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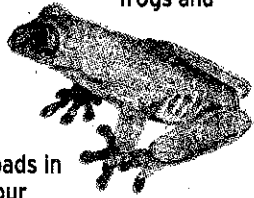
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Memo

Ribbit, ribbit ...

Maybe frogs and toads aren't your cup of tea, but this ought to be fun. Learn to help monitor the health of the Rouge River by listening for frogs and



toads in your neighborhood. It's not that tough, should be fun and you will help the environment's future.

Join the experts at a workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge, Rouge communities, and the Lower One Subwatershed Advisory Group. The effort is in part supported by a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

For more information, call Friends of the Rouge at (734) 792-9621.

Budding executive

Albion College student Katherine E. Smith was recently elected vice president of fraternity relations of Albion College's Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

"Being elected to an executive role shows the trust and respect chapter members have for these students' leadership abilities," said Cressie Smith, Albion College Greek adviser. "I'm continually impressed at the abilities of these students to manage both their own school work and the chapter operations."

Smith is a junior majoring in political science and speech communication and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service.

She is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Girls Night Out

It was a smash last year, so Canton Leisure Services is offering women age 18 and up another opportunity to pamper themselves. The evening will feature dinner prepared by Summit

Gourmet, live music and a comedian. "Girls Night Out" 2004 is 6:30-

8:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, in the Summit Walnut room. Advance registration is required and ends on March 5. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents.

Canton man faces child porn charges

A 56-year-old Canton resident - a teacher at Emerson Middle School in Livonia - was charged with possession of child sexually abusive material in 35th District Court in Plymouth on Friday.

Lary Howard, a language arts teacher at Emerson since 1994, was arraigned on six counts of possession of the material on his home computer. Each count is a four-year felony. A plea of not guilty was entered for him before Judge Mike Gerou and he was being held on a \$10,000 cash bond. A preliminary exam is scheduled for March 12.

Howard was arrested by Canton Police on Thursday after an investigation that



Howard

started in December, according to Canton Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

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

Mutchler said the images were reviewed by an expert who identified several of the

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Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler
Canton Police

people as being under the age of 16. Jay Young, director of community relations for Livonia Public Schools, said school officials were sending a letter home with students on Friday afternoon.

"As a result of these allegations, Mr. Howard's employment has been suspended pending the school district's investigation," he said.

Young said the letter to the parents states that the district has no reason to believe that the allegations should be of any concern to the students at Emerson. "As the safety and welfare of students is of paramount concern," he said, "we'll do all we can to maintain the outstanding level of educational services at Emerson Middle School."

He said the district is cooperating fully with police authorities.

MEMORANDUM

To: Wetland Executive Committee
From: Onnie Jacque, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Subject: Wetland Mitigation Preservation Fund

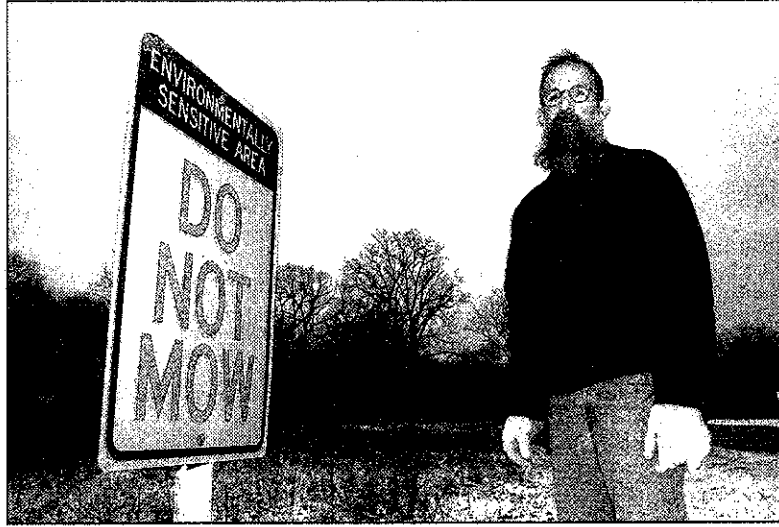
To date, the County has expended some \$793,548.88 in federal and county funds for the creation of three sites within its bank. The total acreage of these sites, or total credit potential of these sites is approximately 6.56 acres. Couple the expenditures of the Bank to date, with the projected return to the County on the sale of these credits of \$524,800.00, the County is faced with a clear shortfall of \$207,148.00.

'A sad long story'

Wetlands mitigation sinking in high costs

Although it may have started with good intentions, Wayne County's so-called Wetland Mitigation Preservation Fund has suffered from a myriad of problems. From its inception six years ago, it has been plagued by poor management, poor planning and a series of cost overruns that have left it in a state of limbo, and the county facing a shortfall of at least \$200,000, and possibly much more.

The fund is actually a wetland mitigation bank, in which the county creates wetlands, so they can be sold to developers who, because of state law, need to mitigate or replace the wetlands they destroy with new construction projects. The program began under former county executive Ed McNamara as a way to encourage development in the county, because it would simplify the process for developers, who would otherwise have to find and purchase land, and then pay for



Livonia resident Bill Craig stands next to a wetland created by Wayne County as part of its controversial Wetland Mitigation Preservation Fund. Top, a memo from the county's lawyer outlines financial losses associated with the fund. Below, a MDEQ memo to county officials questions the status of the program.

the engineering and construction costs associated with creating a mitigated wetland. It would also be a way to pay for the restoration of wetlands along the Rouge River. Yet, the program has not appealed to developers, and local environmentalists have called into question its ecological merits.

'A LONG, SAD HISTORY'

The county approved the wetland banking program in

PLEASE SEE SAD STORY, A4

Ford traffic workshop turnout is low

The first of a series of public meetings to discuss traffic and access management on Ford Road got off to an inauspicious start on Wednesday.

Although 500 invitations were sent out to business and property owners along the corridor, only about 10 residents and business people showed up for the 6:30 p.m. session at Summit on the Park.

Kathleen Salla, Canton's downtown and community development coordinator, said she was disappointed in the sparse turnout.

"I would have been pleased to see more folks there," she said. "I thought it was very educational. There were a lot of different perspectives represented."

Salla said she wasn't sure why the turnout was

PLEASE SEE TRAFFIC, A6

She closes a door on 32 years in the political spotlight

Former secretary Joann Seaberg never envisioned a career that would thrust her into the political spotlight and make her accountable for tallying Westland votes on issues as far-reaching as presidential elections.

Her rise from Garden City school secretary to Westland city clerk to Mayor Sandra Cicirelli's right-hand woman has certainly made for a challenging - and sometimes overwhelming - career.

Seaberg, whose quiet, unassuming personality often belied her leadership abilities, never sought public attention and praise. She never had a blueprint for her three



She may have been thinking about retirement for 32 years, but Joann Seaberg now knows what it's all about. The Canton resident was a long-time city of Westland staffer.

PLEASE SEE SEABERG, A6

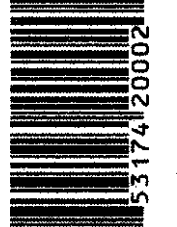
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Kyle and Kris Strzeszynski (from left) ages 12 and 6, of Canton check out the packs of Plymouth Whalers cards handed out before the game Saturday night versus the Kitchener Rangers.

Growth Works honors its success stories

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

When Lindsay Heintz of Redford first came to Growth Works, a Plymouth-based youth agency, she didn't have a great attitude.

"After awhile, I finally realized they were trying to help me," said Heintz, among young people honored at Growth Works' 15th annual recognition dinner. "This is a good program."

Heintz was acknowledged for progress in the Redford Youth Assistance Program, while Nicole Lasko of Canton was recognized for gains made in the Plymouth-Canton YAP. Lasko had trouble with her parents and behavior at home; she wasn't motivated and missed a semester of her junior year of high school.

Lasko, among young people who shared their stories during the dinner at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township, is now in her last semester of high school. She and others thanked Growth Works staff for help.

The Recovery Scholarship Award went to Brian Cochran of Westland, who participated in care management. Cochran came to Growth Works about two years ago and will attend Michigan State University this fall.

"In the beginning, I really didn't want to do this," Cochran said, adding that a higher power helped him.

In the chemical dependency program, Justin Marion of Belleville was lauded for efforts in recovery. He, too, said he didn't want to come to Growth Works.

"It's so great to hear how everybody hates us," said Executive Director Dale Yagiela, drawing a laugh from the 150 supporters at the dinner.

Honored for the Western Wayne Care Management Organization were former juvenile offender Colin Bennet and his mother, Jennifer Anderson, for accomplishments in the program. Anderson will study nursing at Schoolcraft College.

Pedro Perez of Dearborn was honored for participating in Dearborn's Youth Assistance Program. Ali Abdalnabi of Royal Oak received an award for the Western Wayne Care Management Organization program.

Yagiela reviewed the past year at Growth Works, noting the agency now operates youth assistance programs in nine communities, including Plymouth-Canton and Redford. Drug treatment for young people began in the early 1980s, and the agency is now making its first foray into adult treatment.

The Western Wayne Care Management Organization is an offshoot of Growth Works, reaching beyond its Plymouth-Canton roots and helping young people sent by family court.

"This is a very complicated program," Yagiela said. "We feel very confident about the progress we've made in that program."

Growth Works is now also in a facility owned by Canton Township in Cherry Hill Village, he said, helping to link Canton residents to a number of service agencies. In South Redford schools, a truancy program exists at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

"The intent really is to keep kids in school," said Yagiela. A middle school/high school program in the Inkster district has included such things as a weekend leadership academy,

conflict resolution group and others, also designed to keep kids in school.

Yagiela noted a Growth Works young person had just taken his life.

He said Growth Works attends to the soul and spirit of each young person, helping him or her to make good choices and be successful.

A number of staff members were recognized during the event. Steve Harper, board president, introduced the board. County Commissioners Kay Beard and Phil Cavanagh presented a resolution from the commission.

"We do like to pay tribute to organizations such as Growth Works," Beard said.

COMMUNITY KUDOS

Community award recipients included James Hand, 35th District Court juvenile probation officer, who was recognized for helping youth misdemeanor offenders. That court serves Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles.

Jeffrey Young of Plymouth was lauded for his assistance to parents participating in YAP. Two Wayne County Circuit Court staffers, Sara Ligon and David Perkins, also received awards.

Ligon, court liaison, was recognized for coordinating care management organization relations with jurists and administrators of the Juvenile Section, Family Division. Determined to attend, Ligon, who had lost her voice, nevertheless was able to say thanks. "You really make my job easy," she said.

Perkins, Juvenile Section referee, was lauded for support of the CMO process.

"It's about the families and it's about the kids," Perkins said. "It's one community."

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Setting the scholarship stage

AAUW play aims to send women back to school

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

If the cycle holds true for the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women, the audience for their annual theatrical production in March will be largely male.

That's because the AAUW will perform *Jack and the Beanstalk*, one of eight plays the group rotates in their annual schedule, which obviously has a male in the starring role.

But that's OK with director Sharon Belobraidich and the rest of the AAUW crew, because the end result will be the same: Raising money for scholarships for women.

"We do eight plays, one each year, and then we start over," Belobraidich said. "As the kids grow up, they don't come to see it anymore, so we start over."

Belobraidich points out that half of the plays, including *Pinocchio* and *Peter Pan*, have male leads, while the other half — such as *Cinderella*, *Snow White* and *The Wizard*

Elaine Bain (right, playing The Giant) and Pam Dean as The Giant's Wife are among some 30 cast members in the AAUW production of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.



of Oz — feature girls as the main character.

That makes for something of a divided audience.

"Sometimes you'll hear the boys say something like, 'I'm not going to see *Cinderella*, that's a girl's play,'" Belobraidich said with a laugh. "I never felt that way; I love them all."

Belobraidich particularly likes "Jack," because loves the role of The Giant, which she has played on several occasions.

"He's kind of mean, and the kids come through and beat

on you," Belobraidich said. "It's a fun role to play."

The play is a big undertaking for the AAUW branch, because this one in particular has some 30 characters. It's also a big one because it raises money to help put women through college. And the AAUW has been doing that for some 40 years now, Belobraidich said.

The scholarships go to women who want to go back to school and change their career, and to women who need — for whatever reason — to start over.



Jack (Sandy Iannucci) and Jack's mother (Laura Hoehn) share a moment with Jack's cow (Shirley Zaetta and Mary Tiell) before selling him for some magic beans during a rehearsal of the production.

"A lot of women when they get out of high school the first thing they think about is getting married," Belobraidich said. "Sometimes that works out, and sometimes it doesn't. I think a lot of women would take the chance and go back to school."

"If we can give them that boost that says, 'We have faith in you, a lot of times that's all it takes,'" she added, "and they make a great life for them-

selves."

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 4-5, and for 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 6. Garden City High School is located at 6500 Middlebelt in Garden City.

Admission is \$4, and tickets are on sale at all Garden City schools through March 3; and at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth,

380 S. Main, through March 3.

Tickets will also be available at the door prior to each performance.

For more information, call Dawn Chorbagan, (586) 492-3625; director Sharon Belobraidich, (734) 453-5009; or assistant director Melissa Uhl, (734) 207-9543.

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- 15 is the average number of students per class
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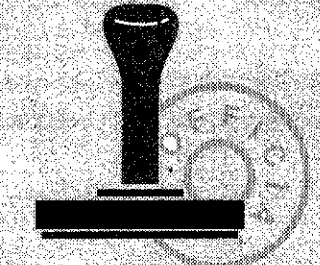
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FOR THE RECORD

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Feb. 16.
A
 Helen D. Austin
 Austin, 90, of Auburn Hills, formerly of Rochester Hills died Feb. 22.
 Leonard W. Austin
 Austin, 87, of Auburn Hills, formerly of Rochester Hills died Feb. 22.
B
 Emmett Whitmore Barr
 Barr, 84, of Canton Township, died Feb. 20.
C
 Floyd L. Cobb III
 Cobb, 55, of Rochester Hills died Feb. 21.
E
 Christanthe "Sue" Everson
 Everson, 59, of Rochester Hills died Feb. 17.
F
 David W. Forman
 Forman, 48, of Livonia, died Feb. 25.
H
 Bessie Hissong
 Hissong, 82, of Rochester, died Feb. 17.
K
 Marguerite E. Kreider
 Kreider, 89, of Rochester Hills died Feb. 22.
M
 Douglas V. Miller
 Miller, 81, died Feb. 23.
 Georgette M. Mullica
 Mullica, 80, of Debary, Fla., died

Feb. 16.
O
 Dr. Girardin S. "Gerry" O'Sullivan
 O'Sullivan, 83, died Feb. 20.
S
 George L. Shappell Sr.
 Shappell, 64, of Auburn Hills died Feb. 18.
Gladys A. Schurr
 Schurr, 96, of Clarkston, formerly of Auburn Heights, died Feb. 19.
W
 Clarence E. Welsh
 Welsh, 86, of Auburn Hills died Feb. 22.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C4.

AGENDAS

Board of Trustees
 The Canton Board of Trustees will hold a study session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Summit on the Park.
 Agenda items include:
 1. Roof Top Units at the Summit on the Park.
 2. Public Arts Committee.
 3. Revised Request for Board Action Form.
Planning Commission
 The Canton Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Summit on the

Park. Agenda items include:
Public Hearings
 1. Canton Cinema 7 - Special land use request for a motion picture theater south of Ford west of Morton Taylor.
 2. Canton Friendship Church - Special land use request for religious institution east of Beck between Ford and Saltz.
New Business - Site Plans
 1. Glens at Cherry Hill Village - Preliminary Plan - Preliminary site plan approval for parcel located south of Cherry Hill and east of Napier.

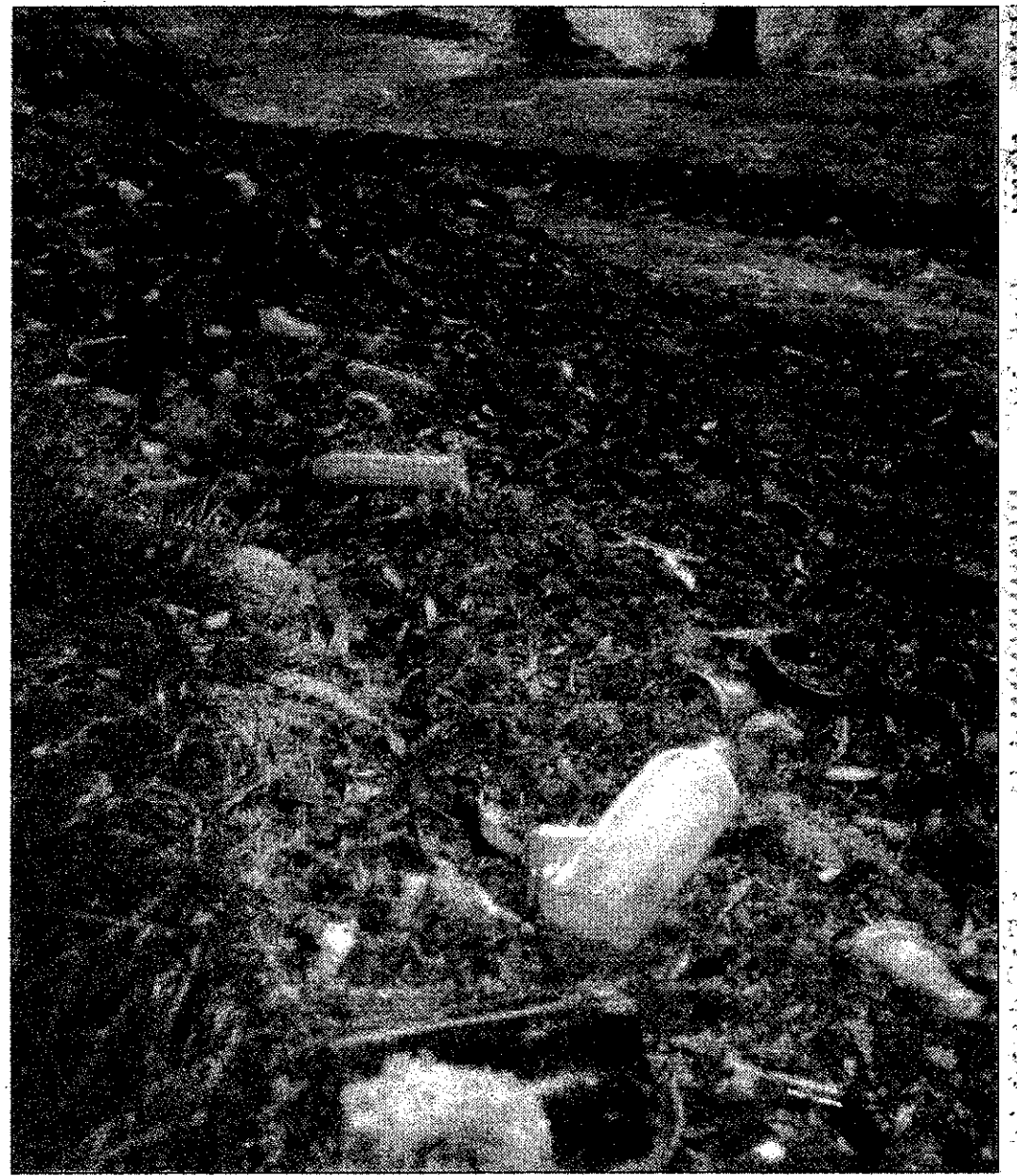
Bill shifts burden to sex defendants

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 pre-

sumption that if someone has conjugal relations, it will be presumed that it's non-consensual," said Patterson. "The burden of proof will not be on the victim." 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." tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700



BILL CRAIG

Old bottles and incinerator ash were exposed when the county built one of its wetlands on an old landfill site in Hines Park.

SAD STORY

FROM PAGE A1

1998, and entered into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to establish a bank that would have a minimum of 10 acres. It was the first wetland mitigation bank in the state's history. At the time, county officials involved in its creation felt it was a national model that made the county a leader in land use planning. The county secured a \$580,000 federal grant through the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, and added another \$63,000 in county funds to pay for the program.

Initially, the goal was to create eight wetland sites, comprising 17.8 total acres, all within Edward Hines Park. Yet, to date, only 6.5 acres have been created at three sites skirting Hines Drive in Dearborn Heights. The sites were poorly planned. One site was built on an old landfill, and the county had to pay for the disposal of the landfill material. At another site, a water control structure blew out because it couldn't handle the volume of water that storm pipes pumped into the site from a nearby neighborhood. It had to be redesigned and rebuilt. And there have been other cost overruns.

To date, the county has exhausted all the federal funds, and has spent another \$200,000 in county funds. It has cost the county roughly \$120,000 for each acre that has been constructed, which far exceeds the \$80,000 per acre asking price. The only return thus far is the sale of less than an acre to Canton Hotel LLC for \$61,000. Even if the county were able to sell all 6.5 acres at the current asking price, officials admit the county is looking at a clear shortfall of more than \$200,000.

Livonia resident Bill Craig and a small group of local environmentalists have been dogging county officials about the program since its inception. They have argued that it doesn't make sense to let developers destroy native wetlands, in exchange for "restored" wetlands in Hines Park, which is already in a flood plain. Craig is equally disenchanted with the way the program has been managed.

"The county has spent a lot of money altering these sites, but I think they would look the same had they just quit mowing them," he said. "This whole program has a long, sad history. When you put it all together, it shows an incredible ineptness. There is no need to continue this program. They are wasting tax-

payers' money. I say it's an unsound financial endeavor."

A PROGRAM IN LIMBO

Currently, there is no budget for the bank, which, according to county records, is overdrawn by \$149,000. The original bank manager, Hugh Macdonald, retired Feb. 1. His successor, Dione Alexander, lasted on the job for one day, before the county terminated her position in the Department of Environment, reportedly for reasons unrelated to the mitigation bank. So there is nobody currently managing the program.

No sites have been created since 2001, although four sites were scheduled to be built last year. As part of its agreement with the MDEQ, the county is required to submit an annual

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report to the state. No report was filed in 2003. After receiving a letter from the MDEQ asking for the report, county officials asked for an April 4 extension, which was granted.

Amy Lounds, a MDEQ environmental analyst who is acting as the county's contact person, said the state is taking a wait-and-see approach before taking any action against the county.

"We don't have a position until we hear back from them. We're not even sure who the contact person is. It's hard for us to take a position if we don't know how the county is going to proceed with the program," she said.

According to Lounds, the MDEQ has approved credits for two of the three sites, and still needs to inspect the site built on the former landfill before the county can sell it to a developer. She said the state has shown the county some leeway because this was a pilot project.

The department has since signed agreements with two private companies to establish mitigation banks. "This has been a learning experience for us, and we've changed the guidelines somewhat as a result," she said.

Having inherited this from the previous administration, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano has ordered a complete review of the program to not only evaluate its financial viability, but also its ecological impact. Like Craig, he doesn't

believe it makes sense to destroy natural wetlands with new development, and replace them with created wetlands in Hines Park.

"This was a poor substitute for a wetlands program. It was not something that was realistic," Ficano said. "We demanded that there be a complete review of the program to make sure this is not just a bunch of smoke and mirrors, or a mirage. Some of the previous efforts were just terrible. They are ugly. Hines Park is already a wetland. This was kind of a sleight of hand. It just makes ecological sense to keep wetlands on the site you are developing."

Wayne County Department of Environment Director Kurt Heise, one of six members that sit on the Wetland Preservation Fund Committee, said the first priority is to find a new bank manager. Then they will determine how to proceed.

"We have to decide whether to move forward with this or end it. Moving forward seems out of the question right now because there just isn't the money. At this point, I'm inclined to say let's sell the credits we have to a developer, cut our losses and call it a day," he said.

LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS

It may not be that easy though. At Ficano's request, Onnie Jacque, the county's assistant corporation counsel, researched the program and issued a memorandum last October, outlining several courses of action for the county: Develop an exit strategy, continue the program, sell the credits to another mitigation bank, or temporarily suspend the program.

There could be legal ramifications for the county if it ends the program, because it did not fulfill the 10-acre minimum it promised when it accepted the federal grant. Whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will want the grant money returned if that agreement isn't fulfilled remains to be seen. The state could also take action for breach of contract.

Whatever happens, Wayne County Commissioner Ed Boike, who represents several Downriver communities and is the chairman of the wetland bank executive committee, said the county had good intentions when it began the program. He would like to see the county spend the money to complete the program.

"I don't think this program is a failure. I'm still a supporter. Even if we don't move forward with it, at least we've created some wetlands that we will have to maintain forever. I don't think we hurt the environment. No one is going to get hurt by this," he said.

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Real Detroit is dreadful, headed for desperate

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was positively beaming during most of an enthusiastic, upbeat State of the City address last week.

He won stormy applause when he announced that Michigan Central Depot, the hulking old ruin of a train station that dominates Detroit's southwest skyline, would be bought by the city, renovated and turned into a new police headquarters.

The mayor announced plans to rebuild a decaying neighborhood on the far east side, saying he expected "between 3,000 and 4,000 new or renovated homes."

For half an hour, the 33-year-old mayor trotted out achievements and promises: a new industrial park here; so many roads resurfaced there; free admission to city recreation centers; a downtown wired for wireless communication.

Yet he never came close to mentioning the real state of the city, which is dreadful, heading for desperate, and after improving markedly in the late 1990s, is getting worse again. Suffice it to say that if America's vital statistics looked like those in Detroit, George W. Bush might not even dare to run for re-election.

What the mayor didn't mention was that four years ago, unemployment in Detroit was 6.6 percent; last year, it averaged 14.1 percent. While there are 55,875 jobless, other thousands have dropped out of the labor force entirely.

Infant mortality is more than twice the national average and rising. "White flight" essentially ended in the 1990s, because there are fewer than 100,000 white people left, and many of those are from Latin America or the Middle East.

The new trend is "black flight," to suburbs like Southfield and West Bloomfield, noted Kurt Metzger, the area's leading demographer. The black middle class is abandoning the city, too.

And ominously, after many years in which Detroit's once-infamous murder rate declined, the city has been plagued by a wave of homicides this year. The mayor did pay tribute to the two young police officers brutally slaughtered in their patrol car earlier this month, after they stopped a local punk for a traffic check.

But he didn't address the wider issue of violence.

Nor did he deal much with economics. The city has, analysts claim, a \$120 million budget deficit. City council members said after the speech that the agreement to buy the old train station is not a done deal, and indicated they didn't know where the money would come from.

David Littmann, chief economist for Comerica bank, doesn't see things getting better this year. He is the creator of the "Detroit Comeback Index," which set 1994, the year the Coleman Young era, ended, at 100. The city reached 123 in 2000, but has now slipped back to 116, "about where it was in 1998." He hopes for an upturn in fiscal 2005, but is not optimistic for the short term.

Yet anyone who blames Kwame Kilpatrick for much of this is wrong. David Rusk, a former mayor of Albuquerque, N.M., who now spends his life studying cities, says Detroit's problem can be summed up in a word: elastic.

"Elastic cities succeed, inelastic cities fail," says the author of two fascinating books on urban affairs, *Cities Without Suburbs* and *Inside Game, Outside Game*.

"Elastic cities" are those that can expand their boundaries by annexing territory, as Los Angeles has very successfully done. Or they partner with a county in some form

of metropolitan government, as is the case in Nashville, Indianapolis or Miami.

But Detroit is up against county lines and incorporated cities, and hasn't been able to add a single parcel of land since 1926. The money and the jobs began fleeing in the 1950s, before anyone thought of "white flight." Later, racial tensions accelerated things.

Today, a shrinking and poor central city of 940,000 is surrounded by affluent suburbs that are home to 3.5 million people, many of whom think the central city's problems have nothing to do with them. Most of the jobs these days are in the suburbs.

Increasingly, Detroiters can't get to them. There is no convenient and reliable public transportation system, and something like 45 percent of the residents of what was once the Motor City cannot afford a car. For years, all efforts to get a light rail system have failed; even attempts to get a better bus system tend to dissolve into petty squabbles. Undoubtedly, the area would be much better off with a little teamwork. Political vision is desperately needed. Metropolitan government, however, would cost the suburbs more, at least for a while.

Black Detroiters, on the other hand, might lose political power. So no one is pushing very hard for solutions, and racism still hangs in the air like a cloud. The morning before the mayor's speech, two suburban men were arrested for spreading white paint on a statue of boxer Joe Louis' arm and fist.

They apparently did it to protest the killing of the two young police officers, who were white. The man accused in the case is black. Police said he claims the shooting was "a mistake." These days, mistakes are something Detroit can ill afford.

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Redemptive sacrifice of Christ should be focus for 'Passion'

Over the last six months a deluge of reports, editorials and comments have been directed toward producer Mel Gibson and his movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. Hundreds of thousands of Evangelicals, Catholics and Christians of all bodies previewed this movie which opened Ash Wednesday throughout the country.

Viewers' reactions ranged from tearful awareness of the pain Christ endured to efforts to trace the authenticity of what was seen ... but nobody remained indifferent.

What is the position of Orthodox Christians toward *The Passion*? Do we recommend this movie or urge believers not to see it? Let us begin by saying this is not a matter of doctrine, hence, our parishioners reserve the freedom to make their own decisions in this regard.

With that said, I would like to make the following observations:

1. Throughout the history of our church, we have never formed our faith, doctrine or worship on what public opinion says it likes or dislikes.

2. The source of our faith is, and will always be sacred tradition of the teachings of the Fathers of our Church, who for the last 2,000 years have proven the Church is alive and well.

3. It is a veritable impossibility for the media to present the totality of truth about anything. Directors and actors need portray a story that captivates, challenges, sells! The domain of the Church rests on the essence of morality and faith.

4. It is a sad reality that some non-denominational Christians, operating under the influence of Christian Zionism (not Judaism), in the quest for winning more members, tend to adapt the Hollywood approach by moving away from holy tradition in favor of the passing success of Hollywood entertainment. Unfortunately, when the initial appeal wears off, other approaches are needed.

5. Due to the violence of this movie, I do not recommend children under the

age of 17 to see *The Passion* without their parents' permission.

My own thoughts on this subject are: a. The "Passion of Christ" enshrined in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John, remains the central focus of our redemption.

b. For the past 2,000 years, the redemptive sacrifice of Christ has penetrated and sanctified every aspect of our spiritual and material lives.

c. We individually and as a believing people adore the cross, lift the cross, bless with the cross, wear the cross, or bless ourselves or others with the conviction that it was through the cross that the doors of Heaven were opened for those who desire to follow and to carry the Cross of Christ.

One of the most revered hymns of the church, taken from the *Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Matins Service* states, "To the cross, O Christ, we adore your holy resurrection, we glorify" and we dare to pray:

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O hope of Christians and guide of the lost,

O haven of the winter locked,
O victory in war and security of the universe,

O physician of the sick and resurrection of the dead

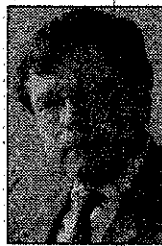
Have mercy upon me.

Amen.

If we view this movie with only rage toward our neighbors, we have completely missed the message of Christ the Savior for our souls. This movie is not to be taken as anti-Semitic or anti-any race or people. The question is not who crucified Christ but for whom was Christ crucified?

Rather than focus on Pontius Pilate, or the Sanhedrin Jewish Council, or the Roman Authority, let us accept in faith that it was us and for our salvation. These are historical facts the church teaches us. Let us refrain from condemning people for the sins of their ancestors. Looking up to Christ, enthroned on the cross as Brother, Savior and Redeemer, let us accept the freedom for which He died and to which He calls us.

The Rev. George Shalhoub is the pastor of The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia.



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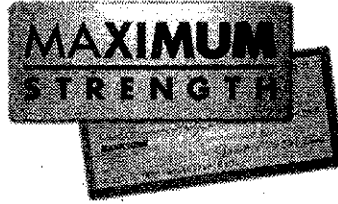
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so low. "I suppose there may have been a concern by some that their opinion wouldn't make a difference," she said. "Or maybe they just have confidence in the people who do these things."

The purpose of the study, which is being conducted by The Corradino Group, is to examine traffic and access to businesses along the Ford Road corridor and try to find solutions to the problems.

Joe Corradino told the group that the study has already determined a need for better traffic signals, more turn lanes, additional right of way and better left-turn access.

"We interviewed about three dozen business operators along Ford Road to get their input," he said.

The group is working closely with the Michigan Department of Transportation to find long-term solutions to the congestion and access problems.

Salla said once the study is complete a report will be issued in September and a memorandum of understanding will be signed by township officials.

"The conclusions of the report will be incorporated into some zoning ordinances," she said. "And access management techniques will be included in site plans."

Another public meeting is being scheduled for late in March. Salla said 5,000 invitations will be sent out prior to that meeting.

"It's important for the general public to come and learn what access management techniques are all about," she said.

SEABERG

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decades of government jobs.

"I've wanted to retire for 32 years," said Seaberg, a Canton resident. "I've always looked forward to retirement."

She reached that milestone Feb. 20, when she left her job as Cicirelli's executive assistant.

"We're going to miss her," said Cicirelli, who expects soon to name Seaberg's successor.

Seaberg started early in government work. After graduating from Garden City West Senior High School, she took a secretarial job with the district's instructional department.

She worked briefly for Ford Motor Co., but returned to the public sector as a secretary for Wayne County General Hospital. She was hired at the Westland Police Department in 1987 as a records clerk, later working as a secretary in the personnel and assessor's offices before being named deputy city clerk.

Somewhat reluctantly, Seaberg was thrust into the job as city clerk after the January 2000 firing of then-Clerk Patricia Gibbons. She had to oversee five elections within one year, including a presidential race and a voter-led recall of Westland City Council members who had fired Gibbons.

She still had to attend to the clerk's regular duties during a turbulent era that forced her and her employees to work long hours. Some weeks, Seaberg

spent more time at work than she did at home.

"If I had known everything that I would have to go through, I probably wouldn't have accepted the job," she said.

She credited her then-deputy clerk, Nancy Bonaparte, and other staff members for helping the clerk's office survive an overwhelming workload.

"Nancy and my staff were invaluable, but I never asked them to work any more hours than I did," Seaberg said. "I truly was never home."

Seaberg served as clerk nearly two years, before she was named Cicirelli's executive assistant when the mayor took office in January 2002.

On Tuesday, council members lauded Seaberg's accomplishments as she attended her last council meeting as a city employee.

Councilman James Godbout commended Seaberg for her work as city clerk and mayoral executive assistant. His colleague, William Wild, credited Seaberg with orchestrating successful community events, such as last month's birthday tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Reflecting on her career, Seaberg said her most challenging work came during her stint as clerk - a job that tested her mettle like no other.

"We had five elections in a one-year period. It was horrendous," she said. "I guess the highlight is just the fact that I survived it."

Church uses movie to connect people with God

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

After joining other religious leaders, church groups and ministers for a screening of Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, and hearing Gibson speak about it, in Chicago recently, Kim Moore decided her church should heed the call and help people see the movie.

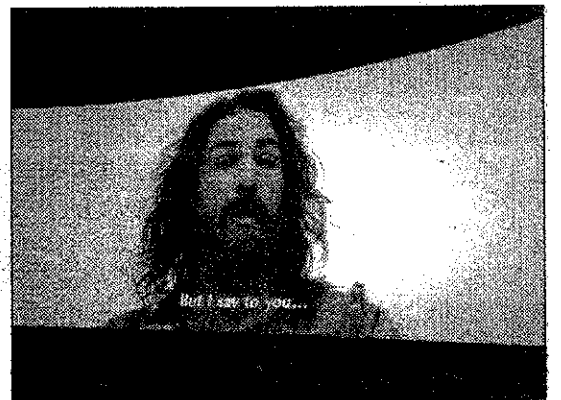
And when she and her husband, Eric, who head the Redemption Center for Outreach and Revival, decided to front the money for a private screening at a Livonia theater, it didn't take long for their congregation to come up with some \$3,000 in rental costs. In fact, one member donated about half of the entire fee.

The church (formerly Canton Community Church) handed out some 400 tickets Monday night, and the movie played to a packed room at the AMC Livonia 20. The group was made up only partially of the some 50 or so members of the church, who invited friends and family members to see the movie as part of the church's new outreach mission.

"We wanted our people to connect with other people to help them see this movie," Eric Moore said. "We wanted people to go on the elbow of someone who knows Christ."

The movie, which drew all kinds of hype and some staunch criticism for its violence, portrays the final 12 hours of the life of Jesus, beginning with his capture by Jewish soldiers in the Garden of Gethsemane through his crucifixion. It's an intense, if violent, telling of the story which Gibson said he based on the gospels. The Moores agree the movie is an accurate portrayal of history.

"(Gibson) has said he felt God's anointing in him in making this film," Kim Moore said. "As someone who ministers to people, I would agree. We see this as an investment in the lives of people among us who don't see God as someone who transforms their lives."



RICK SMITH | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hundreds turned out to the AMC Livonia 20 in Livonia for a private screening before the opening of *The Passion of the Christ*, the controversial Mel Gibson movie depicting the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus.

The movie left most in Monday's audience in stunned silence, many of them in tears, including Lisa Walsh of Eastpointe, a member of the Moores' congregation since 1998, when she used to live in Plymouth.

"Without a doubt, this is the best love story ever told, and it's real," Walsh said. "It's about all that Jesus went through, in a physical sense and in a mental sense. What human being would choose to do what he did? That is the truest love story, in every sense."

In addition to the criticism about the blood and violence, Gibson has been called an anti-Semite by some detractors for what they believe is his portrayal of the role of Jews in Jesus' death. But Eric Moore said it's the story that causes the controversy. "It's the story of Jesus himself, not the movie," Moore said. "Jesus has always divided; people either love him or hate him. The movie itself isn't anti-Semitic; it's just history."

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Scoring points

Karl Foust helped Hope College win the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's swim championship, held Feb. 19-21 at East Grand Rapids HS.

Foust, a junior at Hope and a Salem HS graduate, scored in the 200-yard backstroke (2:16.14) and placed sixth in the 100 back (1:02.95). In the 200 individual medley, Foust placed fifth (2:20.70).

Hope scored 587 points to easily win the team title; Calvin was second with 422.

T-Ball signup

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will have registration for its 5-6-year-old T-ball League from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 29 through April 18 at the Recreation Office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Children must be born July-December 1997; January-December 1998; or January-July 1999. A birth certificate is required.

The season runs seven weeks, from June 19 to Aug. 7 (no games on July 3).

Cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents, \$65 for all others.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Basic skating

A basic skills class in skating, which will offer the opportunity to learn to skate at every level from beginning to advanced freestyle, will be held for eight weeks, from March 15 to May 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Ice Arena.

Each class will be 25 minutes in length, with an additional 25 minutes of practice time either before or after the lesson, depending on scheduling for that day.

Cost is \$56 for city of Plymouth residents, \$76 for non-residents (\$5 off for each additional sibling).

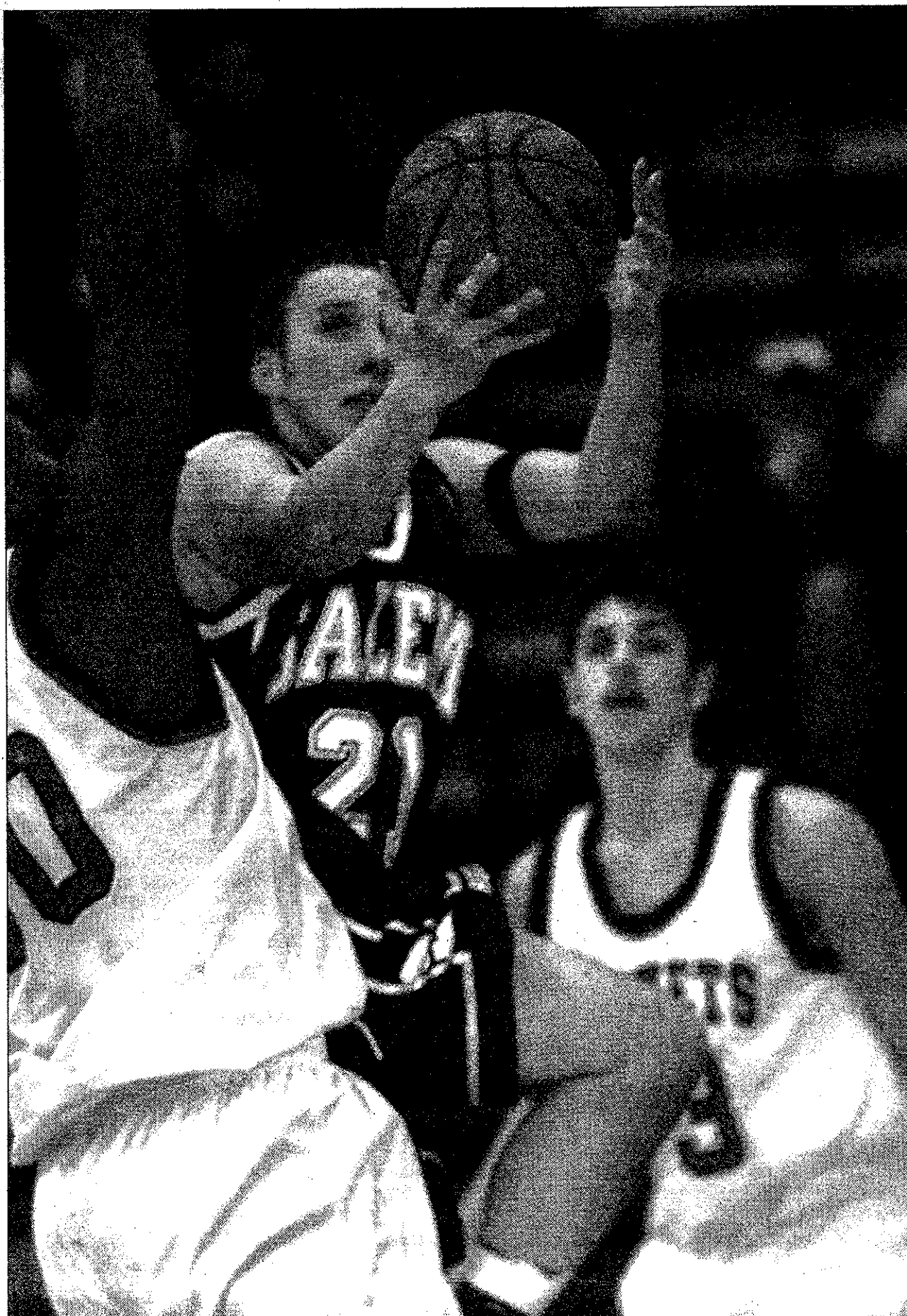
An open general registration will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at the Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Registrations will also be accepted at the Recreation Office during business hours.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at (734) 455-6620, ext. 304, or check out the city of Plymouth Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

Open skating

Open skating will now be offered five days a week at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Ice Arena, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and \$3 for seniors. Skate rental is \$2.

Open skate hours are: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Fridays; and 4-5:50 p.m. Sundays. The open skate phone line is (734) 455-1782.



Chris Haar (with ball) drives past John Glenn's Barry Eberhardt (50) and Jacques Burrell (3) on his way to scoring two of his team-high 13 points Friday.

Falling short

Salem stopped by Glenn, sets up Wayne showdown

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Chris Szydlo is listed at 5-foot-4 – but he plays a whole lot bigger than that.

The junior point-guard stepped up big-time when needed Friday night and guided Westland John Glenn's offense to 42 second-half points in a 72-50 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball victory over Salem.

Szydlo, who has started three of the Rockets' last four games, is not one of those guards who will dazzle you with footwork or flashy dribbling. What he does do is play virtually mistake-free basketball while getting the ball into the hands of the players who need it – and at the right time.

"He stepped up to the plate big-time," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said after his Rockets (10-9, 5-3) clinched third place in the Lakes Division of the WLAA. "He did a great job for us."

Szydlo's play confirmed what everybody figured at halftime – that he would be running the Rockets' offense for the duration of the season.

Salem (8-10, 5-2) plays Wayne Memorial in a makeup game Tuesday to decide the first- and second-place finishers in the Lakes Division. Crossovers against the Western Division will take place on Thursday.

"They beat us up," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "They played hard and weren't to be denied."

"They were able to get it inside and they played good defense. But we've still got a chance to finish first in our division if we can beat Wayne. We're still in the hunt."

Salem had two problems: making free throws and making baskets.

The Rocks, who shoot a lot of free throws, went to the line 40 times during the game. They made just 20.

They got 63 shots in the game, too. And made just 14 for 22 percent.

"If you don't make your shots from the floor and from the line," Brodie said, "you're not going to do very well against a good basketball team."

"We've been shooting about 23 percent all year. We're shooting the ball well, we're just not making them well."

Chris Haar was the only Salem player to reach double figures, netting 13 points. Brian Bradley had nine while Brad Clark, Jon Pomorski and Dominique Washington scored seven apiece.

Barry Eberhardt led John Glenn with 27 points. Ryan Hudy contributed 14, Derrick Bush, nine; and Szydlo eight. Szydlo, incidentally, had just one

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McGinnis lifts Whalers, 4-2

A pair of third-period goals by defenseman Ryan McGinnis, his first two scores of the season, carried the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Whalers, who lost 4-2 at Sarnia Thursday, improved to 28-22-9-3 (68 points), second in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Saginaw is 15-40-2-4 (36 points).

The Spirit took the early advantage, getting first-period goals from Jean-Michel Rizk and Sean Courtney. The Whalers tied it at 2-2 with a pair of second-period

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goals, scored by Brent Mahon (assisted by Vaclav Meidl and Jonas Fiedler) and, on the power play, by John Vigilante (from Ryan Ramsay and John Mitchell).

McGinnis gave Plymouth the lead for good at 7:22 of the third period (assists from Fiedler and Mitchell). He cemented the outcome with his second goal at 13:20 (assists from Ramsay and Nice Vernelli).

Ryan Nie stopped 28 of 30 shots on goal to earn the win for Plymouth. Saginaw goalie Eric Pflieger had 38 saves.

On Thursday at division-leading Sarnia, the Whalers took a 2-0 lead into the third period only to be victimized by a four-goal outburst by the Sting.

James Wisniewski (from Canton) had a goal and an assist for Plymouth. Dan Collins also had a goal.

The Sting got a goal and two assists from Joey Tenute, a goal and an assist from Colt King, two assists from Dan Sisca, and goals from Daniel Carcillo and Danny Fritsche.

Canton thumps Franklin; Plymouth wins

Senior forward D.J. Bridges pumped in a game-high 21 points and senior center Brad Waidmann added 11 to lead Canton to a 53-40 triumph over Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game Friday at Franklin.

With the win, the Chiefs improve to 12-7 overall, 5-3 in the WLAA's Western Division. Franklin falls to 3-16 overall, 1-7 in the division.

With Walled Lake Western's upset of division-leader Northville Friday, Canton finishes in third place in the division. Who the Chiefs will play in Thursday's WLAA crossover depends on who wins the Salem-vs.-Wayne Memorial game Tuesday.

If Salem wins, they play Westland John Glenn; if Wayne wins, the Rocks will be Canton's opponent.

Sophomore Matt McCullough finished

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with a team-high 13 points for the Patriots, who shot 10-of-20 from the foul line. Andy Lynett, a 5-foot-11 senior, added six points and 12 rebounds.

"Their coach (Canton's Charlie Paye) thought he (Lynett) did a great job of rebounding against taller kids," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said. "We do our best to control tempo, but we seem to get into a rut where we miss shots."

Plymouth 53, Det. Winans Academy 48: Plymouth concluded its regular season Thursday with a satisfying homecourt win over the Detroit Winans Academy varsity, a team which had defeated the Wildcats earlier this season.

The fourth quarter proved to be the difference. Plymouth trailed 26-23 at the half and 40-39 after three quarters. The Wildcats outscored Winans 14-8 in the fourth.

"I think we just wore them out," said Plymouth coach Dave VanWagoner. "They looked a bit tired in the fourth and our guys came up big."

Winans had beaten Plymouth in overtime, 73-69, last month in Detroit. The Wildcats improved to 13-2 overall, 6-2 against varsity teams; Winans is 14-4.

Jim Wilbur led Plymouth with 12 points; Josh LeDuc and Kuraj Sandhu scored 11 apiece. A.J. Davey finished with seven points and 11 rebounds, and Brent Jones scored four points and dished out nine assists. Winans got 18 points from Jeremy Winans.

Buzzer-beater ends Madonna's season

BY DAVE REGNIER
STAFF WRITER

When Madonna University freshman guard Stephanie Childs sank both free throws with 3.6 seconds remaining in Thursday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-round playoff game, everyone figured that meant overtime.

Everyone except Tech's Lashanda Conwell. Conwell took the inbounds pass, zig-zagged down the floor and banked in a buzzer-beating three-point shot off the glass to give the Warriors a 76-73 victory.

Fifth-seeded Tech, which improved to 17-12, advanced to play Cornerstone — the No. 1 seed in the WHAC Women's Tournament — Saturday in Grand Rapids. Madonna, the fourth seed, concludes its season at 11-19.

Considering the way the game had gone, perhaps the finish should have been anticipated. Tech hit just 18-of-42 two-point shots (42.9 percent) but 10-of-22 three-pointers (45.5 percent), including 4-of-8 in the second half prior to Conwell's game-winner.

"We took away some of their threes," said a disappointed MU coach Marylou Jansen,

referring to her team's improved ball-pressure defense in the second half. "And they still got five of them on us."

Four of those came in the final 4:12 of the game, and Conwell — who scored just two points in the first half — had two of them. An all-WHAC selection who averaged more than 17 points a game, Conwell totaled 21 points and five assists.

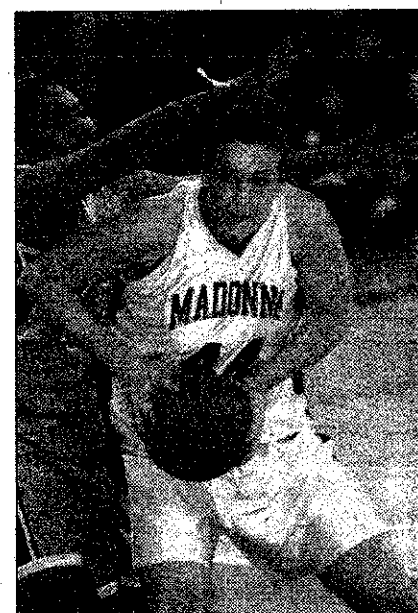
Her slow start was partly attributed to a case of food poisoning lingering from the previous night, the same affliction that kept DeNisha Gray, one of the team's top players, out of the lineup Thursday.

It wasn't as if Madonna wasn't prepared for a final desperation attempt.

"We were expecting some kind of shot but didn't expect them to get so close," said Jansen. "The game went down to the wire. We were expecting overtime."

It was a game of immovable force vs. unrelenting speed, each coach trying to take advantage of their strong points. "We're small and they're big," said Tech coach Gary Cobb. "We had to rely on our speed."

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Courtney Rehbine, driving against Indiana Tech's Alicia Harrison, collected 17 points, 11 rebounds and three assists for Madonna, but it wasn't enough to get a win.

Late goal lifts Stevenson over Canton

Matt Fortier's power-play goal with 1:43 left enabled Livonia Stevenson to edge Canton 6-5 in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover hockey game Wednesday at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

Adam Stoner and Sean Sachau assisted on the game-winner. "It was not our best effort, we're trying not to look ahead to next week (the state playoffs), but I think we were a little bit," said Stevenson coach Mike Humitz, whose team opens regional play Tuesday against Churchill at the Dearborn Indoor Skating Center. "It's going to be a short week if we play like we did today. But any time you win, you're not disappointed."

The Chiefs, who trailed 5-4 after two periods, got three assists from Reece McCabe, Mike Stewart, Sean Rago, Kyle Tollison, Paul Davison and Kevin Tollison each scored a goal for Canton, which fell to 7-13-1 overall with the loss. Stevenson improved to 14-5-4.

Stoner finished with three assists for the Spartans, while Sachau and Billy Westerman each had a goal and one assist. Other Stevenson goals were

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scored by Alex Bokas, Rico Guerra (power-play) and Brad Fischer. Stevenson netminder Kit Pruchnik made 19 saves, while Canton's Chris Garrett stopped 24 shots.

Salem 3, Saline 3: Craigen Bauldry turned a pass from Dan Crockett and Mike Barr into the game-tying goal with :36 to play in regulation as Salem got a draw with Saline Wednesday at Chelsea Ice Arena.

The Rocks are 11-9-3 overall. Bauldry's goal capped a wild third period in which each team scored two goals, the Rocks first on a penalty shot by Matt Van Hoet. That put Salem ahead 2-1, but the Hornets scored twice in less than two minutes to recapture the lead, with goals from Drew Collins and Keith Marsh.

Saline led 1-0 after one period. Salem tied it with a goal by Andy Thackaberry (assists from Kyle Emmons and Crockett) midway through the second period.

Ladywood 7, Port Huron 4:

Laura Szwed scored a pair of short-handed goals 18 seconds apart early in the final period to break a 3-all deadlock as Livonia Ladywood (14-7) went on to defeat Port Huron Unified in a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League game played Wednesday at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

Ladywood led 3-0 after one period, but Port Huron stormed back to tie it as Ashley Hinton, who finished with two goals, scored with five minutes remaining in the second period.

"We played well the first and third periods, but we kind of went to sleep in the second period," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said.

Szwed finished with a hat trick and one assist. Mary Beth O'Dea and Jess Blaesser tallied the other Ladywood goals. O'Dea also had an assist, while teammate Joy Troczynski collected two assists.

Kryi Meyers and Meg Quinn had the other Port Huron goals. Ladywood goaltender Danni St. Onge made a total of 30 saves.

Redford CC 5, Allen Park 2: Redford Catholic Central has had problems scoring at full

strength in its last few games.

That didn't pose a problem on Wednesday night as the Shamrocks scored four power-play goals and one of the short-handed variety in a non-league win over Allen Park.

"I'm glad the power play showed up because we haven't been real strong skating 5-on-5 in the last three games," said CC coach Todd Johnson. "That's a bit of a concern going into the playoffs. It was a chippy game both ways."

CC opened the scoring with a power-play goal from Dave McGrorty with Tim Buttery and Mike Monterey assisting. After Chris DeRoche tied the score for Allen Park, Dan Barczuk made it 2-1 just into the second from Jimmy Burns and Andrew Godoshian.

Chris New made it 3-1 on a short-handed goal with Michael Evans and Tim Buttery assisting. Monterey scored 25 second into the third from Buttery and Godoshian and after an Allen Park goal, Burns closed out the scoring from Bill Makela and Pete Pfeffer.

Godoshian stopped 17 shots in goal for CC (14-6-3), while the Shamrocks had 29 shots on the Allen Park goal.

The Jaguars fell to 14-7-2.

Strong serving carries Canton Agape to victory

If Tarah Armbruster keeps serving like this, Canton Agape Christian's season could have an extended run.

On Thursday at Harper Woods Lutheran East, Armbruster totaled four service aces to go with three defensive digs as the Wolverines edged the Eagles 15-12, 15-10.

The win improved Agape's record to 9-11.

It was the second-straight match, both of them wins, that Armbruster's serving has been pivotal.

On Monday in a home match against Taylor Light and Life, she served the first 10 points in each game as Agape won easily,

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15-10, 15-1.

Other key contributors to Thursday's win against Lutheran East were Amanda Tashnick with 10 kills, Brittany Miller with four kills, and Emily Tong with 17 set assists and two kills.

In Monday's win over Light and Life (which slipped to 9-10), Armbruster collected five aces. A.J. Creps had eight kills, Miller added three kills, and Tong had 17 set assists.

The Wolverines play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth HS.

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ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Jenna Kirby, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Kelly Baker, Sr., Canton; Maria Mezzadri, Soph., Livonia Stevenson; Jacqui Gatt, Sr., Churchill; Kelsey Mack, Jr., Churchill; Raquel Fiorentino, Sr., Walled Lake Central; Jordan Falcusan, Sr., Salem.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: Kristen Lillie, Sr., Canton; Katie Esper, Sr., Canton; Ashley Cecil, Sr., Churchill; Kimmy Meyer, Sr., Churchill; Stephanie Gorte, Sr., Churchill; Trisha Morrill, Soph., Livonia Franklin; Diana Dealbes, Northville.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION: Laura Flaucher, Sr., Stevenson; Linda Montgomery, Sr., Stevenson; Lisa Montgomery, Sr., Stevenson; Jennifer Yonish, W.L. Central; Sarah Smith, Sr., Wayne; Jennifer Hardy, Sr., Wayne; Jennifer Swartz, Soph., Westland John Glenn; Lauren Price, Soph., Salem.

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Stephanie Merlo, Rebecca Fedrigo; Salem: Teresa Coglielle; Stevenson: Kelly Gibbons, Kristen Hutchins, Mindy Magoulick, Lia Williamson; W.L. Central: Marie Little; Canton: Elizabeth Alexander, Andrea Johnson; Franklin: Tonya Obraz, Jenny Schniers; Northville: Kelly Wasalaski, Evonna

Karshon, Nicky Horn, Erin Fleishaker, Katie Kneisel; John Glenn; Caitlin Colwell; W.L. Western: Ashley Belrose, Laura Schmidt; Wayne: Heather Quinn, Angela Shiemke, Erica Grysban, Carrie Lauberns.

FINAL STANDINGS

Order of finish: 1. Churchill; 2. Salem; 3. Stevenson; 4. W.L. Central; 5. Canton; 6. Franklin; 7. Northville; 8. John Glenn; 9. W.L. Western; 10. Wayne.

Western Division: 1. Churchill; 2. Canton; 3. Franklin; 4. Northville; 5. Northville.

Lakes Division: 1. Salem; 2. W.L. Central; 3. Stevenson; 4. John Glenn; 5. Wayne.

CENTRAL DIVISION TEAMS

ALL-CATHOLIC: Danielle Palasak, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; Amy Szymanski, Sr., Ladywood; Meredith Doyle, Soph., Farmington Hills Mercy; Amanda Maly, Sr., Birmingham Marian; Janine Pesusich, Sr., Marian; Megan Sweeney, Harper Woods Regina.

ALL-LEAGUE: Hilary Corlisk, Sr., Mercy; Jamie Harbison, Regina; Courtney Phillips, Sr., Ladywood; Whitney Rupp, Soph., Mercy; Courtney Paszkiewicz, Sr., Marian.

Coach of the Year: Ed Moeller, Mercy.
ALL-ACADEMIC: Kristin Kummer, Sr., Ladywood; Sarah Switaj, Sr., Mercy; Christin Cubbin, Sr., Marian; Sara Clark, Regina.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Sunday, Feb. 29
(CHSL Finals at U-D's Callhan Hall)
St. Katharine vs. Loyola, noon.
Bishop Borgess vs. H.W. Trinity, 2 p.m.
Redford CC vs. O.L. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2
Salem at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Tay. Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Lutheran East, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 4
Benedictine at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at N.B. Huron, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 5
WLA crossovers, 7 p.m.
Det. Urban at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Macomb Christian at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Roeper, 8 p.m.

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REGIONAL PAIRINGS
DIVISION I
at ANN ARBOR ICE CUBE
Monday, March 1: (A) Jackson vs. (B) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5 p.m.; (C) Brighton vs. (D) Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2: (E) Howell vs. (F) Temperance Bedford, 5 p.m.; (G) Canton vs. (H) Ann Arbor Huron, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 4: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Final, 7 p.m.

at DEARBORN INDOOR SKATING CTR.
Monday, March 1: (A) Redford Catholic Central vs. (B) Redford Unified, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Dearborn Unified vs. (D) Farmington Unified, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2: (E) Royal Oak Unified vs. (F) Birmingham Unified, 5:30 p.m.; (G) Livonia Churchill vs. (H) Livonia Stevenson, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 4: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 6: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinal Wednesday, March 10 at Dearborn Indoor Skating Club vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer regional champion.)

DIVISION II
at NOVI ICE ARENA
Monday, March 1: (A) Northville vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 5:30 p.m. (B Rink); (C) Walled Lake Northern vs. (D) Walled Lake Central (R Rink); (E) Waterford Kettering vs. (F) Ypsilanti-Lincoln, 7:45 p.m. (B Rink); (G) Novi vs. (H) Livonia Franklin (R Rink), 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 9 at ARC Lansing Ice Center.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, March 2
Agape Christian at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

DISTRICT PAIRINGS
CLASS A
Friday, March 5
DIVISION I
at LIVONIA CHURCHILL
First round: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Canton, 4 p.m.

Semifinals: Salem vs. South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Chelsea vs. Ypsilanti-Lincoln district champion.)

CLASS B
at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
First round: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Ladywood vs. (D) Dearborn Heights Robichaux, 4:30 p.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Notre Dame Prep district champion.)
Saturday, March 6
CLASS A
at LIVONIA STEVENSON
First round: (A) Livonia Franklin vs. (B) Redford Thurston, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Redford Union vs. Detroit Redford, noon; Livonia Stevenson vs. A-B winner, noon.
Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Chelsea vs. Ypsilanti district champion.)
at YPSILANTI-LINCOLN
First round: (A) Belleville vs. (B) Garden City, 10 a.m.; (C) Wayne Memorial vs. (D) Westland John Glenn, 11:30 a.m.
Semifinals: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m.; Ypsilanti-Lincoln vs. C-D winner, 1:30 p.m.
Championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Chelsea vs. Livonia Churchill district champion.)
CLASS C
at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
First round: (A) Inkster vs. (B) Southfield Christian, 10 a.m.; (C) Detroit Communications & Media Arts vs. (D) Ecorse, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Lutheran Westland vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.; Dearborn Henry Ford Academy vs. C-D winner, 11:30 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 13 at Burton-Bendle vs. Marlette district champion.)
CLASS D
at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
First round: (A) Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner vs. (B) Saline Washtenaw Christian, 10 a.m.; (C) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. (D) Novi Franklin Road Christian, 11 a.m.
Semifinals: Plymouth Christian vs. A-B winner, noon; Canton Agape Christian vs. C-D winner, 1 p.m.
Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 6 at Adrian Lenawee Christian vs. Litchfield district champion.)
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 6
Regional meet at Canton, 10 a.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, March 6
Division I regional at Southgate, 11 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING
Friday-Saturday, March 5-6
State finals at Sunnybrook Lanes, Sterling Heights, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, March 4
(NCAA Region 12 Tourney)
Schoolcraft at Vincennes (Ind.), 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday-Saturday, March 2-6
NJCAA Region 12 at Owens Tech (Ohio), TBA.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, March 5
Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
Whalers vs. Erie (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

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Jansen countered: "We were outsizeing them, out-muscling them, and they were out-quick-ing us. It was a game of oppo-sites."

It was also a game with 15 lead changes, with neither team leading by more than seven points. Madonna led by six early in the game after three consecu-tive baskets by Sarah Thomson, but the Warriors closed the half better, outscoring the Crusaders 17-10 in the last 8:21 to take a 36-31 halftime lead.

The Crusaders started the second half with a flurry, eliminat-ing the deficit with a 7-2 run in the first 2:48. It stayed close the rest of the game, the biggest cushion either team enjoying just five points.

"Madonna did a good job of stopping our penetration," Cobb said. "With their size we were forced to the outside most of the night."

Madonna dominated the Warriors on the boards, grab-bing 45 rebounds to their 28. Tech's speed was definitely a fac-tor though, with Conwell and teammate Thyoshi Chambers. Chambers had 19 points and four steals, and Eliza Dickinson, another guard, scored 10 points, dished out four assists and made four steals. Forward Quanette Vales also scored 10 points.

The Crusaders were the younger, less experienced team, starting only one senior: center Courtney Rehbine, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Madonna was led in scoring by Sarah Thompson's 21 points (she also had 10 boards); Lydia Prusinowski netted 18 points (on 7-of-8 floor shooting), had eight rebounds and three assists; and Jackie Pingston scored nine points.

While Madonna had the



Sarah Thomson was Madonna's lead-ing scorer with 21 points. She also pulled down 10 rebounds.

rebounding edge, Tech forced 20 Crusader turnovers while com-mitting just 12. And Madonna's substantial advantage inside (the Crusaders outscored the Warriors in the paint, 32-24) was offset by Tech's superior defense (23-11 in points off turnovers).

"They're a great team," said Jansen. "This was a great playoff game, where it came down to the last team with the ball."

"We did everything we wanted to do."

Except win.

Grand Rapids CC 65, Schoolcraft 56: Autumn Khitic scored 23 points and hauled down 16 rebounds Wednesday as visiting Grand Rapids CC ousted Schoolcraft College from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball playoffs. Stacey Jenema had 12 points for the Raiders (18-9), who advanced to the semifinals, hosted over the weekend at Schoolcraft.

India Monterio scored 24 points for the Lady Ocelots (21-7).

Ocelots aim for 4th-straight state title

Gunning for their fourth-straight state championship, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team earned a spot in Saturday's finals with a 93-73 victory Friday over Wayne County CC at Flint Mott.

The Ocelots, 26-3 overall, got a game-high 22 points from Ryan Baumgartner and 17 from Derrick Ponder as the Ocelots earned the Michigan Community College Athletic Association semifinal win.

Schoolcraft, which led 42-29 at the half, also got 14 points from 7-foot center Lamont Arrington.

Guard Ty Scott and forward Marcus Johnson added 12 and 10, respectively.

"Lamont played a great game defensively, both block-ing shots and rebounding, he

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set the tone early," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "Everybody played tough defensively. Our inside pres-ence hurt them. It was a good overall effort."

Curtis Tillman led Wayne County, now 19-7 overall, with 18 points.

Two Schoolcraft players, point guard Ricky Morgan and forward Anton Palmer, did not make the trip for what Briggs called "conduct detrimental to the team."

The Schoolcraft coach said both would also sit out the state final against 23-4 Grand Rapids, which ousted host Mott in the other semifinal, 82-80, in overtime. (Results of

Saturday's final will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

Cornerstone 88, Madonna 66:

Madonna University's sea-son came to a close in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs as host Cornerstone earned the victory before 1,100 fans Wednesday night at the Henson Athletic Center.

Cornerstone, 24-8 overall, got a team-high 20 points from John Freund. Jim Cochran added 16, while Keith Wurn contributed 15. Andy Bronkema finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Crusaders, who ended their season losing six of their final seven games, wind up 10-19 overall.

Senior guard Dan Kurtinaitis, the school's all-time assist leader, finished his career with a game-high 21 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-9 from three-point range. Junior guard Noel Emenhiser, the WHAC's leading scorer, added 18 points.

The Crusaders, who trailed by only four at halftime, 34-30, racked up a total of 30 fouls as Cornerstone shot 33-of-45 from the foul line (73.3 per-cent). Five MU players fouled out including Kurtinaitis, Emenhiser and two seniors playing in their final game, Chad Nadolni and Jim Woodworth. It also marked the final MU appearance for John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) and Chris Behrns.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL BOOSTER MEETING

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players and parents of incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

DeBellis, 13, making a name for himself

Jon DeBellis, a 13-year-old bowler from Farmington is one of the area's up-and-coming talented youth bowlers. His 198 average was given a boost recently with a 300 game and 752 series last month at Country Lanes.

As he bowled the final frames in his perfect game, he said he was, "calm, cool and collected."

But according to his mother, Tina Schaefer, said she "just about went crazy in the 10th frame."

Both parents, Tina and her husband Jim, are outstanding bowlers and have brought their son, Jon along the path to future stardom.

A 300 game is the goal of most bowlers, but so many who have played this game for 30, 40 or 50, or more years, that have never quite reached that ultimate score.

It didn't take long for 19-year-old Kathleen Bishop to achieve her first 300 game. She

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time to help coach the Clarenceville High School youth bowling team.

Bishop was coached in her growing years by her father, Bill.

As this Westland family has welcomed Kathleen to the winner's circle, dad Bill has also coached his 21-year old son, Tim, who also rolled has a perfect game, and has previously received his own 300 ring.

If you have been around the local pro shops lately you might have noticed a clear plastic device made in the size and shape of a bowling ball.

This is the latest brainchild from the mad scientists at Ebonite.

Just from looking at it, you might have a hard time figuring out what it is.

Ebonite calls it Powerhouse Hook Again, which enables the bowler to remove the lane oil from the ball without damaging it.

Oil build-up is a common problem on ball surfaces. Some bowlers had even gone so far as to place their ball in an oven to try to "sweat out" the oil. This could work, but in most instances, it ruins the ball itself because the inner core and cover stock are of different compositions.

It can also cause de-lamination, and take away the effectiveness of the ball.

The Hook Again device removes the oil safely and without using heat.

Most ball manufacturers do not warranty a ball that is subjected to heat. Actually, oil is not the real problem, for heat

will also break down the plasticizer in the ball, thus reducing the effectiveness. With the plasticizer diminished, the ball will not perform well.

Here's how it works: The ball is placed in the plastic chamber and the Hook Again compound is added to the chamber. It remains in the chamber for 24 hours, then it is removed, wiped off and ready for renewed life.

The process may be done by the pro shops or a unit can be purchased for individual home use.

According to Ebonite tests, Hook Again has proven to restore 99.8 percent of performance loss due mainly to plasticizer saturation. This product does not use heat, it is not abrasive to the surface, and will not harm the ball.

This reporter is packing his bags for a quick trip to Reno, Nev. for the American Bowling Congress convention.

This could be an historic event as the revised Single Membership Organization will be voted upon.

If the men's and women's organizations both vote for the merger, it should pass and then become the U.S. Bowling Congress, which will also include youth bowling.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will be participating as the ABC Tournament continues.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839 or e-mail: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to state law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, on the date and time listed below:

Thursday, March 4th, 2004 5:30 pm.

YEAR/MAKE/STYLE/MODEL	ID NUMBER	CASE NUMBER
2000 Chrysler 4-D Concorde	2C3HD36J5YH139819	03-2299
1992 Chevy Van Astro	1GBDM19ZKNB212224	04-0251
1997 Ford 4-D Escort	1FALP13P8VW220861	04-0258
1994 VW 4-D Passat	WVWJF4317RE005355	04-0271
1984 Chevy 2-D Silverado	2GDCD14H3E1215432	04-0276
1999 Ford PU Ranger	1FTYR10V7XPB06831	04-0277
1990 Ford 2-D Escort	1FAPP9192LW154048	04-0299

Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Brian Walker, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 734-453-1234, ext. 532.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

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

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

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

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

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

The district limit for frontage along Amherst Court and Nicholas Lane consists of Lots 1 through 46 of the Plymouth Hills Subdivision, as well as parcels 990003001, 990003002, and 990003003, located in the Southeast of Section 29, T.1S, R.6E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Hoben Elementary School**. Specifications, bid forms, and additional information are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11th, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

- PUBLIC HEARING FOR: SPECIAL USE APPROVAL**
SP 04-03 Office/Warehouse/Showroom Building
886 N. Mill
ZONED: MU, Mixed Use
APPLICANT: Dj Maltese Consulting, LLC
- PUBLIC HEARING FOR: CHANGES TO ANN ARBOR RD. CORRIDOR - Zoning Ordinance Text**
- SITE PLAN APPROVAL**
SP 04-04 Office/Manufacturing/Sell Art Glass
548 Deer
ZONED: O-1, Office
APPLICANT: Donald Schneider

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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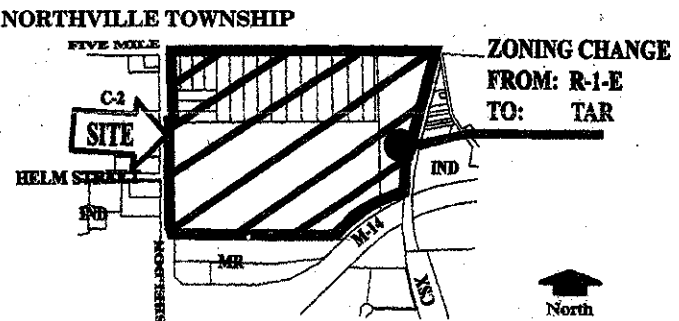
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO 83.127

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 142 attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 83.127
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 142
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-013-01-001-003, R-78-013-99-0001-001, R78-018-03-0075-001

- Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.
- Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on March 24, 2004.
- Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on February 24, 2004 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 24, 2004.

Effective Date: March 24, 2004.

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NEWSPAPERS

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CC wrestlers fall in regional final

Catholic Central's wrestling team started strong in the Division I regional final against Roseville, but wound up bowing out down the stretch and losing 42-20 at Royal Oak Kimball.

CC (11-12) started the match with five straight wins and a 17-0 lead as the match started at 160 pounds. But the Panthers won eight of the last nine matches and stopped the Shamrocks for the second time this season.

The Shamrocks advanced to the finals by topping Oak Park, 63-15, while Roseville beat Dearborn Fordson, 39-28.

SEMIFINAL
CATHOLIC CENTRAL 63, OAK PARK 15
 103: Avery McKinnie (OP) p. Nieko Ianni, 3:12; 112: John Farmer (CC) p. Ramon Matthews, 3:09; 119: Andrew Nadhir (CC) d. Matthew Cousin, 11:9; 125: Dade Dimaggio (CC)

WRESTLING

won by void; 130: Mike McHenry (CC) p. James Rogers, 1:07; 135: Shane O'Connor (CC) won by void; 140: Ike Lewis (OP) p. John Kenny, 2:36; 145: Kyle Smart (CC) won by void; 152: Brad Bartram (CC) p. Lazell Martin, 1:45; 160: Trevor Stewart (CC) p. Demetric Lewis, 1:02; 171: Andrew Lahiss (CC) won by void; 189: Leo Evans (OP) p. John Kinville, 5-4 2 OT; 215: Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) p. Terry Grier, 2:44; HVY: John Morasso (CC) p. Walter Brown, 1:59.

FINALS
ROSEVILLE 42, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 20
 103: Phil Noriega (R) p. Nieko Ianni, 1:19; 112: Josh Stadwick (R) d. Andrew Nadhir, 4-2 OT; 119: John Farmer (CC) d. Dionte Lacey, 10-9; 125: Josh Noble (R) d. Dade Dimaggio, 8-2; 130: Jake Damer (R) p. Mike McHenry, 5:44; 135: Joe Maiorano (R) p. Shane O'Connor, 1:32; 140: Rian Brassell (R) p. John Kenny, 5:2; 145: Jerry Carter (R) p. Kyle Smart, 1:58; 152: Justin Petrone (R) p. Mike Carrier, 1:19; 160: Brad Bartram (CC) maj. dec. Joe Baker, 11-3; 171: Trevor Stewart (CC) d. Tom Gizowski, 14-7; 189: Scott Schwarzoske (CC) maj. dec. Dave Boren, 11-1; 215: Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) d. Steve Carter, 7-4; HVY: John Morasso (CC) d. Sean Flores, 8-3.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GYMNASTICS

Feb. 26 at W.L. Central

Team standings: 1. Livonia Unified, 146.55 points; 2. Brighton, 145.20; 3. Northville/Novi, 144.75; 4. Canton, 142.00; 5. Salem, 141.55; 6. Hartland, 139.50; 7. Walled Lake, 130.90; 8. Plymouth, 121.90; 9. Wayne/Westland John Glenn, 109.70.

Event results

Division One

Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.5; 2. (tie) Kerry Dyer (H), Emma Platt (N/N), 9.1; 4. (tie) Nicole Bastien (B), Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.05; 6. Sara Wilchowski (N/N), 9.0; 7. Nicole Drouillard (B), 8.75; 8. (tie) Megan Chappo (C), Kate Staley (C), 8.7; 10. Kara Ahern (C), 8.65.
Uneven parallel bars: 1. Rachael Page (B), 9.6; 2. Pisani (LU), 9.45; 3. Lindsey Reed (LU), 9.4; 4. Drouillard (B), 9.3; 5. Wilchowski (N/N), 9.2; 6. Kacy Risner (LU), 9.15; 7. Chappo (C), 9.0; 8. (tie) Amanda Perelli (N/N), Bastien (B), 8.95; 10. Sarah Bugosh (S), 8.8.
Balance beam: 1. Reed (LU), 9.7; 2. Gina Maceri (LU), 9.3; 3. Chappo (C), 9.3; 4. Risner (LU), 9.2; 5. (tie) Catie Carlson (B), Wilchowski (N/N), 9.05; 7. (tie) Drouillard (B), Ahern (C), 8.9; 9. Bastien (B), 8.85; 10. Bugosh (S), 8.8.
Floor exercise: 1. (tie) Ahern (C), Reed (LU), 9.45; 3. (tie) Bastien (B), Dyer (H), Pisani (LU), 9.25; 6. Chappo (C), 9.15; 7. Kelley (C), 9.1; 8. (tie) Drouillard (B), Kaitlyn Burns (C), 9.05; 10. Carlson (B), 9.0.
All-around: 1. Reed (LU), 36.90; 2. Bastien (B), 36.30; 3. (tie) Chappo (C), Wilchowski (N/N),

Pisani (LU), 36.05; 6. Drouillard (B), 36.00; 7. Ahern (C), 35.55; 8. Dyer (H), 35.35; 9. (tie) Carlson (B), Page (B), Bugosh (S), 35.20.
Division Two
Vault: 1. Julie Foucher (N/N), 9.35; 2. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.25; 3. Jacqueline Jazette (N/N), 9.15; 4. Marcie Fink (N/N), 9.0; 5. Jessica ConCannon (B), 8.95; 6. (tie) Lauren DiLullo (B), Paige Albers (LU), Jenn Mehl (N/N), 8.85; 9. (tie) Mina Pirzadeh (C), Elena Gueorguiev (S), 8.75.
Uneven parallel bars: 1. DiLullo (B), 9.55; 2. Sarah Ilkhani-Pour (N/N), 9.4; 3. Gueorguiev (N/N), 9.3; 4. Emily Platt (H), 9.15; 5. Maggie Mills (N/N), 9.05; 6. Ashley Aquino (S), 8.95; 7. Foucher (N/N), 8.8; 8. Laura Phillips (H), 8.75; 9. Janna Ramsey (N/N), 8.65; 10. Supplee (LU), 8.6.
Balance beam: 1. Megan McCarthy (S), 9.05; 2. Audra Ahern (C), 8.95; 3. Trish Brownfield (N/N), 8.9; 4. Kim Stevenson (WL), 8.8; 5. (tie) DiLullo (B), Celia Allen-Hames (H), Aquino (S), 8.75; 8. Supplee (LU), 8.65; 9. Melanie Plank (H), 8.5; 10. Kelly Saber (B), 8.4.
Floor exercise: 1. Albers (LU), 9.55; 2. Mills (N/N), 9.45; 3. Rachel Deneau (N/N), 9.4; 4. (tie) DiLullo (B), Gueorguiev (S), 9.35; 6. Platt (H), 9.3; 7. (tie) Lisa Thompson (LU), Aquino (S), McCarthy (S), 9.25; 10. Audra Ahern (C), 9.2.
All-around: 1. DiLullo (B), 36.50; 2. Aquino (S), 35.55; 3. Supplee (LU), 35.40; 4. (tie) Foucher (N/N), Gueorguiev (S), 35.35; 6. Platt (H), 35.15; 7. Mills (N/N), 34.05; 8. Allen-Hames (H), 33.90; 9. Allie Vranjak (S), 33.85; 10. Stefanie Schmalz (WL), 33.70.

BOAT SHOW

The 21st annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Wednesday through Sunday, March 3-7, at Ford

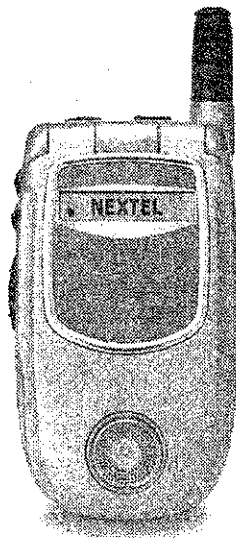
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Catholic Finals feature Observer schools

BASKETBALL

FROM PAGE B1

It will be a history-making Redford tripleheader at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall this afternoon as all three of the township's Catholic League schools advanced to their division basketball championships.

Both Catholic Central and Bishop Borgess came away with wins in their division semifinals on Wednesday to advance to Calihan. On Tuesday, St. Katharine Drexel won its spot in the C-D Division final with a 55-48 overtime win against Center Line St. Clement.

CC overcame a 19-6 first quarter deficit against Warren De La Salle to pull away with a 63-50 win to move into the 4 p.m. Sunday Central-AA final against Orchard Lake St. Mary. In the opener, Bishop Borgess overcame some sloppy

CATHOLIC HOOP

shooting and ballhandling to come away with a 56-54, double-overtime win against Madison Heights Bishop Foley. The win earned the Spartans a spot in the East-West final against Harper Woods Trinity at 2 p.m.

All three schools making the finals in three separate divisions is a first; however, all three have gone to the finals in the same year. CC beat Bishop Borgess for the Central-AA title and St. Agatha won the C-D title in 1989 and 1997.

CC (15-3) did two big things and a bunch of little ones to pull away from the Pilots (13-5) in the semifinal win — the third win against the Pilots this season. The first was to put guard

Robert Fragoso on high-scoring Pilot guard Keith MacKenzie. The move paid off as MacKenzie, who had 20 against Detroit DePorres on Sunday, settled for a pair of first-quarter 3-pointers.

"Rob did a nice job defending him," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "He stayed with him and guarded him alone."

The second was to beat the Pilots at their own fast-pace, high-pressure game. De La Salle had the advantage in the first quarter, but the Pilots seemed to flame out and tire quickly. CC took advantage and cut the lead to 26-25 by half — thanks in no small part to six turnovers in the second quarter.

"It seemed like we wore them down," said Coratti. "In the middle of the third quarter, it seemed like they ran out of

gas. I wasn't comfortable, though, until the final buzzer."

The Shamrocks took the lead for good midway through the third quarter as Kyle Smith converted a three-point play to give the Shamrocks a 32-31 lead and start an 8-0 run. De La Salle managed to pull within 42-41, but could get no closer.

The unsung things came in the scorebook as Jim Cash paced CC with 17 points; Smith and Dan Waterstradt had 15 each, and Dave Herberholz added 12.

John Novak paced the Pilots with 18 points, while Jake Jakubek had 14.

turnover in the second half.

Eberhardt scored 12 of his points in the third quarter, many off feeds by Szydlo and many the result of his getting the ball on the wing and driving to the basket.

"Barry likes to face the basket," Lloyd said. "He doesn't always have to play with his back to the basket. He did a very good job despite playing in a bit of pain."

Glenn enjoyed a 13-8 lead after one period and was up, 30-21, at the game's midpoint.

Salem came back from a 15-point deficit early in the third

quarter and trailed 42-30 with 2:29 left. However John Glenn outscored it 10-2 the rest of the period and took a 52-32 lead into the final 8 minutes.

"I thought we played good in the first half," Lloyd said, "and I thought we played very good in the second. The looks we had in the second half were excellent — and we knocked them down."

"And when you're scoring, it makes it that much easier to get into your defense."

The Rockets get their next test, their state tournament prep game, in the league crossover Thursday night — with Szydlo in the starting lineup.

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Cathy Standish

One small action

Hard to believe that 48 years ago, a tired little lady got onto a bus and sat down for the ride.

It was on that ride that this woman took one small courageous action. She refused her seat to a white man. For that one small action, the woman was arrested; she was tried for a violation of a local ordinance.

From that one small action, an entire city responded and soon one small action would change the conscience of an entire nation, reshape the moral fiber of a country and elevate a little-known clergyman to greatness.

All of this history was born, from one small action.

The young black woman who was expected to yield her seat to a white man was Rosa Parks. This small act of courage that grew into something immense reverberates through the decades.

Today, it is hard to believe that a year before my own birth, segregation still survived in this country. Hard to believe that sharing a lunch counter was forbidden, hard to believe that washrooms and drinking fountains were labeled.

It is hard to believe that the right to vote for a segment of our society came only within the past 40 years.

Hard to believe that a man named Medgar Evers could be shot as his family watched, and hard to believe that a crime of this magnitude would go unpunished for years and years to come.

Hard to believe that civil rights workers would be shot, beaten, hung. Hard to believe that a church could be bombed, hard to believe that this was the country, that these were the times, that many of us grew and lived in.

Hatred brews anger. The country was at war, at war in a small southeast Asian country and at war with itself. Changing ideology does not come easily, does not come without casualties.

Gradually, people began to notice, began to take heed.

Through one small action, slowly, the country started to change. People stopped and listened, listened to the speech, listened to the dream of that once unknown clergyman, a man named Martin Luther King Jr.

This man, this leader, had a dream. He dreamed that freedom would ring throughout our land.

Slowly, freedom did begin to ring. Slowly, the attitudes began to change. Slowly, the country began to grow. Change didn't come quickly, change didn't come easily.

In 1968, the minister was assassinated. He didn't live to see the changes, to see the country that we have become.

There is a generation that doesn't remember these times. Just as the baby boomers can't appreciate the hunger and anguish of the Great Depression, there is a generation that can't realize the true struggles of the civil rights movement.

Learn through the history. Understand the hatred of the racial pejoratives, through the history try to understand the struggle.

Through one small action taken in 1955, the history of our nation was changed forever and though our country has come a long way, we still have a long way to go. For it is in the history that we continue to shape our future.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.

A wee bit o' the Irish

Canton dancer scores big in first competition

When Shannon Murray puts on her dancing shoes and her curly wig, you know you're about to witness a little bit of Ireland right in the middle of Canton.

The 8-year-old second-grader at Eriksson Elementary has been studying Irish dancing for three years and earlier this month completed her first feis (competition) in Nashville, Tenn., where she won four first-place medals, one second-place and one third.

With that accomplishment, she advances from advanced beginner to novice. And she probably owes it all to *Riverdance*.

"I just started liking it," Shannon said of her love of Irish dancing. "And I saw all the *Riverdance* people."

That was a few years ago.

"When I was a baby," the 8-year-old said, "I used to go downtown where there were Irish dancers and they'd say, 'Dance with us. Dance with us.'"

That downtown experience with the Gaelic League led to a "freebie" lesson in Irish dancing, according to her mother, Debbie, who traces her roots to County Mayo.

"She turned out to be pretty coordinated," Debbie said.

Shortly after, Shannon was enrolled in the Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Westland (the studio has since moved to Plymouth Township).

"She goes to class four hours a week, not including private lessons," said her father, Mike, a sergeant and paramedic with the Westland Fire Department, who traces his roots to County Galway.

All those lessons and practice have paid off. In Nashville, Shannon placed first in her division in the Irish reel, the jig, the slip jig and the treble jig. In the horn pipe, she placed third. All six dances are mandatory in the feis.

"She also danced a single jig, which she had never been taught," Debbie said. "She just sort of ad libbed it. And she placed second."

Shannon's favorite dance is the horn pipe.

"It's challenging," she said.

But she also does the ceili, an Irish square dance.

"It's long," she said. "It takes about 10 minutes."

Her father is not a dancer.

"I'm more of a singer," he said. "I used to be in a band, but I don't do it professionally. I just enjoy it."

Her mother is not a dancer, either. But she tried.

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Shannon Murray does an Irish dance. Shannon, 8, just competed in her first feis (competition) in Nashville, Tenn., where she won four first-place medals, one second place and one third.

"My mom started taking lessons," Shannon said. "She took quite a few classes and then she said 'Oh, I'm just going to quit. This is too hard for me.'"

Mike, who visited Ireland for the first time a couple of years ago, said his daughter may have to go there also.

"If she keeps doing as well, we're going to have to take her to Ireland to compete," he said.

As for Shannon, she just keeps on dancing.



Eight-year-old Shannon Murray with her mom, Debbie, and father Mike. Mike doesn't dance; Debbie gave it a shot for awhile.



Jennifer Catalo has founded a new nonprofit organization aimed at helping victimized children around the world.

Plymouth native reaches out to young AIDS victims African crisis prompts woman's actions

With two young children and a music career, former Plymouth resident Jennifer Catalo has plenty to keep her busy. But last summer, while sitting in the sauna at World Gym in Rochester, she read a magazine article which made her realize she had to do more.

Catalo, 34, now living in Rochester, read about an epidemic of child rape in South Africa, a tragic offshoot of the AIDS crisis.

"I could hardly stop crying that day," she said, nearly a year later. "I knew I couldn't close my eyes to this problem."

As far back as 2001, CNN reported that child rape was already a crisis in South Africa. Though the country has one of the highest violent crime rates in the world, "The attacks are fueled by the myth that sex with a virgin will protect a man against AIDS or even cure him of the incurable disease," CNN.com reported.

In response, Catalo established a new charity, Firefly. She hopes to raise money which can then be funneled to established organizations in South Africa to assist victims. She is also collecting toys for victims in Durban, a South African city.

Firefly is currently working with the Children's Rights Centre in South Africa as Catalo seeks to establish relationships with other organizations. She has also achieved nonprofit status, so donations are tax-deductible.

"It has been quite a learning process," she said. "I have had to learn by doing."

Catalo took a logical first step, visiting the Rochester Hills Public Library and enlisting the help of a librarian as she began her research. She's also been assisted by two Main Street businesses, Dforce and SV3, who have donated services such as logo design and publicity.

Nevertheless, Catalo's effort hasn't been universally well-received. Some have reacted with hostility, not wanting to hear about the problem or challenging her to help children here at home.

"It kind of knocked the wind out of my sails," she said. "I mostly wanted to get the word out, I wanted to educate people. ... We can't keep putting blinders on to what's going on in the world around us. Especially when I have children, how can I let this go on?"

What's most heartbreaking is the knowledge that victims can be as young as a few months old and suffer irreparable internal damage, as well as HIV infection.

"They keep getting younger and younger because there's little chance a baby has been infected," she said. "And the AIDS crisis is unbelievable. It's the leading cause of death in Africa."

Catalo teaches voice and music at Oakland University and the Rochester Conservatory. A singer in a couple of local Top 40 bands, she's also sung the National Anthem at Oakland University and Palace sporting events. She and her husband Gene moved to Rochester a year ago from Plymouth, where she grew up, and remodeled a home on a lovely, tree-lined street.

Several fund-raising events are in the works for Firefly. Since shipping toys costs more than buying them, one idea is to sell donated toys at a garage sale. Catalo is also hoping to put together a concert with musician friends and produce a CD of original music.

Gene Catalo came up with the name Firefly. His wife loves it because of its childlike quality, which she sees as "lighting the way for children in need."

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Catalo at (248) 420-9119 or jen.catalo@comcast.net or P.O. Box 81444, Rochester, MI 48308. For information on the Children's Rights Center, visit www.childrensrightscentre.co.za on the Web.

Disney concert promises fun for all

"The Magical Music of Disney" will take center stage as Henry Ford Community College's Music Program presents the ninth annual President's Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

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More than 250 instrumental and vocal musicians from HFCC's music program, the largest two-year music program in the state, will perform the Disney spectacular under the direction of conductors G. Kevin Dewey, Rick L. Goward and Randall Knight. The HFCC Big Band, Blue Fusion, Concert Choir, Con Spirito, Metropolitan Symphony Band, Studio 110, Renaissance Voices, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Vanguard Voices will perform.

"This promises to be one of the premier musical events in the metropolitan area this year," said HFCC President Andrew Mazzara who along with his wife, Peggy, will host the concert. "This year, the concert is geared to baby boomers and their families, as well as all those

who are young at heart. Our award-winning musicians, coupled with the stellar reputation of Disney music genius, guarantees a fun-filled evening of entertainment for the entire family."

According to Rick Goward, associate dean of HFCC's Fine Arts and Fitness Division, the Metropolitan Symphony Band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform classical music from the hit Disney movie *Fantasia 2000*, including excerpts from Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*, *Firebird Suite* and *Pines of Rome*. HFCC's choral groups will sing excerpts from the most popular Disney films including *Be Our Guest* from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Kiss the Girl* and *Under the Sea* from *Little Mermaid* and a *Whole New World* from *Aladdin* as well as favorites from other Disney blockbusters.

HFCC's Metropolitan Symphony Band, performing with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, is the largest community college concert band in Michigan. The symphony band includes advanced placement high school students, members of the community and students from neighboring universities. The wind ensemble, HFCC's instrumental honors group, features the top musicians from other HFCC bands.



Star Struck

(Feb. 29-March 3)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Generally, you are not the demonstrative type - particularly when it comes to affairs of the home or heart. However, now it's time to air your feelings to someone whose passions may not coincide with your own. Be patient: You have more going for you than you realize.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Don't let others bully or browbeat you over a fiscal or professional matter. The approaching Full Moon will give you the opportunity to air your grievances, but they are liable to fall on deaf ears unless you lay the necessary groundwork first. Don't be a bully, Bull!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The astro-effect of restrictive Saturn is to give you a new broom with which to sweep away any feelings of confusion, self-doubt or inadequacy. Personally and professionally, certain methods are no longer viable and, therefore, must be streamlined, reorganized, and replaced.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You may be back on form and firing on all cylinders. Unfortunately, however, loved ones and other members of the family are still not willing to give their full support. By all means, at this time, stick to your guns but be real considerate not to force the pace.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

If you ask for what you want this week, you're sure to get it. And if you accompany the request with a gift, you might get more than you bargained for. Just make sure that you're serious before you start getting personal. Don't play games right now, Lion!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Recent events mean you now know that success on any level is really a ladder that cannot be climbed with one's hands in one's pockets. Above all, however, remember that it is a waste of time arguing with individuals who cannot be honest with themselves or admit their mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Unsettling developments seem to be casting a very long shadow over matters of a financial, tax or legal nature now. However, challenging astro-activity also heralds a period of intense growth and a wonderful opportunity to practice the maxim: "As we think, so we are."

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Let family and friends have their way right now, even if you don't agree with what they're doing, because later in the week you'll need their assistance and it will help if they owe you a favor. And don't spend too much money on Monday or you'll regret it by Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Not only do you know you are right in a domestic or family matter, but there is a strong possibility that you actually might be. Don't, however, let it go to your head. What seems obvious today may be less convincing tomorrow. Allow room for adjustment, Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Don't limit yourself to the same old scene with family and old chums this weekend; go somewhere different, somewhere where you can be who you want to be - and are! Your life is moving into a different gear. It may be higher or lower, but you'll certainly feel the shift.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to beg for forgiveness during the coming days. According to the planets, you have... well, something to apologize for! But don't let others play on your feelings of guilt. Make amends and move on, WaterBearers!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

It simply is not possible to be all things to all people, and the sooner you realize that, the better your life will be. If you have to let someone down this week - be it friend or family - don't feel bad about it and don't flounder. It's time to put your own needs first, now!

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LIBRARY PICKS

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

Fiction

- "The Last Juror," John Grisham
- "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
- "The Five People You Meet In Heaven," Mitch Albom
- "Seduced by Moonlight," Laurel K. Hamilton
- "The Zero Game," Brad Metzler

Nonfiction

- "The Price of Loyalty," Ron Suskind
- "American Dynasty," Kevin Phillips
- "Give Me a Break," John Stossel
- "Blindsided," Richard M. Cohen
- "The Privilege of Youth," Dave Pelzer

Parents' Choice New Children's Poetry Books

- "Giggle-Wiggle Wake-Up," Nancy Carlstrom
- "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book," Lauren Child
- "Without You," Sarah Weeks
- "Ice Palace," Deborah Blumenthal
- "Late for School," Mike Reiss

Colored pencil artist featured

The Three Cities Art Club features Livonia artist and instructor Sherry Eid during its monthly meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building, 42350 Ann Arbor Road (at the northeast corner of Lilley Road), Plymouth.

The public is invited. Eid will conduct a workshop on the use of colored pencils. Many people are surprised at the effects achieved with the pencil. One method is to vary the pressure that is applied. Eid will show how to create different effects by light and burnishing techniques. For those who are interested in experimenting, bring your pencils, sharpener, kneaded eraser, a good 8 by 11-inch paper such as Bristol vellum, and transfer paper.

Eid is the local president of the Colored Pencil Society of America. She teaches colored pencil classes in the continuing education program at Schoolcraft College as well as a number of workshops and classes in the area. Her work has been accepted in many local judged art shows.

For more information about the event or club, call Marilyn Meredith at (734) 397-2348 or send e-mail to marilynmeredith@hotmail.com.

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Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for scholarships

Sharon Poszywak nearly had to drop out of the nursing program at Schoolcraft College when her father became ill and her mother could no longer watch her young son, Tyler. In desperation, the single mom turned to the Women's Resource Center on campus for assistance.

Come May she'll graduate, take the board exams to become a licensed registered nurse then choose between positions offered to her by Detroit Receiving and University of Michigan hospitals.

"If there's anything I can do at a later date to volunteer or help out, I will," said Poszywak, a Plymouth resident. "Without the Conrad (Charitable Foundation) Scholarship, I would probably had to have taken time off from school and work full time. They discourage working during the program because classes are only seven weeks."

Poszywak is just one of 250 individuals who received 331 scholarships from the center

last year thanks to the annual Spaghetti Dinner. The 2003 event raised more than \$9,000, all of which went to scholarships. This year, the center's executive director, Nancy Swanborg, hopes to raise \$10,000.

The 30th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow Fund-raiser takes place Tuesday, March 16, in the new VisTa Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. The Wine Glow begins at 6 p.m., Spaghetti Dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25, \$60 sponsor (includes two dinners). Tables for eight available. Call (734) 462-4443.

"This is my 15th year. That first year the spaghetti dinner provided \$2,000 for about 50 scholarships. That's a fivefold increase," said Swanborg. "The staff has stayed about the same through the increase. It's pretty amazing."

The Women's Resource Center continues to expand its

offerings to women in transition. Displaced homemakers, single moms, widows, and those separated or divorced can receive counseling and career information to explore their options. Financial aid is available for those in need.

"This year we're celebrating the fact we've grown from infancy to transitional adulthood in 30 years," said Swanborg. "We're celebrating the accomplishments of our students. Last year, we had a significant number of our (187) students receive degrees and certificates. They made up 16.7 percent of degrees and certificates awarded by the college, and earned degrees in criminal justice, accounting, medical transcription, liberal arts, nursing, business, computer graphics. We're touching students no matter where their goals are."

One of the students to be recognized at the dinner for her accomplishments is Kaitlyn Sandberg who went through the center's From Chocolate Chips to Micro

Chips program. She recently won the Women of Triumph award from Women Work!, a national network which lobbies for women's employment in Washington, D.C. Sandberg has been offered a position as chief financial officer with a Costa Rican business. She graduated from the program in the mid-1990s before it became known as From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips.

"In 1989, it was called Project Hers (Homemakers Employment Re-entry System). By 1991, it became From Chocolate Chips to Microchips when computers were just becoming hot. By 2003, we added Blue Chips because we initiated Chips Too for those who've completed the program to take Microsoft Word and personal finance."

"If they've lost a spouse to death or divorce one of the barriers we saw was someone else had been the financial responsibility person. Some did not know how to write checks, how to budget, how to



Last year's Spaghetti Dinner raised more than \$9,000 for the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

do income tax. We had workshops but realized many of the students needed more depth to that aspect of their lives."

The center also presents a luncheon series that salutes women. In January, more than a hundred guests learned about the military contributions of females.

"So often women are invisible in our society whether they were in the military in the Second World War or running the PTA or a physician," said Swanborg.

"One of the first women on the college's board of trustees was Jane Moehle, who helped set the tone for Northwest Wayne County Community College (which later changed its cumbersome name to Schoolcraft College at her suggestion). Lois Waterman helped develop academic programming. I think one of the things we're doing is taking baby steps, making women visible by highlighting those women. These were women who made a real difference."



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stanley-Crowe

Mary Elizabeth Crowe and Frederick Warren Stanley were married on May 17, 2003 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church.

The bride is the daughter of James and Mary Crowe. She is a graduate of Marian High School, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. She is a speech-language pathologist for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Midland High School and Michigan State University. He is a teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

A reception was held at Castillo di Bologna, Canterbury Village, Lake Orion, after which the couple left for a honeymoon cruise to Alaska.

The newlyweds are making



their home in Canton.

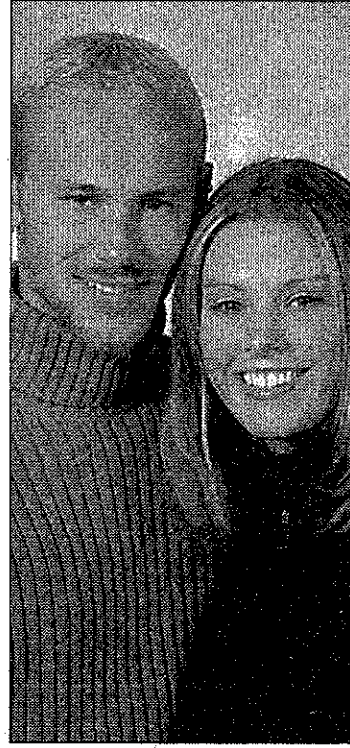
Guerin-Richardson

Debbie Guerin of Plymouth and Michael Guerin of Plainfield, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie Guerin, to Kyle Nelson Richardson, the son of Deb Richardson and Joe Richardson of Canton.

Heather earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and is currently employed with Quicken Loans.

Kyle earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed with Done Rite Lawnscape.

An April 16, 2004, wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.



Know the qualities you want in dating

Q. I recently divorced after being married to the same man for almost 20 years. I would like to meet someone new, but I don't know if I'm ready. How do I meet someone after being out of the dating scene for so long?



Love Doctor

Terri Orbuch, Ph.D.

A. As the song says, breaking up is hard to do, but getting back into the dating world is even more difficult. Dating again can be tough because in many cases, we have been hurt in our previous relationship or marriage. We feel unsure of ourselves and may have a lot of anger toward our ex-spouse. Remember, a healthy dose of anger can be positive because it forces you to move on. If one is sad and feeling sorry for oneself, he or she is less likely to move on from the previous relationship. Many people think the dating scene has changed over the years, so they do not know what to expect. This unknown situation causes anxiety and fear. The biggest change in the dating scene is that today, computers, e-mail and the Internet are frequently used to meet people. Internet dating allows greater intimacy in terms of self-disclosure early on in the relationship, and people get to know each other better without the distraction of physical attraction. But if you are communicating via the Internet, remember that deception is possible, so be safe and realistic about these Internet relationships.

Here are some Love Doctor tips for dating or meeting someone new:

1. Make sure you are really ready. Sometimes, we think we are ready to have another relationship, but if we are still too attached to our ex-partner, it is too soon. You need to ask yourself whether you are ready to get into another relationship

and to really care for another person.

2. Write down 15 qualities that you want in a partner. No more than 15 qualities and no less. Be sure your qualities are "specific." For example, if you are looking for a sense of humor in a partner, be sure to write down exactly what kind of humor you desire.
3. Join a group activity that meets consistently. Ideas include getting involved in a book club, softball league, or wine appreciation club. The goal is to interact with people of similar interests on a regular basis.
4. Ask your friends and family to fix you up. Many people are surprised to learn that when married people are asked how they met one another, the most common answer is that they were fixed up (even dating services count as being fixed up).
5. Do not discuss your ex-partner on first dates. You may decide to talk about your previous relationship or spouse at a later point, but don't let that kind of discussion cloud your judgment on the first date. To submit a question, e-mail The Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroit-lovedr.com.

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D., is a psychologist, sociologist, author, and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the Love Doctor on 100.3 WNIC-FM between 7 and 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

REUNIONS

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

REUNIONS

Brighton High School

Class of 1984

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

Cabrini High School

Class of 1984

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

Center Line High School

Class of 1974

Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30-year reunion takes place Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes appetizers, strolling supper, open bar, entertainment and valet parking. For more information call Karen

Hudak Miller at (248) 569-7739 or e-mail her at karel56@aol.com

Cody High School

Class of 1957

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

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Class of 1978

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

Plymouth Canton/Salem

Class of 1984

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

Redford Thurston High School

Class of 1964

A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 2, 2004, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Barb Smith (734) 427-1123.

Farmington Musicale features soprano

The Farmington Musicale will present a program "Foot Stompin' -Toetappin'" an afternoon of Irish music and dancing featuring Mary Callaghan Lynch, soprano, and Mary Behnan, who will accompany her on the piano.

Then some good old fashioned Irish foot stomping by dancers from the Tim O'Hare school of dance will follow. It will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Hammell's Music Auditorium, 15630 Middlebelt, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads in Livonia. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

For more information on the musical event, please call (248) 471-6017.

CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Preschool registration

For the 2004-05 school year at Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be Saturday, March 13. Doors will open at 9 a.m. The school is located inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth on the north side of North Territorial between Sheldon and Beck. It offers a two-day program for 3-year-olds and a three-day program for 4-year-olds with hands on learning in a theme based Kindergarten readiness program with monthly field trips, low student to teacher ratio, and student evaluations with parent conferences. Students must be 3- or 4-years-old, respectively, by Aug. 1. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Mental health seminar

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill presents "Removing the Chains of Mental Illness," journeys to recovery, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. Presenters are Heidi Anderson and Jim Shantz, vice president of NAMI in Livingston County. Admission is free to this event. St. Clare's Episcopal Church is

located at 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. For information, call (734) 994-6611.

Declaration of Independence

People in the area will get a chance to see an original copy of the Declaration of Independence during its display at Eastern Michigan University's McKenny Union from 4-6 p.m. March 15. The event, which is free, is part of a nonprofit, nonpartisan campaign called "Declare Yourself" and is meant to encourage people to register to vote in the 2004 presidential election. A discussion of themes in the Declaration of Independence, led by EMU political science professor Jeffrey Bernstein, opens the day at 3 p.m. For more information, call Charmica Miller at (734) 487-3045.

Madonna Open House

Madonna University in Livonia conducts an open house for prospective students from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during day, evening and week-

end sessions. For more information, e-mail minfo@madonna.edu or call the admissions office, (734) 432-5339.

Flea market

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 50th-annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 27 at 1830 Washtenaw Ave. Art, antiques, collectibles, books, jewelry, decorations, baked goods, toys and linens will be available. Antique appraisals will be done by DuMouchelle. Admission is free, no strollers.

College fair

The 16th annual Metro Detroit National College Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 17, at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren. The fair will hold a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, and an evening session from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Metro Detroit National College Fair is free, and directions to the Macomb Expo Center can be found at <http://www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04SMDE>. For more information, contact Fair Chair Gretchen Parks at (248) 341-5900.

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GOULD

Loren "Bud," age 82, of Plymouth, died February 16, 2004, in Florida. He was born November 19, 1921, in Plymouth. Raised in Plymouth, he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1939. He attended Henry Ford Trade School at Nankin Mills. Bud was proud to have served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Upon his return from the war, he founded and operated Gould's Cleaners in Plymouth. He then became a successful builder and developer, and he was also very active in his community, at one time serving as President of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. In recent years, he enjoyed spending his winters in Jupiter, Florida, and his summers in Eastport, Michigan. He loved golf and tennis, and he treasured the time spent on his boat, Go Blue. The family of Loren W. Gould is grateful to God for your friendship and for his life. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his sons, Gary (Ramona) of Foothill Ranch, CA, Bruce (Julee) of Plymouth and Terry (Patrice) of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and his sister, Norma Gould of Plymouth. A memorial service will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Saturday, March 6, 2pm. Friends may visit beginning at 1pm. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, or the charity of the donor's choice.



HERMAN

Alex Jr. 73 of Sanford died Tuesday evening, February 24, 2004 at the Mid-Michigan Medical Center. He was born on August 27, 1930 in Highland Park, son of the late Alex and Jennifer Herman. He was united in marriage to Daisy Ann Wright on July 14, 1951. She predeceased him on May 14, 1994. Alex had worked as a product engineer with the Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1990 after 43 years of service. He continued his career as an international consultant for Nemak Corp. of Monterey, Mexico from 1990-1999. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially watching his grandson Jordan playing baseball and basketball. Surviving are his children, Jeffrey Herman and his wife Michele of Midland, William Herman of Raleigh North Carolina, Jennifer Herman of West Bloomfield; grandchildren, Jordan and Chelsea; Sister, Zonia and George Sivic of Capac and Tillie Phillipis of Utica. Brothers and sisters, Nick, John, Mike, William, Mary, Annie, and Helen all predeceased Mr. Herman. Funeral services took place at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 28, 2004 from the Ware-Smith-Woolver Funeral Chapel, 1200 West Wheeler Street, Midland. Rev. Gerald Ferguson of Trinity Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will take place in the Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Mid-Michigan Medical Center. You may share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home or through [waresmithwoolver.com](http://www.waresmithwoolver.com)



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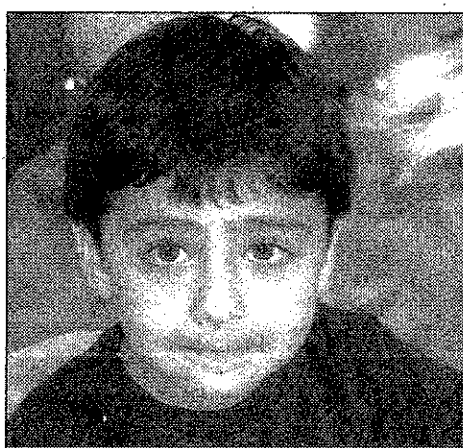
Grace C. Born October 23, 1923 in Detroit, daughter of William and Claretta Herbst, Grace passed away on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 at her home. Loving mother of Patty (Leonard) Masuch, Mary-Grace (Don) Robertson, Timothy (Patricia) Kabel, Daniel (Teresa) Kabel, James C. (Ruth) Kabel, Carol Ann (John) Morrow, and Jon (Linda) Kabel. Beloved grandmother of Kim, Kellie, Kara, Kurt, Nicole, Matt, Kirk, Allison, Amie, Andrew, Gioia, Lauren, Alexandra, Chelsea, Audrey, Nicholas, Hope, Carley, and Katie and her six great grandchildren. Grace was a graduate of Pershing High School. She worked for Ford during WW11 while her husband, Milton was overseas. An area resident since 1964, she became immersed in Plymouth's rich arts and crafts community. She is credited together with Teresa Ohno, as having started a basket making and teaching movement that touched countless students and friends. She taught for 35 years. Her students lauded her candor that made for good times and lots of laughs during basket classes. She was self-taught. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI on Friday, March 5 at 10:00am, followed by a luncheon with her family at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375. Donations may be sent to either St. Kenneth's Church, or The Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Rx briefs

Anti-antibiotics

Resistance to antibiotics has increased significantly in recent years. Even though antibiotics have no effect on viruses, the U.S. government estimates that half of the 100 million prescriptions written for them each year are unnecessary.

The Michigan Chiropractic Association is offering a pamphlet containing basic rules to follow when struck with an illness this season. Many people mistakenly believe that antibiotics are effective in treating viruses such as flu, colds and some ear infections. To help yourself feel better when you have a viral infection, drink plenty of fluids, get rest, and use a humidifier to put water back into the air.

For more information or locations of chiropractors offering the Anti-Antibiotics pamphlet, visit the Web site at www.michiganchiropractic.org. The pamphlet is also available on the Web site.

In a study done by Henry Ford Hospital researchers found a link between antibiotics and allergies and asthma in children. Children who receive antibiotics within their first six months of life increase their risk of developing allergies to pets, ragweed, grass, and dust mites and asthma by age 7. However, they are less susceptible to these effects if they live with at least two pets, namely dogs or cats, in the first year.

The study's findings are believed to be the first of its kind in the U.S. that found a link between antibiotics and allergies and asthma in children.

Fibromyalgia patients piece together puzzle to seek relief

Twenty years ago, when doctors told Sharon Ostalecki she was crazy, the Farmington Hills nutritional consultant kept looking for an answer to why she hurt all over.

Eventually she found a doctor familiar with fibromyalgia and began gathering information on the disease.

Ostalecki estimates that patients see anywhere from five to 50 doctors before finding the cause of pain in their muscles, ligaments and tendons. Once they do, they're on their own to find a prescription for relief. To help herself and other sufferers put together pieces of the puzzle, Ostalecki is starting a lecture series in conjunction with the H.O.P.E. support group, which meets 6 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Farmington Community Library.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, which is currently funding seven studies on fibromyalgia, the disease can be triggered by arthritis or injury. Nearly 20 percent of people with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus also have fibromyalgia. Infections such as Lyme disease can also trigger it.

About 80 to 90 percent of sufferers are women, but middle school-age children are also affected.

"It's a mysterious condition," said Sharon Ostalecki. "Doctors have a difficult time diagnosing and treating it. Patients suffer from debilitating pain and fatigue. It's a complex illness."

Research has shown that fibromyalgia patients have too much substance P — a neurochemical found in the spinal cord that alerts the body to pain — and low levels of serotonin, which causes a decrease in Stage IV sleep necessary for muscles to repair themselves. Thus, the slightest pain is amplified for fibromyalgia sufferers, creating a vicious circle.

Traditional treatment only addresses the pain and lack of deep sleep, and narcotics weren't a viable solution for Ostalecki, so she kept searching.

"There's no cure, but complementary or alternative treatments can help bring it under control," said Ostalecki. "It's like putting the pieces of a puzzle together. It's trial and error. It's a journey."

Ostalecki found that sleeping eight hours a night, eating a healthy diet, walking several

times a week, and performing stretching exercises, yoga and low-impact aerobics brought her pain under control. She also takes vitamins and supplements such as calcium, does meditation, and has a deep tissue massage once a week. She said massage is important to keep down knots in the muscles. Practicing Tai Chi has also been helpful for some sufferers.

In order to share this information with other fibromyalgia patients, Ostalecki began the support group H.O.P.E. — Helping Our Pain and Exhaustion.

"You have good days and bad days," said Ostalecki, who's lectured on fibromyalgia in Michigan, Ohio, Boston and Canada. "That's why it's still misunderstood. A lot of people are still sent to psychologists and psychiatrists. A simple pressure point test, where 18 points on the body are touched, helps diagnose the disease."

"There are many possible causes — stress, if you go through a health or personal crisis. People have various degrees of fibromyalgia. If you eat well, sleep well, control stress, you can control it."

Keeping a positive outlook is as important for fibromyalgia patients as nutrition. Ostalecki said most people eat a poor diet low in protein, the building block for muscles. Ostalecki suggests a diet high in complex carbohydrates, high in protein with at least 60 grams every day. Eating 40 percent of calories from complex carbohydrates, 30 percent protein and 30 percent fat keeps energy levels up and blood sugar stable.

NUTRITION AND ATTITUDE

Peggy Bowers learned through trial and error to eliminate refined sugars from her diet to reduce the pain. She also uses meditation, relaxation techniques and stretching exercises in the morning and night to help keep it under control. She follows no special diet but eats lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, and stays busy to keep her mind off the pain.

Like Ostalecki, Bowers started a support group in Livonia in 2001 to provide information within an upbeat environment.

"I was going to other support groups and saw patients who would leave more depressed than when they came," said Bowers of Livonia. "When peo-

Helping themselves



Sharon Ostalecki, a nutritional consultant in Farmington Hills, suggests fibromyalgia patients eat a diet high in complex carbohydrates and protein.

ple come to the group, it gives them comfort to know they're going through what others are going through. We're giving people the tools to help themselves.

"I probably had symptoms back in my early 20s and overlooked them until finally there was a breaking point. My fibromyalgia started with excruciating ear pain seven years ago. I was finally diagnosed with TMJ or jaw pain, which is very common in people with

fibromyalgia. From there the pain worked its way down. It's under control now, but I continue waking up with pain several times a night. I'm also sensitive to lights, smells like perfumes, and sounds, which studies show are common to fibromyalgia patients."

COMPLEXITY

The disease's complexity is why doctors send sufferers of moderate and severe pain to Dr.

H.O.P.E.

The H.O.P.E. support group meets Monday, March 9, at the Farmington Community Library. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit the Web site at www.hffcf.org or call (248) 344-0896. The first speaker is West Bloomfield physical therapist Loren DeVinney who specializes in treating fibromyalgia patients. Peggy Bowers' support group meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. Dr. James White will discuss biofeedback. For more information, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at www.geocities.com/livoniaactsfms.

Peter Ianni. The Farmington Hills psychologist specializes in helping fibromyalgia patients cope.

"Patients need to understand how they cope," said Dr. Ianni, who will speak on fibromyalgia and intimacy at the April 26 meeting of H.O.P.E. "When the disease starts, they can push through the pain with certain coping strategies. When it becomes severe, it tends to escalate when they try to push through. I teach them to use behavioral techniques such as biofeedback to relax, and to prioritize and conserve energy when they're fatigued."



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The best known shoulder problem is a rotator cuff tear. The pain is often intense, and you cannot fully turn your shoulder. This limit on motion interferes with using the shoulder, with attempts to override only bringing on more pain. A poorly understood condition, adhesive capsulitis, also causes marked restriction of the shoulder and great pain. Fortunately, it is the reason for shoulder pain and immobility in less than 5% of cases.

There is one source of limited shoulder motion that you may overlook. This is osteoarthritis. The reason for its occurrence is the shoulder is the same as in the wrist, hip and knee. There is a wearing away of cartilage with subsequent loss of the smooth motion between the ball and socket of the joint itself.

It is unclear why you get osteoarthritis of the shoulder or how to prevent it. Past injury often leads to a rotator cuff tear, but the evidence does not point to the same cause for osteoarthritis of the shoulder. Shoulder x-ray is excellent in revealing the arthritis, and allows your doctor to make an early diagnosis. Treatment is not so straightforward. Joint injection helps but cannot cure, and anti-inflammatory drugs are good for pain relief but little else.

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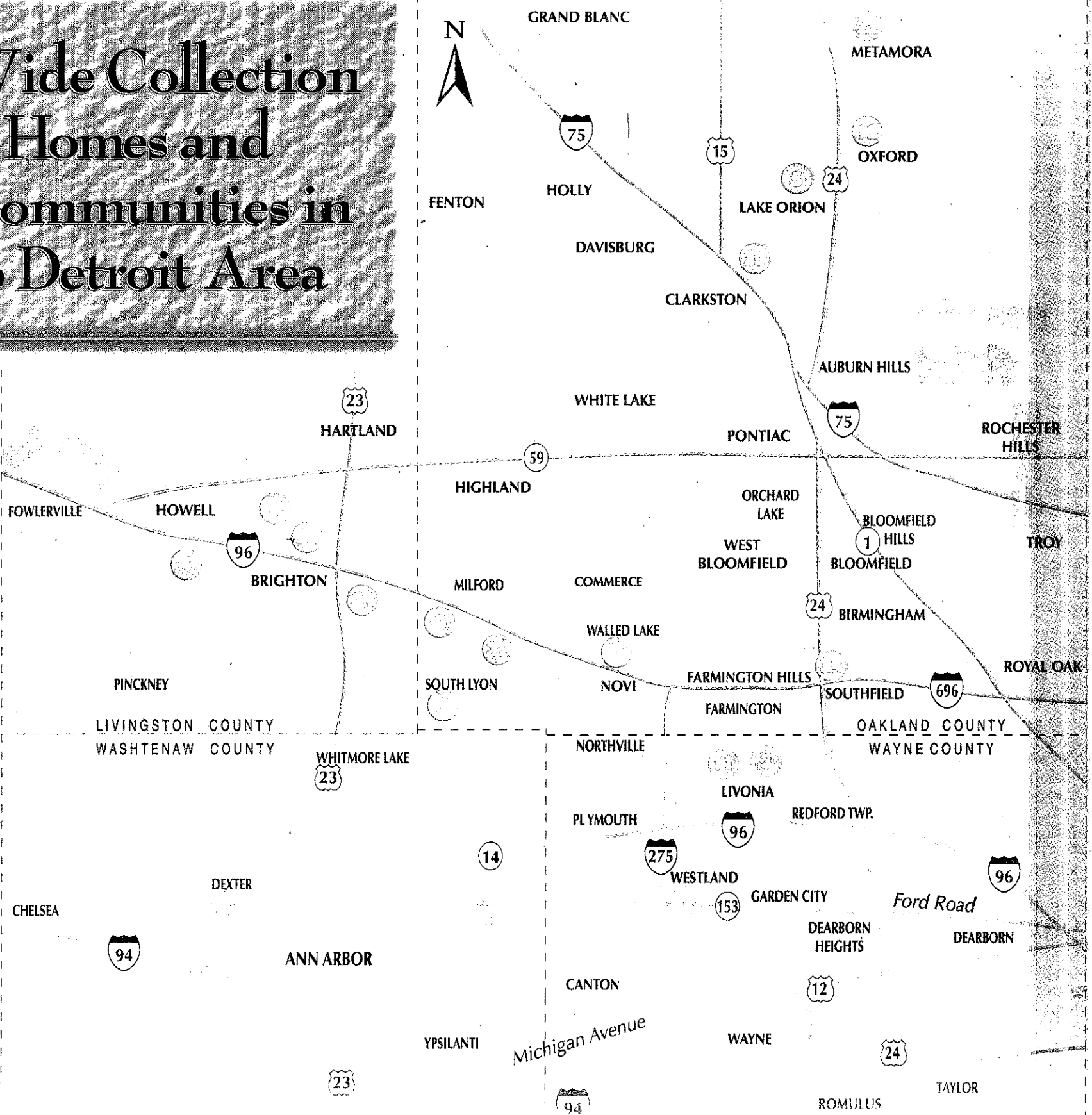
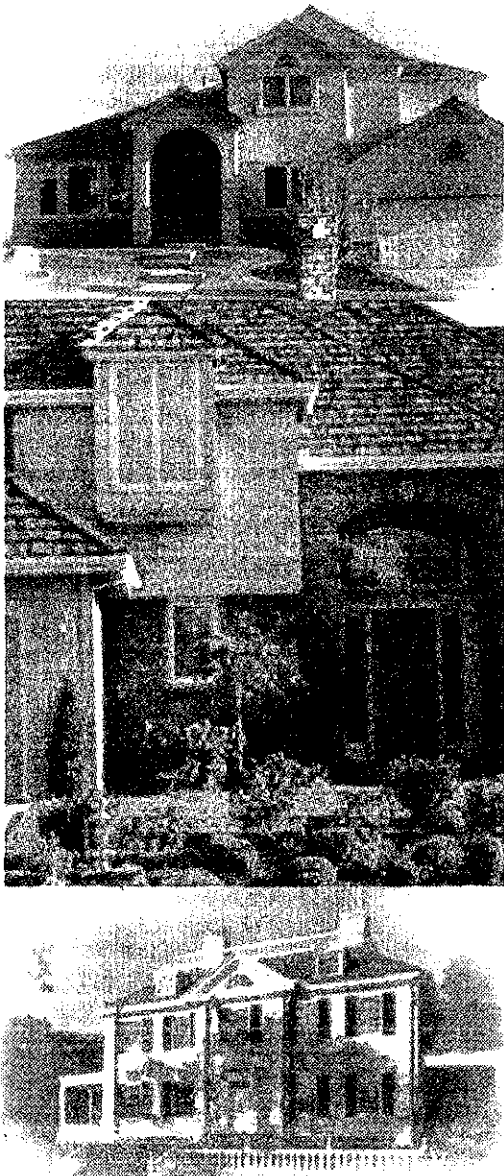
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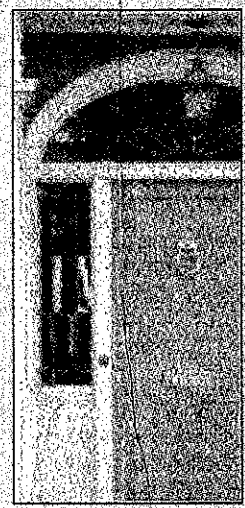
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Buying a house is perhaps the single largest financial investment a person will make in his or her lifetime. That's why if you are even thinking about buying a house, you need to do some research before plunging ahead. It's a commitment that you need to be willing to make both financially and emotionally.

More often than not, buying makes more sense than renting for many reasons. Paying rent means giving money to someone else. Paying a mortgage means putting money into your own house. Rent traditionally increases each year, whereas a mortgage is a fixed or variable rate (unless you refinance). After considering the tax benefits available to homeowners, they generally come out ahead of renters in savings. In essence, the longer you rent without buying, the more money you lose.

Seems like a no-brainer in favor of buying, right? Not necessarily. Buying isn't for everyone. If you can't afford to finance the entire process, then it's just not feasible. Consider that you will need a good amount of cash upfront to cover a number of expenses: the down payment; closing costs (which can start at \$2,000 or more); taxes; insurance and inspection fees; points (a percentage of the mortgage); and other fees.

Of course, owning a home also means that you are in charge of that leaking roof, the lawn that needs mowing and a

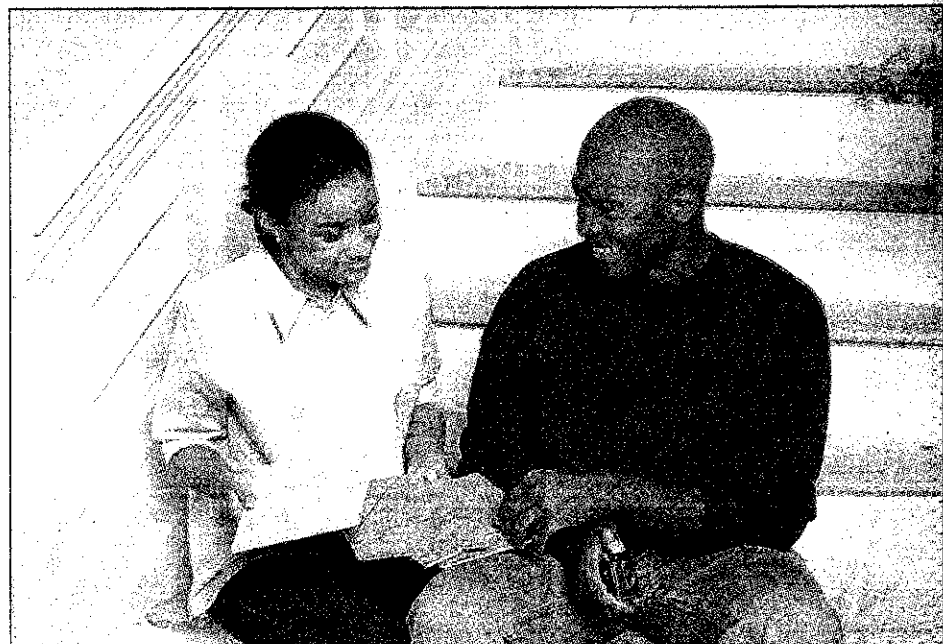
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host of routine weekend jobs, especially if you own a single-family property. Some townhome communities cover external maintenance costs through association fees. Owning may also mean staying put for a while. If you move often or travel frequently, renting may be better (consider getting a roommate to split the rent and utility bills).

If you do decide to buy, you can get a reasonable mortgage by keeping your credit rating healthy. Do so by paying all your bills on time and in full for at least a year before you apply for a loan. It's always a good idea to check your credit rating every six months from one of the numerous credit rate services out there (note that there may be a fee of \$25 to \$50 per credit check).



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Choosing paint colors is one of the many joys of owning a home. Just make sure you are ready to be a homeowner financially and emotionally.

Even if the real estate market is good, be aware that if the market slips, you will end up with less equity when it comes time to sell. Consult your realtor for information on your region's housing market. Then research your local economy. If more people are moving in than out, this could indicate better value

appreciation for homes in your area. While homeownership is a responsibility not to be taken lightly, the investment in your future makes ownership much more satisfying. With a little planning and prudence, there's probably a house out there within your reach.

Some tips on blending style in a new home

A moving van deposits stacks of his and her boxes and furnishings at the newlyweds' home, as they stare and wonder how to pull it all together.

"Couples receive lots of marriage advice, but little on creating a new home," said Carl Prindle, CEO of furniture.com. He offers these tips to couples on how to blend styles to ensure that their happy new home doesn't become a house divided.

■ Relax — Don't worry about what goes with what; mix, don't match. Your home, like your relationship, is about you as a couple. Follow your instincts with pieces that suit both your interests and activities.

■ Respect — Beware of underlying

emotions. You'll trample his feelings if you trash his well-worn recliner — a hand-me-down from Dad. Instead, get creative: Corner it in the bedroom if it's a "no" for the living room.

■ Prioritize — Blending pieces from the past is one thing, shopping for new furniture is another. First step: List what's needed most. While you'd love an armoire, how will it look if you're sitting on a dorm-room futon?

■ Budget — Be realistic in setting spending limits and work within them. Ask as you shop: Will this be your "forever" dining room or something until you're in a larger place? Saving for a better selection is an option, too.

■ Get inspired — Research as a couple.

Pile together on the couch and scan magazines, TV shows and style guides. Discuss your friends' homes. Find inspiration and common ground. If you like modern and your spouse likes casual, rejoice in discovering you both prefer light tones.

■ Collaborate — Many couples include one style-conscious person and one "it's just a chair" person. While one partner may be driving most decisions, for the long-term good of the relationship, involve the other. It's their home, too.

■ Try online — Nothing frays the nerves more than wasting weekends fighting crowds at a half-dozen different stores — and coming home with no deci-

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Home ownership among people under 25 rising

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Katrina Davis is 24 years old, just two years out of college, but she already owns a home. Davis felt like she was wasting her money paying rent for an apartment. So she started house shopping last year. The third house she checked out - a three-bedroom, 1,450-square-foot tan brick in northwest Huntsville, Ala. - caught her eye. "I knew this was the one" said Davis, a fourth-grade teacher. She made an offer Dec. 16, the day after she checked out the house, and closed on the purchase a month later. "It was more of an investment decision than anything," said Davis, who moved into the house and started

graduate school last month. "I'm still in shock. It really hasn't sunk in yet." A record number of twenty-somethings are becoming homeowners. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that 1.5 million people younger than 25 owned homes nationwide in 2002. Another 343,000 people under 25 were expected to buy a home last year, according to the National Association of Realtors.

"There's been a strong rise in younger buyers, but not a significant shift in terms of percentages," said Walt Molony, a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors.

According to the association's data, 12 percent of first-time buyers of single-family homes, excluding condos, were under 25 last year compared with 10 percent in 1993.

What's interesting, Molony said, is

'There's been a strong rise in younger buyers, but not a significant shift in terms of percentages.'

Walt Molony
National Association of Realtors

that the number of under-25 buyers is up 19.5 percent over the past two years while the overall increase in home sales is 15.3 percent for the same period.

BUILDING WEALTH

"This indicates we're seeing a greater number of young people who are more mature and who understand that home ownership is the key to building wealth over time," Molony said.

Helping to drive up the number of twenty-something home buyers are historically low mortgage interest rates, said Molony and other local mortgage sellers.

It isn't unusual for John Tate, branch manager of the First Metropolitan Mortgage office in Huntsville, to work with young people. The branch specializes in first-time home buyers.

"What I have noticed is an increase in the number of clients in their lower 20s," said Tate, who opened his own Huntsville First Metropolitan Mortgage branch in October after

working as a loan officer for almost two years.

Tate and Dennis Toney, branch manager of Allied Mortgage Capital Corp., said down-payment assistance programs such as the American Family Funds Down Payment Gift Program also helped put young people in homes.

GROWING TREND

If mortgage rates remain relatively low, Toney believes the trend of people in their 20s buying homes is "just going to grow."

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TIPS

■ **Scout for Foreclosure Properties.** A foreclosure occurs when the property owner fails to make payments on a loan that is secured by a mortgage. If the loan amount is less than the property's market value, as is often the case, the home will be sold below market. This presents a unique opportunity for investors to buy properties at a lower cost. For information on the foreclosure process and property searches, visit: www.info.NoDownPayment.com.

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(NAPSI) - Buying a home will become a little easier on the wallet for an estimated 40,000 families in the next year, thanks to the American Dream Downpayment Act. This federal government program was signed into law last December, allocating \$200 million annually to be administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds will provide maximum down payment assistance of either \$10,000 or six percent of the home's purchase price, whichever is greater.

The American Dream Downpayment Act is aimed at low-income buyers who find high down payments and closing costs a significant barrier to owning their own home. This and other new legislation are expected to contribute to meeting the Bush administration's goal of increasing minority homeownership by 5.5 million by the end of the decade.

Yet even more assistance may be just around the corner. Federal Housing Commissioner John C. Weicher recently announced a proposal for a "zero down payment" mortgage while speaking at the National Association of Home Builders' annual convention. As part of its Fiscal Year 2005 budget request, HUD would eliminate the statutory requirement for a minimum three percent down payment on FHA-insured single-family mortgages for first-time homebuyers. This new mortgage product is projected to generate approximately 150,000 buyers in the first year alone.

Such programs are welcome news to professional Buyer's Representatives throughout the country, who have long championed new initiatives for increasing homeownership. The addition of these programs to existing financing plans will offer prospective homebuyers an even wider array

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(NAPSI) - If you don't like coming home to high homeowner's insurance bills, you may want to heed some tips from the experts.

These 12 tips may help streamline your insurance bill:

■ **Shop around.** Check with different companies to get rate quotes. Use the Internet to get online quotes, such as the ones at MSN Money.

■ **Raise your deductible.** The deductible is the amount of money you have to pay toward a loss before your insurance kicks in. While they typically start at \$250, increasing it to \$1,000, for example, could save you 24 percent.

■ **Buy your home and auto policies from the same company.** Some companies will give you a multi-line discount.

■ **Consider insurance when buying a home.** A newer home's electrical heating and plumbing systems may be in better condition than those of an older home and can lead to a discount on your premium.

■ **Insure your home, not the land.** Don't include the value of the land in deciding how much homeowner's insurance you need to buy.

■ **Improve safety and security.** Items such as deadbolt

locks, burglar alarms and smoke detectors usually bring discounts.

■ **Stop smoking.** Smoking accidents account for more than 23,000 residential fires every year.

■ **Senior discounts.** If you're at least 55 and retired, you may qualify for a discount.

■ **Group coverage.** Alumni and business associations often work out insurance deals with an insurance company, which includes a discount for association members.

■ **Stay with an insurer.** If you've kept your coverage with a company for several years, you may receive special consideration.

■ **Check your policy annually.** If you review your policy every year, you will be able to make the necessary adjustments.

■ **Look for private insurance first.** If you live in a high-risk area and think you'll be forced to buy homeowner's coverage from your state's high-risk insurance pool, check first with an insurance agent.

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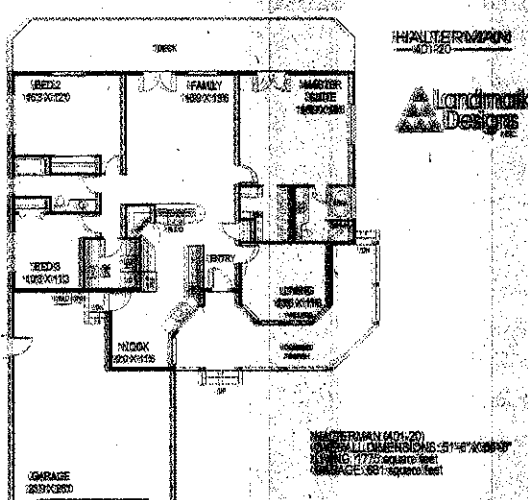
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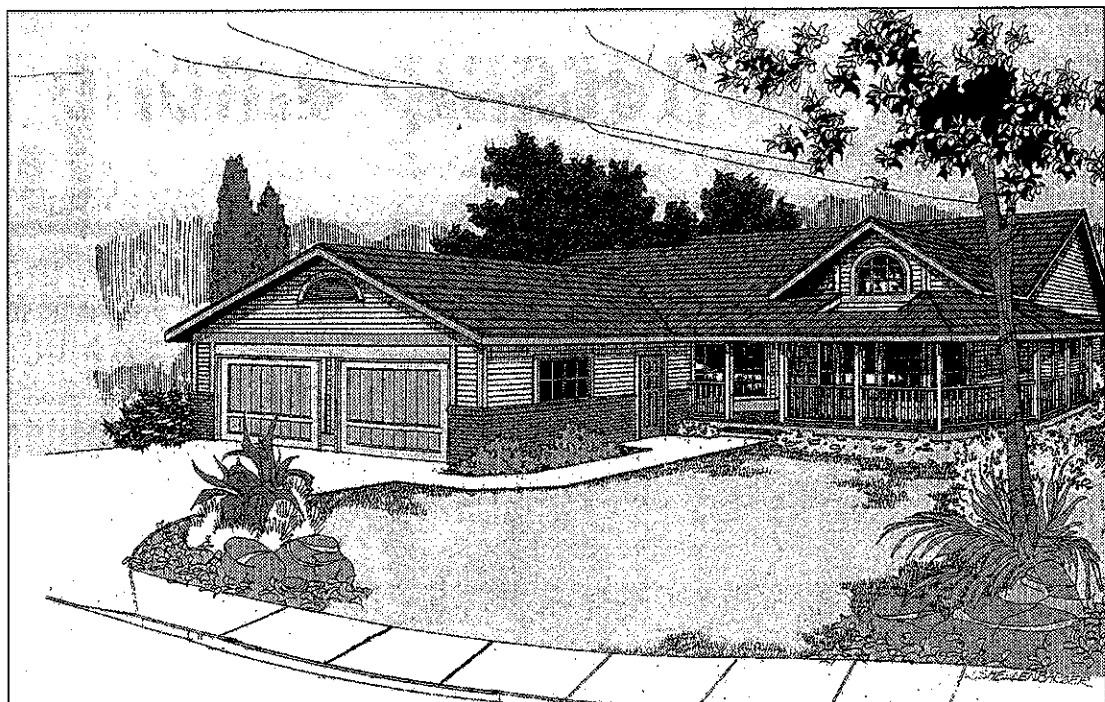
Bay windows wrap around the front of a formal living room or parlor. This room is vaulted, with still more light coming in from the gable overhead. Despite the many windows, the gable and the covered porch at a minimum here mute direct sunlight, so it won't fade curtains and furniture.

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State makes list for luxury home sales

PRNewswire – Coldwell Banker Real Estate announced another blockbuster year for the sale of luxury homes – valued at \$1 million or more. This represents an all-time record for the Coldwell Banker system, a leader in the luxury category. In 2003, Coldwell Banker affiliates sold 13,816 luxury homes priced over \$1 million. This represents an increase of 24 percent from 2002. In addition, Coldwell Banker luxury home sales volume surged 23 percent to \$23.3 billion, compared to the \$18.9 billion mark set in 2002.

"The luxury home market is enjoying one of its most active periods ever," said Alex Perriello, president and CEO, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "Homeowners have built equity in their homes, and, as a result, we are seeing a significant migration of homeowners into the luxury category. We expect activity to remain strong in the luxury category with a rebounding economy."

Highlights from the 2003 Coldwell Banker Luxury Home Sales Report include:

- Coldwell Banker reports that California continues to dominate the country in luxury home sales, with six times more sales in this category than any other state. Florida had the second largest luxury home volume activity.

- In 2003, the most active segment of luxury homes was in the \$1 million to \$5 million range. Coldwell Banker sold more than 13,000 homes in this price range. In addition, the company reported sales of more than 200 homes in the \$5 million to \$10 million price range; 22 homes in the range of \$10 million to \$20 million; and two homes that were sold at over \$21 million.

- The average sales price of luxury homes sold by Coldwell Banker affiliates in 2003 was \$1.69 million

Michigan was among the top 30 states with the most luxury home sales by dollar volume from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2003.

Top five were California, Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois, and New Jersey. Michigan ranked 20 on the list.

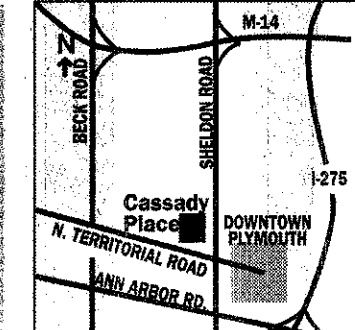
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Feb. 29, 12-4pm, 26395 Fieldstone, Island Lake of Novi, Arbors Condos. 3 bed, finished bsmt., Loaded with upgrades. 248-722-7275</p>	<p>Open Houses 3030</p> <p>Orchard Lake OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 5056 Hickory Pointe Dr. N. off Pontiac Trail A rare Jewel! One-of-a-kind, custom designed soft contemporary nestled on a park like private lot in Orchard Lake Village. Almost 6,000 sq. ft. Luxurious master suite, 3 car garage. Dr. Marc Leitson (248) 931-7713 RE/MAX New Trend</p> <p>Plymouth OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 12516 Pinecrest Rare end unit ranch in Beacon Hollow w/immediate occupancy! Beautiful 2 bed, 2 bath condo w/full basement & 2 car attached garage for \$234,900! Joan Dawkins RE/MAX on the trail (734) 459-1234</p> <p>PLYMOUTH - Open Sun 1-4 40515 Orangelawn 3 bed, 2 bath, 1200 sq. ft. ranch. Finished bsmt. Absolutely adorable. Fully updated. Call for directions. 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Lg 4 bdrm, 3 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 2000 presents bsmt, 3 c att gar dual staircase, gourmet kit w/island, mstr bdrm w/sitting area & mstr bath, 2 way frplc & deck & patio.
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LAKE ORION Indianwood Golf Living
Well appointed custom ranch with finished walk-out on 18th hole of course. Many custom features including granite counter, custom cabinets, mahogany front door and railings, skylights and custom bar.
(B53KIR) 248-652-8000 \$645,000



WHITE LAKE Lakefront Paradise
Fall in love with this 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA home. Fin. walkout, 2 fireplaces, gorgeous kitchen w/stainless appliances. 2 story deck, approx 50ft of lakefront, boat dock. What are you waiting for. Home Warranty included.
(B35COO) 248-363-1200 \$399,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Brick Colonial
w/4 BR, 3.5 BA built in 1995. Neutral decor, hrdwd floors, 9 ft ceilings, marble entryway, some hrdwd floors, recessed lights and 1st fl master suite. White kit, all appliances, deck and 3-car garage.
(B47MAH) 248-642-8100 \$749,900



NORTHVILLE Beautiful
updated 5BR, 3.2BA colonial on approximately 5 wooded acres. Includes: kitchen, flooring, roof, furnace, A/C & more. Great floor plan. Family room w/frplc, Formal Dining room. Large media Room.
\$799,900 (B00NAP) 248-349-5600



TROY Candidate For Architectural Digest
Spectacular 4 bdrm, 5 bath great bit ranch w/over 5000 sq. ft. presents spec. GR w/cath, ceiling gourmet kit w/hexagon bkst rm, & cut cab. fully equipped kit in LL + bdrm & office. Hobbyist or collectors gar + 3 c att gar
(B32ADA) 734-455-5600 \$693,000



OAKLAND TWP. Stunning Custom Pulte
You won't believe the quality features. Custom cabinets, maple flooring and a view of the woods from kitchen, finished basement with wet bar. Cul-de-sac location for privacy.
(B07PIE) 248-652-8000 \$569,990



WHITE LAKE A Home Eloquently
describing who you are! 4BD, reward yourself w/this architect designed, spotless, brick traditional 2 story. Vaulted ceilings, 3/2 ceramic tile BAs. 3 car gar. Custom kit w/island & granite counter tops. C/A, sprinklers.
(B92CAR) 248-363-1200 \$398,500



BIRMINGHAM A Truly Must See.
4 BR 3.5 BA colonial, totally updated inside and out. Elegant kit w/island, granite counters and a great master. Updated roof, windows, hrdwd floors and sun room. It is worth the trip!
(B20GLE) 248-642-8100 \$749,500



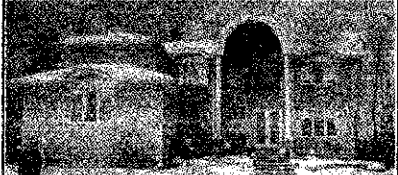
ORCHARD LAKE Best Of Two Lakes
The views will amaze you. Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back. 6BR, 3.5BA contemporary home. Huge DR can entertain your largest group. Fabulous opportunity. Has not been available for 30 years.
\$2,399,900. (B47OLD) 248-349-5600



STERLING HEIGHTS Formal Model
with open floor plan, huge two-story Great Room with fireplace. Large kitchen with breakfast nook white oak cab. and ceramic floor, 1st floor master BR and bath with whirlpool tub. Prof. finished basement.
(B10GAR) 248-524-1600 \$334,900



OAKLAND TWP. Stunning Pulte Home
Amenities and quality price. Less than 2 years old. Located on cul-de-sac backing to woods, 3 car garage, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 half baths, master with sitting room, huge bath & closets. Granite counters in kitchen.
(B13PIE) 248-652-8000 \$556,990



WEST BLOOMFIELD Winner of the Year
is how you will feel living here. Approximately 19 ft ceiling. Sculptured lines and columns. Marble and granite. Mstr suite w/frplc. Huge deck and patio to enjoy the acres of wildlife behind you.
(48BRA) 248-626-8800 \$929,000



BIRMINGHAM "POPPELTON PARK"
Fabulous home in most desired area offers it all. A large BR's, master suite w/sitting rm, 2 frplcs, FR, library, formal LR and DR. Fin bsmt, att garage on great lot. This home has it all!!
(B69WIM) 248-642-8100 \$699,000



W. BLOOMFIELD Chelsea Park Value
You'll love the goodies. 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial tucked away in the forest of Chelsea Park on a cul-de-sac & backs up to woods. Grand FP in FR. Fabulous fin walk out w/theatre area & bedroom or library.
\$599,900 (B00PEM) 248-349-5600



ROYAL OAK Popular Beverly Hills Sub
This four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial is neutral and bright throughout. Semi finished basement with lots of storage. Family room with fireplace, attached 2.5 car garage, updated master bath.
(B08AUB) 248-524-1600 \$329,900



OAKLAND Beauty & Nature Combined
This is the condition hills home you've been waiting for. High, private and wooded, overlooking Paint Creek and trail. Gourmet kitchen, appliances included, hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 3 car garage, finished walk out.
(B15FOR) 248-652-8000 \$539,715



FARMINGTON HILLS Steal Of A Deal
Best of locations in town & in sub. Cul-de-sac location for this beauty. 4 big BR, high ceilings, center island in the kitchen, library, FR, LR, finished basement, circular driveway & more.
\$429,000 (B90DOW) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Lake Frontage
Approx. 18' lake frontage w/great views from GR, library ad MBR. 3 BR ranch w/3.5 updated baths. Recessed lights 't/o, some hrdwd floors never carpet, all appliances and an open floor plan w/aerul decor.
(B26VAL) 248-642-1800 \$659,900



S. LYON Too Many Fine Qualities
Spectacular best describes this stately 4BR, 3.2BA custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck.
\$649,000 (B57SAT) 248-349-5600



WASHINGTON A Wonderful Way of Living
Three bedroom, three bath walk-out condo with library, two car garage Great Room with fireplace first floor laundry. Eat-in kitchen with island counter. Large deck off GR overlooks the pond.
(B84CAR) 248-524-1600 \$319,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Cul-De-Sac
Beautiful 4 BR, 4 1/2 BA, 3 car gar, finished daylight basement, cul-de-sac, 2 staircases, alarm, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Library w/built ins, large kitchen with appliances, 2 walk in closets in MBR, jetted tub, neutral.
(B39NEW) 248-652-8000 \$520,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Ultimate In Luxury Living
Custom built & designed home. Open fir plan, soaring ceilings, cust. lighting & win. treatment. 2 phenomenal gourmet kits, 1 w/sitting rm, FP & DR area. MBR retreat w/sitting rm: 2 way FR, 3 FR, 4 car gar.
\$999,900 (B07PEG) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD Birmingham Schools
Sprawling 4 BR, 2.5 BA brk ranch in wonderful Berkshire Villas Sub. Exceptional lot, just under 1 acre. LR w/frplc cust. bit-ins, moldings, Cherry hrdwd frs, FR w/cath. ceilings, 2nd frplc. Newer kit & so much more.
(B80CH21) 248-642-8100 \$515,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
This home has all the bells and whistles. Granite in kitchen, ceramic tiled & hardwood floors. W/O wooded lot. Frplc in FR, 4BR, 2.5BA, 3 car garage, grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area. Bonus Room. F.L.
\$559,900 (B80YAR) 248-349-5600



MACOMB TWP Gorgeous
large Pulte four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial decorated in today's colors. Lots of upgrades. Second floor laundry, central vac, extended garage and beautiful elevation. Two car attached garage. Common pool in sub.
(B77BRY) 248-524-1600 \$301,900



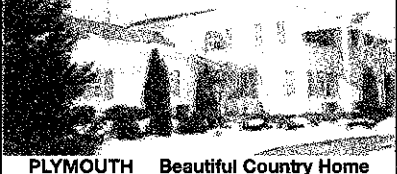
COMMERCE Artist At Work
Approx. 850 sq. ft. waterfront peninsula, priv DR in this 4BD, 3 1/2 BA, masterpiece fin w/out, custom detailed throughout. Hard to find beauty & tranquility in this intimate setting. Lower Straits treasure.
(B05COM) 248-363-1200 \$1,099,000



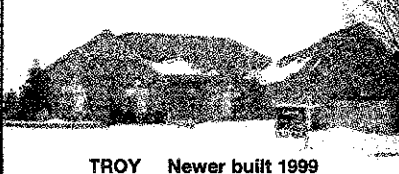
WEST BLOOMFIELD
.75 acre wooded lot. Cust. built contemp., 4 BR, 3.3 BA, gour. kit/hrdwd frs. Fin LL w/DW full kit. Cust. bit-ins in LIB. M55 w/great views, Jacuzzi & his & hers walk-in closets. Upper Straits Lake priv. Whispering Pines Sub.
(B96ROL) 248-626-8800 \$580,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Soft Contemporary
Spacious home on approx. 3/4 acre wooded lot. 4 BR, 3.5 BA. GR w/vaulted ceilings and master ste w/Jacuzzi. Lower level is perfect for in-law suite w/full marble sunken tub and frplc.
(B66STO) 248-642-8100 \$469,000



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bdrm, 2 full & 2 1/2 bath 19th century colonial on approx 2.9 acres. Great mstr bdrm, hrdwd frs, country kit & formal din rm. Lg pole barn pond deck & gazebo. A must see!
(B66TER) 734-455-5600 \$599,900



TROY Newer built 1999
premium brick Great Room ranch. White kitchen, first floor laundry, master bedroom with whirlpool tub and finished lower level with kitchen and bath. Custom raised patio, sprinklers, Troy schools. Quick occupancy.
(B75THA) 248-524-1600 \$484,900



MILFORD Indulge Yourself
4BD, soft contemporary, 3 1/2 luxury baths. Architect designed, winding drive, 2 frplc, gracious LR. Dramatic volume ceilings, diff decor touches. Main level mstr ste. Modern kit w/island, finished walkout.
(B35CAN) 248-363-1200 \$599,500



SOUTH LYON Serenity And Elegance
Every upgrade possible in exclusive angledwood condo. Two fire decks overlooking fairway, finished lower level, complete with a wet bar and den.
\$455,000 (B84SAW) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning
'96 built Colonial featuring 5 BR'S, 3.5 BA. Great rm and foyer have 2 story cathedral ceilings, white kit, library and formal DR. MBR w/jetted tub and WIC and a beautiful finished bsmt.
(B17BEE) 248-642-8100 \$359,800



PLYMOUTH Custom Build Dream House
Lovely 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial w/3 c att gar, 2 frplcs fin walk-out, fam rm, lib, mstr ste w/jetted tub, dual staircases w/2 story foyer.
(B74FOX) 734-455-5600 \$600,000



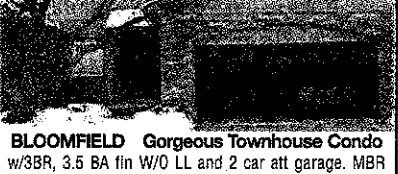
TROY New Construction Colonial
with four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement and 3 car side entry garage. Family room with gas fireplace. Large MBR with WIC and ceramic tiled bath. First floor laundry, C/A, hardwood floors. Troy schools.
(B69ECK) 248-524-1600 \$339,900



WHITE LAKE So Much To Appreciate
Approx. 6 stunning acres on all sports lake. 4BR, 4 1/2 BA, walk out soft compo, w/an attractive ambience. Side drive, 3 car gar, curved staircase, study, main level mstr ste w/spa. Ultimate kitchen, food storage area. Fin bsmt.
(B30COR) 248-363-1200 \$597,500



TROY Absolutely Gorgeous Home
Dramatic GR w/cathedral ceilings, library/judges paneling & walk-in closet. 2 FP's, huge walk-in pantry in kit, dual staircases, open foyer w/overlooking bridge, ceramic frs, part fin basement w/day light windows.
\$875,000 (B66SPR) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Townhouse Condo
w/3BR, 3.5 BA fin W/O LL and 2 car att garage. MBR w/WIC hrdwd floors, spacious LR w/nat. frplc, DR and large kit w/newer appliances. Blmfd Hills Schools.
(B38ADA) 248-642-8100 \$359,000



PLYMOUTH Must See Cape Cod
4 BR home w/luxurious mstr ste. Jack & Jill bath, 3 BA w/WIC hrdwd floors, spacious LR w/nat. frplc, DR and large kit w/newer appliances. Blmfd Hills Schools.
(B99LAN) 734-455-5600 \$624,500



ROCHESTER HILLS Three Bedroom
3 bath detached condo with finished lower level walk-out basement. Features C/A, deck, FP in LR, cedar closet, two car attached garage and nook with bay window. Large MBR with WIC. Soft colors.
(B66FAI) 248-524-1600 \$309,900

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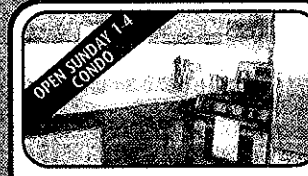
Beverly Hills
Sharp 3,313 S.F. 4 BR, 3 BA home. New master BR & enclosed sun porch. Updated kitchen w/Corian. Family room with FP. Some hardwood. \$489,900
ANDREA PACHECO
(248) 321-9285



Bloomfield
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2,300 S.F. Colonial, FR w/FP, updated kitchen, baths, windows, carpet, first floor laundry, Lib., finished basement. Kirkwood sub. \$349,000
KEVIN EKUS
(248) 882-3587



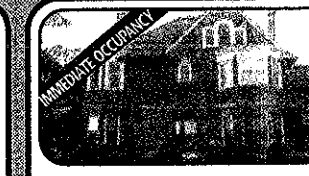
Bloomfield
2 BR, 2 BA, 1,900 S.F. Condo. Not occupied since updated! New windows, bath, kitchen, all appliances stay. In-unit laundry. Carport. \$179,000
KEVIN EKUS
(248) 882-3587



Bloomfield
Totally renovated 2 BR, 2 full BA, entry level Condo with patio. Cherry wood kitchen with stainless appliances, hardwood floors. \$159,900
LORI HABER
(248) 763-8887



Bloomfield Township
Beautiful 1.78 acre building site suitable for walk-out lower level. Home on property can be torn down or used "as is". \$599,999
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
(248) 212-9080



Detroit
Indian Village. Updated 4,000 S.F., 3 story Queen Ann style home. 34'x16' LR w/FP, DR, Lib., w/FP gourmet kitchen, 4 BRs, hardwood floors. \$296,000
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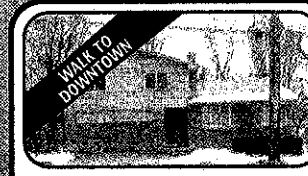
Detroit
One bedroom Co-op w/underground parking. Views of Detroit River from huge balcony. Association fees cover heat, water, taxes & more. \$62,000
JESSICA TOOMER
(248) 538-2808



Detroit-Northwest
Beautiful 2 BR brick Colonial w/2 car garage & dual decks. 1 1/2 baths, finished basement with bar & Jacuzzi tub. New furnace, CA & more. \$116,500
JESSICA TOOMER
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Detroit
Stunning 1998-built 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA Condo in historic Lafayette Park. LR with fireplace, DR, attached garage with opener. \$145,000
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470-3584



Farmington
A nature-lover's dream w/wooded park-like yard & stream! 4 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths. Finished walk-out basement. Many updates. \$326,000
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470-3584



Farmington
2 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 1,648 S.F. 2 story Condo. Huge LR with FP, finished walk-out basement, 2 car garage, tennis, pool & club house in complex. \$183,900
JANET GIARDANO
(248) 202-1399



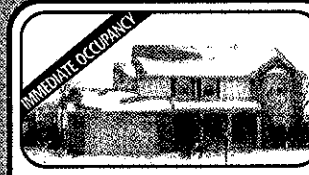
Farmington Hills
Near schools & x-ways, updated 3 BR brick Ranch. New roof & windows. Family room with fireplace, first floor laundry, garage & lovely view. \$169,900
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Farmington Hills
1992-built 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA home. LR, formal DR, library, first floor laundry, master w/walk-in closet. Some hardwood floors, fin. basement, deck. \$363,900
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Farmington Hills
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA Colonial. LR, formal DR w/hardwood floor, FR w/FP, basement, 2 car garage. Updated roof, windows, doors, carpet, deck. \$274,900
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Farmington Hills
Lovely 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home. Built in '92. LR w/bay window, FR w/bath ceiling & FP. Library, Appl. stay. Basement. 2 car garage. Lease possible. \$363,900
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Farmington Hills
Sharp 5 BR, 3 1/2 BA Ranch on gorgeous 2 acre parcel. LR & FR have fireplaces, DR, finished walk-out lower level. Master suite with deck. \$539,000
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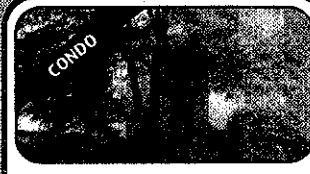
Farmington Hills
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA Colonial. Formal LR & DR, family room w/FP, remodeled kitchen. Some hardwood floors. Many updates. 2 car garage. Large lot. \$289,900
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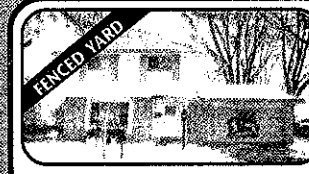
Farmington Hills
On nearly an acre, 2 bedroom Ranch. Most appliances stay. Basement. Many updates. Near tree-ways. Super starter home! \$143,900
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Farmington Hills
2,900 square foot raised Ranch. Family room & den, large updated kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths. Fenced yard, in-ground pool. \$310,000
SHARON JAFFE
(248) 283-2283



Farmington Hills
Upper unit. Two bedrooms, 2 full baths, formal dining room, large kitchen, in-unit laundry. Appliances stay. Pool in complex. \$112,000
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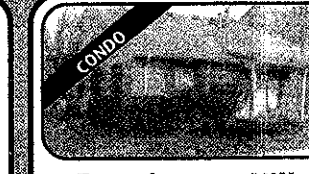
Farmington Hills
Lovely 4 BR, 1 1/2 BA home! LR, FR w/doorwall to patio. Kit, w/walk & appl. Finished basement, hardwood floors under carpet. CA. 2 car garage. \$199,900
STEVEN MATTLER
(248) 790-5181



Farmington Hills
Stunning 3,642 S.F. home has formal living & dining rooms, library, 4 BRs, FR w/fireplace, kit, w/hardwood floor, appl. stay, finished basement. \$419,900
STEVEN MATTLER
(248) 790-5181



Farmington Hills
On .8 acres, updated 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick Ranch. New windows, paint, carpet, refinished hardwood floors in bedrooms. Full basement with FP. \$199,900
ANDREA PACHECO
(248) 321-9285



Farmington Hills
Beautifully maintained 1,150 S.F., 2-3 BR end unit Condo. Living room with fireplace, finished basement w/3rd BR. Crosswalks complex. \$176,900
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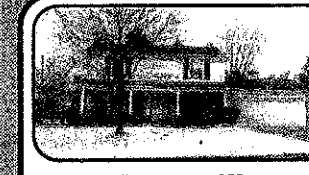


Grosse Pointe Farms
Stunning 3,900 S.F. 3-story, 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA contemporary. LR, DR, FR w/FP, master w/private wing. Finished basement. 1 Hot tub. \$435,000
JESSICA TOOMER
(248) 538-2808

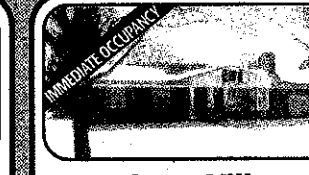


Howell
Professional decor throughout. 1996-built, 2,300 S.F., 4 BR Colonial. Master BR retreat. Awesome finished lower level. LR w/FP, formal dining. \$276,000
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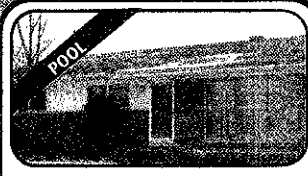
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Lathrup Village
Lovely 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA Colonial. LR, formal DR, family room w/FP, updated oak kitchen with appliances, library, basement, patio, 2 car garage. \$224,900
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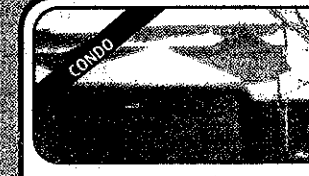
Lathrup Village
Beautiful 3 BR Ranch w/2 car garage. LR w/FP, DR, Florida room, new kitchen, part finished basement, hardwood under carpet, patio, fenced yard. \$175,000
STEVEN MATTLER
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Livonia
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA brick Ranch. Dining room opens to deck & in-ground pool. Kitchen with a lot of counter space. Part finished basement. \$174,900
ANDREA PACHECO
(248) 321-9285



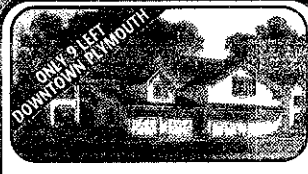
Livonia
Clean 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick Ranch w/finished basement and 2 car garage. Newer windows, central air and furnace. Livonia schools. \$162,900
marybeth@century21.com
(734) 788-1332



Livonia
Great location in back! 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA Condo. Pergo floor in entry, kitchen & laundry. Great room with fireplace. Fresh paint & carpet. \$199,500
BRIAN SCHWARTZ
(734) 748-6844



Orchard Lake Village
Unique floor plan in 3,766 S.F., 4-5 BR 3 1/2 BA home w/contemporary flair. 2 FPs, island kitchen w/appliances, finished walk-out, in-ground pool. \$669,999
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
(248) 212-9080



Plymouth
Newly constructed 2 & 3 BR, 2 BA Condos. Great room w/FP, DR, Lib., island kitchen, first floor laundry, basement & garage. Many upgrades. \$225,900
FELICIA SCAPPATICCI
(248) 310-2873



Plymouth
Built 1998 2 story foyer, GR w/FP, formal DR, island kitchen w/appliances & nook, 4 BRs, master w/walk-in closet. Part fin. walk-out lower level. \$369,900
FELICIA SCAPPATICCI
(248) 310-2873



Plymouth
Historic Victorian home in walking distance of downtown. 3,065 S.F., 3 BR, LR, DR, Lib., FR, Florida room, elevator & 2 car garage. \$295,900
FELICIA SCAPPATICCI
(248) 310-2873



Plymouth
4,709 S.F. w/drdn! 1,300 S.F. in finished lower level. GR, DR, FR, Lib., 4 BR (first floor master), 5 1/2 BA, screen porch & 3 car garage. \$799,900
AALIYAH SALAAM
(586) 914-2611



Redford
South Redford 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1,600 square foot brick Colonial. Updates include roof, windows, furnace, central air & electrical. \$153,900
ANGELO GUERRESO
(586) 704-4336



Redford
Sharp 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick Ranch w/white basement & garage. Beautiful updated kitchen, roof, furnace & circuit breakers. Florida room. \$146,900
BRIAN SCHWARTZ
(734) 748-8844



Royal Oak
Walk to downtown from this updated 3 BR Colonial. Hardwood floors throughout. LR with FP, formal dining room, large back yard with deck. \$223,900
ALAN MALISOW
(248) 569-4903



Royal Oak
Charming 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA Bungalow. DR w/bay window & hardwood floor. Updated kit., finished basement. Updates: roof, windows & furnace. \$172,750
LYLE SCHAEFER
(248) 882-5953



Southfield
27140 Sutherland - E of Greenfield & N of 11 Mile. 3 BR, 2 full bath brick Ranch w/basement & 2 car garage. New windows & CA. Come see! \$199,900
LYLE SCHAEFER
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Southfield
Completely renovated 2 BR Bungalow on large fenced lot. New maple kitchen w/stainless appliances, new windows, furnace, deck & more. \$134,900
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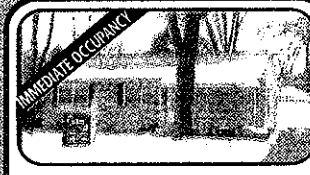
Southfield
17570 Roxbury - S. of 9 Mile & E. of Southfield x-way. 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA Cape Cod. Fireplace, basement, garage, new roof, windows, kit., furnace. \$179,900
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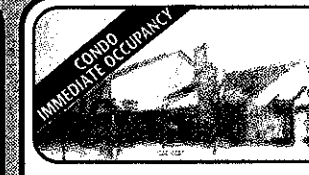
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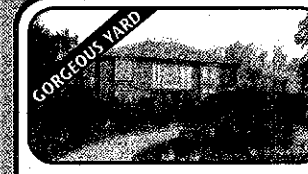
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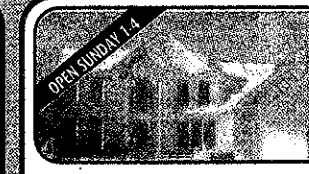
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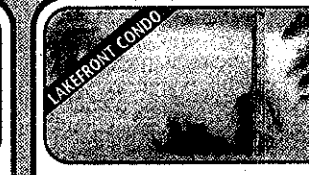
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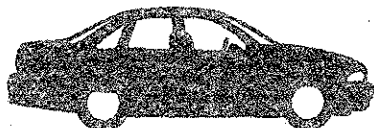
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Just the name conjures up old, old memories for me. Ford's resurrection of the Mercury Monterey moniker takes me back to the early 1970s.

Do you remember that great cop show set in Hawaii -- Hawaii Five-O? Steve McGarrett, the show's top cop star, used to tool around the island of Oahu in a jet black Mercury Monterey. Squealing tires was the norm for McGarrett, whether it was chasing a criminal or just taking off from a crime scene.

Another memory that's quite fond of the Mercury Monterey was that the 1972 model was my very first car. Bright yellow, with a fast-back. It was my mom's car and she gave it to me after it had been hit by a truck and was "totaled." Insurance companies used to allow you to keep a totaled car.

That Mercury Monterey was so cool, too. A 16-year-old with a car like that was cool, too. The thing got something like seven miles to the gallon, but back then a gallon of gas was a quarter. And there were gas wars all the time. Enough about going down memory lane, here. The bottom line is that the 2004 Mercury Monterey is obviously quite a bit different than the vehicle I remember as a kid. It comes from a hearty history and is part of Ford's next step in a return to Mercury's founding philosophy of modern design and smart styling.

Let's start on the outside. The styling is distinct, but still carries the signature effects that defines Mercury. It's styling foundation is decidedly taken from the 2002 Mountaineer and the rest comes from the Mercury Messenger concept vehicle.

The Monterey is Mercury's first long-wheelbase luxury minivan. It incorporates a ton of features that you won't see on some of the other luxury minivans on the market. Stuff like Mercury's own Safety Canopy side curtain air bag system with a rollover sensor.

Other safety features include a reinforced structure to improve offset crash protection, air bags that can sense if someone is sitting in the front passenger seat, a stability enhancement system, three-point seat belts for all passenger positions and four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes with



2004 Mercury Monterey Vehicle class: Minivan. Power: 4.2 liter SOHC V6 engine. Mileage: 16 mpg city/22 mpg highway. Where built: Oakville Assembly Plant, Ontario, Canada. Base price: \$29,995.

panic assist. One thing I noticed about the Monterey was how quiet it was. It was hard to hear the engine turn over with the doors closed. I kept looking at the tach to see if it had started. And the quality of the lack of noise, even when on the freeway, was very comforting. You won't have to turn up the radio on the freeway for once.

The interior of the Mercury Monterey is a little plain, but functional. The instrumentation is logically laid out and is within easy reach of the driver. There are storage bins and cubby holes all over the front cabin.

I was annoyed by the alarming parking sensor that sounded whenever I put the vehicle in reverse or came within three feet of a car in front of me -- like at a traffic light. Although appreciated the spirit of the sensor and why it was created, it was still highly annoying throughout the week. At one point, my 11-year-old said, "enough already!"

The Monterey has power-operated side doors on both sides of the vehicle, which my kids -- and I -- loved. They were able to operate them with ease and actually appreciated the feature. The doors, as they opened or closed, were quite quiet. Quieter than any other vehicle I've tested.

The Monterey also has a power-operated liftgate. One thing that was really great were these larger-than-life -- but highly functional (makes sense) -- door pull handles. It actually makes the doors so much easier to open. Ford was thinking about the roughly six million people under the age of 60 suffering from arthritis on this one. Great idea.

There are a whole number of different ways to outfit the interior of the Monterey, from bench seats to captain's chairs to third row seating arrangements. The Monterey

tested had bench seats in the third row and captain's chairs in the second and first row of seats. Having the captain's chairs in the second row of seats prevents a ton of "she's touching me" incidents from happening.

And I loved the spy mirror. The kids hated it. It's a little flip-down mirror in the roof-mounted center console area that you can flip down to spy on the kids. It's a concave mirror that's only about three inches across, but allows you to see all rear seating positions clearly and with ease. The kids were on their best behavior because of it. They knew I could see what they were doing.

Another kid-friendly feature is the use of square cupholders for juice boxes. That's cool. I appreciated the fact that the Monterey has heated and cooled seats. Previously, cooled seating was only available on some of the luxury imports. This year, it's also available on the Lincoln LS, Aviator, Navigator and on the Ford Expedition. It's nice to see a feature like that appearing on more mainstream vehicles.

Now, for what's under the hood. The 4.2-liter V6 engine promises 201 horsepower and has the highest torque numbers for a minivan. It's mated to a 4-speed automatic. A couple more facts -- turning circle is a mere 39.5 feet, has 16-inch aluminum wheels, 25.9 inches of cargo room behind the third row of seats and get 16 miles to the gallon in the city and 22 miles per gallon on the highway.

All for a base price of \$29,995. The most you'll pay -- with all the bells, whistles and options is \$35,525. Not bad for what's in the Monterey. Go take a look at one. It's worth it.

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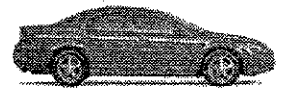
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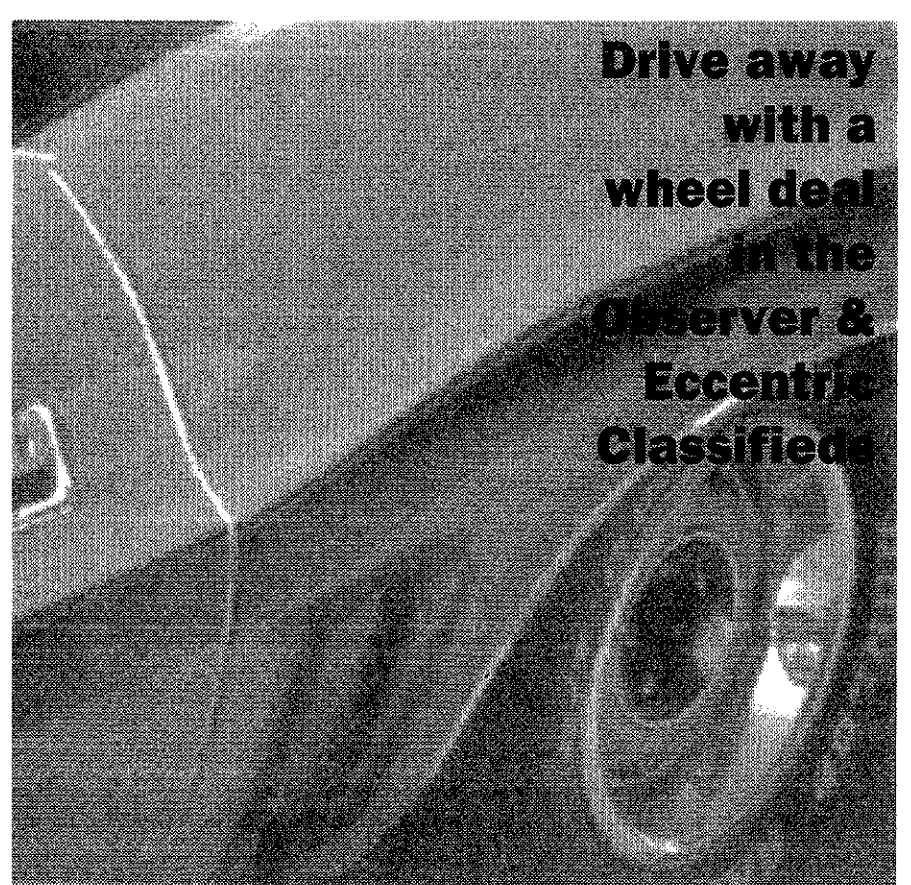
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