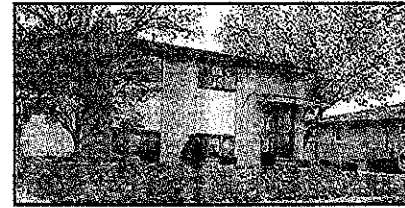
ROMULUS \$149,900
LARGE, BEAUTIFUL RANCH Come see this huge ranch, with four bedrooms. Home features two bay windows, eat-in kitchen, full, partially finished basement. Nicely landscaped yard. (B320)

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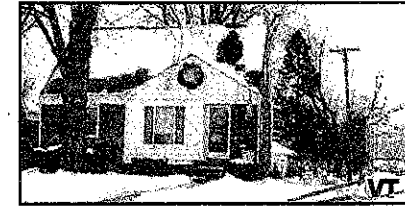
REDFORD \$149,900
OPEN CONTEMPORARY DESIGN! Great open floor plan with 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths, living room w/fireplace, large FR, hardwood flrs & more 2.5 car garage & covered patio. Super starter home! (31WOR2)

248-348-6430



WESTLAND \$147,900
BEAUTIFUL BILEVEL IN WESTLAND 3 bedroom, bath and a half, well maintained home with new carpet, Anderson windows, updated kitchen, bath and lavatory. Many more features to see. (C653)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$139,900
YOU'VE BEEN WAITING AND HERE IT IS! This updated & inviting home sides to park and elementary school. Situated in one of Redford's finest areas. New furn, air, rf, gutters, plumb, wndws, & more! (D15651)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$135,000
BEAUTIFUL BEDFORD VILLAS TOWNHOUSE! Nice 2 BR unit w/beautiful remodeled kit w/oak cabinets. Some HWD flrs. Newer windows. Fin bsmt w/am rm/computer area. End unit w/att gar & nice sideyard. (66BED2)

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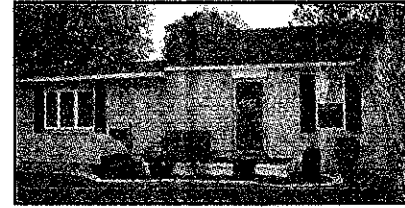
WESTLAND \$134,900
LIVONIA SCHOOLS 3 bedroom brick Ranch w/major updates. Newer windows, roof siding, 2+ garage, hardwood floors. Part finished basement w/full bath, dry bar. Appliances stay. (F827)

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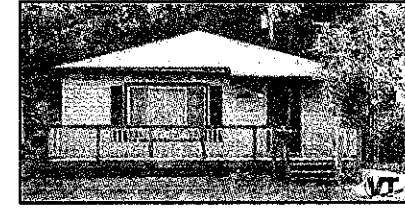
REDFORD \$132,500
WELL MAINTAINED BROADFRONT BUNGALOW 3 BR, fin bsmt w/bar, new kitchen countertop, new glass blk wndws, newer carpet thru-out, bay window, fenced yrd, 1.5 car att'd garage. Lg pie shaped lot & more! (L19507)

734-591-9200



GARDEN CITY \$129,900
IMMACULATE RANCH Home features many updates inside and out including newer roof, vinyl sliding windows, carpet and paint. Oversized lot, deck. Must see. (E285)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$129,900
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS Sharp oak kitchen w/ceramic floor, windows, copper plumbing, cement, storm doors, 4 ceiling fans, roof shingles, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, part fin bsmt, 2 car garage. (1184)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$129,900
COZY CLEAN CONDO Ground floor ranch, appliances, doorwall to patio. Lots of storage. Updated kit & bath w/shower, separate tub, C/A, newer carpet, master bdrm w/walk-in closet. (A360)

734-326-2000



ROMULUS \$124,900
TIME TO MAKE YOUR MOVE! Nice size home with 4 bedrooms, LR, FR, all appliances. Newer windows, attached garage. Large yard & in a popular sub! (23C16252)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$124,444
WOW! 3 Bdrm brick ranch newly painted, bsmt too! Bleached oak cbnts, new wndws- bsmt glass block. New crptng, HWH, hrdwd flrs, copper plmbng, circuit breakers, gar. (23F20372)

734-455-7000



INKSTER \$117,900
WELL KEPT BUNGALOW AWAITS NEW OWNERS Desirable bungalow located in Cherry Hill Manor. 4 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car gar w/shelving galore. Open flr plan. Bright bsmt w/glass block wndws. Manicured lawn-many updates! (22ARL2)

248-348-6430



REDFORD \$117,500
STYLISH & CHARMING HOME has been artfully decorated with many updates including both baths, kit, vinyl siding, newer rf. You won't believe how cute this is inside & out. (S20091)

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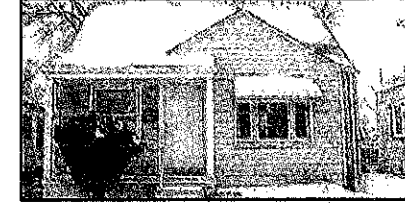
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The Sporty 2004 Mazda RX-8

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BY DALE BUSS

RX-8 review by Dale Buss

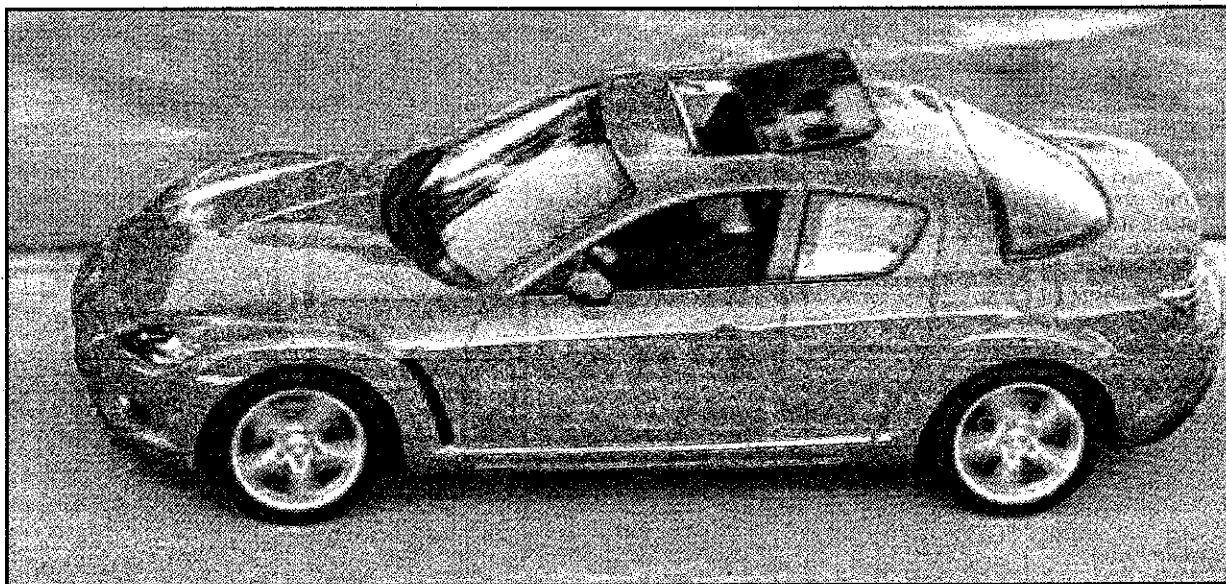
All right, maybe it wasn't such a good idea to agree to drive a Mazda RX-8 in the middle of winter, given that it's about as heavy as a paper bag and that Michigan is having one of our snowiest winters in memory. And sure enough, the snow was so deep and our municipal plowing crews so tardy a few weeks ago that the RX-8 literally had to be towed into my driveway.

But a few days later, after digging out the little waterbug and finally easing it onto dry pavement, the 2004 RX-8 came through as advertised: a thrill to drive and a worthy heir to the long-defunct RX-7. The only problem is for the rear passengers.

The competition in the sports-car segment is much stiffer this time around than when Mazda last fielded the RX-7, in 1995. Honda and Audi have jumped into the genre with the S2000 and TT Roadster, respectively. Nissan is reviving its own sports-car heritage with a new Z model, the Z350. And that's not even to mention the usual German competition.

But Mazda has revived the rotary engine in an RX-8 that stands out in an important way: Instead of a two-seat, two-door model like the last RX-7 — and like most of its current competition — RX-8 is a four-seat, four-door model. The back doors are two rear-hinged panels that don't open or close independently of the front doors. Because the engine is 30 percent lighter and 20 percent smaller than RX-7's, Mazda engineers were able to free up enough interior space for four seats and enough trunk room to carry two medium suitcases or two sets of golf clubs.

So Mazda is promoting RX-8 as a zesty sports car that the whole family can enjoy. That's where the subjectivity of "enjoyment" comes into play, however. It's truly a joy for the driver to be able to share the experience of zipping around in RX-



The 2004 Mazda RX-8 is a thrill to drive.

8 with more people. But there's not much enjoyment in the back seat. Things are very tight in the rear, in every dimension: legs and head room, certainly, but even room from side-to-side because of how the console of the rear-wheel-drive RX-8 runs through the rear passenger compartment like a backbone. Even a pair of average-sized teenagers was too uncomfortable to suffer much more than a short jaunt in the vehicle.

Add in the fact that RX-8's sports-car suspension magnifies every bump and swerve, and the unusually whiny rotary engine echoes throughout the car, and the experience in the back of RX-8 could reasonably be classified as miserable.

None of that, however, is to denigrate the entire vehicle. In the first place, the return of the rotary engine is an exciting dimension of this \$27,200 vehicle. With 238 horsepower, the engine provides plenty of oomph. Even the four-speed automatic version, which puts out only 207 horsepower and sells for \$1,500 less than the six-speed manual version, is said to be plenty responsive. And the fact that it is lighter and cleaner than its predecessors means that Mazda's new rotary fetches a creditable 25 miles a gallon on the highway.

You also get sports-car handling that is for the most part very capable, resulting in part

from the 50-50 weight distribution for balanced handling. Yet the vehicle I drove sometimes demonstrated a tendency to pull to the right, and sometimes a tendency to pull to the left at low speeds. It's possible that it was related to the weather, but this happened on dry pavement.

Stylishness pervades RX-8, starting with the distinctive exterior design. It's less perfectly rounded and more organic than the old RX-7, but the long front hood and snug back end leave no doubt that it's the design signature of RX.

Inside, nifty design cues begin with two-tone leather seats that combine black and the exterior color. There are three big rings on the design panel dominated by a 10,000-rpm tachometer in the center, with a digital speedometer on the face of the tachometer. Some sports-car enthusiasts would rather watch a needle pushing 100 mph than a digital readout.

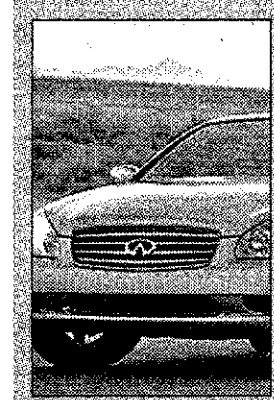
Also, of course, don't take this car out in the snow! The combination of little left in the rear, and a traction-control system that automatically prohibits the car from wasting too much time spinning its wheels, mean that RX-8 is basically useless on even a thin covering of snow. Of course, sports cars are meant to be driven when the ground is green.

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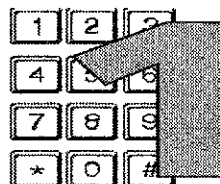
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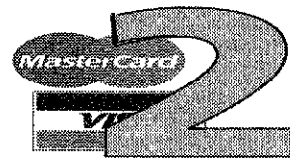


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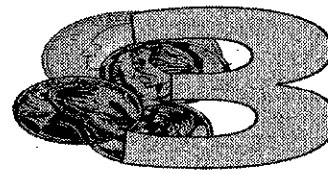
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ARE YOU MY SOULMATE? SWF, 44, N/S, social drinker, 5'6", 140 lbs., blue-eyed blonde. Interests are movies, bowling and dancing. She's looking for a sensitive, financially secure, N/S, SM, 35-60, whose children are grown, and who appreciates women. Ad# 641647

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SEEKS UNDERSTANDING MAN Caring, dependable, SWF, young-looking, 38, looking for a flexible, SWM, 30-50. Ad# 643379

FRIENDS TO START Very busy, SWF, 38, enjoys movies, traveling, theater, computers and quiet times. Looking for a sincere, educated, employed, SWM, 30-50, who can be flexible, due to my busy schedule, and is interested in friendship to start, maybe more later. Ad# 643444

HEART OF A POET SWF, 40, 5'5", with brown eyes, height/weight proportionate. Enjoys fishing, camping, writing, photography and more. Looking for a SM, under 50, who has similar interests. Ad# 643372

THE COFFEE IS ON SWF, 57, natural blonde, blue eyes with brown children. Looking for a prompt, N/S, N/D, mature, SWM, 57-80, who would like to get together and take over a cup of coffee. Ad# 642834

LET'S LIVE 51, WF, independent. I like movies, travel, dining out, dancing. Looking for a SWM, 50-60, with same interests. Noouch potatoes and if interested give me a call. Thank You. Ad# 616570

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN? Witty, faithful, outgoing, SWF, 41, blue-eyed blonde, 5'2". Loves roller coasters, computers, cards, racing, camping and fishing. Looking for a good-looking, open-minded, passionate, SM, 45-55, who enjoys life. Ad# 636207

READY TO SETTLE DOWN SWF, 47, 5'2", attractive blonde, hazel eyes with a beautiful smile. Seeking a honest and caring SWM, 40-52, who enjoys spending time with that special someone. Ad# 641169

ROMANCE ...is just around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 59-70, who likes dancing, cars, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad# 640303

LETS SHARE LIFE TOGETHER SWF, weight proportionate, 47, enjoys travel, weekend getaways, camping, movies, plays, dining in/out, romantic days, in search of a SCM, 45-65, family-oriented, with similar interests. Ad# 640890

SEEKING CHURCH-GOING MAN SWF, 22, enjoys going to church. Looking for a fun, respectable, clean-cut, SB gentleman, 18-30, N/S, N/D, who is serious about a committed relationship. Ad# 640709

LOOKING TO BE SPOILED... SWF, 27, mother of 3 boys. Seeking SWM, over 30, for a possible relationship. Ad# 640217

LET'S TRY IT OUT SWF, 49, blonde, who is romantic and sophisticated. Enjoys the bookstore, entertaining and cooking. Looking for special SWM, to make her house a home. He should be intelligent, financially/motionally secure, handsome, generous and marriage-minded. Ad# 640050

SIMPLE LIFE SWF, 47, 5'4", 110 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys sports, beach, golf, cooking, dancing. Seeking SWM, who is outgoing, friendly, loyal and good hearted. Lets have fun and good times together. Ad# 640037

LOVABLE SWEETIE SWF, 42, Enjoy life, family, cooking and movies. Seeking an SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad# 473811

YOU WILL LIKE ME SWF, 66, 5'5", blonde, medium build, fun-loving artist. Seeking SWM, 60 plus, who wants to do things, is talkative, humorous and loves to cuddle. If interests call, no smokers. Ad# 567287

SOFT SPOKEN LADIES SWF, 51, 5'3", with very blue eyes, enjoys quiet times, reading, watching TV, and relaxing. Seeking a SWM, 47-57, who likes doing things and likes to cuddle. Ad# 580885

COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST I'm a sincere, SWF, 21, with one son. I'm searching for an energetic, fun, honest, SWM who believes that honesty is the key to a strong relationship. Ad# 636745

LIKE GOOD SURPRISES? SWF, 28, 5'11", big-boned, N/S, N/D. Enjoys bowling, movies, dancing, travel and time with friends. Looking for an honest, personable, SM. Ad# 636602

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SWF, 31, 5'7", 145 lbs., light complexion. Looking for a sweet, spontaneous, love-headed, good-looking, SWM, 25-35. Ad# 636499

LOOKING FOR HONESTY SWF, 58, 5'4", with green eyes. Enjoys the water and trying anything new. In search of a tall SWM, 55-66, who is honest, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad# 636111

LOOKING FOR FUN I'm ready for fun & laughter! SWF, 46, 6', a smoker, social drinker. I enjoy watching sports and traveling. I'm searching for a SWM, 55-65, who shares my interests. Ad# 603750

GOOD NATURED SWF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, outgoing, sincere and fun-loving. Enjoys shopping, travel, dining, concerts, the outdoors, politics and more. Seeking a SWM, 40-60, who is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving, SWM, 42-52, who is a kid at heart. Ad# 442747

LOVE TO GIVE SWF, 27, 5'9", 145 lbs., blonde hair, green eyes. She's seeking a man who loves children, has a sense of humor, is honest, and enjoys quiet times at home. Ad# 639192

ARE WE ALIKE? SWF, 50, with above average looks, good communication, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking SWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad# 642666

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ONE OF A KIND SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 45+, a N/S, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous and honest, for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad# 448774

CARING & HONEST SWCF, 44, N/S, N/D, who enjoys camping, walking the outdoors, fishing, my children and experiencing new things. If you are a N/S, things in life. Looking for a sincere, honest, call me and we'll talk! Ad# 417121

COULD IT BE YOU? WWWF, 59, gray hair, pleasant, loving and kind-hearted. Enjoys walking, movies, music, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SM, who for a friendship first. Ad# 633531

SHARE HER DREAMS Fun loving, SWF, 40, 5'7", 175 lbs., social drinker, smoker, with children. Searching for a smart, SWM, 35-50 who lives alone and would like to get to know each other. Ad# 633509

GET TO KNOW ME DWF, 30, smoker, with children, likes to go out and have fun, trying different things and the simple things in life. Looking for a sincere, honest, SWM, 25-35, who likes children and quiet times at home. Ad# 633085

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS DWF, 30, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out and spending time with her children. Looking for an honest, sincere, SWM, 70+, who has some fun with, for friendship maybe more. Ad# 683034

BLUE EYES SWF, 58, petite, blue eyes, professional. Looking for a SWM 50-64, who is fun-loving, enjoys traveling, dancing, and is looking for a woman to share the good times! Ad# 629586

WORDS CAN DESCRIBE... She is 36, milk chocolate complexioned, petite, curvaceous, and sweet as can be! Are you a tall, thick SWM, 28-45 who shares her passion for jazz, theater and ready for her sparkling personality? You know what to do...leave a message! Ad# 629394

GOOD MORALS This SWF 44, works in health care, and has long brown hair, blue eyes and is open to new interests. Looking for a SWM with good morals, who works afternoons, 39-61 no children Ad# 623261

LOOKING FOR LOVE SWF, 53, 5'1", with reddish/brown hair & dark brown eyes. Interests include bowling, dancing, cooking, movies and much more. Searching for a SWM, age not important, who has similar interests. Ad# 418680

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GOOD-NATURED SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 63+ plus, 52-82, who is well-groomed and professional, for friendship first. Ad# 470261

HONEST & CARING SWF, 42, 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes, friendly and bubbly. Enjoys long drives, walks, movies, cuddling and much more. Seeking an honest and caring SM, 35-52. Ad# 619145

FUN TO BE WITH Spontaneous and outgoing, SWF, 70, 5'8", ash blonde hair and green eyes. Loves going to the movies, dinners, walking, nature and plays. Seeking a SWM, who is looking to have fun together and enjoy each other's company. Ad# 618321

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QUIET, BUT FUN SWF, 50, 5'3", with brown hair. Enjoys long walks, the outdoors, cooking, gardening, dining out and more. In search of a SWM, 45-50, who is fun-loving, honest and caring, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 420017

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ENERGETIC LADY SWF, 44, 5'4", short blonde hair, blue eyes. Enjoys music, basketball, swimming and much more. Looking for an honest and real SWM, age unimportant. Ad# 611633

THIS IS LOVE This outgoing, single black female, 18, who enjoys her 2 children and enjoying life to the fullest, seeking a single male, under 36. Ad# 605614

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU SWF, 40, Auburn hair, green eyes, professional. Enjoys travel, week-end get-aways, camping, cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate. Ad# 405309

TRAVEL COMPANION SWF, 59, attractive, outgoing, blonde, 5'8", SWF, seeking SM, good conversationalist, active, romantic, intelligent. Wants companion to travel to Florida for 1 month this winter. Ad# 560413

SOEMONE TO CARE FOR WWWF, 55, enjoys old cars, relaxing, quality time with that special someone and more. Looking for a SWM, over 48, for a companionship and a shoulder to lean on. Ad# 586014

TIME AT HOME SWF, 27, 5'9", with long black hair. Enjoys reading, drawing, crafts, fixing things and more. Looking for a SCM, 24-38, who is honest, with a nice personality. Ad# 589334

CARING & GIVING SWF, 33, attractive, outgoing, energetic and fun to be around. Interests are water skiing, bowling, traveling, reading and more. Looking for a SWM, 30-46, who is honest, caring and giving. Ad# 578195

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SOMEONE TO TALK TO SWF, 19, short, long hair, brown eyes, tattoos and piercing's. Enjoys going to the movies, talking on the phone and hanging out with friends. Looking for a SM, age unimportant. Just to talk to. If interested, please call. Ad# 574234

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OPEN TO NEW IDEAS SWM, 23, 6'1", 202 lbs., medium build, social drinker. I enjoy doing body work on cars and open to new experiences. Looking for a SF, 21-25, who would like to get together and see what develops. Ad# 638284

RESPONSIBLE Retired DWM, 64, 5'9", 165 lbs., home owner, with grown children. Enjoys boating, cook outs, traveling, movies, fishing and more. Looking for a slim to medium built SWF, 56-64, for companionship, possibly long term relationship. Ad# 637091

LOOKING FOR LOVE SWM, 45, 125 lbs., with blond hair. Enjoys NASCAR, bowling, basketball, football, working out and much more. Looking for a SWF, under 48, who has some similar interests. Ad# 636971

HIDDEN TREASURE Hardworking, SWM, 34, 5'11", 220 lbs., Enjoys clubbing, dancing, and movies. Looking for a loving, caring, fun, outgoing, stable, SWF, 31-40, N/S. Ad# 636413

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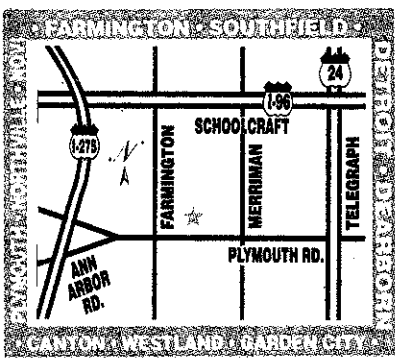
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